

*Federal Department of Antiquities, Nigeria: Ethnographic Division*

THE Ethnographic Division of the Department of Antiquities has been established at Enugu, East Central State. It is housed in the National Archives, Colliery Road, but it is hoped that it will soon move to its own offices in the National Museum, Enugu. Ethnographic research is at present being undertaken by members of the Division in the Mid-West and South-Eastern states. The first target is to have fieldworkers in all twelve states of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as a step towards a complete ethnographic study of every Nigerian ethnic group.

(Communicated by Dr. A. C. Edwards, Principal Ethnographer)

*The African-American Scholars' Council*

THE African-American Scholars' Council (Chairman: Dr. Elliott P. Skinner, Columbia University) was founded by black American scholars desiring to work with their African counterparts towards the solution of common problems of economic and social development. The Council seeks ways to alleviate the fundamental problems of economic dependency brought about by the inequitable distribution of the world's wealth and its Field Research Grant Program promotes research designed to solve specific development problems. During 1972 grants were awarded to eleven American and thirteen African scholars. Projects supported include: the mining industry in Africa: problems of africanization; the gap between training and employment: a study of unemployment in Zaire; maize production in Ghana: an economic geographic analysis; management training for economic development in Africa compared to underdeveloped areas in America. New programmes at present under development include: organization of international multidisciplinary research teams on economic development problems and on selected social issues; assisting African and U.S. organizations to develop contacts among potential funding sources; and publication of occasional monographs on problems related to economic development, and on social issues. Further information may be obtained from: African-American Scholars' Council, 1150 17th Street, N.W. Suite 306, Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.

*African Studies in Spain*

THE Dirección General de Plazas y Provincias Africanas has since 20 December 1969 been known as the Dirección General de Promoción del Sahara, owing to the reintegration of Ifni with Morocco and the independence of Equatorial Guinea (1968). It is still under government auspices. The Sección Archiva-Biblioteca-Documentación de Africa is a section of the Dirección General de Promoción del Sahara under its Director, Señorita M. A. Del Val.

The Instituto de Estudios Africanos (I.D.E.A.) continues to work with the Dirección General de Promoción del Sahara and under the same Director. It is also related to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (C.S.I.C.). The present activities of I.D.E.A. are centred on publications and the monthly journal *Africa*. The *Archivos* ceased publication in 1966 and in 1967 the *Colección Monografica Africana* was launched. This consists of occasional papers and comprises about 20 titles up to mid 1972.

(Communicated by Professor Luis Beltrán)

*African Studies Research Committee for Southern Africa*

THIS Committee was recently formed as the result of a Conference on 'The History of the Transkei and Ciskei' held at the University of Grahamstown in February 1973. The formation of the Committee is seen as a step towards the setting up of an African Studies