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In February of this year Gail von Hahmann resigned as administrative director of the Research Liaison Committee to attend the Graduate School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. Gail is now in Dar es Salaam serving her internship.

In August Paula Barker will leave the association to attend the Harvard Business School.

Paula was editor of the *Newsletter* since 1970 and was editor/founder of *Issue* in 1971. She was administrator for the Oral Data Committee and was this office's liaison with the Committee on Current Issues. She was in general administrative charge of the ASA annual meeting since 1970. Paula represented the association at important national and international gatherings. She also washed the coffee pot and made people who called us up feel glad that they had.

Gail transformed the RLC into an organization which she conceived of as being directly and vitally useful to anyone who needed help or information. The four editions of the *Directory of African Studies in the United States*, two editions of the *Directory of Financial Aid*, three editions of *Research in Progress*, and a number of other publications are the results of Gail's energy and dedication. Our phone and postage bills have gone down since February, but we don't feel quite as popular as we did when Gail was around.

Both Paula and Gail possessed an extraordinary sense of service to the association. Their work here was altogether creative, and if the African Studies Association has in some way at least fulfilled the purposes so pompously promised in our brochure, it has been because they were here. We will not be the same without them.