

*Duquesne University African Center*

THIS centre at Pittsburgh contributes four courses on African history and language to the Black studies curriculum of the university and is working with the Philadelphia public-school system on the preparation of African studies materials for secondary schools. The director and members of staff serve as consultants for the school system on all African studies curricula, concentrating on the development of materials and programmes for the inner-city schools with high Black enrolments. The Center is also developing a one-year experimental course implementing the 'culture-through-language' concept. To supply the additional teachers for these new activities the Duquesne School of Education and the African Center have introduced a programme of combined studies in education and African studies leading to an M.A. in teaching.

*Unesco General History of Africa*

UNESCO has recently accepted recommendations of the International Scientific Committee appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Aklilu Habte, President of the Haile Sellassie I University, to plan and edit this work under its auspices. It will be published in eight volumes. The principal edition will appear in English and French while an abridged version will be published in African languages. Each volume will consider the continent as a whole and the history of Africans interpreted as such. At least two volumes will be begun in 1971 and the series should be complete by 1978.

The following are the proposed titles of volumes and editors named by the committee:

- Vol. I. Introduction and Prehistoric Africa—Monsieur J. Ki-Zerbo (Upper Volta)
- Vol. II. Ancient Africa—Dr. Gamal Mokhtar, archaeologist (UAR)
- Vol. III. Africa from the 7th to the 11th Century—H.E. M. El Fasi, Minister of State for Cultural Affairs (Morocco)
- Vol. IV. Africa from the 12th to the 16th Century—Mr. Djibril Tamsir Niane, Head of the Social Sciences Sector, Ministry of Scientific Research (Guinea)
- Vol. V. Africa from the 16th to the 18th Century—Professor B. A. Ogot, History Department, University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- Vol. VI. The 19th Century up to the 1880s—Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi, History Department, University of Ibadan (Nigeria)
- Vol. VII. Africa under Foreign Domination—Dr. A. Adu Boahen, Professor of History, University of Ghana (Ghana)
- Vol. VIII. Africa since the Ethiopian War: the march towards independence—Professor Ali Mazrui, Department of Political Science, University of Uganda (Uganda)

These editors will be aided by assistant editors and a team of collaborators and authors will be nominated by the committee.

Professor J. Devisse, Faculté des Lettres, Vincennes, Paris, has been appointed rapporteur to the committee.

*African Religious Research Newsletter*

At the Dar es Salaam Conference on the Historical Study of African Religious Systems, in June 1970, the delegates asked that a newsletter indicating current research and publication in the field should be distributed at regular intervals. The responsibility for circulating such a newsletter was taken by the African Studies Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the first issue, April 1971, is now available. It consists of three sections. The first is a listing of current research and publication in East, Central, and Southern Africa.

The second is a listing of conferences on African religious history, held or projected. The third is a short book-review section, intended to draw attention to recent publications of major significance for the historical assessment of African religions. The emphasis of the newsletter is on 'traditional' African religion but information about studies of Islam and Christianity is included where it appears that their interaction with African religious systems is taken into account.

Anyone wanting to be put on the circulation list of the newsletter or wishing to make suggestions for its future format is asked to write to: Madoda Hlatshwayo and Terence Ranger, African Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024.

### *'The Journal of Eastern African Research and Development'*

THIS new journal is intended to provide a forum for scholarly discussions of issues in research and development in Eastern Africa. The editorial policy will be to promote and encourage high-quality and original research. The articles will relate to societal developments relevant to the following subjects: economics, history, linguistics and African languages, literature, political science, and sociology. The journal will appear twice yearly and is edited by Dr. Gideon S. Were, with Dr. John J. Okumu as deputy editor. Subscription rates, including postage, are: within East Africa, E.A. Sh. 35; outside East Africa, U.K. £4, U.S. \$10. All correspondence should be sent to the East African Literature Bureau, P.O. Box 30022, Nairobi, Kenya.

### *The Association of African Universities*

THE AAU is making available its first publication, *Report of the Second AAU Conference, Kinshasa, 1969*. The report consists of four main papers and the discussions which followed their presentation. Also included are the resolutions of the AAU's working groups, as well as general information about the establishment of a permanent Secretariat for the Association. Copies may be obtained from Dr. C. Tidiane Sy, P.O. Box 5744, Accra-North, Ghana; price \$10.

### *'Manuscript Collections of Africana'*

IN 1968 the Superintendent of Rhodes House Library in Oxford, L. B. Frewer, compiled a list of *Manuscript Collections of Africana* in that Library containing nearly 1,300 entries, with shelf-numbers, for collections catalogued up to the end of 1967. Since that date more than 500 further collections have been received and made available and a Supplement to the original publication will shortly appear covering accessions from 1968 to 1970 inclusive. Copies will be obtainable from the Library at 75p (\$2.50) per copy, post free.

### *Symposium on Social Change in Sierra Leone*

THE University of Western Ontario, London, was host from 7 to 9 May 1971 to seventeen participants and ten observers representing several social science disciplines, for a symposium on the relationship between different aspects of social change in Sierra Leone.

The symposium, financed by the Canada Council and the Canadian International Development Agency, discussed papers prepared by participants on relevant aspects of their current work on Sierra Leone. Among the themes recurring most persistently in the discussion were the fluidity of so-called 'tribal' identities, the adaptability of local political and social institutions in the face of exogenous change, and the constraints which limited the asymmetry of power relations between central and local institutions.