

Department at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. The Unit's functions are (1) initiation, co-ordination, and supervision of research into subjects relating to historical, anthropological, sociological, economic, geographical, political, or international aspects of African development; (2) construction of a documentation centre dealing with African subjects; (3) publication of scholarly works in the field of African studies, and organization of conferences and study seminars.

Research projects now being carried out by the Africa Research Unit include: Islam as a Political Factor in Africa (Professor N. Levtzion); Separatism and Self-Determination (Dr. D. Ronen); The Strategic Significance of the Red Sea Gulf (Dr. M. Abir); The Israeli Experience in Africa: a Follow-up Study of 500 Israeli Experts who served in Africa (Mrs. N. Chazan). The Truman Institute Library is receiving many periodicals dealing with African subjects and collecting government publications and other items of documentation; a catalogue of library holdings is available. The Africa Research Unit has also initiated a newspaper indexing and clipping service including major African, Israeli, and international dailies and covering a wide range of subjects of African concern. The Unit has just published the proceedings of a conference on Israel and the Ivory Coast; study seminars have been held during the current academic year and a conference on 'Africa in the Seventies and the Eighties' is being planned for the spring of 1974.

Further information on the activities and publications of the Africa Research Unit may be obtained from the Co-ordinator, Dr. Dov Ronen.

Black Studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

FROM 1970 to 1971 the University of Puerto Rico has been offering the following courses at its Rio Piedras Campus: 'The Negro in Puerto-Rican literature' at the Faculty of Estudios Generales, by Professor Isabelo Zenón Cruz, from 1970; 'The Negro in Universal Poetry', a course started in 1971 by Professor Pini Fernández de Lewis at the Faculty of Humanities (Arts); 'The Experience of the North-American Negro in Literature', from 1971, by Professor Jubilee, also at the Faculty of Humanities.

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Santo Domingo Symposium on the African Presence in the Caribbean Area

ORGANIZED by the Department for Scientific Research of the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), a Symposium on the African Presence in the Caribbean Area took place in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) from 26 July to 4 August 1973. Delegates from the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Ghana, Haiti, Puerto-Rico, Senegal, Spain, Trinidad, United States, Venezuela, and Zaïre attended this meeting. The papers dealt mainly with the origin of African presence in the Caribbean area, the influence of this presence in the national culture of these American countries and the results will be published in a volume of the UASD. Professor Franklin J. Franco, Director for Scientific Research, UASD, was in charge of the co-ordination at this Symposium.

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International Symposium on Authenticity (National University of Zaïre. Lubumbashi Campus)

THIS Symposium organized under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Zaïre and the UNAZA, Lubumbashi Campus, will take place in May 1974 at Lubumbashi. The principal object will be to define the concept of 'authenticité' that is to say, the cultural

peculiarities or the national culture of each country within a theoretical frame-work, especially as applied to Zaïre.

Delegates from Zaïre, and also from other African countries (Dahomey, Cameroun, Congo, Guinea, Ivory Coast, and Upper Volta), from Europe (France and Germany) and from America (Brazil, Caribbean area, Panama, United States, and Venezuela) will attend the Symposium.

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English and Swahili Novel Writing Competitions

EAST African Publishing House announces the launching of its second English and Swahili novel-writing competitions, open to citizens of East, West, and Central Africa. In addition to guaranteed publication the winner in both the English and Swahili sections will receive an immediate payment of sh. 5,000.00 as an advance against royalties. It is expected that many of the non-prize-winning entries will also merit publication.

Entries, which must be typed in double spacing, should be sent under registered cover to: East African Publishing House, Novel Writing Competition, P.O. Box 30571, Nairobi, Kenya, not later than 31 May 1974. The judges' decision will be final.

The 'World Directory of Linguists'

THIS publication, edited by Thomas A. Sebeok, will be a compilation of names and addresses of all living linguists and language scientists, i.e. not only scholars working in the field of technical linguistics, but also those working in any of the language sciences. It will be a biennial publication, the first volume appearing in 1974, each edition being published in a different format. For example, the first year names will appear in alphabetical order; subsequently they may be listed by field of interest or countries. Scholars in the Linguistics/Language Sciences fields are invited to send their names to the project co-ordinator: Mrs. Margot D. Lenhart, World Directory of Linguistics, Research Center for the Language Sciences, Indiana University, 516 East 6th Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Questionnaires will be sent to all persons on the mailing list. Persons wishing to be included in the *Directory* must then return the completed forms.

'Zambia Museums Journal'

THE first three issues of the *Zambia Museums Journal*, published by the National Museums Board of Zambia, through the Livingstone Museum, are now in print. It is issued annually and is concerned with matters of Anthropological, Historical, Archaeological, and Natural Historical interest in Zambia and adjacent countries. To date it has published important illustrated descriptions of Bemba Musical Instruments and Stools and Headrests in Zambia, as well as one of the larger collections of Early Iron Age material from Western Zambia and a discussion of Political and Ritual Sovereignty among the Mukuni Leya. The annual subscription for volumes 1-3, covering one issue, Kwacha 3.50, should be sent to the Library Assistant, Livingstone Museum, Livingstone, Zambia.

Diary of C. von François, German Togoland Explorer

THE 1888/9 diary of the journeys of the German official Curt von François, in the Salaga, Yendi, and Kete-Krachi areas of the Gold Coast and German Togoland, has recently been published by his family (94 pp.; price DM 13). Copies are available from Frau Erika von François, 6271 Waldems-Esch, b. Idstein (Taunus), Wiesenstrasse 15, West Germany.