

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Professor Abebayo Adedeji** (Nigeria) has replaced **Robert Gardiner** as head of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) as of June 1975.

The AFRICAN LITERARY CRITICS ASSOCIATION was established at the Constitutive Congress held in Lubumbashi, Zaire, March 24-27, 1975. Goals of the Association are: "to create conditions for the development of an authentically African criticism; to develop a critical sense of the African public; to make clear to Africa and to the world the original values of the African output and to contribute to universal, literary thought; to promote criticism based on conceptual tools and methods of approach proper to the African literary fact; to organize colloquiums, conferences, debates, and round-table conferences on African literature".

The following have been elected to the executive committee for a period of three years: **Ikideh** (Nigeria), President; **Mbassi-Manga** (Cameroon), 1st. Vice-President; **M. Kane** (Senegal), 2nd Vice-President; **Ngal** (Zaire), Secretary-General; **Kinyongo** (Zaire), Treasurer; **Tidjani** (Dahomey), Comptroller.

The Association publishes *The Liaison Bulletin* once every two months and *La Critique Africaine* once a year.

**MPLA SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE FORMED.** A group of individuals associated with African liberation support organizations have decided to create a new network through which to support the People's Liberation Movement of Angola (MPLA). The Committee's purpose is to support the MPLA by spotlighting the military and political developments in Angola and exposing the escalation of U.S. intervention. The Committee has initiated publication of the *Angola Weekly News Summary* which may be obtained by writing to the **MPLA Solidarity Committee, 825 West End Avenue, Apt 14F, New York, N.Y. 10025.**

THE NIGERIAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION was inaugurated at the First Nigeria Philosophy Conference held at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, March 20-23, 1975. At the meeting, the following executive committee was elected for the 1975/77 biennial: President— **Professor J.O. Sodipo**; Vice-President— **Dr. I.C. Onyewuanyi**; General Secretary—**Dr. P.O. Bodunrin**; Assistant General Secretary—**Dr. Barry Hallen**; Treasurer—**Rev. Fr. R. Farmer**; unofficial members—**Mr. O. Nduka** and **Dr. J.V.B. Danquah**.

The aims of the Association as set out in Article II of its constitution are: (a) To promote the development of philosophy as an academic discipline in Nigeria and encourage its influence in the wider national and social context. (b) To promote and encourage interdisciplinary studies and researches between philosophy and other disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences. (c) To organize seminars and conferences on themes that are of philosophical interest and significance both for institutions of higher learning and for the societies they serve. (d) To promote a fruitful interchange of ideas between the Association and similar associations in Nigeria and in other parts of the world. (e) To pursue other activities that may further any of the aims outlined above.

For membership information write: **The General Secretary, Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.**

## LETTER

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Dear Dr. Duffy,

I am a Chilean national who spent one year and a half teaching political science to undergraduates at Ahmadu Bello University (Northern Nigeria).

I have come back to Latin America highly motivated to study relationships between this continent and Africa. I have brought with me four sets of data:

- a data bank of interactions between Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Senegal and the rest of the world (1954-74) —a total of 40,000 computer cards of events data.
- a questionnaire passed to 160 expatriate staffs working at ABU in 1975.
- a questionnaire passed to 250 students from ABU and Lagos University.
- data of Nigeria's foreign trade.

Working now in the analysis of these data I have found an important lack of background information in our libraries. I would very much appreciate if you could help me in these ways:

- put me in touch with people who might have similar interests.
- inform me about ASA, possibilities of presenting papers, and grants available for research and travel.

If you need to know something about Latin America, please let me know. Thank you in advance.

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## GRANTS & AWARDS

**AFRICANA THESIS PRIZES.** The Munger Africana Library has announced several prizes to be awarded by the editorial board of the Munger Africana Library. A first prize of \$250. is offered for the best dissertation or thesis on an African topic completed in 1972-75, which has not been published and is not in the process of publication. At least two additional prizes of \$100. each will be awarded by the editorial board.

All publishing rights to the manuscript remain with the author. A summary of 200 words is requested, and may be published at the discretion of the board. Manuscripts will not be returned. Entries close **May 1, 1976.** Address all correspondence to: The Editorial Board of the Munger Africana Library, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125.

**THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY** each year makes small grants-in-aid for basic research in all fields of learning. These grants are made to persons holding a doctoral degree or having equivalent scientific or scholarly experience. The grants are intended to **assist** investigators by providing for some costs of research work, such as the collection of scientific and literary materials; preparation of photographs, microfilms, and other records; purchase of special supplies; necessary travel; and other incidental expenses of research. The Society does not undertake to provide the full cost or subsistence during travel; the usual allowance is \$10.00 per day. No grants larger than \$2,000 are now made; most grants are smaller, the average about \$800. Grants to active full professors do not exceed \$1,000. No more than two grants are made to any one person in a given five-year period.

The Committee on Research meets on the first Fridays of February, April, June, October, and December. The deadline for applications is eight weeks before each meeting. Those who wish to determine their eligibility for a grant should write informally to George W. Corner, Executive Officer, The American Philosophical Society, 104 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106, **briefly** outlining their proposal.

**FULBRIGHT-HAYS MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY LECTURING—ADVANCED RESEARCH ABROAD.** The Center for International Exchange of Scholars Program Announcements are usually issued in April and list awards available for periods beginning twelve to eighteen months later, in most cases for the academic years of the host countries. Application for awards listed in the announcements should be made by July 1. Persons interested in receiving the principal annual announcements for a two-year period are invited to register with the Council. Write: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.

Information on Fulbright-Hays grants in the following categories may be obtained from: