

TRADITIONAL SCULPTURE FROM UPPER VOLTA. The most comprehensive exhibition of traditional art from Upper Volta ever held in the United States opened to the public at the Museum of African Art in Washington, D.C. on June 1 and will remain on view through September 10. The exhibition, a collection of over 150 masks, figures, jewelry, and utilitarian items of the Bwa, Bobo, Lobi, Mossi, and Gurunsi peoples of Upper Volta, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Museum. Located at 318 A Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., the Museum is open weekdays 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; weekends 12 noon-5:00 p.m. For further information, call 202/547-6222.

WORLD HISTORY IN LIBERAL MILITARY EDUCATION. The interest of the historical profession in a reexamination of the role and structure of survey courses in undergraduate education has prompted the History Department of the United States Air Force Academy to prepare a report on their teaching of a basic survey course in world history. The report, which describes the USAF Academy program and stresses the need for a global approach to freshman history, will be sent to those who are actively engaged in the process of reexamining educational goals, courses, and curricula. "World History in Liberal Education," edited by Dr. Tom McGann and Captain Don Bishop, will be ready for distribution in mid-September. For further information, write: Alfred F. Hurley, Colonel, USAF, Professor and Head of the Department of History, Department of the Air Force, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840.

VISITING SCHOLAR. Dr. Patrick A. Twumasi, a medical sociologist at the University of Ghana, will be at the Johns Hopkins University, Behavioral Sciences Department, Baltimore, Maryland, during his sabbatical beginning in September 1979. His degrees were earned at the University of Ghana, McGill (MA) and the University of Alberta (Ph.D., 1971). His research areas include medical systems, particularly the role of indigenous African healing systems in national health delivery programs. He has been a consultant to both WHO and USAID and is currently the secretary for the West African Association of Sociologists and Anthropologists. He has published widely (including the book entitled *Medical Systems in Ghana: A Study in Medical Sociology*, 1975). He will be available for lectures and seminars while in the United States.

LETTER

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Spring has come to Michigan—and freedom has returned to Uganda. At a time like this I think of all Ugandans and of all of those who were at one time closely associated with that lovable country.

Like you, I am deeply gratified to learn of the end of the tyranny which prevailed in the country under Idi Amin. Many people perished in those eight years of Amin's rule. It is good to know that the country is emerging from those depths of inhumanity.

You and I knew some of those who died. At a moment of liberation one also thinks of the martyrs and other casualties who aren't here to celebrate this redemption with us. Let us think of those by name and pay a silent tribute to their memory. You have your list of the dead and I have mine. I am sure you and I will never forget them.

But Uganda has no room for complacency. There are risks of reprisals against the innocent. "Punishing" all Kakwa or all Muslims, or all "Nubi," would only prepare the ground for counter-reprisals should the balance of power change again when the Tanzanian troops return to their own country or when other social changes occur in the future. A pendulum of revenge is part of the clock of death, ticking away ominously for the next round of killings. Uganda would lie dangerously near to being another Lebanon. Only strong moral leadership can prevent a cycle of brutality every eight years! I am sure the interim government will do its best to provide that kind of leadership until national general elections are held.

East Africa as a whole should also be mending its bridges. If Kenya directly helped the Libyan intervention in Uganda in March and April 1979, that was definitely a major mistake. I hope Nairobi will try and make amends.

What was not necessarily a mistake was to allow goods destined for Amin's Uganda (including weapons) to continue to pass through Kenya. I am surprised that some Ugandan friends feel it is all right for a transit country like Kenya to stop traffic to a landlocked country like Uganda at will. My own position is that the only occasion when a transit country is justified in imposing an embargo on a landlocked country is when the transit country itself is directly endangered, or when the landlocked country is under foreign occupation. It is not in the interest of Uganda to encourage Kenya to stop transit traffic anytime Nairobi feels that there is something rotten in a neighbouring state!

But I may be wrong in these views. If so, please do not hesitate to drop me a line to that effect.

However, the main thing is that Uganda is free again from brutal arbitrariness. She deserves every support in the arduous task of reconstruction and rehabilitation.

As for Makerere, that great institution that we all loved so much, one wishes it speedy recovery from the ravages of both tyranny and war. My latest book (*Political Values and the Educated Class in Africa*) carries a dedication. It says "To Makerere! You who were built for the future must now await the future to rebuild you!"

Let us hope the future is now at hand. The rebuilding must soon begin.

As for Uganda's ship of state, it does need repairs. But if Yusufu Lule's impressive performance as head of Makerere from 1965 to 1970 is anything to go by, Uganda is in good hands. We wish the new skipper and his crew *Bon Voyage!*

Yours sincerely,
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MEETINGS—PAST & FUTURE

- Women's History and Quantitative Methods: A First Conference.** Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois (July 5-7). For information contact: Barbara Hanawalt, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401 or D'Ann Campbell, Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago, Illinois 60610.
- 4th International Conference on Computers and the Humanities.** Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (August 20-22). Write: Susan Snow Lukesh, Center for Classical Arch. & Art, Box 1837, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island 02912.
- Linguistic Association of Canada and the U.S. 6th Annual Forum.** University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada (August 24-28). Contact: A. Makkai, POB 101, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044.
- The Southern African Research Association 4th Annual Conference.** University of Maryland (October 4-6). Contact: The Southern African Research Association, 4133 Art/Sociology Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.
- 11th Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in conjunction with The New England Slavic Conference.** Sheraton-Park Plaza Hotel, New Haven, Connecticut (October 10-13). For further information and registration and membership forms, contact the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 190 W. 19th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.
- American Society for Ethnohistory 27th Annual Meeting.** Albany, New York (October 11-13). Program Chair: Jill Furst, Department of Anthropology, SUNY, Albany, New York 12222.
- Society for Ethnomusicology 24th Annual Meeting.** Montreal, Quebec, Canada (October 11-14). Write: Timothy Rice, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1.
- The International Studies Association Annual Meeting.** Indiana University, Indianapolis (October 18-20). Theme: "The United States and Internationalism: Four Concerns." Topics are: 1) Multi-national Corporations: Non-Governmental Foreign Policy; 2) Freedom of the Press: Neo-imperialism or Human Rights; 3) Disarmament: Relax or Regret? 4) Food and Population: What for the 80s? For additional information, contact: Dr. Richard A. Fredland, Political Science Department, IUPUI, 925 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.
- INTERFACE '79, The Third Annual Humanities and Technology Conference.** Marietta, Georgia (October 25-27). Sponsored by the English and History Department of Southern Technical Institute, in conjunction with the Humanities and Technology Association. Write: Drs. Roberta Gates and George Kennedy, co-directors, INTERFACE '79, Department of English and History, Southern Technical Institute, Marietta, Georgia 30060.
- 64th Anniversary Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH).** The Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City (October 25-28). Write: The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, 1401 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.