

'Journal of African Languages'

THIS new journal in the field of African studies is to be started in 1962 and will be published three times a year. The editor is Professor Jack Berry of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and the Assistant Editors Professor J. H. Greenberg, Columbia University, New York, Professor P.-F. Lacroix of the École Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes, Paris, and Dr. Hans Wolff of Michigan State University. Articles will be published in English, French, and German on all aspects of language studies related to the development of scholarship in African languages. The journal is jointly sponsored by the African Language and Area Center, Michigan State University, and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, with the co-operation of the African Studies Association. The annual subscription to the journal is 36s. or \$5, postage free. Material for publication should be addressed to the Editor, *Journal of African Languages*, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Malet Street, London, W.C. 1.

Centre d'Étude de droit comparé africain à Lovanium

MGR L. GILLON, Recteur de l'Université Lovanium, a annoncé la création, au sein de la faculté de droit, d'un Centre d'étude de droit comparé africain (C.E.D.C.A.). Le centre s'est assigné comme première tâche de faire l'inventaire des coutumes qui constituent désormais la base du droit commun africain. Cette tâche exige des recherches jurisprudentielles, des enquêtes sur le terrain, la tenue d'archives importantes et l'engagement d'un personnel nombreux. Une pareille organisation déborde les limites du travail de recherche personnel ou collectif des membres d'une faculté.

La direction du C.E.D.C.A. a été confiée au professeur Rubbens, qui sera assisté d'un conseil composé de membres du corps académique de l'Université et de personnalités spécialisées dans les problèmes du droit africain. Les statuts du C.E.D.C.A. prévoient la nomination de membres d'honneur et de membres correspondants, ainsi que l'accueil de stagiaires désireux de se perfectionner en droit africain. Pour réaliser son objet le C.E.D.C.A. compte beaucoup sur la collaboration de toutes les personnes et institutions susceptibles de prendre part à l'œuvre de restructuration juridique de l'Afrique.

African Studies Program—University of Wisconsin

AN African Studies Program was inaugurated at the University of Wisconsin in 1961, designed to provide co-ordinated inter-disciplinary training within the social sciences and humanities, emphasizing the continuity of the African cultural tradition.

Two separate programs are offered. Work for a Master's degree in one of the various disciplines may be combined with supplementary work qualifying for a Certificate in African Studies, the course as a whole taking approximately two years. Candidates for the Ph.D. may qualify for an inter-disciplinary minor field in African Studies. Either program may be co-ordinated with the program in Comparative Tropical History in the Department of History or with the program in Comparative Politics of Developing Societies in the Department of Political Science.

Members of the staff particularly concerned with the program are: Philip D. Curtin (History), Frederick Simoons (Geography), Jan Vansina (History and Anthropology), and Aristide Zolberg (Political Science). Vincent Monteil of the University of Dakar will be Visiting Professor of History in the Fall Semester of 1962-3.

African Studies at the University of Tel-Aviv

THE Department of Middle Eastern and African Studies at the University of Tel-Aviv was established in 1961 under the headship of Professor A. N. Poliak. Particular attention is

given to the various connexions of the Middle East with Africa, Arabic sources for the history of Africa, problems of Islamic expansion in Africa, Semitic origins of traditional Ethiopian civilization, and the unifying role of the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. The rapid growth of Israel's connexions with the new states of East and West Africa has stimulated interest in African studies south of the Sahara, so that Bantu languages (with the emphasis on Swahili) are now being taught in addition to Arabic, Geez, and Amharic. A study is also being made of African ethnology, sociology, and art, the role of Christianity, and modern economic problems.

Centre Universitaire Rumuri à Usumbura

L'OUVERTURE de la première année académique du Centre Universitaire Rumuri eut lieu sur la colline Kiriri le 28 octobre 1960. Une Faculté de Philosophie et Lettres et une Faculté de Sciences économiques, politiques et sociales accueillirent vingt-quatre étudiants. Les matières enseignées comportent l'Introduction à la sociologie politique, et Problèmes spéciaux de sociologie politique africaine, par Monsieur M. d'Hertefeldt, et Histoire de l'Afrique et Structures et institutions traditionnelles de l'Afrique, par Monsieur A. Doutreloux.

Special African number of 'Diogenes'

A SPECIAL number of the journal *Diogenes* (January–March 1962), published under the auspices of the Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines with the aid of Unesco, has been devoted to a series of articles on African subjects as follows:

De la négritude. Psychologie du Négro-africain	<i>Léopold Sédar Senghor</i>
Religion, épopée, histoire. Notes sur les fonctions latentes des cultes dans les civilisations du Benin	<i>Claude Tardits</i>
Les concepts de prose littéraire africaine	<i>Wilfred H. Whiteley</i>
Incidences socio-économiques sur la poésie noire d'expression portugaise	<i>Alfredo Margarido</i>
Le rôle spirituel et social de la femme dans la société soudanaise traditionnelle	<i>Geneviève Calame-Griaule</i>
La famille africaine et son adaptation à la vie urbaine	<i>Peter C. W. Gutkind</i>
Pour une histoire de l'Afrique	<i>Hubert Deschamps</i>
Humanisme et négritude. Notes sur le roman afro-américain contemporain	<i>Albert Gérard</i>

Diogenes is published quarterly, under the direction of M. Roger Caillois, in French, English, Spanish, and Arabic, and may be ordered from booksellers or from Librairie Gallimard, Service abonnement, 5 rue Sébastien-Bottin, Paris VII^e. The subscription is 18 NF for France and Union Française, and 23 NF for other countries.

Special Issue of 'Anthropologica'

THIS journal has issued a special Africa number at the end of March 1962, entitled 'Power in Complex Societies in Africa', edited by Ronald Cohen. The book review section is also devoted to recent contributions to the same problem. Summaries appear in French of English articles, and vice versa. Contents are as follows:

L'Accord de clientèle et l'organisation politique au Burundi	<i>A. A. Trouwborst</i>
Power in Ruanda	<i>Helen Codere</i>
The Analysis of Conflict in Hierarchical Systems: An Example from Kanuri Political Organization	<i>Ronald Cohen</i>
The Development of Local Government in a Nigerian Township	<i>Simon Ottenberg</i>
Accommodation and Conflict in an African Peri-urban Area	<i>Peter C. W. Gutkind</i>