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In 1970 theses current at the time were listed in *Theses in Progress in Commonwealth Studies* which was distributed to all those on the mailing list for the Institute's *Accessions List*. A further issue appeared in 1971 and a third, due to be published in mid 1972, will incorporate the materials published in the first two. There are tentative plans for publication of the retrospective items though a decision on this is not likely in the immediate future.

Further information can be obtained from The Librarian, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 27 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DS.

University of Khartoum Library: Theses on the Sudan

THE second edition has now appeared of 'Theses on the Sudan and by Sudanese accepted for Higher Degrees—Khartoum 1966'. Two hundred new items have been added and several corrections made to the first edition. The list has been rearranged by subject and an author index provided. The subjects covered include: Agriculture, Economics, Education, Geography, History, Language and Literature, Law and Government, Philosophy, Politics, Religion, and Sociology.

'Savanna': a new periodical from Nigeria

A NEW periodical has recently been published at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. Entitled *Savanna*, and sub-titled 'a journal of the environmental and social sciences', it aims to publish research and comment relating to the savanna region of Nigeria and neighbouring countries. The first issue, for June 1972, illustrates well its proposed field of interest, containing material on topics in fields as diverse as history, administration, land tenure, education, agriculture, medical geography, geology, and architecture. Each issue of *Savanna* (which will appear twice yearly in June and December) will contain, in addition to feature articles, an extensive 'Notes and Comments' section, book reviews and conference reports. A special feature is a bibliographic section providing up-to-date information on recent book and periodical publications on the savanna states of Nigeria. The editor is Michael J. Mortimore.

Orders and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. G. J. Williams, Business Manager, *Savanna*, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

The Kenya Museum Society

THE KENYA Museum Society, which is concerned to promote the museums of Kenya, in December 1971 sponsored and arranged a show of the early hominids found by Richard Leakey east of Lake Rudolf. They also held an exhibition of the Islamic arts of the Kenya coast in February 1972 and published a catalogue entitled *Lamu* written by James de Vere Allen, Curator of the new Lamu Museum. The exhibition proved so popular that it was later transferred to the first All Africa Trade Fair at Nairobi.

The Society is now publishing a quarterly journal, *Kenya Past and Present*. The first two issues include articles by Louis Leakey on the history of the National Museum of Nairobi, Jean Brown on *cire perdue* casting in Kenya, Richard Leakey on current research on man's origin in East Africa, and James Kirkman on the Fort Jesus Museum collection in Mombasa. They have also published a historical guide to Malindi by Esmond Bradley Martin, who is the Society's Chairman. The *ex-officio* Chairman is Richard E. Leakey, the Administrative Director of the National Museums of Kenya. Individuals and institutions wishing to join

the Society should write to: The Kenya Museum Society, Kenya National Museums, P.O. Box 40658, Nairobi, Kenya.

Atlas pratique du Tchad

PUBLIÉ par l'Institut National Tchadien pour les Sciences Humaines et par l'Institut Géographique National, l'Atlas du Tchad a été élaboré sous la direction de Jean Cabot et de Christian Bouquet. Il comporte un avant-propos de Jean-Paul Lebeuf et une préface de Jean Dresch.

Trente quatre planches présentent les données les plus récentes sur la géographie physique, humaine et économique de la République du Tchad. Après avoir présenté le Tchad dans le monde et en Afrique on découvre l'organisation administrative du pays et ses voies de communication. Une série de cartes physiques présentent l'orohydrographie, la géologie, la pédologie et l'hydrogéologie de la partie tchadienne de la grande cuvette d'Afrique Centrale.

Trois planches très expressives expliquent le fonctionnement du climat, ses variations saisonnières et ses principales caractéristiques. Une carte de la végétation complète ce tour d'horizon physique.

La partie humaine débute avec la carte de l'archéologie (paléontologie, préhistoire, proto-histoire) dont les vestiges sont nombreux au Tchad. Une carte très détaillée des groupes linguistiques contribuera à une meilleure connaissance des parlars tchadiens. La répartition de la population en 1968 fait également l'objet d'une carte.

Quatre planches à grande échelle présentent les terroirs types de l'agriculture tchadienne: cultures sèches, cultures de bas-fond, polders etc. . . .

Les cartes économiques concernent les productions agricoles, la pêche, la culture du coton, l'élevage, les activités industrielles, le commerce extérieur.

La dernière partie est consacrée aux plans de villes (Fort-Lamy, Fort-Archambault, Moundou, Abéché) et aux équipements sociaux et culturels ainsi qu'au tourisme. Trois cartes à moyenne échelle présentent trois régions de la république: la région du lac, celle du Ouadai et la région cotonnière.

Conçu pour être mis entre les mains des cadres du pays cet ouvrage rendra les plus grands services aux chercheurs désireux de se documenter sur le Tchad.

'Odinani Museum and Journal', Nri, East Central State, Nigeria

As a joint project of the Nri Progress Union and the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, a museum has been established at Nri. It was opened in March 1972 and has as its objective the collection, display, and study of the material cultures of the peoples of the East Central State. It plans to publish twice a year issues of the *Journal of Odinani Museum, Nri*, of which the first issue appeared in March 1972.

The honorary curator of the museum and editor of the journal is Mr. Onwuejeogwu, Research Fellow in Anthropology of the Institute of African Studies, Ibadan, who has been engaged since 1966 on a special study of the extant cultures of the Igbo in the general area of Igbo-Ukwu site where Professor Thurstan Shaw conducted the excavations which yielded the remarkable ritual assemblages of bronze and pottery objects associated with an elaborate ceremonial burial (Shaw, T. *Igbo-Ukwu: an account of archaeological discoveries in Eastern Nigeria*, 2 vols., Faber & Faber, London, 1970).

The first issue of the journal records the co-operation and contributions given to establish the museum, together with a main article by the editor, 'An outline of the dawn of Igbo civilisation', which offers a reconstruction, with reference to the ecological background, external relations, and the role of the sacred kingship at Nri, of the development and diversity of social institutions among the Igbo.