

*An Initial Readership Survey of Ethiopia*

A RESEARCH programme, the Christian Literature Development Project (P.O. Box 2248, Addis Ababa), has been sponsored by the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society, Globe Publishing House, the Presbyterian Literature Program and Yemissrach Dimts Literature Programme in Ethiopia, and by Christian Literature Fund in Switzerland. Its aim is 'to assess the needs of Ethiopia which can be met by Christian literature in Ethiopian and English languages, to evaluate the extent to which the present programmes minister to these needs, and to make representations for the future dealing with all relevant aspects and in particular production, distribution and methods of training'. Mr. John Conacher, who has been in Ethiopia since 1960, has conducted about 200 interviews for a readership survey in all except three of the governorate-generals of Ethiopia. The records of these interviews are now being analysed in detail to produce an initial readership survey, intended primarily for the sponsors of the Project, but which will also be made available to other institutions and persons. The scope of the Survey extends to all types of books in any language, and in addition to those in Amharic and English reference will be made to books which those interviewed have read in Tigrinya, Giiz, Kunama, French, and Russian.

*The Institute for Development Research, Copenhagen, Denmark*

THE Institute for Development Research (5, Sct. Annae Plads, DK—1250, Copenhagen K.) was established in 1968 to undertake, promote, and publish research into the economic and social development of the developing countries, including investigation and evaluation of the development assistance of Denmark and other countries. It is an independent institution, receiving an annual grant from the Danish Government, and governed by a research council of twenty members which met for the first time in March 1969. The Institute is at present engaged in formulating its research programme which will be of a multidisciplinary character relating mainly to five countries in Eastern Africa (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi), to Ghana and also to India, Pakistan, and Thailand. Among the projects under consideration are: a study of development planning in East Africa; participation in research related to the rural development policy of Tanzania; a survey of the development problems of a sub-national region in Eastern Africa; and an analysis of the cultural development and cultural policy in one or more African states. Professor Thorkil Kristensen has been appointed as general director, and Cand. polit. Knud Erik Svendsen as research director of the Institute.

*El Centro de Estudios, Documentación e Información de Africa (CEDIA)*

A CENTRE for African studies in Madrid has been established by the secretariat of the Comisión de Misiones, under the direction of Fr. Manuel Gomez-Pallete, S.J., formerly director of the Colegio Mayor Nuestra Señora de Africa. The centre aims to provide information on all aspects of African life for the benefit of those engaged in research such as political, industrial, and commercial organizations, university personnel, missionaries, doctors, and technicians intending to work in Africa, and for Africans living in Spain. The work of the centre includes the holding of conferences, seminars, and study groups, direction of theses and studies, the carrying out of specialized projects and the preparation of notices, book reviews, documentation, and card indexes and of information for the press. CEDIA has a library of about 6,000 volumes and is now acquiring books and periodicals of specifically African interest. The cards of the 7,500-volume library of the Colegio Mayor Nuestra Señora de Africa are at present being copied for CEDIA. Card indexes of information, documents, and photographs and of the library, arranged by authors, subjects (decimal