NEWS AND NOTES

Dr. William O. Brown, president of the African Studies Association, has received from Representative Frances P. Bolton, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, a letter noting her interest in and appreciation of the establishment within the Library of Congress of an Africana section. On March 23, 1960, Mrs. Bolton made a statement in the House in which she emphasized the importance of the new section. She commended the Library of Congress, the work of the African Studies Association, and the financial assistance of the Carnegie Corporation.

The Librarian of Congress has announced that Conrad C. Reining has been appointed head of the new section. Dr. Reining has been conducting research with the Foreign Areas Studies Division of American University since July 1959; previously he taught at the University of Minnesota. An anthropologist, he has worked particularly among the Azande of the Sudan, the Congo and Equatorial Africa; he has also travelled widely in West and North Africa.

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The African Studies Association has accepted an invitation from the International African Institute to be represented on its Board of Governors. Professor L. Gray Cowan has been named representative.

Dr. Vernon McKay has been selected by the United States National Commission for UNESCO as the representative on the National Commission for the African Studies Association.

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The Ford Foundation has recently granted to Columbia University approximately $180,000 for the West African Languages Survey, a three-year project sponsored by a number of educational and research institutions in West Africa. The objectives of the project include substantive research in the indigenous languages of West Africa, the strengthening of West African institutions in the areas of general and African linguistics, and the training of Africans in linguistic research.

The Council directing the survey includes representatives from the university colleges of Ibadan, Ghana and Sierra Leone,

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and the Institut français d'Afrique Noire, Dakar; its chairman is Professor Joseph H. Greenberg of Columbia. Up to four field fellowships a year are to be offered to each member institution. Financial assistance will be given for publication of linguistic material concerning Africa, and also for improving archival and library facilities. An annual West African Linguistic Congress may also be held each year during the period of the survey.

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A new organization concerned with American policy toward Africa was formed in February. The Africa League, with headquarters at 360 Riverside Drive, New York City, has issued a statement of policy which urges the United States government 1) to support the independence of non-self-governing areas in Africa; 2) to support moves by independent African states to achieve unity on a regional or continental basis; 3) to oppose all forms of racial discrimination; 4) to support programs for agricultural and industrial development of Africa by means of technical assistance and large-scale economic aid; and 5) to support programs in Africa for the extension of education and leadership training, and the promotion of health and general welfare. The League will "seek to provide essential information and to offer policy alternatives on current events in Africa." Its statement of policy is signed by an Editorial Committee whose members are David Apter, Elliot Berg, Rupert Emerson, Ruth Schachter, and Immanuel Wallerstein.

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Carnegie Corporation of New York has announced a grant of $85,000 to the University of California for a comparative study of leadership in countries of Middle Africa.

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Professor Rolf Italiaander, who has travelled widely in Africa and who is a Fellow of the A.S.A., will be in the United States from January to June 1961 as a Visiting Professor for African History and Civilization at Hope College, Holland, Michigan. Professor Italiaander is interested in contacting universities and other organizations with a view to giving lectures and showing his large collection of contemporary African art. His address at present is Heilwigstrasse 39, Hamburg 20, Germany.

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A program of grants for research relating to Africa south of the Sahara will be initiated in the autumn of 1960 under the auspices of a Joint Committee on African Studies which is to be appointed by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. Information regarding the scope of the program, which is expected to continue for three years, will be published in the September issue of Items. (Social Science Research Council publication). It is expected that grants may range from relatively small sums for travel, research assistance, and maintenance for periods of from three to six months, to amounts sufficient for support of a year's research. It is also expected that applications will be accepted both from mature scholars who have already made significant contributions to African studies and from others with established competence in a social science or humanistic field who wish to equip themselves for research on African problems.

Grants for research relating to Africa north of the Sahara will not be available under the new program but will continue to be available under the separate program of grants for research now offered under the auspices of the Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East. Funds for both programs have been provided by the Ford Foundation, and both are administered by the Social Science Research Council, 230 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York to which requests for additional information should be sent. Inquiries should indicate briefly the nature of the proposed research and the approximate amount of financial support desired. More detailed information need not be provided until application forms are sent. Formal applications for grants for research to be undertaken in 1961 will be due not later than November 1, 1960.

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Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts have received a $191,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for a four year program of stimulating non-Western studies, including Africa south of the Sahara, on a four college basis. This grant will aid in building library resources, bringing visiting lecturers and professors to the area, support new courses and aid faculty members through summer study or travel to add material on these areas to existing courses.

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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Representatives of approximately thirty African countries and several hundred American industrialists, financiers and academicians are expected to participate in a Conference on African resources to be held in New York City on September 19, 20 and 21. The Conference is sponsored jointly by New York University and African Fairs, Inc.

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Conferences on Africa have been held this spring at Bryn Mawr, Wellesley, Lafayette and Hamilton Colleges. The proceedings of the Wellesley Conference, entitled Symposium on Africa, will be published June 1 and may be obtained from the Miller Foundation, Wellesley, for $1.50.

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The 32nd study session of the International Institute of Differing Civilizations is now planned for Munich, 19-22 September 1960. The major topic will be Staff Problems in Tropical and Subtropical Countries; about thirty regional reports, dealing with the position in different countries, will be circulated in advance. General rapporteurs for the sessions will be James Coleman, University of California (legal aspects); Georges Balandier, Ecole Practique des Hautes Etudes, Paris (social aspects); Sir Sydney Caine, London School of Economics (economic aspects); Gabriel d'Arboussier, former President of the Grand Conseil de l'Afrique occidentale française (political aspects); and Charles Ammoun, Lebanese representative to UNESCO (cultural aspects).

PUBLICATIONS

The Africana Section of the Library of Congress, on request of the African Studies Association, has undertaken to prepare a new edition of African Newspapers Currently Received in Selected American Libraries, which was issued in 1956. Two basic changes will be made in this new edition: 1) coverage of newspapers and holdings will be broader and will include non-current as well as current material; 2) a greater number of libraries will be invited to participate.

Libraries interested in taking part in this project are asked to send information on their holdings before September 1, 1960; the new publication is expected to be ready late in the year. Reports of holdings or questions about the project may be addressed to the Chief, Serial Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

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Boston University is now making available its catalogue of African government documents, and African area index. The catalog covers about 2000 titles from all areas of Africa, including monograph and serials. Arrangement of colonies has the metropolitan documents followed by those of the colonies; entries for independent

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states are by department. The index is an alphabetical list of all material on Africa in the Boston University collection, including the Library of Congress classification number. The volume is available from G. K. Hall & Co., 97 Oliver Street, Boston 10, at $18.

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Duke University Commonwealth Studies Center has published a mimeographed List of Selected Official Publications and Serials of the British Commonwealth in the Duke University Library. A number of South African materials are listed, together with some documentation from Ghana, Nigeria and Central Africa.

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American Universities Field Staff has announced the publication of A Select Bibliography: Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America. Approximately 6,000 titles are included, about one-third of which are annotated; those recommended for a small basic collection are especially marked. The entries are listed by area and subject, and indexed by title and author. The section on Africa has been edited by L. Gray Cowan and Edwin S. Munger. The volume may be obtained from the AUFS at 366 Madison Avenue, New York 17. The price is $4.75.

Members of the Association may also be interested in knowing about a recent AUFS report, "Buying Books in Africa," by Edwin S. Munger, which includes information on titles, fields and dealers for the collector. Individual copies of the report may be purchased for $1.

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A Guide to Official Publications of French West Africa 1946-1958 has been compiled by Helen F. Conover of the Africana Section, Library of Congress. It is available from the Card Division of the Library for 75 cents a copy.

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The first issue of a new publication, Food Research Institute Studies, was issued by Stanford University in February 1960. The periodical will appear three times a year, in February, May and November, and will cover a wide range of subjects in the general

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area of food and agriculture written by staff members; it is designed to supplement, not to replace, the Institute's books and pamphlet series. Articles announced for early publication include "The Economic Man in Africa" by William O. Jones, and "Food Expenditure Patterns in Selected African Cities" by Bruce F. Johnston and Hiromitsu Kaneda. Price will be $7 a year.

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The Office of the Minister for Rhodesian and Nyasaland Affairs of the British Embassy in Washington would be happy to send to any interested members of the association its Rhodesia and Nyasaland Weekly Newsletter, a summary of contemporary affairs in the Federation. Members who would like to be on the mailing list should write to the office, at 2852 McGill Terrace, N.W., Washington 8, D.C.

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Liberia's Past and Present, by Nathaniel R. Richardson, which has been published in London, includes a calendar of Liberian events from 1816 to the present time, and biographical accounts of some of the leading personalities of the country. It is available from International Publications Service, 507 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, at a price of $15.

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A special double issue of the Journal of Human Relations, entitled "Dawn in the Dark Continent" is to appear in August 1960. Copies may be ordered from the editor, Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, at a price of $2.50.

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Africa 1960, a confidential intelligence report published in England, is now being issued in the United States by the African Research and Development Company, 75 E. 55th Street, New York 22. Eighteen issues are planned, to "offer an objective analysis of Africa in its most important year." The subscription price is $12.

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The number of periodicals publishing special issues devoted to Africa continues to increase. Those recently reaching us include:

The Rotarian, April 1960, includes articles on Africa south of the Sahara by Joseph H. Greenberg, John Hughes of the Christian Science Monitor, and Chinua Achebe, Nigerian novelist. A symposium on racial harmony has contributions by Elspeth Huxley, Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, H. V. Hodson and Wentzel C. du Plessis.

Panorama, Winter 1960, the publication of the World Confederation of the Teaching Profession, is devoted to education in Africa, with articles by Lord Hailey, John W. Gardner, and Professor Dike.

Syntheses, December 1959-January 1960, an international monthly published in Brussels, covers recent events in French West Africa and the Congo.

Library Trends, October 1959, deals with current trends in newly developing countries. Included are articles by John Strickland on patterns of library service in Africa, Stanley Milburn on provision for vernacular literature, and Helen Conover on the bibliography of newly developing areas.

STUDY AND TRAVEL GRANTS

The Carnegie Corporation has announced the following travel grants to residents of South Africa and Uganda:

E. B. Adams, Professor of Medicine, University of Natal, Durban, to study new developments in the teaching of medicine in the United States and Canada. September to December, 1960.

J. M. Du Toit, Professor of Psychology, University of Stellenbosch, to study recent developments in psychophysiological research and in student counseling in the United States and Canada. October, 1960, to January, 1961.

Gregorio Fiasconaro, Director, Opera School, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, to study new techniques in opera production in university and other music schools in the United States and Canada. September, 1960, to February, 1961.

L. W. Lanham, Senior Lecturer in Bantu Languages, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, to study the theory and practice of structural linguistics in the United States. January to May, 1961.

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M. S. Taljaard, Professor of Geology, University of Stellenbosch, to study the teaching of geology and techniques of underground water supply in the United States. April to July, 1960.

C. R. V. Bell, Director of Education, Kampala, to study the aims and organization of education in the United States. March to May, 1960.

S. J. Ntiro, Lecturer in Art, Makerere College, Kampala, to study the teaching of art in schools and colleges in the United States. April to June, 1960.

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Recent holders of Fulbright grants in areas of British Africa have included the following:

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William D. Gray, Professor of Botany, Ohio State University, to study Botany at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

William W. Greulich, Professor of Anatomy, Stanford University School of Medicine, to study Anatomy at Makerere College.

Jytte Marie Muus, Professor of Biochemistry, Mount Holyoke College, to study Biochemistry and Nutrition at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Irven Otto Buss, Professor of Wildlife Management, State College of Washington, to study Wildlife Management at the East African Virus Research Institute, Entebbe.

John D. Goodman, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Redlands, to study Biology at Makerere College.

Harold F. Heady, Associate Professor, University of California at Berkeley, to study Plant Ecology at the East African Agricultural and Forestry Research Organization.

Willard Rhodes, Professor of Music, Columbia University, to study Native Music at the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia.

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Thane Riney, Biologist, New Zealand Forest Service, to study Big Game Management at the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia.

Willis E. Snow, Biologist, Tennessee Valley Authority, Alabama, to study Entomology and Economics at the East African Trypanosomiasis Research Organization.

1959

Raymond Fredric Dasmann, Associate Professor, Humboldt State College, California, to study Wildlife Ecology and Management at the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia, Bulawayo.

Floyd W. Dotson, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Connecticut, to study Sociology at the Rhodes-Livingstone Institute.

Mary M. Martin, Professor of Parasitology, University of Pennsylvania, to study Parasitology at the East African Veterinary Research Organization.

Archie Stanton Mossman, Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming, to study Zoology at the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia.

Peter F. Palmer, Professor of Economics, Long Beach State College, to study Economics at University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Horace F. Quick, Associate Professor of Wildlife Management, University of Maine, to study Wildlife Management at the East African Virus Research Institute.

Herbert J. Spiro, Assistant Professor of Government, Harvard University, to study Constitutional Politics at University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Thane Riney, Biologist, New Zealand Forest Service, to study Big Game Management at the National Museum of Southern Rhodesia (Renewal).

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1959 awards in the Foreign Field Research Program of the National Research Council included three to doctoral candidates in geography working on African subjects:

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James W. King, University of Utah, The Nile Transportation System in Uganda.

Wolf Roder, University of Chicago, Social and Economic Impact of a Water Resources Development Project, Southern Rhodesia.

Donald E. Vermeer, University of California, Influence of Environmental Factors on the Diet of Native Tropical Peoples, Nigeria.

FOFIRP recipients now in Africa include Martin E. Johnson, Ethiopia, Paul L. Lehrer, Kenya, Lee Talbot, Tanganyika, and N. Manfred Shaffer, South Africa. Leonard Tow, Columbia University, has recently completed his doctoral dissertation, field work for which was supported by this program, on Industrial Potentialities of Southern Rhodesia.

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African leaders who have recently arrived in the United States through the International Educational Exchange Service include the following:

George Magezi, Secretary General of the Uganda Peoples Union
Abbas Gueye, Economic Counsellor to the Federal Assembly of Mali
Lazare Coulibaly, Secretary General of the Soudan Building Constructors Union
Mohamed Ben Smail, Director of Tourism, Tunisia
D. D. Sargent, Assistant Editor of The Star, Johannesburg
Miss Grace Ofori-Atta, Organizer of Children's Library Work, Ghana
Jairos Jiri, Founder and President of the African Society of the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Rhodesia
Kofi Ahorsey, News Editor of the Ghana Times
L. O. Uwechia, Public Service Commissioner, Eastern Region, Nigeria
P. F. Bromfield, Chief Game Warden, Union of South Africa
Ernest Boka, Minister of Public Administration, Ivory Coast
Victor Miadama, Secretary of State for Economy, Malagasy Republic
Alfred Ramangasoavina, Minister of Industries and Planning, Malagasy Republic
Amon Tanoh, President of the Teachers' Union, Senegal
Chacha Guiga, Secretary General, Vestiaire National des Femmes de Tunisie

These visitors are in the United States as this issue of the African Studies Bulletin goes to press; most of them will be in this country for 60 to 90 days. By arrangement with the IEES this Bulletin will now try to cover arrivals of persons whose visits may be of interest to our members, but because of problems in timing we cannot make any guarantee on completeness or even entire accuracy of these listings.

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