NEWS AND NOTES

The Ford Foundation has recently made a grant of $1.3 million to the Modern Language Association for the Center for Applied Linguistics. The Center has two objectives: to increase American competence in critical but neglected non-Western languages, and to strengthen American assistance to Asian and African countries in the teaching of English. In both fields the Center serves as a national clearing-house for information on personnel, teaching methods and materials, and as a liaison among government agencies, academic centers, and the language teaching profession. The new grant will enable the Center to double its senior staff and to expand its production of teaching materials. Attention will be given to such problems as the role of second languages other than English and the use of audio-visual aids.

Other recent grants by the Ford Foundation have included a grant of $2.5 million to Princeton University for a ten-year expansion of International activities, including interdisciplinary studies dealing with Africa; $25,000 to the Geneva Africa Institute for library development and for scholarships for African students; $50,000 to the Rhodes National Gallery, Southern Rhodesia, for partial support of an International Congress of African Culture; $37,000 to the government of Guinea, to improve Library resources at the National Institute for Research and Documentation; $10,000 for strengthening science teaching in secondary schools in Kenya; $52,750 to University College, Ibadan, for staff development, research in Nigerian education, and a meeting of the committee of the Congress of Africanists; $40,000 to University College, Dar es Salaam, for training of administrators for the government of Tanganyika; $26,000 to Makerere College to train laboratory technicians.

The foundation's overseas development program had also provided consultants for Ghana, Nigeria, Tanganyika and the United Arab Republic.

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At its annual meeting in Boston in October 1961, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO elected Professor Vernon McKay a member of its Executive Committee. Mr. McKay is the representative of the African Studies Association on the National Commission.

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The title of the Africana section of the Library of Congress has now been changed to African Section.

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Northwestern University, with the support of the Program of African Studies and the Social Science Center, is planning to issue a joint acquisitions list of Africana, for a one-year trial period beginning January 1962. The list will cover material prepared within the last five years in or on Africa south of the Sahara and will include besides monographs and serials,

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academic theses, films, maps, phonograph records and tape recordings.

Cooperating in the project are Boston, Howard, Northwestern and Stanford universities and UCLA; other libraries with a large volume of African accessions are invited to participate. Inquiries may be addressed to Hans Panofsky, Curator of Africana, Northwestern University Library.

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The Royal African Society of London has published a summary of a two-day conference held in London last February on "The Africa of 1961: A Continent of Change." Speakers included Brian Crozier, Sir Arthur Kirby, Brian Macdona, Sir John Macpherson, Philip Mason, Belville Pain, Don Taylor, Hugh Tracey and David Williams. This record of speeches and questions is available at 10s ($1.40) by direct application to the Royal African Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

The Royal African Society is a nonpolitical organization founded in 1901 in memory of Mary Kingsley with the object of developing public interest in Africa and its problems and of serving as a link between the peoples of the United Kingdom and Africa. The Society is not itself concerned to formulate or propogate policy but to promote responsible discussion of African affairs by those who can speak on them with authority and to act as a forum for the interchange of experiences in any sphere of life in Africa. The Society publishes a quarterly journal, African Affairs, containing articles and a quarterly account of the outstanding events taking place in the African Continent. Annual rates for nonresident members are one Pound and include the subscription to the quarterly journal.

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Spanish Guinea: An Annotated Bibliography, has recently been issued in microfilm form by the Photoduplication Service, Mullen Library, Catholic University of America. Compiled by Sanford Berman, this lists 800 books, articles, pamphlets and other materials available in fourteen European and African languages and Pidgin-English. Each entry is annotated and repositories specified for out-of-print matter. An introduction contains introductory material on Guinea, evaluates available literature, and suggests a research program; a supplementary bibliography lists 100 background and comparative works. The price per 16 mm microfilm positive is $2.00.

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The Commercial Museum, Philadelphia, has recently issued a Handbook of its collection of musical instruments, which includes many of Africa. The Handbook includes a bibliography and a list of other music collections in the United States.

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Association Activities

The Board of Directors of the ASA has appointed Carl Rosberg, Jr. of the University of California as chairman of the Program Committee for the next annual meeting of the Association, which will be held in Washington in October 1962. Any suggestions from members with regard to the forthcoming program will be welcome. Walter Deshler of the University of Maryland will head the Committee on Local Arrangements.

An Archives Committee of the Association has been created, with Norman Bennett of Boston University as chairman. Members of the committee are Philip Curtin, Desmond T. Cole, Conrad Reining, Morris Rieger, Margaret Bates, and Daniel McCall.

Membership of the ASA Libraries Committee is now as follows: Peter Duignan, Stanford University, Chairman, John Galbraith, J. Gus Liebenow, Hans Panofsky, James Duffy, Mary Herrick.

African Languages

The Committee on African Languages and Linguistics of the African Studies Association is both helping to sponsor and lending support to two new journals in the field: the Journal of African Languages and the Journal of West African Languages. The Journal of African Languages will be edited by Professor Jack Berry of the School of Oriental and African Studies and will be published in London by Macmillan. It will have an international board of editors, one of whom is Professor Joseph Greenberg of the African Studies Association Committee on Languages and Linguistics. Major financial aid for the new journal is being extended by Michigan State University. It is anticipated that the scholarly articles which will be published in the new journal will provide genuine stimulus in the field and contributions will be welcome. The journal will be issued three times a year and will carry articles in English, French and German. The first issue will appear in spring 1962. Subscriptions will be $5.00 or 35/ - annually.

The Journal of West African Languages is intended to fulfill a very different function. It will be edited by Professor Robert Armstrong of the West African Language Survey, and L.F. Broshahan and J. W. Spencer of the University College, Ibadan. This journal, which will be published at the University College at Ibadan, will be devoted to materials relating to the languages of West Africa, and will concentrate on primary source material. The first issue is due in winter 1961-62; it is planned to have two numbers a year, each containing about fifty pages and priced at one dollar.

The Committee on African Languages and Linguistics has been granted informal advisory status on NDEA projects of the Office of Education and all applications for such funds are now sent to the linguistics experts on the Committee for their comments.

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African Studies Programs

A program in African studies has been established at Indiana University, with the support of the Ford Foundation. Professor J. Gus Liebenow is chairman of the program, and courses in African affairs are now being offered by George Kimble and Benjamin Garnier in geography, J. Gus Liebenow and Douglas Ashford in government, and George E. Brooks in history. The university has a two-year program in Arabic, and its departments of journalism and audio-visual communications have recently done work in West Africa. During the next two or three years specialists in anthropology, sociology, economics, folklore, law, psychology and fine arts will be added to the staff.

Students in the program are candidates for degrees in the traditional disciplines, with minors in African affairs. Various aspects of the program, however, will be interdisciplinary in character, including a Seminar on Contemporary Africa. A limited number of graduate fellowships are available.

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The African Studies Program at Boston University, in cooperation with other African specialists in the Boston area, has planned a series of six half-hour television programs to be given weekly on Channel 5. The general theme is Africa Today, with programs devoted to The Image of Africa, African Societies, African Political Systems, African Economies, and Statecraft in Africa.

Absalom Vilakazi will be part-time lecturer in anthropology at the program during the spring semester 1962. Outside lecturers during the fall semester have included Herbert Weiss of M.I.T., Thomas Okuma of the American Board of Missions, and Aidan Southall, Professor of Sociology, Makerere College.

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"Africa House", the new home of Northwestern University's Program of African Studies, was formally opened in November by G. Mennon Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. The house includes offices of the program, including the new Center for Social Science Research in Africa, seminar rooms, and study facilities for graduate students.

The program was host in November to a three-day Conference on Indigenous and Induced Elements in the Economies of Subsaharan Africa, held under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council. Papers and proceedings of the conference will be published.

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The School of Advanced International Studies, under a grant from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, is conducting for the second

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year a series of Seminars for Asian and African diplomats. The program has been centered on the theme, "The Making of American Foreign Policy."

Arthur D. Lazarus, Principal of Sastri College, Durban, has been a visiting scholar at SAIS for the fall semester. Professor Roland Young of Northwestern University will be in residence during the first semester 1962-63 to direct a seminar on East Africa since World War II.

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Personnel Changes

This column inaugurates a new section of this Bulletin which will attempt to keep track of members of the Association. The editor will welcome news of permanent changes.

Robert A. Lystad: from Tulane University to School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Jo W. Saxe: from Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, to Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris.

Paul F. Power: from St. Michael's College to the University of Cincinnati.

William Hanna: from UCLA to Michigan State University.

Barry Floyd: from Dartmouth College to Michigan State University.

Philip Gulliver: from Boston University to the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

William J. Samarin: from mission work in the Central African Republic to the Kennedy School of Missions.

George E. Brooks: from Boston University to Indiana University.

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