

Université d'Abidjan: Nouvelles de la Recherche (voir aussi *Africa*, xxxix, 1, 1969, pp. 72-3)

Institut d'Ethno-sociologie

H. Memel-Fôté: l'enquête sur le système politique traditionnel des Adjukru (sous-préfecture de Dabou), commencée en octobre 1965, se poursuivra jusqu'en mai 1969 et on espère la publication dans le courant de 1970; *A. Ferrari*: l'étude sur le centre semi-urbain de Lakota se poursuit avec la collecte des données sur les changements économiques affectant l'agglomération, l'évolution de la population féminine, et les traits caractérisant aujourd'hui la classe des adolescents; *E. Terray*: *L'organisation sociale des Dida de Côte d'Ivoire* est en cours de publication (Annales de l'Université d'Abidjan, série Ethno-sociologie).

Institut de Linguistique Appliquée

G. Dumestre: un atlas linguistique de Côte d'Ivoire et l'étude d'une des variétés de Dioula; *L. Duponchel*: l'étude de l'Alladian; *J. le Saout*: la langue des Gagou; *G. Hérault*: l'étude de l'Adioukrou; *G. Retord*: l'Agni-Sanvi; *A. Ouinde* et *P. Kokora* (chercheurs extérieurs à l'Institut): le Tagbana et le Koyo.

An Association of Africanists in Germany

ON the initiative mainly of the more junior German Africanists, an Association of Africanists in Germany (Vereinigung von Afrikanisten in Deutschland—VAD) has recently been formed. Dr. Hermann Jungraithmayr, University of Marburg, has been elected Secretary. The aims of the association are to facilitate communication between research workers and teachers in the field of African studies, whether affiliated to a university or not; to provide assistance in projects involving co-operation between different disciplines; to make contact with foreign scholars and institutions in Europe and Africa; and to provide information for the German public about the development of African studies in Germany and the work of the association. Regular activities will include an annual conference, the first of which was held at Marburg from 18 to 20 July 1969 on 'Problems and potentialities of inter-disciplinary co-operation in the field of African studies'. It is hoped to publish the proceedings of these conferences in a special series.

The Centre for African Legal Development (Centre de Développement juridique africain)

THIS Centre has been established within the Faculty of Law, Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa. Its programme includes the collection of African legal materials and their diffusion to interested persons, the production of selected documentation on the development of African law in various fields, and the holding of seminars for teachers of law and courses for post-graduate students on comparative African legal development. It is also publishing books and organizes conferences.

The Centre has received financial assistance from the Ford Foundation and the Belgian Government which has enabled it to engage academic and technical staff to equip a complete micro-copying laboratory. The Haile Sellassie I University and the Free University of Brussels are co-operating on the African Law Bibliography Project and the African Legislation Project, both of which should be completed in 1972. The former is now completing the *African Law Bibliography 1947-66*, which includes references to all books and articles on African law published from 1947 to 1966, and yearly supplements will be prepared in conjunction with the African Law Department, SOAS, University of London; the first

supplement will cover the year 1967. The *African Law Bibliography 1897-1946* is also being prepared and will, it is hoped, be published in 1971.

The African Legislation Project aims to assemble in Addis Ababa a complete collection of all African Law Gazettes and their supplements from 1900 onwards. The Gazettes and their supplements will be reproduced on micro-films, each containing 30-60 pages of printed material. The existing tables of contents of the Gazettes and their supplements are being xeroxed and bound for easy access. The Centre is also acquiring all existing indexes on African legislation and is classifying the data contained in them under subject headings and countries.

Detailed information concerning the work of the Centre may be obtained from the Director: Dr. J. Vanderlinden at either Faculty of Law, Haile Sellassie I University, P.O. Box 1176, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, or Bureau 918, Institut de Sociologie, Université libre de Bruxelles, 44 avenue Jeanne, Bruxelles 5, Belgique.

L'Introduction bibliographique à l'Histoire du Droit et à l'Ethnologie juridique

THIS bibliography of the history and the ethnology of law is being produced under the direction of Professor John Gilissen of the University of Brussels, by the Centre d'Histoire et d'Ethnologie Juridique de l'Institut de Sociologie, Université de Bruxelles. It will consist of eight volumes with a wide historical and geographical coverage from the origins of law and legal institutions down to the present day; special attention has been given to legal ethnography and customary law. The separate numbered parts of each volume are being issued as these are completed. Tome E (Afrique) contains the following parts (20-36); those printed in capital letters are now available.

20. Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia: U. Uche (London).
21. Afrique occidentale et équatoriale (ex-française): X.
22. LIBERIA: M. R. Konvitz (Ithaca).
23. ÉTHIOPIE-ÉRYTHRÉE: E. Cerulli (Rome).
24. SOMALIE: E. Cerulli (Rome).
25. Soudan: C. Thompson (Addis Ababa).
26. KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA: J. S. Read (London).
27. CONGO: J. Vanderlinden (Bruxelles).
28. Burundi, Rwanda: J. Vanderlinden (Bruxelles).
29. MADAGASCAR: M. Alliot, M. Blanc-Jouvan (Paris), et J. Poirier (Tananarive).
30. Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland: W. T. McClain (Lusaka).
31. AFRIQUE DU SUD (droit bantou): A. J. Kerr (Grahamstown).
32. AFRIQUE DU SUD (droit moderne): P. Van Warmelo (Pretoria).
33. Rhodesia, Zambia, Malawi: W. T. McClain (Lusaka).
34. Angola-Mozambique: G. Braga da Cruz et A. Costa (Coimbra).
35. Colonisation française: B. Schnapper (Bordeaux) et X.
36. Colonisation italienne: E. de Leone (Rome).

Dictionary of Amharic, by R. C. Abraham

THE typescript of the late Dr. R. C. Abraham's Dictionary of Amharic has been deposited in the Oriental MSS. department of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and is available for consultation or on loan through libraries. This dictionary, in a modified Latin alphabet, is one of Dr. Abraham's most comprehensive works but was never brought to the point of publication.

(Communicated by R.G.A.)