

A post-graduate and staff seminar is already in operation. Its theme for the first term of 1964-5 will be 'People and Cities in West Africa', while for the second term it is expected that seminars will be held on 'West African Ecology'. Opportunities exist for research, with reference to Africa in general and West Africa in particular, in sociology and social anthropology; geography (especially human and agricultural geography); history (especially economic and social history); economics; political science and government; and education.

African Literature in the Department of English, University of Ibadan

THE Department of English in the University of Ibadan has recently started an undergraduate course in African Literature, divided broadly into two sections—the Historical and Sociological Background and the Study of Present-day African Writers. The former includes intensive study of oral and traditional material and its relevance for the African writer. The study of African writers concentrates on writings by black Africans in English—originals or translations. Some attention is also paid to indigenous white African writers, expatriate writers on Africa, the Caribbean writers, American Negro literature, and relevant literature in English. An M.A. course will be offered in the field of African literary studies from 1965.

The Department would welcome news of the activities, publications, vacation seminars, and field projects of Institutes and University Departments concerned with African studies, and would be glad to supply on-the-spot information about African, and especially West African, writing and its own research activities. This may be obtained from Professor D. E. S. Maxwell, Head of the Department, and Mr. O. R. Dathorne, Lecturer.

University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: The Doke Collection

THE private library of Professor C. M. Doke, formerly Head of the Department of Bantu Studies at Witwatersrand University, has recently been acquired by the University College Library in Salisbury. It comprises more than 3,000 books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, many of them unobtainable today, and includes a number of very rare items, first editions of classic works on Bantu philology, such as Boyce's *Grammar of the Kafir Language* (1834), Koelle's *Polyglotta Africana* (1853), and Callaway's *Nursery Tales and Traditions of the Zulus* (1868); the manuscript of Torrend's *Grammar of Rhodesian Tonga*, and of MacMinn's *Bemba-English Dictionary* and his *English-Bemba Vocabulary*; and hitherto unpublished grammars and dictionaries in the languages of South-Central Africa, in some cases the only ones available (such as one in Lomwe, a Nyasaland language). More than 120 Bantu languages are represented in the collection, which is particularly strong in Shona, Nguni, Bemba, Northern Rhodesian Tonga, Nyanja, and Swahili. There are also a number of valuable collections of folklore. Many of the items have been annotated by Professor Doke, and formed the basis of his standard bibliographical work *Bantu. Modern Grammatical, Phonetical and Lexicographical Studies since 1860*. The collection has been acquired through the generosity of Professor Doke himself and with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation; when catalogued it will be available for consultation and research not only to Africanists in South-Central Africa, but to scholars elsewhere in Africa and in countries overseas.

The National Archives of Zanzibar

THE National Archives and documentary records of Zanzibar date from 1840 and include the archives of the British and German Consulates, the British Residency and the Government Secretariat. Records illustrating the internal history and administration of Zanzibar and Pemba also exist in large series. In January 1964 the Zanzibar Government opened the National Archives to research workers and provided a modern fully equipped Public

Record Office to serve them. The staff will give every assistance in the identification and use of records and will supply details of record holdings on request. To avoid possible delay it is requested that intending visitors should give notice of their arrival and of their subjects of study. Subject to statutory provision, records less than fifty years old are not available to readers. Application should be made to Government Archives and Museum, P.O. Box 116, Zanzibar.

The Italian Centre for Cultural Relations with the Swahili Area

THE Italian Centre for Cultural Relations with the Swahili Area has been formed in Rome in order to promote friendship and collaboration between the peoples of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Katanga, and other neighbouring Swahili speakers, and Italy. The Centre aims to promote and publish linguistic, historical, sociological, and economic research about the Swahili-speaking areas and to encourage the study of Swahili language and literature in Italy. It hopes to award prizes and scholarships and to co-operate with other organizations having similar aims. The President of the Centre is Dr. Andrea Oscar Crapanzano and the address, Casella Postale 2437, Roma.

New Library of Congress Bibliography of French Equatorial Africa and French Trust Territories

A NEW 78-page bibliography recently issued by the Library of Congress—*Official Publications of French Equatorial Africa, French Cameroons, and Togo, 1946-58: A Guide*—is the ninth in its series of guides to documents of African countries. It has been compiled by Julian W. Witherell of the Library's African Section and lists publications issued during the term of the Fourth Republic by the Governments of French Equatorial Africa and its four component territories (Chad, Gabon, the Middle Congo, and Ubangi-Shari), the French Cameroons, and Togo. It also cites selected documents of the French Government, relating to its administration of these countries in the period 1946-58, and United Nations publications bearing directly on the trust territories of the French Cameroons and Togo.

Within each of these categories of publications, entries (a total of 405) are arranged alphabetically by author and title. An index provides a key to authors and subjects. Although official publications received by the Library served as the basic source for compiling the guide, they were supplemented by entries which other American libraries supplied to the National Union Catalog and by citations from published French and U.N. bibliographies. Locations in American libraries or the bibliographic source from which an item was taken are cited for each entry.

This publication is for sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402, at 50 cents a copy.

Guide to Archival and Manuscript Sources relating to Africa in the United States

THE Ford Foundation has awarded a grant to the African Studies Association for the production of a comprehensive descriptive guide to American diplomatic, commercial, educational, scientific, and other documentary sources relating to Africa over the past three and a half centuries. The National Historical Publications Commission, under the Chairmanship of the Archivist of the United States, has nominated an interdisciplinary group of Africanists chosen by the African Studies Association as an Advisory Committee for the project. The Guide will also serve as the United States national volume of the projected 'Guide to the Sources of African History' outside Africa, sponsored by the Unesco-affiliated International Council on Archives. It will provide comprehensive coverage of the African archives of