

Notes and News

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Professor Malcolm Guthrie

WE record with deep regret the death, on 22 November 1972, of Professor Malcolm Guthrie FBA, Professor Emeritus of Bantu languages in the University of London and, until 1970, Head of the Department of Africa at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Professor Guthrie had many links with the Institute. With Professor A. N. Tucker he was responsible for the supervision of the International African Institute's Linguistic Field Survey of the Northern Bantu Borderland which was carried out in 1949 and 1950 resulting in the publication of three volumes of the *Handbook of African Languages* in 1956 and 1957. Professor Guthrie's own contributions to the *Handbook* included his important *The Classification of the Bantu Languages* (1948, reprinted 1967) and *The Bantu Languages of Western Equatorial Africa* (1953). In 1970 he was nominated the representative of The British Academy on the Institute's Governing Body.

W. H. Whiteley Memorial Fund

IN response to the wishes of many friends and associates of the late Professor Wilfred H. Whiteley, it has been decided to set up a Fund in his memory, with the aim of encouraging African Studies. Suggestions as to the form such a memorial should take include an annual prize of books for an outstanding student in African Studies, a scholarship for East African students, and a memorial grant for students in special need.

Any contributions from readers of *Africa* would be welcomed and may be sent to either Dr. Hazel Carter or Dr. Joan Maw, at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London WC1E 7HP, cheques and drafts being made payable to the School of Oriental and African Studies.

The Université Nationale de Zaïre (UNAZA)

IN June 1971 the three universities in Zaïre (formerly Congo-Kinshasa) took the names of the towns in which they are situated (Kinshasa, Kisangani, and Lubumbashi), and in October 1971, when the country changed its name, they were integrated as the Université Nationale de Zaïre (BP. 13399, Kinshasa; Rector: Mgr. Tshibangu-Tshishiku). Faculties, departments, and institutes have been substantially regrouped to allow disciplinary specialization on each of the three campuses.

At the Lubumbashi campus (B.P. 1825, Lubumbashi) is the Faculté des Sciences Sociales, Administratives et Politiques (Dean: Professor Luis Beltrán), and the Faculté des Lettres (Dean: Professor H. Silvestre). The former Kinshasa departments of anthropology, sociology, political science, public administration, history, and African languages (see *Africa*, xiii, 1, 1972, pp. 59-60) are now at Lubumbashi campus, as are the research centres CELTA and CELRIA. A new research centre, the Institut d'Études Sociales, is in process of formation and a new journal, *Revue Zaïroise des Sciences Sociales*, has been started. The philosophy department of the Faculté des Lettres at Lubumbashi publishes *Cahiers Philosophiques Africains* (in French and English) of which the first issue, January-June 1972, includes notes on the teaching of philosophy in African universities.

The Kinshasa campus contains the *Faculté de Droit* (Dean: Professor Bayona Ba Meya) and its *Centre d'Études de Droit Comparé Africain (CEDCA)*. The *Faculté des Sciences Économiques* (Dean: Professor Michel Norro) merges the economics sections of the three former universities and separates economics from the other social sciences; the *Institut de Recherches Économiques et Sociaux (IRES)* remains but specializes more precisely in economics and development research. *Cahiers Économiques et Sociaux* will continue to appear as the IRES journal but will deal only with economics and related subjects. The *Faculté de Théologie Catholique* and its research centre CERA also remain at Kinshasa.

At Kisangani campus (B.P. 2012, Kisangani) is the *Faculté des Sciences Psychologiques et Pédagogiques*. The Dean, Professor (Jean) Bamwisho Mihia, specializes in experimental teaching methods and educational planning and the Vice-Dean, Dr. (Jean) Nkanga Kalemba-Vita in experimental and social psychology. The Secretary, Dr. P. Erny, is an ethnologist and child psychologist. Other members of the faculty specialize in ethnopsychology and in industrial psychology. The faculty has three departments of which one (psychology) is headed by Dr. J. Gaussin, and also a *Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires pour le Développement de l'Éducation (CRIDE)*, directed by Dr. Benoit Verhaegen. It publishes a journal *Revue Zaïroise de Psychologie et Pédagogie*. The Protestant Faculty of Theology remains on the Kisangani campus.

Interdisciplinary Research Program on Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau)

THIS program of interdisciplinary research, supported by the Ford Foundation, is directed by Dr. Gerald J. Bender, Assistant Research Political Scientist, University of California, Los Angeles. It was initiated in May 1971 and is concerned with research, data collection and dissemination, and promotion of contact and co-operation between scholars.

The research projects focus on two principal areas: (1) ecological and cultural bases of agricultural economies in Angola, including the Umbundu agricultural ecosystem, and patterns and problems of cattle-raising in Angola; (2) socio-political aspects of Portuguese colonization—the reaction of Africans to a foreign presence, foreign values, and changes which have been introduced and/or projected for the future. The studies cover each colony as a separate entity with its own particular problems, Angola and Mozambique within the larger Southern African bloc, and the larger Portuguese system.

A central repository of data will be created concerning as many aspects of the Portuguese colonies as possible. The data will be in the form of library acquisitions, United Nations Secretariat documents, oral data collected in the colonies, rural agricultural survey data collected between 1960 and 1970, Angolan archival materials, photographs, and films. Colloquia, institutes and seminars are planned to facilitate co-operation and communication between scholars and disciplines.

Full-time resident UCLA staff, in addition to the Director, are Eduardo Cruz de Carvalho, Associate Research Economist, and three part-time UCLA research assistants. Part-time collaborators include Jorge Vieira da Silva, Associate Research Ecologist (University of Paris VII); Ismael Gaspar-Martins, Assistant Research Economist (United Nations, Research Institute for Social Development); and John Marcum, Research Political Scientist (Provost, Merrill College, University of California, Santa Cruz).

Report of the French Research Team on Linguistics and Literature in the Western Sudan

THE 1970–2 annual report of the *Équipe de Recherches Linguistiques et Littéraires au Soudan et au Sahel Occidentaux, E.R.A. 246* (5 avenue de la Bordonnais, Paris VII^e) is now available.