

We expect to receive firm responses within a month and then will decide whether to send out a national mailing of several thousand before the end of the academic year or wait until September. In the interim we will try to get as many different mailing lists as possible and buy a limited number of books with the first round of contributions. (We are currently applying for tax exempt status). This summer we will be in Mozambique and will collect new curriculum and reading lists as they are developed by the Ministry of Education.

With best wishes and fraternal greetings
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Dear Mr. Isaacman,

Thank you for your recent letter informing us about the establishment of the Mozambique Educational Fund.

As you are aware, Portuguese colonialism left Mozambique with very acute economic and social problems. However, during the first year of independence, the government of the People's Republic of Mozambique began to tackle some of the most glaring sources of inequality and injustice and to lay foundations for a new society.

However the end of the exploitation, the formation of a new mentality, new relations between men, and the creation of a just economic infrastructure, do not occur overnight. Only with time will it be possible to put science and technology in the hands of the working people so that they can build the development that truly serves their own interests.

It is our task in education to ensure that all this is achieved as rapidly and effectively as possible.

Although one of our guiding principles has always been, and will continue to be, the necessity for self-reliance, "*depende das nossas proprias forcas*" nevertheless we always welcome outside external support for our efforts, when based on genuine internationalist principles of solidarity between peoples.

For this reason we welcome the enterprising initiative taken by you and your colleagues in establishing the Mozambique Educational Fund and wish you success in your venture.

Ministry of Education and Culture, Maputo, 21st December 1976.

Graca Simbine

LETTER/WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

5 April 1977

Dear Colleague:

We have been invited to co-chair the section on Language Planning and Socioeconomic Development at the IXth World Congress of Sociology to be held at Upsalla, Sweden in August of 1978, and we should appreciate your help in locating persons who may be interested in participating in any of the activities of this section.

While the main responsibility of the section will be the formal presentation of four position papers on the state of the art, we shall also be concerned with organizing more informal sessions such as roundtables, workshops, lunch groups, and so forth to exchange information on work in progress and to map out areas of research that need additional effort. What we need now are: (1) detailed proposals for the main position papers; (2) suggestions for themes for the informal meetings along with recommendations concerning the specific structure of such meetings; (3) and, names and

addresses of persons who may be interested in participating.

Proposals for position papers in particular should be accompanied by a one-page description of the author's approach to the subject and a copy of the author's curriculum vitae. Papers and presentations may be done in French or in English, the customary languages of the Congress.

Please disseminate this information as widely as possible among colleagues and graduate students.

Yours truly

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARS COUNCIL BEGINS ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM. The AASC has recently launched its Advisory Services Program which offers a comprehensive consulting system by forging constructive, mutually beneficial bonds between African area specialists and groups interested in the expertise which they offer. These groups include international organizations, businesses, and African governments. The AASC Advisory Services functions as a clearinghouse for linking the specialist to the organization which has a need for his/her expertise.

The AASC Advisory Services also offers a host program for visiting African scholars and technical personnel. Emphasis is given to establishing contact with professionals in America's minority communities.

The African-American Scholars Council is a non-profit organization which retains fees that are specifically used to meet the direct administrative expenses for the Advisory Services Program. Therefore, the cost to clients for Advisory Services is maintained at a minimum.

Further inquiries should be directed to: Ms. Blaun-Eva T. Brewton, African-American Scholars Council, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 119, Washington, D.C. 20036.

THE CALL (Clearinghouse for All-Liberian Literature) is a non-profit collective of Liberians in the U.S. whose objective is to assist in the development of a popular and progressive Liberian literature and culture. The collective aims to do this by reproducing and distributing the works of patriot writers and groups, and by providing funds and technical help to writers and cultural workers for the production of original books, films, and record albums. A literature list may be obtained by writing the CALL, Box 6737, Syracuse, New York. All profits and donations go to support writers and journalists, especially those whose democratic rights have been violated.

CAMPAIGN TO STOP THE SALE OF THE KRUGERRAND. The American Committee on Africa has recently launched a campaign to stop sales of South Africa's gold coin, the Krugerrand, and to counter the \$4 million mass media campaign promoting its sale. Copies of a memo detailing successful actions—counter advertisements, city council resolutions, boycotts—as well as a brief background article on the Krugerrand are available on request from ACOA, 305 East 46th Street, New York, New York 10017.