

a special role to play in national development, the Association of African Universities organized a major summer workshop for African scholars and educators to reconsider the function of higher education on the continent. The workshop, entitled "Creating the African University," examined persistent issues involving the autonomy of universities, the use of scarce resources and limited facilities, and the apparently competing interests of students, faculties and administrators. Publications resulting from the conference should help leaders in higher education to set priorities for change and determine the kinds of relationships they must establish with governments and with other institutions of the societies they serve. This Corporation grant met the expenses of workshop participants from Commonwealth countries.

The African-American Institute (\$15,000)

From 1960 to 1970, the African-American Institute (AAI) administered the African Scholarship Program of American Universities which provided undergraduate education in the United States for more than 1500 students from 32 African countries. The major funding for the project came from the Agency for International Development, which is now undertaking an evaluation of this and other African scholarship programs. With this Corporation grant, AAI will document those aspects of the program with which it was most closely concerned. The study will be based primarily on personal interviews with students and former students, with administrators in this country, and with government officials in Africa. The evaluation should be of value to American institutions which are dealing with increasing numbers of applications from Africa at a time of diminishing scholarship resources.

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LETTER REGARDING JAMES H. ROBINSON MEMORIAL

The Board, at one of the Philadelphia meetings, asked me to visit Mrs. James Robinson to seek her ideas and wishes about the form which the proposed memorial to her husband might take. I met Mrs. Robinson at her home in New York on January 11, and while she did not have any clear ideas at that time, she did express herself strongly on the following points:

- 1) She hoped that the ASA would not use Jim Robinson's name in going to the public to raise funds for such a memorial. I ventured the opinion that, in all probability, such funds would be contributed by the ASA membership.*
- 2) She felt that as Jim Robinson knew and worked with many non-academic people, she hoped the award (assuming the memorial took such a form) would not overlook the little man who was not necessarily a scholar but who had, or was serving Africa in a small but significant manner.*

Finally, she suggested that we might seek suggestions from the total ASA membership through the Newsletter and expressed the hope that when we had received all the suggestions, I would come back to consult with her again.

*Sincerely,
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Additional contributions from members should be sent directly to: James H. Robinson Memorial Fund c/o Operation Crossroads Africa, Inc., Room 303, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011. Proposals regarding the establishment of a continuing memorial should be sent to the ASA Secretariat.