ASAUK Silver Jubilee Conference Cambridge, 14–16 September 1988

With the co-operation of the Centre of African Studies of the University of Cambridge, a conference celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the African Studies Association of the UK will be held at Newnham College, Cambridge, from 14 to 16 September 1988. Efforts are being made to raise funds to bring a number of African scholars to the conference.

A programme is being devised in which two or three panels will meet concurrently during each conference session except the last. At each panel two or more papers will be presented and discussed; presentations will be brief, since duplicated copies of the papers will be available at the beginning of the conference. The final session, which will include the presidential address and a report on the current British capability in African Studies, will be plenary and will be followed by the AGM.

It is hoped to include panels on the following topics related to Africa: refugees; the future of food aid; external debt and the politics of adjustment; crime; irrigation; conservation; political communication through popular culture; the militarisation of southern Africa; colonial Zimbabwe; rural labour markets in Tanzania and Zambia; writing by African exiles; photographs as an historical source.

Anyone wishing to convene another panel, or to offer a paper, should communicate with Douglas Rimmer (tel. 021-444 3516), Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, P.O. box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, or with Dr Henrietta Moore, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RF (tel. 0223-334594).

Cultural events and entertainments will be arranged as an adjunct to the academic programme.

The charge for attendance at the conference, including accommodation and all meals from luncheon on the 14th to luncheon on the 16th, is expected to be about £70. Appropriate reductions will be made for those attending only part of the conference and those who do not require accommodation. The Council of ASAUK has decided that concessional charges may be made to postgraduate students whose attendance is recommended by their supervisors or tutors, with preference given to those offering papers; for the full conference this charge would be about £40.

Copies of the programme and booking form will be sent to members of the Association about the end of May 1988. They can also be obtained from that time by application to Dr Nici Nelson or Mrs Lindsay Allen, African Studies Association of the UK, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ (tel. 01-930 1662).