

generate anger that will strengthen the struggle for freedom to which this tough, courageous woman gave her extraordinary energy and her life.

Jennifer Davis, Director
American Committee on Africa

LETTERS

PLEA TO AID AEQUATORIA CENTER (We received a copy of the following letter addressed to Ambassador Easum at the AAI)

July 1, 1982

About a year ago we founded at Bamanya-Mbandaka the "Aequatoria Center". At the Catholic Mission there lives Father Gustaaf HULSTAERT, the well-known linguist specialized in matters of Mongo-culture. His very rich library and archives are open now for students and other researchers.

The library has about 3,000 specialized books, the important collections of ARSOM, IFAN, etc. and also many scientific reviews in matters of anthropology, linguistics and history. Most of these come from the colonial period.

The two sections of the archives cover historical and linguistic materials. There are also more than 300 geographical maps of the area. The linguistic section comprises the numerous notes and surveys taken by Father Hulstaert during more than 55 years.

We should like to transfer this library and archives to Mbandaka, the capital of the region, in order to assure an easier consultation, a better conservation and a greater impact on the "intelligentia". With this center we would like to encourage scientific research on the cultures and languages of the people of Zaire, especially of the Mongo people living in the central basin of the country.

For this purpose it relaunched the periodical "Aequatoria" (1937-1962) under the new name "Annales Aequatoria". It is addressed to students and researchers: firstly as a source of information, and as a place of scientific dialogue between different cultures.

The Center also likes to assure follow up to teachers in cultural matters. In this way it will stimulate cultural life in a region where cultural activities on a scientific level ceased in the sixties. It is our conviction that conditions are now appropriate to promote cultural research.

To realize the transfer of the library and archives we are looking for financial aid. An older house could be transformed with an adequate infrastructure. We need some 40,000 dollars. The cultural attache of your embassy asked us to beseech you for help to realize this important project of cultural work in the region. I pray you to receive the expression of our gratitude.

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MORE LIGHT ON BRUTUS

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I am replying to your message to Assistant Secretary Abrams concerning the asylum request of Dennis Brutus, a citizen of South Africa.

We appreciate and share your concern for Professor Brutus' welfare. As you may know, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is responsible for decisions regarding asylum requests. During its review, the INS asks the Department of State to look at such requests and provide an advisory opinion. It has done so with the application for asylum filed by Mr. Brutus.

We are now conducting a thorough review of this case. Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Elliott Abrams will personally examine the Department's advisory opinion before it is sent to the INS.

R. G. H. Seitz
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

EMPLOYMENT

The *ASA News* regularly publishes a listing of positions wanted in African Studies. Persons seeking positions will be listed anonymously, identified by a key number, with a brief description of qualifications. Letters in response to any of these numerical listings should be sent c/o the key number to the office of the *News*, which will forward them to the person concerned. Programs with positions open will be listed by name. Should a prospective employer prefer to remain anonymous, however, we shall be glad to put simply a key number and a description in the *News*, and use the correspondence procedure described above.

Listings for positions open should be sent to the office of the *News* at least 4-5 months before application deadlines. Institutions are encouraged to advertise anticipated job openings whenever possible.

Rates are as follows:

Members of the Association — one free listing per year;
Non-members of the Association — \$5.00 per listing
Institutions — \$10.00 per listing

82-4 AFRICAN scholar seeks position in *African* or *Development* studies. Experienced in Southern African Liberation politics in theory and practice. Currently lecturer at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Published on various aspects of Southern Africa. Holds a Diploma in Development Studies (Oxford); M.A. (Balliol, Oxford); M.A. (Brunel, England); T.E.F.L.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

RULES ANNOUNCED FOR 1983 NOMA AWARD

The rules and conditions of entry for the 1983 Noma Award have been announced. It will be the fourth time that this prestigious annual book prize of \$3,000, available to African writers and scholars whose work is published in Africa, will be given. It is one of the aims of the Award to encourage publication of works by African writers and scholars *in* Africa, instead of abroad as is still too often the case at present.

The 1983 Award will be given to a published work (regardless of its place of manufacture) by a publisher domiciled on the African continent or its offshore islands, between *January 1 to December 31, 1982* and/or with a 1982 imprint. As in previous years, the 1983 Noma