

Archives-Libraries Committee

The Archives-Libraries Committee will meet in Washington, D.C. on April 9-10. The main purpose of the meeting is to go over proposals which are being prepared to apply for grants of funds for the Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CAMP). CAMP, which grew out of a meeting in 1963 of the Archives-Libraries Committee with members of the Association of Research Libraries, acquires microforms of important but expensive or scarce Africana, positive prints of which are then available for borrowing by participating libraries or for purchase by non-subscribers.

On May 1, the Archives-Libraries Committee, together with CAMP and Northwestern University Library and Program of African Studies, will sponsor an international conference on "Manpower Implications of Area Studies Librarianship." The conference will be held at Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois.

Afro-American Committee

Adelaide Cromwell Hill, chairman of the Committee on Afro-American Issues, has invited a group to participate in a dialogue on Black Scholars and African Studies in Kingston, Jamaica, April 17-19.

Committee on Teaching About Africa

COTA will sponsor a conference, for directors of short-term and long-term training programs for teaching about Africa, in Washington, D.C. on May 15-16. A subcommittee of COTA is preparing an agenda which most likely will include attention to resources, curriculum, and implementation of programs for teaching about Africa.

COTA's Register of Specialists continues to grow. The Register, which was begun at the end of 1968, lists specialists who have interest in and competence for providing assistance to improve the quality of teaching about Africa in the schools. The assistance takes many forms, including: teaching in institutes for teachers, giving lectures at conferences for teachers, preparing bibliographies of books and related instructional materials, evaluating the quality of instructional materials, and consulting with schools which are introducing Africa into their curricula. Compensation for services rendered is determined by the specialist and the employing organization.

Inquiries for use of the services of the Register are now running approximately one per week. Those interested in being listed or in securing the services of specialists should write to Richard B. Ford, Committee on Teaching About Africa, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts 01610.

NEWS AND NOTESManuscripts Invited for Oxford University Colonial Records Project

The Oxford University Colonial Records Project, which has been engaged in collecting original material relating to the political and administrative history of former British possessions in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, plans to inaugurate a series of edited publications. Scholars who would be interested in submitting for publication edited texts from manuscripts in the Colonial Records collection and other collections in Oxford are invited to forward their enquiries to the Projects Director at The Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 21 St. Giles, Oxford, England.

Applications Invited for Summer Study in West Africa

The African-American Institute, together with the University of Connecticut, will sponsor a program of study in West Africa this summer for American educators. The project is designed to assist teachers, supervisors and administrators in introducing Africa into curricula and improving instruction in African studies.

The program, July 7-August 21, will include lectures and seminars at the University College of Cape Coast in Ghana and the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, with field trips in Ghana and Nigeria and stops in Togo and Dahomey en route from Cape Coast to Ibadan. The University of Connecticut will award six graduate credits upon successful completion of the program.

AAI has made all arrangements for travel and accommodations. The total cost of the program, leaving from and returning to New York City, is \$1,375. The original application deadline was April 15, but this has been extended because of the mail strike. Anyone interested in the program is urged to get in touch with AAI as soon as possible. You may call (collect) or write to:

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c/o African-American Institute
866 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017
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Rocky Mountain/Southwest African Studies Association Becomes Western Association of Africanists

The RM/SwASA has renamed itself the Western Association of Africanists (WAA). The change was prompted by the growing membership of the group, especially from the Pacific Coast states.

The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association decided last October to recognize the WAA as its first regional affiliate. The exact details of the nature of the affiliation will be formulated by a committee composed of representatives of ASA and WAA.

WAA publishes a newsletter on its activities. Anyone interested in further information should write to Professor Paul Saenz, President, Western Association of Africanists, Department of Political Science, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas 76201.

ASA Members Can Receive Literature Journal Free

Thanks to a generous subsidy from the African and Afro-American Research Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, the new biannual journal Research in African Literatures will be sent free of charge to any member of the African Studies Association who requests it. Non-members with an active teaching or research interest in African oral and written literatures may also apply for a free subscription, and libraries and journals may receive it on an exchange basis. The first issue is scheduled to appear in May 1970.

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