

IV. Questionnaire des techniques, qui vise à permettre au linguiste de recueillir rapidement un vocabulaire important concernant les techniques, plus particulièrement celles d'Afrique Centrale.

V. Questionnaires thématiques: noms de plantes, noms d'animaux, l'anatomie et la physiologie animales et végétales; les phénomènes sociologiques (organisation familiale, politique et sociale, tableaux de parenté) et psychologiques avec en annexe des questionnaires sur les noms de personnes, de lignages et d'animaux domestiques; tradition orale: recueil de textes et ethnomusicologie; contacts de langues.

Ce volume est en vente à la SELAF (Société pour l'Étude des Langues Africaines), également siège de la revue *Bibliothèque de la SELAF*, 5, rue de Marseille, 75010 Paris, qui publiera également les *Actes* du Colloque.

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Mrs. Melville J. Herskovits

MEMBERS of the Institute will learn with regret that Mrs. Frances Herskovits, widow of the distinguished anthropologist and founder of the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University, died on 4 May 1972. Mrs. Herskovits, who with her husband had been closely associated with Northwestern since 1927, was active in the research which he conducted during his extensive study tours including his major research on Dahomey. After her husband's death in 1963, she continued many of the projects begun by him and edited much of his unpublished work. The Herskovits papers are part of the outstanding Africana library collection in Northwestern's University Library, where the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies is one of the most varied and comprehensive Africana collections in the United States.

The Preservation of Nigerian Antiquities

A WEEK-END symposium on the preservation of Nigerian antiquities was held at the Institute of African Studies of the University of Ibadan in April 1972. Those taking part included representatives and staff of African studies, archaeology, and history departments of the universities, the Antiquities Department, the Nigerian Antiquities Commission, the Nigerian police, and the customs department. The Chairman of the Antiquities Commission, Professor S. O. Biobaku, delivered the opening address, and Mr. Bayo Akinola, Western State Commissioner for Information and Home Affairs, inaugurated the symposium and the small but representative exhibition of antiquities arranged for its duration. Papers touching on many different aspects of the problem were presented and discussion groups were formed, focusing on three main topics: the problem of preservation of antiquities within Nigeria; the creation of institutions for the legal sale of works of art; the prevention of illegal export of antiquities. Papers were presented on antiquities in Igboland, Yorubaland, Kwara, the North-western and North-central states, but very little information was contributed on groups such as the Efik and Ibibio and the peoples of the North-eastern State. It was pointed out that many antiquities are destroyed by religious iconoclasts—Christian and Muslim—and by modern developments in the towns. Physical deterioration from natural causes as well as the decline of traditional religious worship also accounts for the disappearance of many valuable objects.

Recommendations arising out of group discussions were presented to the final plenary session. Attention was focused on certain areas which are of immediate concern and it was felt that the Antiquities Ordinance of 1953 needed to be revised to give greater protection. The greatest emphasis, however, both in the discussions and the recommendations was on mass education at school and post-school levels to stimulate and develop respect for

Nigeria's cultural heritage. It was felt that local authorities should be encouraged to preserve their own antiquities and to provide for the formation of local museums. Discussion regarding the trade in antiquities led to the conclusion that, since it cannot be prohibited it, should be regularized and the new Department of Ancient and Contemporary Arts, which is to take the place of the Department of Antiquities, should be responsible for this.

'Economic Geography': Papers on Tropical Africa

THE July 1972 issue of *Economic Geography* ('Spatial Structure and Process in Tropical West Africa') contains an Introduction by Professor Robert H. T. Smith, and papers by Milton E. Harvey, George Benneh, Jill Brindley and Alan M. Hay, J. Barry Riddell and Milton E. Harvey, Richard R. Brand, Thomas H. Eighmy, Earl P. Scott, Wayne McKim, and Polly Hill and Robert H. T. Smith. This special issue may be ordered from *Economic Geography*, Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610, U.S.A., price \$3.00; the annual subscription rate is \$11.50 (students, \$5.50) plus 0.50 on all foreign subscriptions. Please add 0.25 per volume on foreign orders to cover postage and handling. Special prices may be quoted on large orders for classroom use.

Soviet Studies in African Literature

THE African section of the Oriental Department of the Institute of International Literature in Moscow has prepared a comprehensive study of modern African literature covering English, French, and Portuguese sources, which is expected to be published in 1972 or early 1973 in two volumes. Individual studies already published and in preparation by members of the staff of the African section include: *On the National Identity of West African Literatures* (1970), I. D. Nikiforova; *African Literatures in the Portuguese Language*, E. A. Ryauzova; *Nigerian Fiction: the Short Story and the Novel*, V. N. Vavilov; *The Francophone Poetry of West Africa*, N. D. Lyakhovskaya; *Modern African Literatures in Vernaculars (Swahili and Hausa)*, Y. K. Schcheglov; *The Myth and the Folktale in Africa*, E. S. Kotlyar. A study of the interrelation between world literature and the literatures of Africa from the end of the nineteenth century to the present day is now in preparation.

'An Annotated Bibliography of Education in Ghana'

THE British Social Science Research Council has awarded a grant to aid Mr. John Bibby in his compilation of 'An Annotated Bibliography of Education in Ghana' in which he will be assisted by Mr. Paul Johnson. Their intention is to cover publications since 1957, excluding only material relating to teaching methods, and they would welcome details of relevant references especially under the following headings: (i) unpublished materials; (ii) materials not published in the U.K. or U.S.A.; (iii) dissertations and theses. They would be glad to use any help that any would-be annotators can offer. Replies should be sent to Paul Johnson, Esq., Statistics Department, the University, St. Andrews, Fife.

Institute of Commonwealth Studies: Register of Theses

SINCE the early 1950s the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, has maintained a register of theses in progress and completed at universities in the United Kingdom on Commonwealth topics. The register is kept on cards in author, subject, and country or area sequences and is compiled from various printed sources as well as from direct approaches to universities.