

stage, a courtyard for dance displays, an artists' workshop, and a library. In addition the Institute sponsors the Ife Festival of Arts, first held in December 1968, which is to become an annual event for the display of a wide variety of cultural activities. An International Seminar on Cultural Diversity and National Understanding within West African Countries was held from 14 to 19 December 1970 and an account of this will be given in a later issue of *Africa*. Publications sponsored by the Institute of African Studies include *Odu: a Journal of West African Studies*; the Institute is also one of the sponsors of the new *West African Journal of Archaeology*.

*University of Nairobi: Institute of Development Studies* (see *Africa*, xxxvi, April, 1966, p. 201)

THE Institute of Development Studies of the University of Nairobi was established in 1965. Its report published in July 1970 lists its activities, research projects, and publications under its present Director, Professor J. S. Coleman. Research has been concentrated mainly in the fields of agriculture and rural development, urban and industrial development and education, including studies on agricultural pricing and market policies in Kenya (T. J. Aldington and others); the role of chiefs and sub-chiefs in administration in Kenya (N. Nyangira); relations between the co-operative movement and the government in Kenya from 1945 to 1970 (E. Karanja); rural urban migration in Kenya (M. P. Todaro and others); and a comparative study of development of higher education in eastern Africa (J. S. Coleman).

*Institut für Bibelübersetzung, Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Lahn)*

UNDER the sponsorship of the Evangelisches Bibelwerk, Berlin, a new research centre, the Institute for Bible Translation, has been created under the direction of Professor Ernst Dammann at the Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Lahn). In addition to lectures, courses, and conferences, the Institute plans to establish a central depository of minutes, reports, letters, memoirs, private publications, etc.—published and unpublished—concerned with Bible translation in the past and present, including dictionaries, wordlists, and relevant literature from periodicals and books. These materials will be collected, catalogued, and housed in Marburg. Particular emphasis will be laid on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—the great period of missionary expansion and translation—and the scope of the work will be oecumenical and interdenominational. Its materials will be placed at the disposal of all those persons and organizations wishing to make use of them. Attention will be focused on one geographical area at a time and a start has been made with East and East Central Africa, i.e. Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, and Malawi.

*Université Lovanium de Kinshasa: Department of History*

THE Department of History was established in October 1966. Its curriculum includes two undergraduate years, leading to the *Candidature*, and two graduate years, leading to the *Licence*. It now enrolls approximately one hundred students, originating mostly from the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. The staff includes six professors, of whom five specialize in African History, three assistants, and visiting professors. Teaching and research lay emphasis on the History of Central Africa, though specialization mainly takes place during the last two *Licence* years. For *Licence* dissertations, stress is laid on research into local history, based both on available archives and oral tradition.

In 1970 the Department published a volume of essays, entitled *Études d'Histoire africaine*, i (Nauwelaerts Publishing House, Louvain, Belgium). It intends publishing one volume per year. Contributions in French or English are welcome and may be submitted to the editorial

office, c/o Dr. J. L. Vellut, Université Lovanium, P.O. Box 768, Kinshasa XI (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

*Université Lovanium de Kinshasa: Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences*

THE Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences was founded with the University in 1954. Its primary concern has been to train students in an African context by means of courses on the traditions, social structures, and institutions of Africa; African linguistics; comparative educational legislation and organization in Africa; culture and personality; special methodology for teaching African culture and language, etc. The faculty has departments of psychological sciences, educational sciences, and teacher-training. Its research centres include a laboratory of experimental psychology, a centre of comparative education for African countries, which is also a documentation centre, and a research centre for the evaluation and assessment of teachers' efficiency in Africa. It also maintains a pilot school and kindergarten and a department of psychological consultation. Research has already been carried out in various fields of psychology and educational sciences and current projects include studies in child psychology with particular reference to the personality of the Congolese pupil.

*University of Rhodesia: Centre for Inter-Racial Studies*

A CENTRE for Inter-Racial Studies, to promote research and teaching in race relations, has been established at the University of Rhodesia in the Faculty of Social Studies. The Director of the Centre is the Maurice Webb Professor of Race Relations, M. W. Murphree. An extensive research programme is planned incorporating the techniques and insights of such academic disciplines as history, economics, sociology, law, political science, education, psychology, and others, and it is hoped that local scholars will form the core of the research team. Applications to participate from scholars of universities outside the country will, however, also be encouraged. The Centre is at present involved in a major research project on the aspirations, expectations, and actual employment experiences of African school leavers, planned to run over a period of three years. It is intended to expand this project to include comparative studies among school leavers in the other racial groups that comprise the population and to start an investigation into the employment practices and objectives of commerce and industry. Correspondence should be addressed to: The Director, Centre for Inter-Racial Studies, P.O. Box MP 167, Mount Pleasant, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

*U.S. Research in Progress*

RESEARCH projects in anthropology, sociology, history, and linguistics listed in the May-June and July 1970 issues of *African Studies Newsletter* (U.S.A.) include the following:

Africa General

*John J. Braun* (Center for Applied Research in Apostolate, Washington, D.C.): a study of multiple types of religious beliefs.

*Richard W. Hull* (New York University): pre-colonial African urban development.

East Africa

*Sharifa M. Zawawi* (City College University, New York): socio-linguistic research in the Arabic- and Swahili-speaking community of Mombasa.

West Africa

*Nicholas England* (Columbia): musical repertoire and religious practices of various West African cultures.