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Register Now for 1979 AFSAA Conference

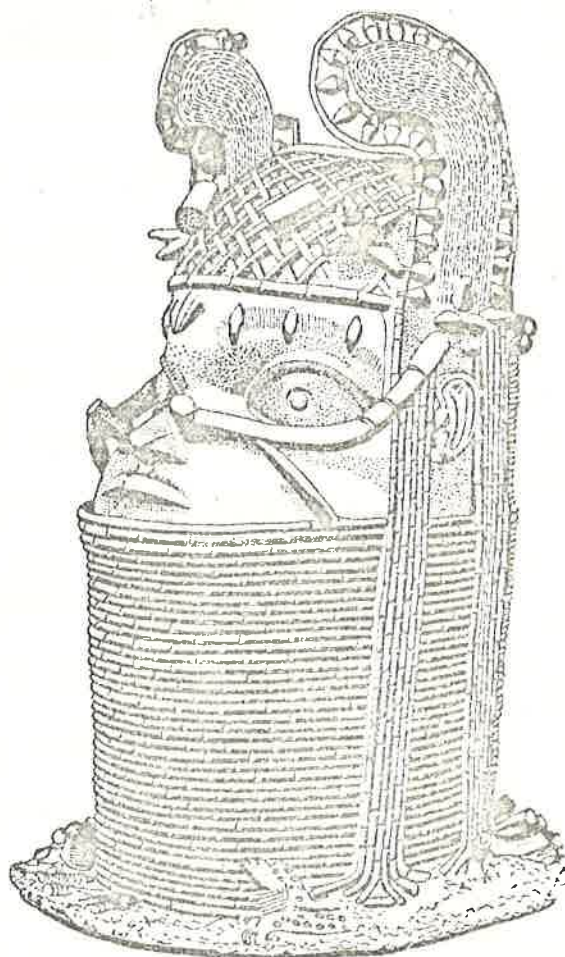
Canberra, 15-16 November 1979

Plans are now finalized for the 1979 AFSAA Conference to be held in conjunction with the Centre for Continuing Education at the Australian National University. Africanists will be joined by members of the public in exploring the theme, 'Africa: Contemporary Issues'. Three sub-themes will be followed throughout the conference: Contemporary Political Issues (section A of each panel), Contemporary Economic Issues (section B), and Southern Africa (section C). The full conference programme is enclosed.

The conference will be held at Burgman College. A concessionary fee of \$25 for AFSAA members (\$20 for students) will cover the conference and dinner. Arrangements for room and board in Burgman College may be made on arrival and cost \$13-17 per day. Child care is available at the ANU creche.

If you wish to preregister at the concessionary rate, please return the enclosed registration form by October 12th. And, if you are not already a member of AFSAA, please return the membership form and fee with your pre-registration.

People delivering papers at the conference should send a copy of their paper to the Secretary by November 1st so these can be run off for distribution at the conference.



AFSAA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m., Thursday, November 15th, during the conference. Topics to be discussed include:

1. Ratification of the Constitution. The draft constitution was included in Newsletter No. 1. A suggested alteration is the inclusion of New Zealand and Papua New Guinea in the Association.
2. Arrangements for the 1980 Conference and Annual Meeting.
3. Election of the Officers and Executive Committee for 1980. A majority of these should come from the city of the next annual conference.
4. Discussion of activities for 1980. In the first year of the association, we have concentrated on publicizing the association, publishing a Directory, and arranging the conference. Now that we are firmly established, we should begin to consider extending our activities. Suggestions made on the membership forms include:
 - Developing links with the media to get more informed African opinion on the air and in the press. The Directory might provide us with a basic resource list for this.
 - Developing guides for teaching about Africa in schools.
 - Sponsoring visits by African academics, possibly in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs.
 - Providing support for African students in Australia.
 - Sponsoring study by African refugees in Australia.
 - Developing research and/or teaching exchange links with African universities and governments.
 - Establishing relations with other area studies groups (eg., Asian Studies, Pacific Studies, Latin American Studies, Development Studies) for the promotion of area studies programmes and development of joint programmes.
 - Promoting the establishment of an African Studies Centre.
 - Establishing links with official and voluntary aid organizations to provide informed evaluations of aid programmes.
 - Encouraging the development of regional seminar groups.
 - Conducting small working conferences on select themes.
 - Applying for grants to finance any of the above.

Our resources are limited; our aims should be modest and achievable. Please bring your ideas on how we might accomplish any of the above to the General Meeting.

AFRICA: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

African Studies Association of Australia
Centre for Continuing Education, Australian National University

Canberra, 15 - 16 November, 1979

Wednesday, 14 November:

8.00 p.m. Social
Film: "Kenya - Black Man's Land"
AFSAA Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, 15 November:

9.15 a.m. Conference opening: Dr Thomas Spear (La Trobe), Secretary,
African Studies Association of Australia

9.30 a.m. Session 1: Australian and New Zealand Relations with Africa
Dr David Goldsworthy (Monash): "Australian-African
Relations"
Professor M.P.K. Sorenson (Auckland): "New Zealand-African
Relations"
Dr Ken Good (UPNG): "Australia's Relations with Black
Africa"

12.30 p.m. Lunch
The Honourable Andrew Peacock, Minister for Foreign Affairs

2.15 p.m. Session 2:

A. Demography and Settlement
Professor J.C. Caldwell (ANU): "Perspectives on
Fertility and Mortality in Africa"
Dr John Lea (Sydney): "Clearing the Fog: A Discussion
of United Nations' Recommendations on Human Settlements
Finance and Management in Africa"
Dr Helen Ware (ANU): "The Demography of Guinea"

B. Ethnicity and Class in Nigeria
Dr Adrian Pearce (Adelaide): "Network, Union and
Meaning: Urban Social Organisation in Southern Nigeria"
Dr J.A. Ballard (ANU): "The Colonial State and
Ethnicity in Nigeria"
Mr R.J. Pokrant (Salisbury CAE): "Tailoring: The
Survival of a 'Traditional' Occupation among the Hausa
of Kano City, Nigeria"

C. South Africa: Evolution or Revolution?
Mr Colin Collins (Queensland): "African Politics in
South Africa, 1943-1955: Two Approaches"

Mr Neville Curtis (Former President of NUSAS):
"The Politics of Fragmentation"

6.00 p.m. Dinner
Professor D.A. Low, Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University

8.00 p.m. Film: "Laager"
AFSAA Annual General Meeting

Friday, 16 November:

9.30 a.m. Session 3:

A. Political Succession and the Restoration of Civilian Rule

Mr David Goldsworthy (Monash): "Civilian Supremacy over the Military in Black Africa"

Dr Cherry Gertzel (Finders): "Restoration of Civilian Rule in Nigeria and Ghana"

B. Development Strategies: The Local Level

Dr Eric ten Raa (Western Australia): "The Sandawe of Central Tanzania after Villagisation"

Dr John Perry (Deakin): "Lesotho: Land, Power, and the Lie"

C. South Africa

Dr Mervyn Hartwig and Dr Rachael Sharp (Macquarie): "South Africa: Capital Accumulation, the State, and the Reproduction of Labour-Power"

Dr Mohammed Ayooob (ANU): "South Africa: Projections for the 1980's"

12.30 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. Session 4:

A. Critics of Empire:

Mr Anthony McAdam (Deakin): "Critics of Britain's Colonial Policy in Africa in the interwar Years"

B. Dependency and Decolonisation

Dr Rolf Gerritsen (ANU): "The Political Economy of a Trans-Volta State in Ghana"

Dr Richard Higgott (Western Australia): "Theories of Dependence and Decolonisation: Modification and Elaboration from French West African Experience"

C. Zimbabwe and Mozambique

Mr Griff Foley (Sydney Teachers College): "Education and Social Change in Zimbabwe, 1890-1977"

Ms Helen Hill (ANU): "Mozambique"

4.30 p.m. Concluding Session

Going Abroad?

A number of AFSAA members are now teaching in Africa and have promised to keep us in touch with recent developments. These include Jim Polhemus (Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Botswana), Klaas Woldring (Zambia), David Williams (Faculty of Law, Dar es Salaam), and Ruth Butterworth (Lesotho).

If you are going to Africa, or have information regarding teaching positions or current research conditions, we would like to publicise these in the Newsletter.

New Zealand Africa Information Centre

An Africa Information Centre has been established in Wellington to provide information about Africa throughout New Zealand and aims to serve business, educational, media and cultural interests.

For more information, contact Africa Information Centre, P.O. Box 11-551, Wellington, New Zealand.

Guyanese Scholars Arrested

Following the burning of the ruling PNC Party Headquarters and several other buildings in Georgetown, Guyana on July 11th, a number of scholars and leaders of the Working People's Alliance were arrested, including Walter Rodney, noted Africanist, Maurice Odle, Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Omawale, and Rupert Roopnarine.

The burnings occurred a week after the WPA announced that it would contest the forthcoming general election. Violent demonstrations against the WPA by the PNC-sponsored House of Israel cult were met with WPA counter-demonstrations, during which a Catholic priest was killed and a reporter for the Catholic Standard had his hand cut off. Both had been critical of the government.

For further information, contact the Los Angeles Committee for Academics in Peril, P.O. Box 25722, Los Angeles, California.

Registration Form

1979 AFSAA/CCE Conference -- Africa: Contemporary Issues

Canberra -- 15-16 November 1979

Name: _____

Address: _____

- () I enclose conference fee (\$50; \$25 for AFSAA members; \$20 for students) payable to AFSAA.
- () I enclose membership fee for AFSAA (\$4; \$2 for students; \$6 outside Australasia) and completed membership form.
- () I would like accommodation reserved for me at Burgman College.
- () I will require child care for _____ children.

Please return by 12 October to:

Dr T. Spear, Secretary,
Department of History,
La Trobe University,
Bundoora 3083

Field work, employment, or travel in Africa: (location; dates; brief description)

Main publications:

Suggestions for possible academic activities of an African studies association:

Suggestions for possible community activities of an African Studies association:

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA (AFSAA)

If you are not already a member of AFSAA, you should join now to continue receiving our mailings and Newsletter. We are also compiling a Directory of Africanists in Australia to be included in a later edition of the Newsletter. If you wish to join the association and/or be included in the Directory, please fill in the following and return to Tom Spear, Secretary, African Studies Association of Australia, Department of History, La Trobe University, Bundoora 3083.

- () I am already a paid-up member of AFSAA
- () I would like to join AFSAA. Enclosed please find my check for \$4 (\$2 for students)
- () I do not wish to join AFSAA at this time, but include the following information for the Directory of Africanists in Australia.

Name:

Title:

Position:

Address:

Office phone:

Home phone:

Areas/fields of interest:

Courses taught with an African orientation: (title; year level; brief description)

Other African studies courses taught in your institution:

African activities in your area: