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### AFSAAP News and Notes

This is the first Newsletter to appear in a year, and the AFSAAP Secretary-Editor claims exclusive responsibility for the lapse. Apologies are owed to members generally and particularly to those seeking information on arrangements for the August 1982 conference in Canberra.

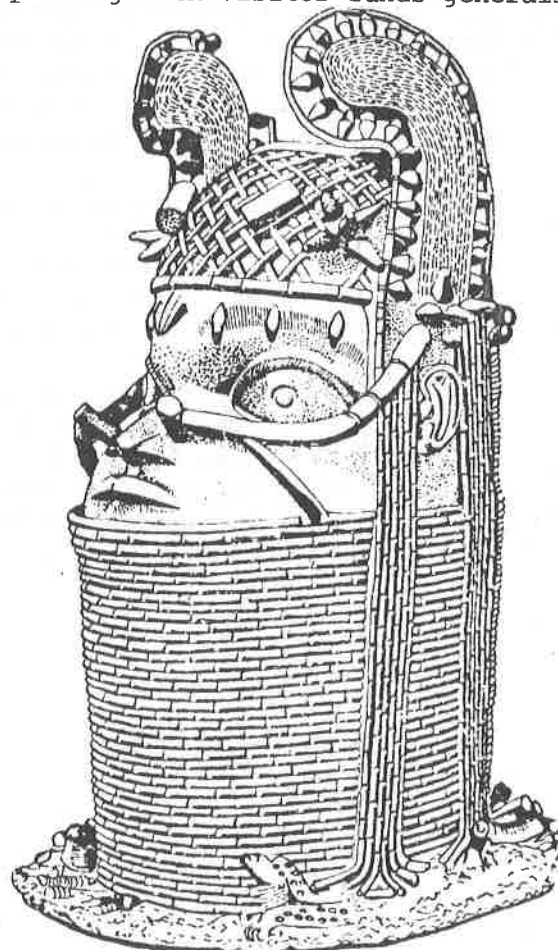
During the past year Australian relations with Africa have been intensive. The CHOGM conference at Melbourne brought more African leaders than had previously been seen in Australia and stirred coverage of African news and views in the Australian press. Since CHOGM there has been the despatch of Australian participants in a Uganda military training group, a substantial increase in Australian official aid directed to Africa, and the mobilisation of Aboriginal groups to seek African support vis-a-vis the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. On the other hand, the flood of political African visitors prior to and during CHOGM has dried up along with visitor funds generally. Nonetheless a large number of African officials will be arriving for the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and several will be visiting elsewhere in Australia before and after the Games; itineraries for some of these will appear in the next Newsletter.

The President of AFSAAP, Professor Anthony Low, who retired from the post of Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University in May, has been appointed Smuts Professor of Imperial History at Cambridge. He will be present at the AFSAAP conference and will take up his new post early in 1983.

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Membership in AFSAAP is open to anyone interested in the development of African studies in Australia and the Pacific region.

Current rates: Regular member in region A\$ 10; Regular member outside region: A\$12  
Student member: A\$ 2.

1982 CONFERENCE

The 1982 Annual Conference of AFSAAP will be held from August 24 to 26 at the Australian National University in Canberra. This year it will be organised in conjunction with the annual conference of the All-African Students Union of Australia.

The themes of the conference are those of African Cultures Past and Present, and The Future of Africa: Political, Economic and Social Perspectives, but as usual papers are welcome on other themes as well.

The keynote address will be given by the High Commissioner of Ghana, His Excellency Rear Admiral Chemogoh Kevin Dzung.

There will be a discussion of Australian links with African universities organised by John Lea of the University of Sydney, a presentation of new and visual teaching materials on Africa by Randall Pouwels of LaTrobe, and an evening series of African films during the week of the conference.

The executive of the All-African Students Union is organising an African dinner and dance for the joint conference at the Ainslie Hotel on the evening of August 25. The Union will extend its conference through to August 28, holding its annual discussions with relevant government departments on August 27 and offering a cultural show on the evening of Saturday, August 28.

Single and shared accommodation with full board for about 30 participants is available in Bruce Hall at the ANU from the evening of August 23. Drinks will be available in the Games Room of Bruce Hall from 8 pm on August 23 and registration will take place at Bruce Hall from 8.45 am on August 24.

A registration and accommodation form is attached and should be completed and posted as soon as possible by those planning to attend. Please note that \$5 is saved by registering in advance of the conference and that the limited accommodation will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis.

A list of papers already promised follows, and further contributions are welcome. Papers for distribution should reach the Conference Secretary by August 16 and should be typed on A4 paper, preferably single-spaced, for economic reproduction. Those unable to submit their papers in time for reproduction by the conference office should arrange to bring 100 copies.

PAPERS FOR AFSAAP

David Joe Achanfuo-Yeboah	Population Growth and Socioeconomic Development in Africa
Rick Higgott	The World Bank's Agenda for an Accelerated Development Program in Africa: a Critique
Tahadesse Kahsai	Education in Eritrea
John Lea	Australian-African University Contacts
Samuel Makinda	Kenya's Role in the Somali-Ethiopian Conflict
Jock McCulloch	Psychologies of Colonialism: Franz Fanon and Ottavio Mannoni
Daudi Mukangara	Anti-Dependency Policies in Tanzania
Maxwell Nematzivhanani	The Role of Youth and Current Ideologies in the Azanian Problem
James Polhemus	The Impact of Zimbabwean Independence on Regional International Relations
Randall Pouwels	Oral Historiography and the Problem of the Shirazi on the East African Coast
Liz Reid	Rural Roads in Zaire
Eric ten Raa	Ritual Syncretism
Martin Tsamenyi	Legitimation of Military Regimes in Ghana

NOTES

A small workshop on decolonisation in Africa and the Pacific, to be held preceding the AFSAAP conference in Canberra in August, will bring three leading Africanist scholars to Australia. These are Professors John Flint of Dalhousie University, William Roger Louis of the University of Texas, and John Marcum, Vice-Chancellor of the University of California at Santa Cruz. They will also be present at the AFSAAP conference.

Immediately following the AFSAAP conference the annual conference of the Australian Historical Association will be held at the University of New South Wales (26-28 August). Some twenty specialist historical and other organisations are cooperating in planning the conference program and a session on Southern African History in Transition is being organised on behalf of AFSAAP by Prof. Deryck Schreuder of the Department of History at the University of Sydney. This will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2 - 5 pm, and the following papers are on the program:

- Brian Kennedy - Comparative dimensions of the social history of South African and Australian mining
- Noel Garson - 1924: a turning point in South African history
- Jean-Jacques van Velten - Capital and mining in the Witwatersrand
- Donald Denoon - South African mining history in comparative perspective
- Peter Richardson - Chinese Indentured Labour in the Transvaal Goldmining Industry 1904-1910

Workshops in African music and dance were held at the Department of Music, LaTrobe University, in the three week period 7 -25 June, 1982. Sessions were led by African master musician and dancer Kobla Ladzekpo, now teaching at the Californian Institute of the Arts and UCLA.

The Centre for Development Studies, Flinders University, has announced the publication of North-South Problems. The Brandt Report and the Third World in the Eighties. The book is comprised of papers delivered at a one-day conference held at Flinders in November 1981. Speakers at the conference included R.D. Bakewell, Gerald Tan, Riaz Hassan, Andrew Mack and Alexander Downer. Copies of the book are available from the Development Studies Centre and the cost is \$3.00 plus postage.

Quantas has announced that it will resume scheduled flights to Africa in November 1982 with a weekly service from Perth to Harare, Zimbabwe. The airline withdrew from its Sydney-Johannesburg service several years ago for what it said were technical reasons. Its application for resumption of these flights was refused, thus leaving South African Airways with a monopoly on this lucrative route.

South Africa has appointed a new ambassador to Australia, Dr. Denis Worrall, who is expected to take up his position in early 1983. Dr. Worrall is a former academic political scientist and possesses a PhD from Cornell University. After a number of years of teaching at various South African universities he was appointed a senator in 1974 and was elected to Parliament in 1977. In 1980 he was appointed Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the President's Council. The Committee recommended broad constitutional changes that have yet to be acted upon by the South African Government.

Ian Hancock of the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, ANU is deserting African history for the more barren pastures of Australian history and is interested in receiving offers for his sets of African journals from 1968 through 1982: African Affairs, Journal of African History, Journal of Modern African Studies.

The Indian Ocean Newsletter has been established in Perth as a result of the International Conference on Indian Ocean Studies which was held in 1979. The Newsletter, which appears twice a year, is a forum for scholars and artists from all the nations of the Indian Ocean littoral and will hopefully serve as an effective agency for information of interest to all those concerned with Indian Ocean Studies. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Kenneth McPherson, Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of W.A., Nedlands, Western Australia.

ACADEMIC VISITORS

Mr. G.L. Bredon, University of Natal, visiting the Department of Economics, University of New England, until 15 September 1982.

Prof. G.O. Sofoluwe, University of Ibadan, visiting the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Queensland, for 10 days in August 1982.

Prof. S.J. Surma, University of Sokoto, visiting the Department of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, until 31 December 1982.

Prof. J. Terblanche, University of Cape Town, visiting the Department of Surgery, University of Queensland, during August 1982.

Assoc. Prof. J. Torrance, University of Witwatersrand, visiting the Department of Physiology, University of Western Australia, until the end of August 1982.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS ON AFRICA ISSUED IN AUSTRALIA & THE PACIFIC

Eritrean Relief Committee, Newsletter, Box C199 Clarence St, Sydney 2000

National Library of Australia, Africa: A Checklist of Newspaper and Microform Holdings, 1982. (Inter-library loan of this material is available. For further information on the Library's collections relating to Africa contact AREA STUDIES, National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600. Tel: (062) 621615.)

RESEARCH ON AFRICA

The primary source of funding for research by Australian university scholars is the Australian Research Grants Scheme, which has funded field research in Africa during recent years. The following is a list of projects funded by the Australian Research Grants Committee of the Commonwealth Department of Science and Technology during 1981 and 1982.

Dr. David Dorward (La Trobe) -- Cultural Response to Socio-Economic Innovation in an African Agricultural Society (Migili of Nigeria) -- \$ 13758 in 1982.

Dr. Cherry Gertzel (Flinders) -- Amin's Uganda: A Study of Tyranny -- \$ 825 in 1981.

Ian Hancock (ANU) -- The White Community in Rhodesia 1969-1980 -- \$4718 in 1981; \$ 6241 in 1982.

Dr L. Heathcote, Dr. Cherry Gertzel et al (Flinders) -- Famine in Africa and Asia since the 1890s -- \$ 12,000 in 1982.

Prof. Preston King (UNSW) -- Ethnicity and Politics in Eastern Africa -- \$ 7000 in 1982.

Current post-graduate research on Africa at the ANU (additional to listings in the last Newsletter) is listed here as instalment of listings of research at all Australian universities.

Achanfuo-Yeboah, D.J., -- Estimating Future School Enrolments for Ghana (MA Demography).

Eltahir, E. -- Economic Development of the Labour Force in the Sudan (MA Demography).

Fondzenyuy, J.L. -- Education as a Factor in the Cameroonian Labour Force (MA Demography)

Jeng, M. -- Fertility Levels, Patterns and Differentials in the Gambia (MA Demography)

Kilahama, F.B., -- Wood as a Source of Energy for Developing Countries, with Particular Reference to Tanzania (MSc Forestry).

Kufakwandi, F. -- Forestry Factors Affecting Decisions to Thin in Softwood Plantations, with Particular Reference to Zambia (MSc Forestry).

Makinda, S.M. -- Superpower Involvement in the Horn of Africa, 1974-82 (PhD International Relations).

Mezue, C. -- The Value of Children among the Yoruba of Nigeria (MA Demography)

Mugambwa, J. -- The Impact of the Legal Theory of Protectorate on British Land Tenure Policy in Uganda (PhD Law, RSSS).

Mukangara, D. -- Tanzania's Anti-Dependency Policies (MA Political Science).

AFRICA IN CANBERRA

In the last issue of the Newsletter information concerning some of the Canberra institutions dealing with Africa was provided. The present instalment brings this information up to date.

The Sub-Committee on Middle Eastern and African Affairs of the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence has recently issued its report on The Gulf and Australia which has been its main concern during the past year. The Sub-committee, which maintains a monitoring role concerning African affairs, also held hearings on Namibia in June as the last stage of preparation for its report on that country. This report is expected to be tabled in Parliament in early September. Current membership of the Sub-committee is J.D.M. Dobie (Chairman), Senator K.W. Sibraa (Deputy Chairman), Senator R. Hill, K.C. Beazley, A.C. Holding, D.F. Jull and R.M. McLean.

A Parliamentary delegation, led by the President of the Senate, Senator H.M. Young, is currently visiting Nigeria, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The following is a list of Heads of Australian Diplomatic Missions in Africa as of July 1982

Algeria	Mr. Michael McKeown
Egypt	Mr. Frank Murray
Ghana	Mr. A.F. Dingle
Nigeria	Mr. Charles Mott
Kenya	Mr. A.D.G. White
Tanzania	Dr. John Baker
Zambia	Mr. Michael Potts (acting)
Zimbabwe	Mr. Jeremy Hearder
South Africa	Mr. Malcolm Lyon

Staff of the Department of Foreign Affairs currently concerned with Africa as of July 1982

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Helen Churchward (South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland)  
Bruce Hunt (East Africa)  
Mathew Neuhaus (West Africa)



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Staff of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau concerned with Africa

as of July 1982

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Head : Mr. E. Coghill

Mr. T. Vale ( Sub-Saharan Africa )

AFRICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE, U.S.A., OCTOBER 1981

During my stay in the USA I was able to attend the USA ASA conference in Bloomington Indiana in October 1981. The size of the conference stands, of course, in sharp contrast to our own much more 'homely' Australasian conference. There was something in excess of 200 papers given on panels ranging through African art, literature, history (both regional and comparative), religion, labour organisation, migration, resource management, economic development, human rights, political thought, military government, class formation, the post-colonial State and Africa in the international political economy and strategic setting.

Particularly worthy of note, however, were four specific panels commissioned by the ASA executive and funded by the SSRC on 'Africa in the World Economy' by Fred Cooper, Michael Lofchie, Philip Curtin and Steven Langdon; 'The State and Social Processes in Africa' with papers by John Lonsdale, Jan Vansina, Ivor Wilks and Dick Sklar; 'Household and Community in African Studies' with papers by Jane Guyer, David Parkin and Sara Berry; and 'Belief and Ideology in Africa' with papers by Wyatt MacGaffey, Paul Riesman and John Paden. The major review papers in each section by Cooper, Lonsdale, Guyer and MacGaffey respectively are particularly fine reviews of the state of the art and will be invaluable teaching guides for teachers of African Studies. They are to be published in African Studies Review, XXIV (2 & 3) 1981. I do have copies of each and would be glad to provide copies for those wishing to see them sooner than the ASR (which is about a year behind on publication).

Other issues that received considerable airing at the conference were the Reagan Administration's attitude and policies toward South Africa, Human Rights and the African Intellectual, and the Perceptions and Responsibilities of the Community of Africanists. This latter issue was of particular impact given the resurrection of the issue of links between the Defence and Intelligence and Africanist Communities in the wake of the approach by the Defence Intelligence Agency to establish formal links with the major USA African Studies Centres by the disbursement of \$ 500,000 worth of grants in fiscal year 1982. All institutions approached rejected the idea of any formal relationship.

On a more informal note, I shared a room at the conference with Tom Spear who sends greetings to all friends in AFSAAP.

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AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

Information for AFSAAP Directory and Research Survey

Name and style of address, e.g. Ms, Dr, Prof :

Mailing address :

Disciplinary interests relating to Africa (e.g. History, Art, Sociology) :

Area interests within Africa (regions or countries) :

African experience (countries and dates) :

Publications, etc., relating to Africa :

Current research interests :

Recent and projected fieldwork in Africa (with dates and sources of support) :

Will you attend the AFSAAP conference at ANU on August 24-26, 1982?

Please return to Dr J.A. Ballard, Dept. of Political Science, Faculty of Arts,  
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AFSAAP CONFERENCE AT ANU - August 24 - 26, 1982

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please tick the appropriate boxes regarding preregistration and accommodation requirements and send to :

AFSAAP Conference Secretary  
Department of Political Science  
Faculty of Arts  
Australian National University  
Canberra, ACT 2600

REGISTRATION FEE

			<u>TOTAL \$</u>
AFSAAP MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	STUDENT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
\$25	\$30	\$10	

(Please note registration charge at the Conference is \$30)

I wish to attend the Conference dinner of the night of Wednesday, 25 August.

(The cost of the meal is\$10.00 but drinks are extra)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
YES	NO	

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at Bruce Hall, ANU Campus:

Single room with full board	\$27.00 per night	.....
Shared room with full board	\$20.50 per night	.....

TOTAL \$

I should like the Conference organizers to arrange for me to stay at Bruce Hall

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YES	NO

