

equally acceptable place in comparative literature not only in Ghana and other African countries, but in legal literature elsewhere in the world. Amisshah's *Criminal Procedure in Ghana* has been selected by the jury both for its high quality writing and for its excellent standard of production. The \$3,000 prize will be presented to the author in Harare, Zimbabwe, in August, 1983.

Recipients of special commendations were: *Up in Arms*, a powerful volume of poetry by the Zimbabwean Chenjerai Hove, published by the Zimbabwe Publishing House, and *Les Routiers de Chimeres*, a captivating and technically original novel by the Senegalese Ibrahima Sall, published by Les Nouvelles Editions Africaines.

Three books received honourable mention: *Iremoje Ere Isipa Ode* by Bade Ajuwon (Ibadan: University Press, Ltd.); *Njamba Nene Na Mbaathi I Mathagu* by Ngugi Wa Thiong'o (Nairobi: Heinemann Education Books East Africa, Ltd.); and *Kingfisher, Jikinya and Other Poems* by Musaemura Zimunya (Harare: Longman Zimbabwe, Ltd.). 87 titles in 14 languages, from 39 publishers in 16 African nations had been submitted for the 1983 Award. These ranged over all three categories of books eligible for the competition—scholarly and academic, children's books, and creative writing.

The Managing Committee entrusted with the selection of the NOMA winner is made up of African scholars and book experts, as well as representatives of the international book community, and is under the chairmanship of Professor Eldred Jones, Principal of Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. The Award is administered by the quarterly journal *The African Book Publishing Record*, edited from Oxford, England, and published by the Munich-based K.G. Saur Verlag. For more information, contact: Hans M. Zell, Editor, *The African Book Publishing Record*, Hans Zell Publishers, an imprint of K.G. Saur Verlag, 14 St. Giles, P.O. Box 56, Oxford OX1 3EL, England, (0865) 512934, Telex 837184 Bemsco G.

FULBRIGHT SENIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The deadline for applications for the 1984-85 Fulbright Senior Scholar Program Awards for Africa is SEPTEMBER 15, 1983. Eligibility requirements are: United States citizenship; for lecturing: usually postdoctoral college or university teaching experience at the level and in the field of the lectureship sought; for research: a doctorate at the time of application, or comparable professional qualifications; in some cases, proficiency in a foreign language; persons who have lived abroad for the ten years immediately preceding the time of application are ineligible. For more information contact: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Eleven Dupont Circle, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTS COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Membership in the Arts Council of the African Studies Association continues to expand, currently numbering approximately 110 scholars, students, and professionals in a variety of fields interested in the traditional and more recent arts of Africa. ACASA was established two years ago with the primary objectives of enhancing communication among its members and serving an advocacy role for African art with reference to universities, museums, governmental agencies and other institutions. An

annual meeting of ACASA is held in conjunction with that of the African Studies Association. The organization is governed by an elected Board of Directors, with Roy Sieber, of Indiana University and the Museum of African Art, presently serving as President. Members receive copies of the *ACASA Newsletter*, issued at least twice a year, sent airmail (at no extra charge) to members residing overseas. Regular and Institutional members pay annual dues of \$10, Special Members (students, retired, unemployed) of \$5. For further information and membership forms, please write Arnold Rubin, Secretary/Treasurer, ACASA, c/o Department of Art, Design & Art History, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (ASAUK)

In December, 1982, the offices of the ASAUK moved from the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham to: 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ, ENGLAND, where premises are shared with the Royal African Society. Individual membership fee, now £12.00, includes the quarterly journal *AFRICAN AFFAIRS* which will contain a bulletin of Association News.

Members will no longer receive *AFRICAN RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION*, published jointly by ASAUK and the Standing Committee on Library Materials on Africa as part of their £12.00 subscription. *AR&D*, starting with number 31, will be published by SCOLMA. Non-members of SCOLMA wishing to continue receiving this publication should send £6.00 (\$15.00 US) to Mr. T. French, Subscription Manager, African Research and Documentation, Main Library, University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, ENGLAND.

MAXINE DRIGGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Maxine Driggers was the Assistant Graduate Advisor at the UCLA African Studies Center until her untimely death on April 20, 1983. She came to African studies after 13 years experience in Ghana, and her first love was the music of the Asante. She received her Master's Degree in African Studies and Ethnomusicology at UCLA before beginning her work as the Assistant Graduate Advisor, which she performed with diligence and heart. This was an expression of her care for the study of Africa and the people engaged in that study. To further this study, and as an attempt to find a proper memorial for her, her family is establishing the "Maxine Driggers Memorial Scholarship" to benefit graduate studies in African Studies and Ethnomusicology at UCLA. Tax deductible donations may be sent to: "The Maxine Driggers Memorial Scholarship Fund," c/o Verla D. Huckaby, 1128 Euclid St., Apt. A, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

THE RUTH FIRST MEMORIAL TRUST—AN APPEAL

In honour of *Ruth First*, friend and colleague, who was assassinated in Maputo, Mozambique, on 17 August, 1982, we intend to create a resource centre to service and support the study of the history, economics and society of South Africa and of other countries in southern Africa. The centre will: be particularly concerned to copy and transmit materials concerned with such studies to institutions in Africa, and to make them available to scholars and others who are not affiliated to universities; act as trustee for the papers of Ruth First and other papers and documents donated, lent to, or purchased for, the centre; establish the centre initially at a University or other suitable location in Britain where its collection can be housed safely until

circumstances properly permit its transfer to South Africa; organise occasional lectures in the name of Ruth First; provide travel and research grants for suitable candidates to study at the centre; and, fund suitable projects and, as appropriate, publish their findings.

For those who are not familiar with who Ruth First was, we refer you to the obituaries published in *The Times* of London, 19 August, 1982, and the *ASA NEWS*, volume XV, number 3, July/September, 1982.

The founders of the Ruth First Memorial Trust wish to add this personal note to those obituaries: Ruth was a unique friend, with a strong sense of fun—honest, humorous, brave, modest and compassionate, impatient and with a striking vitality. These qualities made her book, *117 Days*, one of the best prison books to come out of any country.

She was always learning. She loved ideas, but not for themselves: they were precious and necessary as instruments in the process of liberation. Ideas were for Ruth continually subject to re-examination or reinforcement in the light of what she saw and learned. Her thought was constantly enriched by her experience.

As a result, she was a superb teacher. For her, academic study and research served not as a one-way street to a safe and separate world but as a straight road between intellect and action, between knowledge and change. Questions had to be asked, evidence collected, the issues argued through, then the findings and ideas communicated to others.

It is these elements from her life-work that we particularly want to propagate through the Trust.

We are confident that we shall have wide international support for our venture. Ruth was highly respected not only in much of Africa but at the United Nations, in Britain, in Scandinavia and America, and also in Italy, where she was a Vice-President of the *Lega de Diretti dei Popoli*.

We have applied for charitable status for the Trust. Meanwhile, donations should be sent to: Ruth First Memorial Trust, c/o Ronald Segal, Old Manor House, Manor Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England.

Trustees: Rosalynde Ainslie, Ruth Mompati, Ronald Segal, Joe Slovo, Gavin Williams, Harold Wolpe.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL IN AFRICA

The following material was included in an article by Louise Crane with the above title in *UPDATE: Newsletter of the Outreach Services of the African, Asian, Latin American and Russian Studies Centers*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1208 West California St., Urbana, IL 61801, issue No. 20: "Travel and Study Abroad":

(Code: s = for high school, college students; a = for teachers, adults)

Travel Literature

Allen, Philip and Aaron Segal. *The Traveler's Africa*. New York: Hopkinson and Blake, 1973.

Directory of Resources for Cultural and Educational Exchanges, International Communication Agency, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20547 (1979).

Organizations regularly offering Programs in Africa

- s AFS International/Intercultural Programs, 313 E. 43rd St., New York NY 10017.
- s/a Experiment in International Living, Brattleboro, Vt. 05301 (802) 257-7751
- s Kalamazoo College, African Studies, Foreign Study Program, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- s/a Mennonite Central Committee, 21 S. 12th St., Akron, Pa. 17501.
- s/a Operation Crossroads Africa, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011. (212) 242-8550
- s/a Peace Corps, 806 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20526. (800) 424-8580 (toll free). Also consult regional and local representatives.
- a Syracuse University, Division of International Programs Abroad, 335 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 (315) 423-3471.
- a U.S. Department of Education, International Education Programs, Washington, D.C. 20202: a) Teacher Exchange Section, IEB and b) Group Projects Abroad, contact Ralph Hines, Group Projects Officer.

RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS TO AFRICA

The University of California Research Expeditions Program (UREP) is currently recruiting field team members for the following research expedition to Africa: January-April, 1984, West Africa: "Traditional African Architecture." Document the vanishing architectural artistry of major ethnic groups in Mauritania, Mali, Upper Volta, Northern Togo, and Benin as expressed in diverse types of rural settlements and dwellings. Four sessions of one month each. Leader: Professor Jean-Paul Bourdier, U.C., Berkeley. For further information contact: University Research Expeditions Program, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, or call (415) 642-6586. No previous experience is necessary.

MR. ALAN DEATT

Mr. James Moxon, P.O. Box M.160, Accra, Ghana, is anxious to be in touch with or have news of Mr. Alan Deatt, formerly of Ridgewood, New Jersey, who in 1975 was engaged in research work into local government in Ghana.

MORE FROM THE DENNIS BRUTUS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Chicago, Illinois
February 24, 1983

In a meeting between Attorney Susan Gzesh, Dennis Brutus, and Judge Irving Schwartz on the above date, Judge Schwartz ruled: that he would not disclose non-record information given him by the INS which was classified under Executive Order #12065; that he would not rule in favor of a request that the State Department be asked to supply background to its advisory opinion in response to the application for political asylum.

It is likely that the hearing on the deportation of Dennis Brutus (to England) will resume in June when it will be necessary to bring expert witnesses to testify on various aspects of the case. Letters in support of Brutus may be sent to: Judge Irving Schwartz, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60604, with copies to the DBDC, P.O. Box 59364, Chicago, IL 60659.

ON THE DIVESTMENT FRONT

The Washington Post reported on Sunday, January 23, 1983, that the Massachusetts legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto and enacted a law requiring the two major state pension funds to divest from banks and corporations doing business in South Africa.

ACOA REPORTS

The American Committee on Africa, 198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038, has a number of publications and reports on their efforts concerning divestment, Namibia, Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and other issues pertinent to the struggle for liberation in Africa. These items are available at very low cost. For a complete list write to the above address.

ACTION URGED BY WOA

The Washington Office on Africa, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, urges people to write their congressional representative with their support for HR 1083, which has been introduced by Representative Jullian Dixon (D-CA), requiring that the U.S. Executive Director of the IMF oppose any loan application by any country which practices apartheid.

Write your Congressional representatives and members of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee asking that they support and co-sponsor H.R. 1083. Members of the House Banking Finance and Urban Affairs Committee: F. St. Germain (D-RI), chair; H. Gonzalez (D-TX); J. Minish (D-NJ); F. Annunzio (D-IL); P. Mitchell (D-MD); W. Fauntroy (D-DC); S. Neal (D-NC); J. Patterson (D-CA); C. Hubbard (D-KY); J. LaFalce (D-NY); N. D'Amours (D-NH); S. Lundine (D-NY); M.R. Oakar (D-OH); B. Vento (D-MN); D. Bernard (D-GA); R. Garcia (D-NY); M. Lowry (D-WA); C. Schumer (D-LA); R. Lehman (D-CA); B. Morrison (D-CT); J. Cooper (D-TN); M. Kaptur (D-OH); B. Erdreich (D-AL); S. Levin (D-MI); T. Carper (D-Del); E. Torres (D-CA); C. Wylie (R-OH); S. McKinney (R-CT); G. Hansen (R-ID); J. Leach (R-WI); R. Paul (R-TX); E. Bethune (R-AK); N. Shumway (R-CA); S. Parris (R-VA); B. McCollum (R-FL); G. Wortley (R-NY); M. Roukema (R-NJ); B. Lowery (R-CA); D. Bereuter (R-NB); D. Dreier (R-CA); J. Hiler (R-IN).

STOP US/SA NUCLEAR COLLABORATION

In an effort to stop US/SA nuclear collaboration, Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) introduced H.R. 1020 which would stop nuclear exports to Pretoria. In testimony before Congress, Rep. Rangel noted that his legislation would "plug the flow of US nuclear related goods and technology to South Africa" and would stop the training of South African nuclear specialists in US institutions.

It's time for these acts against peace to stop and time for the US to halt its collaboration with South Africa on the development of nuclear weaponry. There is growing momentum on Capital Hill to take action to prevent any type of nuclear proliferation and we strongly urge you to take advantage of it by: Writing to your Congressional representative and members of the Foreign Affairs Committee asking that they support and co-sponsor H.R. 1020. Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee: C. Zablocki (D-WI), D. Fascell (D-FL), L. Hamilton (D-IN), G. Yatron (D-PA), S. Solarz (D-NY), D. Bonker (D-WA), G. Studds (D-MA), A. Ireland (D-FL), D. Mica (D-FL), M. Barnes (D-MD), H. Wolpe (D-MI), G. Crockett (D-MI), S. Gejdenson (D-CT), M. Dymally (D-CA), T. Lantos (D-CA), P. Kostmayer (D-PA), R. Torricelli (D-NJ), L. Smith (D-FL), H. Berman (D-CA), H. Reid (D-NV), M. Levine (D-CA), E. Feighan (D-OH), R. Garcia (D-NY), W. Broomfield (R-MI), L. Winn (R-KA), B. Gilman (R-NY), R. Lagomarsino (R-CA), J. Pritchard (R-WA), J. Leach (R-WI), T. Roth (R-WI), O. Snowe (R-ME), H. Hyde (R-IL), G. Solomon (R-NY), D. Bereuter (R-NB), M. Siljander (R-MI), E. Zschau (R-CA).

CALL FOR PAPERS—ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES: ALTERNATIVE VIEWPOINTS

Contributions to a collection of papers under the above title are invited. The focus will be on refugees in Africa, but papers based on relevant experience elsewhere will also be welcomed. There are plans to organize a workshop in 1984 to which contributors will be invited. The purpose of this collection is manifold: to present information gained over the years by host government professionals, agency personnel, academics, and by refugees so that future programs for refugees may be able to use this information; reflect the need for radical changes in the underlying rationale and financing of refugee assistance in Africa; reveal the true nature of African refugees, that they are not all 'cultivators'; present an honest and critical re-examination of 'root causes' of refugee problems, such as the 'refugee syndrome', 'adequate nutritional and health standards,' refugee rights and organizations, etc. Contributions are welcomed from scholars concerned with this subject. However, it is our view as editors that experience and ability to comment critically (as well as to make positive suggestions for improvements) are the most important qualities in potential contributors. Accounts of personal experiences may provide the most important insights which have not been known to or considered by policy-makers. Those interested in contributing should send a short (250 words) summary of the contribution to: Barbara Harrell-Bond or Ahmed Karadawi, REFUGEE ASSISTANCE: ALTERNATIVE VIEWPOINTS, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St. Giles, Oxford OX1 3LA, England.

AFRICAN HUMANITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE

In response to a recent call by the Joint Committee on African Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council for new initiatives in the study of the African humanities from an African perspective, the University of Pennsylvania has inaugurated a series of summer institutes in African Studies. Each summer the University will sponsor a series of related courses, workshops,

lectures, and films dealing with some aspect of the African humanities and their relationship to the arts, sciences, and public affairs. Areas of study that fall within the purview of the institutes include African belief and aesthetic systems, the creative and performing arts, oral and written literatures, and forms of popular culture, set within an African historical, artistic, and philosophical framework. Courses will be taught and workshops led by specialists from Pennsylvania's African Studies faculty, from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, with which Pennsylvania has a comprehensive link program, and from other academic and cultural institutions in the United States and Abroad. In 1983, the Institute will focus on historical and contemporary forms of African theatre, art and folklore. Professor Joel Adedeji, head of the Department of Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and the Artistic Director of the University Theater Ensemble will offer a course on the Contemporary African Theater. The distinguished Nigerian playwright, Dr. Femi Osofisan, will concurrently direct a workshop whose goal will be the production of an African play. The course and workshop will run for six weeks beginning July 5, 1983, and may be taken on a credit or non-credit basis. For further information on these and other courses, lectures, and films of the Institute, contact Summer Institute in African Studies, 210 Logan Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 898-7326.

LOUISE CRANE REPORTS OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS:

BRIGHAM YOUNG CULTURGRAMS

For some of you this is not news, but others may be interested to know that I got a positive reply to the letter to Brigham Young University regarding their Africa "Culturgrams." A telephone call from their editor came almost immediately, saying they would appreciate our help on "validation" of their "Culturgrams," even offering to pay for our services. I agreed to coordinate the evaluation and, after consultation with some of you, decided to "farm out" the seven "Culturgrams" (Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe) to centers and people specialized in the particular areas covered by each piece. As indicated in my letter to those of you who took on a "Culturgram," it would have been possible—and might have been easier—to have it all done at one center, but the object was to make known the fact that there are a number of us with specialized knowledge of Africa who are concerned, ready and willing to work with those putting out educational materials on Africa. It has taken a much longer time than I anticipated to get in all the evaluations so I am just beginning to get them together, with some overall comments/suggestions, to send to Brigham Young. It remains to be seen how far they will go in implementing our suggestions.

In any case this underlines once again the importance of our using our network more effectively, beginning with learning more about each other, not only in terms of "news" but also specialties in regions or disciplines of outreach personnel, initiating common projects, etc. Some of you write and send newsletters; some don't.

TITLE VI FUNDING

For those of us who got a renewal of Title VI funding it was good news. However, while it was also good news for Northwestern, which got left out in the last cycle, this time Stanford—I've just learned—was the center to lose out. I do hope, however, that Stanford and Larry Becker will be able to continue the outreach program with other support, as did the University of Florida several years ago. As everyone knows,

all of us are threatened with the loss of Title VI funds in the next go-around since Reagan wants to eliminate it altogether. No doubt you are engaged in letter writing to Washington!

OLD AGENDA: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Before we start getting up agenda for the next ASA meeting, there are several projects agreed on at our meeting in Washington that, as far as I know, are still "hanging":

1. The resolution on the Anheuser-Busch "Dark Continent" amusement park. As you may recall, according to the minutes, when Jo Sullivan brought this up with her report to the ASA business meeting, there was a consensus of support for a "strongly worded letter to the company protesting their portrayal of Africa and offering our services as a resource for improving their parks, advertisements, etc." Pending clearance of the proposed letter through the office at UCLA, it would be written on ASA stationery and sent to Anheuser-Busch. Adwoa Dunn, who initiated the resolution, was to draft the letter and is doing so this weekend.

2. The general African Outreach brochure which Marylee Wiley was to put together (that we can distribute nationally when we attend meetings), as far as I can find out, is not ready. It may be Marylee hasn't received the information from everybody?

3. Our long discussed directory for publishers, etc.—in Jo Sullivan's hands now, I think—may also be waiting for contributions?

4. What progress, if any, has been made with assistance to African Imprint Library in selection of books, etc.? Was anyone assigned specifically to help them or was it for "all" of us? I did receive a copy of some suggestions Marylee sent them. In any case if we want to involve them in the proposed "outreach" exhibit at ASA there should be more contact from our group with them. Suggestions?

BOOKS FOR GHANA

I have just returned from a term as Visiting Professor at the University of Ghana, Legon. Although the university still thrives with nearly 4500 students, but with a sadly depleted faculty, it is experiencing an extreme problem of obtaining up-to-date books on Africa due to the shortage of foreign exchange. The situation has been acute for the last three to four years. One way that American Africanists can help relieve the situation is by donating duplicate copies of recent (post-1978) books. I am prepared to forward these in bulk to the University of Ghana. Any donations towards the cost of packing and shipping will be most appreciated. Books and any donations may be sent to Merrick Posnansky, Department of History, 6265 Bunche Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

MEETINGS PAST AND FUTURE

Congressional Non-Proliferation Task Force and the Congressional Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on South Africa on March 10, 1983. A congressional luncheon briefing followed by a strategy session, to which NGO's are invited. Topic: U.S.-South Africa Nuclear Relations.