

L'établissement d'une carte linguistique du Tchad est la première tâche confiée à la section linguistique. Cette carte figurera dans l'Atlas général tchadien dont la réalisation a été entreprise par la section de géographie de l'I.N.T.S.H. dirigée par M. le Doyen Jean Cabot.

*The Nigerian Geographical Association: 14th Annual Conference, 1969*

THE Conference, which took as its general theme 'Geography for development', was planned and arranged by the Department of Geography at Ahmadu Bello University. The Presidential Address, on the subject 'The role of geographers in national reconstruction', was given by Professor R. A. Akinola, and the following open lectures were delivered: 'Industrialization in West Africa: the need for sub-regional groupings within a regionally integrated economic community' (Professor K. M. Barbour); 'Migration policy and regional development in Nigeria' (Professor A. L. Mabogunje); 'Upper air and surface weather' (Dr. P. N. Hore); 'Travel behaviour patterns and economic development in Nigeria' (Dr. G. J. Afolabi Ojo). The Conference had a dual emphasis on the educational role of the subject in Nigeria and on its practical applications in such fields as regional planning and land resource assessment.

*African Studies at the National Chengchi University, Taiwan*

THE Graduate Institute of the National Chengchi University (Mushan, Taipei, Taiwan) is developing its Program of African Studies. In addition to the course on Contemporary Africa given since 1964 by the Director Dr. Tu Kwang-hsun, Dr. F. M. Bourret (of the Sacred Heart, Taipei) is giving a course on Political Development in West Africa and Mr. Chin, who has returned from graduate studies and field-work in London and Ghana, is teaching on the Modern History of Africa.

*Rhodes University, Grahamstown: Institute of Social and Economic Research*

RESEARCH projects being undertaken and prepared for publication by members of the Department of African Studies include the following: The decision-making process in a rural community: Lesotho (J. A. G. Perry); A study of a Chopi community in Inharrine, Moçambique (D. G. Webster); A community settlement scheme in João Bello, Moçambique (Miss K. Mack); Social and economic change in a Swazi rural community (A. N. Ross). Professor Philip Mayer of the University of Durham, formerly head of the Department of African Studies, has been awarded the University Fellowship for 1970 and is continuing his researches among the Cape Nguni people.

*Project for a Centre of New Religious Movements at the University of Lancaster (England)*

A PRELIMINARY announcement is made of the plan recently adopted by the University of Lancaster (England) for the establishment of a Centre for New Religious Movements during the next university quinquennium, 1972-7. This will encourage interdisciplinary and comparative study of the modern religious movements familiar to Africanists, and also of their equivalents in the Americas, Australia, Oceania, and parts of Asia. The Centre will be connected with the Department of Religious Studies under Professor Ninian Smart but also with other relevant departments, and will be under the direction of Dr. H. W. Turner. It is aimed to provide world documentation in this field, to offer an M.A. by course work, research facilities for higher degrees, and if funds permit to become the first depository