

to a proposed volume of comparative studies. Tentatively titled **WHEN PARTIES FAIL: EMERGING FORMS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION**, the book will be composed of case studies of political organizations that are presently taking the place of established parties, e.g., single issue, street action and fringe movements; minor parties; revolutionary movements; military juntas (provided the last do in fact have some form of political organization prior to takeover). If you are interested, please write: Professor Lawson (Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132) for further information.

Progressive Education chairperson **CRAIG CANAN** seeks input from the public for listings of periodicals to be included in a **DIRECTORY OF UNITED STATES PROGRESSIVE PERIODICALS** and one for **SOUTHERN PROGRESSIVE PERIODICALS**. The listings will include periodicals concerning peace, labor, Black, religious, environmental and many more progressive topics. Suggestions for listing should be sent to: Progressive Education, P.O. Box 120574, Nashville, TN 37212.

"LEFT-HANDED TWINS, BORN ON FRIDAY, THE 13th, 1964, NEED ASSISTANCE. I HOPE YOU'RE NOT SUPERSTITIOUS." We are on a quest in search of our past. We are seeking information re: Sir Benjamin D'urban; the Duke Durban of the time of Charlemagne; the city of Durban, South Africa; and the D'urban family of France and/or England. Please contact: Don Durban, 29402 Vista Plaza, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

Mr. A. **HUSSEIN MOHAMED**, Poste Restante, 2450 Copenhagen SV, Denmark, seeks information on the Horn of Africa (Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia). Particularly, the history of the region from 1900 to the present; the depth and magnitude of the conflict in the region; the impact and implications of the presence of five foreign military bases and troops; prospects for a comprehensive peace program being worked out for the region; and, any demographic figures which may be available, from whatever sources. Responses should be forwarded to Mr. Mohamed at the above address.

DR. R.A. OBUDHO, Africana Studies, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, is inviting original papers for a book on **Urbanization and Planning in Africa** to be published in 1982. Any Africanist interested in contributing a chapter on any of the countries or group of countries, namely, Tunisia, Gabon, Central African Republic, Congo, Zaire, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Somalia, Ethiopia, Malawi, Swaziland, and Botswana should get in touch with Dr. Obudho at the above address or call (201) 932-4733.

DR. R.A. OBUDHO, Africana Studies, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, is inviting papers for a book entitled **THE SQUATTER SETTLEMENT IN AFRICA: TOWARDS A PLANNING STRATEGY**, to be published by Preager Publishers in 1982. Any Africanist interested in contributing a chapter on any country or region except for Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, Algeria and Zambia should get in touch with Dr. Obudho at the above address or call (201) 932-4733.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

African Studies and "Defense" (continued):

Ed note: The following was received in response to a letter from ASA President Richard Sklar regarding the relationship of the Defense Intelligence Agency and academic African

studies in the U.S. (See *ASA News*, Vol. XIV, No. 4, Oct/Dec 1981. See also Special Announcements in this issue).

10 December, 1981

Dear Mr. Sklar:

Your 10 November 1981 letter to Major General Richard X. Larkin has been referred to me for reply. I succeeded him as Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Our academic research support program was announced publicly in the 27 August 1981 *Commerce Business Daily*. There was nothing covert about our approach, and there is nothing covert in our purpose. We openly solicited statements of interest and qualification for academic research support of our program. We identified the Defense Intelligence Agency as the solicitor. We stated our interest in "unclassified, publishable research" on various aspects of various world regions, Africa being only one of them.

As for your Association's 1976 resolution, we have no intention of seeking, enlisting, or employing scholars for "clandestine intelligence operations." The African Studies Association holds no monopoly on concern about any academic relationship with an intelligence agency. We too are aware of and sensitive to that concern, and its ramifications.

As you know, participation in our program is optional. If a scholar or educational institution does not wish to take part in the program, he/she or it can ignore our solicitation, and say so publicly if so desired. Some Africa Study Center directors have said publicly they will not participate in our program. That is their prerogative. Meanwhile, numerous other scholars and academic institutions have evinced interest in our effort.

We value scholarship's contributions to the national understanding of developments at home and abroad. The importance of scholarly views as a factor in the national awareness of such developments, and indeed in national policy considerations, is unchallenged. We neither intend to compromise such national assets nor to jeopardize scholarly or academic credibility and integrity. There is a wealth of knowledge about the world abroad in the American academic community. We want to widen our perspective, and scholars' perspectives, on that world. We seek scholarly help in our attempt, but only on an open, unclassified, voluntary basis.

We believe our program will succeed. We think it can contribute not only to a better understanding of the world, but indeed may benefit various peoples and nations. Our program envisions serious, unclassified, scholarly research on topics of interest and concern to many states, the results of which would be available to them for their possible help and use.

We would welcome the assistance of the African Studies Association in this effort.

Sincerely

E. A. Burkhalter, Jr.

Rear Admiral, USN

Acting Director

Defense Intelligence Agency

Washington, DC

Sklar replied:

Dear Admiral Burkhalter:

Thank you for your reply to my letter of concern about the effects of your agency's new program to support academic research in several regions of the world, including