

Les Noirs dans le Monde

A SPECIAL number of *Échanges*¹ (published in Paris by the Auxiliatrices du Purgatoire) is devoted to studies of Africans, more particularly in their contacts with other civilizations. As well as articles on such topics as 'L'Afrique noire en quête d'une équilibre', 'Proverbes dahoméens', 'La Culture orale', 'L'Univers religieux négro-africain', there are papers on racial and colour questions. Several of the authors are well-known contributors to *Présence Africaine*, the most recent number of which deals with some of the same topics.

United Nations Trusteeship Council

THE Committee on Rural Economic Development in the Trust Territories was established by the Trusteeship Council at its eighth session (318th meeting), to:

'study the prevailing policies, laws and practices which in the Trust Territories relate to land, land utilization and the alienation of land, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants, and the future economic requirements of the said Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants. (Trusteeship Council resolution 305 (VIII).)

The Committee commenced its work in March 1951 and has submitted five progress reports to the Council. The Committee has now accumulated a very considerable volume of documentation and has secured information from the Administering Authorities on various aspects of land tenure, land utilization, &c. The information so obtained has been assembled by the Secretariat in the form of comparable working papers for each Trust Territory on (a) land legislation and (b) the distribution of population and categories of land, the amount of land in each category held by indigenous and non-indigenous inhabitants, and the form of tenure under which such land is held. The memoranda submitted by the Administering Authorities and the working papers prepared by the Secretariat constitute the T/AC.36/L . . . series, which now number fifty-nine. In addition, FAO and WHO have submitted papers dealing respectively with land utilization and health in the Trust Territories and the Secretariat is in the process of preparing a study on land tenure and land utilization.

The Committee now feels, therefore, that sufficient basic data have been collected to enable it to commence the second phase of its work, i.e. to initiate the actual studies entrusted to it by the Council. For this purpose the Committee has tentatively approved an outline for its report (T/AC.36/L. 46 and Corr. 1). According to this outline, the report is to be divided into three parts: part I, on rural economic development in Trust Territories—a general synoptic survey covering land tenure and land utilization in the Trust Territories; part II, on land, land utilization, and the alienation of land in individual Trust Territories—a factual survey of existing conditions in the Territories; and part III, containing conclusions and recommendations.

Cercle Soudanais d'Études traditionnelles

IL est créé, à Bamako, Soudan français, une association dont le but est de recueillir les monuments de la tradition soudanaise, sous quelque forme qu'ils se présentent, et de faire connaître par les moyens de diffusion habituels cette tradition. Les travaux que les membres actifs doivent fournir constitueront l'élément principal des archives. Les méthodes de diffusion seront des conférences, des sections établies dans les centres de province, des articles donnés à des périodiques apolitiques. Est membre actif toute personne qui a fourni un travail retenu par le Comité de lecture, et qui verse une cotisation annuelle; toute personne

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