

## NOTES & NEWS

### SCOLMA news

SCOLMA has lost a number of friends in the world of African libraries and sources over the last few months.

**Tony Loveday** was a regular attender at SCOLMA Committee meetings and conferences during the 1970s and 1980s as the representative of SCONUL (Standing Conference of National & University Libraries) of which he was Secretary from 1973 until his retirement in 1989. He had of course a special interest in Africa and brought a wide range of expertise to SCOLMA meetings because of his long periods of service on the staff of the University of Makerere and latterly as University Librarian of the University of Zambia from 1965 to 1972. SCOLMA Committee members valued Tony's urbane and realistic comments on matters in general and his advice on the wider U K academic library scene in particular, and it is a pity that his successors as Secretary to SCONUL have not found the time to attend meetings, although the opportunity remains open to them.

**Michael Wise**, although never a member of the SCOLMA Committee, was a familiar figure to all members both for his long periods of work in Africa (12 years in East Africa in the 1950s and 1960s and several spells in Nigeria from 1974 onwards), and his activities in association with one of SCOLMA's sister organisations, the International Group of the Library Association. Editor of their journal *Focus* from 1989 until his death, he was always generous in his comments on SCOLMA's activities and publications. His own publications included editing *Aspects of African librarianship* (Mansell, 1985) and, jointly with Tony Olden, *Information and libraries in the developing world, 1. Sub-Saharan Africa* (Library Association, 1990). The editor of *ARD* met Michael every year at IFLA Annual conferences where both were honorary observers at the meetings of the Committee of the Africa Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). We appreciated the gesture by our African colleagues in asking us to be present, and tried our best to forward the activities of the Section.

**Wilfred van Hemilrijk** will be remembered by all those who attended the Silver Jubilee Conference of SCOLMA in 1987 where he presented a paper on 'African studies in Europe'. For many years associated with the *Bibliothèque Africaine* in Brussels, he worked tirelessly, but ultimately vainly to promote European co-operation in African studies, and co-operation by European institutions with their counterparts in Africa. ECAS (European Council on African Studies), founded in 1981, was largely his creation, and he used to come regularly to the UK in the 1980s and early 1990s for meetings of its Bibliographical Sub-Committee on which SCOLMA was represented. Sadly, nothing lasting ever came of all these discussions.

Finally, **Dorothy Middleton** will also probably be best remembered by SCOLMA members for the tour de force which she and Helen Wallis of the British Library jointly presented on the history of the mapping of Africa, 'The mapping and exploration of Africa and Joseph Banks', to the British Library Colloquium on African Studies in 1985. Sadly, the flavour of what was basically a performance as much as a lecture could not be captured by mere words on the page: a video to be revisited as a multimedia presentation would have been the only way to attempt it. Dorothy Middleton also gave a SCOLMA seminar on Francis Galton, and this was later published as 'Galton in Africa', *ARD*, 44, 1987. She was of course best known for her long association with the Royal Geographical Society and especially with its *Geographical journal*; her account of the exploration of Africa in the Society's *Centenary History of World exploration* (Hamlyn, 1991) is a miracle of compression.

The new *SCOLMA Directory* is on course for 2000. The 6th edition is now being compiled. SCOLMA remains committed to a new print edition, as handier for use in reference collections, for quick reference, and for many libraries in Africa itself. An abbreviated version may well also be published on SCOLMA's Web-site. Given that SCOLMA's publisher, Hans Zell, is no longer available, the present intention is that SCOLMA will publish the directory itself.

## INSTITUTIONS & ORGANISATIONS

**IASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications)**, has announced a number of new initiatives:

1. **INASP LINKS & RESOURCES** - 'Access to Information', a new feature on the INASP Web site. As part of the Web site of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications at <http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/> the new INASP Links section, which can be found at <http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/links/index.html> provides a quick-access guide to selected Web sites and Internet resources which will be of special interest to the library and information science communities, and to scientists and publishers in developing countries. In particular it is designed to assist organizations involved in electronic networks for development, and those who are thinking of moving to an electronic environment for scholarly communication.

The first two sections provide links to Web sites and resources on information and communication development, and electronic networks and ICT in developing countries. This includes links to organizations, professional associations, and NGOs active in this area who share INASP's objectives of improving access to information, and the strengthening of book and journal

publishing in the countries of the South. A separate section provides links to resources dealing with electronic publishing and computer-based scholarly communication.

A short, for the most part descriptive annotation is provided for each Web site.

In addition they include links to other agencies and networks involved in promoting sustainable development, together with links to organizations supporting book and library development, and book professional and other associations and learned societies.

There are also a number of links relating to two INASP subject-specific programmes: (i) supporting health information provision; and, (ii) information provision for South-South rural development.

A Resources section provides access to some of the best and richest Internet sites on development studies - and the major gateway sites for African, Asian, and Latin American studies - as well as offering links to some other useful Web sites and resources, including databases, bibliographies, newsletters, and more. Additionally, it provides links to, and short descriptions of, a small number of recommended Web guides, directories, and general gateway sites, as well as some recommended Internet tools, Internet training courses and tutorials, and guides to evaluating Internet resources.

The *INASP Links & Resources* section will be regularly updated, and INASP would be pleased to receive suggestions for additional links appropriate for inclusion in this section, particularly Web sites in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It would also appreciate reciprocal links from organizations, institutions, NGOs etc.

## **2.Using the Internet: Travelling Workshops for African University Librarians**

The Internet is now recognized as an important source of information. Online access to the Internet has recently been introduced in many African universities, yet librarians in those universities often feel inadequately trained in its use. INASP, through funding from DANIDA is offering a programme of 'travelling' workshops on Internet use for staff in eight university libraries in Africa. Workshop content and course training materials will be developed, initially with the assistance of the Institute for Learning and Research Technology, University of Bristol, in collaboration with local librarians and facilitators. The first workshop is being held in the University of Dar es Salaam from 26 to 30 July 1999.

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### **3. Revitalisation of Professional Associations**

The revitalization and renewal of university libraries are essential if the quality of higher education in Africa is to improve. Regional professional library associations play a crucial role. This project aims to strengthen the capacities of the two regional library associations in Sub-Saharan Africa: SCANUL-ECS and SCAULWA. It will support activities that lead to the collection of research data, the implementation of action plans, policy determination and exchange of experiences and information, over a three year period. The support offered will take the form of professional expert guidance and financial assistance. At the end of the period, it is expected that the associations will have developed the confidence, experience and skills to continue such work without outside support.

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### **4. Strengthening the Role of Public Libraries in Africa**

Over the past ten years much has been written in the professional press about the state of and role for public libraries in Africa. The Carnegie Corporation has invited INASP to commission a researcher(s) to undertake a literature search and provide a short synthesis report outlining major findings, to assist them in developing a strategy for a new program of support.

The aims of the literature search would be to provide: an up to date and comprehensive bibliography on all aspects of public library provision in Africa, taking into account work already in existence through other recent writings; a synthesis report of what is already known on the state of the existing facilities and collections, and on the directions and policies that library services to the public in Africa are moving towards; an indication of the options available for strengthening the development of access to information of communities in Africa; an indication of the gaps in present knowledge.

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Links and Resources section:

<<http://www.oneworld.org/inasp/links/index.html>>

**Commonwealth Secretariat** On 1st February, 1999, in accordance with the policy statement on the public release of Commonwealth Shared Records under the 30 year rule, the Commonwealth Secretariat released the records listed below. Copies can be supplied by the Secretariat; contact:

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#### **Records released February 1999**

##### **Part A: Commonwealth Shared Records pre-1968**

1 DIR/AST/2

High Commissioners Meetings 1967

2 CS/105/101/3

Publicity on the Secretary-General and Commonwealth Secretariat 1966

3 PAD/I28/98/4

Gibraltar Referendum 1967

4 PAD/I28/98/6i

Gibraltar Referendum 1967

5 PAD/I28/98/6ii

Gibraltar Referendum 1967

##### **Part B: Commonwelath Shared Records 1968**

6 EAD/319

Meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers and Senior Finance Officials (CFMM), London, September 1968: Minutes of Meetings and Memoranda

7 EAD/C153/6/5

CFMM: Draft Minutes, London 1968

8 EAD/C153/6/6

CFMM: Delegates and Observers, London 1968

9 EAD/C153/6/7

CFMM: Circulated Papers, London 1968

10 EAD/775

Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers and Senior Officials attending UNCTAD II, New Delhi, February 1968: Minutes of Meeting and Memoranda

11 HP/339

Meeting of Commonwealth Representatives re Second Commonwealth Medical Conference, Geneva, May 1968: Minutes of Meeting

12 HP/663

Report of Second Commonwealth Medical Conference, Kampala, September 1968: Minutes and Memoranda

13 M158/3/7

Second Commonwealth Medical Conference, Kampala, September 1968: Circulated Papers

14 M158/3/7A

Second Commonwealth Medical Conference, Kampala, September 1968: Circulated Papers

15 C158/4/1

International Congress on Mental Health, London, August 1968

16 PAD/MISC/1968

Gibraltar: Background Paper

17 PAD/128/98/2A

Gibraltar Referendum: Papers relating to Appointment of Commonwealth Team of Observers

18 PAD/128/98/2B

Gibraltar Referendum: Report of Commonwealth Team of Observers and correspondence

19 PAD/11/98/2F

Nigeria / Biafra: Background documents

20 PAD/11/98/2Vol 1

Nigeria / Biafra: Press reports

21 PAD/11/98/2Vol 2

Nigeria / Biafra: Press reports

22 PAD/11/98/2Vol 3

Nigeria / Biafra: Press reports

- 23 PAD/11/98/2Vol 4  
Nigeria / Biafra: Press reports
- 24 PAD/C151/1/5/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: Minutes of Meetings, 1968
- 25 PAD/C151/3/7/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: Working Papers, 1968
- 26 PAD/151/1/3/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: Preparations for Rhodesia Sanctions Committee Meetings, 1968
- 27 PAD/C151/1/3/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: Briefs and Records of Meetings, 1968
- 28 PAD/C151/1/2/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: General correspondence, 1968
- 29 PAD/C154/2/1  
Rhodesia Sanctions: Meeting at Commonwealth Office, 1968
- 30 PAD/C151/1/1A/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee: Drafts and Submissions, 1968
- 31 PAD/151/3/1/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee Working Party: Memoranda, 1968
- 32 PAD/C151/3/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions Committee Working Party, 1968
- 33 PAD/C151/98/2  
Rhodesian Crisis: Various Papers, 1968
- 34 PAD/151/98/3/68  
Rhodesian Crisis: Reaction of Commonwealth and Non-Commonwealth Countries, 1968
- 35 PAD/151/98/3/1  
British / Rhodesian Relations, 1968
- 36 PAD/151/98/3  
Rhodesia: British Government Statements, 1968
- 37 PAD/151/99/2/68  
Rhodesia Economic Sanctions, 1968
- 38 PAD/51/99/2/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions: Report re More Effective Enforcement
- 39 PAD/151/99/3/68  
Rhodesia Sanctions: Implementation and Effect

40 PAD/151/99/4/68

Rhodesia Sanctions: Implementation and Effect of, other than Trade

41 PAD/C172/1/1

Aid to Rhodesia: Meetings of Committee on Assistance for Training for Rhodesian Africans and related papers, 1968

42 PAD/151/98/3/68

Zambia's attitude to Rhodesia, 1968

43 EDP/04/CEC(1)

Fourth Commonwealth Education Conference, Lagos, 1968: Circulated Papers

44 EDP/04/CEC(2)

Fourth Commonwealth Education Conference, Lagos, 1968: Circulated Papers

45 EDP/04/CEC(3)

Fourth Commonwealth Education Conference, Lagos, 1968: Press Reports

46 ED/DIR

Commonwealth Conference on Mathematics in Schools, Trinidad and Tobago, September 1968: Report and Papers

47 ED/208/1/2Vol 1

School Leavers: Youth Programmes in Commonwealth Africa

48 ED/208/1/2Vol 2

School Leavers: Youth Programmes in Commonwealth Africa

49 C152/5/3A

Review of the Commonwealth: Background papers

50 INF/2475

Commonwealth Co-Operation

51 CS103/3

Commonwealth Information Centre

52 COMSEC/LEGAL/MISC

Law Officers of the Commonwealth: Study by Professor Edwards, 1968

53 CS105/102/1

Press extracts and articles on the Secretary-General and Commonwealth Secretariat, 1968

54 PAD/I13/92/1

Tanzania: Relationship with the Commonwealth

55 PAD/I27/93/1

Swaziland: Application for Commonwealth Membership



56 PAD/I29/93/1

Mauritius: Application for Commonwealth Membership

57 PAD/I73/1

Racial Discrimination, excluding Apartheid

58 PAD/C152/5/2

Commonwealth Prime Ministers Meeting (CPMM), 1969: Early arrangements and consultations during 1968

59 PAD/C152/5/2B

CPMM: Loan of additional staff

60 PAD/C152/5/2D

CPMM: Steering Committee

61 PAD/C152/5/3B

CPMM: Commonwealth Promotions

62 PAD/C152/5/3B

CPMM: Promotion of Commonwealth Seminars

### **Part C: Arnold Smith files 1968**

63 SG/CF/GIB

Gibraltar Referendum

64 SG/163/5/1/68

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

65 SG/134/68/1

Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting, London, September 1968

66 SG/111/2/68

Work of Commodities Division

67 SG/35/1/98/68

Associated States of the West Indies: Anguilla - Dispute with St Kitts

68 SG/161/4/2/68

European Economic Community (EEC) and North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA)

69 SG/12/98/1/68

Sierra Leone: Internal Affairs

70 SG/121/68/1

Visit to Ottawa, 1968

Alarm has been expressed in the press and on various electronic discussion groups about a possibly adverse fate for the African Studies collections at the

Musée de l'homme and at the Musée National des Arts d'Afrique Oceanie. The creation of a new museum has been announced by the French government, the Musée des Arts et Cultures at the Quai Branley. This is theoretically empowered to expropriate whatever holdings it would like from the other two museums, and it remains unclear what will be the fate of the remaining materials. The current Director of the Musée de l'Homme, Prof Serge Tornay is apparently fighting a rearguard action. For up-to-date details, e-mail Peter Mark & Odile Goerg <goerg@monza.ustrasbg.fr>

## AFRICA IN GENERAL

A tribute to a librarian long active on the international scene and latterly head of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of Botswana has been edited by John Feather: *Transforming libraries and educating librarians: essays in memory of Peter Harvard-Williams*. London, Taylor Graham, 1997. Not surprisingly it contains a number of articles relevant to Africa:

M.J. Menou. Culture, information and the education of information professionals in Africa, p. 25-40

K.J. Mchombu. Information support for democratization in Africa, pp. 47-56

P. Sturges. The political economy of information: Malawi under Kanuzu Banda, 1964-1994, pp. 57-74

D. Baker. Training and development in a third-world context: the Ethiopian experience, pp. 75-92

B.M. Boumarafi. Libraries and information in Algeria: past, present and future proposals, p. 123- 144

G.G. Chowdhury. The changing face of Africa's information and communication scenario, *International information & library review*, 30, 1998, 1-21 (Especially Internet connectivity)

## African studies

The vigorous debate among (principally) American academics in the professional journals (see the last few issues of *ARD*) is also being conducted among a wider range of nationalities on the electronic discussion lists, especially H-AFRICA. One of the contributions that generated the most replies was Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch's (Université Paris VII; <coqueryv@ext.jussieu.fr>) 'Africa forum' contribution: 'On Africanism [viewed from France]', on H-AFRICA (<h-africa@h-net.msu.edu>) 19

November 1998 - see especially the response by Didier Gondola (Macalester College; <gondola@macalester.edu>) on 22 November 1998, and the original author's response on the same date.

Part of the same debate can be followed in the lengthy review of Ayele Bekerie's *Ethiopic: an African writing system, its history and principles*. Lawrenceville, NJ, Red Sea Press, 1997 by Peter D. Daniels (<grammatim@worldnet.att.net>), on H-AFRICA on 19 March 1999, which is a detailed catalogue of errors and attitudes, and for interpretation of the latter calls upon the work by Stephen Howe, *Afrocentrism: mythical pasts and imagined homes* (1998)

### **Publishing & the book trade**

*Development dialogue*, 1997 (1/2) is largely devoted to reports of discussions and papers presented at the Seminar on the Future of Indigenous Publishing in Africa, held in Arusha, Tanzania in March 1996. Sponsored by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, this was the second seminar on the theme, and is referred to as Arusha II, Arusha I having been held in 1984. The papers published are: 'The cultural context of publishing in Africa', by B.W. Mkapa, pp. 7-14; 'The development and future of publishing in Africa: 12 years after Arusha I', by Walter Bgoya, pp. 15-38; and 'Book marketing and distribution: the achilles heel of African publishing, by Henry Chakava.

*Now and in the next millenium, 1990-3000: assessing Africa's scholarly publishing needs and industry*. Rev ed. ed. L. Njinya-Mujinya et al. Uppsala, University of Uppsala, 1998. 240pp. £20.00.(Includes preface 'Reflection on Africa's literature-dependence' by Kofi Anani, and prologue 'Africa in the global and developing world perspectives: a bird's-eye view of information technology, publishing and science communication' by Subiah Arunachalam)

### **Reference sources, bibliographies and information work**

ABC-CLIO have a new 'World Leaders Project', a biographical dictionary of world military leaders in the 19th and 20th centuries. They are currently seeking contributors and have issued an extensive list of names of figures for whom they would like biographical entries. Potential contributors may like to know that for an entry of 800-1,500 words, ABC-CLIO estimate that 'biographies generally take 3-4 hours to research and write', though they do add 'depending on the availability of research material' ! Some twenty African leaders appear among the list of those so far unallocated, a number from the Mahdist War, others involved in war against what is variously termed 'British imperialism', 'British colonialism' and 'British Empire'. Authors have to sign up for a minimum of five entries (15 to 20 hours work presumably, at US\$40.00

per biography). For more details, contact:

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*Almanac of African peoples and nations*, comp. Mohamad Z. Yakan. London, etc., Transaction Publishers, 1999. ISBN 1-56000-433-9. £97.00. Provides a list and profile of each major African 'ethnic, national and tribal group detailing their history, customs, economic systems and political and social organizations'. Includes distribution maps and a review of African linguistic classification.

*Africa: a bibliography of sources*, comp. Al Kagan & Yvette Scheven.. Lanham, MD, Scarecrow Press, 1998. 272pp. ISBN 0 8108-3585-1. £47.05. An important source which will be reviewed in a future issue of *ARD*.

**BUBL Catalogue of Internet Resources:** recent additions of African relevance, October 1998 - March 1999

For live links to all these resources, see:  
<<http://publ.ac.uk/link/updates/current.html>>

*Congo after Mobutu*

Set of documents providing an insight into the politics, economy and tribalism in the Democratic Republic of Congo under the administration of President Laurent Kabila.

*Democratic Republic of Congo: a long standing crisis spinning out of control*

Article examining human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo, extent of conflict, and the involvement of countries outwith Central Africa. Recommendations are made for governments and groups participating in the armed conflict.

*Democratic Republic of Congo and the Civil War*

Set of documents offering information about the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly known as Zaire. Provides figures relating to demography, culture and economy, historical facts, details of political parties and perspectives, and a selection of news articles.

*Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report*

Full text of the report from the Commission chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and established in 1995 to investigate human rights violations in South Africa committed by all sides during the apartheid era.

**Database of African theses and dissertations (DATAD).** A potentially extremely valuable initiative by the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Project for Information Access and Connectivity (PIAC). It returns to the perennial problem of recording and making accessible the research that is

actually carried out within Africa itself. Following a meeting in Nairobi in January 1998, the two organizations, assisted by Hans Zell Publishing Consultants, have been carrying out market research and implementing a feasibility study for a project to index, abstract and distribute theses and dissertations completed in African universities. The feasibility study was completed by December 1998; applications were then made to funding organizations, and it is hoped that the project itself will begin in the summer of 1999 with a sample CD-ROM available 1999/2000.

Emphasis is on the significance in world terms of getting research done on Africa by Africans into the global knowledge pool. It is hoped that there will be institutions in each region who will take responsibility for collecting and receiving information and inputting it into the database. Current plans are for an annually updated CD-ROM and for a Web site. Both master's and doctoral level work will be included, and records in the database will be in the language of submission of the thesis. Accessibility is an important part of the exercise: the AAU has been working with participating institutions to clarify copyright policies and to endeavour to ensure that all works listed will be readily available to be copied.

Although there will be initial donor agency funding, it is hoped that the whole exercise will become self-funding before long. Participating African institutions will receive the database free. Other African institutions will have a special low rate.

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**IRIN (Integrated Regional Information Network)**, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, offers a free e-mail information service on the events in Sub-Saharan Africa. There are Daily and Weekly e-mail bulletins available in English or French for three separate regions: IRIN Central and East Africa (CEA) which is also available in Kiswahili; IRIN West Africa (WA) and IRIN South Africa (SA). It is hoped in the near future that in addition to the weekly bulletin IRIN will be able to produce an individually tailored information service for countries and subject topics specified by subscribers.

How to subscribe: send an e-mail request to <joann@wa.ocha.unon.org> OR

<irin-wa@AfricaOnline.co.ci> with full name and address and contact information specifying areas of interest.

**Encarta Africana**, ed. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and K.A. Appiah. (CD-ROM. Microsoft, 1999). This work announces itself as a 'comprehensive encyclopedia of black history and culture with authoritative content'. Its origins go back to the famous and almost mythical (apart from three volumes of its biographical companion) *Encyclopaedia Africana*, devised by W.E. Dubois and given the blessing of Kwame Nkrumah and the Organization of African Unity. It was apparently intended to be the electronic realisation of this project, but controversy with the editorial headquarters of the EA in Ghana led to the present title. It comes complete with all the trappings of a multimedia product such as audio and video clips, and we await the careful scholarly reviews. One detailed analysis is the review by Molefi Kete Asante on H-Africa for 3 February 1999 (email: 76104.44@compuserve.com), which is fairly damning: 'a collection of documents from someone's attic, put together without any real order, organization or objective ... little more than the sum total of the numerous articles, some clearly dated, and audio-visuals'. The reviewer sees the 'writers of *Encarta* frequently trapped into arrogant Eurocentric postures', something the original 1963 prospectus compiled for *Encyclopaedia Africana* under the direction of Du Bois was explicitly seeking to avoid.

## EAST AFRICA

### UGANDA

A **Union list of serials in Uganda** has been compiled under the co-ordination of the University Library at Makerere. It includes 6752 items representing the holdings of 22 libraries. Currently on a database it is hoped that eventually it can be made available on a CDROM: possibly as an interim measure it may be made available to interested parties on diskette.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

### NAMIBIA

J.E. Klobas & L.A. Clyde. Learning to use the Internet in a developing country: validation of a user-model, *Libri*, 48, 1998, 163-175 (Describes a study of Internet training for Namibian information workers)

**The role of community information centres in the educational development of Namibia: papers and proceedings of the Seminar in Windhoek**, ed. K.J. Mchombu & A.E. Morais. Bonn, Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung/Windhoek, Namibian Ministry of Basic Education and Culture, 1998. 150pp.

### SOUTH AFRICA

The Institute for Contemporary History at the University of the Orange Free State, Bloemfontein, established in 1970, has now been renamed the **Archive for Contemporary Affairs (ARCA)**. It contains upwards of 900 private document collections, covering political figures, economists, and church and cultural leaders. See its website:

<<http://www.uovs.ac.za/lib/arca/default.asp>>

The **South African Military History Society**, (PO Box 59227, Kengray 21000, South Africa) is attempting to scan and mount on the Internet the full text of all the articles published since 1968 in the *South Africa military history journal*. This will include the maps, but not the photographs. The journal can be consulted at: <<http://rapidhttp.co.za/milhist>>

L. Dube. The school community library: a viable model for developing school libraries in South Africa, *Libri*, 48, 1998, 183- 196

B.J. Mostaert. Community libraries: the concept and its application with particular reference to a South African community library system, *International information & library review*, 30, 1998, 71-85

## WEST AFRICA

### NIGERIA

Udo Nwokacha, Public libraries in Nigeria: decades of persisting problems, *International information & library review*, 30, 1998, 97- 104

A.N. Uhegbu & Udo Nwokacha, Industrial conflicts in Nigeria and the information factor, *International information & library review*, 30, 1998, 143-156 (Report on a survey of 20 major manufacturing industries in Nigeria)