

Notes and News

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Dr. J. H. Oldham

WE much regret to record the death of Dr. J. H. Oldham on 16 May 1969, in his 95th year. Dr. Oldham was closely associated with the founding of the International African Institute (then the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures) and as its first Administrative Director (1931-8) contributed greatly to its early achievements. We hope to publish an appreciation in a later number of *Africa*.

French and Francophone Institutions engaged in African Studies

PARIS

Université de Paris

Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines (Sorbonne); professors with Africanist posts or interests:

- Prof. G. Balandier — Sociology.
- Prof. H. Deschamps — African History (Modern).
- Prof. R. Mauny — African History (Early).
- Prof. D. Zahan — (from 1969) African Sociology.

The *Centre de Recherches Africaines*, 17 rue de la Sorbonne, Paris 5^e, is a centre within the Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines of the Université de Paris (Sorbonne) for teachers with Africanist interests and their students.

A number of University Institutes attached to the Sorbonne are concerned with research, teaching and/or publication in African studies:

Centre de Hautes Études Administratives sur l'Afrique et l'Asie Modernes (CHEAM), 13 rue du Four, Paris 6^e (M. J. C. Froelich).

Institut d'Étude du Développement Économique et Social (IEDES), 24 rue Hamelin, Paris 16^e (Director, M. B. Maldant).

Institut d'Ethnologie (Secrétariat at the Musée de l'Homme, place du Trocadéro, Paris 16^e).

Institut de Géographie, 191 rue St. Jacques, Paris 5^e (Geography of Africa: Prof. G. Sautter).

Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Économiques — Département de Droit et Économie des Pays d'Afrique, 133 bis rue de l'Université, Paris 5^e (Director, Prof. Lampué):

Prof. M. Alliot — Law; Professor Alliot is also associated with the *Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Juridique* directed by Dr. R. Verdier, CNRS, and the *Institut International d'Administration Publique*.

Prof. P. F. Gonidec — African and Malagasy Public Institutions.

Prof. G. Leduc — Economics.

Prof. A. Philip — Economics.

Université de Nanterre: *Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative*: Prof. E. de Dampierre — Ethnology and Sociology.

Université de Vincennes: Prof. E. Terray — Economics (African Development).

École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE), (Central Offices: 44–47 rue des Écoles, Paris 5^e): post-graduate teaching and research. Two of its six sections have senior staff with major Africanist interests as indicated:

5th Section — Religions (45–47 rue des Écoles, Paris 5^e): Mme G. Dieterlen (also at CNRS); M. C. Tardits (also at CNRS).

6th Section — Economic and Social Sciences: Prof. G. Balandier (also at Sorbonne) — Sociology and Ethnology; Prof. P. Mercier — Ethnology; Mme D. Paulme — Ethnology; Prof. H. Brunshwig (also at Sorbonne) — Colonial, including Modern African History; Dr. G. Sautter (also at Sorbonne) — Human Geography.

Within the 6th Section, the *Centre d'Études Africaines*, 20 rue de la Baume, Paris 8^e, brings together the teachers and research workers with African interests, and publishes one of the main French Africanist journals, *Cahiers d'Études Africaines* (Editor, Prof. P. Alexandre).

The *École Pratique des Hautes Études* also has responsibility for a number of centres with Africanist interests, including the following:

Centre d'Analyse et de Recherche Documentaires pour l'Afrique Noire (CARDAN), c/o EPHE VI^e Section, 20 rue de la Baume, Paris 8^e.

Centre d'Initiation Anthropologique, 10 rue Monsieur le Prince, Paris 6^e (attended by a considerable number of African students).

Centre de Recherches Coopératives, 7 avenue Franco-Russe, Paris 7^e (Director, M. H. Desroche).

Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale, 11 place Marcelin Berthelot, Paris 5^e.

Collège de France, 11 place Marcelin Berthelot, Paris 5^e: Prof. J. Berque — Islamic Studies.

École Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes (ENLOV), 2 rue de Lille, Paris 7^e: includes teaching and undertakes research in African languages. Professors with Africanist interests (Linguistics and Ethnology): Prof. P. Alexandre (Bantu); Prof. J. Faublée (Malagasy); Prof. L. Galand (Berber); Prof. C. Gouffé (Hausa); Prof. M. Houis (Mandingo); Prof. P. Lacroix (Fulbe); Prof. P. Marçais (Maghreb-Arabic); Prof. J. Tubiana (Ethiopian).

Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, 27 rue Saint-Guillaume, Paris 7^e; relevant African bibliography is included in its *Service de Documentation* (M. J. Meyriat).

Centre d'Études des Relations Internationales, 27 rue Saint-Guillaume, Paris 7^e (Director, M. J. Meyriat); Prof. P. Alexandre, Mrs. T. Charlier-Yannopoulos — sub-Saharan section; publishes *Chronologie politique africaine*.

Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), 13–15 quai Anatole France, Paris 7^e: allocates French Government funds for research in both the natural sciences and humanities. Funds are allocated by the *Comité National de la Recherche Scientifique*, consisting of

thirty-four sections. CNRS finances approximately 6,000 research workers, with an annual budget of £63m. (\$151m.). Many of the French Africanists hold CNRS research appointments at various grades of seniority. These do not involve obligatory teaching activities or attachment to an institute, but some of the senior research workers do also teach at the EPHE or other institutions. The CNRS also administers a number of centres with some Africanist interests:

Centre d'Études Sociologiques, Paris.

Centre d'Études de Géographie Tropicale, Talence (University of Bordeaux).

Centre de Recherches sur l'Afrique Méditerranéenne, Aix-en-Provence.

Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-Mer (ORSTOM), 24 rue Bayard, Paris 8^e: a public corporation set up to aid developing countries by fundamental and applied research in French-speaking tropical areas, especially in the field of human environmental studies and food production. It operates research centres in the countries of former French Africa: Ivory Coast, Chad, Gabon, Central African Republic, Congo (Brazzaville), Cameroun, Madagascar. Annual budget £68½m. (\$164m.). It has over 500 research workers, mostly in natural sciences, but among whom are included some twelve anthropologists and sociologists working in Africa.

Le Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et d'Archéologie Tchadiennes, 8 rue Henner, Paris 9^e. Director, Dr. J.-P. Lebeuf.

Institut International d'Administration Publique, 2 avenue de l'Observatoire, Paris 6^e (Director, M. J. Baillou); training courses for overseas administrative staff.

Société des Africanistes (offices at the Musée de l'Homme); a long established learned society which publishes one of the major French Africanist reviews, *Journal de la Société des Africanistes*, and receives subventions from the CNRS for publications and special projects. Secretary-General: Mme G. Dieterlen (44 rue de Bellechasse, Paris 7^e).

Other learned societies with interests in Africa include:

Académie des Sciences d'Outre-Mer, 15 rue la Pérouse, Paris 16^e.

Société Française d'Histoire d'Outre-Mer, 43 rue Cambon, Paris 1^e.

Société de Géographie, 8 rue des Petits Champs, Paris 2^e.

Société pour l'Étude des Langues Africaines (SELAF), 20 rue de la Baume, Paris 8^e (Secretary, Dr. J. Thomas, University of Nanterre).

Musée de l'Homme, Palais de Chaillot, place du Trocadéro, Paris 16^e: has an African section and makes significant contributions to African ethnological studies (Director, Prof. R. Gessain, who also directs a research team working in Senegal).

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 38 rue de Cherche Midi, Paris 6^e: a research centre opening 1969, which will provide extensive library and research facilities and accommodation, available *inter alia* for Africanist research.

Special libraries and archives of relevant Government departments, e.g.:

Bibliothèque d'Afrique et d'Outre-mer, 31 quai Voltaire, Paris 7^e.

Centre d'étude et de documentation sur l'Afrique et l'Outre-Mer (CEDAOM), 31 quai Voltaire, Paris 7^e (Director, M. R. Cornevin).

Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques (INSEE), 22 quai Branly, Paris 7^e.

OUTSIDE PARIS

Université d'Aix-Marseille; staff with Africanist interests: Prof. A. Adam — N. Africa; Prof. A. J. Bourde — E. Africa; Prof. G. Manessy — Languages; Prof. I. Isnard — Geography; Prof. R. Le Tourneau — N. Africa; Prof. J.-L. Miegé — History.

Institute of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine.

Centre Africain des Sciences Humaines Appliquées (CASHA), 46 avenue Cézanne, 13 Aix-en-Provence.

Université de Bordeaux: Prof. P. Métails — Ethnology.

Centre d'Études d'Afrique Noire, Talence: Prof. D. G. Lavroff — Public Law; Prof. A. Mabileau — Constitutional Law.

Institut des Sciences Politiques, Talence.

Université de Grenoble (Institut d'Études Sociales): Prof. G. de Bernis — Sociology.

Université de Lille: Prof. G. Lombard — Ethnology.

Université de Montpellier: Prof. J. Servier — Ethnology (N. Africa).

Université de Nice: Prof. J. Poirier — Ethno-sociology (Madagascar).

Université de Strasbourg (Institut d'Ethnologie): Prof. D. Zahan — Ethnology (leaving for Paris, 1969).

IN AFRICA

There are four universities in the former French territories:

Senegal: *Université de Dakar*; M. Y. Person — African History; Prof. S. Sauvageot — African Linguistics.

Ivory Coast: *Université d'Abidjan (Institut d'Ethno-Sociologie)*; Prof. C. Pairault — Ethnology; Dr. C.-H. Perrot — African History.

Cameroon: *Université Fédérale du Cameroun*, Yaoundé; Prof. C. Tardits (also CNRS and EPHE) — Ethno-sociology.

Madagascar: *Université de Madagascar*, Tananarive.

Each country of French West Africa also had a local centre of the *Institut Français d'Afrique Noire* (Dakar) which undertook Africanist research in the social and natural sciences. Since independence these local centres have become independent research institutes as follows:

Senegal: *Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire*, Dakar (now associated with the University of Dakar); Director, Prof. M. Fougeyrollas — Social Psychology.

Mali: *Institut des Sciences Humaines du Mali* (Director, M. G. Traoré).

Guinea: *Institut National de Recherches et de Documentation*.

Ivory Coast: *Centre National de Documentation*; M. J. Tournier.

There is also an independent *Centre des Sciences Humaines*; M. B. Holas.

Niger: *Centre Nigérien de Recherches en Sciences Humaines*, Niamey; M. D. Laya.

Upper Volta: *Centre Voltaïque de la Recherche Scientifique*.