

analysis and information on the Comoro Islands will be of interest and value to Africanists concerned with the Swahili-speaking peoples and with early population movements in the Western Indian Ocean region. Communications may be sent to Martin Ottenheimer, B.P. 8, Domoni, Anjouan, Archipel des Comores.

African Studies Department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

AN African Studies department has been established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a joint project of the Institute of Asian and African Studies (formerly the Institute of Oriental Studies) and the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences. The department offers a programme leading to M.A. degrees in African history and in the social sciences. It is hoped to cover other branches of African studies in the future. Students may continue their training at a postgraduate level in the respective departments. Special attention is paid to the interdisciplinary approach to African studies.

Scholars in Israel have studied at close range problems of building a nation from multi-ethnic groups, characterized by cultural diversification and uneven educational advantages, as well as the struggle to achieve economic independence. Such problems are common to Israel and the African nations. In framing the teaching and research programme of the new department, prominence is given to the study of the history of Islam in Africa. The chairman of the Committee of African Studies is Professor S. N. Eisenstadt (Sociology), and the department co-ordinator is Dr. N. Levtzion (African History).

Makerere Institute of Social Research

THE East African Institute of Social Research in Kampala, Uganda, has recently changed its name to the Makerere Institute of Social Research and has been reorganized to integrate it more closely with the various social sciences departments of Makerere University College. Its main function, to organize and conduct independent research studies on the economic, social, and political problems of East Africa, remains the same.

The Institute also aims to provide research experience for young East Africans interested in academic careers, to develop teaching materials for university students, and to undertake contract research for government agencies on short-term policy issues. Research workers at the Institute have access to a working library dealing almost entirely with Africa, card punching and sorting equipment, and a modern electronic computer.

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