

Notes and News

African Studies in the United States

THE *African Studies Bulletin*, vol. viii, April 1965, contains a summary of information on African Studies in the United States, by David Brokensha, based on material previously published in the *Bulletin*. Institutions are divided into two main classes: those with a formally constituted programme, centre or committee, and those which have no formal African Studies programme but offer courses dealing with Africa through their regular departments.

In the same number of the *Bulletin* Robert A. Lystad and Robert D. Baum survey the field of private and government-sponsored research on Africa. Private research is discussed in the disciplines of political science, anthropology, economics, psychology, and education. The section on government-sponsored research deals with the government's programme, the role of FAR (the interdepartmental Foreign Area Research Co-ordination Group), and co-operation with private research.

University of Florida: African Studies Program

THE African Studies Program of the University of Florida is designed to expand existing undergraduate area programs in the field of African affairs. Its immediate objective is to establish an undergraduate social-science program, with supporting work in African linguistics focused on Africa south of the Sahara. The program, which is sponsored by the National Defense Education Act, is administered by an African Studies Center, whose subsidiary functions are to facilitate and further interdisciplinary research and collaboration, and comparative research projects in connexion with Latin American countries are anticipated. The projected activities of the African Studies Center include, besides lectures and seminars, the presentation of visiting lecturers from other American universities, the purchase of teaching and laboratory material for language instruction, and the acquisition of African materials for the University Library. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Professor R. Lemarchand, African Studies Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

African Studies at McGill University, Montreal

IN October 1963 McGill University, Montreal, established a Centre for Developing-Area Studies designed to provide academic facilities for study of the development process in the economically less advanced countries. The Centre has a special interest in West Africa, the West Indies, and South Asia. In regard to West Africa, the Centre hopes to obtain the co-operation of the French-speaking universities in Quebec so that research can be carried out jointly in both English and French-speaking West Africa.

The Centre is designed as an inter-disciplinary attack on the problems of development. Basic research is at the heart of the programme. The main fields of study, in respect of West Africa are: Economics, including the theory of development, economic history, monetary and financial problems, agricultural economics, and international economics; Politics and Government, including special aspects of political and administrative modernization, public law and international relations; Social Organization, including social change, social policy, community development, urbanization, demography, and resource utilization.

Fellowships are being awarded to several categories of graduate students, who will be registered in the university department of their choice. The programme is open to students