

ANNOUNCEMENTS

California Newsreel, a San Francisco based, non-profit film and video distributor, was recently named the recipient of the first grant in the Rockefeller Foundation's new National Video Resources program. National Video Resources is a five-year, five million dollar initiative to expand the diversity of media available to Americans through innovative applications of videocassette technology.

Its first grant to California Newsreel will establish a new video publishing imprint, the **Library of African Cinema**, which will release each year the outstanding examples of an emerging African cinema. This project represents one of the most ambitious attempts to make contemporary African culture available to a broad American audience.

The Library of African Cinema is designed to circumvent the roadblocks to the distribution of non-Western cinema presented by theatrical and television exhibition. It will establish an alternative, decentralized videocassette distribution network reaching into schools, libraries and living rooms across the country. For the first time, films such as *Yeelen* (Mali), *Mapantsula* (South Africa), *Zan Boko* (Burkina Faso) and *Saaraba* (Senegal) will be available to Americans anywhere.

The National Video Resources grant specifically supports a national campaign to introduce the new African cinema to educators, librarians and ordinary video viewers. California Newsreel will sponsor video festivals at key professional conferences, six regional premiers and a program guide containing background essays on each title. It will also conduct 24 demonstration projects at public libraries and retail video stores in selected inner city neighborhoods promoting these videos as an important new cultural resource of special interest to African-American audiences.

For more information on the Library of African Cinema, please contact Cornelius Moore, California Newsreel, 149 Ninth Street/420, San Francisco, CA 94103. Telephone 415-621-6196.

Africans resident in Africa can access ASA annual meeting papers (1988 and 1989) free of charge through PADIS, the Pan-African Documentation and Information Service, in the following ways:

1. Writing PADIS and requesting lists of the papers. Copies of individual papers may then be requested. Address: PADIS/UNECA, PO Box 3001, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
2. Requesting database searches (on specific topics) from

PADIS. If ASA papers are among the references listed, copies can then be requested.

The African Studies Program of Indiana University announces the availability of the following publications:

Sam E. Ifidon. *Collection Development in African University Libraries: Challenges and Frustrations*. Monographs on Africana Librarianship No. 1, 1990. \$4.00.

Nancy J. Schmidt. *Supplement to Reports on AIDS in the African Press: An Annotated Bibliography*. September 1990. \$5.00.

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Nancy J. Schmidt. *Resources for Teaching About the Social Impact of AIDS in Africa*. January 1990. \$2.00.

Write to Publications, African Studies Program, 221 Woodburn Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. Telephone 812-855-5082.

The African Governance Program of the Carter Center of Emory University announces the publication of *African Governance in the 1990s*, the working papers of the Second Annual Seminar which was held 23-25 March 1990. The 27 papers cover such issues as economic restructuring, the political capacity of voluntary and communal associations, issues of political reform and renewal and the case for democratization. Half the papers were prepared by African scholars and half by development and human rights experts.

Copies can be obtained by individuals for \$15 and by institutions for \$22.50. Single copies will be made available on request free of charge to scholars and institutions in Africa.

The conference report is expected to be available during the final quarter of 1990. Requests should be sent to the African Governance Program, Carter Center of Emory University, One Copenhill, Atlanta, GA 30307. Telefax 404-420-5196. Make checks payable to The Carter Center.

The African Governance Program of The Carter Center of Emory University will begin publication of a bimonthly *Bulletin on Transitions to Democracy in Africa* beginning in October 1990. The first two issues will be distributed

free of charge.

Reports in the *Bulletin* will be based on an evaluative framework devised by a comparative research group.

To obtain copies and subscription information, write to the African Governance Program, Carter Center of Emory University, One Copenhill, Atlanta, GA 30307. Telefax 404-420-5196.

The third Conference of African Ministers of Culture has endorsed the opening in Harare, Zimbabwe, of ACTPA, the African Centre for the Training of Performing Artists.

Moreover, the Nordic developmental authorities—DANIDA, Denmark; NORAD, Norway; SIDA, Sweden; possibly to be joined by FINNIDA, Finland—have agreed to grant substantial funding for the initial three-year project.

The International Amateur Theatre Association congratulates all those involved in the preparatory stages of the project!

For more information, contact John Ytteborg, Secretary General, aita/iata, Vesterbrogade 175, DK-1800 FRB. C., Copenhagen. Telephone 45-01 22 22 45.-

The L.A. 435 Observer Committee to Namibia has produced a 30-minute video "One Namibia One New Nation" that briefly traces the struggle for independence, the election victory and independence celebration through the eyes of a seven-person team sent to Namibia from southern California. Copies are available at \$15 for individuals, \$50 for schools and \$90 for 3/4" tapes. Order from L.A. to Namibia, 2824 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018.

THE TRAVELLING SABBATICAL

ASA News publishes brief notices from members wishing to spend a short period of time at another institution. Please limit announcements to 100 words.

Dr. Jacob K. Olupona, senior lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, is a visiting lecturer in the Department of Religion, Smith College, this fall semester. In the spring semester, he will be a Fulbright Scholar in residence at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. Dr. Olupona has published extensively in African religions and sociology of religion. Among his works are: *Kingship and Rituals in a Nigerian Community* (Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International, 1990); *African Religion in Contemporary Society*, editor (Paragon, 1990); and *Religious Plurality in Africa: Essays in Honor of John S. Mbiti*, editor with Sulayman Nyang (Berlin: Mouton, 1990) forthcoming.

Institutions interested in inviting Dr. Olupona for lectures may contact him at the Department of Religion, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.

Professor N. U. Onyewu of the University of Liberia seeks a one to two year position as Visiting Professor in a US university. A Nigerian by birth, Dr. Onyewu is a specialist in international relations trained at American University and was one of the first African fellows (members) of the ASA. He has published on Nigerian and African political, educational and economic questions, and on African-American history and culture. Dr. Onyewu is available beginning the second semester 1990-91 and can be reached at 1504 Lemon Tree Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904 (Tel: 301-384-6168).

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