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Comment and Opinion

Members may be interested to learn that following the detention of the Managing Director, Editor and Senior Reporter of *The Standard* newspaper in Harare, a defence fund has been set up to cover the legal costs of their defence. Donations (which will remain anonymous unless otherwise directed) will be accepted in any amount, and in any currency. Those wishing to contribute can send cheques in Zimbabwe Dollars, or any other currency, made out to 'The Standard Defence Trust Fund', PO Box BE 1165, Belvedere, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Obituary: Michael Wise

Michael Wise, reviews editor of *Tanzanian Affairs*, died suddenly and unexpectedly on 11 November 1998. He first went to Africa in 1957, to a post in the library of the Royal Technical College in Nairobi, later to become the University of Nairobi. He moved in January 1962 to a similar post at the new University of Dar es Salaam. This started off in a building in Lumumba Street and Michael was closely involved with the Chief Librarian in the planning and development of the new university library on Observation Hill. Seven happy and productive years followed, the later ones as Deputy Librarian. He made the most of every opportunity to see more of the country and its people, climbed to the crater of Kilimanjaro and formed enduring friendships. Links with Africa and Tanzania were not broken when he moved to a post in Wales in 1969. Many Tanzanian students were entertained at his home near Aberystwyth; he drew on Tanzanian contacts for contributions to the books and journals he edited on international librarianship; and this year it gave him great pleasure to meet again many old Tanzanian friends on a return to Dar es Salaam. (From *Tanzanian Affairs*).

Haycock Memorial Fund

The British Institute in Eastern Africa intends to make an award from the Haycock Memorial Fund to support a major programme of research to run for three years, commencing in 2000.

The work of the BIEA has been predominantly in the fields of archaeology and history, but no element of the arts and humanities will be excluded from consideration for this award. Proposals of an inter-disciplinary character will be especially welcome, as will those which involve collaboration between research institutions, including those based in Africa.

In keeping with the wishes of the benefactors of this endowment, projects dealing with Meroitic civilisation and linguistics will be given special consideration, but applications are encouraged from scholars who propose to conduct original research in any area of the region covered by the work of the BIEA (Eritrea, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi).

Preliminary applications must be submitted by 16 April 1999, comprising a two-page summary of the research proposal; a list of the principal investigators and collaborating institutions (including email addresses and telephone numbers) and a one-page summary of the estimated costs of the project, arranged under principal budget heads. (Please note that

costs of teaching replacement will not be met.) A sum not exceeding £30,000 per annum will be available for projects running for up to three years.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by the end of June. It is intended that a decision will be made in July, and that the programme of research should commence in January 2000, or as soon after as is possible.

Meetings, Lectures and Events

26th April–17th May: Research Seminar Series (Mondays at 5.00pm), theme: '*African Affairs – Focus on Nigeria*'. Speakers to include: Major General Ishola Williams (Transparency in Nigeria), Prof. Olabiyi Yai (Benin Republic's delegate to UNESCO), Prof. Abiola Irele (Ohio State University). Venue: Committee Room, Social & Political Faculty, Free School Lane, Cambridge. All are welcome to attend. Further details on: <http://www.african.cam.ac.uk>, or contact The Administrator, African Studies Centre, Free School Lane, Cambridge; tel/fax: 01223 334396; email: african-studies@lists.cam.ac.uk.

30 April: Jean-Luc Ndizeye (Chargé d'Affaires, Republic of Burundi), '*Peaceful conflict resolution in the Great Lakes Region: the Burundi Peace Process*'. 5.00 pm at the Committee Room, Social & Political Faculty, Free School Lane, Cambridge.

19 May: '*HIV/AIDS and the Implications for Development: Current Position and Future Trends in the Third World*', the Technocentre, Coventry University Technology Park. Keynote Speaker: Professor J.C. Caldwell (Australian National University, Canberra). Fee of £55. Contact Dr Hazel Barrett on 01203 838444 or email: gex037@coventry.ac.uk.

Conferences Future...

Conference listings may appear twice: one short and one long, the second notice appearing in the nearest quarterly number prior to the conference date. Organisers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.

UNITED KINGDOM

15 May: '*African readerships*' programme: Reading the 18th century; Gendered readings, Buchi Emecheta; Emmanuel Obiechina; Postgraduate panel, Theory & Plenary; entertainment from Ephson Ngadya. Contact: The Administrator, African Studies Centre, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RQ; tel/fax: 01223 334396; email: african-studies@lists.cam.ac.uk. For more details see: www.african.cam.ac.uk

26-27 May: Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. '*Islam and development in Africa*'. The conference will begin at 2:00 on May 26 and finish at 6:00 on May 27. On the evening of the 26th there will be a special Royal African Society Scotland Lecture by Professor Ali Mazrui (Binghamton) on 'Islam between Ethnicity & Economics: the African Political Experience' and a conference dinner. For booking and information contact: Africa, Islam & Development Conference Registration, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 7 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LW Scotland. tel: 0131 650 3878; fax: 0131 650 6535; email: African.Studies@ed.ac.uk.

27-28 May: '*Administering Empire: the British Colonial Service in retrospect*', conference to be held at Senate House, University of London, sponsored by the University of London and the Corona Club. Presentations include: British colonial officials and the Kikuyu people. Indirect rule and the search for justice, the Second World War and changes in British colonial policy—the case of Uganda, Colonial development and good government, the British experience of imperial rule, Preparation for independence: West African experience applied to the Pacific, West Indian issues—problems of smaller territories, Human rights—Jewish refugees in the 1930s, the West Indian Federation, Finance and empire in the Far East, Decolonization in tropical Africa, and the British colonial service in retrospect. Conference fee is £12, plus £10 each day for lunch and reception. Contact

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INTERNATIONAL

4-7 June: CAAS conference, to be held at University of Sherbrooke/Bishop's University on 'Democratisation and social development in Africa: history, present state, future prospects'. The CAAS Conference is being held as part of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities (formerly the Learned Societies Conference). To receive information re registration, fees, accommodation, sightseeing trips, etc., please contact the Congress Secretariat by e-mail at congress@hssc.ca or write to Congress Secretariat, 415-151 Slater St., Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3 Canada; tel: (001-613) 238-6112; fax: (001-613) 236-4853.

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

The Newsletter depends on supervisors and successful candidates to supply us with details of new theses.

Ismail Mahairi, 'Knowledges, fuelwood and environmental management in Kisumu district, Kenya', Ph.D, Department of Geography, University of Durham (December 1998)

John L. Wright, "'Nothing else but slaves": Britain and the central saharan slave trade in the nineteenth century', Ph.D, University of London (March 1999)

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Listings of recently published or forthcoming books by ASAU/RAS members. Members are invited to send in details, including number of pages, ISBN numbers, price and publication date (where known).

Simon Heap, *NGOs and the Private Sector: Potential for Partnerships?* (Oxford: INTRAC), 42pp. ISBN 1-897748-48-5. £7.95+p&p (December 1998).

Wendy James and N.J. Allen (eds), *Marcel Mauss: A Centenary Tribute, Methodology and History in Anthropology*, Vol. 1 (NY & Oxford: Berghahn Books), 274pp. ISBN 1-57181-703-4 (cloth); 1-57181-705-0 (paper) (December 1998).

Terence Ranger, *Voices from the Rocks: Nature, Culture & History in the Matopos Hills of Zimbabwe* (Oxford & Bloomington: James Currey & Indiana University Press), 320pp. ISBN 0-85255-654-3 (cloth) £40.00; 0-85255-604-7 (paper) £14.95 (March 1999).

David Simon and Anders Narman (eds), *Development as Theory and Practice; Contemporary Perspectives on Development and Development Co-operation* (Harlow: Addison Wesley Longman), 282pp. ISBN 0-582-41417-2, £15.95.

Edmund Yorke and Francis Toase (eds), *The New South Africa: Prospects for Domestic and International Security* (London & NY: Macmillan & St Martins Press), 212pp. ISBN 0-312-21325-5 (cloth) £45.00 (July 1998).

Occasional Papers Series, Coventry University African Studies Centre

The African Studies Centre, Coventry University announces three new publications in their Occasional Paper Series: Gideon Baker, 'Caught between facts & norms: civil society in African studies' (ISBN 0-905949-67-6); Bruce Baker, 'Secessions in Africa: a doomed escape strategy' (ISBN 0-905949-66-8); Anthony Gariff, 'Empowerment—Panacea, slogan or tool for transformation?' (ISBN 0-9059490-65-X). Each paper costs £4.00, including postage and packing (cheques payable to Coventry University), and can be obtained from African Studies Centre, School of International Studies and Law, Coventry University, Priory St, Coventry CV1 5FB.

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

Bodleian Library, Oxford University: Leslie Forbes, formerly Keeper of Oriental Books, University of Durham, has taken up the appointment of Keeper of Oriental Books at the Bodleian, with a fellowship at St Cross College.

Centre for African Studies, SOAS: Dr Dianne Schwerdt, Senior Lecturer, Department of English, University of Adelaide (editor, *CRNLE Reviews Journal*) is at SOAS from February to June/July 1999 pursuing research on the work of Ngugi wa Thiong'o.

Professor Najama Moosa (Senior Lecturer, Department of Comparative Law and Public International Law, University of the Western Cape), will be Oppenheimer Fellow at the Centre from April to June, pursuing research on official recognition of Muslim personal law in South Africa in the new constitutional dispensation.

University of Durham: The Department of History is advertising a non-fixed term Lectureship in Britain and the Wider World since 1750, and a three year Research and Development Associate in the History of British Colonial Administration in the Twentieth Century. The latter is expected to make use of the University's unique archival materials for colonial administration, including the Sudan Archive, the Grey, MacDonald, Cromer and Baring papers. For further details see <http://www.dur.ac.uk/History/>, or contact Prof. David Rollason, Department of History, University of Durham (tel: +44-(0)191-374-2019; email: david.rollason@durham.ac.uk). Closing date for applications is 16 April 1999.

The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, invites applications for the position of Research Director. Closing date for applications is 10 May 1999. For further information and application form see their website: <http://www.nai.uu.se/misc/resdirector.html>, or contact the Institute directly (contact person: Agneta Rodling): tel: +46 18 56 22 00; fax: +46 18 69 56 29; email: nai@nai.uu.se.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

All Souls College, Oxford University: Akira Okazaki has been chosen the first Evans-Pritchard Lecturer (see *Newsletter* no 14). He will be giving five lectures in the Michaelmas Term, 1999, entitled 'Recapturing the shadow: dream consciousness and power in the borderland between north and south of Sudan'.

The Centre for Developing Areas Research (CEDAR) at the Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, has been awarded a contract of £150,063 over 3 years by DFID, to study Peri-Urban Natural Resources Management at the Watershed Level, Kumasi, Ghana (DFID Contract No. ZE0100/R7330). The Royal Holloway team comprises Duncan McGregor, David Simon and Donald Thompson, with Duncan McGregor acting as Project Manager. This interdisciplinary programme is to be undertaken with agricultural and social scientists at the Natural Resources Institute (University of Greenwich) and at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. Governmental and non-governmental agencies in Kumasi will also act as research partners.

Note to Contributors

The *Newsletter* solicits short reports (of around 2-300 words) on recent conferences, announcements of forthcoming conferences, symposia and workshops (giving topic, date, venue, and contact address), announcements of the awarding of grants, fellowships and prizes, news of appointments and visiting fellowships, publication announcements of books by members, and brief articles or notices on matters of importance to Africanists in the UK. All items for inclusion in the *Newsletter* should be sent to Douglas H. Johnson, Editor, ASAUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: 106155.3441@compuserve.com. *Deadlines* are 31 December (for the January Newsletter), 25 March (for April), 25 June (for July), and 30 September (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASAUK.