

## RESEARCH NOTES

In the second issue of the *East African Geographical Review* (1964) an indication was provided of the range of geographical research work in progress in East Africa. The purpose of the present note is merely to mention new projects, together with recent and forthcoming publications likely to be of interest to readers of the *Review*. Many projects listed in the 1964 issue are, of course, still in progress, but they are not mentioned again here.

From the Department of Geography at Makerere University College there is welcome news that *Dr. A. M. O'Connor's* book *Railways and Development in Uganda* has now appeared (Nairobi: O.U.P. for E.A.I.S.R.), and that a related paper on 'Rail transport and the pattern of economic development in East Africa' has been accepted for publication in *Trans. I.B.G.* Dr. O'Connor is currently working on a second book, to be entitled *An economic geography of East Africa*. In 1964 *Mr. P. H. Temple* published two papers arising out of his doctoral research: 'Evidence of lake-level changes from the northern shoreline of Lake Victoria, Uganda' (R. W. Steel & R. M. Prothero, eds., *Geographers and the tropics: Liverpool essays*, 1964, pp. 31-56); and 'Raised features along the southern shoreline of Lake Victoria' (*Proc. E. Afr. Acad.*, 1, 1964, pp. 13-32). Other publications on which Mr. Temple is working include studies of Kampala and its urban marketing, further aspects of the Lake Victoria shoreline, and geomorphological aspects of the Lake Nabugabo area. *Mr. B. S. Hoyle* is collecting material for a paper on Mbale as the urban focus of eastern Uganda, and is contemplating further work on Jinja. *Mr. B. W. Langlands* is preparing a paper on the geographical basis of political patterns in East Africa, having presented a discourse on this theme to the I.G.U. symposium on political geography held at Sheffield in 1964. *Dr. R. S. Odingo* has embarked upon a study of the re-settlement of peasant and other African farmers in the Kenya highlands, and *Miss R. A. Bwana* is studying the economic geography of sugar cultivation in East Africa. New projects undertaken by research students in the department include studies in the geography of Kampala by two students from Frankfurt: *Mr. K. Vorlauser* is interested in the economic and racial structure of Kampala and in the city's food supply; *Mr. G. Kade* is working on the character and development of small townships in the Kampala area, with special reference to their links with the capital. Two other research students are working on geomorphological topics: *Miss M. Patz* (from University College, London) is studying erosion surfaces in Buganda with special reference to laterite; and *Miss C. Washbourn* (from Cambridge) is working in Kenya on the changing levels of Lakes Nakuru and Naivasha.

In the Department of Geography at University College, Nairobi, *Mr. F. F. Ojany* is working on the geomorphology of Ukambani and has completed a paper on the physiographic regions of Kenya. *Mr. R. A. Bullock's* doctoral research centres upon the relationship between population and natural resources, and is basically an attempt to provide an index useful to development planners. Mr. Bullock is also the Kenya cooperator for the World Atlas of Agriculture.

Elsewhere within the University of East Africa research work of geographical interest is being done. In the Department of Sociology at Makerere, *Professor R. Apthorpe* has made a comparative survey of the various types of re-settlement schemes in East Africa on behalf of I.L.O.; and *Dr. J. Mbiti* (Religious Studies) is working on the question of geographical influences on traditional African con-

cepts of God. *J. L. Newman* (E.A.I.S.R.) is studying geographical changes amongst the Hadza of Tanzania.

Outside the University certain other projects may be briefly mentioned. *Mr. H. W. West*, formerly of the Uganda Lands & Surveys Department, hopes to publish in 1965 a study entitled *The Mailo system in Buganda*. Another important work is *The vegetation of Uganda* by Langdale-Brown, Osmaston and Wilson (London: Eyre & Spottiswood, 1964). *Mr. B. H. Mottram* is preparing a book on the physical geography of East Africa to supplement a regional text on the area at School Certificate level (London: Arnold). He is actively collecting examples from all parts of East Africa.

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