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“The African Book World & Press” to be launched in 1977

Initial details have been released about *The African Book World & Press*, a new directory that will aim to provide a single source of reference to the entire book world and the press in Africa, from Algeria to Zambia. It will include comprehensive information (both in English and French) on libraries—with details of professional personnel, size of collections, annual book budgets, serial holdings, and more—publishers and the retail book trade, and research institutions with publishing programmes. Other features will include a classified and annotated listing of major magazines, journals, and scholarly periodicals published in Africa; a listing of the most influential daily newspapers, as well as details about book industry, library, and literary associations throughout the continent. Compiled and produced by the publishers of ABPR, the pre-publication price for the 400-page volume has been set at £18.00 or \$40.00, and further details are available from the publishers, Hans Zell Publishers Ltd., PO Box 56, Oxford OX1 3EL, England.

Encyclopedia Africana

A year ago we reported that the first and long-awaited volumes of this ambitious publishing project were to appear during the course of 1975. Unfortunately publication of the initial volumes have been further delayed, but the new publishers of the project, Reference Publications, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, USA, announce that the first two volumes will now definitely appear in November this year. The original plan was to publish the *Encyclopaedia Africana* in parts, history, biography, etc., to form a topical encyclopaedia. This plan has now been somewhat changed and the first volumes to appear will in fact be entitled *Dictionary of African Biography*. Volume one is to consist of 146 Ethiopian and 120 Ghanaian biographies (living persons not included), with historical introductions by Dr. Tadesa Tamrat and Professor L.H. Oforu-Appiah who is also the project director of the encyclopaedia, which has its headquarters in Accra (see ABPR Interview, v. 1, no. 4, October, 1975, pp. 289-291). The initial volume also includes an introductory message by President Kenneth Kaunda. The 288-page volume will retail at \$49.95, and the publishers, from whom further details are available, are shortly to announce details about distribution in Africa.

Yaoundé Book Development Centre

The recently established Centre Regional de Promotion du Livre en Afrique, BP 1646, Yaoundé, Cameroun, is setting up a model library for the use of training of school and public librarians. Catalogues and price lists are wanted by the Director of the Centre, M. William Moutchia, particularly of Africana and books on the library sciences, to enable them to place some initial orders.

Africa volume of “The Book Trade of the World”

Sigfred Taubert, Director of the Frankfurt Book Fair from 1958 to 1974, and since then chairman of the UNESCO advisory body the International Book Committee, is currently working on the third volume of his *The Book Trade of the World*. To-date two volumes of this unique and monumental project have appeared: volume I covers Europe and volume II the Americas, Australia and New Zealand, both of them including country-by-country surveys of the present situation of the publishing industries and the booktrade, contributed by experts from each country or area. Each country report is supplemented by factual information on languages spoken, government, religion, the educational system, literacy rates, paper consumption, and more. In preparing the manuscript for the third and final volume, which will be on Africa and Asia, Mr. Taubert is still seeking contributors to cover the following African nations: Central African Republic, Congo-Brazzaville, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mocambique, Niger, Réunion, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somali Republic, Swaziland, Tchad, and Upper Volta. He can be contacted at the following address: 26 Am Felsenkeller, D-6457 Maintal 3, German Federal Republic. The publishers of *The Book Trade of the World* are Verlag für Buchmarkt-Forschung, c/o Westdeutscher Verlag GmbH, PO Box 5829, D-6200 Wiesbaden 1, (UK rights held by Andre Deutsch, US rights by the Bowker Company).

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