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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary left Addis Ababa for Lusaka on 22 October to attend the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa.

From Lusaka he paid an official visit to Mogadiscio, Somalia.

The Executive Secretary visited Niamey, Niger, from 8-13 December to inaugurate the headquarters building of the ECA Sub-regional Office for West Africa on 12 December.

The Deputy Executive Secretary continued the UN Headquarters recruitment mission to African countries.

In early October, the Secretary of the Commission visited Niamey, Niger, to hold talks with the Government concerning relations with the ECA Sub-regional Office. From 14-23 October, he represented the Executive Secretary at the Fifth Session of the Council of Ministers and the Second Ordinary Session of the Heads of State Meeting of the Organization for Africa Unity held at Accra from 14-25 October.

The Secretary of the Commission represented the ECA at the official opening of the International Fair at Niamey and later assisted the Executive Secretary inaugurating the Sub-regional Office of the ECA. Thereafter he travelled to Abidjan for an official meeting with the President of Ivory Coast.

Mr. A.F. Ewing, Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary, completed the revision of the provisional version of the Report of the ECA Mission on Economic Co-operation to Central Africa.

In addition he prepared for and chaired the meetings of the Training Committee and the Technical Assistance Committee, which were held once and four times respectively.

Over and above its normal business the Technical Assistance Committee, at the request of the Executive Secretary, made recommendations on the utilization of resources in 1966 including regular staff, consultants, regional advisers, travel to meetings, and travel on official business.

The Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary was also Officer-in-Charge during the absence of the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary.

## AGRICULTURE

The sections on agriculture of the final report of the ECA Economic Co-operation mission to Central Africa have been completed. The full report will be issued in February 1966.

Work continued on the report on the integration of animal husbandry and animal products processing for the five West African countries of Mali, Niger, Upper Volta, Ghana and Nigeria. The report will be issued early in 1966. Plans are being made to follow-up this report with a co-ordinated set of technical assistance and special fund projects.

A training Centre on Co-operative Management Techniques in which 24 trainees from French-speaking countries attended was held at Cotonou from 22 November to 18 December.

The study, Développement Agricole Africain by Prof. R. Dumont of the Institut d'étude du développement économique et social de l'université de Paris was published in its French version in November by Presses universitaires de France in the "Tiers Monde" series. In addition to regular ECA distribution this major report of almost 200 pages will be sold by the French publishers at a price of 14 frs. The English translation has been completed and will be issued by ECA in early 1966.

The Joint Division was presented at the FAO Conference on Higher Education in Agriculture which was held in Khartoum in December.

The FAO Regional Forestry Officer travelled extensively in West Africa to collect data for the Forest Industry paper to be submitted to the West African conference on Economic Co-operation, Niamey in September 1966.

Plans were made for two staff members to travel in North Africa to prepare papers on Food Supply Problems and Industrial Crops Survey for the meeting of the Inter-governmental Ministerial Committee on Industrial Development of the Maghreb countries.

Mr. Ali El Tom of FAO's Rural Institutions Division has joined the Division. Mr. El Tom is a Land Policy and Survey Officer and will be working first on the Rural Land Tenure Conference scheduled for Rome in June 1966.

Among the visitors to the Division were:

Stanton Smith } of Kaiser Engineers, London, on questions of transport  
Earl Peacock } and agricultural development from Zambia and Tanzania.

Mr. Henri Quaix on ECA/FAO relations with respect to the FAO's World  
Indicative Plan for Agriculture with Mr. Jack Westoby, Deputy  
Director of the Forestry Division, FAO Rome.

Chief Akin Deko, FAO Regional Representative for Africa, FAO Regional  
Office for Africa, Accra.

Mr. J. Poliakoff, FAO Nutritionist, Near East Regional Office, Cairo  
for consultation relating to FAO Food Technology Conference held in  
Accra, December 1965.

Mr. Peter M. Landell-Mills, Government Economist for Bechuanaland.

RESEARCH DIVISION

Economic Surveys

During the last quarter of 1965 the staff of the Surveys Section was engaged primarily in preparing for publication the Economic Bulletin for Africa, Volume 6. This volume will have a substantially expanded coverage in comparison with the previous issues of the Bulletin. Besides the usual study of the movements of the key commodities that enter into African trade and a general review of trade in the African region, the section on trade trends in individual African countries will be replaced by a review of the progress of the individual countries in all sectors of their economies. In addition, there will be chapters discussing economic co-operation in Africa; social problems of rural development, and programmes for health planning.

The Surveys Section jointly with the Planning and Policies Section continued its work on the Economic Survey of Africa. The surveys of West and South Africa have been completed and are being printed. Those two surveys will be published in one volume, and will be available for sale in the first quarter of 1966.

Planning and Policies

The Planning and Policies Section also participated in preparations for the Seminar on the Financing of Development Plans and Projects, jointly sponsored by the ECA and the German Foundation for Developing Countries in Berlin. This Seminar will take place in January-February 1966. Several papers were prepared for presentation to the Seminar by the staff members of the Section. It is expected that various economic planning institutions from over twenty African countries will participate in the Seminar.

During the period under review the Acting Chief of the Planning and Policies Section visited East Africa under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation to deliver a series of lectures at the University College in Dar-es-Salaam. After completing his assigned lectures he contacted the



planning authorities in the following countries: Tanzania, Zanzibar, Zambia, Rhodesia, Malawi, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda. In addition to getting information on the development plans which are now being used for the writing of Part II of the Economic Survey of East Africa, he attended the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa for which the Planning and Policies Section has prepared a working paper. Since his return he has been charged with the responsibilities connected with the German Foundation Seminar on Financing of Development Plans. The Planning and Policies Section had also completed an analysis of the South African development plan which is being incorporated in the South African Survey.

Visitors to the Sections

Several TAB experts who arrived in Addis Ababa for their briefings, had consultations with members of the Surveys and Planning and Policies Sections.

Social Development

Studies and surveys

In December, an ECA Consultant began a study on the problems of social adjustment and reconstruction in West Africa. This study, which was formulated as a corollary to the East African study conducted in 1964<sup>1/</sup>, will cover the countries of Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Dahomey, Togo, Ghana and Upper Volta in the first instance. The objectives of this study mission include:

- an examination of the problem of social adjustment in a long-term perspective;
- the study of social relations within each country, relations between countries of the sub-region, relations between the sub-region and other parts of Africa, and relations with the world order, in its socio-economic and cultural aspects;
- identification of major long-term issues as they appear to governments and other responsible agencies in the Africa region, with the view to illustrating (from current trends and future prospects) the kinds of solution envisaged or possible.

Official consultations and briefing of experts

During the period under review, the following official consultations and briefing were arranged by the Section at the secretariat:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mr. John Moe	UN Housing Expert	Briefing
Mr. Peter Kuenstler	UN Inter-regional Adviser on Youth	Consultation
Mr. Tsrnkovich	UN Housing Expert	Briefing

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<sup>1/</sup> Reported in Vol.2, No.1 of the Bulletin, page 10.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Dr. Thomas Poleman	New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University	Consultation
Miss C. Van Heemstra	Secretary, Home and Family Life, All-Africa Conference of Churches	Consultation
Dr. Z.K. Mathews	World Council of Churches (Refugees Affairs)	Consultation
45 Members of World YMCA	Consultation at Addis Ababa	Briefing
Mr. Leonard Barnes	ECA Consultant	Briefing
Mr. Guy Beaulieu	FAO Agriculture Extension Expert	Briefing
Dr. D. Fakunle	WAY Director, Technical and Educational Assistance Projects	Consultation

Publications and reports issued:

1. Répertoire des Activités de Protection Sociale en Afrique (Publication des Nations Unies, No. de vente: 65.II.K.1).
2. Modes d'Organisation et d'Administration de la Protection Sociale en Afrique (Publication des Nations Unies, No. de vente: 65.II.K.4).
3. Formation au Service Social en Afrique (Publication des Nations Unies, No. de vente: 65.II.K.5).

(All above 3 publications are the French versions of the monograph series "Social Welfare in Africa", Nos.1, 2 and 3. The issue of the English versions was reported in Vol.2, page 13, of the Bulletin).

Public Administration

Training

The need for improving Personnel Administration in African countries was stressed in the recommendations of the Seminar on Urgent Administrative Problems of African Governments held in Addis Ababa 2 - 11 October 1962. Project 98 in the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities envisages the preparation of personnel administration manuals, guides and handbooks for use in public administration institutes to stimulate and facilitate their training activities.

As part of this Project, and in collaboration with the German Foundation for Developing Countries and the Imperial Ethiopian Institute of Public Administration, the ECA Public Administration Section arranged a Seminar in Personnel Administration in Central and Local Authorities for English-speaking African countries. It was held in Addis Ababa from 22 November to 3 December 1965. This seminar, which was designed to assist those responsible for personnel policy and training and point the way to improvement in personnel practices, was attended by twenty-five participants from 14 countries.

A Personnel Administration Guide, arising from the Seminar, will be produced in the first half of 1966.

Advisory Services

The Regional Adviser in Public Administration (Organization and Methods) continued work on the regional project for improving supply management. The study which started in the East Africa Sub-Region, is being undertaken on a country by country basis. As a result of preliminary surveys in various countries and organizations earlier in the year, the Regional Adviser produced a Supply Management Guide which has been sent to the countries and organizations visited. One specific request has been received for assistance in implementing the recommendations and more

requests are expected in the near future. USAID has agreed to provide consultants to work on the implementation of the recommendations and on the improvement of Supply Management generally in the requesting countries.

The Regional Adviser in Public Administration (Organization and Methods) also conducted two surveys in Malawi: one on the space requirements of Government Offices in the proposed new national capital at Lilongwe and one on general administrative organization. He also attended, as an observer, the Fourth Inter-African Public Administration Seminar at Lusaka arranged by the Zambian Government and the Ford Foundation from 6 to 15 November 1965.

#### Staff Changes

Mr. John Gilmer, formerly Director of Studies in the Institute of Advanced Overseas Studies in Paris, joined the Section on 3 November as Regional Public Administration Adviser (Personnel and Training). He replaces Mr. Marcel Flutre who left the Section in July.

INDUSTRY

(See the report of the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa (Document E/CN.14/346, E/CN.14/LU/ECOP/12)).<sup>1/</sup> As a follow-up to the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa (Lusaka, 26 October to 2 November, 1965) the East African Governments have been informed that the secretariat would assist in carrying out feasibility and engineering studies. A few industrialized countries who are likely to provide feasibility and engineering teams have already been alerted.

During the period under review, the Division participated in the first meeting of the West African Interim Expert Committee on Iron and Steel (Abidjan, October 1965). Preparations are being made for the second meeting of this Committee, to be held in Freetown in March 1966. The Division completed preparations for the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa, to be held in Cairo, January-February 1966, and continued with the preparation of the documentation for the West African conference on economic co-operation to be held in the middle of 1966.

Members of the Division have also provided technical assistance on request to various African Governments on industrial research, small-scale industries, iron and steel and cement. The Division has been requested to send an expert to East Africa to assist the three East African Governments - Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania - in drawing up an industrial development programme, which will be a follow-up to the Kampala Agreement.

<sup>1/</sup> See the Report, E/CN.14/346, E/CN.14/LU/ECOP/12.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### Mineral Resources

A background note and a questionnaire on education and training facilities in geology and mining in Africa and on related manpower requirements were prepared. It is planned to send this questionnaire to the different African countries and to arrange for a team of experts to visit the relevant countries.

Dr. Lombard, Secretary-General of the Association of African Geological Surveys, visited ECA for a second time to discuss further a continuing working relations. The collaboration of ECA with the Association for the production of a coal map for Africa was ensured as a first step for a future fuller collaboration.

Assistance was given to the Ethiopian Government with regard to problems related to the development of the mineral resources of the country.

### Energy

The Energy unit engaged in the following tasks during the period under review:

Final work for editing the energy paper for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa E/CN.14/INR/104.

Confidential report on "Possible Impact of the Rhodesian UDI on Zambia's energy situation".

Five more country papers on energy have been finished for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa and sent to respective governments for checking and completion.

Comments and questions on Dr. Dressler's paper "Suspension Process for Reservoir Evaporation Control" have been sent to the author.

Examination of the sixth and seventh periodic report by Mr. C.J.C. Lumsden, Petroleum Refinery Adviser on construction of the Dar-es-Salaam Refinery.

## Water Resources

Discussions were held with a representative of the USAID on water resources development.

A number of representatives of firms and consulting engineers visited the Natural Resources and Transport Division.

The Natural Resources and Transport Division participated in and contributed a paper to the Meeting on Teaching of Geography in Africa, held under the joint auspices of UNESCO and IGU from 6 to 11 December 1965.

The First Draft Bibliography on the hydraulic development of the Nile River Basin was completed and distributed to experts in the Nile Basin countries for their correction and additional references.

As a follow-up to the preliminary work of setting up a Water Resources Development Institute which was carried out by a joint ECA/Hungarian Mission, the question of further help that could be given by the Hungarian Government in implementing this project was discussed in Budapest. Similar discussions were held with FAO and UNESCO.

## Cartography

### ECA Regional Centres for training in photogrammetry and airborne geophysical surveys

The ECA Survey Mission which visited Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Bamako (Mali), Ibadan and Enugu (Nigeria), and Khartoum (Sudan) to inspect the sites offered by the respective governments for the setting up of ECA Regional Training Centres in photogrammetry and airborne geophysical surveys and to collect technical data relating to the establishment and operation of such centres has submitted the Report of the Mission to the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

A confirmation of an offer of free land in Yaoundé for the building of a centre in that city was recently received from the Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon.



ECA Common Centres for Specialized Services  
in Surveying and Mapping

Invitations were received by the ECA from two governments - Somalia and Tunisia - to establish a common centre for specialized services in surveying and mapping in their respective capital, with an indication on the contribution they would make towards that end. Information was received from two other governments - Niger and UAR - that their respective offers were being dispatched to ECA.

Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference  
for Africa

In preparation for the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa, the Regional Cartographic Adviser consulted with the "Secrétaire d'Etat des Affaires étrangères", the Minister of Public Works and the Head of the Service Topographique", and the period 12 - 24 September 1966 was considered suitable for the holding of the Conference in Tunis. The preparatory work has been undertaken to meet this schedule.

TRANSPORT

A working paper on Transport Development in the East African sub-region was presented to the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa. Work has begun on the preparation of a similar paper covering the Western African sub-region which will be presented at the Niamey Meeting in September 1966.

The bilateral transport team, provided by the Italian Government, and assisted by Mr. D. Alagoma from ECA, has covered the study of the transport requirements of the Sudan. The team is currently conducting a similar study in Somalia and it is expected to return to Addis Ababa during the second week of January when it will start to examine the transport requirements in Ethiopia.

A bilateral transport team, provided by the Government of Belgium, has started the transport survey of the Central African sub-region.

A country by country survey of factors affecting the present level of performance of African railway systems has been started. Surveys of the Nigerian and Ghanaian railways have been completed. Two members of the Transport Section attended the fourth International Conference of African and Malagasy Railway Technicians which was held in Addis Ababa from 22-27 November 1965.

A revised draft of the Geneva Convention on Traffic and of the Protocol of Road Signs and Signals has been circulated to all African countries for their comments.

Air Transport

Following the Recommendations of the African Air Transport Conference (Addis Ababa, November 1964), and the Eastern African Sub-Regional Air Transport Conference held in Nairobi in January 1965, Mr. S. Awad, Acting Chief, Transport and Communications Section, represented the secretariat of ECA in the Meeting of the Committee of Experts on the formation of an Eastern African multinational Airline, held in Nairobi, 1-5 November 1965.

The meeting agreed on the format of a Questionnaire to be sent to all governments in the East African sub-region. It was agreed that ECA should be asked to undertake the tasks of consolidating the replies received from countries and distributing a summary, through the governments, to the airlines concerned. This will be considered at a second meeting of the Committee of Experts which will be held at Addis Ababa in May 1966.

Telecommunications

Mr. Frank Norman, the ITU Expert visited the Ivory Coast between 26 November and 18 December 1965 for the negotiations of the Plan of Operation and the preparation of the specifications of the equipment for the Pilot Telecommunication Circuit between Abidjan and Addis Ababa.

STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHY

Training

Courses have started and enrolments have been finalized at the Cairo Demographic Centre and at the statistical training centres in Achimota, Addis Ababa, Yaoundé, Abidjan, Rabat, and at the new centre in Dar-es-Salaam. Enrolment totals for the academic year 1965-66 are estimated as follows:

Cairo	(30)
Achimota	(30)
Addis Ababa	(31)
Yaoundé	(79)
Abidjan	(61)
Rabat	(41)
Dar-es-Salaam	(18)

The trend at the training centres is to include higher level training of junior professional statisticians. If all planned expansions take place an increase in the annual expenditure would result. Thus assistance would be required from bilateral and other sources.

Regional Advisory Service

By the end of October all the Regional Advisers had returned from home or annual leave, and the following missions took place during the final quarter of 1965:

- Algeria (2 Advisers) Continuation of public sector analysis  
Follow-up on development of national accounts.
- Cameroon Assistance in the training programme of the Yaoundé Statistical Centre and to the Cameroon Government.

Congo (Rep. of)	Continuation of special country programme assignment in public sector analysis associated with the mechanization of government accounts.
Dahomey	Follow-up in the development of the survey programme.
Libya	Follow-up of project to develop national accounts and related Statistical series.
Malawi	Organization of work for the population census.
Morocco Rabat	Assistance in formulation of statistical development programme and revision of basic series.
Tangier	Preparation for coming meeting of Maghreb Statistical Committee.
Nigeria	Follow-up on development of survey programme.
Sierra Leone	Follow-up on development of survey programme.

#### Publications

A major effort was made during the weeks immediately preceding the Fourth Conference of African Statisticians to complete the first issue of the Statistical Bulletin for Africa. The publication was distributed to delegates during the closing days of the meeting.

A report on the survey of data processing facilities in Africa is nearing completion. The first issue of a bulletin on African industrial statistics is in the final stages of preparation.

Issue No.19 of the Statistical Newsletter was mailed in December.

#### Statistical meetings and related preparatory studies

Early in the quarter, a major share of Division activities was devoted to preparations for the Fourth Conference of African Statisticians, which is reported in the following section. During December, preparations were largely completed for the Second Working Group on Censuses of Population and Housing, to be held at the end of February, 1966.

Fourth Conference of African Statisticians, 8 - 16 November, 1965

The Conference is the technical authority for the ECA work programme in statistics. Also, the Conference reviews the results of technical projects as well as the conclusions and recommendations resulting from specialized statistical meetings. It was attended by 48 representatives from 26 Member and Associated Member countries of the Economic Commission for Africa.

The Fourth Conference was partly devoted to reviewing progress at ECA in the various components of the Development of National and International Statistics. Work relating to national statistical development includes the continuation and expansion of the training programme, the regional advisory service, development of methodology appropriate to African conditions, the briefing of country technical experts and assistance in formulating country technical assistance programmes, and the organization of a study tour and sub-regional consultations.

The Conference recommended that the work of the secretariat should continue to include the principal listed-above components of its past work programme. Countries have greatly appreciated the value of ECA methodological work; and have found the various studies, working documents, and meetings reports to be directly useable. However, the ECA work programme will need some expansion in the future principally in connexion with regional data analysis and in satisfying the data requirements of other Divisions within ECA.

During one session of the Conference, a representative from each country gave brief account of recent statistical activities in his country. The establishment of an Association of African Statisticians was initiated with the full support of all delegates and the ECA Secretariat offered to give all possible support in the initiation of the project.

### Studies and Research

Work has continued on the compilation of public finance statistics. It is possible that, owing to the volume of data involved, the work will culminate in a separate publication rather than be included in the Statistical Bulletin for Africa.

Country statistical offices have been requested to supply a list of their publications for the years 1955-1965. A compilation of all lists will be distributed for general information.

All African universities have been asked for information on types and levels of statistical training, facilities available, courses offered, and degrees granted. The information is needed in connexion with an expert meeting on higher level statistical training sponsored by the Statistical Office at UN Headquarters and to be held in Addis Ababa, 13-21 January, 1966.

### Demographic Studies

In addition to servicing the different substantive Divisions and Sections of the secretariat, a study entitled "Some demographic indicators for Africa" outlining the total population, density and fertility and mortality measures for the African countries relating to 1964 or other recent periods, has been prepared for publication in the Economic Bulletin for Africa.

### Assistance to other ECA divisions

The Division has been providing statistical tables for a report on the economic development of Central Africa, which is now in the final stages of preparation. Assistance has also been given in preparing for the series of regional industrial development symposium in Cairo and the sub-regional meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa (Lusaka) and West Africa (Niamey).

### Arrival and departure of staff

Mr. Ibrahima Fall, staff member of the Division for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, has been transferred to Leopoldville, where he will join the ECA Sub-regional Office for Central Africa. Mr. Fall will serve as the statistician for that office.

ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Technical Assistance

Two new Regional Advisers assumed their duties during the period.

They were:

- Mr. J. Gilmer (France) - Regional Adviser in Public Administration (Training)
- Mr. M. Diallo (Senegal) - Regional Adviser in Electric Energy.

Recruitment action is being undertaken for Regional Advisers in the following fields:

- Transport
- Fiscal Administration
- Housing (2)
- Social and Economic Development
- Social Welfare Training

Field assignments carried out by Regional Advisers in the period were as follows:

- Mr. R. Robson - Industry Ivory Coast, Zambia
- Mr. J. Lambert - Industry Algeria, Tunisia
- Mr. C. Scott - Statistics 1) Nigeria  
2) Cameroon
- Mr. J. Causse - Statistics Morocco (Rabat)
- Miss K. Jupp - Statistics Malawi
- Mr. A. Vespe - Statistics Congo (Rep. of) - Country Assignment
- Mr. N. Chalak - Statistics 1) Libya, Algeria  
2) Morocco (Tangiers)
- Mr. P. Sam - Social Development Italy (FAO Rome)
- Mr. I. Fraser - Public Administr. UK, France, Morocco (in conjunction with home leave)
- Mr. H. Hindle - Public Administr. Malawi, Zambia
- Mr. J. Green - Public Administr. Switzerland (Conference in Geneva)
- Mr. T.L. Tchang - Cartography 1) Denmark (Conference)  
2) Somalia  
3) Tunisia



There has been increased activity in co-ordinating, evaluating and transmitting requests from African Governments for bilateral fellowship and scholarships for Africans. Other Sections and Divisions of the secretariat have given their full co-operation in evaluating fellowship applications and advising on the suitability of candidates. Follow-up action on these applications have been maintained. To date 245 nominations from 20 African countries have been proposed. Of the 162 nominations supported with proper dossiers, the applications of well over half of the candidates have been evaluated, processed and transmitted to prospective donor governments, while the others are being evaluated for subsequent transmission for consideration. Because of the time factor involved in the process of negotiation, placement and arrangements for fellowship awards, only twelve of the candidates whose applications have been considered have so far received awards for the current academic year.

A comprehensive evaluation of the Section's activities during 1964-65 and prospects for the coming year was undertaken. A report on this evaluation, which was presented for the consideration of the Training Committee, made proposals for consolidating, defining and delimiting ECA's involvement in the work of co-ordinating and evaluating bilateral fellowship requests with specific regard to the need for harmonious and complementary working relationship between ECA and the representatives of the various bilateral donor governments.

Work is progressing on the survey of Africans studying and training abroad. UNESCO, which is carrying out this survey on behalf of ECA, has collected nearly 3,000 names and is proceeding with negotiations with some 14 UNESCO States to resolve certain problems that have come to light during the survey in some countries.

The various specialized agencies that are co-operating with ECA in compiling information on African students and trainees who have been trained and/or being trained abroad under their fellowship programmes have intensified their efforts in this regard and the first lists of African fellows have been received from the ILO, FAO, UNICEF and WHO.

Further studies have been undertaken on African manpower requirements for development. A paper on "Trained Manpower Requirements for Accelerated Economic Growth in the East African Sub-Region" was completed and presented to the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa last 30-October.. Another paper dealing with "Some Aspects of Manpower Requirements and the Training of Technical and Managerial Personnel for Industrial Development" was prepared for the 1966 Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa. With the response received on the questionnaire on bank training facilities which was sent out during the preceding quarter, a report has been prepared on "Training Facilities in Banking and Finance within the African Region".

Accounts of other specialized aspects of ECA training activities will also be found in the reports of relevant Divisions and Sections elsewhere in this bulletin.

#### Meetings and Missions

The Training Committee held its ninth meeting and it considered, among other things, proposals for the work programme during 1965/66 and the documentation for the first meeting of the Working Party on Manpower and Training.

The staff of the Section was not involved in any important meeting and missions during the quarter. However, Mr. A. Varchaver, Chief of Section, attended sessions dealing with manpower and training in some of the meetings held in Africa.

#### Visitors

The following important visitors were received:

- Mr. B.D. Giles, UNTAO, Advisor in Economic Development Planning to Basutoland. Ways and means in which ECA may assist him with information on training were discussed.
- Mr. Cato Aall, Secretary, International Refugee Council of Zambia. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for South Africans was discussed.

- Mr. P. Kuentler, United Nations Inter-Regional Adviser on Youth. He discussed training for youth leaders; the problem of employment and youth training; and the need for inter-agency co-operation in these fields;
- Mr. N.K. Panda, United Nations Expert in Organization and Methods assigned to EACSO. The training of his counterparts and matters related to training facilities were discussed.
- Messrs P.G. Lloyd, Director, British Council Office, Addis Ababa, and Thomas Singleton, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for Educational Television Overseas, London. They discussed the possibility of establishing a Centre for Educational Television in Africa.
- Mr. Marvin Schlaff, Consultant on Industrial Development Institutions, United Nations Centre for Industrial Development, New York. The purpose of his mission to some African countries was discussed.
- Mr. E.W. Espenhahn, UNCTAO Senior Industrial Adviser to Zambia. The training of counterpart and other personnel was discussed.
- Mr. L.B. Monyake, Statistician. He discussed training possibilities for statisticians in statistics and demography at graduate and post-graduate levels.
- Mr. E.R. Williams, United Nations Technical Assistance Personnel to Uganda. The discussion concerned the role of correspondence courses in up-grading the capability of personnel and in alleviating shortages of trained manpower.

## TRADE, FISCAL AND MONETARY MATTERS

### Trade

During the last quarter of the year, the activities of the Trade Section centered largely on the annual contribution to the **Economic Bulletin** for Africa. Notes were prepared on recent economic developments in the French-speaking countries of Africa; on twenty leading African export commodities; and on general developments in the field of trade in Africa in the past year.

Work was done for the Economic Survey of Africa, covering the chapter on trade and payments in West Africa. Similar work has been started for East Africa.

No. 13 of the Foreign Trade Newsletter was prepared, containing the usual information on current developments in Africa in the area of trade and payments agreements, external assistance, credits and investments, import restrictions, import and export duties, banking and currency, State trading and commodity news, as well as notes on current developments concerning economic integration in Africa.

The ECA/GATT Course on Foreign Trade and Commercial Policy, which was planned for Lusaka, was transferred to Addis Ababa and met from 25 November to 17 December. In addition to the normal programme of lectures and discussion and field visits to Ethiopian Government departments and private organizations concerned with foreign trade, talks were given by a number of ECA headquarters officers on trade, customs and payments, industry, agriculture, planning, transport and African economic co-operation.

A provisional agenda has been prepared, and sent to member Governments, for the first meeting of the Working Party on African Trade, which will be held in Addis Ababa from 28 March to 2 April, 1966.

### Monetary Unit

During the quarter under review the Monetary Unit had an effective strength of two, namely Mr. G. Morelli, Regional Adviser in Monetary Affairs who was away on leave for about ten days and Mr. O. H. Abdel-Salam, Assistant Economic Affairs Officer.

This Unit has largely concentrated on preparations for a conference of Governors and Presidents of the African Central Bank scheduled for early 1966. This in pursuance of item 76(iii) of the programme of Work and Priorities.

Three new papers were completed, viz.:

- (a) Balance of Payments in African Countries - E/CN.14/WP.2/3 and AMA/10.
- (b) Co-operation Between Central Banks - E/CN.14/AMA/6
- (c) Comparative Digest of Central Banking Legislation in Africa - E/CN.14/AMA/7.

In addition, the following documents originally prepared in 1963 and 1964 have been revised and up-dated:

- (a) Survey of Monetary Institutions in the African Region - E/CN.14/STC/AMA/2/Rev.1
- (b) Bilateral Trade and Payments Agreements in Africa - E/CN.14/STC/24/Rev.1

### Fiscal

The effective strength of the Unit during the quarter has been four, viz.: the Senior Regional Adviser (Mr. Spencer) and the Regional Adviser in Fiscal Policy (Mr. Weisfelt) at headquarters, and two Regional Customs Advisers in the field (Mr. Allen at Limbe, Malawi, and Mr. Quinton at Accra). The replacement for Mr. Luba, the Regional Adviser in Budgetary Policy and Management, who left in April, is still awaited.

### Requests for services of Regional Advisers

There have been no requests for services of Regional Advisers by member countries. However, Mr. Luba, who as Regional Adviser in Budgetary Policy and Management, was responsible for advising the Sudan and Somali Governments on the reform of their budgetary systems, and who retired earlier this year, has accepted an appointment as a leader of the UNTA team which will implement his own recommendations. Mr. Luba passed through Addis Ababa in December on his way to take up his appointment in Khartoum and had full discussions with members of the Division. It was agreed that he would maintain close contact with the Division.

## Work Programme

### I. Customs matters:

#### (a) Adoption of the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature - project 81

Mr. Allen in Malawi and Mr. Quinton in Ghana continue to work hard on this programme. The former is now well advanced with the task of transposing the Malawi tariff; he has also visited the Zambian Customs, made contact with them and offered them assistance with the transposition which they were undertaking with their own staff resources.

Mr. Quinton has been similarly engaged on the Ghanaian tariff, and by correspondence on the Sierra Leone tariff too. Both should be implemented early in 1966. In addition, he has acted as Adviser to the Minister of Finance in Ghana in respect of a number of customs and tariff matters.

Work on the transposition of the tariffs of Sudan, Ethiopia and Liberia continue under their own arrangements, but in close contact with the Customs Co-operation Council and ECA.

#### (b) Training

The initiative taken by ECA some months ago to facilitate customs training for Ethiopian officials at the EACSO School in Mombasa has at last borne fruit and three students should be proceeding to Mombasa in January. BTAO has provided the necessary funds to finance the fellowship.

#### (c) Promotion of transit and frontier trade in West Africa

Pressure of work with the Brussels transpositions has prevented any substantial start being made with this part of the work programme. It is hoped to do so in the new year when the new Ghana and Sierra Leone tariffs are implemented.

### II. Fiscal matters:

#### (a) Seminar in Tax Administration

This Seminar was held from the 6 to 15 December in Addis Ababa. Preparations for it, and the actual conduct of this Seminar have fully occupied the Senior Regional Adviser and the Regional Adviser in Fiscal

Policy and Administration during the quarter under review. Over 40 senior tax officials from 26 African tax administrations<sup>1/</sup> were nominated to attend the Seminar and all except four arrived. In addition there were participants from OAU, OECD, IMF and the International Fiscal Association.

Opening addresses were by the Assistant Minister of Finance (on behalf of the Ethiopian Government) and the Executive Secretary of ECA. The former stressed the need for intelligent and practical reform of African fiscal systems; the latter emphasized that this should be part of a long-term programme and not a once-and-for-all exercise.

In their final report the participants unanimously agreed that this Seminar had provided a unique opportunity for them to exchange experiences in the fiscal field, and to study each other's fiscal system. They also recommended that further meetings should be held regularly and at least once in every two years.

#### Visitors

During the period under review the Division received visits from a number of important personalities including Mr. B. D. Giles of the UNESCO office in Nairobi, Mr. Schlaff and Mr. Getz of FAO, Mr. Olufolabi of the OAU, Mr. Touré, Director of IDEP in Dakar, Mr. T. Bacskat of the Special Fund Programme in Adult Literacy and Economic Development in Africa, Messrs. Royer and Hortling of GATT, Mr. A. Chafanel of the Fiscal Section at Headquarters in New York, and Mr. F. H. Vallibhoj of the Indian Tax Administration.

<sup>1/</sup> Algeria, Basutoland, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo (Republic of) Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Republic, Zambia and EACSO.

## ADMINISTRATION, CONFERENCES AND GENERAL SERVICES

### Office of Personnel

#### Salary Increases

The Office of the Controller in New York approved the salary increases for General Service personnel, retroactive to 1 May 1965. Increases in Children's allowance and non-resident's allowance were also approved.

#### Promotion Registers

The Appointment and Promotion Panel recommended and the Executive Secretary approved the establishment of Promotion Registers for grades 4 to 9. Promotions from these Registers will be effective during 1966.

### Finance Office

#### Account Codes 1966

The Finance Officer took part in the discussion held at Headquarters relating to the adoption of new account codes for 1966 and the preparation of budget estimates for 1967.

#### Assignment

Miss Hertha Giese, Assistant Finance Officer, detailed from Headquarters, completed her tour of duty and left Addis Ababa on 29 October 1965.

#### Other Activities

Preparation of statements of unliquidated obligations and year end closing of accounts for 1965 occupied the staff of the Section during the period under review.

#### Translation Section

A heavy translation programme was carried out preparatory to the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa, held in Lusaka, from 26 October to 6 November and the African Symposium on Industrial Development in Cairo. Two translators, Miss F. Calvet and Mr. H. Lapierre, serviced the Meeting in Lusaka.



ECA Library Activities

The Library's responsibilities steadily increased,

(a) The Reference Units formerly attached to the substantive Divisions were reorganized and placed under the supervision of the Library. There are now two such units namely:

Reference Unit I (Statistics-Development Plans)

Reference Unit II (Agriculture & Natural Resources)

(b) The United Nations Documents Reference Unit formerly under the Documents Section was also placed directly under the Library.

A team of German Documentaion experts visited ECA from 24 September to 9 November 1965 to investigate the feasibility of setting up a Documentation Centre which would serve not only ECA but the whole of Africa. Their report will shortly be submitted to the Executive Secretary.

## SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES

### East Africa

The Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa was held in Lusaka from 26 October to 2 November. It was well attended - 10 out of the 15 countries in the sub-region were represented. The countries which could not send delegates were Somalia and Madagascar, and the associate member countries Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland. Nevertheless, these have been included in the projected plans for economic co-operation recommended by the meeting, and correspondence on the subject has been sent to the Governments in question.

The countries represented at the meeting agreed unanimously to recommend to their Governments the establishment of an Economic Community for Eastern Africa to promote the harmonious development of the economies of the area. The Economic Community is to have three organs: (1) A Council of Ministers, on which each member Government would be represented by a Minister; (2) Economic Committee, and, (3) A Permanent Secretariat. The main function of the Council of Ministers will be to draw up a Treaty setting up the Community, in the first instance, and subsequently to act as the executive body of the Community.

The Economic Committee will be the principal technical organ under the Council of Ministers and will be composed of officials and experts, who in their own countries, are responsible for aspects of national planning and development at the technical level. The Permanent Secretariat, which will be established when funds and personnel become available, will concern itself mainly with servicing the Community. Meanwhile this role will be assumed by the ECA secretariat.

The Rhodesian situation deprived the Sub-regional Office of the opportunity of servicing the ECA/GATT Course on Commercial Policy and Foreign Trade which was to have been held in Lusaka and on the Copper-belt from 18 November to 15 December 1965. The Course was held in Addis Ababa.

The two economists attached to this Office: Dr. Lukacs (separated from ECA since 9 December 1965) and Mr. Gor have helped the Zambian Government in two important activities. Dr. Lukacs, with the help of two Zambia junior civil servants at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has successfully completed the compilation of an Industrial Register for the Zambia Government. His work has been highly appreciated. Mr. Gor was a member of the team of Zambia senior civil servants who have successfully completed a new Tariff system.

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### Central Africa

Events at the Leopoldville Sub-regional Office were still dominated by problems of installation during the final quarter of 1965, but were also marked by more intense activity than in the previous period. This activity evolved both within the framework of ECA headquarters' and sub-regional programmes.

#### Staff movements

- Departure of Mr. Comhaire : The contract of Mr. Jean Comhaire, who had been appointed by the Executive Secretary to open the Leopoldville Sub-regional Office, expired at the beginning of October 1965. Mr. Comhaire left Leopoldville for Addis Ababa on 6 October 1965.
- Mr. Fall, Statistician in charge of the statistical section of the Sub-regional Office, arrived from Addis Ababa at the end of December.

#### ECA programme : Work of Professor Lacroix

The main point to be mentioned here is the study by Professor Lacroix, of the Institut de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (IRES), in connexion with the preparation of the Cairo Symposium on Industrial Development. In addition, Professor Lacroix has been requested by ECA to carry out other work for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa, scheduled for May 1966.

#### The sub-regional programme

Within the context of the sub-regional programme, mention should be made of the Special Fund mission to Leopoldville, the Belgian mission to Central Africa and the mission by the Director of the International Statistical Training Centre at Yeoundé.

#### The Inga project : Special Fund mission

The object of the Special Fund mission to Leopoldville was to make a more thorough study of the Inga project, which is arousing increasing interest. For this purpose, a meeting was held at the office of Mr. Brooks, TAB Deputy Resident Representative, attended by Mr. Jean-Pierre Zehnle, a member of the Special Fund mission, Mr. Heneidi, of TAB and the Director of the Leopoldville Sub-regional Office.

Transport : The Lagouge mission

The Belgian mission, composed of Mr. Lagouge, public works engineer and Head of the mission, and Mr. Van Heule, engineer, who were to be joined later by Mr. Warnimont, expert in inland navigation, spent five weeks covering the whole of Central Africa to carry out a pre-investment survey on transport.

During the first visit by the mission to Leopoldville, a working session was held, attended by Mr. Brooks, Mr. Larcher, TAB Expert in Public Works, Mr. Tran Le Quan, TAB Expert in Transport and Communications and the Director of the Sub-regional Office at Leopoldville.

This mission was accomplished in three phases corresponding to the three sub-regions visited. The first phase, in East Africa, consisted of a study of the road link between Kigali and the Mombasa railway (the rail head for Kasese and Kampala), which affects the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. The second phase consisted of a journey to Nigeria and Chad via Brazzaville, where a project for a road-rail bridge between the two Republics of the Congo was submitted to Government authorities. In Chad, among other things, the mission paid special attention to the link between Fort-Lamy and Maiduguri. The third phase was the study of the water level of Lake Tanganyika, a matter concerning all the riparian States, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

At the conclusion of this mission, a working session was held at the United States Embassy at Leopoldville, with the participation of the Deputy Director of US AID, the Commercial Attaché of the United States Embassy and the Third Secretary of the Embassy. Mr. Lagouge explained the various problems involved in an air lift between Leopoldville and Elisabethville or Lusaka, in order to assist in supplying Zambia with fuel and lubricants.

Statistics : The Serré mission

The aim of Mr. Serré's mission in Central Africa was not only to make contact with the various officials in charge of the national statistical offices in the sub-region but also, and above all, to

solve the problem of integrating former students of the International Statistical Training Centre at Yaoundé into public administration.

A number of meetings were devoted to this issue; it was decided to put an end to this situation, which was all the more regrettable since the Democratic Republic of the Congo was found to be the only country in the sub-region affected by it. This meeting was attended by the Secretary-General, Ministry of Public Administration, the Secretary-General, Ministry of Planning, the Technical Adviser in the Ministry of Public Administration, the Director of the International Statistical Training Centre (Mr. Serré) Mr. Chaussy, United Nations expert, and the Director of the Sub-regional Office.

#### Fellowship campaign, 1965 - 1966

The fellowship campaign for the year 1965-1966 was a failure on the whole. In fact, it was undertaken empirically and conducted separately by each Ministry concerned; moreover, no objective criterion was applied in the selection of candidates. Upon his arrival, the incoming Director found an impressive mass of dossiers three quarters of which proved totally unacceptable, quite apart from the fact that they had not been submitted to Addis Ababa in time. It is to be hoped that, in future, this problem will be tackled more methodically and more seriously.

#### The establishment agreement

Concomitantly with its professional activities, the Sub-regional Office attempted to regularize its legal position with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In this respect, the goodwill demonstrated by the Congolese Government is deserving of mention. In fact, disregarding the objections that had been raised hitherto, the Government invited the Executive Secretary to delegate a representative to sign the Agreement, which it hoped, moreover, to see marked by a degree of publicity.

#### Visitors

The Leopoldville Sub-regional Office received the following visitors during the last quarter of 1965:

October

Mr. Alerte Gérard : Legal adviser  
Mr. Raymond Murat : Public works engineer, Director-General of  
CEBCA  
Mr. Pascal Kabeya : Teacher  
Mr. Vandersypen : Expert, Ministry of Transport and Telecommunica-  
tions  
Mr. Warnimont : Expert in inland navigation  
Mr. André Jeudy : Technical adviser, Ministry of Planning  
Mr. J. Robson : TAB expert.

November

Mr. Lagouge : Public works engineer, Head of the ECA trans-  
port study mission in Central Africa  
Mr. Van Heule : Civil engineer, member of the ECA mission  
to Central Africa  
Mr. Jean Chaussy : United Nations expert assigned to the Ministry  
of Planning  
Mr. Youssef Helbawi : United Nations expert, Bureau of Economic  
Co-ordination  
Mr. Caulier : United Nations expert, technical adviser to  
the Police College  
Mr. Duploux : IMC engineer, head of the commercial depart-  
ment of the Société des ciments du Congo  
Mr. G. Robert : Secretary-General to the Leopoldville Chamber  
of Commerce  
Mr. Mertens : Technical Director of Messrs. Philips in the  
Congo

December

Mr. Fierens : Director of the Centre de recherches industrielles  
en Afrique Centrale  
Mr. Mullender : In charge of the mission for the Democratic  
Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Burundi

- Mr. B. Follin : Head of the French Permanent Mission for  
Aid and Co-operation
- Mr. Kuenstler : United Nations expert on mission in Central  
Africa
- Mr. M.S. Wionczek: Economist and author of numerous books on  
the Latin-American common market
- Mr. Brooke : TAB Deputy Resident Representative
- Mr. Jacobson : United Nations expert
- Mr. Serré : Director of the International Statistical  
Training Centre at Yaoundé
- Mr. R. Moriamé : Head of the European Development Fund Mission  
in the Congo.



### North Africa

As all staff-members had returned to duty by 4 October, the Tangier Sub-regional Office pursued three branches of activity:

- (a) Completion of the North Africa Survey by the end of the year;
- (b) Preparation, within the framework of the Maghreb programme, of as many studies as possible for the meeting of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb (Algiers, 15 December 1965);
- (c) Active participation in the implementation of the ECA headquarters work programme.

The staff of the Sub-regional Office were occupied principally with these three tasks. A report on the work follows.

#### Activities of the Director

On 7 and 8 October 1965, the Director of the Office held a meeting at Rabat with Mr. Alain Savary, Head of the United Nations Special Fund Mission, who was responsible for preparing a request for the financing of further studies on the project for the trans-Sahara route. At the conclusion of the discussions, it was agreed that the Director would approach the Chairman of the Committee on the trans-Sahara route, to suggest that the meeting of the Committee, originally to have been held at Algiers in 1965, should be postponed until January 1966 in order to allow time for the members of the mission to prepare a draft request for submission to the Committee. Furthermore, the Director was to approach the Special Fund with a view to speeding up Mr. Giraud's mission in the field. As a result of the representations subsequently made, the Chairman of the Committee decided to postpone the meeting until the end of January 1966; arrangements have been made for the Giraud mission to start work in the field at the beginning of the spring.

At the meeting of the Maghreb Trade Relations Sub-Commission held at Rabat on 20 October, the Director met Mr. Mohamed Cherkaoui, the Moroccan Minister of Development and Chairman of the Maghreb Standing

Consultative Committee, with whom he held lengthy discussions upon the implementation of the Maghreb programme and the progress of studies that ECA was to carry out on behalf of the Committee. Similar contact was made on different occasions with the Secretariat of the Standing Consultative Committee, which had requested explanatory notes on the problems of the Maghreb programme, the Centre for industrial studies and the project for a trans-Sahara route, in preparation for the meeting of the Committee to be held at Algiers in December. These notes were prepared by the Director.

With regard to relations between the Sub-regional Office and CAFRAD, and after working sessions with Mr. Siotis, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Mr. Rousseau, Scientific Director of CAFRAD, arrangements were made for the Office to participate in the preparation of the Seminar for consular and chancellery officials organized in November and December at Tangier.

On the same occasion, the Director of the Sub-regional Office made contact with the Director of Administrative Affairs in the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who was participating in the seminar, regarding the execution by the Moroccan Government of a construction project for a building to house both the Sub-regional Office and CAFRAD. Similar approaches were also made to the Governor of the Province of Tangier with regard to making land available to the Moroccan Government for this purpose. This project will certainly be carried out since the necessary funds have been provided, as well as the land.

On 4 and 5 November 1965, the Director of the Sub-regional Office held meetings at Rabat with the United Nations Recruitment Mission, led by Mr. N'Liba assisted by M. El Haj. After consultations with the authorities concerned and with the Secretariat of the Standing Consultative Committee, the Director drafted the section of the report of the mission concerning Morocco.

Finally, at the invitation of the Chairman of the Maghreb Standing Consultative Committee, the Director represented ECA at the meeting of the Committee held at Algiers from 15 to 19 December 1965. On this

occasion, he had numerous discussions both with the delegations of the four countries and with the Algerian authorities. This mission is the subject of a detailed report issued on 27 December 1965.

Activities of Mr. Royer

On 10 October 1965, Mr. Royer submitted a 33-page report entitled "Methodological note on long-term over-all models" and, on 15 November, a note on the adaptation of ECA machinery to the requirements of economic integration in the Maghreb and similar schemes in Africa (8 pages).

From 19 to 26 November, Mr. Royer attended an OECD Seminar on technical co-operation in Paris. He had meetings there with Professor Dumont and officials of SEMA the Société d'économie et de mathématiques appliquées).

On 27 and 28 October and 8 November 1965, Mr. Royer held discussions at Rabat with the staff of the Moroccan Planning Department regarding a long-term projection model, as well as with the FAO mission and officials concerned in the Sébou project.

During the quarter, Mr. Royer was responsible for the technical control of the activities of SEMA regarding the drafting of a report upon demand for the products of the electrical and mechanical industries in the Maghreb (Volume A-1, 1962 and Vol. A-2, 1958 to 1963), and for the drafting of a new contract with SEMA concerning projections of these products. Consultations were also held at Paris and Tangier with Mr. Sabolo and Mr. Olivier.

During the same quarter, Mr. Royer:

Prepared a programme on agricultural studies with Professor Dumont and the FAO;

Participated in the drafting of technical documents on the harmonization of national accounting in the Maghreb;

Organized Mr. Labert's mission to the Maghreb;

Prepared programmes of industrial studies for 1966.

Mr. Lambert's activities

From 4 to 11 October 1965, Mr. Lambert prepared an industrial co-ordination mission to the Maghreb, which he carried out in Algeria and Tunisia from 12 October to 16 November.

From 16 to 27 November, Mr. Lambert accompanied an itinerant mission on automobile assembly plants in Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, in connexion with the meeting of the Maghreb Ministers of Economics.

Between 29 November and 31 December, Mr. Lambert was engaged in the study of industrial potentials in the Maghreb and revised the study prepared by SEMA.

Mr. Ficowski's activities

During the quarter, Mr. Ficowski completed the new version of the second part of the North Africa Survey, entitled "Economic growth in North Africa during the period 1950-1962", which contains the following chapters (totalling 100 pages in all, including 15 tables):

1. Introduction;
2. External stimuli of economic growth;
3. Domestic demand: (a) Private consumption;  
(b) Investments;  
(c) Government consumption;
4. The processing industries;
5. The structure of the gross domestic product by divisions of economic activity;
6. Import structure and economic growth;
7. Conclusions completed.

Mr. Gholl's activities

From October until the first week of December, Mr. Gholl was assigned to Tunis to assist the Mission for the assessment of the United Nations technical assistance programme in Tunisia.

From 7 to 18 December 1965, Mr. Gholl was engaged in revising the document entitled "Population projections for the six North African countries."

Finally, Mr. Gholl was engaged in work upon the harmonization of customs nomenclatures for the four Maghreb countries in accordance with the recommendation adopted at the meeting of the Maghreb Sub-Committee on foreign trade statistics, held at Tripoli in June 1965.

Mr. Chalak's activities

From 5 to 6 October 1965, Mr. Chalak participated with the other members of the Sub-regional Office in the discussions held at Tangier on the sub-regional programme.

From the beginning of October until mid November, Mr. Chalak was assigned to Rabat for work on the Maghreb nomenclatures for national accounts.

On 1 and 2 November, Mr. Chalak worked at Tangier on the draft nomenclature of goods and services requested by the participants at the meeting of the Maghreb Sub-Committee on the Co-ordination of National Accounts held in June 1965 at Algiers.

Mr. Chalak was assigned to Tripoli from mid-December to the end of December in order to carry out a mission with the Libyan Government.

Mr. Causse's activities

From 1 to 10 October 1965, Mr. Causse drafted a report at Tangier on a mission in Tunisia and studied the sub-regional programme with the other members of the Office staff.

From 11 to 31 October, Mr. Causse carried out the first part of a mission with the Statistical Office at Rabat.

On 1 and 2 November, he worked in Tangier on the draft nomenclature of goods and services mentioned above.

From 3 November to 14 December he continued the mission begun on 11 October at Rabat.

From 15 to 31 December, Mr. Causse was engaged at Tangier on the draft Maghreb nomenclature of industrial activities, at the request of the Maghreb Sub-Committee on the co-ordination of industrial statistics, which met in February 1965.

#### Mr. Ben Amor's activities

From 21 to 24 October 1965, Mr. Ben Amor attended the meetings of the Maghreb Trade Relations Sub-Commission held at Rabat.

On 24 October, United Nations Day, Mr. Ben Amor gave a talk at Tangier on the United Nations and its role in the world.

During the last week of November, Mr. Ben Amor gave eighteen hours of lectures on international trade, within the framework of the training course for consular and chancellery officials, organized at Tangier under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and CAFRAD.

In conclusion, at the end of the quarter, Mr. Ben Amor wrote three chapters of part III of the North Africa Survey (Industrial development, capital formation and assessment of past plans).

#### Miscellaneous activities

On 28 December 1965, Mr. El Shafie, from United Nations Headquarters, New York, arrived at Tangier for a ten-day mission consisting of discussions with Mr. Ficowski and Mr. Ben Amor regarding the North Africa Survey.

On 29 December 1965, Mr. Bulic, a Yugoslav consultant, arrived at Tangier for a mission of about ten weeks' duration, devoted mainly to a study of the Maghreb electrical industries on behalf of the Maghreb Standing Consultative Committee.

#### Visitors

During the final quarter of 1965, the Sub-regional Office at Tangier received the following visitors:

#### October

Mr. R. Balleton : Correspondent of the Maghreb Arab Press

Mr. Mohamed Rahmouni : In charge of the Youth Section (Tangier) in the Secretariat for Youth and Sports  
Mr. John Allchin : FAO expert (consultant for the Sébou project)  
Mr. Max Girsperger : " " " " " " "  
Mr. C. Voormolen : " " " " " " "

November

Mr. Abderrahmani : Secretary-General in the Algerian Ministry for Youth and Sports

December

Mr. A. Mackenzie : TAB Resident Representative at Rabat  
Mr. E. Ezcurra : TAB Deputy Resident Representative at Rabat  
Mr. Naprsteck : Director of the United Nations Information Centre, Rabat.

Documents produced by the Sub-regional Office

The following documents were prepared by the Sub-regional Office at Tangier during the quarter:

- October - Long-term projection of the economy of the Maghreb (1963 to 1985), (Doc. G-3) Part III: National Accounts - J. Royer - 11 pages.
- 22 October - Long-term projection of the economy of the Maghreb (1963 to 1985), (Doc. G-2), Part II: Employment - J. Royer - 17 pages.
- October - North Africa Survey, Part III, Chapter 3, Industrial Development (provisional version) - Ben Amor - 63 pages.
- 15 November - Note on the adaptation of ECA machinery to the requirements of economic integration in the Maghreb and similar schemes in Africa - J. Royer - 8 pages.

- 16 November - Nomenclature of products and services for the Maghreb, for use in national accounts - J. Causse and N. Chalak - 222 pages.
- 27 December - Projection of the demand for Maghreb products, list of products suggested by the Sub-regional Office at Tangier - J. Royer - 11 pages.



West Africa

Travel and missions

Mission of the Director to Abidjan from 14 to 22 October to represent the Executive Secretary at the First Meeting of the West African Interim Expert Committee on Iron and Steel.

Missions carried out in the sub-region by ECA officials or experts

Second half of December: Mission by Professor Barnes, consultant on Social Affairs.

Visits to Niamey by officials or missions of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

Beginning of October: Visit by Mr. Almamy Sylla, Secretary to the Economic Commission for Africa.

18 to 21 October, United Nations Recruitment Mission in Africa.

8 to 11 November: Mission by Mr. Kuenstler, United Nations Inter-regional Adviser on Youth Policies and Programmes.

11 to 13 December: Visit by the Executive Secretary and the Secretary to the Commission for the official opening of the Sub-regional Office.

Other visitors

12 December: Visit by the Presidents of the Republic of the Niger and of the Republic of Tunisia for the official opening of the new Sub-regional Offices.

Outstanding events in the sub-region

October: Meeting at Saint-Louis (Sénégal) of the Heads of State of the riparian countries of the River Senegal.

December: First International Fair at Niamey.

Staff activities

(a) The Director

Contacts with the governments concerned regarding the mission of French experts assigned by ECA to undertake a study on the co-ordination of transport.

Contacts with the authorities of the Northern Region of Nigeria regarding a meeting with the mission of Belgian experts assigned by ECA to undertake a study of the co-ordination of transport in Central Africa.

Contacts with governments concerned in the study of the navigability of the middle course of the River Niger between Yelwa (Nigeria) and Gao (Mali).

Assistance to several governments in the preparation of the files of their candidates for ECA fellowships.

Bringing up to date the list of experts and current Special Fund projects in co-operation with TAB Resident Representatives.

Organization of the ECA stand at the Niamey International Fair.

(b) Statistician

Preparation and dissemination among the countries of the sub-region of the following papers:

- (i) Survey of household budgets at Yaoundé (1964 - 1965) - techniques employed.
- (ii) Survey of livestock in Senegal (1965).
- (iii) Reflections on the 1970 agricultural census.

Preparation of a quarterly questionnaire on the following topics:

- a. Structure of statistical services.
- b. Projects for general surveys and studies.
- c. Work in hand.
- d. Studies and surveys published during the quarter.

(c) Regional Adviser on Social Affairs

Work on professional documentation.

Assistance to the authorities of the Republic of Niger by:

A study of rural development;

Assistance to experts visiting the Niger.

(d) Administrative duties

Installation in the new offices.

Organization of the ECA Stand at the Niamey International Fair.

The Council of Ministers of the Niger Republic will be held in Niamey on 15th March 1964. The Council will be held in Niamey on 15th March 1964. The Council will be held in Niamey on 15th March 1964.

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The third regular nine months course of the Institute in which 25 students from several African countries enrolled, began on 18 October 1965.

For the first time, all the fellowships were financed by the Special Fund.

The course is divided into two semesters. Subjects offered in the first semester are the following:

1. Africa today.
2. Factors in economic development.
3. Statistical and mathematical laboratory.
4. National accounting and input-output analysis.
5. Techniques of global planning and projections.
6. Project evaluation.
7. Regional aspects of planning.
8. Educational and other aspects of manpower planning.
9. Domestic financing of development.

Subjects offered in the second semester are:

1. Project evaluation.
2. Foreign trade aspects of development planning.
3. Seminar on economic policy.

Optional subjects:

4. Agricultural and rural planning.
5. Taxation for development.
6. Physical planning.
7. Advanced planning and projection techniques.

The specialized course which has become known as the "Cairo Course" will be held at the Institute of National Planning in Cairo from 7 March through 2 April. This course is organized by IDEP in co-operation with

ECA and the Bureau of General Economic Research and Policies at United Nations Headquarters. The course will be directed by Mr. Andrew G. Brown, Acting Chief of the Planning Studies Section of this Bureau. The subject of the 1966 course is "Planning of Foreign Trade" and the purpose is to acquaint officials of Ministries of Finance or Commerce and Industry with alternative approaches to foreign trade and the problems of foreign payments within the context of economic development.

Planning has already begun for the 1966 Summer Course and Seminar which will be held in Dakar in August-September. This particular course of the Institute has been generously supported in the past by the United States, West Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and Spain and it is hoped that these and other bilateral agencies will contribute again this year.

Since the Meeting of the Governing Council in August 1965, circumstances have developed which make it impossible to establish in the near future a Demographic Training and Research Centre at Dakar in association with the Institute. The question of improving the present facilities of IDEP or of providing new buildings on a different site has been deferred pending the outcome of continuing discussions with the Government of Senegal.

ANNEX

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD IN FOURTH QUARTER

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Titles of Meetings</u>	<u>Symbols of Reports</u>
7 October - 3 November	GATT Course on Commercial Policy (French speaking)	No final report
26 October - 6 November	Sub-regional meeting on Economic Co-operation in East Africa	E/CN.14/346
8 - 16 November	Fourth Session of the Conference of African Statisticians	E/CN.14/CAS.4/17
22 November - 3 December	Seminar on Personnel Administration in Central and Local Authorities (English speaking)	
18 November - 15-December	GATT Course on Commercial Policy (English speaking)	No final report
11 - 24 November 6 - 14 December	Seminar on Problems and Training Needs in Tax Administration	E/CN.14/FISC/1