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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. R.K.A. Gardiner, the Executive Secretary visited Cairo (United Arab Republic) from 26 January to 11 February for the purpose of attending the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa held pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 1940(XVIII), Economic and Social Council Resolution 1030(c) (XXXVII) and Economic Commission for Africa Resolution 144(VII).^{1/}

While at Cairo he presided over meetings of the Directors of Sub-regional Offices of the Commission. The object of these meetings was to permit exchange of views on the general policy of the Secretariat, on methods of approach for more intensive sub-regional co-operation, and the action expected of the officers and directors.

On 3 March he left Addis Ababa for the United Kingdom where he attended a Seminar on Aid Development at Oxford University. This Seminar was sponsored by the United Kingdom Ministry of Overseas Development.

From London, he went to Accra in response to a request from the National Liberation Council, and with the approval of the Secretary-General, for discussions on economic measures and possible financial assistance to the new regime.

He returned to Addis Ababa 15 March and after a brief stay, he travelled on 18 March to New York and Washington D.C., via Rome where he held preliminary discussions on collaboration between the FAO and ECA. At New York and Washington, he had further discussions with United Nations officials and United States State Department officials on aid to Ghana. He returned to Addis Ababa on 28 March.

Mr. F.A. N'Liba N'Guimbous, the Deputy Executive Secretary returned from home leave on 18 March.

During the first quarter of 1966, Mr. A.F. Ewing, Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary, visited the six countries of the Central Africa Sub-region for the second time to collect reactions and final comments of the Governments on the Report of the ECA Mission on Economic Co-operation in Central Africa (E/CN.14/L.320) and to prepare for the

^{1/} See "Report of the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa," Cairo, 27 January - 9 February 1966 (E/CN.14/347).

Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in Central Africa to be held in Brazzaville from 18-23 April. On his return to Addis Ababa he revised the Report which served as the basic discussion paper for the Brazzaville Meeting.

He participated in the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa at Cairo.

On 3 January Mr. A. Sylla, the Secretary of the Commission and Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary left Addis Ababa on a 3-week mission to the countries of the West African Sub-region in connexion with the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa. He travelled to Cairo on 25 January to attend the Symposium, and returned to Addis Ababa on 8 February.

The Secretary of the Commission supervised the over-all administrative arrangements for the Conference of Governors of Central African Banks held at Addis Ababa from 15-22 February. He co-ordinated with the OAU the administrative arrangements for the ECA/OAU Joint Meeting on Telecommunications in Africa (7-12 March) and the Joint Meeting of ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade and OAU ad hoc Committee of Fourteen on Trade and Development (28 March - 2 April), and met with several Ministers and officials to these meetings in order to discuss the ECA Work Programme and their individual country plans for the development of telecommunications and trade. He also attended many of the sessions of the meetings.

The Secretary of the Commission held discussions with Mr. Bernard Mas, of the French Ministry of Technical Co-operation on the final arrangements concerning the four experts to be supplied by the French Government under bilateral technical assistance to prepare papers for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa to be held at Niamey later in the year.

JOINT ECA/FAO AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Mr. Wadie Habashi, Director of Agriculture of the Sudan since 1955, was appointed FAO Head of the ECA/FAO Joint Agriculture Division as of 1 March. Mr. Habashi spent three weeks at FAO Headquarters in Rome and arrived in Addis Ababa on 26 March. Mr. J.H. Dalton, Acting Head since March 1965 will be Deputy Head of the Division.

Mr. Risto Eklund, FAO Regional Forestry Officer for East Africa and Mr. Ludwig Nagoda, Associate Officer, attached to the Joint Division since 1964, finished their assignments in Addis Ababa in February and March respectively. Work on the subject of Forest Industries will be continued in 1966 by Mr. H. Luhr, FAO member of the ECA/FAO Joint Forest Industries Advisory Group. Mr. Luhr arrived in January 1966.

Ato Haile Selassie Belaj, recently Associate Dean of the Haile Selassie I University, Faculty of Agriculture, joined the Division on 16 March.

Effective 1 February, two staff members have been assigned for three months to the ECA North Africa Sub-regional Office to work on questions of demand and supply of industrial crops and on food supply problems for the Maghreb Standing Consultative Committee in economic co-operation.

The FAO Land Tenure and Settlement Officer travelled in East Africa to confer with Governments on their participation in the UN/FAO World Land Tenure Conference to be held in Rome, during June/July 1966.

The FAO Regional Agricultural Engineering officer visited Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda and the Sudan to advise these governments on agricultural processing.

The FAO Rural Institutions Officer for Agricultural Organization and Administration conferred with FAO officials in Rome on the organization and co-ordination of agricultural research. Two papers were prepared on research and training for an FAO/ECA Conference on Organization and Administration of Agricultural Services. The conference which was scheduled to be held at Conakry (Guinea) in April, has been postponed until 1967.

The FAO Rural Institutions Officer for Credit, Co-operatives and Extension helped with the preparation for the All-Nigeria Conference on Co-operatives to be held from 11 - 17 April 1966. He also attended the second general session of the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization in Nairobi from 16 - 26 January.

Having completed an inquiry into the planning of World Food Programme projects for Ethiopia, the FAO Marketing Officer spent most of the quarter under review in Rome working on marketing implications of the World Indicative Plan for Agriculture.

Work has continued on inventories of agricultural development schemes in Africa; the economics of irrigation schemes in East Africa; meat supply in West Africa; and food supply problems in each of the four sub-regions.

Agricultural Economics Bulletin for Africa No.7 was issued in February 1966.

RESEARCH DIVISION

Economic Surveys and Planning and Policies Sections

In the first quarter of 1966, the Economic Surveys Section, jointly with the Planning and Policies Section, continued their work on various parts of the Economic Survey of Africa and on the Economic Bulletin for Africa, Volume 6.

The Surveys of West and South Africa have been completed and submitted to the printers. They should be available for sale in the third quarter of 1966.

Work on the East Africa Survey has been progressing according to schedule. The Planning and Policies Section has been working on Part II of the Survey, and the analysis of several current development plans in the East Africa sub-region have been completed. The Surveys Section continued its work on Part I of the Survey.

The preparatory work on the forthcoming issue of the Economic Bulletin for Africa, Volume 6, Part 1 has almost been completed by the Surveys Section. This issue will contain an analysis of foreign trade in Africa; a discussion of primary commodities that play major roles in African economies; and, a detailed review of economic development in 37 African countries during 1964. An article, presented by the Statistics Division, discussing the relationships between various elements of the GDP in several African countries, will also be included.

A paper on Economic Co-operation in Africa will be presented in Part 2 of Volume 6 of the Bulletin, which will be published in the late summer of 1966. The second part of Volume 6 will also contain other articles dealing with various aspects of economic co-operation and integration, and an article discussing the input-output co-efficients in African agriculture.

The Economic Surveys Section and the Planning and Policies Section participated in a Seminar sponsored by the German Foundation for Developing Countries, which took place in Africa Hall in February. The subject of the Seminar dealt with financing of development plans. The Surveys and Planning Sections of the Commission presented the following papers for discussion:

"Financing of Development Plans from Domestic and Foreign Sources";

"Fiscal Policy as an Instrument of Economic Development";

"Different Sources of Financing Different Types of Projects";

"Preparation and Execution of Development Projects"; and

"Capital Aid Policy in Africa for Harmonized Comprehensive Industrial Development".

The following papers, presented by the German Foundation for Developing Countries, were also discussed:

"The Problems of Priorities and Development Plans";

"Formation of Capital: Pre-condition and Consequence of Economic Development"; and

"Debt Servicing and its consequences".

After one week of discussions, the participants in the Seminar, accompanied by members of the staff of the Surveys Section, visited Kenya and Uganda. The purpose of this visit was to acquaint the participants with various economic and social projects in these two countries, and to provide an opportunity to discuss development policies with government officials. In Kenya, the Mwea Irrigation Settlement Scheme, the Langata Housing Scheme, and the Gatukuya Coffee Growers Co-operative were visited. In Uganda, a visit with the officials of the Uganda Development Corporation was arranged, and several industrial and agricultural projects sponsored by the Uganda Development Corporation were inspected.

Social Development Section

Main Activities - Summary

During the quarter the Section finalized and issued the Report of a Mission for the Study of problems and Prospects in Rural Development of Mali, Niger and Upper Volta (E/CN.14/SWCD/29); the Report of the Seminar for Social Work Educators in Africa (E/CN.14/SWTA/42/Rev.1); the monograph, Social Reconstruction in the Newly Independent Countries of East Africa (Sales No.66.II.K5); and the Policy Statement on Youth. It also considered a first draft of the monograph, Guiding Principles of Rural Life and Institutions; carried out missions to countries of West and East Africa; and assisted with briefings of visitors.

Mission to West Africa

In response to country requests the Regional Adviser on General Social Welfare made visits in January to Senegal, Mauritania, Mali and Upper Volta. There he advised on documentation and national programmes. In addition he studied the possibilities of inter-African co-operation and international assistance. Similar but more detailed services were given in Niger.

Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Conference (AARRO) in Nairobi (Kenya)

At this Conference (17 to 26 January) the Section was represented by the Regional Adviser on Rural Life and Institutions. In his report he recommended closer collaboration between AARRO and ECA.

Mission to Tanzania, 27 January to 4 February

This mission undertaken by the Regional Adviser on Rural Life and Institutions had as objectives further discussions with the Government concerning the Training Centre at Tengeru with a view, (a) to obtain increased technical assistance for the project and (b) to hold at the Centre, in 1967, a Seminar on Housing and a Workshop on Community Development.

Visit to Uganda and Kenya

From 1 to 12 February, the Chief of the Section made a visit to these two East African countries. This he did as a member of the Seminar promoted by the German Foundation for Developing Countries and the ECA to study the financing of development plans and projects.

Briefings

The Section assisted in the briefing programmes of Mr. Dennis Frost, UN Community Development Expert of Swaziland; Dr. Francis Manis, UN Social Work Training Expert to Kenya; and in the debriefing of Mr. Rolf Haslum, UN Expert (O and M) to East African Common Services Organisation (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania), and Mr. E.H. Thomesen, Housing Expert of Malawi.

Visitors

Prominent among visitors were: Mr. Eli Nevo of the Secretariat of IVS, Washington; Mr. Mare Veillet-Lavale of IFAP, Paris; Mr. Herbert Nook of ILO, Addis Ababa; Mrs. D. Half-dan Nielsen and Miss Birthe Jensen, educationists of Denmark; and Mr. Donald Hansen, Inter-Regional Adviser on Low-Cost Housing, UN Headquarters, New York.

Public Administration Section

Training

An administrative report was prepared on the Course in Personnel Administration for Central and Local Authorities in English-speaking African Countries held in Addis Ababa from 22 November to 3 December 1965, and work was started on preparing an Information Booklet based on the Course.

Planning and preparation commenced for the Orientation Seminar in Organization and Methods for French-speaking African Countries; the Seminar on Local Government Finance for English-speaking Countries; and, the Seminar on Personnel Administration for Central and Local Authorities in French-speaking African Countries, all to be held in the second half of 1966.

The English-language Manual of Organization and Methods Practices, prepared as a result of the Training Course on Organization and Methods for English-speaking countries held in Addis Ababa in October/November 1964, was revised and expanded, and the French translation was well advanced for the Orientation Course in O & M.

Visits and Advisory Services

The following visits were undertaken, in the course of which advisory services were given:

Mr. I.S. Fraser, Senior Public Administration Adviser and Section Chief:

Ghana

24 Jan.-
3 Feb.

- (a) to attend a Conference on Research and Consultancy in Public Administration in Africa. A paper was presented on: "The Inter-Relation of Research, Consultation and Training in an Institute of Public Administration";
- (b) for discussions with departments of government to explain the ECA public administration programme;
- (c) to find out the areas of the country's programme which cause difficulty and require assistance; and,
- (d) to obtain information about the various aspects of public administration in the country.

Sierra Leone

4-10 Feb. For discussions with departments of government to explain the ECA public administration programme, to find out the areas of the country's programme which cause difficulties and require assistance and to obtain information about various aspects of public administration in the country.

Guinea

11-16 Feb.

Tangier

(Morocco)

18-22 Feb.

To attend a Seminar on "The Co-ordination of Departments of Central Government concerned with Economic Matters" organized by CAFRAD. A paper was presented on "The Administrative Framework for Economic Development in Ethiopia".

Paris, France

22-24 Feb.

Brussels,

Belgium

25 Feb.

Berlin,

Germany

26 Feb. 3 Mar.

) To explain the public administration programme of ECA to the Governments of France and Belgium, the German Foundation for Developing Countries, OECD and EEC and to discuss possible co-operation in the field of public administration including, in particular, assistance with ECA projects.

Mr. J.A. Green, Public Administration Adviser (Local Government):

Sudan

31 Jan. to

16 Feb.

At the request of the Government to carry out a survey of finances of regional and local authorities and to prepare guidelines for the UN local government finance expert who is being recruited as a member of the UN Budgetary and Government Accounting Team. A paper was prepared for the Sudan Institute of Public Administration on "Local Government Personnel Systems: integrated, unified or independent".

Liberia

17-21 Feb. For discussions with various Departments of State and the Special Commission on Government Operation (SCOGO) to explain the ECA public administration programme, find out the areas of the country's programme which cause difficulty and require assistance, and to obtain information about the various aspects of public administration in the country.

Gambia

21-22 Feb. For discussions regarding Civil Service re-organization.

Senegal

23 Feb. to 5 March For discussions with departments of government, to explain the ECA public administration programme, to find out the areas of the country's programme which cause difficulties and require assistance, and to obtain information about the various aspects of public administration in the country.

Sierra Leone

5-15 March To attend meetings of the Executive and Training Committees of the Union of African Local Authorities. A paper was submitted on co-operation and collaboration between ECA and UALA.

Mr. H. Hindle, Public Administration Adviser (O & M)

Somalia

28 Jan - At the request of the government to discuss problems
21 Feb. relating to re-organization and re-establishment of
the Somali Civil Service. Mr. Hindle delivered a
lecture on Management Controls to Senior officers.

Kenya

22 Feb - At the request of the government to discuss arran-
4 March gements for a seminar on Administrative Improvement;
to explain the ECA Public Administration programme;
to follow-up on Kenya participation in ECA Project 99:
Supply Management Improvement. The Adviser visited
EACSO to discuss O & M problems, and activities with
the UN O & M Expert.

Burundi

5 March - At the request of the Government, to explain the ECA
12 March Public Administration Programme and to obtain infor-
mation about Public Administration in Burundi.

Tanzania

13-19 Mar. To explain the ECA Public Administration Programme and
to obtain information about Public Administration in
Tanzania; to deliver two lectures to participants in the
EACSO Staff College Course on Management Controls and
Organization and Administrative Improvement.

Kenya

20 March At the request of the General Manager, East African
to 1 April Railways and Harbours, to conduct a preliminary survey
of the organization, management and administration of
EAR & H.

Documentation

Two working papers were prepared for the Working Party
on Manpower and Training.

Briefing

Three United Nations country experts were briefed or debriefed.

The public administration programme of the ECA was explained and problems discussed with an American expert in Basutoland, a representative of the Swedish International Co-operation Office and two representatives of USAID.

INDUSTRY DIVISION

Industry

A Regional Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa was held in Cairo jointly with the United Nations Centre for Industrial Development, from 27 January to 10 February 1966. It was attended by 26 member and associate member countries, several United Nations specialized and operating agencies, other inter-governmental organizations, and a number of individual experts in the fields of industry and research.

The Symposium, inter alia, reviewed the activities of ECA in the field of industrial development; endorsed the current and future programme of the Division in this field, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Lusaka conference, preparatory work for the Central, West and North African sub-regional meetings; and, also the proposed study of inter-industry balance for the African continent.

The ECA and other agencies of the United Nations were urged to expedite the feasibility studies on national, multi-national and sub-regional projects which, it is hoped, would lead to construction studies and actual capital investment.

The report of the Symposium (E/CN.14/347 - E/CN.14/AS/VI/7) is being circulated to all African governments. Copies have been sent to the Centre for Industrial Development for distribution to participants in the forthcoming meeting of the Committee for Industrial Development.

The Division has participated in the preparation of the document, "Report of the ECA Mission on Economic Co-operation in Central Africa" (E/CN.14/L.320), for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in Central Africa, to be held in Brazzaville from 18 to 23 April; and also in the drawing up of a programme of future activities in the sub-region, which will be mainly feasibility and pre-investment studies with the assistance of the UN Development Programme and industrialized countries under the bilateral technical assistance programme. Groundwork is also being laid for the study of the inter-industry balance of the Central African sub-region which will be undertaken by experts from the Division and specialists from the University of Lovanium.

Preparations are under way for the Sub-regional meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa, to be held in Niamey in October. In addition to pre-feasibility studies in practically all branches of major industries (some 30 in all), the Division is preparing a 15-year programme of industrial development (inter-industry balance) for West Africa, and a phased two to three-year programme beginning with immediate import substitution possibilities.

A meeting of the Maghreb countries will be held 20-27 June 1966 and various members of the Division, co-operating with members of the Tangier Office are preparing for this meeting. Discussions are now going on between the Sub-regional Office in Tangier and the Division concerning the study on inter-industry balance for all the North African countries. It is hoped that a team will be formed about September this year to undertake this work.

The Industry Division, in co-operation with the Division of Economic Co-operation, has finalized preparations for the first meeting of the Interim Council of Ministers of East Africa to be held from 2 - 4 May.

A special mission on small-scale industries has been sent to West Africa to identify projects which are feasible for immediate action, and to assist each of the member countries in drawing up a small-scale industries programme and obtain the necessary finance for investment from UN sources and developed countries.

The Division has prepared three technical documents for the second meeting of the Interim Expert Committee on Iron and Steel in West Africa to be held in Freetown, 15 to 22 April, and a specialist will be sent to assist the secretariat of the Committee.

Housing

For the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa to be held at Niamey in October 1966, work has commenced on a paper entitled, "Housing Policy and Programming for West African Sub-Region, in Relation to Industrialization, for the Next Decade". The intention

is to request governments to accept a housing policy to deal with long and short term-measures so that the present rate of house building in African countries can be improved. The policy on a long-term basis will emphasize the importance of the organization and productivity of the building materials and constructions industries, together with training at all levels in the field of house building, particularly for intermediate supervisors. On the short-term basis, the policy will propose centralized arrangements for housing under a national agency or national housing authority, so as to eliminate waste as far as possible in the use of money and personnel. It will also propose emphasis on an increased use of the aided self-help housing method whereby technical supervision and bulk supply of materials on individual repayment basis would be provided by the national agency, thus enabling a larger number of houses to be built with relatively small sums of money.

Initial preparations have been put in hand for the establishment of sub-regional housing centres in the Eastern and Western African sub-regions.

Work has been continued on collection of information and analysis in regard to the construction industry itself, including housing, particularly in the West African sub-region. General conditions in the industry, construction practices, building costs of major components, together with trends in the industry, and investments and demands have been written into a paper which will be submitted to the Niamey Meeting.

A paper dealing specifically with the increased use of stabilization ponds for the disposal of foul sewage has been written and circulated for comment. This paper will also be presented to a Working Group of Experts on house building costs due to meet in the first half of 1967.

Collection of data on house building costs has continued and this will be intensified during the preparations for the Working Group of Experts.

A study of the structure of organizations responsible for physical planning in African countries has been tackled from the point of view of increasing urbanization taking place in African countries, and with

particular reference to the increased rate of urbanization being caused by industrialization. Effects on national, regional and local physical planning have been taken into account.

Arrangements are being made on a bilateral basis with the Netherlands Government to assist in assembling and publishing in documented form information on building, housing and physical planning at present available in different institutes in the East African sub-region.

The important aspect of training at all levels, specially at the intermediate supervisory levels, has been taken up with the ILO and UNESCO. It is hoped that both these agencies and WHO will participate by way of providing lecturers and documentation for the technical assistance projects under preparation for early 1967 and 1968. Negotiations are in hand for the provision of bilateral assistance in the preparation of a first draft of a basic Manual for Housing Administrators for which it will be necessary to obtain contributions from experts belonging to the various professions in the field of housing, building and physical planning.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT DIVISION

Natural Resources Section

The Natural Resources Section together with other staff members of the Secretariat and representatives of Specialized Agencies, organized and participated in the Meeting of the African Regional Group of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to the developing countries. The meeting, which was held in Addis Ababa from 5 to 10 January, made recommendations covering five broad areas namely agriculture, education, transport, health and population and proposed projects for inclusion in the 5-year plan for science and technology.

Water Resources Unit

The report on the Proposed Water Resources Development Institute for the East African Sub-region by the joint ECA/Hungarian Mission, has been revised and sent to the Hungarian Authorities. It is expected to be circulated to the governments of the sub-region in April.

The joint ECA/WMO report on "Deficiencies in Hydrologic data in Africa" has been revised and sent to WMO for publication.

The draft bibliography on the Nile River Basin has been circulated and many comments were received. The draft was revised and will be published and circulated in April.

Geology and Mining Unit

During this period consultative work was undertaken for the Ethiopian Ministry of Mines. This included a field trip to the western part of the country where promising areas of mineral deposits were inspected. As a result of this preliminary work, a Special Fund Project was drafted by Mr. T. Murdock, UN Expert with the assistance of the ECA Regional Adviser.

Comments were made on various reports of UN experts in mining and geology as well as on the Coal Map of Africa which is being printed.

Detailed plans have been submitted for the project "Manpower in Geology and Mining". The Regional Adviser represented the Secretariat at the Session of the Association of African Geological Surveys which took place in Tunis, Tunisia.

Energy Unit

Country papers on energy for all West African countries have been completed and sent to the respective governments for revision and additional information. The energy paper for the sub-regional meeting on Economic Co-operation in West Africa has been prepared in draft form.

The Regional Adviser on Energy, Mr. M. Diallo left on a mission to the countries of the West African sub-region on February 21 and is expected back in Addis Ababa at the beginning of May.

Cartography Unit

A circular letter was sent on 16 February to member and associate member Governments of ECA regarding the preparation of the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa and inviting their comments on a draft list of items to be included in the provisional agenda. The Conference is scheduled to be held from 12 to 24 September 1966 in Tunis, Tunisia.

Appointment of Mr. Charly Antoun

Mr. Charly Antoun, Chartered Surveyor and ex-Director of the Sudan Survey Department joined the Natural Resources and Transport Division on 1 March 1966. His duties include the preparation of studies pertaining to the implementation of African Regional Projects in surveying and mapping.

Missions and Visits

Dr. Te Lou Tchong, Regional Cartographic Adviser, returned on 1 February 1966, to Addis Ababa after a mission to North America where he discussed with governmental services of Canada and USA the establishment in Africa of regional centres for training in photogrammetry, photo-interpretation and airborne geophysical surveys and common centres for

specialized services in surveying and mapping. Both Governments have expressed support for the ECA projects.

In pursuance of Resolution 143(VII) of the Commission, Mr. Max De Henseler, visited the United Kingdom, France and Belgium between 3 -29 March in connexion with the development of the Regional Map Reference and Documentation Centre. The main purpose of his visit was to compile an inventory of maps required for the Centre and to discuss ways and means of obtaining them. The Government officials of the services concerned were most helpful.

Dr. Te Lou Tchang left Addis Ababa on 17 March on a mission to Central and East Africa to assist in the preparation for the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa, scheduled for September, 1966 and other regional cartographic projects, such as the seminar on basic cartographic services for resources development, the pilot course on photogrammetry, and studies on the establishment of training centres in aerial surveys.

He will also assess the needs of individual countries for surveying and mapping, and assist interested governmental agencies in carrying out work related to the projects mentioned above. Dr. Tchang will supply detailed information on all ECA cartographic projects and assist the technical services in examining specific problems and in particular, those concerned with technical assistance.

Transport Section

The Transport Section submitted a paper entitled "Industrialization - Economic Co-operation and Transport: A Hypothesis of Work in the Region of the Great African Lakes" (E/CN.14/AS/IV/7) to the Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa held in Cairo. After discussions at the meeting, the paper was sent to the governments concerned for further consideration.

Following a joint request by the governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to the UN Development Programme, a team of experts which included two members of the Transport Section visited East Africa for the purpose of assisting the governments in working out a programme for economic co-operation.

The Section designed a pattern of training to meet the demands for high level African transport personnel. A Note, "The African Institute of Transport", has been prepared and circulated for comments. This note is intended to assist the Head of the Division in his discussions during his tour with appropriate officials in the United States and Europe.

Another project which ranks high in priority is the development of maritime transport in the region. The Section is actively seeking to engage the services of suitably qualified experts for work on the implementation of the resolution of the Lusaka Conference.

Two members of the Transport Section left on a visit to 14 West African countries on 21 March, to explore the possibilities of setting up a machinery for the co-ordination of transport development within the over-all concept of economic co-operation in the West African sub-region.

The work of the bilateral transport teams provided by the governments of Belgium, France and Italy has continued during the quarter. The Report of the German bilateral team is expected to be received during April.

Telecommunications Unit

The ECA/OAU Joint Meeting on Telecommunications in Africa met at Addis Ababa from 7-12 March. The purpose of this meeting was to :

- (a) review the existing or planned national networks from the viewpoint of potential needs rather than past traffic flow;
- (b) determine a realistic programme of pre-investment studies, and a training programme required to ensure the success of the operation of the networks;

- (c) draw up a programme of training of all types of personnel; and
- (d) initiate negotiations for financing the scheme through the African Development Bank.

The Meeting noted that the Rome and Dakar Plans were out of date in that some African countries do not appear in these Plans and other African countries have set up circuits which do not appear in these Plans. It therefore recommended that member States of OAU, until the pan-African telecommunications network is established before the end of 1966, should continue to set up links in accordance with the criteria they have used heretofore. It further made recommendations on a pre-investment study of the pan-African network; the mobilization of domestic and external financial resources for implementing projects; the study of the tariff structure in Africa; the training of personnel; and the need for co-operation between ECA, OAU and ITU.

STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHY DIVISION

Training

Instruction is proceeding normally during the current academic year at the UN-sponsored statistical and demographic training centres. At the Addis Ababa centre, staff members of the Division lectured during the quarter on statistical computation, statistical organization, labour statistics and industrial statistics.

Regional Advisory Services

The Regional statistical advisers undertook the following missions outside their duty stations during the first quarter of 1966:

Algeria	Assistance in organizing the population census
Dahomey	Assistance in field survey programme
Democratic Republic of Congo	New project in public accounts analysis
Economic Commission for Africa	Participation in Second Working Group on Census of Population and Housing (two advisers)
Ghana	Consultations on vital statistics and civil registration
Libya	Consultation on family budget survey
Nigeria	Participation in the First African Population Conference (two advisers) Consultations on vital statistics and civil registration.
Republic of Congo	Completion of analysis related to mecanization of public accounts (travel and per diem paid by country programme)
Senegal	Consultations on vital statistics and civil registration.

Publications

Three new issues of African Trade Statistics appeared during the quarter. One No. 7, was published for Series A, Direction of Trade, and the others Nos. 8 and 9, for Series B, Trade by Commodity.

The findings of a survey of data processing facilities, conducted during the latter half of 1965, were compiled and published in February, 1966 under the title : A Survey of African Statistical Data Processing Facilities (E/CN.14/CAS.5/1).

The first issue of Yearly Statistics of Industrial Production is expected to be distributed shortly. Statistical Newsletter, No. 20, March 1966, was distributed.

Preparatory Work for Future Meetings

Invitations were sent out at the end of March to African countries requesting nominations for the Seminar on Housing Statistics and Programmes for Africa, sponsored by the United Nations and the Government of Denmark to be held in Copenhagen, 1 - 16 September 1966.

During the quarter, information was requested from African countries for a report which will serve as a working document for a meeting on national accounts at constant prices to be held in late 1966 at ECA headquarters.

Expert Consultation on Higher Level Statistical Training in Africa

A small private group of high officials, arranged by the Statistical Office of UN Headquarters, met at Africa Hall from 13-20 January to discuss prospects for higher level statistical training in Africa. A working paper for the meeting was prepared by the Division summarizing existing facilities in African countries.

Second Working Group on Censuses of Population and Housing

The Working Group met at Addis Ababa from 22 February to 4 March to continue the formulation of an African programme to guide countries of the region in their participation in the 1970 Censuses of Population and Housing. The Working Group, taking note of recommendations of the First Working Group held in June 1965, and of the Fourth Conference of African Statisticians, prepared a complete set of recommendations for censuses both of population and housing and made proposals for means of assisting countries to implement the suggested programme. These proposals gave strong emphasis to training as an essential element of the 1970 census programme.

The meeting was attended by participants from 6 African countries, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, specialized agencies and the North African Demographic Training Centre.

First African Population Conference

As noted in an earlier section, the regional advisers for sample surveys and demographic statistics and the Chief of the Demographic Section participated in the First African Population Conference held at Ibadan University, Nigeria, 3 - 7 January. The Conference noted with satisfaction the ECA project for the preparation of a Directory of African Demographers as well as the proposals for the creation of an association of African statisticians and associated professional journal. It was felt that the scope of the Association and journal should be wide enough to include demographic and other interests.

Service to other ECA Divisions

Matrices of West African inter-regional and external trade by commodity and also by country of origin/destination were prepared for the Industry Division.

Demographic Activities

The study of recent Demographic Indicators for Africa has been revised for publication in the ECA Bulletin. The article deals with the population, its density and rate of growth, as well as the different measures of fertility and mortality.

Preliminary work has been started on a study of the demographic situation in West Africa for the Meeting on Economic Co-operation in the West African Sub-region, to be held in Niamey in October 1966.

Invitations have been issued to the North African countries for nominations for fellowships for the fourth term of the North African Demographic Centre in Cairo, to be financed out of sub-regional funds. Provisions for training and research facilities at the centre have also been extended to the other English-speaking countries of Africa. The fellowships will be financed out of country projects.

Official Travel

Mr. Arthur Mullier, Chief of the Statistics and Demography Division, left in early March for New York Headquarters to be briefed on general matters concerning United Nations operating procedures.

During January, the Chief of the Demographic Section consulted with the regional and international staff in Accra on demographic projects being undertaken by the Central Bureau of Statistics and the Institute of Statistics, University of Ghana.

Arrivals and Departure of Staff

Mr. D.K. Ghansah, Demographer joined the Demographic Section on 16 February. Mr. Ghansah was previously Head of the Demographic and Social Statistics Division in the Central Bureau of Statistics in Ghana.

ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION DIVISION

Technical Assistance Co-ordination Unit

Mr. Genzalo G. Martner, Regional Adviser in Fiscal Administration (Budgetary Management and Control) assumed his duties during the period.

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

- Development Policy (Agriculture)
- Social Welfare Training
- Housing
- Social and Economic Development
- Transport.

Mr. Morelli, Regional Adviser in Monetary Policy, left ECA in March 1966 after completion of his assignment with ECA.

In conjunction with his home leave travel Mr. S. Quinton, Regional Customs Adviser, visited Monrovia on official business.

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

- J. Mars	Economic Surveys	Lusaka
L. Gelineau	Transport	Nairobi
T.L. Tchang	Cartography	Gabon, Cameroon, Chad, CAR, Lagos, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda, Democratic Rep. of Congo, Rep. of Congo
A. Vesse	Statistics	Republic of Congo, Democratic Rep. of Congo
R. Robson	Industry	Central African countries, Ghana
J. Lambert	Industry	Algeria & Tunisia
J. A. Green	Public Administration	Sudan, Liberia, Senegal and Gambia

H. Hindle	Public Administration	Somalia, Uganda, Burundi, Kenya and Tanzania
C. Scott	Statistics	Dahomey
S.G. Quinton	Customs	Nigeria, Liberia
M. Diallo	Natural Resources	Mauritania, Gambia, Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Mali.
A. Carney	Housing	Somalia
I.A.T. Shannon	Transport	West African countries
G. Martner	Fiscal and Monetary	Ghana
G.N. Swami	Industry	West African countries
P. Galeazzi	Social Affairs	Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Upper Volta
N.M. Shukri	Natural Resources	Guinea, Mauritania
I.S. Fraser	Public Administration	Ghana, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Morocco, Paris, Brussels and Berlin.

In addition, travel was undertaken by Regional Advisers and experts to attend the following BTAO meeting and/or missions:

Miss K.M. Jupp	Statistics	Ibadan (Nigeria) to attend African Population Conference and Consultation on demographic field in Accra and Dakar.
J. Causse	Statistics	Algiers, (Algeria) to attend Conference on Population Census and to Libya to take part in meeting on Census and Family Budget.
N.M. Shukri	Natural Resources	Tangiers (Morocco) to attend meeting of African Geologists.
P. Sam	Social Development	Nairobi (Kenya) to represent BCA at the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Conference
A. Thavarajah	Demography	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) to take part in the Working Group on Censuses of Population and Housing.

Twelve country experts, as well as Mr. G. Martner, Regional Adviser in Fiscal Administration (Budgetary Management and Control) were briefed at ECA before beginning their assignments, and one country expert was de-briefed following the completion of his assignment. Approximately 130 reports from country experts and Special Fund requests were received and sent to substantive divisions for comments. Twelve quarterly reports were submitted by Regional Advisers.

Training Section

A substantial part of the work of the Training Section during the quarter was concerned with the co-ordination, evaluation and transmission to prospective donor countries of requests from African Governments for bilateral fellowships and scholarships on behalf of African trainees. Follow-up action continued to be taken on these requests and on awards communicated to the Secretariat.

In order to assist the Secretariat in its tasks of ensuring that fellowship facilities available to member States are utilized for training in fields most essential for national development, a memorandum on guiding principles and policy for bilateral fellowship co-ordination was addressed to the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme in the Region, the Directors of the ECA Sub-Regional Offices and to all Specialized Training Administrators in member States. The aim of this memorandum was to indicate to all persons concerned with the transmission of nominations the basis for the consideration of requests from member States for bilateral fellowships and scholarships co-ordinated by the ECA, so that their co-operation in implementing the programme could be more effective in getting the right African trained.

Invitations were despatched to both French and English-speaking member States calling for the nomination of Africans to take advantage of the training opportunities offered under the 1966 Study Tours Programme of the Economic Commission for Europe, and for the fellowships offered to member States through the ECA by the Governments of Belgium and Poland for the academic year 1966/67.

The fourth issue of the ECA Training Information Notice was prepared and issued in January to all member States and interested institutions and organizations. A fifth issue of this Notice is under preparation.

Studies on African manpower requirements and training needs have continued. A draft paper on the role of manpower and productivity in economic development has been prepared, and work on the trained manpower requirements for accelerated development in the West African sub-region was begun. These preparatory studies form part of the over-all preparation for the meeting of the Working Party on Manpower and Training due to take place later in the year.

A summary account of the Commission's regular training activities with regard to training courses, seminars and advisory services will be found in the report of the appropriate Divisions and Sections elsewhere in this bulletin.

Meetings

The tenth meeting of the ECA Committee on Training was held on 4 March. The Committee reviewed progress on the work of the Section and considered, among other things, a draft memorandum on guiding principles and policy for the co-ordination of bilateral fellowships and scholarships referred to above, the preparation for the first meeting of the Working Party on Manpower and Training, as well as the situation with regard to requests by African Governments for bilateral assistance.

On 18 January 1966, some senior officials from the ECA Public Administration and Training Sections met the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of the ILO in Addis Ababa, and discussed the ECA proposal for an African Institute of Management. The primarily technical discussion was held to clarify issues arising out of the proposal, as well as to indicate the interests of the two Organizations in African management development.

Staff

Mr. A. Varchaver, who was Chief of the Training Section from 1 November 1964 through 27 January 1966, completed his assignment with the ECA and returned to UNESCO. Action is being taken to secure additional professional staff for the Section.

Visitors

The following important visitors were received during the quarter:

Mr. M. nis, Social Welfare Training Adviser to Kenya (14 January).

The training of counterpart and other personnel in the field of social welfare was discussed.

Prof. P.G. Clark, Williams College, Massachusetts, USA (27 January).

Matters discussed included the scope of post-graduate courses in economics at Yale, Harvard, Vanderbilt, Williams College and Pittsburgh, as well as fellowship possibilities for African trainees.

Mr. Lagouge, Leader, Belgian Central African Transport Study Team (15 February). ECA's aims and objectives in promoting intra-African economic co-operation on sub-regional and regional basis and the role of transport and telecommunications networks in fostering economic co-operation were discussed. The man-power and training aspects of transport development were also stressed.

Mr. L.G. Eriksson, Deputy Director, International University Exchange Fund of the International Students Conference, Leiden, Netherlands (10 March). The training and ultimate employment of South African refugees were discussed.

Dr. K.T. Chandy, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, (22 March). He explained the various training programmes of his Institute to which African trainees could be admitted; the value of scholarships available to foreign students; and the need to develop a documents exchange programme with the ECA.

Prof. Jaroslav Martinic, Rector of the University of 17th November, Prague, Prof. K.R. Cermak, of the University of Agriculture, Brno and Mr. Vaclar Maly, First Secretary, Embassy of Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Addis Ababa (29 March). The post-graduate training needs of African trainees in the field of forestry, food industries, biological sciences, etc. were discussed. The need for advance information on courses and the seeking out of fellowship possibilities for participants from developing countries were also stressed.

TRADE, FISCAL AND MONETARY DIVISION

Trade Section

During the first quarter of 1966, further work was undertaken on the studies on Africa's trade with Western Europe, Asia and the centrally-planned economies.

Most of the activities of the Trade Section during this period, however, centred on preparations for the Joint Meeting of the ECA Working Party on intra-African Trade and the OAU ad hoc Committee of Fourteen on Trade and Development. The meeting was held at Addis Ababa from 28 March to 2 April 1966, and was attended by fifteen member States of the Commission, as well as by observers from FAO, GATT, IBRD and UNCTAD (E/CN.14/349).

The substantive agenda items for discussion at this joint meeting were a general review of activities in trade and customs; relations of African States with UNCTAD; and model convention for trade co-operation in Africa.

Under the general review of activities, the Working Party focussed its attention on four main subjects, namely: establishment of a common customs nomenclature for all African countries, based on the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature; simplification and standardization of trade documents; promotion of transit trade; and training and dissemination of advice and information on trade and customs matters.

Under the relations of African States with UNCTAD, Dr. Raul Prebisch, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, described the activities of the organization since the Geneva Conference, identified the main problems relating to the next Conference to be held in 1967, and stressed the paramount importance of regional commissions in connexion with UNCTAD's work. Regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the first Conference, the importance of receiving the relevant information from African governments relating to their experience, for the purpose of the Secretary-General's annual report on trade and development, was stressed.

Subsequent discussion covered such subjects as preferences for the manufactured products of developing countries in the markets of developed countries, supplementary financing and financial matters in general, and

commodity policies; the problem of high freight rates was also mentioned.

Under the last substantive item of the agenda, some of the elements to be included in model conventions for African sub-regions were discussed, such as membership, trade liberalization, most-favoured-nation treatment, safeguard clauses, transport and transit, rules of origin, common external tariff, customs co-operation, industrial co-operation, payments arrangements, co-ordination of commercial policy and institutions.

Apart from these broader approaches to trade co-operation in Africa, the Working Party also discussed the possibilities of expanding intra-African trade in individual commodities. It was agreed that it was desirable to find specifically African solutions to the problems of developing African trade.

Documents and Studies Produced

E/CN.14/WP.1/3/Corr.1 and 2	General Review of Activities in Trade and Customs
E/CN.14/WP.1/4/Corr.1 and Add.1	The Relevance of UNCTAD to Africa's Trade Problems.
E/CN.14/WP.1/5 and Add.1 & 2	Analysis of Questionnaire on Intra-African Trade.

Fiscal Section

Staffing

Mr. Weisfelt, Regional Adviser, Fiscal Planning and Administration left in January; Mr. Martner, Regional Adviser in Budgetary Management and Control assumed duty in February, and left Addis Ababa at the end of March on an indefinite assignment to Accra, Ghana. Mr. Quinton, Regional Customs Adviser, Accra, went on home leave at the beginning of March.

Studies - Public Debt (Project 83)

Owing to the shortage of staff it has not been possible to start the study. However, in order to assist in the preparation of documentation for the sub-regional meeting on economic cooperation in West Africa, the IBRD has been requested to provide information regarding the existing and prospective position of West African countries in respect of their external public debt commitments and service obligations.

Harmonization of national budgets with development plans (Project 80)

Mr. Martner has drafted the following guides:

- (a) Guidelines for the object classification of government budgets adapted to African countries (20 pages)
- (b) Guidelines for the co-ordination of national budgets with development plans (140 pages)

It is intended to use these drafts at the Budget Seminar.

Customs and Allied Matters

Adoption of the BTN (Project 81)

In Malawi, Mr. Allen, Regional Customs Adviser has reached the final stages in transposition and final comments from the C.C.C. in Brussels are awaited. Close co-operation has been maintained with the U.N. Statistical Office throughout this operation. The Adviser concerned has also played a major part in the work of the Tariff Committee which has had no less than 12 sessions devoted to a review of the actual rate structure and the preparation of the draft Tariff Act.

In Ghana, Mr. Quinton's work culminated in the passing of a new Tariff Act on 22 February. Besides introducing the new nomenclature, this Act includes a number of duty changes, some of which reflected the fruit of his advice as a consultant to the reviewing committee. A feature of the new Act is that the actual duty schedules and exemptions are no longer part of the substantive parent legislation; thus a new Act is no longer required for every individual duty change.

In Sierra Leone, a new Import and Export List, compiled with Mr. Quinton's help, came into effect on the 18 January 1966; but the introduction of the BTN for customs purposes has been delayed partly owing to printing difficulties and partly in anticipation of the recommendations of an IMF expert who is studying revenue problems.

Customs Training (Project No. 86)

Preparations, including the drafting of a provisional annotated agenda, have been started for the Customs Study Group to be held for English-speaking countries in Addis Ababa in December 1966. The main emphasis will be on intensive training in the practical application of the BTN.

In association with the Austrian Government, a limited number of places have been offered to candidates from English-speaking territories to participate in a Customs Course to be held in Vienna in September 1966. It is understood that Ethiopia and Malawi may take advantage of this opportunity.

Promotion of transit and frontier trade in West Africa (Project No. 84/85)

Mr. Quinton has had useful exploratory discussions on this subject with the Nigerian customs authorities. On his return from home leave in May, he will visit a number of other West African countries for the same purpose.

Standardization and simplification of export Documents (New Project)

Following his initiative last year, the Executive Secretary addressed a further circular letter to all member governments on this subject on 7 March transmitting a copy of the guide prepared on this subject by the Economic Commission for Europe.

The Joint Meeting of the ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade and OAU ad hoc Committee of Fourteen on Trade and Development, referred to above, strongly supported this project and recommended that all member governments should be invited to accept, within six months, the principle of standardization.

Monetary Section

Staffing

On the completion of the assignment of Mr. G. Morelli, Regional Adviser with ECA, the Monetary Unit has since the end of January consisted of one professional member.

The Conference of Governors of African Central Banks(E/CN.14/AMA/13) was held in Addis Ababa between 15 and 22 February, and was attended by 36 delegates representing 16 African Central Banks. Among the recommendations and conclusions of the meeting are:

- (i) the establishment of an Association of African Central Banks to enhance regional co-operation in monetary and financial matters;
- (ii) the organization of a Research Committee to explore the possibilities of establishing an African Monetary Research Centre;
- (iii) the publication of a Regional Bulletin on monetary and financial developments, to be initiated by the Research Committee and eventually taken over by the proposed Research Centre;
- (iv) the collaboration of ECA, ADB and IDEP in the organization of an interim secretariat to undertake the preparatory work of the Association, and the establishment of the Research Committee;
- (v) exploration by the Executive Secretary of the possibilities of establishing a multilateral clearing or payments agency between neighbouring African countries.

The need for pooling resources for training high level banking technicians was noted and the Conference agreed that there was need for some training of Central Bank staff in addition to existing local courses arranged by some African Central Banks; and for mutual exchange of details of the type of courses organized locally by these banks. It was agreed that such courses should be organized for periods not exceeding six weeks and the Conference was invited to organize the first course in Nigeria in 1968.

The Unit will serve as secretariat to the Association of African Central Banks, including liaison with ADB and IDEP and between African Central Banks, and the servicing of training programmes organized by member banks, in particular the training programme to be offered by the Central Bank of Nigeria in 1968. The work programme has been adjusted accordingly.

The immediate task before the Unit is the drafting of the Charter of Association of African Central Banks, which will be circulated to member countries for their consideration. The drafting exercise is now in progress.

In view of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Governors of African Central Banks, it is now deemed unnecessary to convene this year a meeting of the Working Party on Monetary Management and Intra-African Payments and member governments have been advised accordingly.

A new ad hoc project has been added to the work programme of the Unit, namely a study of possibilities of monetary co-operation between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the member States of UDEAC.

The one continuing project in the work programme that has not yet been started is No.74: Mobilization of domestic savings and their direction into productive investment: the role of financial institutions in this process. The situation resulted from shortage of staff.

Documents and Studies Produced

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| 1. | E/CN.14/AMA/95 | <u>Training Facilities in Banking and Finance with the African Region;</u> |
| 2. | E/CN.14/WP.2/47)
E/CN.14/AMA/12) | <u>African Payments Union;</u> |
| 3. | E/CN.14/WP.2/4/Add.1)
E/CN.14/AMA/12/Add.1) | <u>Examination of Objections to the African Payments Union;</u> |
| 4. | E/CN.14/STC/AMA/2/Rev.1 | <u>Survey of Monetary Institutions in Africa;</u> |
| 5. | E/CN.14/AMA/8 | <u>A Note on Central Bank Publications</u> |

SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES

Central Africa

During the quarter under review the Sub-regional Office has been mainly occupied with the preparations for the Sub-regional Meeting on Economic Co-operation in Central Africa which is to be held in Brazzaville early in April, at the kind invitation of the President of the Republic of the Congo.

East Africa

During the first quarter of this year, the main preoccupation of the Sub-regional Office for East Africa was the launching of the proposed Economic Community for Eastern Africa. It will be recalled that, at the Lusaka Meeting (end of October/early November 1965) the participating countries were enjoined to make known to the ECA Secretariat by the end of February 1966 their reactions to the recommendations of the Conference. The Meeting further suggested that, should six of the Governments within the sub-region signify their acceptance of the recommendations, then these could conveniently constitute a quorum to enable the Community to be launched.

Much of the correspondence sent from this office to the Governments in the sub-region during the period under review, stressed the need to live up to the spirit of the Lusaka Meeting and, by the end of February, six countries - namely, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Tanzania and Zambia had not only written to announce their acceptance of the recommendations, but also to give the names of the Ministers who will represent them at the inaugural meeting of the Council of Ministers which will draw up the Treaty setting up the Community.

The stage is now set for the inaugural meeting which is scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa from 2 to 4 May 1966. A draft Treaty and a provisional agenda have been sent to the Governments concerned.

North Africa

As in previous quarters, the staff of the Tangier Sub-regional Office devoted itself during the first three months of 1966 essentially to implementing the headquarters programme and, in particular, to completing the North Africa Survey as well as the industrial, agricultural and statistical studies assigned to it by the Maghreb economic institutions.

Activities of the Director

At the beginning of the quarter, the Director of the Sub-regional Office contributed to a report drawn up for the Cairo Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa. Again, on the occasion of the Conference of Ministers of Economic Affairs of the Maghreb, at Algiers, he co-operated with Maghreb experts, at the beginning of February, in drawing up the statutes of the future Centre for Industrial Studies at Tripoli.

He briefed the agricultural mission composed of Mr. Sheira and Mr. Shehata and organized the visits to the Maghreb countries by that mission and the industrial mission led by Mr. Bulic.

Further, he presented the agricultural mission to the representatives of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb, to the Resident Representative, to FAO officials and to experts of the Sébou mission.

The Director is now supervising the drafting of the industrial mission's report.

At the beginning of February he attended a meeting of the Directors of Sub-regional Offices at Cairo, and there discussed matters relating to the Office's activities with the Executive Secretary, heads of division and those in charge of operational units who were present at the Symposium on Industrial Development.

From 8 to 11 February, he attended the Conference of Ministers of Economic Affairs of the Maghreb, at Algiers, and the meeting of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb. He reported to those two bodies on the work which ECA and the Tangier Office had carried out for them, in the framework of the study programme assigned to them. A report on this mission was submitted to the Executive Secretary in due time.

At the close of the Conference, the Director of the Sub-regional Office held talks with CAFRAD and with Mr. Bertrand, Director of the Department of Social Sciences, Unesco, regarding a study to be carried out by Mr. Rousseau and Mr. Audat of CAFRAD on the administrative operation and the budget of the Secretariat of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb.

Further, he entered into negotiations with the Chairman of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb and with Mr. Gosse, an ILO expert at present stationed at the Tangier Office, regarding the participation of that expert in a study on problems relating to manpower and training in the Maghreb. The negotiations will be continued with the Director-General of the ILO.

On 21 February, the Director of the Sub-regional Office met Dr. Hoo, Commissioner for Technical Assistance, with whom he discussed the possibility of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb receiving direct United Nations technical assistance. A memorandum was handed to Dr. Hoo.

Acting within his role of providing liaison between ECA and the Governments of the six countries of the sub-region, the Director of the Office took a number of steps to ensure the participation of those countries in the Cairo Symposium on Industrial Development and in the Conference of Governors of African Central Banks held at Addis Ababa at the end of February. He also asked the countries concerned, on several occasions, to nominate their representatives to the ECA working parties set up during the Commission's seventh session.

Lastly, in the course of routine contacts with the Moroccan authorities and with the Chairman and Secretariat of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb, the Director of the Sub-regional Office carried out some missions at Rabat during the first quarter.

In addition, he held a number of meetings with the staff of the Sub-regional Office to prepare the meeting of the six countries of the sub-region scheduled to be held at Tangier from 20 to 27 June.

Activities of Mr. Royer

Mr. Royer was seconded from the Tangier Sub-regional Office in mid-January to participate, on behalf of United Nations Headquarters, in a mission, the purpose of which was to evaluate technical assistance to Libya. In principle his mission should end on 31 March.

Activities of Mr. Lambert

From 1 to 15 January, Mr. Lambert participated (with Mr. Bulic and Mr. Longchal, consultants) in the preparation of an industrial mission to the Maghreb, with a view to establishing an inventory of the productive potentialities of the mechanical, electrical, chemical and building materials industries.

From 15 January to 20 February, he took part in the above-mentioned mission and visited Morocco, Algeria, Libya, and Tunisia to make contact with the authorities in the four countries and visit undertakings in the industrial sectors with which the mission was concerned.

During his stay in Algeria he co-operated with the Expert Committee of the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb in establishing draft statutes for the future Centre for Industrial Studies at Tripoli.

From 20 February to 20 March, he participated in drafting the report of the industrial mission.

From 20 to 31 March, he co-operated with Mr. Gholi and Mr. Causse in drawing up a list of 300 industrial products in respect of which a projection will be made for all the Maghreb countries.

Activities of Mr. Ficowski

During the quarter, Mr. Ficowski completed the last chapter (Conclusions) of Part 2 of the North Africa Survey.

He also prepared the final chapter of Part 3 of the Survey, entitled "Strategy of Development"

Activities of Mr. Gholl

During the quarter, Mr. Gholl was engaged in work upon the harmonization of Customs nomenclatures for products in the four Maghreb countries (Chapters 1 - 75).

He prepared "Demographic Projections for North Africa" for reproduction.

He co-operated with the agricultural mission composed of Mr. Sheira and Mr. Shehata, agricultural economists from the ECA secretariat.

Lastly, he took an active part in preparing a North African Sub-regional meeting to be held at Tangier from 20 to 27 June, and in drawing up a list of industrial products in respect of which a projection will be made for all the Maghreb countries.

Activities of Mr. Causse

From 1 to 17 January, Mr. Causse took part, at Tangier, in the preparation of a draft nomenclature of economic activities for the Maghreb countries, and in discussions regarding the study on the demand for industrial products (Volumes A-1 and A-2 completed, Volumes B and C in draft form).

From 18 January to 20 February, he carried out a mission to Algiers to prepare the general population census and the forthcoming survey on family budgets.

From 21 February to 4 March he visited Addis Ababa to attend the meeting of the Second Working Group on the 1970 Censuses of Population and Housing.

From 5 to 12 March, he carried out a mission to Tripoli to discuss the proposed national consumption study in Libya, the first part of which will relate to urban areas and be linked with the study of employment.

From 13 to 31 March, he participated at Tangier in drawing up the list of products to be studied for Volumes B and C of the study on the demand for industrial products in the Maghreb.

Activities of Mr. Chalak

During the quarter, Mr. Chalak continued his mission to the Moroccan Government, at Rabat.

Activities of Mr. Ben Amor

Mr. Ben Amor participated in the preparation of a document for the Cairo Symposium on Industrial Development and attended the Symposium.

During the quarter, he concluded Chapter VIII (Plan Targets and Plan Fulfilments) of Part 3 of the North Africa Survey and prepared supplements to Chapters IV and V of Part 3 of that Survey.

Other Activities

On 11 January, Mr. Longchal, plastics consultant, made contact with Mr. Bulic and Mr. Lambert, whom he joined in the industrial mission to the four Maghreb countries, which has just studied the mechanical, electrical, chemical and building materials industries.

From 12 to 15 January, Mr. Sabolo, a SEMA expert, made a stay at Tangier in connexion with the study prepared by that company on the demand for industrial products in the Maghreb.

From 13 to 17 January, Mr. Zerjavic, from ECA headquarters, visited Tangier as part of his duties in connexion with the operational units set up to co-ordinate the activities of headquarters and the Sub-regional Offices.

On 28 January, Mr. Sheira and Mr. Shehata, agricultural economists from the ECA Secretariat, proceeded to Tangier to undertake the study on agricultural supplies and industrial crops in the Maghreb.

On 4 February, Mr. Gosse, an ILO expert, arrived at Tangier to represent the Organization in the Sub-regional Office.

Visitors

During the quarter, the Tangier Office received visits from the following persons:

January

Mr. d'Arbouzier, United Nations Under-Secretary, Director-General
of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

February

Dr. Hoo, United Nations Commissioner for Technical Assistance

Mr. Benkirane, Assistant to the Director of the Department of Relations
with International Organizations, Moroccan Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Mr. El-Falaky (UAR Representatives to the CAFRAD Conference on the
co-ordination of the central services for economic
administration)

Mr. Chucry

Mr. Fraser, Chief of ECA Public Administration Section

March

Mr. Abdallah, Director of CAFRAD

Mr. Baracs, Commercial Counsellor, Hungarian Embassy to Morocco

Mr. Muzslai, Commercial Secretary, Hungarian Embassy to Morocco

Documents produced by the Sub-regional Office

During the first quarter, the following documents were produced by the Tangier Office:

Draft Statutes of the Centre for Industrial Studies at Tripoli,
J. Lambert (17 pages, French).

Industrial Development in the North African Sub-region and the
Role of the ECA Sub-regional Office at Tangier, document prepared
for the Cairo Symposium on Industrial Development by the Director
of the Office and Mr. Ben Amor (24 pages, French).

Nomenclature of Economic Activities for the Maghreb, with intro-
duction, N. Chalak and J. Causse (169 pages, French).

Demographic Projections for North Africa, J. Gholi (40 pages, French).

Preliminary Memorandum relating to the Sub-regional Meeting, J. Gholi
(10 pages, French).

West Africa

Trips and Missions

The Director's mission to the sub-region, from 3 January to 18 February, to prepare the African Symposium on Industrial Development, opening at Cairo on 27 January, to participate in the proceedings of the Cairo Symposium and to visit the Commission's headquarters at Addis-Akaba.

Mission of Mr. Galeazzi, Regional Social Welfare Adviser, to Nouakchott, Dakar, Bamako and Ouagadougou, from 3 to 24 January.

Missions to the sub-region by ECA officials or experts

Mission of Mr. Sylla, Mr. Kasse and Mr. Habte to all the capitals of the sub-region, in January, to prepare the African Symposium on Industrial Development at Cairo.

Mission to Nigeria and Niger, during the second half of March, by Mr. Horvath, Consultant to the Division of Industry (clay and pottery).

Mission in the first three months of 1966 by French experts entrusted with a study on the co-ordination of transport in the eight States in the western part of the sub-region.

Mission by Mr. L. Barnes, Social Affairs Consultant, during the first quarter of 1966.

Mission carried out in February and March by USAID industrial experts on behalf of ECA.

Staff Movement

Arrival on 24 March of Mr. V.A. Jibidar, an economist recently assigned to Niamey.

Visits to the Sub-Regional Office by United Nations and Specialized Agency officials

Mr. M. Hoo, UN Commissioner for Technical Assistance, and Mr. Gleboff, Deputy Chief, Section for Africa, Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations, from 28 February to 2 March.

Mr. Doo Kingué, Chief, Africa Division Bureau of Relations with Member States, UNESCO, Paris, from 3 to 7 March.

Mr. Monsour, Chief of the UNESCO Mission to the Ivory Coast, Niger and the Upper Volta.

On 11 March, Mr. Schultz, a United Nations expert assigned by UNDP to the Lake Chad Basin Commission.

From 24 to 28 March, Mr. H. Zuberi, Science Officer, UNESCO, Regional Centre for Science and Technology for Africa, Nairobi.

Meetings organized in the sub-region by the United Nations or by Specialized Agencies

A Seminar on Agricultural Statistics was organized by FAO at Niamey, in February, for officials in Niger.

Activities of the sub-regional office

The Director

Approaches to Governments concerned with a French expert mission entrusted with a study on the co-ordination of transport.

Negotiations with Mali and Nigeria regarding the study of the navigability of the River Niger between Jeliva and Gao.

Assistance to the Government of Niger in preparing the first River Niger meeting to be held in April 1966.

Documents produced - Statistical and social

Preparation and distribution of a methodological memorandum on the study of prices at Monrovia (condensed from the results of the study relating to the Monrovia consumer price index).

Preparation of a further sub-regional bibliography based on the ECA inquiry into country statistical publications in West Africa.

Study and finalization of immediate definite action that might be taken by the United Nations to develop statistics in Senegal and the Upper Volta.

Preparation, with the Niger Statistical Office, of plans to organize and develop current statistics and to organize the Niger Central Statistical Office.

Studies and reports on missions carried out, the conclusions being communicated to resident representatives.

Launching of an operation to compile and exchange information on the various programmes and projects connected with the manufacture of weaning foods in West Africa.

Social

Co-operation afforded Mr. Chapoux, UNICEF expert on problems and programmes relating to children and youth in Niger (in the context of a mission entrusted to him by the Government of that country).

Assistance to Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Hookam, FAO advisers on home economics; discussion of the various programmes in West Africa.

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Invitations to give a series of lectures to the 24 students enrolled in the regular nine-months course were extended to Mr. J.H. Mensah, Head of ECA's Division of Economic Co-operation, and Mr. L. Gelineau, Regional Transport Adviser. It is expected that these visits will take place in May and June.

Fifteen students were enrolled in the specialized "Cairo Course" (Planning of Foreign Trade) from 7 March through 2 April. ECA was represented on the teaching staff by Mr. K.K. Apeadu, Head of the Research Division, who gave a series of lectures on Economic Co-operation.

With assurances of continuing support from the United States Government of up to 50 per cent of the costs, plans are well underway for the 1966 Summer Course and Seminar which will be held in Dakar in August/September.

The Director, Mr. Mamadou Touré, visited United Nations Headquarters and agencies in the United States and in Europe in March and April and obtained firm offers of interest and support from international organizations, foundations and bilateral agencies.

ANNEX

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD IN THE FIRST QUARTER

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Titles of Meetings</u>	<u>Symbols of Reports</u>
24 January - 18 February	Financing of Development Plans and Projects	Not yet available
27 January - 10 February	African Symposium on Industrial Development	E/CN.14/347 E/CN.14/AS/VI/7
15 - 22 February	Conference of Governors of Central African Banks	E/CN.14/AMA/13
22 February - 4 March	Working Group on Census of Population and Housing	E/CN.14/CAS.S/CPH/8
7 March - 2 April	IDEP Training Course of Planning the External Sector	
7 - 12 March	ECA/OAU Joint Meeting on Telecommunications in Africa	Not yet available
22 March - 2 April	Joint Meeting of ECA Working Party on Intra- African Trade and OAU <u>ad hoc</u> Committee of Fourteen on Trade and Development	E/CN.14/349