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(second edition)

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The first edition of the geological map of north-west Africa was published on the occasion of the 19th International Geological Congress (Algiers, 1952). As this edition is exhausted, and as geological study of the Sahara has made considerable progress, it has been decided to compile a second edition, the preparation of which has been entrusted to the Centre de recherches sahariennes (CNRS) (Centre for Saharan Research).

In 1961, two sheets of the south (western Sahara and central Sahara) were compiled, but their printing was delayed owing to budgetary considerations. They are at present in process of being printed, and should be issued before the end of June. The two sheets of the north will only appear two years from now. This second edition is published by the Centre national de la recherche scientifique, with the participation of the Organisation commune des régions sahariennes (Joint Organization for the Saharan Areas) and with the collaboration of the Association des services géologiques africains (Association of African Geological Services).

These sheets were compiled from information contained in the published and unpublished works of a large number of services, of oil companies and mining companies, and of numerous geologists whose names are listed in the margin.

The sheet "Sahara occidental" ("Western Sahara") was prepared by P. Gevin. On the sheet "Sahara central" ("Central Sahara"), the Crystalline period was compiled by M. Lelubre, the Paleozoic by J.M. Freulon, and the Mesozoic and Cenozoic by J.P. Lefranc.

We were not in a position to make the necessary corrections to the topographical base map, the plate for planimetry having been omitted from the second edition.