

BRIEF NOTICES

EARIC

East African Research Information Centre

The EARIC, sponsored by the East African Academy and financed by the Ford Foundation, is a new institution intended to promote the efficient exchange of information within the fields of the social sciences and development. Its immediate objectives are "to collect, collate and disseminate information on past and current research in the social sciences with special reference to East Africa. Information will be made available to accredited scholars from any country and to interested government ministries and other accredited bodies in the East African Community. To further its aims and objectives, EARIC will undertake to work closely and co-operate with institutions in and outside East Africa having similar interests. (Quoted from the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the East Academy and the Ford Foundation).

On 1st April, 1968 EARIC opened its office in Olympic House, 3rd floor, Koinange Street (mailing address: P.O. Box 30756, Nairobi). The first months were spent in completing the physical set-up, starting correspondence with institutes engaged in East African studies, ordering books and periodicals and speeding up the collection of bibliographical data. By now over 10,000 titles have been collected, covering the fields of the social sciences and works relevant to the economic and social development of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Alphabetic filling of these titles has also been completed. Classification of titles according to topics and geographical areas is still at an initial stage. In September 1968 the first EARIC Information Circular was issued under the title "Sources for the Study of East African Cultures and Development: A Bibliography of Social Scientific Bibliographies, Abstracts, Reference Works, Catalogues, Directories, Writings on Archives, Bibliographies, Book Production, Libraries, and Museums, with Special Reference to Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, 1946-1966 (1967-1968)."

The second Information Circular covers the language situation in East Africa, and to a certain extent in Africa as a whole. It is hoped that specialists, universities and libraries will find it a time-saving tool for bibliographical references.