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Commentary

A key to success in understanding the complexities of applying sanctions in the Southern Africa region may be found in the bibliographical guide by Jacqueline A. Kalley entitled: “Sanctions and Southern Africa,” and the underlying importance of education in the Nigerian development process in “Nigerian Education: A Classified Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations,” by E. S. Muogilim. Both articles appear in this issue of A Current Bibliography on African Affairs.

Users of this issue will also find a substantial increase in the number of entries in the bibliographical sections. The quantity of writing on things African is increasing at a rather rapid rate and is creating havoc with fledgling information and documentation centers on African affairs not only on the continent of Africa but abroad. Reasons of space dictate that the editors of this journal keep a steady eye on what data is absolutely needed by our users not only on a daily basis but also in terms of future use. Small may be beautiful in some areas, but “bigger is better” is fast becoming the watchword for African Affairs information and documentation over the past few years. Most of us recognize we are living in the information age; and if we don’t always approve of it, most of us are at least resigned to its inevitability. We feel that it is highly important to the users of our services to have as much access to needed information as quickly as possible on a selective and highly-structured basis. In sum, you will find a definitive emphasis in this issue and forthcoming issues of A Current Bibliography on African Affairs on developmental and social issues presented in enlarged regional sectors. This issue contains an increase in Eastern and Southern African affairs. However, the features and book reviews focus on Western Africa to a greater extent.

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