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CALLAN AUTHORS WORK ON NATIVE LEADER

Luthuli and Africa Featured in New WMU Book

Great tribute is paid to Albert John Luthuli, noted African leader and 1960 Nobel Peace Prize winner, in a new book just published by the Institute of Regional Studies.

Albert John Luthuli and the South African Race Conflict, is the work of Dr. Edward T. Callan, associate professor of English, a long-time resident of the Union of South Africa, and who last year spent his time in study at Oxford University, England, under a grant from the WMU Institute. (The Institute of Regional Studies was founded by Western Michigan University two years ago with a grant of $144,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The grant made possible the preparation of new curricula for undergraduate study of the non-Western world as well as projects for research and study by faculty members abroad.)

Studying under Prof. Kenneth Kirkwood, Rhodes professor of race relations, Dr. Callan was encouraged to make a study of Luthuli and to write on him. His original paper was later submitted to the Nobel committee at Stockholm and may have played a part in Luthuli's winning the coveted award.

Dr. Callan's work was done at St. Antony's College at Oxford on contemporary Africa. Born in Ireland, the WMU educator grew up in the Union of South Africa, earned his B.A. degree at the University of Witwatersrand and his doctorate at the University of South Africa. Before coming to the United States, Dr. Callan taught in the South African school system, traveled extensively in
DeFea Lewe

South Africa, and served as a lecturer on South African affairs for the British Labor Government.

Callan’s monograph on Luthuli is a full-length study of the life and contributions of the African chief—detailing Luthuli’s dual heritage, Zulu and Christian (being a product of the Board of Missions of the American Congregational Church); explaining his dual role as a native chief and as a leader of the African National Congress; and emphasizing Luthuli’s work as a mediator between the Black and the White in South Africa and between the East and the West.

This new book concludes by saying, “Luthuli’s frequent expression of the hope that goodwill and charitableness may prevail in South Africa appear to have earned him, in some quarters, a reputation for softness and pliability. But his attempts to harmonize alien cultures and to mediate race conflicts are not signs of weakness but of strength. Unlike many political figures in Africa, Luthuli views the present realistically and does not seek a dream world in the past as do the Afrikaner Nationalists, or in the future as some African Nationalists do. He is not the wildeyed, revolutionary demagogue that South Africa’s leaders would like their followers to believe him to be; his usual behavior in crises reveals a patient, but imperturbable, courage.”

The book concludes with Luthuli’s address upon accepting the Nobel Peace Prize and an extensive bibliography on him.

Copies may be obtained from the WMU Institute of Regional Studies at $1 each.

Summer Grant Aids Michigan History

A grant from the John M. Munson Michigan History Fund, administered by the Michigan Historical Commission, will pay the tuition and fees of students admitted to a graduate workshop during the summer of 1962.

The integration of Michigan history in high school United States history courses is to be the theme of the July 30-August 10 workshop, conducted by Dr. Alan Brown, Michigan historian and University archivist.

Applications are limited to high school teachers of U.S. history. Two hours of graduate credit will be given.

Grants More Than $50,000

Gifts and grants for the fourth quarter of 1961 to Western Michigan University totalled $52,758.44, President James W. Miller has reported to the State Board of Education. This included $40,148.34 from the Federal government in support of institutes and other programs. Another $8,790.60 was marked for student loan and scholarship funds.

Three Instructors Join Faculty for Spring Semester

Three new instructors, taking over their duties with the opening of the spring semester, have joined the University faculty.

They are: Chong K. Lewe, instructor in physics; Francis W. DeFea, instructor in business education, and Michael W. Robbins, instructor in English.

Lewe comes as a replacement for the late Roy Mesick, who died during the fall semester. He is a native of Seoul, Korea, is married and has one son.

Lewe was educated at Whitman College and earned his master’s degree at the University of Connecticut, where he has been a teaching assistant for the last two years.

DeFea is a graduate of Dickinson State College in North Dakota, and the University of North Dakota. His teaching experience has been in Hebron, N.D., the University of North Dakota and Idaho State College. He is unmarried.

Robbins is a native of Decatur, Ill., a graduate of Colgate University, and has just completed his master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University. He is married.

Russian, East European Studies Now a Minor

Russian and East European Studies as a minor field of academic study have been authorized at Western Michigan University, according to President James W. Miller.

It parallels similar programs in Far Eastern and Latin American studies. President Miller points out that no additional staff or new courses will be needed, but that the new program permits the realignment of student schedules to fill certain requirements.
Marguerite Logan, Geographer, Dies; Retired in 1959

Miss Marguerite Logan, associate professor emeritus of geography and geology, died January 25 at Torrance, Calif.

She first joined the Western Michigan faculty in 1930, but had been in ill health since before her 1959 retirement, and had been critically ill for two months.

A native of Ruthven, Iowa, Miss Logan was educated at the State College of Iowa and the University of Chicago.

Her major interest was the preparation of teachers, and she devoted her complete attention to this task, spending countless hours traveling through Michigan to confer with her former students on their classroom problems.

Miss Logan was also an author, having completed four books: Elements of Geography, Guide to Teaching the New Geography, Geographic Techniques, and Geographical Bibliography of all the Major Nations of the World.

Contributions to the Student Loan Fund are being made in her memory.

President James W. Miller presents President Weimer K. Hicks of Kalamazoo College with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the January commencement rites. Assisting are Dr. Russell H. Seibert, left rear, and Dr. L. Dale Faunce, WMU vice presidents.

Citation Honors Local Educator

"Weimer Kerr Hicks, your distinguished record in academic administration is widely attested by national recognition. As president of one of the most outstanding liberal arts colleges in the country, you have dared to examine the traditional assumptions of Academe, you have experimented boldly with new patterns of educational experience, you have fostered administrative reforms which have encouraged the development of a true community to scholars.

"You have moved against longstanding provincialism in higher education, both national and international. You have stimulated the healthy interchange of students and faculty among the parts of this country and between the United States and other nations. Such programs should have far-reaching effects in the struggle for universal human understanding.

"Your educational neighborliness has been wide ranging. Not only has it included your sister institutions of the Middle West, the East and those in foreign lands but there has been room within it for even your nearest academic neighbor. This we cherish.

"Western Michigan University is therefore pleased to award you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appertaining thereto."

Spear Gets National Honor

Miss Marion R. Spear, head of the Occupational Therapy department of the University from 1944 until 1958, and director of the OT school at the Kalamazoo State Hospital from 1922 to 1944, has been honored by the American Occupational Therapy Association. In 36 years Miss Spear had graduated some 700 therapists.

Lease Fort Custer Land

A five-year lease on 485 acres of land in the Fort Custer Military Reservation has been given Western Michigan University by the Department of the Army to develop a long range field research study in environmental biology. Dr. Thane Robinson of the C. C. Adams Center for Ecological Studies will direct the work.
Fraternity Helps
Wildlife Preserve

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity has donated several days work this winter to the University's Kleinstueck wildlife preserve, located in the southwest part of Kalamazoo.

Under the direction of the biology staff and assisted by state foresters, the fraternity members have assisted in thinning the red pine plantation. Thinnings are being used to construct rabbit shelters in Kleinstueck, and the wood will be sold for fireplace use.

Miss Anne Fuller of the biology faculty says that this first profit from the red pine plantings will be used to purchase equipment for pruning the remaining trees, to enhance their maturity value as timber.

An overall soil and water conservation program for the preserve has been entered into with the local Soil Conservation District. Plans are designed to enhance the area as a biological laboratory and as a demonstration of woodlot management.