

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UFAHAMU LOOKS AHEAD

Our Coming Numbers

Vol VI #3 of *Ufahamu* will deal with what Religion has done or failed to do towards social, political, economic and scientific progress in African societies. It is not enough to argue that alien religions, for example, have given educational enlightenment to Africa. What of the cooperation of religion and colonialism in dominating the African's intellect; to render him and his culture hateful and inferior to himself? This debasement of the self is not even being eradicated by the indigenous clergy. We will discuss the implications of this state of mental attitude relative to social progress. In addition, we will be looking at some of the traditional religious practices which were forced to metamorphose following the injection of alien value systems.

In Vol VII #1, we will return to Southern Africa. The issue will be built around tributes to the memory of Henry B.M. Chipembere and will examine several perspectives of the continuing struggles of Blacks against the white racist regime of Vorster and Ian Smith.

CHANGE OF NAME

REDEFINING TERMS USED FOR AFRICA

How many school educated Africans do not use such terms as "tribe", "pygmies", "bushmen", "ancestor-worship", "primitive", "ritual", "witch-doctor", "stateless societies", etc., etc. in a sense which is derogatory to Africa's image? How many of these terms do erstwhile colonialists use to describe their own societies? This is food for thought. *Ufahamu* is inviting short observations on possible alternative terms and redefinitions for these. It is time Africa calls herself what she wishes to be called by *not* what alien peoples would want to call her. Let us hear from our specialists. We will publish the best notes in our subsequent issues beginning with Vol VII #1.