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"The Lagos Plan of Action vs. The Berg Report"—a monograph of contemporary issues in African economic development, by Robert S. Browne and Robert J. Cummings, published by the New Brunswick Publishing Company, P.O. Box 555, Lawrenceville, Va. 23868.

This 216-page book, put together under the auspices of the Howard University African Studies and Research Program, deals with contemporary economic development issues involving the African continent.

"This monograph," writes Cummings in the foreword, "represents the beginning of the implementation of a research policy objective which has been under discussion for some time by the faculty and research staff of the African Studies and Research Program."

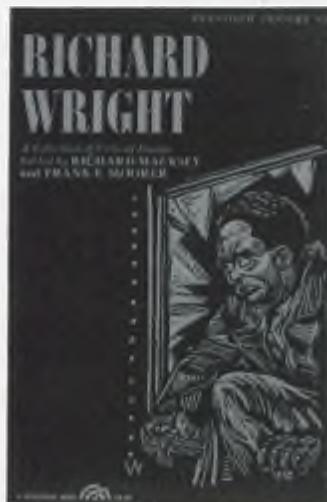
Cummings is the director of the African studies program, where Browne is currently a Senior Research Fellow. An economist by training, Browne

was formerly an executive with the Ivory Coast-based African Development Fund, and directed (1969-79) the Black Economic Research Center in New York.

"Reflections on the Human Condition," a philosophical perspective by Sulayman S. Nyang, also published by Brunswick Publishing Company.

This work, modest in terms of number of pages (55), nonetheless offers one scholar's views on the condition of humanity and the nature of mankind. The passages are brief, some only a few paragraphs long while others take up more than a page.

"This work," notes Nyang, associate professor of government and public administration at Howard University, "is the result of several years of reflections on the human condition. My first lesson in Western philosophy goes back to Hampton Institute where I took my minor in philosophy. . . ."



"The work also reflects my traditional African and Islamic background . . . [and] the ancient African tradition. . . ."



"Richard Wright," a collection of critical essays, edited by Richard Macksey and Frank E. Moorer, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.Y. 07632.

This collection of essays, 16 in all, are grouped into three sections and cover the gamut of Wright's literary contributions to the American scene, as well as his political/philosophical stance and his early years. Section one is titled "Roots and Branches;" section two, "Native Sons and Daughters;" section three, "The Existential Quest: Freedom and Enclosure."

This 240-page book, including a chronology of important dates, bibliography and index, is one of a series on Twentieth Century views.

Other giants of literature previously featured in the series include Chekhov, Dostoevsky and Faulkner. □

"Problems of Development in Beautiful Countries: Perspectives on the Caribbean"

—a collection of eight essays by Ransford W. Palmer, professor of economics at Howard, published by the North-South Publishing Company, P.O. Box 610, Lanham, Md. 20706.

This modest (91 pages) book touches on issues and problems facing the Caribbean countries in the vast areas of economic development, industrialization, international trade and the impact of emigration.

The topics discussed include the following: land ownership, U.S. policy to modernize Caribbean agriculture, the need for a regional strategy, a common external tariff, U.S. economic policy toward the region and the Caribbean Basin Initiative. □

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