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EDITORIAL NOTE

Following a recent fresh look at the Research Review by its Editorial Board, this issue of the Review concerns itself with social studies subjects. At our request, Emmanuel Terray, University of Paris, examines the political economy of the Gyaman (Abron) Kingdom which, before the colonial period, constituted of territories situated in both the Gold and Ivory Coasts but was divided in 1889 between the two colonies. With the growing influence of the Marxist-oriented French anthropologists, the subject of the political economies of the historic West African Kingdoms is likely to become one of increasing interest.

We also publish an examination by Norman Klein (Concordia University) of Ivor Wilks' view of social stratification in nineteenth century Asante. Klein's attempt to reconcile Wilks' historical and Rattray's and Fortes' anthropological approaches to the study of Asante is refreshing and likely to provide an example of linkages between the anthropological and historical approaches in African Studies.

Finally, Elizabeth Ardayfio (University of Ghana) examines the potentials of rural markets for economic development in the rural areas.

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