

EDITORIAL NOTE

In this number of the *Journal* are published three specially commissioned articles on firearms and military technology in the Sudan and West Africa, together with an introductory article on 'Firearms in Africa' by Rev. Gavin White. (An independently submitted article in this number, that by Dr Datta and Mr Porter on the *Asafo* system in southern Ghana, also touches on this subject.) Another group of articles in this field in relation to other parts of sub-Saharan Africa will appear in a subsequent number.

This number of the *Journal* was printed during the U.K. postal strike. This led to considerable difficulties with the transmission of proofs. The Editors therefore wish to take this opportunity of apologizing to their authors for any misrepresentations of their intentions that may have occurred, and to both authors and the *Journal's* readers for any uncorrected errors.