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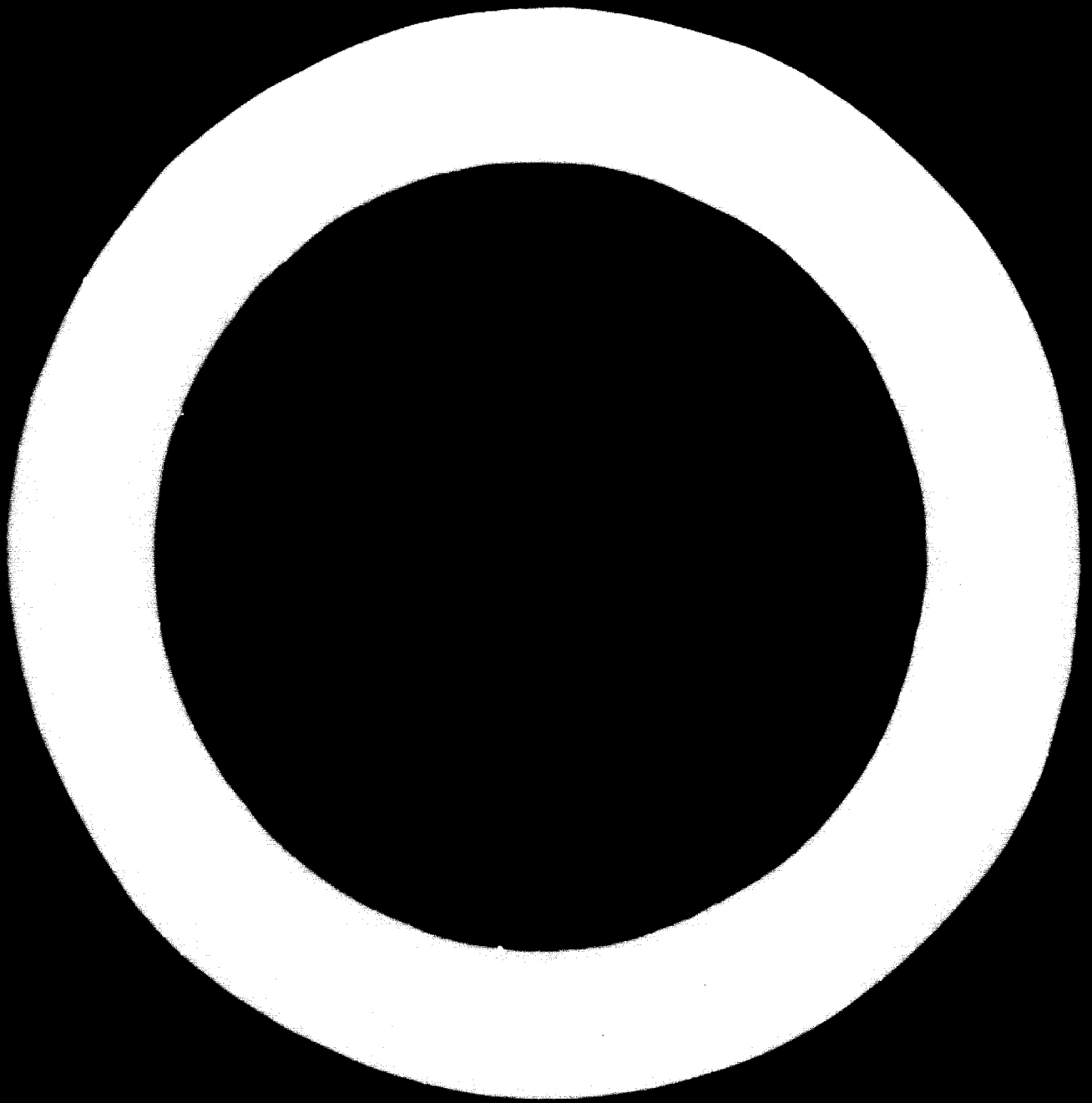
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We regret that some of the pages in the microfiche copy of this report may not be up to the proper legibility standards, even though the best possible copy was used for preparing the master fiche.



The East African Academy, as reported on by Mr. A.H.K. Jumba-Masagazi, its Research Information and Executive Officer, was started by East African Scholars about ten years ago with a purpose of stimulating scholarly work among indigenous East Africans. The belief was developmental research for East Africa could only be done by people who had East Africa at heart; not by people who came to the region to research simply because they wanted to get Ph. Ds.

The relevance of the Academy to this seminar is not that it is an industrial organization or an organization directly involved in industrial activities. The relevance is two-fold. First, the Academy's interests cover all fields of knowledge and members of the Academy come from all spheres of knowledge including industry. Secondly, the Academy plays a stimulating role in all developmental activities. Many times, the Academy is a trouble shooter. Where development depends on certain aspects of knowledge, it is the Academy's self imposed role to draw the attention of any of the partner states of the East African Community, to the needed aspects of development. In this particular case, it is the useful and meaningful distribution or dissemination of industrial information.

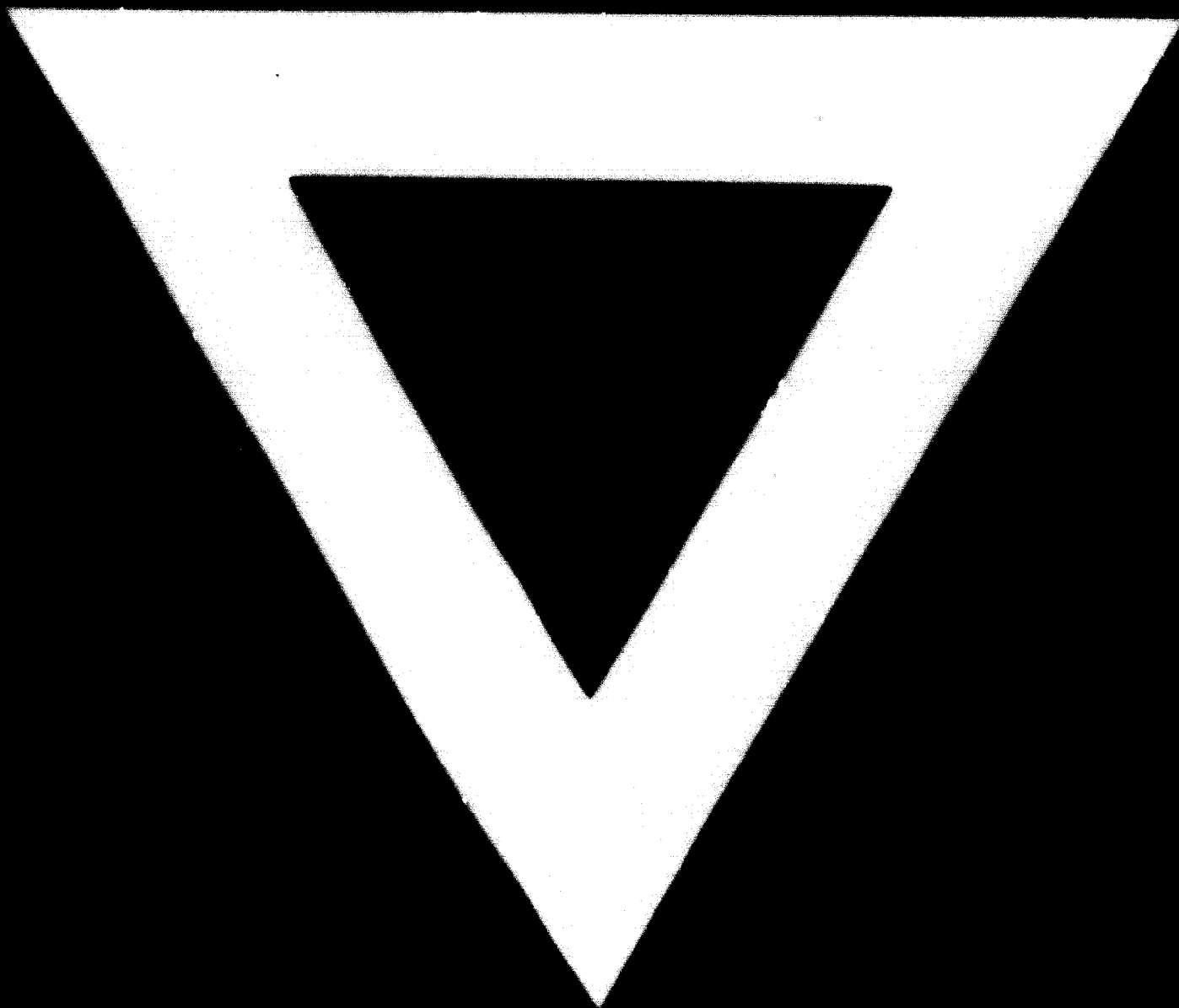
Not only does the Academy encourage exchange of knowledge by organizing seminars, talks and annual symposia on wide ranges of topics concerned with East African development, it also tries to fish research information, especially unpublished materials, from where that information might go to rust, and tries to bring to people who might need to use it.

For that reason, a research information centre, which the reporter heads, was set up some four years ago, to collect, collate and disseminate research information on Africa in general but East Africa in particular. The humble contribution by this centre to East African development include such works as a bibliographic compilation on "Science and Technology in East Africa" which include as much industrial information as could be obtained through the Academy's meagre means.

**Problems:**

- (1) Lack of co-operation with research institutes
- (2) Ignorance about the need for information dissemination on the part of policy makers who think that once there is a Ministry of Information and a radio and television station broadcasts and telecasts news, the information system is superb and complete.
- (3) Lack of trained personnel
- (4) Lack of finances.





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