



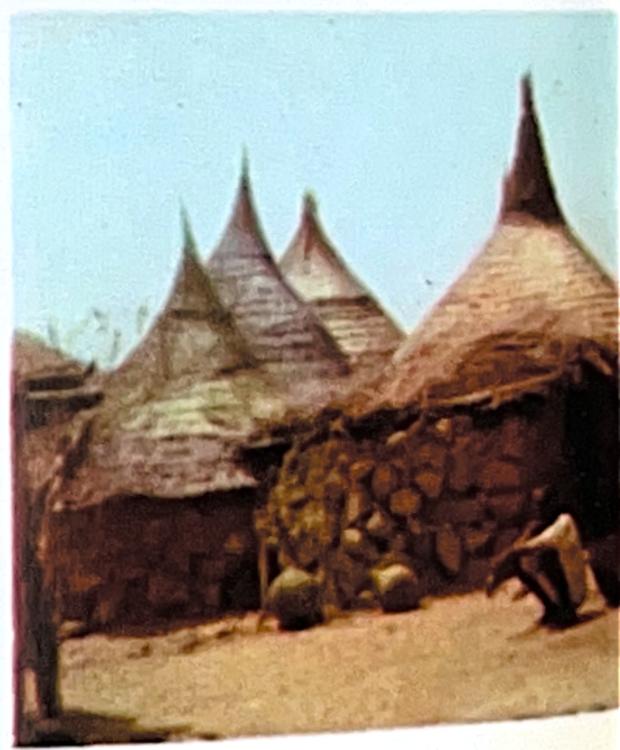
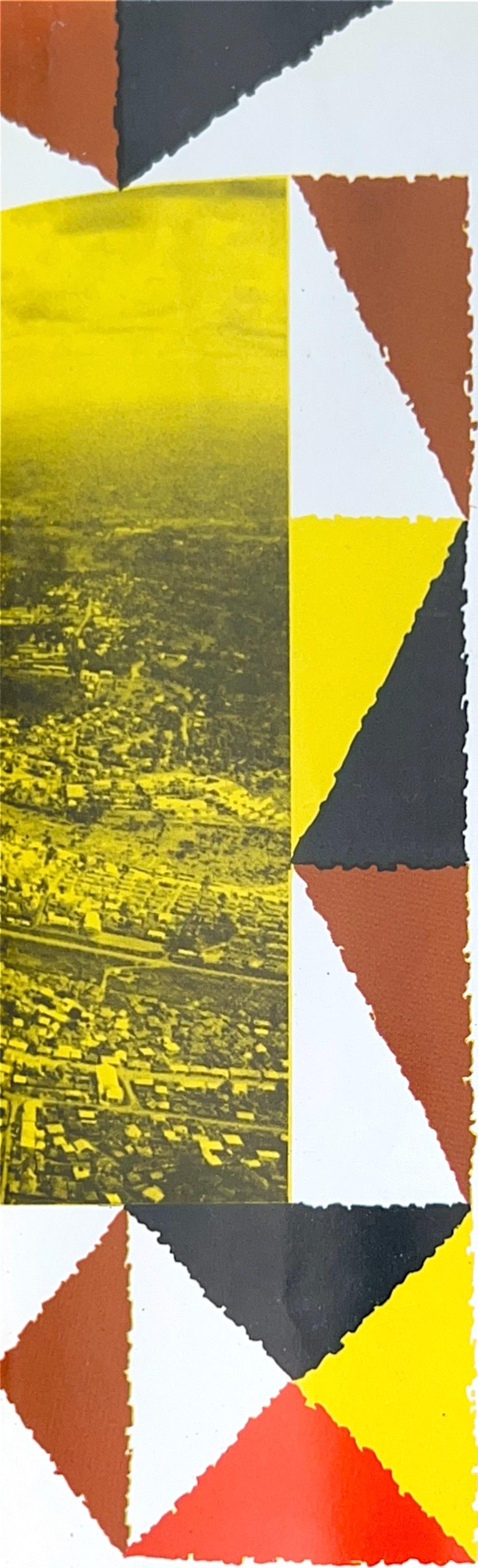
The Federal Republic of the  
**Cameroons**





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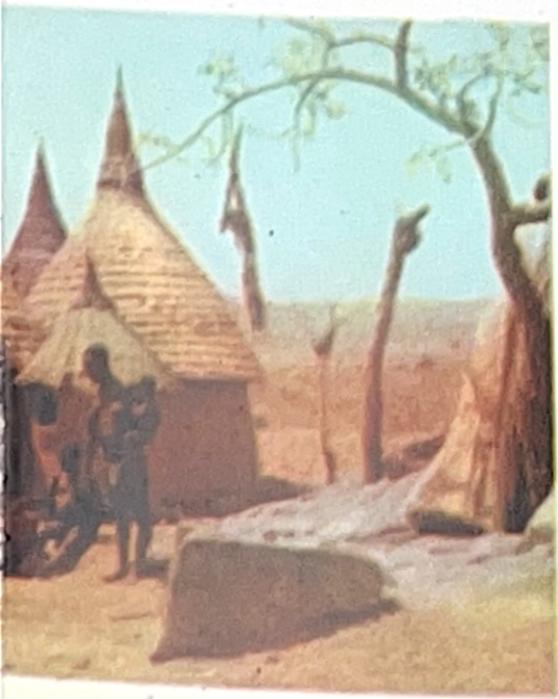
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A Bamiléké mask



**S**ITUATED at the junction of West Africa and Central Africa, the **Federal Republic of the Cameroons** has an area of 183,000 square miles (approximately five-sixths that of France). The South-West is bordered by the Atlantic for about 130 miles, and the North by Lake Chad.

The diversity of the natural regions and the landscapes is astonishing, these features including vast plateaux covered with pasture-lands in the Centre (Adamaoua) ; high rounded mountains and extinct volcanoes in the West and South-West (where Mount Cameroon attains the altitude of 13,350 ft.) ; rocky peaks in the North-West ; savannah plains and steppes in the North ; hills covered by great majestic forests in the South ; enchanting beaches that evoke Polynesia.

It has been said, with truth, that "the Cameroons express the whole of Africa's Negroland."



Village in Northern Cameroons

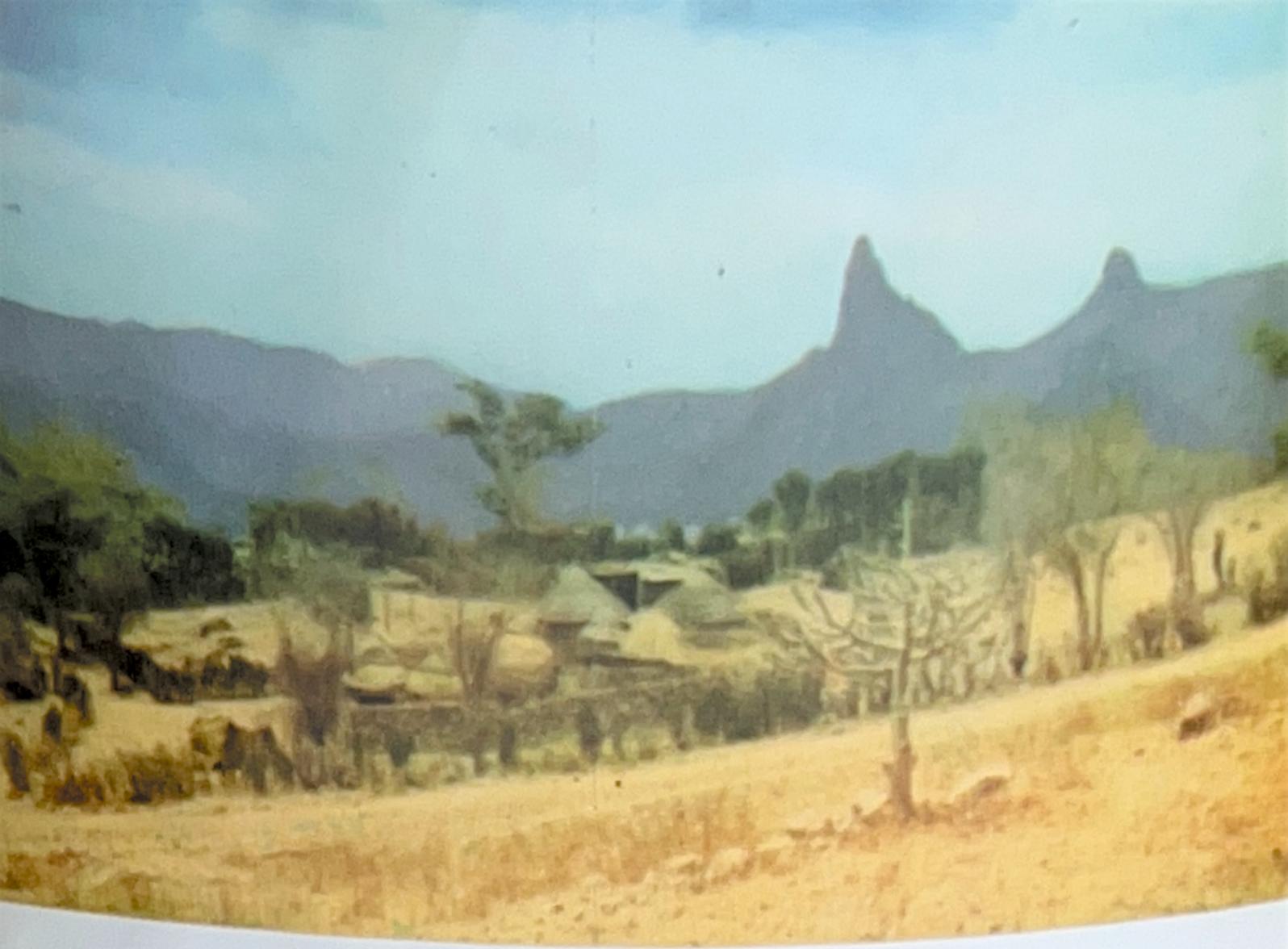


**The total population** of the Cameroons is about four million. Concentrated chiefly in the South, the West and the North, it represents many and diverse ethnical groups (including Bantus in the South ; Kirdi Animists and Foulbé Mohammedans in the North ; Bamilékés in the West), but all of whom, in their modes of living, their dwellings, their costumes, are of the greatest interest to tourists.



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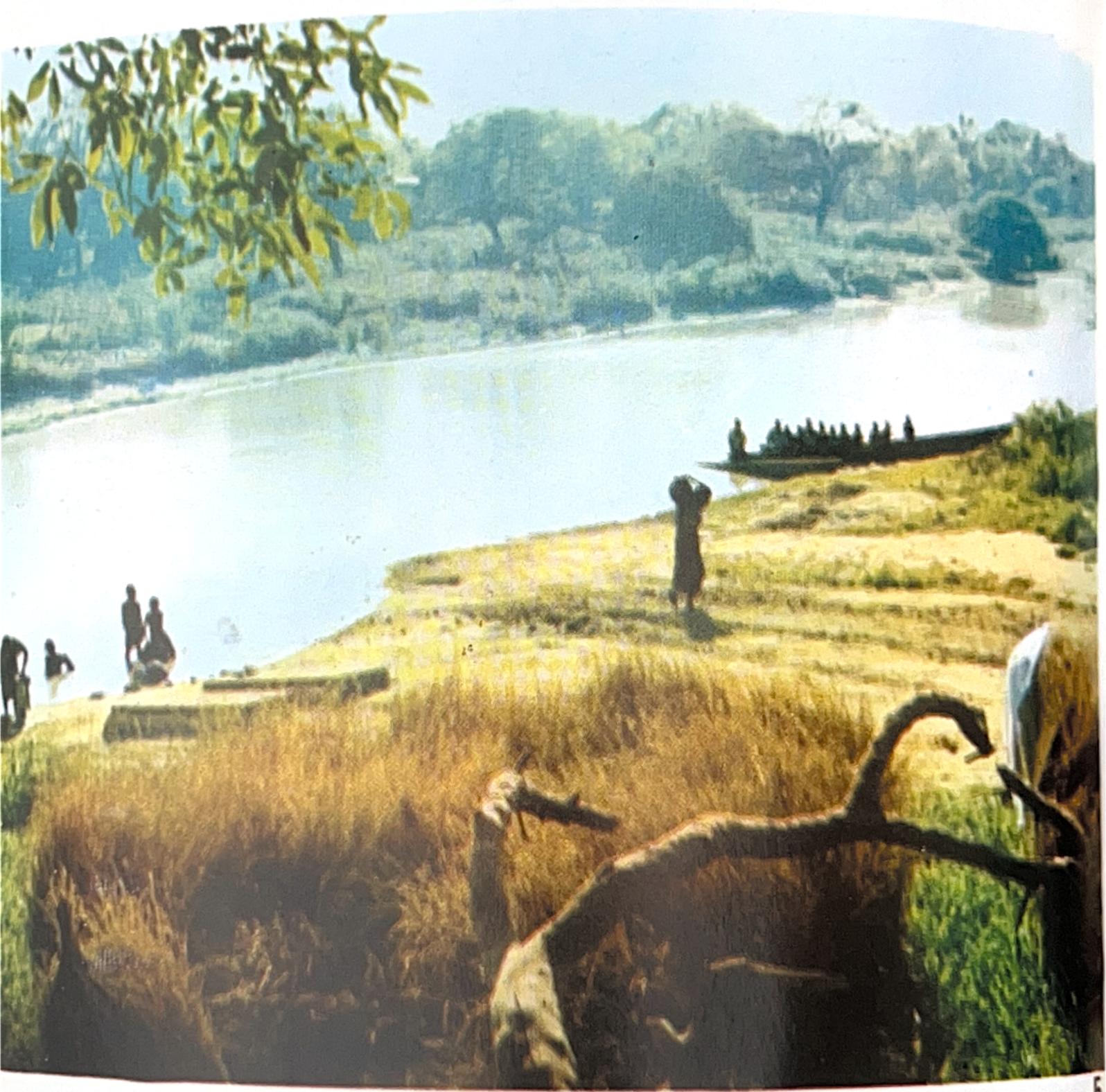
**The folklore** expresses both faith and life. The music, the dances, the fêtes, the stories and the proverbs are its manifestations, and everywhere they translate the depths of ancient civilisations impregnated with sacredness.



**The arts and crafts** in the Cameroons, which constantly express a need, as well as a full understanding, of beauty, is markedly varied. Objects may be bought by tourists almost everywhere. The most interesting include : the pottery and basket-work of the Kotokos ; the products of the Centre Artisanal de Maroua (magnificent leather work, jewellery, pottery) ; the jars, embroidery, and leather objects of the Foulbés



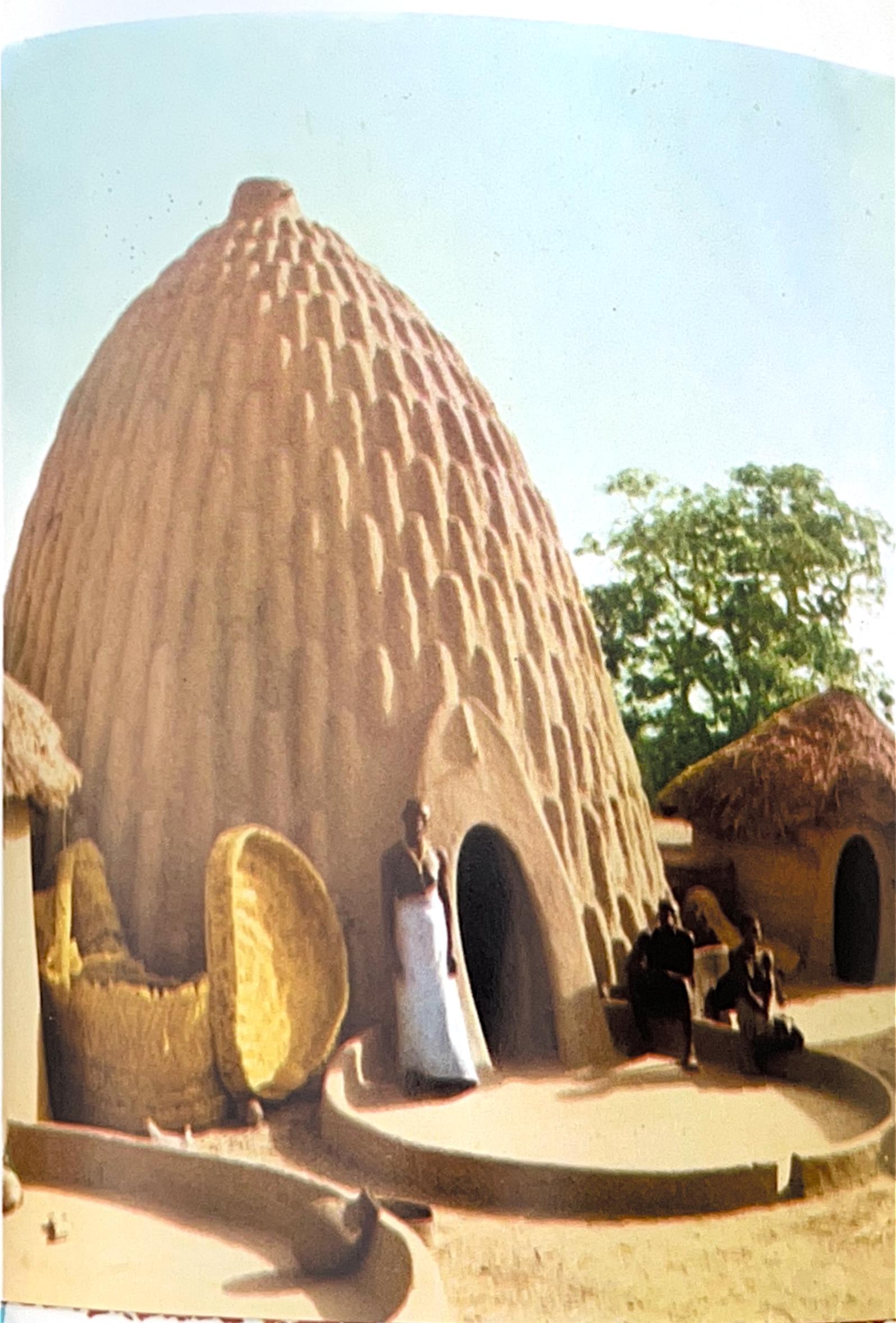
of the Adamaoua ; the polychrome masks, the sculptured canoe prows and dance sceptres of the Doualas ; the sculptured wood-work and masks of the Bamilékéés ; the bronzes, the carved wooden panels and the embroidered table-cloths of the Bamouns.



*Photo captions :*

- 1 Dancing at Fouban, at Ramadan time
- 2 Kirdis (Northern Cameroons)
- 3 The Kapsiki Peaks
- 4 The Maroua Market
- 5 The Mora Region (Northern Cameroons)
- 6 Mount Cameroon
- 7 Huts built in the form of a gun-shell (Northern Cameroons)
- 8 Landscape seen from the air (Southern Cameroons)
- 9 Canoeists

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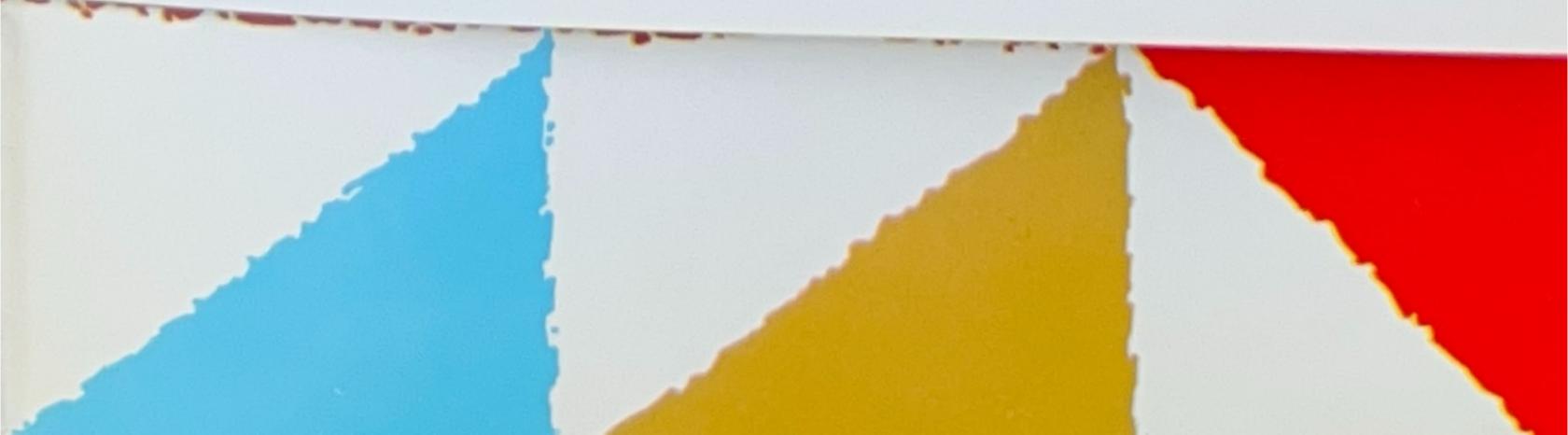


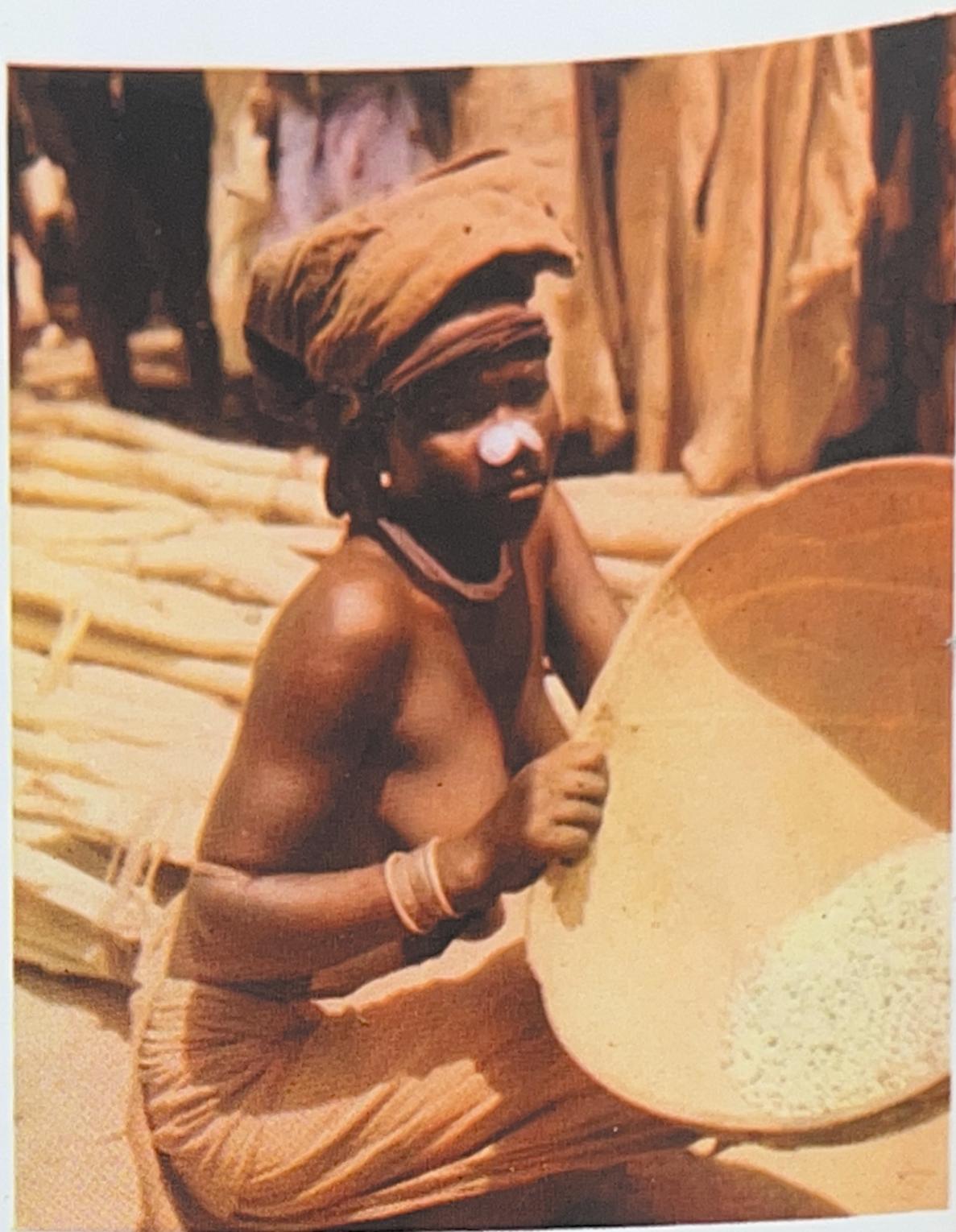
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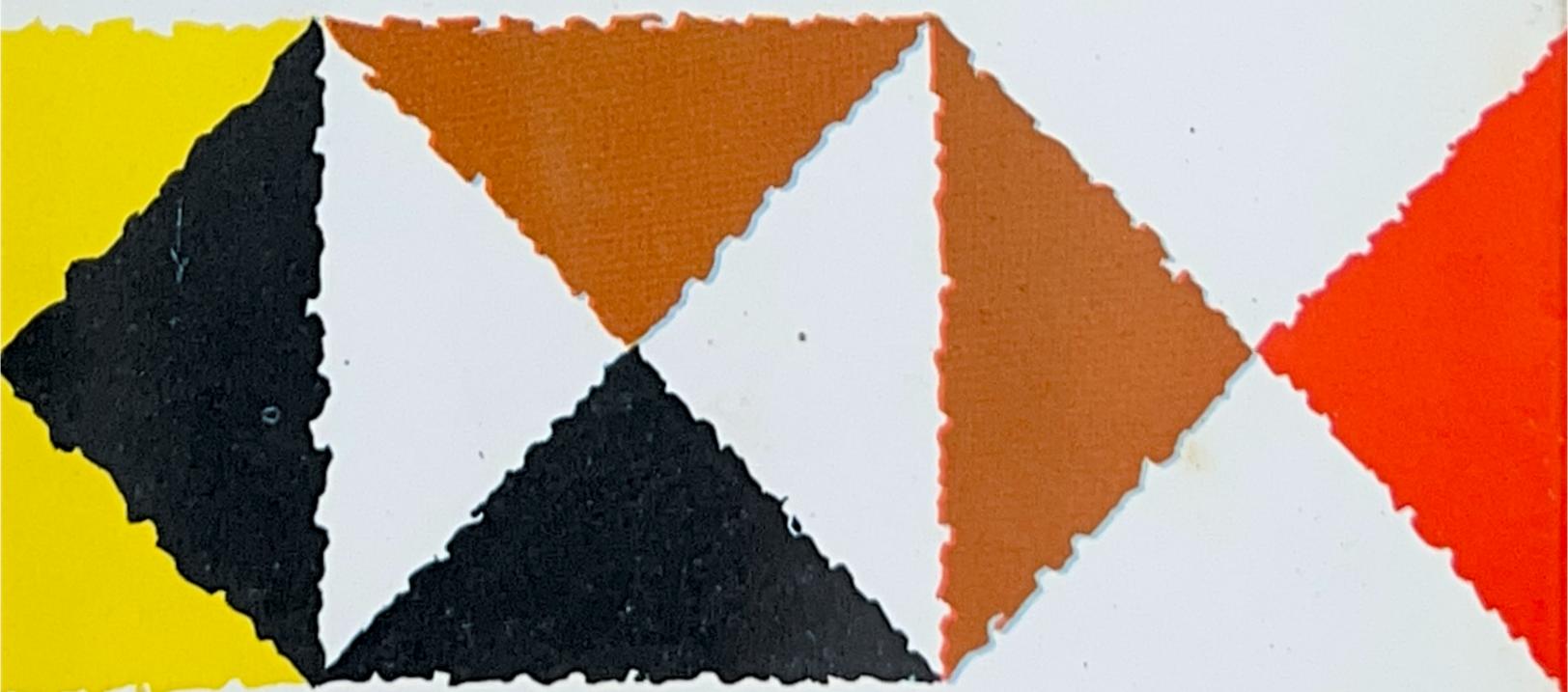
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A Maroua woman

Landscape in the Kapsiki region ▶



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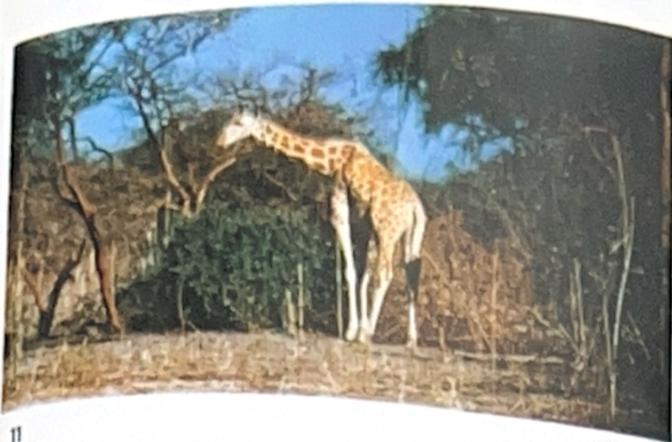
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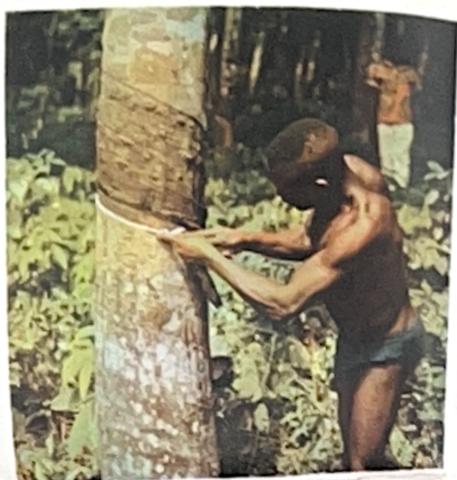
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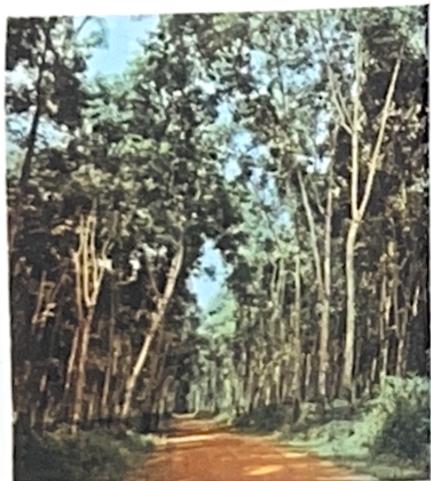
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The animal life of the Cameroons is among the richest in West Africa. Because of the diversity of the terrain (including equatorial forests, savannah plains, and mountains), it is also one of the most varied. The Northern part of the country has an exceptionally rich wild life : from N'Gaoundéré to Lake Chad, almost all the species of Central and West Africa are abundantly represented (including elephants, giraffes, buffaloes, antelopes, hippopotamuses, crocodiles, big flesh-eating animals, primates, wart-hogs, ostriches, and fowls). Magnificent hunting areas are available, and for photographers, excellent **preserves** have been created (the Benoué Basin Preserves, and the **Waza Preserve** abound in wild animals).

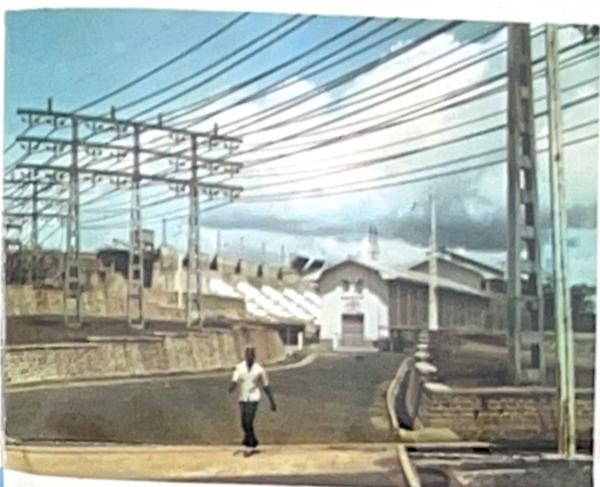
Many parts of the South also have particularly interesting regions, with animal life of the equatorial forests (including elephants, forest buffaloes, anthropoids, situtungas).



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- 10 Herd of elephants
- 11 Giraffe
- 12 Kob (a species of African antelope)
- 13-14 Plantation of hévéas
- 15 The Sanaga waterfalls (Edéa)
- 16-17 Aluminum factory at Edéa
- 18 Back from fishing (Douala region)
- 19 Hôtel des Cocotiers (Douala)
- 20 A good catch



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- Capital city
- Chief centres
- Chief roads
- Rivers and streams
- Railways
- Zones with game
- Animal preserves

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