

# Notes and News

## *Ford Foundation Grant for the International African Institute*

THE Institute has received a further grant of \$150,000 over a five-year period from the Ford Foundation to enable it to expand its services and activities. Future plans include a conference to be organized on the planning and interchange of information among research institutions in Africa concerned with studies in the social and cultural fields. The programme of International Seminars in Africa, which was started in 1959 with the aid of an earlier grant from the Ford Foundation, will be continued and it is hoped to announce further details of the seminar programme in the October number of *Africa*.

## *Applied Research Unit, East African Institute of Social Research*

A GENEROUS grant from the Ford Foundation has made possible a research project in the sociology of education in Uganda. This will consist of four studies:

1. Wastage in the secondary school system. This study continues the work carried out by the Institute over the past two years on wastage in the primary school system.
2. Problems of psychological testing for educational purposes in an African cultural setting (Jonathan Silvey).
3. A socio-economic study of the teaching profession.
4. Problems of education in towns.

The Ford Foundation is also supporting separately a study of a secondary school in its community setting (Sheldon Weeks).

These studies will be related to others now being carried out at Makerere College—evaluation studies of the Teachers for East Africa programme, an economic study of investment in education, a group of detailed psychological studies, and a synoptic study of educational problems and trends.

The East African Institute of Social Research is joining with Makerere College Institute of Education and other Departments to form an Education Research Group in which the progress and problems of these studies will be discussed.

## *The Eighth Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research*

THE Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research held its Eighth Conference at the University College, Ibadan, from 26 to 30 March 1962. About seventy delegates attended, including representatives from Nigerian Federal and Regional Governments, the University of Ghana, the University College of Sierra Leone, Edinburgh University, the University of Leiden, Holland, the University of Ife, the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Institut Français d'Afrique Noire, Senegal, National Institute of Health and Medical Research, Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, the Bank of Ghana, Central Bank of Nigeria, Administration for International Development, various commercial firms in Nigeria, and members of the staff of University College, Ibadan, and N.I.S.E.R.

During the Conference, papers were given on topics in the fields of Economics, Politics, Anthropology, Psychiatry, and Psychology, and the final day was devoted to a Symposium on 'The Relevance of Western Social and Economic Thought to Present-day West Africa'. The proceedings will be published shortly.