

## Full-Time Executive Secretary Named

Professor James Duffy of Brandeis University has been named by the Board to be full-time Executive Secretary of the African Studies Association. L. Gray Cowan, who has served as the Executive Secretary of the Association since its foundation, will remain in the position until July 1, 1969 at which time the executive office will move to Brandeis University.

## 1968-69 FULBRIGHT-HAYS CENTER FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The following faculty members of language and area programs will receive grants from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for overseas research and travel, designed to support language and area development. Award recipients were nominated by appropriate administrative officials and will undertake individual projects during the summer 1968 or during the 1968-69 academic year. Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Overseas Assistance and Training Branch, Division of Foreign Studies, Institute of International Studies, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

Harold G. Marcus, Howard University - Ethiopia.  
Alice May Grant, Lincoln University - Tanzania.  
John A. Rowe, Northwestern University - Uganda.  
Gifford B. Doxsee, Ohio University - France and Morocco.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Social Research Fieldworkers in Northeastern Africa Meet Again

The second meeting of social research fieldworkers in Northeastern Africa, organized by the Institute of Ethiopian Studies and the Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Haile Selassie I University, was held in Addis Ababa on March 20-21, 1968. The meeting was chaired by Professor William Shack of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois and was planned by Professors George Savard, Alvin Rose, and Richard Pankhurst of Haile Selassie I University. Additional information about the papers presented at the meeting may be obtained by writing to Professor Pankhurst at P.O. Box 1176, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Libya in History Conference

The First Conference of the Faculty of Arts and Education of the University of Libya, Benghazi, titled LIBYA IN HISTORY, took place on March 16-23, 1968. For information concerning the papers given at the Conference, write to Dr. Mukhtar Buru, Dean of the Faculty, University of Libya, Benghazi, Libya.

### Research Liaison Reps to Africa

Professors Benjamin Rivlin of Brooklyn College and Robert West of the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, representing the Association's Research Liaison Committee, have departed for Africa. The third '68 representative, Professor Robert Lystad of SAIS, Johns Hopkins University is scheduled to depart in mid-July. Concerned with the changing research climate in Africa, Professor Rivlin is visiting Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and the U.A.R. Professor West will visit Ghana, Nigeria, the Congo, Zambia, and the Malagasy Republic, and Professor Lystad is slated to visit Ethiopia, Sudan and southern Africa on behalf of the Association. Their reports will appear in the Bulletin.

## Tropical Agriculture Institute to be Established in Nigeria

The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations announced plans on April 5 for establishing a worldwide network of specialized agricultural research and training centers, designed to facilitate the rapid development of technologies and knowledge necessary for increasing agricultural productivity in the developing countries. Prototype centers are already operating in the Philippines and Mexico, and work is well underway on similar centers in Colombia and Nigeria.

To be located at Ibadan, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria will be concerned with problems of agriculture in humid tropic regions. Research will focus on problems of developing a stable, productive food-crop agriculture, in contrast to the traditional shifting agriculture which is still almost universally practiced in these areas. Plans for first phase construction on the Nigeria center have been completed, and agricultural specialists from the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations are at work on program and staffing plans in anticipation of an early start of activities at the new center.

## Ford Foundation Plans Reduced Support of International Training and Research

Plans to reduce Ford Foundation support of international training and research, which has totaled more than \$270 million over the last fifteen years, were announced by Foundation President McGeorge Bundy in an annual report released February 17. The decision was apparently influenced by two principal considerations: the failure of the U.S. Government to fund the International Education Act of 1966, and the conviction that a foundation must move on to undertake commitments in new areas, functioning as "an agent of change" rather than as a "buttress of the status quo."

Referring to Congressional refusal to fund the International Education Act in 1967, Mr. Bundy stated that when the Government fails to act "on its level and with its resources," such inaction becomes "a part of our reality." The Foundation cannot take the place of Congress, he stressed, and "only those who do not count the zeros" confuse the Ford Foundation with the Federal Government.

With regard to the desire to move on to commitments in new areas, Mr. Bundy noted that the Ford Foundation has helped to establish the capital plant for international studies programs in the leading universities of the country; that these activities have now become a "necessary built-in element of the American academic establishment;" and that "the extension of this plant to other institutions and the bulk of the maintenance in all cases is now a fair charge for others." "We want to take our men and money to the next table," he said. "That table may be marked urban studies, or population, or Negro opportunity, or art--the particular area is less important than the fact that sooner or later a foundation really must move on."

The decision to reduce Foundation support of international training and research will not mean an abandonment of all such support. According to Mr. Bundy, the principal guideline for future assistance will involve the need "to build a better articulation" between what the Ford Foundation and other do "on the ground and in the developing countries," and what American universities provide "by way of bases of research, of training, and of capacity for helpfulness with respect to these parts of the world." Specifically, the Foundation intends to undertake "selective action" for reinforcing the "resource base" in American universities "for the whole of the overseas development assistance effort." The Foundation will seek to "help the practitioners by helping the scholars first," having at its aim the "reconnection" of overseas activities and services to the basic work of scholars.

In addition, Mr. Bundy noted that the development of international studies is at different stages in different institutions and in different fields, and that in particular instances it would be wrong for the Foundation to ignore strong claims on its resources.

Copies of the Foundation's annual report, which includes Mr. Bundy's review, may be requested from the Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York, New York 10017.

#### Social Science Research Workshops at Makerere

The Makerere Institute of Social Research will hold a series of disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research workshops between July 1968 and January 1969 in the fields of Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Social Psychology, Rural Economy and Demography, Epidemiology, and Biostatistics.

The purpose of the six workshops will be to review the state of research in East Africa, identify research priorities, present plans for future research, suggest possibilities for the more effective use of research studies, explore joint publication arrangements, and identify prospective research staff.

The first of the six research workshops will be on Rural Economy in early July, planned to begin in conjunction with the East African Agricultural Economics Conference. Persons interested in participating should write to the Research Secretary, Makerere Institute of Social Research, P.O. Box 16022, Kampala, Uganda, giving particulars concerning their experience and particular research interests.

#### Noteworthy from Northwestern

From Paula Barker, new Program Coordinator at Northwestern University's Africa House, 1813 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, comes the following items:

1) A six-week Summer Institute in African Studies will be conducted this summer at Northwestern, under the auspices of the Office of Education, for thirty secondary school teachers who are including material about Africa

in their curriculum.

2) The African Curriculum Project, also sponsored by the Office of Education, is nearing completion. A complete one-year course on Africa at the college level will be ready for testing this fall.

3) The Program of African Studies at Northwestern, in cooperation with the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois (Circle Campus) and Haile Selassie I University (Addis Ababa) is announcing a special program in Ethiopian Studies to begin in September 1968.

4) Northwestern University has received a \$400,000 three year grant from the Ford Foundation to study problems connected with the development of cohesive and stable nation-states in Africa. The grant, for the "Developing National Unity in Africa" project of Northwestern's African Studies Program, will be administered by Gwendolen M. Carter. Fields covered under the grant will include political science, geography, sociology, anthropology, economics and linguistics. The grant will help support and expand the following aspects of Northwestern's current program:

Field studies by Northwestern faculty members and advanced graduate students at the national, regional, and international levels in Africa.

Visiting professorships and lectureships by outstanding scholars from African universities.

Fellowships to support study at Northwestern by outstanding graduate students from Africa.

Preparation of a new series of publications on the development of national unity in Africa, to be issued by the Northwestern University Press.

#### Summer Travelling Colloquium

An academic travelling colloquium on social and economic conditions and on the geography of Sub-Saharan Africa is scheduled for August 6 to September 17, 1968.

The field seminar, to be conducted by Professors Harm de Blij, Associate Director of the African Studies Center at Michigan State University, and James W. King of the Department of Geography at the University of Utah, will visit the Republic of South Africa, Swaziland, Kenya, Uganda, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Ghana, and Zambia. Limited to 23 participants, the tour is designed for geographers and other social scientists interested in exploring aspects of physical, political and economic geography.

A Pay Later Plan is available and for further information and registration forms, write to: Professor James W. King  
Department of Geography  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

#### New Africa Bibliography Course at Indiana

The Graduate Library School at Indiana University, Bloomington, is introducing a new course devoted to Librarianship and Bibliography of Africa south of the Sahara. It is intended as an advanced 4-credit hour course for students who have already completed basic courses in library science and will be offered for the first time in the summer session 1968.

## Seminar for College Faculty Members in the Politics of Africa

A seminar on the politics of Africa for college faculty members in political science and related fields will be sponsored by the New York State Education Department during the 1968-69 academic year at the City University of New York.

Program: The seminar will be held at the City University of New York during the 1968-69 academic year, under the direction of Professor Benjamin Rivlin of the Graduate Faculty of the City University of New York and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Brooklyn College, CUNY. The seminar will focus on African political systems, with an emphasis upon comparative analysis of political processes and institutions.

Participation is limited to full-time faculty members in New York State colleges and universities whose present or immediately prospective teaching responsibilities will enable them to make use of the materials to be covered by the seminar in their teaching.

Interested persons are asked to write to the Director, Center for International Programs and Services, State Education Department, Albany, New York 12224, regarding participation in the seminar.

## United Kingdom A.S.A. Biennial Conference

The African Studies Association of the United Kingdom is holding its biennial conference at the University of Sussex, September 16-19. The general theme will be "Education in Africa: Current Experiment and Research".

Non-members are invited to attend the Conference for a fee of 15/-, which includes entitlement to Associate Membership for the period of one year. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from Miss Yvette Ashby, Administrative Secretary, School of African and Asian Studies, Arts Building, The University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 9QN.

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### Additional AAI Reports Available

In conjunction with a conference held at Howard University in March '67, the African-American Institute, 866 U.N. Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, has published a series of three reports which are now available from the AAI free of charge. The reports are: African Students at U.S. Universities, Refugee Students from Southern Africa, and Development Needs of Botswana and Lesotho.