

Seminar on Inter-University Co-operation in West Africa

AN International Seminar, sponsored by the University College of Sierra Leone, Fourah Bay College, and the Congress for Cultural Freedom (Congrès pour la Liberté de la Culture), held at Fourah Bay College from 11 to 16 December, was attended by representatives of universities in West Africa, France, the United Kingdom, and U.S.A., ministries of education, Unesco, the Carnegie Corporation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the United Kingdom Department of Technical Co-operation. Among the subjects discussed were: the functions of West African universities in the field of higher education, on which papers were presented by Sir Eric Ashby and Dr. K. A. Busia; a plan for the organization of West African inter-university co-operation, by Mr. C. W. L. Beavan; the need for a West African intellectual community and the role of inter-African University co-operation in its formation, by Dr. Davidson Nicol and Professor Edward Shils; problems of co-operation between the English- and French-speaking universities of West Africa, by M. Denis Lévy and M. G. Capelle; co-operation between universities in printing and publishing and the creation of a clearing-house and bibliographical services on West African subjects, by Mr. John Harris and Professor Arthur Porter; extra-mural activities, by Dr. Victor King; and co-operation in methods of recruitment and planning for common standards and exchange of personnel, by Mr. I. C. M. Maxwell and Mr. M. Dowuona. The Seminar recommended the establishment of an association of West African universities and an exchange of teachers and research staff. The study of a second language of international communication in use in West Africa—either English or French as appropriate—was also recommended. The question of the place of African studies in university curricula should be considered by a specially convened conference of representatives of universities in Tropical Africa.

Further information about the Seminar, whose papers and resolutions are to be published in due course, may be obtained from: Congrès pour la Liberté de la Culture, 104 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris 8^e.

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'The Migrant Cocoa Farmers of Southern Ghana': A Correction

THE author of 'The Migrant Cocoa Farmers in Southern Ghana' (*Africa*, July 1961, pp. 209–30) asks us to point out that on page 213, line 5, the scale should be 40 inches to a mile, not 8 inches.