

## *Great Britain*

Now that the study of African history is well established, there is currently a revival of interest in the history of Europeans in Africa. Broadly speaking, there are two reasons for reinvigorating this theme. First, it is now appreciated that many topics, firm favourites among earlier generations of imperial historians, have not been looked at in the light of the evidence and techniques which have become available during the past twenty-five years. Second, there is currently a renewed emphasis, following the influence of Andre Gunder Frank and the renaissance of radical thinking generally, in the role of European capitalism in creating underdevelopment in the Third World.

It is therefore appropriate that the subject of the conference of the African Studies Association to be held in Queen's College, Oxford from 19-22 September 1978 is 'Whites in Africa'. The Co-ordinator is Professor Terence Ranger of the Department of History at the University of Manchester, and the following timetable has been agreed:

### *Tuesday, September 19th:*

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Whites as Missionaries. Chairman, Dr. Andrew Ross, Edinburgh.

### *Wednesday, September 20th:*

9.15 to 10.45. Whites as Administrators. Chairman, Professor Jack Spence, Leicester.

11 to 12.30. Whites as entrepreneurs. Chairman, Professor Tony Hopkins, Birmingham.

2 p.m. to 3.30. Whites as workers. Chairman, Dr. Shula Marks, SOAS.

### *Thursday, September 21st:*

9.15 to 10.45. Whites as agriculturalists. Chairman, Dr. John Lonsdale, Cambridge.

11 to 12.30. Whites as experts. Chairman, Professor John Hargreaves, Aberdeen.

2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Whites as sources of images of Africans. Chairman, Professor Ronnie Frankenberg, Keele.

*Friday, September 22nd:*

10 to 12. Concluding panel discussion involving all the sessions.  
Chairman, Professor Terence Ranger, Manchester.

The papers in each of these sections will be circulated in advance, and the sessions listed above will be devoted to discussion. Scholars interested in attending the conference or who require further information about it should write in the first instance to the Honorary Secretary, African Studies Association, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2 TT, England.

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### *Portugal*

The Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture (St. Xavier's College, Bombay 400001), under the direction of Fr. John Correia Afonso, S.J., is organizing an international seminar on Indo-Portuguese history in Goa on November 28, 29 and 30, 1978, with the cooperation of the National Archives of India, the Goa Historical Archives and the Indian Council of Historical Research. The aims of the seminar will be to review the principal works on Indo-Portuguese history, to make a survey of the existing source material relevant for the study of that history, and to identify promising fields of research. Participation in the seminar will be by invitation, and will be limited to about thirty scholars from India and abroad.

Fr. John Correia Afonso has been working in Portuguese archives during several weeks in 1977, and is back in Portugal for the same purpose. He published in *Indica*, organ of the Heras Institute, 1977, 'Indian Historical Records in Lisbon: a brief report'.