

Notes and News

Second Informal Conference of Teachers from British and African Law Faculties

THE second informal conference of British and African law teachers, which was proposed at the meeting of the British section of the International African Law Association on 6 November last year, was held in London from 8 to 11 July. The conference was designed as a follow-up on the first such conference which was held at Oxford in June 1963. It was conducted on similar lines to the previous meeting and was concerned principally with recruitment of staff, interchange of staff and students, linking arrangements between British and African law faculties, and joint schemes of research and publication.

International Symposium on Kinship and Culture

PROFESSOR FRANCIS L. K. HSU, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University, has organized an International Symposium on Kinship and Culture, which will be held from 20 to 29 August in Burg Wartenstein, Austria. A group of fifteen anthropologists and sociologists from the United States (from Northwestern, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Columbia, Harvard, and Princeton) and the universities of Bergen, Paris, Tokyo, and Western Australia, will participate in the symposium under the auspices of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, New York City. The working basis for the symposium will be Professor Hsu's book *Clan, Caste and Club*, in which he examines the Chinese, Hindu, and American ways of life, and his paper on African kinship systems, published in the June 1965 issue of *The American Anthropologist*.

'Populations anciennes et actuelles des Confins tchado-soudanais'

LE Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris), a décidé la création d'un groupe de Recherche Coopérative sur Programme (R.C.P. n° 45) dont l'objet est l'étude synchronique et diachronique des sociétés ayant occupé ou occupant actuellement une zone située de part et d'autre de la frontière septentrionale du Tchad et du Soudan (Tibesti, Borkou, Ennedi, Ouaddaï, Darfur). Il s'agit principalement des Téda, des Daza, des Ounya, des Bideyat, des Zaghawa et de divers groupes voisins. L'étude s'appuiera sur les disciplines suivantes: préhistoire et archéologie, histoire, géographie humaine et économique, ethnobotanique, anthropologie physique, ethnologie et ethno-musicologie, linguistique et dialectologie. Ces travaux s'inscrivent à la suite des travaux poursuivis sans interruption depuis 1956 par la Mission du CNRS aux Confins du Tchad. Les recherches sont animées par MM. R. Capot-Rey, P. Quezel, G. Bailloud, D. Cohen, J. Tubiana.

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