

*University College, Nairobi: Institute for Development Studies*

THE Institute for Development Studies (IDS) was established on 8 October 1965 at University College, Nairobi, replacing the Centre for Economic Research. It is a separate department within the Faculty of Arts, governed by an Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. A. T. Porter, Principal. The Institute has a Cultural Division and a Social Science Division; the latter is publishing a series of quarterly bulletins reporting on its research programme and activities. The programme will concentrate on the economic and social problems of developing countries, with particular attention to East Africa. Although some basic research will be included, the emphasis will be on policy-oriented research and it is expected that the Social Science Division will co-operate closely with the Kenya Government by conducting research on problems of economic and social development in Kenya.

Projects now in progress include studies of African industrial development and business enterprise, problems of agricultural development and marketing, land consolidation, parliament and provincial administration in Independent Kenya, and statistical studies. Current research activities of the Department of Geography include movements of population in Kenya, distribution of population in Kenya, and population and natural resources. The Social Science Division plans to continue the discussion paper series initiated by the Centre for Economic Research and several new papers have been published.

Further information on the activities of the Social Science Division of the Institute for Development Studies and particulars of its publications may be obtained from: The Secretary, Institute for Development Studies, University College, Nairobi, P.O. Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya.

*University of Zambia: Institute for Social Research*

THE Rhodes-Livingstone Institute has now become the Institute for Social Research, the first unit of the Centre for African Studies in the University of Zambia. Its Director is Professor Alastair Heron. The journal of the Institute will be entitled *African Social Research* and will continue to appear twice a year. The R.L.I. papers will henceforth be known as *Zambian Papers* and will appear at irregular intervals but averaging one issue instead of two annually as previously. To provide for the possibility of similar papers from the School of Natural Sciences of the University, the *Zambian Papers* will be divided into two series, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. The Institute will continue its *Communications* which will provide an economical and speedy outlet for preliminary reports by research workers. A *Bulletin* will also be produced at least once a year in place of Conference Proceedings. The Institute will be sending out a brochure early in 1966 describing its new role and the wider programme of research on which it is now engaged.

*U.S. Department of State: Research in Africa*

THE Office of External Research, U.S. Department of State, publishes *External Research: Africa*, a list of current social science research by private scholars and academic centres (ref. 5.24-1965). It records social science research on Africa currently in progress or completed during the period October 1964 to July 1965 and unpublished at the latter date. It is one of a series of lists based on the catalogue of social science research on foreign areas and international affairs compiled by the Office of External Research from information submitted by scholars and research centres throughout the United States. Copies of these

lists are sent to the libraries of universities that offer graduate degrees in the social sciences, to directors of area study programmes, and to faculty members who are engaged in relevant teaching or research. The catalogue itself is available at the address below for use by students and private scholars as well as by government officials.

Beginning with this edition, the *External Research Lists* will appear annually and will include research in progress, and completed unpublished studies. Reports of recently completed, published research, although no longer incorporated in these lists, will continue to be entered in the catalogue where they will be available for consultation.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of External Research, Room 8733, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

### *Research in the Province of Darfur, Republic of the Sudan*

A MEETING of a number of anthropologists, who had been working in various parts of Darfur Province, was held in Zalingei in December 1965. Among those present were: Professor Frederic Barth of Bergen University; Professor and Mrs. Tubiana of the École Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes, Paris, and the Centre Nationale de Recherche Scientifique, respectively; Dr. and Mrs. Holý of Prague; Mr. Gunnar Haland of Bergen; and Mr. F. Rehfisch of the University of Khartoum.

Various government officials were invited to a formal session at which Professor Barth and Mr. Haland reported briefly on their findings during field studies among the Fur. The main purpose of this work, sponsored by the Jebel Marra Project, is to provide data on the social and economic systems of significance for the general development plan for the area. Two important factors of general interest were discussed in their presentation of data; first, the economic independence of all adult Fur characterized by absence of joint ownership property or common purse by husband and wife, and second, the selective nomadization of some Fur who were traditionally settled farmers.

Professor and Mrs. Tubiana, who had spent three months in Darfur carrying out further studies on the Zaghawa, among whom they had previously worked in the Chad Republic in 1956-7, reported further linguistic research and the collection of historical traditions, folk tales, and data on economic and social factors.

Dr. Holý, who had previously spent seven months with the Berti tribe in 1961, had just completed a further eight months in the field, this time sponsored by the International African Institute. His report centred on the basic trends of Berti economy, especially sources of cash income and its expenditure.

The participants were indebted to the Directors of the Jebel Marra Project and the officials of the local government for the help and courtesy extended to them during the meeting.

(Communicated by Mr. F. Rehfisch, University of Khartoum)

### *'The Maghreb Digest'*

*The Maghreb Digest* has been published since 1962. (Annual subscription is \$12 for twelve issues.) It will be expanded from January 1966 to include an article, a chronology, and book reviews in addition to the present contents. The *Digest* is a monthly summary of the most important political, economic, and social issues appearing in periodic French and Arabic publications of North Africa and France. Continuing this focus, journal articles that deal with these same issues are being solicited.

Contributions, as well as books for review, are invited and should be addressed to Willard A. Beling, Editor, *The Maghreb Digest*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007.