

Notes and News

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Professor Dr. António Jorge Dias, 1907-73

WE deeply regret to announce the death on 5 February 1973 of Professor Jorge Dias, Director of the Centro de Estudos de Antropologia Cultural in Lisbon. Professor Dias took a keen interest in the work of the Institute and was a member of its Executive Council from 1960 to 1965. He carried out field researches over many years, with his wife Dr. Margot Dias, among the Makonde people of Mozambique and between 1964 and 1970 published three volumes on their social organization, religion, and material culture.

'Pastoralism in Tropical Africa'

THE Institute's thirteenth International African Seminar was held in association with the Centre Nigérien des Recherches en Sciences Humaines at Niamey from 13 to 21 December 1972 under the chairmanship of Professor Th. Monod.

The preparatory papers and the discussions reviewed African pastoralism in relation to ecology, economy, social and community organization, kinship, inter-group relations, modern administrative attitudes and policies, and problems of development.

Papers prepared and circulated in advance for consideration at the seminar included the following:

- Dr. Randall Baker* (U. of East Anglia): Development and the pastoral peoples of Karamoja: an example of the treatment of symptoms.
- Dr. P. T. W. Baxter* (U. of Manchester): Some consequences for social relations of sedentarization.
- Dr. Edmond Bernus* (ORSTOM, Paris): Les composantes géographiques et sociales des types d'élevage en milieu Touareg.
- M. Pierre Bonte* (U. de Paris): Conditions et effets de l'implantation d'industries minières en milieu pastoral: transformation de la société Maure de l'Adrar mauritanien.
- M. André Bourgeot* (U. de Nanterre): Analyse des rapports de production chez les pasteurs et les agriculteurs de l'Ahaggar.
- M. Soulemane Diarra* (U. de Dakar): Problèmes de contact entre pasteurs et agriculteurs dans le Niger central.
- M. René Dognin* (ORSTOM, Yaounde): Trois ressorts du comportement Peul.
- Mlle M. Dupire* (CNRS): Exploitation du sol, communautés résidentielles et organisation lignagère des pasteurs Wodaabe (Niger).
- Prof. C. Frantz* (SUNY, Buffalo): Concentration and expansion in Nigerian bovine pastoralism.
- M. Jean Gallais* (U. de Rouen): Tradition pastorale et développement: problèmes actuels dans la région de Mopti (Mali).
- Prof. P. H. Gulliver* (York U., Canada): Nomadic movements: causes and implications.
- Prof. M. Horowitz* (SUNY, Binghamton): Herdsman and husbandman in Niger: values and strategies.
- Dr. Alan H. Jacobs* (U. of Nairobi): Maasai pastoralism in historical perspective.
- Prof. I. M. Lewis* (LSE): The dynamics of nomadism: prospects for sedentarization and social change.

Prof. Th. Monod (U. de Paris): Notes sur quelques aspects du nomadisme pastoral en Afrique.

Dr. Jeremy Swift (U. of Sussex): Pastoral nomadism as a form of land-use: the Tuareg of the Adrar des Iforas.

M. Ch. Toupet (U. de Dakar): Le nomade, conservateur de la nature? L'exemple de la Mauritanie centrale.

Mme M. J. Tubiana (CNRS, Paris): Tradition et développement au Soudan Oriental: l'exemple Zaghawa.

Arrangements are being made for the publication of these papers, together with an introductory review by Professor Monod which will discuss the work of the seminar.

The Institute and the participants are grateful to the CNRS and its Director, M. Diouldé Laya, and also to M. Boubou Hama, President of the Assemblée Nationale of the Niger Republic, for their generous assistance and warm hospitality on the occasion of the seminar. The close co-operation of Dr. Edmond Bernus with the Institute on behalf of the franco-phone participants in the preparation of the seminar programme was greatly appreciated. The Institute wishes again to express its thanks to the Ford Foundation for its supporting grant for the International African Seminars Programme which made this successful meeting, the last in the present series, possible.

Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana: Third Interdisciplinary Family Seminar

A SEMINAR on Aspects of Family Welfare and Planning, the third in a series of interdisciplinary family research seminars, was held in conjunction with the Home Science Department at the Institute of African Studies, Legon, from 9 to 11 March 1973. Seventeen papers were presented by members of departments and institutes of the University of Ghana and of the Department of Social Welfare, Accra. The themes included family welfare and planning programmes; factors affecting family size and birth control; the care, health, and nutritional status of children in the several kinds of domestic and institutional settings; women's role in the home and at work; and the effects of conjugal family organization and breakdown upon members' welfare. An important theme which constantly received attention in the papers and discussions was that of the woman's role as mother, worker, and wife and the burdens imposed upon her by simultaneous childbearing and child-care and the task of earning a large part of the family living. Important questions were raised with regard both to future research and to the organization of relevant and adequate welfare programmes and services.

The fourth seminar, on Family Relationships and Resources in Ghana, is planned for the end of June 1973. The proceedings of these seminars are being published in the series Legon Family Research Papers, the first volume of which has been assisted by a generous grant from the Ford Foundation.

University of Ghana: Seminar on the Brong Peoples

AN interdisciplinary seminar on the Brong peoples of central Ghana was held at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, from 16 to 18 March 1973. Seeking to analyse the bases for distinguishing the Brong from the other Akan sub-groups, it discussed the following papers:

Prof. M. Posnansky: Archaeological aspects of the Brong Ahafo region.

Mr. E. K. Agorsa: The pre-history of the Begho area.

Dr. Kwame Arhin: Asante security posts in the north-west.