

Notes and News

Fifth International African Seminar: The Influence of Islam in Tropical Africa

THE first in the second series of International African Seminars on 'The Influence of Islam in Tropical Africa' was held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, from 1 to 8 January 1964. Papers had been prepared and considered in advance by the eighteen participants who came to the meeting from various parts of Africa and from overseas. A number of observers from Nigerian and other universities also took part in the discussions. After a general comparative review of the introduction of Islam in different regions of Africa, sessions were devoted to the consideration of: reactions to Islam in different forms of African societies; the agents of Islamization in different areas and periods; the political significance of Islamization in different regions; the effects of Islam on social rights and obligations; the interaction and combination of indigenous and Islamic beliefs and observances. A concluding session reviewed the position of Islam in the contemporary situation with reference to Western education, economic development, national and Pan-African aspirations. The papers presented to the Seminar together with a review of the discussions by the rapporteur, Dr. I. M. Lewis, are being prepared for publication.

The Institute is again indebted to the Ford Foundation which made a grant to meet the expenses of the meeting. It also extends its thanks to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Norman Alexander, for receiving the seminar at Ahmadu Bello University, and to Mr. A. H. M. Kirk-Greene of its School of Administration for generously undertaking the local arrangements at very short notice.

East African Institute of Social Research Conference, June 1963

THE following papers were presented and discussed at the East African Institute of Social Research's summer conference:

Rural Studies

Some Embu Social Institutions: A Preliminary Report	S. C. Saberwal
Informal Arbitration of Disputes among the Wanyika	M. K. Slater
Preliminary Reflection on Bena Political Power	Marc J. Swarts
Community and Descent in Ufipa: A Problem of Pattern	R. G. Willis

Urban Studies

Religion and Ritual in a Migrant [Arab] Community in Britain	B. W. Dahya
Leadership in an Asian Community	R. H. Desai
Some Ideas on the Concept of Neighbourhood in the Town	D. J. Parkin
Kampala: Influences upon its Growth and Development	P. H. Temple

History, Oral History, and Linguistics

Oral Traditions in Karagwe	R. Berger
Languages and Societies	J. Knappert
Baganda Chiefs who survived Kabaka Mwanga's Purge of 1886	J. A. Rowe
Discussion on 'Nandi-speaking Groups'	J. M. Weatherby

Political Science

Political Generations in Bukoba: 1890-1939	R. Austen
The Structure of the East African Common Services Organization (EACSO)	J. Banfield

- The Extent of Federalism in Uganda
 Labour Protest in Kenya, the Early Phase: 1914-39
Land Problems
 An Outline of Resettlement Policy in Uganda: 1945-63
 Some Legal Aspects of Land Reform in Kenya
 Kenyans in Busoga
 Counter Revolution to Mau Mau: Land Consolidation in Kikuyu-land, 1952-60
Education Research
 Future of Primary Leavers in Uganda
 Aspirations and Problems of Nigerian School Leavers
 Formal and Informal Learning through the Medium of a Second Language
 A Look at Selected Student Autobiographies
 The Administrative Secretary, EAISR, Makerere College, P.O. Box 16022, Kampala, Uganda, will supply single papers at Shs. 2 or its equivalent, and complete Parts at Shs. 6 or its equivalent.

D. S. Rothschild
 D. C. Savage
 D. G. R. Belshaw
 H. Fliedner
 S. Illingworth
 M. P. K. Sorrenson
 F. K. Kamoga
 A. J. McQueen
 J. Silvey
 S. G. Weeks

Université de Dakar: Institut Français d'Afrique Noire

MONSIEUR SAMBA N'DIAYE est entré à l'IFAN en 1963 comme responsable du laboratoire d'ethnographie, qui dépend du département de Sociologie. Il procède actuellement à une enquête sur la culture matérielle des Serer, au Sénégal central et a déjà acquis et étudié un matériel ethnographique relatif aux techniques d'acquisition: pêche, chasse, cueillette, élevage et agriculture.

Committee on African Studies in Canada

THE Committee on African Studies in Canada (see *Africa*, July 1963, p. 266), established at the end of 1962 and temporarily affiliated with the Social Science and Humanities Research Councils of Canada, has appointed a special Sub-committee for the Development of an Africanist Study and Research Centre for Canada. It is hoped to co-ordinate and consolidate the scattered resources of the country in order (a) to encourage the study of Africa by many disciplines at the undergraduate (pre-B.A.) level in Canadian universities, and (b) to develop at one or two places in the country a staff and facilities for advanced research and study of Africa. Co-operation and complementary if not completely co-ordinated development are hoped for among both the English-speaking and the French-speaking universities in Canada. The Chairman of the Committee is Dr. D. L. Wiedner, Department of History, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Wiedner is also the Editor of the biannual *Bulletin* of the Committee which is published in English and French. The first issue appeared in November 1963.

Istituto per le Civiltà Primitive, Università di Roma

A COURSE on African studies, 'Civiltà Indigene dell'Africa', is now included as an optional subject in the syllabus of the Scuola di Perfezionamento in Scienze Etnologiche post-graduate programme of Rome University. A certificate is awarded at the end of the second year. The Scuola is attached to the Institute, but its staff is drawn from the University of Rome as a whole. The Director of the Institute, Professor Grottanelli, has done field research among the Nzema of south-western Ghana in 1954, 1961-2, and 1963, on the second occasion assisted by Dr. E. Cerulli and Signor S. Natonek. It is expected that research in this