

Notes and News

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THIS Institute has recently embarked on an ambitious programme to disseminate research findings to a wide group of politicians, policy makers, and interested members of the public. These findings are published in various forms: Working papers, primarily intended for internal use, Discussion Papers which have a world-wide circulation, and Occasional Papers presenting the findings of larger research projects as well as proceedings of conferences and workshops convened by the Institute. In addition, there is a Monograph Series which comprises full-length studies published by commercial publishing houses.

Current research projects cover agricultural problems, rural society, Kenyan economy, and education and training.

'African Modernization and Development: Basic Structures and Root Problems'

SAGE Publications, Inc. (275 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90212) has launched a new series on 'African Modernization and Development: Basic Structures and Root Problems'. At this stage three Annuals, all theme orientated, are planned. The first Annual, to appear in 1975, will deal with 'The Political Economy of Contemporary Africa' and will be edited jointly by Professor I. Wallerstein and Professor Peter Gutkind—the latter also being Series Editor—both at McGill University, Montreal. The second Annual, to be published in 1976, will concentrate on 'Revolutionary Forces in Contemporary Africa: the Evolution of Dissent' and will be guest edited by Professor Claude Ake of Carleton University, Ottawa. Professor Ake is also a member of the Editorial Board of the new series.

Possible contributors to the second Annual should contact Professor Ake, Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5B6, Canada, or at Department of Political Science, University of Dar-es-Salaam, P.O. Box 35091, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. All those wishing further information about the series should get in touch either with Professor Peter C. W. Gutkind, Department of Anthropology, McGill University, P.O. Box 6070, Station A, Montreal, P.Q., H3C 3G1, Canada, or with Ms. Betsy Schmidt, Executive Editor, Serial Publications, Sage Publications, Inc.

Nancy Stirling Lambert Scholarship: 1975

BLACKWELL's (Oxford) are offering their 1975 annual £3,000 Nancy Stirling Lambert Scholarship to librarians from Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Each year the Scholarship is competed for by librarians from a different part of the world. The successful candidate will spend a year in Britain at the College of Librarianship, Aberystwyth, Wales, carrying out research into matters of common concern to libraries and the book trade.

The Lamu Society

THE Lamu Society was recently founded to encourage the documentation, preservation, restoration, and appropriate development of this coastal area of Kenya and to raise funds

to further these objectives. The Society is working to clear the ruins of Manda, the earliest town on the East African coast so that it will be possible to see more clearly typical examples of fourteenth- and fifteenth-century architecture.

The Society is also encouraging local craftsmen and poets to continue their work in the traditional manner by offering annual prizes for the best examples of work done. It is hoped to publish in the near future an extensive bibliography on the Swahili-speaking peoples of Eastern Africa and a pamphlet on the traditional horns (*siwa*) of Lamu. Occasional newsletters, reporting projects and progress will be issued. All who are interested should contact the Secretary of The Lamu Society, P.O. Box 45916, Nairobi, Kenya.

Indiana University: Seminar in the African Humanities

THE Seminar in the African Humanities is being conducted (from January to April 1975) at Indiana University by Professors Roy Sieber and Alan P. Merriam. This is the sixth Seminar to be held since 1962. Speakers include: Warren L. d'Azevedo, Robert F. Thompson, James W. Fernandez, Jacqueline Fry, Dan Ben-Amos, Daniel Biebuyck, Ousmane Sembene, Charles Bird, Henry Drewel, Hewitt Pantaleoni, John F. Carrington, Judith Lynne Hanna.

African Women: a Select Bibliography

THIS bibliography, compiled by the staff of the African Studies Centre, Cambridge, is a selection of 1,210 entries intended to be a general introduction to the wide range of material available on the subject of African women. It is representative rather than comprehensive. The primary sources were the African Studies Centre bibliographic card catalogues and the CARDAN file (Centre D'Analyse et de Recherches Documentaires pour L'Afrique Noire) which jointly cover periodicals, books, theses, official publications, conference proceedings, and unpublished material on Africa in English and several European languages. Compilation of this bibliography is an experimental attempt at utilizing the vast amount of bibliographic material at the African Studies Centre to provide a list of titles on the subject of African women.

Entries are arranged by subject and subsequently in alphabetical order by author. As many items deal with more than one topic, there is a 'see also' reference at the end of each category. The bibliography includes an author index and a regional index.

An opening essay discusses some of the main points of interest that authors have attempted to deal with in articles and books on African women and their position in the world today, as well as questions that still remain to be studied and will hopefully be dealt with in the near future.