

in political, religious, and economic and social institutions, and was based on questions raised in the papers written by younger scholars who had recently engaged in field research in Africa, which had been circulated in advance of the conference.

In addition to the discussion of substantive questions, extensive consideration was given to the special problems of field research in Central Africa and to the development of African studies in the United States.

### *'African News'*

MRS. RUTH C. SLOAN, who will be known to many Africanists for her liaison work on research and information in the African field in the United States State Department, has relinquished her official duties in order to establish an independent information service on African and Near Eastern affairs under the title 'Ruth Sloan Associates', 4201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. A monthly news-sheet is published which contains brief articles on contemporary events and situations in all parts of Africa, notes on conferences and study programmes related to Africa and sponsored in the United States, digests of news items from African and European publications and a short bibliography of recent books on Africa.

### *Records of African Music*

THE Ethnic Folkways library of recorded music includes records of the traditional music of all peoples; each collection of records is accompanied by a descriptive booklet, written by an authority in the field, which provides an account of the ethnic and social background of the people whose music is represented. A recent item is entitled *Drums of the Yoruba of Nigeria*; it was recorded by Mr. William Bascom of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and is accompanied by an explanatory leaflet which includes a brief account of the Yoruba people, notes on the recordings and photographs of the various types of drums and of a number of actual Yoruba drummers.

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