

Notes and News

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'Town and Country in Central and Eastern Africa'

THE Institute's twelfth International African Seminar was held in association with the Institute of African Studies at the University of Zambia, Lusaka, from 11 to 20 September 1972. The subject—"Town and Country in Central and Eastern Africa"—afforded an opportunity to contribute and discuss the results of much recent research on social, economic, and political developments in the region with special reference to rural-urban relations and also to consider the special fields and topics to which further studies should be directed. The assumptions and methods of the relevant disciplines and the means of securing wider communication of different approaches were reviewed. Special attention was given to such topics as: demographic trends, changing patterns of migration, valuations and expectations of rural and urban environments, the relevance of substantive researches and theoretical developments to the formulation of policy in development and administration.

The Chairman of the Seminar, Professor J. van Velsen, Director of the Institute of African Studies of the University of Zambia, is preparing the research papers and an introductory review of the work of the Seminar for publication by the International African Institute. The participants included: Mr. P. Halpenny, Dr. M. A. Hirst, Mr. M. Mushanga, Miss C. Obbo, Professor A. Southall (Makerere University); Mr. M. U. Kashoke (University of Zambia); Dr. A. V. Chilivumbi (University of Malawi); Dr. A. B. M. Mafeje (University of Dar es Salaam); Dr. P. Ohadike (U.N. Economic Commission for Africa); Professor Max Gluckman, Dr. G. Kingsley Garbett, Professor J. C. Mitchell (University of Manchester); Dr. W. T. S. Gould (University of Liverpool); Dr. D. Parkin (University of Sussex); Dr. T. van Velsen (University of Utrecht); Professor Elizabeth Colson, Dr. T. Scudder (University of California); Dr. V. C. Uchendu (University of Illinois).

The Institute and the participants are indebted to the University of Zambia for the generous and much appreciated hospitality which it provided. Thanks are also again due to the Ford Foundation for its continued support of this international seminar programme.

Grants for African Studies (U.S.A.)

THE Joint Committee on African Studies, sponsored with the American Council of Learned Societies, has awarded ten grants for 1972-3 for research relating to Africa south of the Sahara:

Ralph A. Austen (Chicago): economic, social, and political transformation of an African people trading as 'middlemen' c. 1700-1940 (Duala).

René A. Bravmann (Washington): artistic interactions between the Bobo, the Bwaba, and the Muslim Mande-Dafing of Bobo-Dioulasso.

Kenneth W. Grundy (Case Western Reserve University): international relations in southern Africa—the role of an 'intrusive' European power.

Kaba Lansiné (Minnesota): African traders and their role in national movements in Mali, 1945-58.

Marion D. de B. Kilson (Simmons College): Mende oral literature.

C. Gregory Knight (Pennsylvania State): a unified model of a man-environment system (Nigeria).