

Notes and News

The 93rd Birthday of Lord Hailey

THE Institute was happy to be able to send its congratulations and good wishes to Lord Hailey on the occasion of his 93rd birthday on 15 February last. Members of the Institute will be glad to know that Lord Hailey is enjoying excellent health and hopes, as a former Chairman and Life Member of the Council, to be able to attend its next meeting in June.

UNESCO General Conference Resolutions Concerning African Studies

At the thirteenth session of the UNESCO General Conference, held in Paris from 20 October to 30 November 1964, resolutions were adopted inviting Member States to encourage research for the preparation of a *General History of Africa*, and the Director-General was authorized to take the necessary measures for its preparation and publication over a ten-year period from 1965 to 1975.

Member States were also invited to advance the knowledge of African cultures by encouraging the founding or development of specialist learned associations and institutes of African studies, and to facilitate their participation in the activities of the International Congress of Africanists. The Director-General was authorized to conduct and facilitate consultations, studies, and research and to assist the activities of Member States, with a view to promoting greater appreciation of African cultures, and to this end:

- '(a) To develop the action of institutes specializing in African studies and to promote co-operation between them at the regional and international levels, and to that end, to participate in the activities of Member States at their request;
- '(b) To promote collaboration between specialists in African cultures and educators, with a view to the preparation of school text-books better adapted to African life;
- '(c) To develop the general public's knowledge and appreciation of the various forms of artistic and literary expression characteristic of Africa;
- '(d) To promote the study of the relations between African cultures and those of other regions, especially Latin America; and
- '(e) To participate in the activities of African Member States, at their request, with a view to studying, preserving and presenting their cultural heritage.'

UNESCO's Programme in the Social Sciences, Human Sciences, and Cultural Activities

THE outstanding feature of the new programme is the regrouping of activities in the social and human sciences and cultural activities into a common programme headed by an assistant director-general. A division of philosophy has been created as a link between the two former departments. This division will undertake the study of the socio-cultural factors of development, limited first to the field of education, by the analysis of changes wrought in man and in contemporary society. This study will be carried out in 1965-6 and will include work in Africa. The main problems to be studied will include the struggle against race prejudice, in order to strengthen universal respect for human rights, and the economic, social, and cultural problems of countries which have recently achieved independence. A ten-year programme, beginning in 1965-6, will include studies of traditional legal systems, as well as studies on equality and mutual respect in connexion with external aid. Studies in the