

Notes and News

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Dr. R. E. Bradbury

WE deeply regret to record the death on 23 December 1969 at the age of 40 of Dr. R. E. Bradbury who held a Field Research Fellowship of the Institute from 1952 to 1954 and contributed a volume on the Benin Kingdom to the Ethnographic Survey of Africa. Dr. Bradbury devoted seven years to intensive anthropological field work on Benin and the Edo-speaking peoples of Nigeria on which he was the outstanding authority. His numerous published papers on many aspects of the political organization, religion, art, and history of Benin were marked by exceptional richness and theoretical insight. Since his appointment to a Senior Lecturership at the Centre of West African Studies at the University of Birmingham he had been engaged on a major work on the political development of the Benin Kingdom. This loss will be deeply felt by his colleagues and all concerned with the advancement of Nigerian studies.

Seminar on the Development of African Trade and Markets in West Africa

THIS seminar, the tenth in the series of International African Seminars, arranged by the Institute with the generous support of a grant from the Ford Foundation, was held at Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 14 to 22 December 1969, under the chairmanship of M. Claude Meillassoux of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France.

The Institute is most grateful to the Principal, the Revd. Canon Harry Sawyerr, for welcoming the seminar and to Mr. Jonathan Hyde, Secretary of the Institute of African Studies and other members of the staff at the College for their valuable assistance in the local arrangements.

The following papers, relating to their own special fields of research were prepared by the participants for consideration in advance of the seminar:

- M. Samir Amin (Université de Poitiers): 'La politique coloniale française à l'égard de la bourgeoisie commerçante sénégalaise (1820-1900)'.
- M. Jean-Loup Amselle (Institut des Sciences Humaines, Bamako): 'Parenté et commerce chez les Kooroko'.