

NEWS AND NOTES

UC Berkeley Conference and Study Tour In Africa

"Africa: Its Music and Related Arts" is the subject of a conference on the University of California Berkeley campus and a study tour in Africa scheduled by UC Extension in cooperation with the UC Department of Music in the summer of 1968. Leading authorities on African music and art and other noted scholars involved in African studies will take part in the five-day conference scheduled June 17-21 at Berkeley, and scholars from the University of Ghana will participate in the three-week study tour which begins the week of June 24.

The program is planned as an introduction to the peoples of Africa and their ways of life through their music and other arts, according to Fred Warren, Director of the program for UC Extension and Chairman of the Department of Music and the Center for the Performing Arts, Sonoma State College. Those who enroll for the conference may earn two units of credit, and those taking part in both the conference and the study tour may earn five units.

Faculty members for the conference include William Bascom, Professor of Anthropology and Director, Lowie Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley; Joseph Greenberg, Professor of Anthropology and Chairman, African Studies Committee, Stanford University; Alan P. Merriam, Chairman, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, and Chairman, African Studies Social Science Research Council of the American Council of Learned Societies; Willard Rhodes, Professor of Music, Columbia University; Klaus Wachsmann, Professor of Music and member of the Institute of Ethnomusicology and of the African Studies Center, UCLA.

In Ghana, the coordinator of the study tour is J. H. K. Nketis who is noted in Africa, Europe, and America both as a musician and scholar. He is a Professor of Music and Drama and Head of the Institute of African Studies at University of Ghana.

Further information about the program is available from University

of California Extension, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California 94720.

Study of Negro Life and History Annual Meeting

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History will be held on October 3-6, 1968 at the New York Hilton Hotel. Persons interested in proposing sessions or papers, or other participation, should write the Program Chairman, Walter Fisher, of the Department of History, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, 21212.

Iowa State Symposium on Social and Political Changes in Sub Saharan Africa

Participants in the symposium "Social and Political Changes in Sub Saharan Africa", held November 29- December 2, 1967 at Iowa State University, discussed the following topics: "Crisis of Nation Building", "Political Changes in East Africa", "Urban Violence", "Grass Roots Participation in Nation Building", "Unemployment: Social and Political Implications", "Urbanization and Migration", and "Changing Contexts for the Arts in Sub Saharan Africa".

Those participating included: Professors Liebenow (Indiana University), Sieber (Indiana University), Lofchie (UCLA), Mabogunje (Northwestern and University of Ibadan), Gutkind (McGill University), Karp (Boston University), Collier (NYU), Olorunsola (Iowa State University), and Dr. Ohuche and Mr. Ajere of Iowa State University.

It is planned that the papers resulting from the colloquium will be published by the Iowa State Press.

Second Conference on Oral History in Tanzania

The Second Conference of Historians currently working from oral sources in Tanzania was held at the University College, Dar es Salaam on January 6-7, 1968. The discussions were mainly concerned with field work methods and problems of interpretation; thirteen historians working mainly from oral sources attended the conference. Following the first conference,

plans are now well advanced for a collaborative Early History of Tanzania, which will appear later this year from the East African Publishing House, Nairobi. The Department of History at Dar es Salaam has produced the first two issues of Tanzania Zamani, a bulletin of current research on pre-colonial history.

African Archaeology at the University of Ghana

Plans have recently been announced by the University of Ghana for an expansion in the teaching of African Archaeology by its Department of Archaeology. The courses provide the first fully comprehensive training program in African Archaeology anywhere in the world. Graduate students from overseas are eligible to enroll for courses at the University though no scholarships are presently available for non-Ghanaians.

The Department of Archaeology of the University of Ghana was established in 1951 under the Professorship of A. W. Lawrence. It presently has a senior teaching staff of three, shortly to be increased to four and two senior research fellows under the Chairmanship of Professor Merrick Posnansky.

The Department has conducted extensive excavations in Ghana and is presently engaged in the Volta Basin Research Project in which more than 30 sites have been excavated since 1963 in advance of the formation of a large lake consequent upon the construction of the Volta Dam. The Department has recently established a two-year M.A. Program in African Archaeology for which students take three written papers covering the stone and iron ages in sub-Saharan Africa, Advanced methodology and a detailed study of the history and archaeology of an area selected by the student, in addition they have to present a 35,000 word thesis.

In 1969 a new periodical monograph series on the Archaeology of Ghana will be published for which the first numbers will shortly go to the press. The Department has a small specialist library, a Museum, Laboratory, Workshop and a team of trained technical staff. At present most of the Department's research work, which is normally conducted in the dry season from November to May each year, is confined to sites of the Iron Age. For information on the Department, write to the Professor of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana, P. O. Box 3, Legon, Ghana.

Makerere Institute of Social Research

The East African Institute of Social Research in Kampala, Uganda, has recently changed its name to the Makerere Institute of Social Research. The Institute has been reorganized to integrate it more closely with the various social sciences departments of Makerere University College; however, its main function, to organize and conduct independent research studies on the economic, social and political problems of East Africa, remains the same. Other functions of the Institute are to provide research experience for young East Africans interested in academic careers, to develop teaching materials for university students, and to undertake contract research for government agencies on short-term policy issues.

At the present time the Executive Committee of the Institute is composed of Mr. D. G. R. Belshaw, Chairman of the Committee and Head of the Department of Rural Economy; Professor R. J. Apthorpe, Head of the Department of Sociology; Dr. J. Gugler, Chairman of the Joint Board of Graduate Studies, Professor A. A. Mazrui, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Political Sciences; Professor B. Okun, Head of the Department of Economics; and Professor M. H. Segall, Visiting Professor of Social Psychology. In addition there are 7 Research Fellows and Associates in Economics, 2 in Political Science, 7 in Sociology, and 5 in Psychology.

The Institute of Social Research has during the past 20 years provided a research center with which research workers from overseas who are visiting East Africa may affiliate, as well as a publishing venue for research completed through its facilities. In addition to long monographs, the Institute publishes a varied series of East African Studies and a new series of Occasional Papers. Mimeographed annual Conference Papers are available to libraries and interested private scholars.

Dictionary of Ethiopian Biography

The Institute of Ethiopian Studies of Haile Selassie University is currently engaged in the preparation of a Dictionary of Ethiopian Biography to include biographies, with bibliographical references, on important personalities in Ethiopia history, in all walks of life.

The Dictionary has been conceived by a Committee representing various departments of the Haile Selassie I University, is being edited by Dr. Richard Pankhurst, S. Chojnacki and Innes Marshall. It will exclude living personalities but include significant foreigners in Ethiopian history, and is expected to have around 4,000 or 5,000 entries which are being written by the leading scholars in their respective fields. Over 2,500 entries have thus far been written.

African-American Labor Center

In January 1968 the construction of a Labor Education Center, a joint project of the government of Upper Volta and the African-American Labor Center, will be completed in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. The fully equipped Center will consist of 3 conference rooms that will hold 70 people, several meeting rooms that will hold from 10 to 30 persons, an exhibition hall, a library and an open air theater. The Center will be used for international and regional seminars of all types. The African-American Labor Center wishest to encourage all interested universities and organizations to sponsor African activities at the Labor Education Center. All applications will be studied by the governing board of the Center which will be composed of a representative of the government of Upper Volta and a representative of the African-American Labor Center. For all queries, contact David Brombart, AALC, 345 East 46street, New York, New York 10017.

Request from the Hoover Institution

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Teachers for Africa

Graduate Students interested in teaching in Africa are reminded of the UNESCO publication Teachers for Africa which lists vacant teaching positions in Africa from the secondary school to the university level, as well as national agencies or organizations concerned with teaching appointments abroad. Teachers for Africa can be obtained without charge by writing to Teaching Abroad, UNESCO, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7^e, France.