

Planning and Civil Engineering; Economics and Economic History; Education and Psychology; Geography, Agriculture and Natural Resources; History, Political Science and Islamic Studies; Law; Social Anthropology, Sociology and Linguistics; Veterinary Medicine, Social Medicine and Microbiology. At a final plenary session the groups reported briefly on their discussions and the conference as a whole agreed on a number of conclusions. These stressed particularly, among other points, the importance of improving channels of communication (and outlined several ideas on how this improvement might be attempted); the need for rethinking the problems of financing secondments and joint research projects; and the desirability of giving greater attention to the placing of schemes where they fit best into existing activities and of allocating African research students in academic institutions where their interests and talents can be most effectively developed.

A full report of the proceedings of the conference and its conclusions and recommendations will be produced as early as possible.

African Studies Association: Eighth Annual Meeting

THE eighth annual meeting of the African Studies Association was held in Philadelphia from 27 to 30 October 1965. In addition to plenary sessions devoted to the business of the Association, a series of simultaneous panels was held over two days, at which papers were read and discussed on the following topics: Traditional culture and modern elites—North Africa's vision of Black Africa; the contribution of tradition to the understanding of contemporary political change in West Africa; economic development and social change; national integration in East Africa; news-gathering in and about Africa; changing social patterns; archaeology; education—U.S. universities' aid to African education; modern African history; American policy towards Africa; changing role of women in Africa; problems in the study of art in African society; changing social and political patterns in East Africa; law in society; movements of political and social change in Central Africa; African nationalism; historical perspectives on Southern Africa; aspects of African regionalism; personality; opportunities for science research in Nigeria; the literary conscience of Africa; geography of Africa; linguistics; slavery; Africa and other developing areas; South Africa, the Transkei, and the High Commission Territories; and political perspectives in West Africa.

Professor Joseph H. Greenberg delivered a Presidential address on the place of linguistics in African studies. The first Herskovits Award to be made by the Association was presented to Dr. Ruth Schachter Morgenthau in recognition of her study of *Political Parties in French-Speaking West Africa*. Professor Rupert Emerson, Professor of Government at Harvard University, was elected President of the Association for 1965–6.

Further information concerning the Association and its activities may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Professor L. Gray Cowan, 411 Uris Hall, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

International African Seminar on Concepts and Procedures in African Law

THE eighth in the series of seminars arranged by the International African Institute, with the aid of grants from the Ford Foundation, is being held from 3 to 13 January 1966 at Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa, by courtesy of the President. The subject is 'Concepts and Procedures in African Law' and the chairman is Professor Max Gluckman of the University of Manchester. Local arrangements have been made by Professor Richard Pankhurst, Director of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa. Papers will be read and discussed on the following themes: judicial methods and problems of evidence and proof; structural position of judicial authorities; law of persons: political and tribal status—familial

status; law of property; law of wrongs and injuries; law of contract and transactions; conception of status, responsibility and liability; scope and methods of research. It is intended to publish the papers presented at the seminar, with an introductory survey based on the discussions.

World Conference on the Clash of Colour

A WORLD conference on problems of race and the clash of colour was held in Copenhagen from 5 to 12 September 1965, under the sponsorship of the Congress for Cultural Freedom and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Some thirty-five scholars and experts on race relations from the United States, Latin America, Japan, Ceylon, Sweden, France, and Great Britain met under the joint chairmanship of Professor Georges Balandier, of the École Pratique des Hautes Études, and Mr. Philip Mason, Director of the Institute of Race Relations, London.

The results of the meeting will be collected in a special issue of the quarterly magazine *Daedalus*, published at Harvard University.

Centre of Ethno-Pastoral Studies, Banningville, Congo|Léo

THE Centre of Ethno-Pastoral Studies of the Society of the Divine Word, which is associated with the Anthropos Institute, held its first Study Week at St. Paul's College (B.P. 19, Banningville) from 23 to 28 August 1965. The organizer and chairman was Father Hermann Hohegger SVD, and problems of traditional forms of marriage, family life, clan systems, and education were discussed. It is hoped to publish the results of this conference in the near future, and to arrange another study week in 1966 on the subject of the idea of God, and belief in spirits other than those of the ancestors.

Ahmadu Bello University: Department of Languages

THE Department of Languages of Ahmadu Bello University has been engaged on the following projects: Hausa studies, including the expansion and revision of Mr. Kirk-Greene's draft research memoranda on Hausa names, titles and Sarautu, and place-names; compilation of specialized word-lists, ancient and modern, with regard to clothing and dress, food and cooking, war and weapons, and pre-1900 emirate government and administration; and a symposium on the identification, characteristics, and location of Hausa dialects, both horizontally through ethnic geography and vertically through social status and educational achievement. The department is also compiling a comprehensive 5,000 words English-Fulani vocabulary in the Adamawa dialect, and preparing vocabularies of current political, parliamentary, administrative, and international terms in Kanuri, Tiv, and Nupe. Work is also proceeding on a 'Six Language Basic Vocabulary for Nigeria', comprising, English, French Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, and Fulani, consisting of some 2,000 common words in each language.

APA Annual Convention in Chicago

A SYMPOSIUM on Social Psychological Research in Developing Countries was held at the APA Annual Convention in Chicago in September 1965, under the chairmanship of Henri Tajfel of the University of Oxford. Dr. Donald T. Campbell of Northwestern University was the Discussant and the following papers were presented:

Henri Tajfel (Oxford)

International co-operation in social psychology: some problems and possibilities.