

NOTES AND NEWS

SYMPOSIUM ON LAND CONTROL AT LEOPOLDVILLE

C.E.D.C.A. (*Centre d'étude de droit comparé africain*), which is an offshoot of the Faculty of Law at the University of Lovanium, Leopoldville, Congo Republic, is organizing a symposium on systems of land control in Africa. The symposium will take place from 1st to 10th April, 1963, and will be held on the university campus. Distinguished participants have been invited from the different African countries, drawn from those professionally concerned with problems of land tenure. To facilitate discussions the number of participants is being restricted, and background papers setting out the land-control systems in different African countries are being circulated in English and in French.

The topic is being examined as it arises both under the customary and the statutory law; and the symposium will be concentrating on the answers to the questions: who exercises control over the occupation of and transactions affecting land; in relation to whom and to what is such control exercised; how is this control exercised? African countries have in the past had surprisingly different systems of land control, some of which affected foreigners only, while others have also regulated tenure by citizens. Many countries are now revising their land-control machinery in the light of newly felt economic and social needs, and as one of the aspects of legal stock-taking once independence has been achieved. Doubtless the opportunity to compare both broad policies and the detailed working out of them will be found very valuable by those taking part in the symposium; all students of the subject will also look forward to the publication of the authoritative reports and discussions of the symposium.

THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, LAGOS

All Nigerian law students who passed the Bar Final examination in September, 1962, are qualified for admission to the three months' courses to be held at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos.

Should the numbers warrant it, the first course will commence in January, 1963. Students seeking admission should apply in writing to the Director, The Nigerian Law School, P.M.B. 12604, Lagos, giving details of their qualifications and stating whether they require residential accommodation in the School.

(Students who previously obtained a conditional pass and merely satisfied the examiners in one paper at the September, 1962, examinations are not required to attend the Law School.)