

Notes and News

The 94th 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 94th birthday on 15 February last. Members of the Institute will be glad to know that Lord Hailey is enjoying excellent health.

File Copies of the Quarterly Current Bibliography and Notes and News from 'Africa'

A NUMBER of study centres, libraries, and individual scholars are experiencing a need to file the documentation provided quarterly in the Current Bibliography and Notes and News. To avoid cutting out pages or the cost of expensive photo-copying, the Institute is arranging to supply offprints of these sections for modest annual subscriptions. To assist those who wish to affix entries on file cards, offprints will be printed on one side of the paper only. If there is sufficient demand arrangements will be made to supply reprints of past issues of the Current Bibliography and Notes and News over recent years.

A leaflet in the current issue gives details of the service and a subscription form. Further inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary.

Concepts and Procedures in African Law. International African Seminar, Addis Ababa, 3-13 January 1966

THE eighth in the series of International African Seminars, arranged by the Institute with the assistance of a grant from the Ford Foundation, was held at the Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa, by courtesy of its President, Lij Kassa Wolde Mariam, in co-operation with the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies.

The seminar, under the chairmanship of Professor Max Gluckman, directed its attention to the comparative study of basic concepts and procedures with reference to both the social and economic background of indigenous African law and the problems of its application and modification under modern conditions. Some eighteen background papers, generally relating to their own special studies, had been prepared in advance by intending participants for circulation and study before the meeting. Subjects reviewed during the seminar sessions included the following: legal personality and status; inheritance and succession; law of property; contractual relations; marriage and divorce; social reactions to legislative change; judicial personnel in courts of customary law; the logic of legal analysis; evidence and procedure; research methods in the study of customary law; types of comparison among African legal systems; problems of classification. The participants in the seminar came from universities and other institutions in Basutoland, Belgium, Congo, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, and U.S.A. Members of staff and senior students of the Faculty of Law, the Department of Sociology, and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies attended the seminar sessions. The chairman is preparing a review of the discussions and findings of the seminar for publication, together with the preparatory papers, in a volume which will make the results generally available.

The International African Institute is greatly indebted to Dean James Paul and Monsieur

Jacques Vanderlinden of the Law School, Professor Richard Pankhurst of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Ato Wubishet Dilnessahu, Business Vice-President, Ato Terrefe Woldetsadik, Director of Public Relations, and their colleagues, for undertaking the local arrangements and for their unfailing assistance in providing for the smooth running of the seminar.

Research Grants from the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies

THE Board of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Uppsala has awarded grants for African studies in 1966 for the following projects:

Anders Andersson (Uppsala): attitude formation in the use of foreign languages as media of instruction.

Professor Claes-Fredrik Claesson (Gothenburg): demographic processes and developmental tendencies in the economy of the Congo.

Göran Hyden (Lund): further study of the organization of the nation-state of Tanzania.

Abdul Khakee (Zanzibar and Gothenburg): economic integration as an instrument of economic development in the developing countries.

Rich. Meyer-Heiselberg (Copenhagen): archival research at Fourah Bay University College, Sierra Leone.

Mona Mårtensson (Stockholm and Rabat): the parts played by the sexes in Mohammedan family life in Morocco.

Professor R. A. Reymont (Stockholm): study of the ecology of the Niger delta (in collaboration with the Nigerian Fisheries Research Department).

Mr. Johan Galtung, Director of Research at the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, has received a special grant towards the cost of inquiries into the evaluation by African students of the relative prestige of their countries, a survey of the press in East Africa, and an examination of the effects of sanctions on Rhodesia.

African Studies at Ohio University

AN African Studies Program was started at Ohio University in October 1964, and in April 1965 a grant from the U.S. Office of Education provided funds for library acquisitions and the development of new and expanded courses in African economics, geography, government, history, languages, sociology, and anthropology. From September 1965 degree candidates have been given the opportunity of supplementing their studies with courses on the languages and cultures of sub-Saharan Africa. The African Studies Program is administered with the Center for International Studies, under its Director, Dr. David B. Arnold, who is Acting Director of African Studies.

The African Studies Unit, University of Leeds¹

DR. J. E. GOLDTHORPE, Lecturer in Sociology, has become the Executive Officer for the Leeds African Studies Unit on Mr. W. T. Newlyn's secondment to the East African Institute of Social Research. The collection of reference material on Africa remains one of the chief activities of the Unit. The Brotherton Library has agreed in response to a request from SCOLMA to try to be responsible for Congo (Leopoldville), Burundi and Rwanda materials.

¹ See *Africa*, xxxv, April 1965, p. 213.