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Dr. Kalervo Oberg, 1901-73

WE deeply regret to announce the death on 11 July 1973 of Dr. Kalervo Oberg, a former field research fellow of the Institute. Dr. Oberg went to Uganda in 1934 and will be known to readers of *Africa* for his account of 'The Kingdom of Ankole in Uganda' in *African Political Systems*, edited by Professor Meyer Fortes and the late Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard, which was first published in 1940 and has since been reprinted many times. Dr. Oberg completed his field work in 1937 and returned to Chicago. He then held appointments in São Paulo and at various other universities, down to his retirement from the University of Southern California in 1967.

Symposium on Afro-American Culture in Venezuela

THE first Symposium on Afro-American Culture in Venezuela was organized by the Institute of Anthropology and History of the Central University of Venezuela (UCV) in June 1973 in Caracas. Specialists present included Santos Rodolfo Cortés, Miguel Acosta-Saignes, Francisco Brito-Figueroa, Luis Felipe Ramón y Rivera, Isabel Arets, and Angelina Pollak-Eltz.

The Symposium dealt in particular with the African heritage in Venezuela, from the viewpoint of history, anthropology, musicology, and folklore. The papers presented are to be published by the UVC.

(Communicated by Professor Luis Beltrán, Afro-Hispanic Studies Group)

International Congress of Africanists

THE International Congress of Africanists was inaugurated in 1963 when its statutes came into force. It is an organization of scholars from all over the world whose studies, research, and/or teaching have relevance to Africa in any academic discipline. Its first session was held in Accra; its second in Dakar in 1967. The third session was held in Addis Ababa from 9 to 19 December 1973, at the invitation of the Imperial Ethiopian Government, and was presided over by Dr. Aklilu Habte, the President of Haile Sellassie I University. The Secretary-General was Nicholas Otieno (Kenya), the Treasurer Claude Meillassoux (France). The meetings were officially opened by His Imperial Majesty Haile Sellassie I.

The theme of this third Congress was the economic, social, political, and scientific development of Africa, and there were about 300 participants, one-third of whom were of African nationalities. Proceedings were organized in six main sections:

Historical Development: Chairman: R. Oliver (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London).

Economic Development: Chairman: Taye Gullilat (Haile Sellassie I University).

Political Development: Chairman: Kenneth Kirkwood (Oxford University).

Scientific Development: Chairman: I. Malu (Université Nationale de Zaïre).

Social Development: Chairman: I. Lewis (London School of Economics).

Cultural Development: Chairman: A. Laroui (Université Mohamed V, Rabat).