

*University of Oregon: Field Research in West Africa*

FOUR doctoral candidates in the Department of Anthropology are conducting research in West Africa as follows:

Mr. Leland H. Donald (October 1965 to October 1967); the cultural ecology of Yalunka villages near Musaya, Sierra Leone, concentrating on growth and development in relation to resource control. P.O. Box No. 28, Kabala, Sierra Leone.

Mr. Barry L. Isaac (November 1966 to April 1968); trade and the transport industry in the Kailahun–Pendembu area of Sierra Leone. c/o Postmaster, Pendembu, Sierra Leone.

Mr. Frederick D. McEvoy (October 1966 to December 1967); the effects of labour migration on the socio-economic organization of Sabo Kru villages in Grand Gedeh County, Eastern Liberia. c/o Firestone Plantations Company, Cavalla, Liberia.

Mr. Peter M. Weil (August 1966 to July 1967); Malinke political organization in the Lower River Division of the Gambia, including adjustments made by the Malinke to the national political system. Kwinella Rest House, Tendaba Wharf, Lower River Division, The Gambia.

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*International Conference on African Bibliography*

THE International African Institute, with the aid of the Ford Foundation, is organizing an international conference on African bibliography, to be held at an African university centre in December 1967. The conference is the outcome of a recommendation made at the Tropical African Studies Conference held at the University of Ibadan in April 1964, which called for an international meeting to examine the state of bibliographical services in the field of African studies, and in particular to consider co-ordination and standardization, in so far as this may be deemed necessary, to eliminate wasteful duplication and secure a more complete coverage of publications. (See 'Tropical African Studies', *Africa*, xxxv, 1, Jan. 1965.)

During its five working days the conference will consider all aspects of bibliographical work in African studies, grouped provisionally under the following headings: national bibliographies in African countries; national listings of materials on Africa in other countries; current bibliographical services; subject, regional, and retrospective bibliographies; audio-visual materials; ephemera; manuscript and archival materials; classification and referencing; acquisition of materials. Details of the conference programme, organization and local arrangements will be announced after the completion of consultations with an international panel of specialists.

The conference will meet under the general chairmanship of Mr. J. D. Pearson, Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Some 18–20 specialists will be invited to prepare working papers in advance and to participate in the meetings. It is hoped that African governments, international organizations, libraries, and other users of African bibliographical services will send representatives to the conference.

A survey of existing current bibliographical services and national bibliographies is being prepared as a working document for the conference. The Institute would welcome information and comments from bibliographers, librarians, and users of African bibliographies, particularly on specialized services which might otherwise be overlooked, and on any plans for future activities in this field. Correspondence concerning the conference and the survey of bibliographical services should be addressed to the conference secretary, Miss Ruth Jones, Librarian, International African Institute, St. Dunstan's Chambers, 10/11 Fetter Lane, London, E.C. 4.