

NEWS AND NOTES

The nominating committee of the African Studies Association is proposing the following tentative slate of officers to the annual meeting in October; Vice President: James S. Coleman; Board Members: Rupert Emerson, Bruce F. Johnson, Alan P. Merriam, Edwin S. Munger.

Three Board members are to be elected. Nominations from the floor will be welcome at the annual meeting.

Leonard Doob of Yale University has been chairman of the nomination committee.

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Positions Available

The Conference Board of Associated Research Councils has announced the availability for 1963-64 of a lecturing award in African studies, tenable at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The University is developing a new program in African studies and has requested a senior scholar in one of the following fields: geography, sociology, ethnography, modern colonial or post-colonial history of Africa.

The grantee would lecture five or six hours a week in English and would assist in planning the curriculum. Someone who could be available for the entire academic year (November to June) would be preferred, but a shorter assignment for one of three terms might be arranged. The grantee must be a U.S. citizen.

Closing date for applications is August 1, 1962. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Committee on International Exchange of Persons, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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Conferences

A seminar on Ethno-History was held in Dakar, Senegal, from December 11th to 20th, 1961. It was the fourth of a series of seminars in Africa organized by the International African Institute. The local host was the Institut Française de l'Afrique Noire. There were 19 participants and 5 observers who came from Mali, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, France, England, Belgium, Italy and the United States.

Working papers were distributed in advance and discussions were topically oriented and not limited to particular papers. Sessions were devoted to discussion of methods of research, the state of current knowledge in various regions, and problems and aspects of cultural and social change in pre-colonial times. The seminar brought together individuals who were working in the disciplines of archeology, linguistics, comparative ethnology and oral traditions. This proved to be a very valuable interchange both in regard to assessing the validity of various means of reconstructing history and for furthering the synthesis of data from different fields.

A book-length report will be issued by the International African Institute which should prove to be a landmark for anyone interested in the African past. It is being edited by M. Raymond Mauny, who was chairman of the seminar. (Report by Daniel McCall, Boston University.)

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African Studies Programs

A summary of the African studies program at the University of California, Berkeley, reached the editor too late for inclusion in the March issue. While the Center of African Studies for the University is located at Los Angeles, a committee on African studies at Berkeley is responsible for an extensive program of teaching and research in the African field. Members of the Committee are Ethel Albert (African cultural philosophy); David Apter and Carl Rosberg (political science); William Bascom and Robert Murphy (anthropology) and J. Desmond Clark (prehistory). In addition, Virginia Adloff is now a visiting lecturer in political science and several members of the economics department have African interests.

The program is planned for graduate instruction in the social sciences; students take departmental degrees. There are approximately sixty graduate students engaged in specialized work on Africa at the present time. Programs are planned in cooperation with Stanford University and courses may be taken in either university. The committee works closely with other area specialists within the general framework of the Institute of International Studies.

Course offerings on Africa include the following: Comparative Analysis of Political Systems (Apter); Political Institutions in Africa South of the Sahara (Rosberg); seminar on Research in Comparative Politics (Apter); African Political Institutions (Rosberg); Folklore (Bascom); Invention and Technology (Clark); Races, Languages and Cultures of Africa (Murphy); Kinship and Social Structure (Murphy); Problems in African Society and Culture; and Problems in African Pre-History (Clark). The following subjects related to African studies are also emphasized: African Philosophy, Modern Imperialism, Sociology of Development, and Democracy and Development.

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Edinburgh University has announced the creation of a Centre of African Studies, to coordinate and develop teaching and research. It will concentrate particularly on economics, geography, history, Islamic studies, phonetics and linguistics, social anthropology, and social medicine.

The program will lead to a post-graduate qualification in African studies, and is designed to consist of a main subject and two subsidiary subjects. An inter-disciplinary seminar will form part of the curriculum, and lecture courses will be open to non-specialists. The Centre plans to build up its own library. The director is Kenneth Little.

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Other Matters

T. W. Baxter, Director of the National Archives of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, has informed the Association of his willingness to supply select bibliographies on specialized subjects for American research scholars coming out to the Federation. Inquiries may be addressed to him at P. O. Box 8043 Causeway, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

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Recent Ford Foundation grants have included: \$150,000 to the International African Institute, to support research, information and seminar programs; \$25,000 to Swiss Friends of Angola, for special studies in civic affairs and pre-university training for Angolan students in Switzerland; \$500,000 to McGill University for expansion of the Institute of Islamic Studies; \$150,000 to the Institute of International Education, for emergency aid to African students in the United States; \$375,000 to M. I. T. for a program of fellowships in Africa by the School of Industrial Management.

Specific grants to Africa were: \$265,000 to the National School of Law and Administration, Congo; \$53,000 to the Kenya College of Social Studies; \$22,000 to the government of Kenya for research on English language teaching; \$9,000 to the government of Northern Nigeria to strengthen the law library at Zaria; \$105,000 to University College, Ibadan, for housing and \$96,500 to continue for three years a program in Nigerian musicology and production of films on Nigerian culture; \$45,000 to the government of Nyasaland for a conference on economic development and \$30,000 to Senegal for a similar meeting; \$39,000 to Tanganyika National Parks for an educational program; \$50,000 to the University College, Dar es Salaam, for support of a conference on African problems and publication of a Journal of Modern African Studies; \$840,000 to the University College for general development purposes.

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