

NEWS AND NOTES

The International Seminar on African and Madagascar History, planned to be held at Dar es Salaam in December 1963, has been postponed until sometime in 1964 on decision of the Tanganyikan government. The Conference is sponsored by Présence Africaine with the cooperation of UNESCO.

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The First International Festival of Negro Arts will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from December 17, 1965 through January 1966. The festival will include ancient African masterpieces from museum collections and the works of contemporary Negro creative artists from all over the world who will meet during the festival for a colloquium. Visitors to the festival will also see performances of African music and dance and films depicting African history.

Sponsors of the festival are the government of Senegal, UNESCO, and the Society of African Culture. Alioune Diop will be president of the festival and Alassane N'Daw secretary-general. The American Society of African Culture has been assisting on preliminary planning.

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An eight-week summer language program in Bambara, Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba and Swahili is being planned for the summer of 1964 by Duquesne University. Dr. William Welmers of UCLA will assume overall responsibility for language instruction, while the whole program will be under the direction of Dr. Geza Grosschmid, Director of the African Language and Area Center. The program is supported by the U.S. Office of Education, and a number of fellowships are available under provisions of Title VI of the National Defense Education Act. Application forms and further information may be obtained from Dr. Grosschmid at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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A summer school in African Studies is being jointly sponsored by McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, and the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The school will be held in Salisbury from July 6 to August 19, 1964, and will include courses on African geography and African political systems. Further information may be obtained from the Dean of Degree Studies in Extension, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

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Recent Library of Congress publications in the African field have included African Development Schemes in Sub-saharan Africa: A Bibliography (\$1.25) and Official Publications of Sierra Leone and Gambia (55¢). Both are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

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The Uganda Geographical Association is now publishing an annual East African Geographical Review, which will be available each April. The main emphasis of the publication will be on physical and human geography of East Africa, although material on other areas will not be excluded. The Review is designed both for specialists and laymen; its editor is B. S. Hoyle of the Department of Geography, Makerere University College. The price is ten shillings. Inquiries may be sent to Mr. Hoyle at P.O. Box 262, Kampala, Uganda.

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The African Research and Information Center, established in Washington last year by the White Fathers, has now begun publication of a mimeographed news bulletin called AFRIC Information, dealing primarily with news on African religious development. The Center is also acting as a distribution center for a number of African books and periodicals. Further information may be obtained from the Center at 1622 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Hoover Institution has announced the publication of Americans in Africa: A Preliminary Guide to American Missionary Archives and Library Manuscript Collections in Africa, by Robert Collins and Peter Duignan. Price - \$2.00.

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Thanks to the cooperation of many African students who have come to the United States to study under the ASPAU program, headed by David Henry of Harvard University, the nucleus of a list of African language informants is now established at the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 36, D.C. The Languages and Linguistics Committee of the African Studies Association hopes that as much use as possible can be made of this list. It hopes also that other African students and teachers in this country will be willing to add their names and language skills to this list so that progress can be made in overcoming one of the major difficulties in developing African languages in this country, namely, the lack of knowledge about informants.

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The Commission on International Education of the American Council on Education has begun publication of a Bulletin on International Education, which will appear approximately eight times a year. It will attempt to report significant programs and developments in this field, as they relate to the federal government, colleges and universities, national associations in higher education, and the American Council on Education itself. Subscriptions are available at \$5.00 per year from the American Council, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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A task force on AID-University relationships, with twenty-one members drawn from government, educational institutions and philanthropic foundations, has been formed to survey relationships and problems in AID-University cooperation. The group will recommend changes in present procedures and arrangements which might lead to improvement in performance overseas. The task force has been organized by John W. Gardner, president of Carnegie Corporation, at the request of AID Administrator David Bell, and it will be staffed by Education and World Affairs.

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