

NEWS AND NOTES

The sixth annual meeting of the African Studies Association will be held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, from October 24 through 26, 1963. Simon and Phoebe Ottenberg of the University of Washington will be program chairmen; David Marvin of San Francisco State College is in charge of local arrangements. A preliminary program and further details of the meeting will be mailed to Association members during the summer.

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The Library Board of the University of Ghana has expressed appreciation to the African Studies Association for the collection of African material sent to the International Congress of Africanists in Accra and afterwards presented to the Library. Some 85 books and approximately 120 reprints were presented.

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A History Seminar convened by *Présence Africaine* will be held in Tanganyika late in 1963, probably in September or December. The general theme of the seminar will be "The Teaching of History in the Light of African Evolution" and a consideration is planned of The Historical Conscience According to African Tradition (including history as science and passion, oral African history, gathering of traditional documents, and critical study of interpretation). The Teaching of History and The Imperatives of the National Conscience, The Teaching of History and Aspirations Toward National Unity, and Practical Questions (archaeological research, use of other sources than books, local archives, centers of study, project concerning a basic manual).

Ideas, proposals and names of interested historians are invited by *Présence Africaine*, 25 bis, rue des Ecoles, Paris 5e, France.

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An African Research and Information Center (AFRIC) has been established by the White Fathers at 1622 21st Street N.W., Washington 9, D.C., to act as a center for documentation on the work of the Catholic Church in Africa. The center comprises a reference library of about 1500 volumes, mainly on the Catholic church but with special sections on missiology and Islam; a periodical collection of some 40 titles which cover African church activities; and information files which correlate data on the church in each African country.

The reference library is open to the public and some materials are available on interlibrary loan. Inquiries by mail are welcomed.

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A continuing seminar on contemporary Africa, devoted to the humanities, is being given at the University of Indiana this semester under the joint direction of Alan P. Merriam and Roy Sieber. The seminar is designed to introduce the student to the African humanities and the interrelationships among them, to expand the viewpoint of the African humanities as human behavior, and to indicate relationships between African humanities and the study of the social sciences. Scheduled lecturers and topics have included

Jan Vansina on Bakuba Art, Nadia Chilkovsky on African Dance, James Fernandez on Fang Aesthetics, William Bascom on African Oral Literature, Warren d'Azevedo on Aesthetics of the Gola, Nicholas England on Bushman Music, Frances Herskovits on Contemporary African Literature, Douglas Fraser on African Architecture, and Peter Hammond on Mossi Aesthetics.

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The papers of the Leverhulme Conference on "Universities and the Language Problems of Tropical Africa," held at Ibadan in December 1961, will be published in June 1963 by Cambridge University Press. The principal subject was the general language situation today, with special reference to the three international media of English, French and Arabic; the papers consider the political, social and educational aspects of language. The price of the book will be \$4.50.

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A 236-page Inventory of American Aid to Education in Africa, listing by geographic areas the 1961-62 projects supported by U.S. private and public funds, has been prepared by the Africa liaison Committee of the American Council on Education. Distribution of the inventory is limited but organizations with a known interest in African education may obtain copies from the Committee, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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Recent publications of the Library of Congress include two additional guides in the series, Official Publications of British East Africa. The new volumes cover publications of Kenya, Uganda and Zanzibar. The full set is now available as follows from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.: I. East Africa High Commission and other Regional Documents, 60¢; II. Tanganyika, \$1.00; III. Kenya and Zanzibar, \$1.25; IV. Uganda, \$1.00.

The Library has also published A List of American Doctoral Dissertations on Africa, printed in draft form in this Bulletin in March 1961. This brochure now lists some 700 entries. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price 35¢.

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A study on the staffing of African universities, prepared by Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders for the 1962 UNESCO Conference on Higher Education in Tananarive, has now been published in summary form. The report may be obtained free of charge from the Publications Division, American Council on Education, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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