

# INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN LAW ASSOCIATION

## NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Association for 1965 was held at the Faculty of Law, Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (by kind permission of the Dean), on January 9th, 1966, with the President, the Hon. Mr. Justice G. B. A. Coker, in the chair.

The President in his report to the meeting expressed his pleasure at the meeting taking place in Ethiopia. He emphasized that much of the work of the Association must be carried out by national sections. In particular, the execution of the projected Encyclopedia of African Law, to be sponsored by the Association, would require the co-operation of national sections and individual members. The special panel which had been set up by the Association to give advice where requested on problems arising from the unification of civil and common laws in Africa had already been asked for comments on the draft Cameroon penal code. The Association had co-operated with other bodies in the organization of conferences and meetings; and the British section of the Association was proposing to convene in July, 1966, a second informal conference of law teachers from British and African law faculties to discuss problems of common concern (principally recruitment of staff, co-ordination of research effort, and the like). The jury was at present giving its final consideration to the entries for the African Law Prize Essay competition, sponsored by the Association. To strengthen the secretarial organization, the Council had appointed two Assistant Secretaries, Mr. S. A. Roberts and Mr. B. O. Nwabueze. The President thanked the officers of the Association for their services in the year under review.

The Hon. Treasurer's report was presented in his absence by Professor Allott. The main theme of the report was the urgency of ensuring that the Association's finances be placed upon a more secure basis. At present the Association depended almost entirely on members' subscriptions, and although membership was increasing satisfactorily this source alone was not enough to support the proposed activities. It was agreed that every effort should be made to obtain regular support by way of donations and subventions from bodies with an interest in African law and its study.

There were elected as members of the Council for 1966:

As President: Mr. Justice G. B. A. Coker.

As Vice-Presidents: Sir A. Ademola, Mr. Justice N. A. Ollennu, Dr. P. J. Idenburg, Professor J. N. D. Anderson, Professor R. David, Professor A. A. Schiller, Dr. P. Contini, Mr. K. M'Baye, Sir Samuel Quashie-Idun, M. M. Hamiani, Professor J. C. N. Paul, Professor M. Gluckman, Mr. B. Macaulay, and Professor A. B. Weston.

As Co-Secretaries-General: Professor M. Alliot, Professor A. N. Allott.

As Treasurer: Mr. E. Cotran.