

Notes and News

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The Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association

THE Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association (NASA) was formally inaugurated at a meeting of social scientists in March 1971 at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan. Its objects include the promotion of anthropological and sociological research and teaching in Nigeria, co-operation with scholars in other disciplines and with national associations of anthropologists and sociologists throughout Africa as well as with international associations having similar objects. NASA will encourage and promote the application of social sciences in the formulation and execution of social and economic policies and the mobilization and orientation of anthropologists and sociologists towards the liberation of Africa and other 'third world' peoples. It will publish regularly a journal, *The Nigerian Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*, and hold conferences annually.

Membership of the Association is open to interested scholars, university students, and persons of professional standing in Nigeria, to visiting teachers and students from abroad, as well as to Nigerian and non-Nigerian scholars overseas. An Executive Council was elected for the 1971-3 period under the Presidency of Dr. Akinsola Akiwowo, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research. Inquiries should be made to the Secretary, Dr. O. Otite, c/o Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria: Department of Sociology

THE Department of Sociology at Ahmadu Bello University has increased its senior staff to include two sociologists and four social anthropologists. Others are associated with the department and the School of Basic Studies, the Institute of Education, the Institute of Agricultural Research, and the Institute of Health. Half a dozen foreign scholars are attached to the department as research associates while conducting research. More than 230 students are reading sociology and social anthropology as a main or subsidiary subject and twelve students are concentrating on sociology in their third and final year.

Plans are being made to inaugurate an M.Sc. programme in October 1971, along with expansion of the staff. The Department of Sociology invites interested scholars to initiate correspondence regarding possible teaching positions in 1971 or 1972. The fields of specialization of immediate interest include demography and migration, social psychology, urban anthropology or sociology, and local administration and theory of organizations.

Inquiries are invited from students interested in the M.Sc. programme. It will be open to external and internal students with First or Second Class standing. The faculty are also currently prepared to supervise research, and there are opportunities to undertake research in collaboration with various institutes and faculties in the university.

(Communicated by Professor Ch. Frantz)

Traditional Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices Relevant to Family Planning in East Africa (see *Africa*, xl, 4, Oct. 1970, pp. 375-6)

DR. ANGELA MOLNOS, the Director of this project which is financed by the Ford Foundation, is sending out a questionnaire to social anthropologists with field experience among