

Notes and News

Syracuse University—Makerere College Programme of Research and Training in Social Psychology: Carnegie Corporation Grant

CARNEGIE Corporation of New York has granted a total of \$260,000 to Syracuse University (Syracuse, New York) and Makerere University College (Kampala, Uganda) for a three-year co-operative programme in Social Psychology. Contemporary social psychological theory has been developed largely in the United States and is based on western experience. Much of its relevance for other cultures has not yet been determined—or even explored to any extent. The Syracuse University programme, under the direction of Professor Marshall Segall, will develop opportunities for cross-cultural research within the Syracuse graduate Psychology Department and simultaneously build up the capacity of Makerere to train Africans in this field.

Syracuse will arrange for four senior American Psychologists and three of its own graduate students each to spend a year at Makerere. Makerere will send two of its students to Syracuse to gain doctorates in Psychology. With further scholars in residence, Makerere will strengthen and expand its teaching and research programme in Social Psychology. The Americans will teach new courses within the Department of Sociology and will work jointly with the local Faculty on research projects in Social and Educational Psychology and Child Development. It is hoped that some of this research will be helpful to the National Institute of Education in Uganda, at Makerere, as it develops new curricula and new methods of teacher training for Uganda.

Dr. Segall was a Visiting Professor at Makerere in 1965–6 under an earlier Carnegie grant, and will return for 1967–8. Recently he joined Syracuse University as Professor of Psychology, transferring from the University of Iowa. While in Africa he worked with Raymond Apthorpe, the Professor of Sociology and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Makerere, to develop the joint effort. Dr. Apthorpe who has spent the last ten years variously in Zambia, Nigeria, and East Africa researching, and in teaching and academic administration, will head the programme in Africa. Dr. Segall will be the over-all director.

In addition to providing for the exchange of U.S. and African scholars and graduate students, the Carnegie grant will permit Makerere to add one locally recruited Psychologist to its Faculty. Carnegie Corporation of New York was founded in 1911 for the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding among the peoples of the United States and certain Commonwealth countries. It is hoped that this major inter-disciplinary development will contribute both to the further institutional development of an African University, with a strong postgraduate emphasis in the Social Sciences in addition to a wide range of undergraduate courses, as well as to the solution of some of the prevailing theoretical issues in cross-cultural and international studies.

One of the six Research Fellowships in Sociology and Social Anthropology at Makerere's Institute for Social Research has been awarded to a Social Psychologist investigating some aspects of the transfer of skills in different organizational settings.

African Studies Association (U.S.A.): Research Liaison Committee

A RESEARCH Liaison Committee of the A.S.A. (U.S.A.) has been established under the chairmanship of Philip D. Curtin. It is supported by a Ford Foundation Grant following a Ford-sponsored 1965 A.S.A. exploratory mission to Africa (see, *African Studies Bulletin*,