

The conference concentrated on seeking a common understanding of the social background of the region and on exploring the extent to which linked inter-disciplinary and comparative studies would be fruitful. Four core studies of Madagascar would be carried out to establish the main range of variation in cultural and social structure throughout Madagascar, and would include urban and historical projects. Studies of the oceanic island region, particularly the Comoros, hitherto almost entirely neglected by research, would also be made. It recommended the establishment of an informal clearing-house which would institute and maintain contact between social scientists interested in the region and keep them up to date on relevant plans and work in progress. This would be most conveniently based at Syracuse University where the facilities of the Program of Eastern African Studies would be of considerable assistance. The conference also recommended that a detailed application should be drawn up to obtain funds for carrying out the studies, to attract and train graduate students, secure library facilities, and form appropriate ties with interested scholars and academic institutions overseas.

Meeting of West African Archaeologists at Fourah Bay

A GROUP of archaeologists, mostly from West African countries, met at Fourah Bay College under the auspices of the Institute of African Studies on 28 and 29 June. The participants were: Professor J. Desmond Clark (University of California, Berkeley); Professor Peter Shinnie (University of Ghana); Professor Thurstan Shaw (University of Ibadan); Mr. Ekpo Eyo (Deputy Director of Antiquities, Nigeria); Professor Donald Hartle (University of Nigeria at Nsukka); Professor Frank Willett (Northwestern University); Dr. J. H. Hugo (I.F.A.N., Dakar); Mr. S. G. H. Daniels (University of Ibadan); Mr. Guy de Beauchene (I.F.A.N., Republic of Niger); Mr. Graham Connah (University of Ibadan); Mr. David Calvocoressi (University of Ghana); Mr. R. N. York (Volta Basin Research Project, Ghana); and Mr. Paul Ozanne (University of Ghana). Each participant has been actively engaged on fieldwork in Africa and presented the results of his researches to the conference.

Among the recommendations made by participants were the creation of the post of archaeologist in the Institute of African Studies and the provision of a suitable building for the staff and collections of the Sierra Leone Museum. It was also decided to establish a journal of West African archaeology, with Professor Thurstan Shaw as editor, and to hold annual meetings of West African archaeologists when possible.

'Africa in the Wider World'

THE Institute of African Studies, Fourah Bay College, the University College of Sierra Leone, and the Committee for African Studies of the University of California, Berkeley, jointly held a seminar on the theme of 'Africa in the Wider World: the inter-relationship of area and comparative studies' at Fourah Bay College from 20 to 25 June. The following papers were presented:

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Musicology | J. H. Kwabena Nketia, University of Ghana. |
| 2. Art | J. Newton Hill, the Ford Foundation. |
| 3. Literature | African Literature in English: John Povey, University of California, Los Angeles. |
| 4. Archaeology | J. Desmond Clark, University of California, Berkeley. |
| 5. History | Arthur Porter, University of East Africa. |
| 6. Political Science | Carl G. Rosberg, University of California, Berkeley. |
| 7. Economics | David Carney, Economic Commission for Africa. |

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. Sociology | K. E. de Graft-Johnson, University of Ghana. |
| 9. Anthropology | David Brokensha, University of California, Berkeley. |
| 10. Geography | Akin Mabogunje, Ibadan University. |
| 11. Law | W. S. Marcus Jones, Fourah Bay College. |
| 12. Linguistics | Jack Berry, Northwestern University. |
| 13. Psychology | A. C. Mundy-Castle, National Institute of Health and Medical Research, Ghana. |
| 14. Philosophy | Robin Horton, Ibadan University. |
| 15. Medicine | R. B. Wellesley Cole, Ministry of Health, Sierra Leone. |
| 16. Religion | Revd. H. A. E. Sawyerr, Fourah Bay College. |

Each participant summarized, for his own discipline, the main contributions which had been made by studies in Africa to general theory, and also the way in which African studies had been influenced by theoretical advances in the discipline. There was a widespread recognition of the need for reaching beyond the narrow boundaries of any particular discipline and several practical suggestions were made for improving inter-disciplinary communication.

The seminar was financially supported by the Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, and by Fourah Bay College, and is one of the first conferences sponsored by an American university to have been held in Africa. The organizers of the seminar, Michael Crowder, Director of the Institute of African Studies at Fourah Bay College, and David Brokensha, Chairman of the Committee for African Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, are editing a selection of the papers for publication.

Research Grants from the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies

THE Board of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Uppsala has awarded grants for African studies for the following projects:

Björn Beckman (Stockholm): Ghana's economic policy: ideology and political action.

Dr. Gunnar Carlsson (Hälsingborg): further study of problems concerning *Simulium damnosum* as a transmitter of onchocerciasis.

Tord Ekström (Stockholm): conditions for the establishment of the pulp and paper industry in East Africa.

Mrs. Karin Himmelstrand (Uppsala and Ibadan): Nigerian women in transition.

Naiduayah N. Naidu (Lund): the diffusion of agricultural innovations among traditionalist societies in the underdeveloped countries.

Dr. Tore Nordenstamm (Gothenburg and Khartoum): African universities and their role in national development.

Ford Foundation Grants for Work in Africa

THE Ford Foundation has announced the following grants for development and research in Africa: \$875,000 to the University of Ibadan for development of its post-graduate programme; \$410,000 to the Nigerian Ministry of Education for a technical education improvement programme; \$345,000 to the American Library Association for the library of the Haile Sellassie I University in Addis Ababa; \$73,000 to the London Institute of Community Studies for research on the experiences and sociological backgrounds of African businessmen in Kenya; \$50,000 to Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, for construction of a conference centre and housing facilities for visiting scholars at the Institute of Administration in Zaria; \$516,000 to the Eastern Region of Nigeria for a pilot project in rural development; \$125,000 to the Nigerian Ministry of Economic Development for the library at the Yaba