

University of East Africa Social Science Conference. The conference on oral history was attended by thirteen historians working mainly from oral sources, including six Tanzanians, two archaeologists, and two anthropologists. The participants included Mr. S. Feierman (Shambala), Mr. C. F. Holmes (Sukuma), Professor A. Jacobs (Masai), Miss M. Jellicoe (Nyaturu), Dr. I. Kimambo (Pare), and Dr. A. D. Roberts (W. Nyamwezi). There were also three research students who have recently begun field-work: Mr. M. M. Alidina (N.E. coast), Mr. P. Pender-Cudlip (Iramba), and Mr. A. C. Unomah (Nyamwezi of Unyanyembe). There are plans for research in Ujiji, Bagamoyo, and Ukerewe; but much valuable work could also be done in Usagara and Buha. Plans are now well advanced for a collaborative *Early History of Tanzania*, which will appear later this year from East African Publishing House, Nairobi and the Department of History at Dar es Salaam has produced the first two issues of *Tanzania Zamani*, a bulletin of current research on pre-colonial history. Records of Pare and Shambala traditions are to be made available for use in the Department's B.Litt. and M.A. courses, which begin this year; and recordings from the Nyamwezi and Sumbwa are being selected and edited for deposit at the college as the nucleus of an 'oral archive'.

(Communicated by Dr. Andrew Roberts)

Local Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

A CONFERENCE on this theme was held at the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State, Washington D.C., on 18 and 19 July 1967, under the chairmanship of Arnold Rivkin of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. It was sponsored by the Institute, the Africa Subcommittee of the Foreign Area Research Coordination Group (FAR), and the Agency for International Development, and was attended by fifty university and government African specialists. Papers were presented by Aristide Zolberg, (University of Chicago), and Martin Kilson (Harvard University Center for International Affairs). Case studies of local development in four African countries were discussed by David Brokensha (University of California at Santa Barbara); Nicholas Hopkins (New York University); William Foltz (Yale University), and Norman Miller (Michigan State University). Copies of the conference report may be obtained from the Office of External Research, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research

THE FOUNDATION made the following grants for African studies in 1966:

Africa Study Centre, Leiden: for agro-socio-economic research by a team of eight into the development of agriculture in the Rungwe District, Tanzania; for a comparative study of some separatist Bantu churches in Rhodesia, by Dr. M. L. Daneel.

University of Leiden: to Dr. J. Voorhoeve for socio-linguistic research in the Rungwe District, Tanzania.

Field Research in the Comoro Islands

MR. and Mrs. Martin Ottenheimer of Tulane University, New Orleans, with a fellowship and grant from the NIMH, arrived in Moroni in October and have been making a preliminary ethnographic survey of the Comoro Islands. Investigation of the language and social organization will be followed by a study in depth of one particular community which will include an analysis of the socio-psychological factors related to the formal analysis of kinship terminology. The research will continue until February 1969. It is hoped that the final

analysis and information on the Comoro Islands will be of interest and value to Africanists concerned with the Swahili-speaking peoples and with early population movements in the Western Indian Ocean region. Communications may be sent to Martin Ottenheimer, B.P. 8, Domoni, Anjouan, Archipel des Comores.

African Studies Department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

AN African Studies department has been established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a joint project of the Institute of Asian and African Studies (formerly the Institute of Oriental Studies) and the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences. The department offers a programme leading to M.A. degrees in African history and in the social sciences. It is hoped to cover other branches of African studies in the future. Students may continue their training at a postgraduate level in the respective departments. Special attention is paid to the interdisciplinary approach to African studies.

Scholars in Israel have studied at close range problems of building a nation from multi-ethnic groups, characterized by cultural diversification and uneven educational advantages, as well as the struggle to achieve economic independence. Such problems are common to Israel and the African nations. In framing the teaching and research programme of the new department, prominence is given to the study of the history of Islam in Africa. The chairman of the Committee of African Studies is Professor S. N. Eisenstadt (Sociology), and the department co-ordinator is Dr. N. Levtzion (African History).

Makerere Institute of Social Research

THE East African Institute of Social Research in Kampala, Uganda, has recently changed its name to the Makerere Institute of Social Research and has been reorganized to integrate it more closely with the various social sciences departments of Makerere University College. Its main function, to organize and conduct independent research studies on the economic, social, and political problems of East Africa, remains the same.

The Institute also aims to provide research experience for young East Africans interested in academic careers, to develop teaching materials for university students, and to undertake contract research for government agencies on short-term policy issues. Research workers at the Institute have access to a working library dealing almost entirely with Africa, card punching and sorting equipment, and a modern electronic computer.

The present Executive Committee of the Institute is composed of Mr. D. G. R. Belshaw, Chairman and Head of the Department of Rural Economy; Professor R. J. Apthorpe, Head of the Department of Sociology; Dr. J. Gugler, Chairman of the Joint Board of Graduate Studies, Professor A. A. Mazrui, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Political Sciences; Professor B. Okun, Head of the Department of Economics; and Professor M. H. Segall, Visiting Professor of Social Psychology. There are at present 7 Research Fellows and Associates in Economics, 2 in Political Science, 7 in Sociology, and 5 in Social Psychology.

The Institute has over the past twenty years provided a research centre with which research workers visiting East Africa from overseas may affiliate, as well as publishing research completed through its facilities. In addition to long monographs, the Institute publishes a varied series of East African Studies and a new series of Occasional Papers. Mimeographed annual Conference Papers are available to libraries and interested private scholars. Information about the Institute's publications, current research projects, and procedures for affiliation can be obtained from: The Research Secretary, Makerere Institute of Social Research, P.O. Box 16022, Kampala, Uganda.