

First Conference of African Museums

THE Livingstone Museum is organizing the First Conference of African Museums as a first step towards a close and permanent co-operation between the Museums of Africa. The Conference will be held in Livingstone from Monday, 17 July, to Sunday, 23 July 1972. The theme will be 'Museums in Developing Africa', which will provide for a very wide range of possible contributions and enable participants to become acquainted with the specific needs and problems of other Museums. The Conference will be divided into the following sections: (1) Museum and research. (2) The role of the Museum in the conservation of the cultural heritage. (3) Educational role and extra-mural programme of the Museum. (4) Technical aspects of museological work in African countries: (a) preparation and building of Museum galleries; (b) organization of temporary exhibitions; (c) organization of moving exhibitions and special school exhibitions; (d) mobile Museums.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary of the Conference, P.O. Box RW. 546, Lusaka, Zambia.

Second World Festival of Negro Arts: Nigeria 1974

THE Nigerian government has approved, in principle, the holding in the later part of 1974 of a festival of Negro Arts in Lagos. Chief Enaharo, Commissioner for Information, has been appointed Commissioner for the festival and a national organization will be set up shortly to co-operate with the International Committee.

University of Ife, Institute of African Studies: Appointment of Director

CHIEF ULLI BEIER has been appointed to succeed Professor Michael Crowder as Director of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ife, on the latter's appointment as Professor at Abdullahi Bayero College of Ahmadu Bello University in Kano. Chief Beier, who is well known as the author of many books and articles on African art, was responsible for founding the Mbari club in Ibadan and the journal *Black Orpheus*, and for the development of the Oshogbo school of painters and craftsmen.

Makerere University, Kampala: Makerere Institute of Social Research

THIS Institute, founded in 1950, is the oldest social science research centre in East Africa, with a large collection of publications made over a period of twenty years. Research is concentrated on the disciplines of sociology, political science and public administration, economics, rural economy, and social work and social administration. The Institute aims to supply data and other information to government and academic institutions to facilitate planning for the development of the area and to co-ordinate research with other research centres in and outside Africa. A research programme on plan formulation and implementation for the development of rural and urban areas in Uganda is at present being undertaken in collaboration with the Uganda government by research workers from within and outside Africa. A two-day workshop on Research Priorities in Social Sciences in Uganda was held from 9 to 10 July 1971, sponsored by the National Research Council and the Makerere Institute of Social Research. Copies of the report on this workshop may be obtained from the Institute, P.O. Box 16022, Kampala, Uganda.

Université de Kisangani: Centre d'études des sciences humaines

THE Centre d'études des sciences humaines (B.P. 2012, Kisangani: Director, Luis Beltrán) was founded in March 1970 as a result of the reorganization of the Centre d'études économiques et sociales under whose auspices a number of research projects, including the