

area will be resumed in 1964. Dr. Piero Matthey, also of the Institute, is at present engaged in fieldwork among the Sara of the République du Tchad, in collaboration with the Institut National Tchadien pour les Sciences Humaines, with the help of a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

Conference on African Law, Venice, October 1963

THE Fondazione Giorgio Cini and the Société Africaine de Culture organized a conference in Venice from 3 to 5 October 1963 on African traditional law and its development. Among the resolutions passed by the conference was the recommendation that African countries should undertake a systematic survey and restatement of customary law and attempt to standardize their new laws in the appropriate fields. It was urged that the major Foundations should contribute to this task and that Unesco should provide the countries concerned with technical and material aid for this purpose.

International African Seminar on the Roles of Elites in Contemporary Africa

THE International African Institute is organizing a seminar on the Emergence of New Social Classes and the Roles of Elites in Contemporary Africa, to be held from Tuesday 14 July to Thursday 23 July 1964 at the University of Ibadan by courtesy of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Dike. The chairman will be Dr. Peter Lloyd of the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan. This will be the second in a new series of international African Seminars arranged with the aid of a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Papers and discussions at the seminar will include consideration of the following themes: the definition of new social categories, their statuses, attitudes, and influence; their relations to traditional associations, to kinsfolk in other categories, and to the community of origin; family patterns; styles of living; new associations; the significance of wealth and education in new political and economic relations; changes in value patterns; the relevance of concepts of social class, elites, &c., for the analysis of modern African societies.

'Zeitschrift für Ethnologie': special West African number

Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, vol. 88, no. 2, 1963, is devoted to articles on West African topics which have been compiled by Dr. Jürgen Zwernemann. The contents are as follows:

Der Gottesname Nyambi im Lichte alter west-afrikanischer Reiseberichte	Walter Hirschberg
Zur traditionellen Architektur der westafrikanischen Neger: Der Bauvorgang in den westlichen Guinealändern und in Westsudan	Herta Haselberger
Die Masken der Guéré im Rahmen der Kunst des oberen Cavally-Gebietes	Hans Himmelheber
Adangme Varianten zum Thema: Himmelsheil, Himmelsmenschen	Hugo Huber
Historische Überlieferungen und Gesellschaftsordnung in Kpandu (Ost-Ghana)	Richard Mohr
Zur Frage megalithischer Elemente bei den Kurumba (Ober-Volta, Westafrika)	Annemarie Schweeger-Hefel
Die drei heiligen Lanzen der Kouroumba von Louroum (Haute-Volta)	Wilhelm Staude
Feldtypen und Speichertypen bei den Kasena in Obervolta	Jürgen Zwernemann