

meeting of the organizing committee in March, and will also leave time for the preparation of short 'link-papers' introducing each of the topics under which submitted papers will be considered. Papers will be distributed to intending participants by post before the conference takes place, and will therefore need only a brief verbal introduction from their authors before being discussed at the conference.

Papers, in either French or English, should be typed with double spacing, and have an optimum length of up to 4,000 words or 16 quarto pages. Papers should not in any case exceed 5,000 words or 20 quarto pages (apart from appendices of data) unless the desirability of greater length has already been agreed. It will be greatly appreciated if each paper could be accompanied by a short summary of around 250 words (for subsequent translation into French in the case of papers submitted in English, and vice versa). A selection of papers considered by the conference will be published as a volume on Manding studies, and the authors of such papers will be invited to prepare final versions for publication immediately after the conference.

Full details of the conference may be obtained from: Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HP.

*'Marriage Laws in Africa', by Arthur Phillips and Henry F. Morris*

THE International African Institute's recently published *Marriage Laws in Africa*, makes available again part of the *Survey of African Marriage and Family Life* (1953), together with a new section covering developments over the last two decades.

Professor Arthur Phillips's 'Introductory Essay' and 'Marriage Laws in Africa', reprinted here from the original survey, present the results of a detailed inquiry into the effects of modern conditions and institutions on African customary law relating to marriage and family life. These remain an indispensable foundation for a study of the contemporary situation. Dr. Henry F. Morris has contributed a review of developments down to 1970, with a bibliography of additional sources, which will add much to the usefulness of the new volume.

*Marriage Laws in Africa* is published by the Oxford University Press, price £3 net in U.K.