

It may well be that the era of general conferences on African law and its future is now coming to an end, and that what is principally required in the future is the more detailed study of particular legal problems by small groups of experts; the value of such restricted meetings would be enormously enhanced if they were preceded by the preparation of expert studies of the problems raised, which could form the solid foundation upon which the discussions would be based.

Another requirement which is coming clearly to the fore is that there must be greater co-ordination in the arrangement of such meetings, to avoid clashes of date and subject, and to ensure that the maximum return is achieved from the necessarily costly and time-consuming process of assembling a diversity of experts from different countries inside and outside Africa. The International African Law Association will try to fulfil such a co-ordinating function, but depends for efficient discharge of this task upon sufficiently early advance notification of projected meetings. Those engaged in organising, or considering the organisation, of conferences and meetings are therefore asked to inform the Association without delay of their intentions.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN LAW ASSOCIATION NEWS**

The formation of an American and Canadian section is announced. Will members and potential members who are resident in, or nationals of, these countries and who are interested in being enrolled in the section, kindly get in touch with Professor A. Arthur Schiller, School of Law, Columbia University, New York, 27, N.Y., U.S.A.?