

Notes and News

Eleventh International African Seminar on Town and Country in Central and Eastern Africa, at the University of Zambia

THE International African Institute is organizing in co-operation with the University of Zambia its eleventh International African Seminar to be held at Lusaka from 30 August to 8 September 1971. The Institute is again indebted to the Ford Foundation for its generous financial support.

Under the Chairmanship of Professor Jaap van Velsen, Professor of Sociology at the University of Zambia, the subject 'Town and Country in Central and Eastern Africa' will be discussed by some eighteen specialists from different disciplines with research experience in the region. Other members of the staff and senior students of the university together with representatives of relevant ministries will be invited to attend the meetings.

One of the main objects of the seminar will be to review the present state and the future needs of research on the many complex problems, both theoretical and practical, arising from the movement of people, goods, and ideas between the rural areas and the rapidly growing towns of Central and Eastern Africa over the past fifty years. It will provide an opportunity for considering the various fields and topics to which special efforts should be directed, both to advance knowledge and to contribute to the effectiveness of policies for development, welfare and education. It will endeavour, through an exchange of views between anthropologists, demographers, economists, linguists, and sociologists, to bring into closer relation the assumptions, methods, and models of the various disciplines concerned with rural and urban studies in this region of Africa. The research papers presented to the seminar and a review of its discussions and recommendations will be published in due course by the Institute in a volume similar to those recording the work of earlier International African Seminars.

R. E. Bradbury Memorial Fund

FRIENDS of Dr. Robert Elwyn Bradbury, who died suddenly on 23 December 1969 at the early age of forty, are arranging for a Memorial Fund to be instituted as a fitting tribute to his life and distinguished work on the kingdom and people of Benin in Nigeria.

The purpose of the fund will be to award two annual prizes, one to be awarded in Nigeria, by the University of Ibadan, to the winner of an essay competition open to graduates of Nigerian universities for work in the historical and social sciences, and the other to be awarded in Britain in alternate years to a student of the Department of Social Anthropology at University College, London, and to a student of the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham.

Contributions to the R. E. Bradbury Memorial Fund may be sent either to Professor J. D. Fage, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham, B15 2TT, or to Professor A. F. C. Ryder, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to 'R. E. Bradbury Memorial Fund'.

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