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### *The Haile Selassie Award for 1965 to Professor Wolf Leslau*

THE 1965 Haile Selassie Award for Ethiopian Studies has been given to Dr. Wolf Leslau, Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Chairman of the Department of Near Eastern and African Languages at the University of California, Los Angeles. The award is in recognition of 'his outstanding contribution to the study of many of the languages of Ethiopia, for his many publications in this field, for his interest in Ethiopian culture and folklore, and for his encouragement of young Ethiopian scholars'.

### *'Comparative Bantu' by Malcolm Guthrie*

*Comparative Bantu*, to be published in 1966, represents fifteen years work by Professor Guthrie and makes use of large quantities of information collected by himself and of techniques specially developed for using it. Nearly 300 languages and dialects have been examined, and 25,000 words, together with numbers of prefixes and other elements, are quoted as attesting over 2,000 starred forms, constructed rigorously in accordance with the accepted principles of comparative philology. The work is in two volumes, with a complete range of indexes and cross references; it may be ordered from W. Heffer & Sons Ltd., Petty Cury, Cambridge, England, at the pre-publication price of £12.12s. per volume.

### *Cross-Cultural Study of Ethnocentrism*

This programme of anthropological research on ethnic relations and intergroup behaviour among autonomous non-industrial societies (both segmentary and centralized) in various parts of the world is directed by Dr. Robert A. LeVine of the University of Chicago and Dr. Donald T. Campbell of Northwestern University, who have worked among the Gusii in Kenya. Ethnographic data are being collected for regions where ethnic groups came under external (colonial or national) control within the memory of living men. Generalizations concerning the causes and functions of intergroup conflict and hostility, the nature of social relations across politically and culturally defined boundaries, and the formation of attitudes and beliefs concerning outgroups will be tested to augment data concerning intercultural and intergroup relations among tribal societies. Field work is urgently needed to record these vanishing instances of intercultural behaviour, and the programme is designed to promote and coordinate this.

Ethnographic collaborators are particularly sought for the West African hinterland, for East and Central Africa and the East Horn. In East Africa a cluster of groups in south-western Kenya is already covered. The directors have prepared a preliminary survey of relevant theory, *Propositions about Ethnocentrism from Social Science Theories* (mimeographed). The *Ethnocentrism Field Manual*, a detailed guide to interviewing and other data collection being conducted by collaborating anthropologists, was also prepared after pilot testing in East Africa, the Canadian Arctic, and New Guinea.

The field work programme will continue until 1968 at the earliest. Collaborating ethnographers can be assisted in extending their field work by two months in order to collect the data outlined in the field manual, while retaining complete rights over the individual description of the region or society.

Those interested in collaborating with the Study are invited to write to Robert A. LeVine, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637, U.S.A., with full particulars of their field plans and the regions in which they intend to work.