

Notes and News

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Information on Current Research in African Studies

'Notes and News' endeavours to provide a comprehensive coverage of reports on current, prospective, and completed field research projects, special study courses, conferences, and other activities relevant to African studies. Effectiveness in making such information generally available in this way must largely depend on the co-operation of university and other study centres and of individual research workers in sending reports promptly and on their own initiative. We would therefore greatly appreciate the assistance of all organizations and persons actively concerned with African studies. Items for inclusion in 'Notes and News' should be concise, but should indicate the name and address of the organization, the scope and area of the study, names of participants, time-table, and plans for publication. Reports should be in English or French and, save in exceptional cases, should not exceed 500 words. They should be addressed to Miss Barbara Pym, the Assistant Editor of Africa.

International African Seminar on the Development of African Trade and Markets in West Africa

THE International African Institute is holding the tenth in its series of International African Seminars on the Development of African Trade and Markets in West Africa, in December 1969, under the chairmanship of M. Claude Meillassoux, Chargé de Recherche at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris.

The Seminar will provide an opportunity for a comparative review of research on local and regional markets in both the French- and English-speaking countries of West Africa. It will be concerned with the pre-colonial and colonial periods as well as contemporary aspects and trends and will consider the effects of internal economic and political conditions and developments at various periods including the more recent growth in production for overseas markets and rapidly expanding urban centres.

Current Africanist Research in Scandinavia

A RAPIDLY growing body of research in African social and cultural studies is being undertaken by Scandinavian scholars. This inventory of recent and current research by workers attached to Scandinavian universities and other institutions has been prepared with the assistance of the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, the Department of Anthropology of the University of Gothenburg and the Scandinavian participants in a review of recent developments in Africanist research during the meeting of the Executive Council of the Institute at Uppsala in June 1969.

Field researches in Africa are being supported by a number of institutions. The Scandinavian Institute of African Studies (SIAS) has been making annual awards of grants in aid for several years. Social scientists have also been appointed to work on applied research in connection with development projects undertaken by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA). Contributions towards research in Africa have also been made by the Swedish National Bank (SNB) and the Swedish Social Science and Legal Research Council (SSSLRC) and the Swedish Council for Humanistic Research (SCHR). Research workers and their projects are grouped below according to their university and departmental affiliations. Sponsoring and supporting organisations are indicated.