

### *Conference on Religious Movements in Africa*

A CONFERENCE on modern religious movements in Africa was held at Northwestern University from 8 to 10 April, under the auspices of the African Studies Program of Northwestern University. It was convened by John Middleton (Northwestern University) and Victor Turner (Cornell University).

Participants included Ronald Cohen (Northwestern University), Elizabeth Colson (University of California at Berkeley), James Fernandez (Dartmouth College, who read a paper on 'Symbolic integration in Bwiti vernacular sermons'), Elizabeth Hopkins (Columbia University, 'The Nyabingi cult in south-western Uganda'), Igor Kopytoff (University of Pennsylvania, 'Problems of classification of religious movements'), John Middleton (Northwestern University), Robert Mitchell (Northwestern University), Marshall Murphree (University of London, 'The Shona Vapostori'), Ruth Simms (Northwestern University), George Simpson (Oberlin College, 'Religious movements in south-western Nigeria'), and Victor Turner (Cornell University, 'The waters of life: the roots of Zionist symbolism').

The conference made resolutions for the future study of religious movements in Africa, and decided that the papers presented should be included in a volume to be published on this subject. Plans were also made to compile and publish an annotated bibliography.

### *Research Grants for African Studies*

THE Joint Committee on African Studies, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, has made the following grants for research relating to Africa South of the Sahara:

*Professor Elizabeth Colson* (Berkeley, California): economic and political change among the Valley Tonga of Gwembe District.

*Professor St. Clair Drake* (Roosevelt University): urbanization in Ghana.

*Professor James W. Fernandez* (Dartmouth College): logical and aesthetic integration in the cult life of four contemporary African religious movements, in South Africa, Liberia, and Ivory Coast.

*Mr. Robert Heussler* (Oxford): British colonial government in the period preceding independence.

*Professor Philip E. Leis* (Brown University): political values and accommodation in the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

*Professor Herbert S. Lewis* (Wisconsin): leadership and community organization among the Galla of Ethiopia.

*Professor Louis R. Molet* (Montreal): religious phenomena in the 'Friday Year' (1965) in the Malagasy Republic.

*Professor Jan Vansina* (Wisconsin): the history of the lower Kasai states.

*Professor Hans Wolff* (Northwestern): the Abua-Odual-Ogbia language group of the eastern Niger Delta.

### *'Azania', Journal of the British Institute of History and Archaeology in East Africa*

THE British Institute of History and Archaeology in East Africa proposes to publish an annual journal, to be entitled *Azania*, the first number of which will, it is hoped, appear at the end of 1965. The journal will be devoted to the 'pre-colonial' history and archaeology of eastern and central Africa (roughly between the parallels of 10° North and 15° South), and will contain articles (including short excavation reports) of between 4,000 and 10,000 words, with illustrations where appropriate. In addition, there will be a section of short notes and items of news, as well as book reviews, and it is hoped to include a list of current and proposed research activities, prepared in co-operation with the University of East Africa. The journal will be edited by Mr. H. N. Chittick, Director of the Institute.

Contributions, and books for review, are invited and should be addressed to the Editor, *Azania*, P.O. Box 7680, Nairobi. Texts should preferably be in English, but contributions in French, German, and Italian will also be considered; in the case of these last a draft summary in English should be appended.

*'American Anthropologist': special issues*

THE *American Anthropologist* has recently published three special issues: *Transcultural Studies in Cognition*, ed. by A. Kimball Romney and Roy Goodwin d'Andrade (June 1964); *New Guinea: The Central Highlands*, ed. by James B. Watson (August 1964); and *The Ethnography of Communication*, ed. by John J. Gumpertz and Dell Hymes (December 1964).

Each special issue is a volume separate from the regular issues of the *American Anthropologist* and brings to readers concepts, methods, and data in a frontier area to the anthropological discipline. The papers are all written specially for the volume in which they appear and are edited by experts. Several more volumes similar in character to those already published will appear in the near future.

*African Studies in Japan*

THE following organizations have recently been established: Kyoto University Africa Research Association (Chairman, Professor Kinji Imanishi); Japan African Studies Society, c/o Department of Geography, Faculty of Science, Tokyo University (Chairman, Professor Hideji Hasegawa); the African Studies Association, Sakaei-Kotohira Building, 30 Shiba-Kotohira-machi, Minato-ku, Tokyo (Representative, Mr. Eiji Fukunaga; publication, *Africa*, monthly).

*East African Studies Program, Syracuse University, U.S.A.*

THE East African Studies Program was established at Syracuse University in 1962 with Dr. Fred G. Burke as Director. It is interdisciplinary, with a particular interest in the social sciences, since it was established through the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The graduate courses lead to a diploma in East African Studies, and language courses are also offered. In June 1964 a Swahili House was established where students lived and learnt the language, Swahili only being spoken. The Program acts as a centre for information about East Africa, and arranges conferences, special seminars and guest lectures; extensive acquisitions of Africana have been made. Two main research projects are being undertaken: one, supported by the Ford Foundation, on Tanzania's village development, and the other on the administrative problems of emerging African States. In addition, the East African Studies Program, operating under an A.I.D. contract, has recruited American scholars for temporary appointment at the Kenya Institute of Administration in audio-visual training, comparative government and public administration, economic development, and library development. Assistance is also given with the specialized training necessary for Peace Corps trainees and A.I.D. officers, and short courses have been arranged for administrative officers of the East African governments.

*The Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, Uppsala*

AFTER two years' work on a provisional basis, the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies became a permanent Government organization from 1 July 1964, under the Swedish Ministry of Education, with a separate board of governors which includes representatives of various Swedish authorities and organizations, and of the governments of the other Scandinavian countries. Dr. Carl Gösta Widstrand has been appointed Director of the Institute; the Librarian is Mr. Fokle Rudberg; and the Secretary for seminars and courses,