

Notes and News

The 94th Birthday of Lord Hailey

THE Institute was happy to be able to send its congratulations and good wishes to Lord Hailey on the occasion of his 94th birthday on 15 February last. Members of the Institute will be glad to know that Lord Hailey is enjoying excellent health.

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A NUMBER of study centres, libraries, and individual scholars are experiencing a need to file the documentation provided quarterly in the Current Bibliography and Notes and News. To avoid cutting out pages or the cost of expensive photo-copying, the Institute is arranging to supply offprints of these sections for modest annual subscriptions. To assist those who wish to affix entries on file cards, offprints will be printed on one side of the paper only. If there is sufficient demand arrangements will be made to supply reprints of past issues of the Current Bibliography and Notes and News over recent years.

A leaflet in the current issue gives details of the service and a subscription form. Further inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary.

Concepts and Procedures in African Law. International African Seminar, Addis Ababa, 3-13 January 1966

THE eighth in the series of International African Seminars, arranged by the Institute with the assistance of a grant from the Ford Foundation, was held at the Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa, by courtesy of its President, Lij Kassa Wolde Mariam, in co-operation with the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies.

The seminar, under the chairmanship of Professor Max Gluckman, directed its attention to the comparative study of basic concepts and procedures with reference to both the social and economic background of indigenous African law and the problems of its application and modification under modern conditions. Some eighteen background papers, generally relating to their own special studies, had been prepared in advance by intending participants for circulation and study before the meeting. Subjects reviewed during the seminar sessions included the following: legal personality and status; inheritance and succession; law of property; contractual relations; marriage and divorce; social reactions to legislative change; judicial personnel in courts of customary law; the logic of legal analysis; evidence and procedure; research methods in the study of customary law; types of comparison among African legal systems; problems of classification. The participants in the seminar came from universities and other institutions in Basutoland, Belgium, Congo, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, and U.S.A. Members of staff and senior students of the Faculty of Law, the Department of Sociology, and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies attended the seminar sessions. The chairman is preparing a review of the discussions and findings of the seminar for publication, together with the preparatory papers, in a volume which will make the results generally available.

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