

occupations, their changes of custom, &c.; without such information no worth-while plans could be made for mitigating the violence of the change-over from a tribal to an industrialized society.

Other speakers dealt with welfare work in rural areas, where, owing to the absence of a high proportion of men, the care of families and the organization of agriculture was mainly in the hands of women; with the needs of families in urban areas, the disciplining of children, educational and recreational facilities, housing; the improvement of agriculture, and the difficulties of introducing new methods to replace traditional ways. The functions and training of social welfare workers were discussed, and emphasis was laid on the need for a sense of vocation in this work. In the closing paper the Bishop of Northern Rhodesia discussed the function of the Church in connexion with social policies and programmes.

The Report of the conference summarizes the papers read and gives the main points dealt with in discussion as well as the draft findings of the conference. These were referred to a Continuation Committee charged to put them into a final form for publication, to consider means for following up suggestions made, and to recommend subjects urgently needing further study. Any individuals or groups who would like to receive further information are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the Continuation Committee, P.O. Box 274, Kitwe, N. Rhodesia.

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Until the end of 1949 he was in charge of the Geographical Section of the Institut Français d'Afrique Noire (IFAN) of which he was also Deputy Director under M. Théodore Monod. Within a few years he had gained a high reputation—inside and outside France—for his articles on French West Africa and especially on French Guinea. In 1949 he published an excellent little book, *L'Afrique Occidentale Française*, which contains a list of his articles.

His intelligence and energy were great assets in the development of IFAN and of African studies generally. France and IFAN have lost a fine student of Africa and West Africa has lost one of its ablest friends.

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