

Notes and News

The Institute of Race Relations

THE Institute of Race Relations (36 Jermyn Street, London, S.W. 1) was founded in 1958 'to promote, encourage and support the study and understanding of, and the exchange of information about, relations between different races and peoples and the circumstances and conditions in which they live and work' and 'to consider and advise upon any proposals or endeavours to improve such relations, circumstances and conditions'.

The Institute sponsors research and publications and acts as a centre for discussion and information. The Tropical Africa Study Project, on human problems arising from the impact of industrialization in Africa, has already been mentioned in *Africa* (April 1960, p. 186). The Institute has also published three historical works on the development of race relations in Central Africa, which it hopes to follow up with similar studies of other regions, and a two-volume history of the Congo is in progress. Race Relations paper-backs are written by experts for the general reader: recent additions to the series include: *South Africa—Two Views of Separate Development*, by S. Pienaar and Anthony Sampson; *Kenya—the Tensions of Progress*, by Susan Wood; *White Man*, by Gustav Jahoda; and *South Africa and World Opinion*, by Peter Calvocoressi. The journal of the Institute, *Race*, is at present published twice a year, and the monthly *News Letter* gives a brief résumé of world happenings with a more detailed treatment of South, Central, and East Africa, and endeavours to provide a clearing-house for information on lectures, books, and research about race relations. The Institute welcomes communications from all universities and other institutions with race relations programmes.

African Languages and Area Center at Michigan State University

A CENTRE for African Studies at Michigan State University, East Lansing, was established in July 1960 under the direction of Dr. Eugene Jacobson. The teaching of African languages is a major function of the centre and it is at present concerned particularly with Nigeria. Reading and speaking courses in Yoruba and Ibo are now being offered and courses are being prepared in Bini, Twi, and other West African languages. Language teaching is conducted by Dr. Roger Wescott and Dr. Hans Wolff. Other courses include: African Cultures, History, Political Systems, and Regions, and Economics and Geography of Africa, for which students enroll in the various departments of the University. Teaching is at both graduate and undergraduate levels and it is planned to make available in 1961-2 fellowships and graduate assistantships in African Studies. Additional information may be obtained from: The Director, African Language and Area Center, Room 10A, Wells Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Création d'un Centre Tchadien pour les Sciences Humaines

UN Centre Tchadien pour les sciences humaines a été créé en janvier 1961, relevant du Ministre de l'Éducation Nationale de la République du Tchad. Il est administré par un Conseil et la Direction Scientifique a été confiée à Monsieur Jean-Paul Lebeuf, Maître de Recherche au Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique de Paris et Collaborateur Scientifique de l'Institut de Sociologie Solvay, Bruxelles.

Ce centre a vocation pour entreprendre les recherches et assurer les publications dans le domaine des sciences humaines, continuer les recherches commencées et en entreprendre