

Oregon's Dorjahn To Study In Magburaka, Sierra Leone

Eugene — One of the major problems of the emerging African nations — the movement of people from country to city with the resulting disruption of the old social and family patterns — will be studied during the coming year by a University of Oregon anthropologist.

Dr. Vernon R. Dorjahn, associate professor of Anthropology, will leave in early July for Sierra Leone to study the growing urbanism in this new West African nation. He will be accompanied by his wife and 2½-year-old daughter.

The study is being supported by a \$27,900 grant from the National Science Foundation. Acting as research assistant for the project will be Fuad Khuri, university graduate student from Lebanon.

Study Magburaka

Dr. Dorjahn will study the town of Magburaka, a non-industrialized urban center in the Sierra Leone uplands. The town, a trading, medical, educational, and administrative center for the surrounding rural area, has doubled in size within the last five years. Its population of 5,000 to 10,000 is made up mainly of Temne, members of one of the two largest tribes in the country.

In 1954-55, as a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Dorjahn made a study of the population and culture of a rural Temne chiefdom some 15 miles from Magburaka.

"Some of these people whom I studied have now mi-

grated to Magburaka," Dr. Dorjahn pointed out. "I want to find out how these rural migrants have adapted to urban life and how and why these adaptations occurred. In a broader sense, I want to analyze the processes of urbanization in an African town having little or no industrialization."

In doing this, Dr. Dorjahn plans to describe the population and patterns of life in Magburaka, study the social relations between the town and the surrounding rural area, and compare the rural and urban population structures.

Use Census

The study will begin with a 100 per cent census of the town from which the anthropologist will gain basic population and social data. This will be followed by intensive interviewing, sample surveys, attitude polls, and the collection of life histories.

"Many problems in modern West Africa grow out of the migration of rural people to the towns," Dr. Dorjahn said. "They are illiterate and untrained and often cannot get jobs. They are usually young people rebelling against the authority of their kin groups. They are modern men, who do not want to live under the authority of the old chieftains and the village secret societies. Tribal authority is breaking down in the cities, and usually few new controls have grown up to take its place."

One substitute for tribal authority that has developed in the city, he said, is a group of new societies with borrow-

ings from the old secret societies, Moslem religious organizations, and Christian church groups.

Discontents Migrate

"Although tribal authority may break down in the rural areas eventually," the anthropologist said, "at the present time, it is still strong. The discontented ones are leaving the villages and moving to town. They are not, as yet, trying to change the villages."

This increasing urbanization has disrupted the old kinship patterns also, Dr. Dorjahn said. The extended family is beginning to lose its hold over individuals, and the

nuclear family of man, wife and children is gaining in importance. This is putting new pressures on the husband-and-wife relationship, he added.

The introduction of money and the gradual replacement of the old barter system are other factors working toward the breakdown of traditional kinship patterns, he said, and have brought about changed attitudes toward work and communal sharing.

"Now when a man gets hold of a little money, he wants to spend it on himself, rather than honor the traditional obligations of taking care of his kin group," Dr. Dorjahn explained. "This has caused some disruption between the generations. The continued expansion of industry helps break up the kinship patterns, too, since most men do not have enough money to expand their businesses and take care of their relatives at the same time."

Independent

Sierra Leone has done "reasonably well" in governing itself since it became an independent nation a little more than a year ago, Dr. Dorjahn believes. It was granted its freedom April 27, 1961, after almost 175 years as a British colony and protectorate.

Valley Men Named To Masonic Posts

Two valley men were elected to state offices in the Masons of Oregon at the 112th annual session in Portland recently.

Elected to serve as senior grand warden was Earl T. Newberry, Ashland. Vernon A. Turpin, Central Point, was named senior grand steward.

Among the guests at the meeting were N. Dwight McAlister, grand master of the South Carolina lodge, and Charles W. Simmons, grand master of the Idaho lodge.

Medford Girl Named Laboratory Assistant

Miss Lucy Ellen Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, 4345 South Pacific highway, Medford, has been chosen to serve as laboratory assistant to Dr. Seymour Levine of Palo Alto, Calif.

The Medford girl is a 1962 graduate of Stanford university. In commencement exercises recently she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Dr. Levine is now doing research with a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, an affiliate of the U. S. Public Health service.

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Voting Membership on Library Board Sought

The question of whether Jackson county should have voting representatives on the board of directors for the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County is being approached from two sides.

The library board is appointing a committee to study the question of city-county relations with the library. Two members appointed so far are Robert Heffernan, Medford attorney, and Richard Travis, a library board member.

County Judge Earl Miller said as chairman of the urban affairs committee of the Association of Oregon Counties, he will press for legislative proposals to change the present law which does not permit voting representation from the county.

Makes Same Proposal

Miller said he had made the same proposal during a meeting of the urban affairs committee last Oct. 26, but it was not acted upon.

Members of the Jackson county budget committee have insisted that the county have voting representation on the board since the county makes a larger contribution to the

overall library budget than the city of Medford. The county has five representatives acting in an advisory capacity only. The city has five voting members.

The county representatives have equal opportunities to voice their opinions and they are considered, Omar Bacon, librarian said, although they do not have a vote.

Carl Farner's Name Omitted from List

Among the youths from Medford attending the seventh annual Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute is Carl Farner, 1512 Terrace dr. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list supplied by Oregon State university, Corvallis, where the institute is being held.

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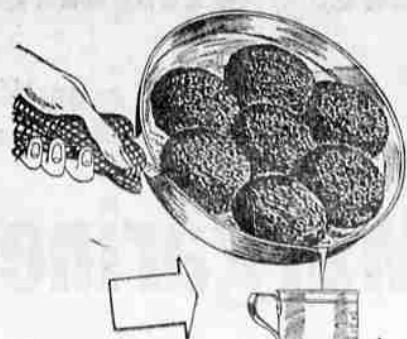
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