

UNIVERSITY SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH FREDRICH-EBERT-SHIFTUNG

On 10th February, 1977, the University of Nairobi and the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung signed an agreement concerning studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work of the University of Nairobi. The agreement was signed by the Vice-Chancellor Dr. J.N. Karanja, and Dr. G. Mueller, the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung representative.

Discussions concerning such a programme date back to May, 1972 when the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung signed a cooperation agreement. On the basis of that agreement the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung has agreed to support a programme in social work.

The programme was mounted at the beginning of 1976/77 academic year and it is being administered in the Department of Sociology. The Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung

has, in signing the agreement, agreed to meet all costs of one senior lecturer and two lectures who will be responsible in teaching Principles and Methods of social work, welfare policy and community development.

The assistance will be given for an initial period of three years from September 1976 to August, 1979 with the prospects of a two year renewal after it expires. The programme is estimated to cost K.shs.3

million.

After signing the agreement the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung and commended the foundation for the valuable assistance they have received. He expressed the hope that in future such Assistance would be continued.

Dr. Mueller said that the Foundation was eager to see the programme of the ground. He hoped that the cooperation between the University and the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung would lead to a more permanent relationship and hence a continued exchange of ideas. It was his hope, he continued that the cooperation would lead to other German institutions getting interested into such projects.

Professor P.M. Mbithi, the chairman of the Sociology Department from which the

project will be run, noted that this was a major step in social development. He said attempts would be made to utilize local resources as much as possible.

The signing of the agreement was witnessed by among others, Professor M.P. Mbithi, the chairman of the sociology department which will supplement whatever the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung will not provide, Mr F. Waweru, the Deputy Registrar in charge of Planning, Public Relations and Information and who also represented the Registrar, and Mr. H. Irle, a social worker from the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung.



The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J.N. Karanja, and Dr. G. Mueller, the Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung Representative sign an agreement concerning studies leading to Bachelor of Arts in Social work. Looking on is Prof. P.M. Mbithi (left and partly hidden), the Chairman of Department Sociology.