

# Dr. Kling Appointed Director Of New Medical Department

## University Information Service

A new department of continuing medical education has been established within the faculty of medicine at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Samuel Kling has been appointed director of the new

department, although he will continue as assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Kling is a graduate of the universities of Saskatchewan (B.A. '39) and Toronto (M.D. '43).

He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada and of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Canadian Association of Clinical Surgeons, Western Division, and is currently serving as vice-president of the Edmonton Academy of Medicine.

### AID TO DOCTORS

This new department has been established to encourage and assist practising doctors to keep abreast of progress in medical knowledge and techniques. It proposes to achieve this objective by integrating existing post-graduate courses and developing new courses and learning opportunities to meet the existing needs of the medical practitioner.

It will co-operate with all allied professions involved in medical care to help them in planning courses and to make available to them the medical teachers they need for their own courses.

At the present explosive rate of increase in medical knowledge, a doctor who does not post-graduate study could be an obsolete practitioner in 10 years time.

The goal of the new department will be to assist the practising doctor and members of the allied professions in avoiding obsolescence and to assure the highest possible standards of medical care for the people of Alberta.

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Photo by Wm. C. Stenton

# Missionary Influence Discussed

Christian impact on Africa varies from canned-meat cannibalism to Schweitzer-like sincerity.

This, and other aspects of the Christian missionary's efforts, was discussed by Dr. D. L. Weidner of the U of A history department last Sunday evening. The subject of the talk, held in St. George's Anglican Church, was "African Missions—Success or Failure?"

Dr. Weidner's comments ranged from Christianity in ancient Egypt, to the effects of colonial missions, to the role of the missionary today, which, he said, was "more that of a trained specialist than a simple evangelist."

### CANNED PEOPLE?

He also mentioned some of the misunderstandings that arose from the partial comprehension of Christian teachings. One example was the "Spam riots" in the Congo during the 1940's. Primitive tribesmen, seeing the picture of a smiling Negro on tins of canned meat, concluded that "Spam" was composed of their less fortunate brethren. And when the Christian missionaries admitted the need for "body and blood" for communion, the natives expressed some rather strong feelings.

Another instance occurred when a group of Jehovah's Witness missionaries entered the Congo. Before their expulsion by Belgian authorities, they distributed several copies of "Watchtower." The natives took a peek, and the result was an idea that new white skins were promised them on the day of Kingdom Come.

The "white saints, white Christ" nature of Christianity proved a drawback. A reaction to this and European influence in general is expressed by "Ethiopianism," a movement in which all-Negro sects combine Christian principles with tribal ritualism. The prime advantage of Islam, Christianity's chief competitor, is that it spreads from African to African, and is acceptable to previously established tribal customs.

### SOME MISFITS

As far as individual missionaries are concerned, Dr. Weidner observed that while many, such as Dr. Albert Schweitzer, were sincere and orthodox, some were misfits, seeking a convenient escape from society.

When questioned about missions aiding the spread of communism, Dr. Weidner said that this was not particularly true. He admitted that tribal culture may be disrupted. However African nationalism, a partial result of the educating done by missionaries who introduced "patriotism" and "Magna Carta" to the Dark Continent, is probably the strongest weapon against communism today.

Dr. Weidner, lecturer at U of A for the past three years, was born in the United States, received his Ph.D. at Harvard, and has lectured at the University of Michigan. Chairman of the National Committee on African Studies of Canada, he was the official delegate at the First International Congress of Africanists in Ghana last December. He has travelled extensively in Africa.

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