

obituary

Maurice Freedman, a leading social anthropologist, died on July 14 at the age of 54.

Professor Freedman followed a distinguished career in London by becoming head of the Institute of Social Anthropology at Oxford and a Fellow of All Souls and at the time of his death was Professor of Social Anthropology at Oxford. He had entered the department of anthropology of the London School of Economics in 1946, his first work involving studies of racial and cultural relations in Malaya. Appointed to a lectureship in anthropology at the LSE in 1950, he became reader in anthropology in the University of London in 1957, and was elected to a personal chair of anthropology in 1965—moving in 1968 to an established post in this subject. But his main interests lay in the field of overseas Chinese society. In 1949–50 he spent nearly two

years of field research among the Hokkien-speaking Chinese of Singapore, publishing as a result *Chinese Family and Marriage in Singapore* in 1957. For the next 25 years, he was to build on this framework to form a deep understanding of basic Chinese concepts and institutions. He clarified the structure of lineage and kinship in south-eastern Chinese society; the nature of ancestor worship; and the significance of geomancy—the art of relating a site, especially for burial, to the good fortune of men. Professor Freedman was also deeply concerned about the position of Jews in the social life of Britain.

Carl O. Sauer, who was emeritus professor of geography at the University of California at Berkeley, has died at the age of 85.

Sauer was for more than 30 years chairman of the geography department

at Berkeley, retiring in 1957 as emeritus professor. He did much to establish Berkeley as a school of "cultural geography". He established the department's doctoral programme, and became a leading and widely published authority on desert studies, tropical areas, the human geography of Indian populations, and agriculture and native crops of the New World. He maintained that all geography is essentially historical. Written documents, archaeological evidence, plant data, soil profiles—all provided him with clues for unravelling problems of the human global environment. His many awards included the Victoria Medal from the Royal Geographical Society, which he received recently, the Vega Medal from the Swedish Society for Anthropology and Geography in 1957, and the Charles P. Daly Medal from the American Geographical Society in 1940.

announcements

Awards

J. Bingham has been awarded the **Mullard Award** by the Royal Society for his contribution to agricultural productivity by breeding a series of winter wheat varieties.

The Potato Marketing Board has awarded a **James E. Rennie Award** to **D. N. Crowe** and **J. A. H. Taylor**.

Appointments

F. G. T. Holliday has been appointed a member of the Oil Development Council for Scotland.

The Nature Conservancy Council announce that **F. B. O'Connor** has been appointed deputy director.

International meetings

September 3–5, **Child language**, London (The Information Officer, School of Oriental and African Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HO, UK).

Person to Person

Bibliography on reconstruction from projections. Listings needed in computerised topography, radio astronomy map synthesis, multi-dimensional profile inversion, 3D electron microscopy, zeugmatography, inversion of Radon transform, and so on, all problems in reconstructing 2D and 3D images from data obtained by projection or line integration. To be published. (Richard Gordon, Image Processing Unit, National Cancer Institute, NIH 36/4D28, Bethesda, Maryland 20014).

There will be no charge for this service. Send items (not more than 60 words) to Holly Connell at the London office. The section will include exchanges of accommodation, personal announcements and scientific queries. We reserve the right to decline material submitted. No commercial transactions.

September 9–10, **Morphology and biology of living and fossil reptiles**, London (The Executive Secretary,

The Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0LO, UK).

October 1–10, **High energy radiation dosimetry and protection**, Sicily, Italy (Dr A. Rindi, Building 72, Room 122, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720).

October 6–8, **Fertility and sterility**, Madrid, Spain (Professor E. V. Dominguez, Feneral Pardines 82-c-70 DCHA, Madrid, Spain).

Miscellaneous

Neuberger report. The British Nutrition Foundation has decided to institute an essay competition on 'Nutrition is an emerging subject; discuss in relation to the Neuberger report'. The competition (essay length up to 2,500 words) is open to young scientists and medical students under 25 and prizes of £100, £75 and £50 will be awarded. Entries (before December 31, 1975) to: Mr P. M. Victory, Secretary, British Nutrition Foundation, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TY, UK.