

Locke to Investigate Conditions in Africa

New York, July 1.—Dr. Alain Locke, for several years professor of philosophy at Howard university, Washington, D. C., sailed Saturday to make a first hand study of the work of the League of Nations in African reconstruction, with particular reference to the administration of the African mandates. The investigation is under the auspices of the Foreign Policy association and is made possible by a grant from the Pauline Wells McCabe Memorial fund.

Dr. Locke will be accredited as an observer to the commission on native labor and the permanent mandates commission of the League of Nations, which will be in session in Geneva in July, and in September during the meeting of the League assembly.

Dr. Locke, formerly a Rhodes scholar, is author of "The New Negro," and recently has been active in promoting the educational and cultural approach to the race problems of America and Africa. The two surveys of the Phelps Stokes fund in Africa and the recent visit of officials of the Carnegie corporation to East and South Africa indicate a growing American interest in African reconstruction programs, and that participation of Americans in the educational aspects of this work is inevitable and desirable.