

## SUMMARY

## QUESTIONS CONCERNING SURINAME BUSHNEGRO LAW

The author, expert on Indonesian *adat*-law and other non-Western indigenous law systems, has collected material from the few existing publications on Suriname Bushnegro law in order eventually to get a clear picture of the gaps in our knowledge concerning the Bushnegro-communities.

He asks questions about the delimitation of different tribes and their number, the authority of the „gran-man” (chieftain); about the organization and the rights of the tribes and their functionaries; about the tribe as a religious community and as a community based on kinship. He asks whether a *lo* is a union of matrilineal extended families or a clan; he treats of *lo* as a religious and as a legal society, of the *bere*, the matriarchal kinship-group consisting of households and the relation of the fathers towards their children.

Further questions are asked about the rights and obligations of the individual, about administration and jurisdiction, about kinship law, marriage-law and inheritance (including family property, adoption marriage ceremonies, polygamy, divorce). On land rights, debts and contracts hardly anything is to be gleaned from the existing literature.

The reader of the summary is referred to the bibliography for the publications on which dr PRINS has based his survey of what is known and of the subsequent inquiry.

## Bouwsteentjes

Mr A. H. A. M. BORRET, lid van het Hof van Justitie, was van 10 Mei 1881 tot 9 Januari 1882 benoemd lid van de Koloniale Staten. Van de 10 openbare vergaderingen welke in die tijd gehouden zijn, heeft hij er slechts 2 bijgewoond. Hij voerde op geen dezer vergaderingen het woord.

De loopbaan van dit *zwijgend statenlid* is merkwaardig: Op 31 December 1881 werd hem eervol ontslag verleend als lid van het Hof; op 11 Februari 1883 werd hij door Monseigneur SCHAAP tot priester gewijd. In 1888 nam hij, Provicaris zijnde, waar als Bisschop. — Tijdens deze waarneming overleed hij op 6 Februari 1888.