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The Historical Society of Nigeria: 14th Annual Congress

THE 14th Annual Congress of the Historical Society of Nigeria was held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, from 1 to 4 January 1969. Papers presented and discussed included: The influence of Arab traders in Kano in the 19th century (Malam M. U. Adamu); The Benin kingdom and the eastern districts of the Yoruba country (Dr. S. A. Akintoye); Oproza and early trade on the Escravos river (Dr. E. J. Alagoa); The Eseyin Okeiho Rising of 1916 (Dr. J. A. Atanda); Islam in the Itsako Division of the Mid-Western State (Dr. I. A. B. Balogun); Hausa influence in North Africa (Alhaji Hasan I. Gwarzo); Rabeh in Bornu (Mr. J. E. Lavers); Notes on the Lagos branch of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (Dr. G. O. Olusanya); Problems of labour migration in the era of British colonial rule (Dr. S. O. Osoba); Some considerations relating to the formation of states in Hausaland (Professor H. F. C. Smith).

Discussions on the bibliography of Nigerian history, the study and teaching of pre-nineteenth century and nineteenth- and twentieth-century Nigerian history, and the non-political history of Nigeria were led by Professors J. F. Ade Ajayi, I. A. Akinjogbin, H. F. C. Smith, and A. B. Aderibigbe, and were partly based on the following papers: The importance of Arabic sources in the study and teaching of Nigerian history (Mr. M. A. Al-Hajj); How truly Nigerian is our Nigerian history? (Dr. E. A. Ayandele); A plea for the teaching of technological history in Nigerian universities and secondary schools (Professor R. Hill); A bibliography of Nigerian history (Mr. B. A. Oni-Orisan); and Suggestions for a more intensive study and teaching of Nigerian history in Nigerian universities (Dr. T. N. Tamuno).

The urgent need for improving and extending the teaching of Nigerian history in secondary schools and teacher-training colleges, and for the setting up of a committee to establish a central bibliographical service in the field of Nigerian history were included in the resolutions of the Congress.

East African Regional Conference on Languages and Linguistics

THIS conference, sponsored by the Survey of Language Use and Language Teaching in Eastern Africa, was held at the University College Dar es Salaam from 18-21 December 1968. It was attended by 106 participants from 35 institutions in African countries and 33 from 14