

Notes and News

Fifth International African Seminar: The Influence of Islam in Tropical Africa

THE first in the second series of International African Seminars on 'The Influence of Islam in Tropical Africa' was held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, from 1 to 8 January 1964. Papers had been prepared and considered in advance by the eighteen participants who came to the meeting from various parts of Africa and from overseas. A number of observers from Nigerian and other universities also took part in the discussions. After a general comparative review of the introduction of Islam in different regions of Africa, sessions were devoted to the consideration of: reactions to Islam in different forms of African societies; the agents of Islamization in different areas and periods; the political significance of Islamization in different regions; the effects of Islam on social rights and obligations; the interaction and combination of indigenous and Islamic beliefs and observances. A concluding session reviewed the position of Islam in the contemporary situation with reference to Western education, economic development, national and Pan-African aspirations. The papers presented to the Seminar together with a review of the discussions by the rapporteur, Dr. I. M. Lewis, are being prepared for publication.

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East African Institute of Social Research Conference, June 1963

THE following papers were presented and discussed at the East African Institute of Social Research's summer conference:

Rural Studies

Some Embu Social Institutions: A Preliminary Report	S. C. Saberwal
Informal Arbitration of Disputes among the Wanyika	M. K. Slater
Preliminary Reflection on Bena Political Power	Marc J. Swarts
Community and Descent in Ufipa: A Problem of Pattern	R. G. Willis

Urban Studies

Religion and Ritual in a Migrant [Arab] Community in Britain	B. W. Dahya
Leadership in an Asian Community	R. H. Desai
Some Ideas on the Concept of Neighbourhood in the Town	D. J. Parkin
Kampala: Influences upon its Growth and Development	P. H. Temple

History, Oral History, and Linguistics

Oral Traditions in Karagwe	R. Berger
Languages and Societies	J. Knappert
Baganda Chiefs who survived Kabaka Mwanga's Purge of 1886	J. A. Rowe
Discussion on 'Nandi-speaking Groups'	J. M. Weatherby

Political Science

Political Generations in Bukoba: 1890-1939	R. Austen
The Structure of the East African Common Services Organization (EACSO)	J. Banfield