

## Notes and News

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### *The Ninety-Sixth Birthday of Lord Hailey*

LORD HAILEY celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday on 15 February 1968. Members of the Institute will be happy to know that he is in good health and continues to take a keen interest in its work with which he has been closely associated as a Member of Council from 1939 and later as its second Chairman on the resumption and expansion of its work immediately after the war. He has, in response to our congratulations and good wishes, asked us to convey his warm regards to the many colleagues and friends associated with the Institute with whom he had the pleasure of collaborating over many years.

### *International Conference on African Bibliography*

THIS Conference, organized by the Institute, with the assistance of the Ford Foundation in response to one of the main recommendations of the Tropical African Studies Conference of 1964, was held at University College, Nairobi from 4 to 8 December 1967, by courtesy of Principal Arthur Porter who was good enough to act as host and President. The Institute is greatly indebted to Mr. J. D. Pearson, Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies, who as Chairman arranged the programme and guided the proceedings. Miss Ruth Jones, Librarian of the Institute, was Conference Secretary. Some fifty people from many African countries, U.S.A., U.K., and Europe, attended the sessions. These included specialists in African bibliography and also representatives of African governments and observers from a number of centres of African studies. As reported in previous notices (*Africa*, xxxvii, 1967, April, p. 227, and July, p. 341) the invited specialists contributed papers which, together with a survey of current bibliographical services, were circulated as working papers to participants in advance. The Conference made a number of recommendations, with a view to encouraging general improvement and greater co-operation in African bibliographical services. The recommendations are being transmitted to African governments and to organizations having interests in African bibliography with a view to securing support and assistance for their implementation. A report on the Conference, which will include the recommendations adopted, will appear in the July issue of *Africa*. Two working parties were set up by the Conference to consider some of the proposals in more detail and to explore means for carrying them out.

### *Second International Congress of Africanists*

THE Second Session of the International Congress of Africanists was held at Dakar from 11 to 20 December 1967, with the financial support and patronage of the Government of Senegal and of Unesco, under the Presidency of M. Alioune Diop. The Congress met at the University of Dakar and benefited from the generous material assistance of the university authorities and of IFAN.

Some 300 Africanists attended the Congress and over 150 papers were presented. Its work was organized in six sections; historical studies; linguistics and related disciplines; African thought and cultural anthropology (religion, philosophy, psychology, education,