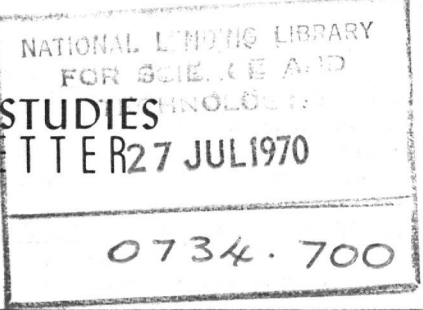


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## AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION: RECENT EVENTS

The following statements, letters and reports are published here in the hope of informing ASA members as clearly as possible of the latest series of events within the Association.

### Memorandum from James Duffy, Executive Secretary

Formal discussions between representatives of the African Heritage Studies Association and the African Studies Association have come to an end. The executive council of the AHSA has decided not to accept the proposal for a joint board of both associations (see February-March Newsletter, p. 2 and below, pp. 2-3). In his letter of 21 April to L. Gray Cowan, President John Henrik Clarke stated that for the present all official relationships between AHSA and ASA would come to an end (see below, pp. 3-5).

One of the results of lack of progress in these discussions has been the decision of Southern University to withdraw as one of the hosting institutions for the ASA annual meeting in October this year and the decision of Dr. Jewel L. Prestage, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, not to continue. We are deeply appreciative to Southern for its kindness and to Dr. Prestage for the great amount of work she did on our behalf.

For reasons of personal conviction, Professor Joseph Harris has resigned as Program Chairman of the 1970 ASA annual meeting (see below, p. 8). The Association is grateful to Professor Harris for the preliminary work he did on the program. For the meantime, the administration of the program will be handled by the ASA office.

The 1970 annual meeting of the ASA will be held at the Statler Hilton in Boston on October 21-24. For the time being, the ASA office will be the clearing house for the program and local arrangements. There will be some difficulties in arranging a meeting in five months, and I rather expect it will be similar to meetings of the Association in its earlier history. Since we will have to finance the meeting on proceeds from registration, the fees for registration will be the same as they were last year.

### 1970 ANNUAL MEETING

The ASA's 1970 Annual Meeting is now scheduled for October 21-24 at the Statler Hilton in Boston, Massachusetts. Cards for pre-registration for the meeting, as well as hotel reservation cards, are inserted in this Newsletter. Anyone planning to attend the meeting is urged to take advantage of the lower pre-registration fee.