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Abstracts

SESSION A

Saturday, 27th August

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N. Chadwick (School of Australian Linguistics, Batchelor, N.T.)  
"Language Politics in North Australia"

A report on the political and social factors in language maintenance and language shift in the Northern Territory.

- (1) The official medium - English - reasons for the increased and increasing use of English.
- (2) Local languages - a) reasons for the determination in the extent and use of most local languages.  
b) A survey of six relatively powerful language groups and reasons for their present-day survival.
- (3) The role of Pidgin and Creole - how it developed and its present state.
- (4) Policies of Bilingual Education - arguments for and against bilingual education as a means of protecting local languages.
- (5) Prognosis for the future

The continued deterioration of most minority languages. The growth of Aboriginal self-esteem and revivalist trends.

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