

ry school teacher was born and grew up in Igara, where the interviews took place.

7.1.10. *Turkana (Tu)*

The most comprehensive description of *Tu* with regard to both grammar and vocabulary has just been published by B. Heine (1980b). Here, use of his material was made throughout; nevertheless, since Heine's *Tu* vocabulary does not meet all requirements of the word-list on which my comparative analysis is based, I have attempted to fill in the missing pieces during a visit to Turkana-land in August 1977. Additional lexical data were offered by G. Dimmendaal, University of Leiden, The Netherlands, who studied the *Tu* language in the field for more than 18 months, and whom I hold for much more competent on this subject than I myself will ever be. In few cases only are data taken from Barton's (1921-23) contribution.

According to Heine (1980b:39), *Tu* was spoken by over 200,000 people in 1969. When comparing this figure with Tucker & Bryan (1956:110) who give c. 85,000 speakers, the high population growth rate (which is, however, the lowest in Kenya [Heine, loc. cit.]) becomes obvious, and one may get an idea of what the other figures quoted from Tucker & Bryan (1956), for example for the BARI languages (above), are like today. The Turkana's own name for their language is *na-turk(ʷ)ánà* (Heine, loc.cit.).

In collecting my own data I was assisted by Mr. Jackson Tarit, then 19 years old, born in Silale, grown up in Kapedo; Mr. Ignatius Lokitare, then 22 years old, born and grown up in Lorugumu; and Mr. Kito Wusi, then approx. 28-30 years old, born and grown up in Loarengak. Mr. Tarit and Mr. Lokitare were also informants of B. Heine (loc.cit.).

7.1.11. *Dongotono (Do)*

The Dongotono people call this so-called LOTUKO dialect *dóŋotónò*. No exact figure is known, but Tucker & Bryan give approximately 4,000 speakers for "Lango", including Logir and Do-

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