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Ashamed, appalled by P'Harcourt City Council's performances

COLONEL Zamani Lekwot, Military Governor of the Rivers State, feels very disappointed with the poor performances of the Port Harcourt City Council. And he minced no words yesterday in telling the chairman, Chief Okogbule Wonodi, exactly what he thought of his council.

"AS of now, your council has not undertaken any capital work of any magnitude".

Colonel Lekwot told the chairman in a candour that is was a matter for regret that the council had failed to include any capital projects in its estimate, yet it proceeded by asking for more funds.

The occasion was during the first lag of the governor's scheduled visits to local government councils in the state.



Picture shows the governor receiving the chairman's address.

The governor was particularly bitter about the insanitary state of the city. He said it was a shame the council could not keep the city clean.

The governor added: "As of now, your council has not undertaken any capital work of any magnitude, due mainly to the fact that, unlike elsewhere in this country, local government was in recess in the Rivers State from 1967 to 1977.

"There was no local government council or any agency representing a local government council in the Rivers State when the Third National Development Plan was drawn up in 1975.

"Consequently, government had undertaken and almost completed certain gigantic and purely local government projects when your council came into being in 1977. It was only reasonable that government should go ahead and complete such pipeline projects, as handing them over to you at a critical stage would have created insurmountable difficulties.

"The most outstanding local government projects undertaken include the two new ultra-modern markets at Creek Road and Rule II, Diobu, which you have very rightly acknowledged in your address.

"These two markets cost a total of N4,159,760.67 and may be described as second to none in this country both in quality and concept.

"The establishment of markets is, of course a local government function. This is an indisputable fact.

"Therefore, when you complain of lack of funds for capital projects, you must bear in mind that these huge sums which have been expended by government on the provision of local government facilities are funds properly expended on behalf of your council, which must be taken into account when you discuss your capital budgets for the relevant periods."

Colonel Lekwot went on to list projects which had been undertaken by the government.

Other similar expenses incurred by the government on

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ZEEKY'S DEATH SUSPICIOUS —POLICE

The police in Port Harcourt are investigating the circumstances leading to the death of Mr. Lekwot Rukari on Sunday. It is suspected that he was murdered.

Around 11 a.m. on Sunday, two persons, one of them a policeman on patrol from the Ferma Post, Aggrey Road, Diobu Port Harcourt, reported to Nigerian Tide that a man said to be a staff of the petrol tax watching in petrol in a tank near G.L. Adelabu Street.

In the light of the report, Mr S.S. Wellington, another senior editorial staff was asked to accompany the two to the scene. There Mr Wellington identified the man as Rukari.

He was found with gaping multiple cuts on parts of his body and appeared to have bled all night.

Accompanied by a police constable, Mr. Wellington and others removed him to the casualty section of the General Hospital, Port Harcourt, where he was examined and pronounced dead by the duty doctor.

The matter was later reported to the state Criminal Investigation Department.

No arrests have been made but the police public relations officer, Mr. George Falodade, was not reported yesterday. "We have received such a report and we are investigating. We believe the cause of death is suspicious."



MR RUKARI

Bale installation ceremony:

Govt gives halt order

THE installation of Chief Elero of Ibuji as Arabuji of Ibuji near Igbara-Oke, has been halted by the Ondo State Government, with immediate effect.

Making the recovation order in Akure, an official statement from the office of the military governor, said the appointment of the Arabuji by the Daji of Akure was illegal.

The release said that government had noted the announcement over the Ondo State Broadcasting Corporation radio to the effect that a Bale of Owena, near Igbara-Oke, would be installed by the Daji.

Government said that in the interest of peace and stability in the area, it has ruled that the installation of the Bale of Owenu should not take place.

"The development of any local government community depends solely on the revenue accruing to it rather than the population, the Oyo State Commissioner for Local Government and Information, Mr Ayantayo Ayandele, has said. He was addressing members of the Ekiobo Local Government during his tour of the area.

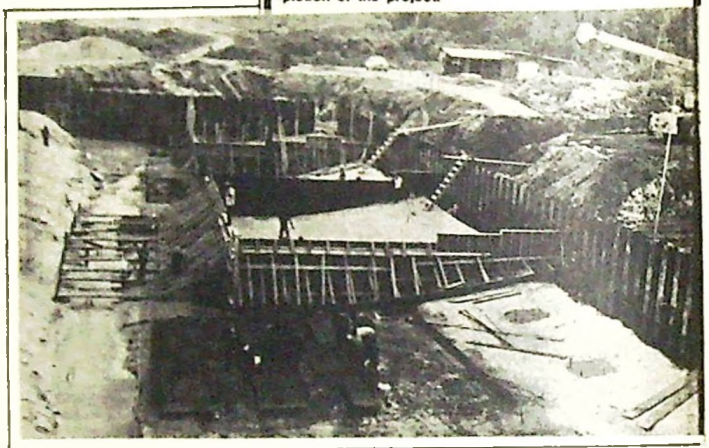
He advised the people to embark on revenue yielding projects such as the development of motor parks, hotels, markets, residential plots and registration of births, deaths and marriages.

The commissioner said that is was by engaging in such projects that the local government could succeed in laying a strong economic foundation for the area.

₦15m water project

WORK on the Ikpoba River Dam estimated to cost about ₦15 million has now started. This is one of the steps being taken by the present administration in Bendel State to provide sufficient water for the community.

It is envisaged that an additional 152 million litres of potabe water a day would be available to Benin City on the completion of the project.



Gifts for blind children

Seven blind students from Bendel State recently completed their courses in Lagos. These include two female and five males.

The students were presented with a gift of ₦20.00 each on arrival at the state capital — Benin City. The presentation was performed by the chairman, Bendel Society for the Blind, for Rev. S. I. Usumelele (1st from right) presenting a gift to one of the blind students, while others look on.

PLACE OF KIDS IN SOCIETY STRESSED

CHILDREN are a force to reckon with in shaping and reshaping the nation and the environment in which they grow, the Kaduna State military governor said in his opening speech at the ninth annual conference of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria, which opened in Kaduna.

Children everywhere, the governor said needed close and fair attention because they constituted the most vulnerable section of the population to infectious diseases.

Group Captain Muktar Mohammed said: "As professional experts, you can do a lot by providing the essential health education to the nation by utilising the information media".

The governor said that from the deliberation of the doctors last year, he noted with satisfaction that there was an increasing awareness of the challenges and health hazards facing children in the country.

Group Captain Muktar Mohammed expressed dismay that most of the health facilities in the country were adult oriented, adding: "The beds for women and children in our hospitals are comparatively few".

Saved by firemen

The Ondo State Fire Service, Akure saved a sum of ₦1,318.69 in cash from a fire incident which occurred at a storey house along Arakale Street, Akure.

Two rooms in a house were severely damaged at the ground floor of the house, while properties worth about ₦5,000 were destroyed.

It took the crew of 10 firemen about 30 minutes to put out the fire.

Speaking after the incident, the Ondo State chief fire officer, Mr J. A. Adeyemo, appealed to members of the public to desist from careless use of candles and other alternative lighting materials during power failures.



FARMERS TOLD TO CLOSE RANKS

AN appeal has been made to individual farmers in the state to pool their land and resources together and form themselves into co-operatives to attract the necessary encouragement from the government.

The military governor of the state, Lt Col S. A. Balogun, made the appeal in Ilaibu Odo, while exchanging views with the Awujale of Ijebuland, Oba Sikiru Adetona during his inspection tour of some of the state's agricultural projects in the area.

Lt Col Balogun told the Awujale that obas in the state, apart from being the traditional custodians of land, had a great role to play in appealing to their people to form themselves into co-operatives.

Individual landholdings, the governor said, were generally too small to attract mechanization. It was only by pooling resources together that the government would be encouraged to come to the aid of the farmers he affirmed.

He assured farmers that if they formed themselves into organised bodies the state's agricultural Development Corporation through which the state government disburse co-operatives will come to its aid.

What's wrong with FEDECO'S powers?

SOME politicians are quarrelling with the powers granted the chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission and his commissioners under Decree 73 otherwise known as Electoral Decree, 1977. They contend that to put the powers thereof in one person is dangerous to the interest of political parties and their potential parliamentary candidates, and they ought to be curtailed by decree. Some members of the Constituent Assembly are so angered by it all that they suggested the promulgation of a special decree excluding the chairman and all electoral commissioners, et cetera, from politics or the support of any political party or parliamentary candidates.

IS DEREE 73 not quite specific on the issue of the possibility of any of the officials of the Electoral Commission using his influence in favour of any political parties or election candidates? Under Section 4 the Decree said: "The following persons are not qualified to vote at an election — (a) the chairman and other members of the Electoral Commission, (b) the chief electoral officers; (c) electoral officers and assistant electoral officers; (d) the returning officers; and the assistant returning office."

THE DECREE, doubtlessly, provides stiff penalties for all manner of electoral abuses. It does not provide any exemptions for the chairman, his commissioners and officers. Under what circumstances, we ask, can the chairman or any of his staff manipulate things to the advantage or disadvantage of any political party or election candidates? There are none that can be reasonably contemplated.

WE PERFECTLY understand how some politicians feel, particularly those of them who are experts in electoral intrigues and duplicity, and who had hoped they could still use their old tricks to win new elections. As things stand, the authors of the decree had a strong sense of history of political parties and parliamentary elections in this country and they were determined not to give quarters for the re-introduction of the obnoxious and dangerous doctrines and practices that menaced our past.

THUS emasculated and utterly bemused, the crafty ones among them are feeling very uneasy. It is in this perspective that their criticisms of the powers of the Federal Electoral Commission should be viewed. But they ought to know that this country does not owe anybody a tainted ticket to power, and that the Electoral Decree was not designed to promote the inordinate ambitions of people who want power in order to perpetuate iniquities and injustices in the political system. Rather the Decree was made to ensure fair, and peaceful elections. What is more, its penal provisions will probably succeed in shutting the doors of parliament against impudent charlatans and miscreants.

ELECTIONS: REGISTER NOW!

[illegible] has started all over the country, after a vigorous public enlightenment campaign.

[illegible] It's a patriotic figure.

The process of registration is [illegible] our state of affairs, is [illegible] more demanding than the political system we have been operating since 1966.

This is why I for one believe that we must all register to prove that we are ready for the big challenge.

And the issue does not end there. We must do everything possible to make 1979 a reality.

Lagos A. FOLAHAN

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

Press freedom is now a must

THE issue of press freedom has been a popular talking point in the country. In drinking houses, in places of work and in our homes people discuss it.

The dangers in a system with an executive president without press freedom are many. But the Constituent Assembly has already approved the executive presidential system. Therefore, if we are to avoid those dangers the Assembly should also approve press freedom.

Members of the public have a right to know about government activities subject of course to "classified secrets."

Where the press because it is not granted the desired freedom is incapacitated from putting the people in the know, distrust of political leaders could emanate. That is sure to lead to turmoil.

I am sure members of the Assembly now know better than bowing to the demands of those who oppose press freedom. They should have no second thoughts about voting for a separate clause for press freedom.

That way they would have taken a right step in the right direction towards ensuring freedom of expression in all its ramifications.

CLINTON THOMPSON

Port Harcourt

Rectify this

THE rate at which certain school leavers utilise fake statements of result for gaining employment or admission into institutions of higher learning is very alarming.

It has even been suggested that certain students have now started refusing to take their studies seriously because they believe that whether they pass or fail, they could manipulate their way through by obtaining genuine statements of results.

I think urgent steps should now be taken to rectify this situation.

NWIWUGA H. KUNENU

Bodo

WE NEED REPRESENTATIVE

I wish to draw the attention of the Rivers State Electoral Steering Committee to the fact that Atissa Ward (Ward I) in Yenagoa District of Yenagoa Local Government area has got no representative in the Yenagoa Council.

The results of the election it would be remembered, were controversial. It was therefore declared invalid at the Ahoada Magistrate Court. Since then no other election has been held. But it is of right that we as a people should be represented.

I therefore appeal to the chairman of the State's Steering Committee to conduct a fresh election in this Ward to enable the people elect their councillor.

JOHNSON OGBOTOBO

Yenagoa

OPEN UP OUR RURAL AREAS

WHILE every citizen of this country expresses gratitude and confidence in the interest our different governments pursue for the general good of the masses, one still has to point out that the neglect shown to most of our roads in the rural areas has contributed to and jeopardised the pursuance of most of our policies and programmes.

This I have to say when considering the Ogbakiri-Emuohia Road. One cannot drive safely on this road due to pot-holes and gallops. In fact, motorists running on the flooded road during the rainy season always had their cars sent for constant repairs and services to keep with the bad road.

Economically, these two communities suffer a great deal in transporting their commodities. Their products are robbed of easy accessibility to near and distant markets due to the bad road. Would this encourage increased production? Is it in keeping with the operation Feed the Nation programme?

If this road is repaired would it not solve the problems of urbanisation which are facing the state capital at the moment?

Efforts should be made to open up our rural communities as much as possible if we are to achieve even development.

SANTOS O. OMAKWELE

Oduoha

Give us more roads

I want to call upon the Rivers State Government to help us construct more roads in Bori, to serve the people side by side with the only one we have now, the Port Harcourt-Bori road.

Such a gesture would solve problems of congestion and also cut down the rate of accidents on the only road we have.

J. N. MBANADAM

Bori

CHECK TRAILER DRIVERS

I THINK it is high time the federal and state governments do something about the unscrupulous behaviour of trailer drivers.

They drive as though the roads belong to them alone and they are responsible for a big percentage of the fatal accidents on our highways.

Some of them gave their vehicles in dangerous conditions at night without putting on their parking lights. This has accounted for many fatal accidents.

MISS YIRAN BARI LAGU

Kaura

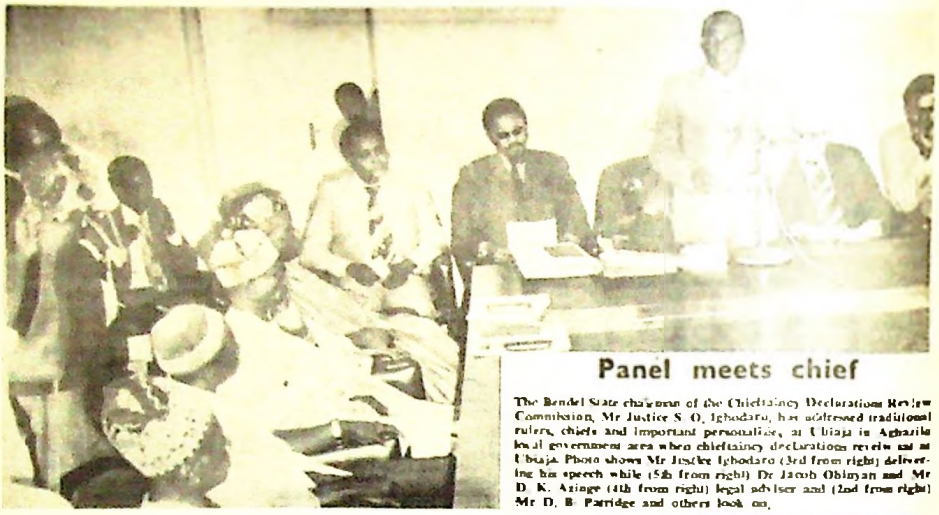
Onabamiro sees a model school

The chairman of the Implementation Committee on the new educational policy, Professor Sonya Onabamiro has described the Afikpo Girls' Grammar School at Ikwo Hill as a practical demonstration of what a comprehensive secondary institute should be.

Professor Onabamiro who made the statement while exchanging views with the state Commissioner for Education, in his office in Akure said that he was because the students were engaged in a number of pre-vocational activities apart from their academic courses which endowed them with the training necessary for the practical realities of life after their school career.

He said the school served as a model for the new national policy on education envisaged for secondary school education in the country. Dr Onabamiro remarked that Ondo State was a place where several important educational projects which reflected the implementation of important aspects of the new national policy on education were developing.

The chairman announced that, in line with the declared intention of the Federal Military Government to build special "units" secondary institutions in each state, a new Federal Government College was being established at Ido-Ani in Akoko division.



Panel meets chief

The Bendel State chairman of the Chieftaincy Declarations Review Commission, Mr Justice S. O. Igbodaro, has addressed traditional rulers, chiefs and important personalities at Ubiaja in Agbazilo local government area when chieftaincy declarations review sat at Ubiaja. Photo shows Mr Justice Igbodaro (3rd from right) delivering his speech while (5th from right) Dr Jacob Obinyan and Mr D. K. Azinge (4th from right) legal adviser and (2nd from right) Mr D. B. Partridge and others look on.

NEPA has 34954 clients in Osun

IN OSUN division of Oyo State, 34,954 people are currently enjoying NEPA's power supply.

The authority also installed 8,502 electricity meters to various categories of consumers, between January and December last year, in the area.

These facts were declared by the NEPA district manager for Osogbo complex Mr Ike Onuchalu while addressing the staff annual party at Osogbo.

He implored them to work harder for their father-land. Their daily contributions should justify the day's full pay, he added.

He urged them to embrace the authority's new in-service training programme, aimed at improving the quality of their work performances.

Reviewing the authority's achievements in the previous year, Mr Onuchalu disclosed that 25 distribution transformer sub-stations were uprated while 10 new ones were commissioned to improve the quality of power supply in the area, within the period under review.

He expressed the authority's gratitude to the workers.

He urged those who were not promoted last year to redouble their out-put in the new year.

The NEPA chief declared the authority's continued effort to improve on its performances to its consumers.

MID-WIFERY PROJECT HALTED

THE N1.5 million modern school of nursing and mid-wifery being built at Nkpor near Onitsha by the Anambra State government has run into a hitch.

Construction work on the project site had been completely paralysed following the inability of the state's Ministry of Health to pay N200,000 alleged owed to the contractors handling the project.

An investigation carried out by a team of journalists in Enugu, showed that the project was now a victim of improper planning and confused implementation policy.

It was also discovered that there were a series of claims and counter-claims between the Ministry of Health and the International Construction Engineers Ltd over the amount being owed the contracting firm.

Whereas the company was claiming that the ministry was owing a total sum of N200,000, the ministry claimed that since a mobilisation fee of certificates Nos 1 and 2, totaling N219,052, had been paid to the firm the outstanding account on certificates Nos 3 and 4, amounted to N55,007.

In a letter, TED/SNN/C1/60 addressed to the permanent secretary, ministry of health, Enugu by the consultant architects of the environmental designers handling the projects, the slow progress of the project was blamed on the ministry's inability to honour payment certificate and urged the ministry to endeavour to ensure that it kept to its own part of the contract.

In a letter of defence also to the permanent secretary, ministry of health, Enugu, the president of the International Construction Engineers Ltd, Mazi John Okorafor blamed the apparent slow progress on the project on the number of variations in the sub-structure.

He stated that clearing, pegging and excavation of all trenches and pits were completed before the architect in charge of the project ordered that the excavation should be closed up for a fresh foundation.

Mazi Okorafor stated that it was on the instruction of the architect that his company dismantled the two concrete water tanks which were set for the concreting of the foundation while 10,000 blocks moulded around the foundation were removed, so as to give way to a caterpiller to bulldoze the area again and dig a fresh depth.

He also stated that the undulating nature of the site had caused the introduction of the "basement" by the architect with attendant delays.

It will be recalled that recently the military governor for Anambra State, Col John Atom Kpera visited the site and expressed disappointment over slow progress of work on the project.



Gov at agric project

The Ondo State Military Governor, Wing Commander Ike Omoigui, visited the agricultural farm estate of the State Ministry of Agriculture, Akure to assess the progress the unit was making on Operation Feed the Nation programme (OFN).

He was accompanied by members of the OFN committee in the state.

Picture shows the Military Governor inspecting newly hatched chicks (by incubator), while Mr A. C Fatokun, an Agricultural Officer explains a point.

Farmers may get new deal

The military governor of Ogun State, Lt Col. S. A. Balogun has suggested that pilot farmers in the state be allowed to opt out of the pay roll of the government if they so desired.

Investment of governments in the various agricultural ventures should be treated as expansion of loan facilities to them, he said.

Lt Col Balogun gave the suggestion in Ikenne when he paid a visit to the pilot farm of Mr Adekunle Abatan.

Mr Abatan who is one of the pilot farmers in the state has been managing a poultry farm quite successfully but is still on the pay roll of the state's Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The governor said by allowing the farmers, after getting adequate experience and the initial take-off to establish totally on their own, the government would be able to train more farmers.

Two scribes honoured

Both the out-going secretary and the incoming one were accorded reception by the Nursery School authority at the premises of the Pabod Nursery School, Port Harcourt.

The occasion was chaired by the authority's chairman Mr P. E. S. Amadi.

The outgoing secretary is Mr B. A. Amadi while his successor is Mr J. I. Febeda.

Above, Mrs Amadi centre, is flanked by the two secretaries while she prays for God's guidance for all.



Governor furious

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mainly local government functions include a sum of N5,000,000 spent on the reconstruction of 50 kilometres of Port Harcourt urban roads and another sum of N24,809,897.20 spent by government on urban and semi-urban road works including the Eastern by-pass, Diobu roads, Trans-Amadi roads, the Marine Base road, ATTC road, Dockyard road, Abuloma road and Port Harcourt—Aba road diversion.

"There are still many road works to be carried out in the municipality in order to ease the traffic congestion which would have become a very grave problem here by now, but for the prompt action taken by government."

The governor advised the council to use its initiative to work out its requirements and said:

"We have made available to you a qualified town engineer with a labour force of 1,500 strong. So far, I have seen no definite proposals or indeed any indications that you have given any thought to this important matter.

"As has been indicated, government has spent at least N33 million on capital works within your council area in the period under consideration."

"In addition, your council has been paid a sum of N617,339 grant this financial year, plus a special payment of N91,576.50, plus another grant of N5,578,204.21 due to be paid to you any time now, that is a total of N1,286,419.71, representing mainly personal emoluments and other recurrent charges.

"Add the sum of N33 million mentioned earlier, that is a grand total of N34,286,419.71 which is so high that it bears no comparison whatever with your share of the 10 per cent of state revenue prescribed for the councils."

Taking into consideration the needs of other parts of the state, it was absurd, the governor said, to talk of starving the council of funds.

The governor warned: "You must guard against the grave error of regarding Port Harcourt as the Rivers State and the Rivers State as Port Harcourt. There are over two million souls in the Rivers State and roughly 10 per cent only live in Port Harcourt. The silent majority also deserve our attention."

Despite the sum of N1,286,419.71 expended mainly on personal emoluments by this

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Niger Basin boss wants efficiency

THE chairman of the Niger Delta Basin Development Authority, Mr A. Zuofa, has stressed the need for the staff of the Authority to maintain a high standard of discipline and efficiency in the important task of developing the delta areas of the state.

Mr Zuofa who was addressing departmental heads and the senior staff of the authority at a meeting he held with them paid tribute to the Federal Military Government for its foresight in setting up the Authority.

He advised the staff to apply themselves energetically to the development of the delta areas and help to identify viable development projects both in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and industries for which the authority was established.

The chairman assured that consulting firms would be engaged when any project requiring expert advise was identified.

He reiterated that from the decree establishing the board, it was clear the Federal Military Government had good intentions for the development of the Niger Delta areas of the country.

Mr Zuofa recalled that though there had been few comments in the press that the 360 million voted by the Federal Military Government for the services of the board was inadequate as compared to some other basin authorities, the government had further given the impression that if costed projects were submitted, funds would be provided for their execution.

He therefore, pleaded for their total sense of devotion in order to fully realise the aims for which the authority was established.



MR AMATARI ZUOFA
Chairman, NDBDA.

Mr Zuofa also warned against laxity in the service. The chairman observed that each year, the Federal Military Government and the Nigerian public would like to know the achievements of the authority, how many fish ponds or fishing settlements, agricultural plantations or projects were established, how many kilometres of waterways had been cleared and which river had been improved.

They would also like to know what industries had been proposed or established and of course, what was being done to protect our towns from erosion and flood.

"We need the highest standard of discipline and efficiency to make our mark in this assignment, particularly in comparison with the other Basin Authorities", Mr Zuofa declared.



MR EKEMEKU

Police look for missing passport

A passport No 13286) belonging to a Nigerian, Mr Lawrence Ekemeku has been reported missing in a taxi in Port Harcourt.

Lawrence Ekemeku of No 64 Aggrey Road, Port Harcourt was issued with the passport at Lagos in 1976.

The passport is valid for five years.

Also missing is a wallet belonging to the same man.

It contained important documents.

His passport photograph is affixed to the missing passport.

In a statement, the police appeal to the public to help in the recovery of the items.

CHECKS ON WATERWAYS

THE Police Marine Division in Port Harcourt will soon embark on checking all types of vessels which ply the inland waters of the state.

Giving the hint the police marine officer, Mr Francis Fakmaria said the measure is aimed at minimising waterway accidents in "this foggy period of the year."

He appealed to masters of ships, tugs, river craft, and boats to always give appropriate signals for the prevention of collision on the waters, he said.

He said such signals include blasts of whistles or sirens and fog-horn which could be identified easily in fog, mist, storm, or any other conditions which restrict visibility.

1978 Executive Development and Staff Training Courses

Walton Solomon & Associates Limited, Management Consultants will run the following courses in LAGOS, ENUGU and KANO from January – July 1978

DATE	DURATION	VENUE	COURSE TITLE
JANUARY			
9–13	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
9–13	1 Week	LAGOS	Store Management Course
16–17	2 Days	LAGOS	Switchboard and Reception Efficiency Course
16–20	1 Week	KANO	Foremanship & Supervisory Management Course
18–20	3 Days	LAGOS	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
23–27	1 Week	KANO	Field Sales Management
23–27	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Personnel Management Course
23–27	1 Week	ENUGU	Accounts Supervisor's Course
FEBRUARY			
30/1–3/2	1 Week	LAGOS	Foremanship & Supervisory Management Course
30/1–3/2	1 Week	ENUGU	Store Management Course
30/1–1/2	3 Days	KANO	Accounting Clerks' Course
6/–8	3 Days	LAGOS	Accounting Clerks' Course
6–10	1 Week	KANO	Store Management Course
6–10	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Personnel Management Course
13–15	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
13–17	1 Week	KANO	Accounts Supervisors' Course
13–17	1 Week	LAGOS	Branch Managers' Course
20–22	3 Days	LAGOS	Effective Storekeeping Course
20–24	1 Week	KANO	Effective Selling Course
MARCH			
27/2–3/3	1 Week	LAGOS	Business Leadership Course
27/2–3/3	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship & Supervisory Management
27/2–3/3	1 Week	KANO	Effective Personnel Management
6–8	3 Days	KAN	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
6–8	1 Week	ENUGU	Accounts Supervisors' Course
6–10	1 Week	LAGOS	Purchasing & Inventory Management Course
13–15	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
13–17	1 Week	LAGOS	Advanced Management Course (Residential)
13–17	1 Week	KANO	Branch Manager's Course
20–21	2 Days	ENUGU	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
20–24	1 Week	LAGOS	Accounts Supervisors' Course
20–24	1 Week	KANO	Management Course (Res.)
27–28	2 Days	LAGOS	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
27–29	3 Days	ENUGU	Accounting Clerks' Course
29–31	3 Days	LAGOS	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
APRIL			
3–7	1 Week	KANO	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
3–7	1 Week	ENUGU	Advanced Management Course (Res)
3–7	1 Week	LAGOS	Advanced Employee Relations and Communication Course
10–12	3 Days	KANO	Accounting Clerks' Course
10–14	1 Week	LAGOS	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
10–14	1 Week	ENUGU	Marketing & Sales Supervisors' Course
17–18	2 Days	KANO	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
17–21	1 Week	ENUGU	Branch Managers' Course
17–21	1 Week	LAGOS	The Art of Selling Course
24–28	1 Week	LAGOS	Financial Aspects of Marketing Course
MAY			
1–5	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
1–5	1 Week	LAGOS	Field Sales Management Course
1–5	1 Week	KANO	Effective Personnel Management Course
8–12	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Selling Course
8–12	1 Week	KANO	Accounts Supervisors' Course
8–12	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Personnel Management Course
15–17	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
15–19	1 Week	KANO	Field Sales Management Course
15–19	1 Week	LAGOS	Finance for Non-financial Managers' Course
22–24	3 Days	LAGOS	Effective Storekeeping Course
22–26	1 Week	KANO	Marketing/Sales Management Course
22–26	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Business Management Course
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19–23	1 Week	LAGOS	Accounts Supervisors' Course
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3–7	1 Week	ENUGU	Purchasing and Inventory Management Course
3–7	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Business Management Course
10–12	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries and Personal Assistants
10–14	1 Week	LAGOS	Marketing and Sales Supervisors' Course
10–14	1 Week	KANO	Management Course (Residential)
17–21	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
17–19	3 Days	KANO	Accounting Clerks' Course
17–21	1 Week	LAGOS	Branch Managers' Course
24–25	2 Days	LAGOS	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
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THE WORLD

140 lives lost in 2 months...

Cholera epidemic hits Tanzania



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TENG-HSIAO-PING

SOME public services are being interrupted in Tanzania in an effort to halt the spread of the cholera epidemic that has claimed an estimated 140 lives in the past two months.

In the Morogoro district of Central Tanzania, all five secondary schools which were to open next week have been ordered to remain closed until further notice, while several restaurants, canteens, beer shops and hotels have been closed in Morogoro town as "unhygienic".

In the Moshi district of the Kilimanjaro region six people have been sentenced by a local magistrate to nine months in jail for violating the cholera quarantine.

The Kilimanjaro regional medical officer announced that since the epidemic began, seven people had died in the Moshi district and 11 in the Pare district, most of them before being taken to hospital.

Some 400 travellers are reportedly stranded in Arusha, near Kilimanjaro, since the Tanga region between Arusha and Dar-Es-Salaam closed its borders after an outbreak of cholera there.

More than a score of buses have stopped their regular service between those points.

Tanzania Railways said passenger trains between Dar-Es-Salaam and Moshi would continue running as usual, but would make no stops at stations where the disease has been reported.

This means no stops in Korogwe and indefinite suspension of passenger train service between Korogwe and Tanga in the Tanga region.



President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania

NOW PARIS WOOS PEKING TO BOOST TRADE?

FRENCH Premier Raymond Barre will visit China from January 19 — 24 in a bid to strengthen links between France and China, and especially boost trade between the two countries, which up to now has been disappointing.

His visit will be the second most important to be made by a French leader since the visit of President George Pompidou in September 1973, and the second important one since France and China established diplomatic relations in January 1964.

Relations

Mr Barre will also be the first Western government head to visit China since 1976 which saw the death of Chairman MAO TSE TUNG, the disgrace of the "Gang of four" the ensure to power of Teng HSIAO-PING and a new open foreign policy.

Ever since General De Gaulle decided to establish diplomatic relations with China 14 years ago They have always been excellent fer a short time during 1969, at the height of the Cultural Revolution in China.

Over the years there has been a strengthening of political and cultura ties, helped by frequent visits, started off by that of Andre Malraux in 1965 Who came "privately".

The first official French Government delegation was headed by Planning Minister Andre Bettancourt in July, 1970.

He was followed in the autumn by former Premier Maurice Couve De Murville, also "privately" although he was given the same kind of official welcome as former premier Jacques Chaban in June, 1973.

Foreign Minister Maurice Schuman was in Peking officially in July, 1972 to prepare the Pompidou visit, the peak of Sino French relations.

Since the Pompidou visit, several ministers and state secretaries have visited China, notably Robert Gallery, Minister of Supply (Nov 1974), Jean Sauvagnargues, Foreign Minister (Nov 1975) and Simone Weil, Healtr Minister (May, 1976.

France, for the Chinese, is established by De Gaulle and his desire for national independence, which they cherish.

The Barre visit will enable the Chinese leaders to discuss the international situation with their most privileged Western European nation, in particular the European Common Market, European Security and disarmament problems.

China wants to see the emergence of a strong Europe with a joint defence policy, but appreciates France's independent defence posture even though it (China) for strategic reasons, backs the anti-Soviet stance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

China rejects East-West detente which is backed by France, believing that it is a danger to Europe. China is also interested in France's third world policy, particularly its close ties with Africa. China backed France's intervention in Zaire, looking on it as blocking the Soviet policy of "Hegemony".

France was hoping after the success of the Pompidou visit that it would benefit from increased trade with China. Some major contracts were signed, including one for a petro-chemical complex and for fertilizer plants which put France as China's third largest trading partner by 1976.

But since then contracts had been curtailed. France dropped to 13th. Observers believe that France should remain its natural place as a trading partner, that is after Japan and West Germany.

There are better prospects ahead, following the visit to France of Chinese External Trade Minister Li Chiang and the declared intention of the New Chinese leaders to modernise their country with foreign help, and it is expected that the Barre visit will make the most of these possibilities.

BRIEFS

Washington

CYRUS Vance, the US Secretary of State, has left here on his way to Jerusalem for scheduled meetings of the political committee seeking a Mideast settlement.

On leaving from the Andrews Military Airfield, he said he was pleased that the committee's agenda problems had been settled between Egypt and Israel, but warned against expecting quick progress.

New York

THE Fashion Foundation of America has named President Jimmy Carter as the world's best dressed woman.

Others on the best-dressed list included Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, New York's new Mayor, Edward Koch did not make the top ten, but was given an "honourable mention" for having worn a necktie at every appearance during his election campaign last year.

Manila

A FIVE-day international conference to study improved legislation for handicapped persons, is winding here attended by 600 delegates from 54 countries.

The conference will be concerned particularly with becoming the eventual re-integrating the disabled and integrating them into their respective societies.

London

BRITAIN'S young Liberals have come out for abandoning the parliamentary alliance pact with the ruling Labour Party.

At a national meeting in Sheffield, young Liberal Chairman Patricia Chapman expressed "absolute disappointment that in 10 months of the pact, nothing concrete has been achieved".

Peking

CHINA'S total volume of imports and exports in 1977 reached the highest level since the founding of New China in 1949, New China News Agency has reported.

Reporting that imports and exports in 1977 grew by more than 12 per cent over 1976, the agency said a greater number of foreign government trade missions and businessmen visited China last year and more Chinese trade missions and personnel went abroad than in 1976.

Tokyo

MORE than 25,000 residents along the river Kano in Izu Peninsula, hardest hit by Saturday's earthquake are now faced with a threat of cyanide poisoning.

Police said that industrial waste containing a large amount of sodium cyanide flowed into the river from a mine following the tremor.

Bamako

JAPAN will finance the purchase by Mali of 42 trucks, the first stage of increased bilateral co-operation, a joint statement has said here.

An agreement on the financing was signed here by Mali's Director of International Cooperation in the Foreign Ministry.

Madrid

SNOW blanketed the Spanish enclave of Melilla on the Moroccan coast at the weekend for the first time in 40 years.

The Northern half of the town has been partly cut by heavy snow for 48 hours. Thousands of trucks, some buried under a metre (yard) of snow, were waiting in hope that plows could clear roads over mountain passes.

What govt s report

Conclusion of the Government on the report and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry appointed to investigation the assets of Messrs N. A. Ndegwe, J. H. Borremans, B. K. Oruama, G. A. Ezekwu, I. Fetopigi and B. A. Alamina under the chairmanship of Honourable Mr Justice B. B. Pepple

Following the Government decision on the recommendations of the Nunieh commission of Inquiry into the Rivers Vegetable Oil Company Limited (RIVOC), another Commission of Inquiry headed by Honourable Mr Justice B. B. Pepple was appointed by His Excellency the Military Governor on 4th August, 1977 to investigate the assets of four members of the senior staff of the Company, namely, Messrs J. H. Borremans, N. A. Ndegwe, B. K. Oruama and G. A. Ezekwu On 26th August, 1977, after considering the Justice Inko-Tariah Commission report on the ten Lagos-based State-owned Companies, the Executive Council directed that the schedule to the instrument appointing the second Commission should be amended so as to include the names of Messrs I. Fetopigi, testing Permanent Secretary, and B. A. Alamina, Acting General Manager, Rivers State Housing Corporation.

Public officers

2. The terms of reference of the Commission were:

(a) To examine and verify the assets and incomes of the public officers and persons listed.

(b) To assess as much as possible what should have accrued to each officer or person by way of income, profit, etc., earned during the period from all sources (including companies as applicable, in which they have financial interest and bank accounts) and determine what can be regarded as legitimate income.

(c) To determine whether in the light of (a) and (b) above any of the said public officers or persons has enriched himself beyond his legitimate earnings and if so to what extent.

(d) To examine any specific or general matters relating to the assets and conduct of the said public officers or persons in acquiring their assets either individually or collectively.

(e) To determine whether any person or persons aided, counselled or abetted all or any of them in acquisition of any of their illegitimate earnings and if so, identify such persons and assess the extent of such aid or abetment.

3. On the 26th of September, 1977 the Commission submitted its report and recommendations to the Government.

4. The relevant comments, recommendations and Government conclusions on the report are set out below.

DR N. A. NDEGWE

Comments:

5. The Commission comments as follows:

(a) "From Dr Ndegwe's declaration of income and expenditure we note that Dr Ndegwe has the following assets:

(1) Hectres of land in Aabue, Kporbani and Bara-Kpoleenwa.

(2) A bungalow on a freehold piece of land at Nonwa.

(3) A partly developed property at Orogbum Layout (D Line), Port Harcourt.

(4) Three motor vehicles.

(5) Four life insurance policies and some investment and cash balance.

(b) Claim to refund for payment in respect of a house at 15, Igbokwe Street, D Line".

(b) "For the period January, 1970 — August, 1971, Dr Ndegwe records a total income of N15,202.00 for his wife and himself and total expenditure of N14,548.10. These figures the Commission accepts."

(c) "From September, 1971 — December, 1973, he declares an income of N35,441.05 and an expenditure of N11,830.50. While in this period, he was paid the sum of N700 as overseas travelling allowances which he admits he spent in the course of the tour."

(d) "For the third period January, 1974 — October, 1976, he places his income as N85,304.16 and his expenditure at N78,948.20.

(e) "The fourth period is from November, 1976 — July, 1977 where his income is shown as N16,394.83 and his expenditure N21,800.00."

(f) "Going by the statement of his income, expenditure and assets above, we find that his total income for the period 1st January, 1970 — 31st July, 1977 was N145,528.71 and total expenditure N164,729.00, leaving an overexpenditure of N19,541.00".

Limited Properties:

Bungalow at Nonwa:

(g) "Summary of his expenditure on his uncompleted building at his home Nonwa in the Ikot Local Government Authority area is given by him thus:

In the years

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1970 - 71 —	3,000.00
1971 - 73 —	20,000.00
1974 - 76 —	15,000.00
1976 - 77 —	2,000.00
	40,000.00

INDUSCO (Nig.) Ltd

After considering the several valuations of the building after making our own calculations, we have estimated the total maximum cost of the house including the borehole to be about N50,000.00; this is N40,000.00 more than what was declared by Dr Ndegwe. Taking into account all the sources of income at Dr Ndegwe's disposal we still cannot see how he could have made up this N40,000.00 from his legitimate earnings".

(h) "When we visited the office of INDUSCO (Nig.) Limited on 7th September, 1977, we discovered an agreement entered into by Dr Ndegwe and Delka Contracting Company — DELCO (a Division of INDUSCO) on 1st April, 1975 whereby the latter should complete building the house of the former at Nonwa or to supply him with materials. Should the agreement Dr Ndegwe admitted he did sign the contract with DELCO for the completion of the house which was already in building but he later considered the cost too high and the contract was never executed. Our next find were two receipts Nos. 142 and 144 dated 18th September, 1975 and 30th September, 1975, respectively made out by the accountant of INDUSCO Ltd in favour of Dr N. A. Ndegwe, acknowledging receipt of the sums of N30,000.00 and N2,000.00 respectively in respect of the completion of the same building. We therefore called the Receipts Nos. 142 and 144 and on examining them, found they were made out for N20,000.00 and N10,000.00 purported to have been paid to INDUSCO by one Marian David-West on the 1st June, 1975 and 13th June, 1975, respectively being payments for industrial survey of RIVOC machinery. We find nothing wrong in Dr Ndegwe contracting with INDUSCO to complete his house as according to Mr Borremans he was completely stranded about the house. But what clearly emerges from the evidence as unwholesome is that RIVOC funds were manipulated into INDUSCO for use in supplying materials and labour for Dr Ndegwe's house".

(i) "We called on Mr A. E. Anyamele, Accountant of INDUSCO to explain the inconsistency and produce any contract document relating to the job done by INDUSCO for Mr David-West. He then explained that Mr Borremans told him Mr David-West was awarded contracts by RIVOC for the erection of some buildings, and Mr David-West subcontracted the preparatory aspect of architectural designing and surveying to INDUSCO for a total of N37,460.00 Mr Borremans told him the work had been done and directed him to send bills to Mr David-West, which he did. Mr David-West paid the sum of N20,000.00 and N10,000.00 for which receipts Nos. 142 and 144 were issued, but Mr Borremans later instructed him (Anyamele) to write the receipt for N30,000.00 in favour of Dr Ndegwe and cover it with the payments made by David-West. When asked about these suspicious transactions, Mr Borremans admitted that invoices for the work done by Mr David-West were inflated in order that funds may be found to provide materials for Dr Ndegwe's building at Nonwa. He says some materials were supplied him as well as some carpenters. He estimated that about N30,000.00 had been spent on the house before INDUSCO came into the picture, and that the house should cost about N75,000.00 to N80,000.00 to complete.

No. 15, Igbokwe Street, Port Harcourt.

Board meeting

Dr Ndegwe claims he purchased the house at No. 15, Igbokwe Street, Port Harcourt with N25,000.00 which he borrowed from RIVOC. He says the loan was approved at a Board meeting. We have read through the minutes book of the Company but we have not come across the alleged approval. This sum, Dr Ndegwe says he refunded by cash on 15th September, 1974. Notwithstanding he has shown as receipt No. 00013 of that date issued for N25,000.00, we have examined his bank statements and cannot find this sum withdrawn; it is not shown in his statement of income and expenditure as loan from RIVOC nor has he disclosed the source of the N25,000.00 with which he refunded the money to RIVOC on 15th September, 1975. When these facts are added to his denial before the Nunieh Commission of Inquiry that he knew Olu Agwu, the



MR JUSTICE PEPPLE

man from whom No. 15, Igbokwe Street was purchased, we cannot resist the conclusion that he acted in bad faith".

Directors Fees from PABOD PALM Oil & Crumb Rubber Processing Company Limited

(k) "From Dr Ndegwe's statement of his income, this Commission observes that until the end of July, 1977, he drew allowance as Chairman of Pabod Palm Oil and Crumb Rubber Processing Company Limited and has so far drawn a total of N6,750.00. This Commission is aware that this Company was a subsidiary to the R.S.D.C. and later of the A.P.M.C. and it is our view that as the Chief Executive of the parent Company he should not draw this allowance."

(l) We consider it a duty to observe that we were not a little surprised to find, that despite Government's Conclusion in the White paper on the report and recommendations of the Nunieh Commission of Inquiry that Pabod Palm Oil should be merged with RIVOC, and Crumb Rubber processing should be transferred to the A.P.M.C., the Conclusions have not been implemented and Pabod Palm Oil and Crumb Rubber Processing Company Ltd has continued to exist virtually under the sole control of Dr Ndegwe. The bank accounts of the Company are still being operated".

General Observation

"Finally we observe that by virtue of Dr Ndegwe's position in these institu-



DR N. A. NDEGWE

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counts Supervisor, first with Palm Line Agencies Limited (1970 — 74) and then with the Rivers Vegetable Oil Company (RIVOC) Limited (April, 1974 — August 1977). At the request of this Commission Mr Oruama submitted a signed Declaration of Assets Liabilities."

(b) "About 25% of the total net earnings for this entire period was spent on building materials, including deposit for a plot and down payment for building. This gives us the impression that there is a building Mr Oruama has declined to declare but he still maintains he has none."

(c) "When Mr Oruama handed over to Mr Horsfall on 15th August, 1977, there was a shortage of N1,590.00. Mr Oruama accepted responsibility in writing for this shortage. Until the time of this report Mr Oruama has not repaid the shortage although he has a receipt for N70.00 he paid that day to Mr Horsfall to reduce the shortage."

Recommendations:

9. The Commission "recommends that Mr Oruama should be made to refund to RIVOC the sum of N1,520.00 with immediate effect."

Conclusions

10. Government accepts the above recommendation and directs that Mr Oruama should be dismissed.

MR G. A. EZEKWU

Comments

11 The Commission comments as follows:

(a) "Mr Ezekwu submitted a signed Statement of Income and Expenditure covering the period 1st January 1970 to 15th August, 1977. The Commission found that whereas the subject declared a total income of N12,250.00, his actual earnings including leave bonuses and other remunerements for entertainment amounted to N8,735.00. Out of the total declared income of N35,080.00 the sum of N3,515.00 should be deducted as amount Mr Ezekwu was unable to account for, thereby leaving an actual total income of N31,945.00 for the whole period under investigation. However, the Commission observes that since the discrepancies occurred during the period Mr Ezekwu was at the United Bank for Africa Limited, the said overspent sum of N3,515.00 had been spent before joining RIVOC in 1974."



COLONEL ZAMANI LEKWOT
Military Governor, Rivers State

(b) "In his Statement of Expenditure the subject declared that he built a small 4-roomed house in his home town, thus in KELGA at an estimated cost of N500 in 1970. Furthermore, in 1975-76, the subject claimed to have built a six-roomed Boy's Quarters as well as rebuilding his mother's kitchen with toilet and bathroom extensions at a total cost of N2,000.00. An account of the valuation exercise on these buildings estimated the total cost of the buildings at N10,208.00. After studying all the facts before us we feel that a value of about N6,000.00 would be nearer the true cost than the figures quoted by Mr Ezekwu or the Quantity Surveyor."

Commercial Interests

(c) "Mr Ezekwu declared having interest in two enterprises, namely Ezekwu Commercial Enterprises and Kpomasiruchi and Company Limited. To its dismay and grief the Commission discovered that at least a total of N29,231.02 has passed between RIVOC INDUSCO and Ezekwu's Kpomasiruchi and Company through fake contracts aiding abetting and collaborating in fraudulent practices with Mr Bonemene."

Recommendations

12 "Mr Ezekwu should refund the sum of N3,000.00 being the difference between his declaration of N2,000.00 and our estimated figure of N5,000.0 on the same buildings."

(b) "Having conceived, aided and abetted fraudulent practices while in the employ of RIVOC, Mr Ezekwu together with Mr Bonemene should refund the sum of N29,231.02 being money misused."

Conclusions

12 (a) Government accepts recommendation (a) but rejects recommendation (b) because action had already been taken in a previous decision to recover this amount.

(b) Government directs that Mr G. A. Ezekwu should be dismissed.

MR I. FETEPIGI

Comments

14 The Commission comments as follows:

(a) "It has not been easy for Mr Fetepigi to submit details of his expenditure or remember with any degree of accuracy, exact amounts of his receipts from different sources, as he maintains he had kept no records of his personal transactions. This Commission has given Mr Fetepigi all reasonable assistance and opportunity to explain all his financial dealings, and as it is now obvious that no further details are likely to be provided, an assessment of Mr Fetepigi's estimate acquisitions is arrived at by investigating the financing of specific assets."

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(b) "This property consists of two duplex houses providing accommodation for four different families. The two duplex houses are rented out to Alco Company Ltd and Halliburton (Nigeria) Limited. The houses were built by A. Michelle Ltd and were let in 1975. The development cost for these properties amounted to N317,226.00 and these costs were paid by instalments to A. Michelle. We have traced and found evidence of these payments to A. Michelle Ltd from Mr Fetepigi's Bank and Statements and are satisfied that Mr Fetepigi properly financed the development of these houses through his earnings and rental income from properties."

(To be Continued)



MR F. I. ELLAH
SMG, Rivers State

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP 1 APP
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP 1 APP
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Cassette)	RSP 1 C.O.R
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	ON Jingle	RSP 1 ARE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Cassette)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You: Next Step	"
07.20	Mid Week Thrill	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Efik, Ijo/Izon, Ibo and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With R.I.S	RSP 1 C.O.R
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Ijo and Yoruba	"
09.15	Melody Time (Cassette)	RSP 1 C.O.R
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion Feature	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
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13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Ancioncer's Choice	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.01	Juke Box	"
14.30	Iron Otu Die	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Beat For Junio	RSP 1 C.O.R
15.30	State News in English Hausa and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk (Rep.)	"
16.15	Count Down	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Ijo/Izon	"
17.00	State News in Kanuri and Yoruba	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Cassette)	"
17.30	Edo dispatch	RSP 1 APP
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and You	"
18.20	Let's go Farming	"
18.25	Window on the World	RSP LIVE
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	Let the Ear Languages	NP
19.00	News Panorama	"
19.30	Our own music on records	RSP 1 C.O.R
19.45	News in Kanuri, Ijo and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ikwerre, Kalabari Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
20.30	7th Kwa'ara Beyinna If: (Children's mag. Pro.	RSP 1 APP
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Relax With	"
21.15	Sports Main Points	"
21.30	Features	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Stalk	"
22.15	Educational Service	RSP 1 APP
22.30	Music of the masters	NP
23.00	News On The Hour	RSP 1 C.O.R
23.03	My Favourites	"
23.15	Evening Worship (Music Etc)	DUTY ANNOUNCER
23.55	Just For You	NP
00.00	News At Midnight	RSP LIVE
00.01	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	NP
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WEDNESDAY

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Back to making 'real' bread

THE women of the developed countries are beginning to rediscover a truth that the Third World has never forgotten — that breadmaking in one's own home can be a rewarding experience. They are learning again about the great satisfaction to be derived from the mixing and kneading of the bread, together with the delicious aroma that comes from the oven while the loaves are baking, and, of course, the delectable taste of the final product.

More and more women in Western Europe and North America are becoming dissatisfied with the main sort of bread locally available — the mass-produced loaf, the product of huge factory-style bakeries.

These "rebels" favour home-made bread, which they describe as being "real", in contrast to most of the mass-produced loaves. These, they say, are tasteless and spongy and have little food value.

Here is a recipe for one of the many sorts of bread baked in different parts of the world:

SODA BREAD, made without yeast. For one loaf you will need 250 g. wholemeal flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, ½ litre sour milk or buttermilk and a little warm water. Combine the flour, salt and soda in a bowl. Then add the milk and mix to a dough, adding a little warm water if the mixture is too dry. Form the dough into a round bun shape, and place on a floured baking tray. Cover the loaf with a deep cake tin and bake in a hot oven for about half an hour.

Remove the tin and continue to bake for another 10 minutes. This bread is best eaten when fresh, but can be reheated in a low oven for 10 minutes to freshen it up.

It has now been scientifically established that 100 per cent brown bread, with its essential roughage content, is better for the system than white. For two beautiful brown loaves you will need: 700 g. 100 per cent wholemeal flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 25 g. butter or margarine, 30 g. fresh yeast or 15 g. dried yeast, ½ teaspoon brown sugar, and just under ½ litre of warm water.

Put the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Rub the fat into the flour. Combine the yeast with the sugar and pour on the warm water. Put in a warm place to froth up a bit for about 15 minutes. If using dried yeast, use only a pinch of sugar, and after the 15 minutes give it a good stir to see that all the granules are dissolved.

Make a well in the centre of the flour and pour in the water and yeast mixture. Mix quickly with the hands to form a dough and knead for about 5 minutes, until elastic. If the dough is too wet, knead in a little more flour. Roll the dough into a ball, and place it in a bowl, covering with a damp cloth. The bowl should be left in a warm place until the dough has swelled up a bit. This should take about 20-30 minutes.

The dough should then be "knocked down" to its original size. This is done by kneading again thoroughly to get all the air out of it. Divide the dough into two ball-shapes, and place on a floured baking sheet. Again cover with a damp cloth and leave in a warm place about 30 minutes or until they have almost doubled in size. Have the oven ready at 230°C. Remove the cloth and put the loaves in the oven for 20 minutes. Then lower the temperature to 205°C. and bake for a further 20 minutes.

Remove from the oven and tap the underside of the loaves, which should sound hollow. If they do not, return them to the oven for 5 more minutes. The hollow sound ensures that the loaf is cooked.

The result of this operation should provide you with two beautiful, wholesome brown loaves that are crisp on the outside and crumbly inside. Bread freezes very well, so doubling the quantity would save a lot of time, and be economical in the long run.

by A correspondent

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: MY midwife always palpates my abdomen during each visit to the ante-natal clinic. Although I have a vague idea about why she does this I still would appreciate your brief explanation on the purpose of such an exercise.

A: The purpose of palpation is firstly to assess the level of the rounded top of the pregnant womb, for this gives an indication of the stage of pregnancy that has been reached (and the midwife can then check that this tallies with the expected date of birth, as this has been estimated by means of counting forward nine months and seven days from the first day of the last normal period). If that level is higher than one would expect, it can lead to any necessary test for twins, or lead the midwife to guess that there might be a large baby, lots of fluid surrounding the baby, or even a mistake over dates.

During the later weeks, the feeling of the unborn baby indicates his position in the womb. To begin with, this is a matter of interest only, apart from indicating the most likely point to hear his heart, but towards the end of pregnancy, the check is made to see whether the baby is settling into the usual birth position, and whether there is ample room for his head to sink deeply into the pelvis.

by Sister Elizabeth Kwofie

Q: How do I treat discharging ears in my children?

A: These should always receive attention from a doctor or other trained medical personnel, who will probably give you some special drops to use.

Q: My husband is left-handed and I am right-handed. Which hand should I train my baby to use?

A: You should not train him to use either hand — when he shows a preference do not interfere. Most babies use both hands equally well at first and by the sixth month you will notice which hand he prefers to use.



HENRY SAYS GOOD-BYE TO BACHELORHOOD

MR Henry Asemota, a clinical student of the Medical School, University College Hospital, Ibadan took to wife former Miss Grace Bola Tegun of Nigeria Airways, Ikeja. Picture shows the groom, Henry Asemota, signing the marriage registry, while the bride looks on with rapt attention.

Happy birthday



Miss Uwaoma Ajie on her first birthday



Miss Dorothy Warilu Briggs on her second birthday



Master Emmanuel Nwaila on his first birthday.



Master John Uriri on his fifth birthday.



George and Adeline, twin children of Mr R. K. Wood of Rivers State Sports Council, Port Harcourt. On their first birthday.

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Two women convicted

SENIOR magistrate F. T. Fruba sitting at an Omoku senior magistrate's court has sentenced two housewives to a total of N40.00 fine or in default to go to prison for two months each for fighting.

The prosecution had alleged that the two women, Victoria Amadike and Felicia Anthony all of Usomini quarters of Omoku in Ogba/Egbema district on March 1, 1977 took part in a fight contrary to Section 83 of the criminal code.

The prosecution said the fighting arose out of dispute between them over a place to pack firewood.

They pleaded guilty to the charge.

Also in the same court, an Omoku farmer, Ibo Nwaiche, who tried to abuse an abatement notice issued to him by the Omoku health office was sentenced to a fine of N10.00 or in the alternative to go to prison for two months.

Structure

The health officer in-charge of Omoku health office. Captain I. C. Woko, prosecuting told the court that he issued an abatement notice on December 1, 1977 to Nwaiche requiring him to remove an illegal structure erected as fence.

He failed to carry out the order after seven days notice, contrary to section 8 (1) of the public health laws Cap 103 Volume VI of 1963.

He pleaded guilty.

Seven converts receive baptism

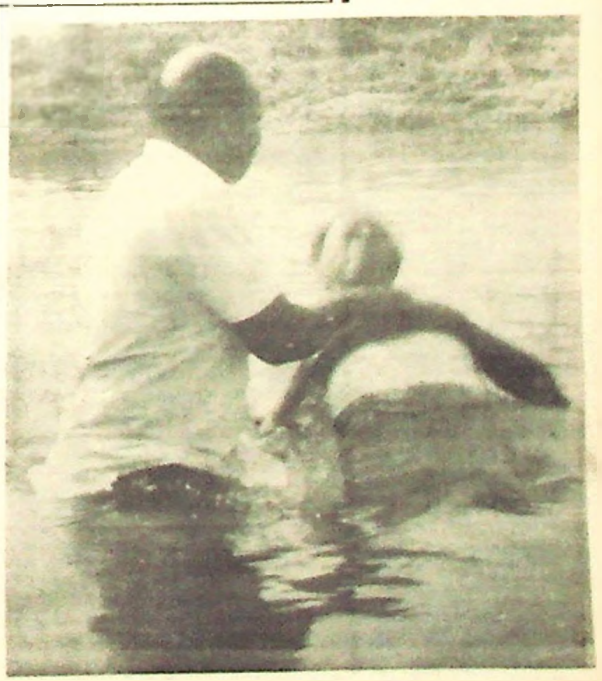
Seven members of the Church of God Sabbatharian Mission in Nigeria received their baptism at the Idu-Otobile River during their 1977 annual camp meeting at Akabuka village in Ogba/Egbema district of the Rivers State.

Addressing the new converts at the waterside, the officiating minister, Pastor B. T. E. Dosh urged them to re-dedicate themselves to God by sowing seeds worthy of their repentance.

He reminded them of their role as newly converted members of the church in converting others to the same faith.

Christians, he said, should rather preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God instead of sowing seeds of disunity and hatred which lead to destruction.

Here, one of the new converts is being baptised in the river according to the rites of the mission.



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OKULO—I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs Mangi Sunday Okulo, now wish to be addressed and known as Mrs Mangi Okowa. All documents bearing my former name to remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, the Principal, Degema Cadet Teachers Training College and Teaching Service Commission should take note. Mrs Mangi Dokubo.

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ANIAKE—I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Teresa Ada Aniake, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Teresa Ada Nwoko. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Teaching Service Commission, State School Management Board and the general public please take note. Mrs Teresa Ada Nwoko.

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Advertiser's Announcement

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MOVEMENT TO NEW OFFICE

The public is hereby notified that the Secretariat of the NIGERIAN ENTERPRISES PROMOTION BOARD has moved to Constanza House, No. 72 Campbell Street, Race Course, LAGOS.

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All correspondence should be directed to:

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REFUTAL

BY THE

Andoni Council of Chiefs

THE entire Chiefs of the Andoni Council of Chiefs, in a meeting held at Ngo, the District Headquarters of Andoni in Bonny Local Government Authority on 14th January, 1978 unanimously condemned the article captioned "Andoni want peace with Bonny" published in the Nigerian Tide issue of 13th January, 1978 and credited to the Secretary of the defunct Andoni Chiefs and peoples conference one Mr G. B. C. Oloko. The Andoni Chiefs and peoples conference ceased to exist immediately after the merger of Andoni with the Rivers State.

2. We the Chiefs and People of Andoni hereby disassociate ourselves from the publication as there was no such meeting held whereby such discussion as stated in the said publication took place. To the best of our knowledge the Secretary to the Andoni Divisional Council of Chiefs is Chief T. J. Ebeotu. As far as we are concerned the Iyoba affair is a matter now being handled by the Police and it is not our place to make any statement that would prejudice Police investigation on the issue, and of course, Andoni have no case with Bonny. Our duty as responsible leaders in Andoni is to cooperate with the Law enforcement agencies where our assistance is required.

3. By our tradition the post of a Secretary to the Council of Andoni Chiefs is always held by a Chief in the Council of Chiefs. His office is the only competent source to issue statement on behalf of the chiefs.

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for themselves and on behalf of the Andoni District Council of Chiefs.

Dated at Ngo the 14th day of January, 1978.

REGISTRATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES, STATE CARRIAGES AND OMNIBUSES PLYING IN THE RIVERS STATE

Part VI of the Rivers State Road Traffic Regulations 1976 provides for the Registration of hackney carriages and the stipulation of a distinctive colour for taxis.

The effective date for the registration of all hackney carriages and omnibuses plying in the Rivers State shall be the 1st of March, 1978.

Registration Fee:

The Registration fee for operating as taxi or bus as distinct from licence for putting a new vehicle on the road shall be ₦20 per annum for taxi and ₦40 per annum for omnibuses. Registration shall be valid for one year subject to renewal yearly, so however that no taxi or omnibus shall be registered after a consecutive period of use of three years.

Application Fee:

Application for Registration of a taxi or omnibus shall be made on an Application Form obtainable from the Chief Road Traffic Officer.

Type of Vehicle Acceptable for Registration as a Taxi:

Peugeot 504 and 404 Saloon Car

Toyota Saloon Car

Datsun Saloon Car

Volkswagen Rio & Igala Saloon Car

Such other vehicle as is acceptable to the Chief Road Traffic Officer.

Taxi Colour:

The following is a description of the approved colour for taxis operating in the Rivers State:—

Apart from white stripes on a central piece on top and on both sides of the car, the body of the car shall be navy blue in colour.

The minimum width of the white stripes shall be 80mm while the maximum width shall be 260mm depending on the size and type of car.

Lighted Symbol:

Every taxi operating in the Rivers State shall at all times carry a lighted symbol at the centre of the roof showing the word "TAXI" in capitals.

Engr. Chief E. A. Apenu
Chief Road Traffic Officer,
Rivers State.

POLICE SEARCH FOR RUN-AWAY DRIVER

Disappears with Kombi bus

THE Rivers State Police Command has mounted an intensive manhunt for a runaway company driver over the mysterious disappearance of a Kombi bus belonging to his employers in Port Harcourt.

The man, identified by the police as Christopher Onyemachi of 16 Item Street, Umuahia hit in Imo State is said to be of Imo State origin.



C. ONYEMACHI

The man, police said, is wanted to assist in their investigation on the loss of the vehicle.

The stolen vehicle is the property of J. Allen Motors Company in Port Harcourt.

The value is not yet known.

According to the police, the driver was assigned to deliver the vehicle to the Ibo branch of J. Allen.

It is believed that he disappeared with the vehicle.

The man's original driving license was given by the police as No. 24934 which was left with his employers.

Police have appealed to anybody who knows his whereabout to contact the nearest police office or the boss of the state CID, Police Headquarters, Port Harcourt.

Report on river blindness published

CONVENTIONAL attempts to control the widespread tropical disease known as river blindness will be prohibitively expensive and almost certain to fail, according to an expert study team which accompanied the brief visit to Zaire last year.

The multi-national team of medical experts which carried out the first ever intensive study of the disease has published a lengthy report "Onchocerciasis in Zaire."

The team leader, Professor P. C. Hodger, Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital at Swindon, says in the report that the obvious methods of control — the elimination of black fly and chemical or surgical removal of worm nodules from the affected populations — have been tried for several years. They are vastly expensive and very disappointing.

The report points to a possible way for success.

Until this investigation, it was believed that those who suffer blindness were those who had suffered reinfection of an unusually large number of larvae into the eyeball. In investigation this has proved not to be the case.

BOLGA ROAD WORK BEGINS

THE Bori Local Government Council has embarked on the construction and resurfacing of a number of roads in the area to facilitate transportation among the communities.

Already, construction work on a network of two kilometre of roads in the area has reached an advanced stage.

An official statement issued from the office of the supervisory councillor for Works and Building, Mr Anthony Gina at Bori, indicated that priority attention would be given to other feeder roads especially those that lead to the newly opened educational institutions in the area.

According to the statement, a number of roads envisaged in the exercise have been graded and are awaiting the next phase of work.

It finally appealed to the communities in Bori Local Government area to co-operate with the council in its development efforts.

₦10,000 grants for Akure LGA

THE Ondo State Government has made grants totalling ₦10,000 to various communities in Akure Local Government area for development projects undertaken last year by communal efforts.

The projects, 32 in number, included building of town halls, maternity centres and dispensaries, roads, culverts and market stalls.

Making the presentation the Social Development Officer for Akure area, Mr A. A. Aina urged the recipients to utilise the money for the purpose for which it has been provided.

He said government was appreciative of the efforts of the various communities to improve their lot, adding that grants awarded were a token of government's appreciation of the people's efforts.

Addressing the people on behalf of the chairman of the Akure Local Government, Mr K. A. Ogungbade, said it was not possible for the government to satisfy the needs of every community and therefore, a community should be seriously involved in self help development projects to arrest the drift of youths to urban centres.

Mr. Ogungbade, implored community leaders including councillors to go into villages to educate the people more about self help programmes.

Otunbalogun capped

The Otunbalogun chieftaincy title has been conferred on Chief A. A. Otundolaun by the Olowu of Iwo, Oba Samuel Abimbola at Iwo. In the picture is Chief Jimoh Afuwa, the Agoro of Iwo putting the traditional Akoko leaves on Chief Ogundolaun during the ceremony.



TASK BEFORE RIVERS STATE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

THE Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board and the Teaching Service Commission have been called upon to look into the problems affecting post primary institutions in the rural areas of the state.

The call was made by the principal of the Southern Ijaw Secondary School, Oporoma, Mr J. S. R. Olotu while addressing staff and students of his school at the commencement of the second term.

Mr Olotu said that the perennial problem of shortage of qualified academic staff in his school has now assumed intolerable dimensions and that all those who are seriously concerned with the progress of the institution must feel deeply concerned about the situation.

Principal Olotu said that even before the beginning of 1977/78 academic year his school had the unfortunate luck of having auxiliary teachers and division III WASC holders forming a majority of his staff.

He said that none of the science subjects like biology, chemistry and physic has been taught in classes IV and V.

He said that with the 3 sciences and 2 arts subjects not being taught because of shortage of staff, most of the candidates for the May/June 1978 School Certificate Examination are currently studing 3 or 4 subjects.

He regretted that with the entire science group not being represented, no candidate now satisfied the requirements for the award of a West African School Certificate.

In another development, reports from various communities in which new secondary schools are functional [illegible] the commencement of the [illegible] had fulfilled all conditions laid down by the ministry for works, and they are yet to commence on the school's permanent building.

Regrettably enough, he said, the Ministry of Education has developed cold feet in fulfilling their obligations to the communities.

He said that unless something is done now, students already studing in such schools would have no where to study by the next academic year when new intakes were expected in the schools.

Dispute referred to court

THE trade dispute between the Western Textile Industries Company Workers Union, Ado-Ekiti and the management of the company has been referred to the National Industrial Court.

An indication to this effect was contained in a letter sent to both parties in the dispute by the Federal Ministry of Labour.

No date was fixed for the commencement of adjudication into the dispute in the letter.

It will be recalled however, that in July last year, a three-man panel was set up by the Federal Commissioner for Labour, Major-General Henry Adefope to look into the dispute between the workers and the management of the company.

The three-man panel headed by Dr A. Adeogun at Ovemekun Grammar School, Akure and took evidence from both sides.

None of the parties in the dispute would like to make a press statement over the latest development.

The Ado-Ekiti Textile Industry is one of the industries in the former Western State that were transferred to Odua Investment Company.

Functions of Rubber Board

The Nigerian Rubber Board was created by the Federal Military Government to ensure among other things the proper management of rubber products and explore the possibility of establishing industries that would consume or process rubber products in the country.

The general manager of the Nigerian Rubber Board Mr Ngozi Ogueseri, said this while exchanging views with the Ondo State Military Governor, Wing Commander Ike David Ikpeme, during a courtesy call on the governor in his office in Akure.

Mr Ogueseri said that the Nigerian Rubber Board which was created in April 1977, was charged with the responsibility of stabilising price fluctuations, and that Ondo State has one of the biggest rubber plantations in the country owned by the State Investment Corporation.



Reinstate deposed Olowu panel told

AN Owa kingmaker, Chief Owasoyin Ariyo has pleaded with the Ondo State Chieftaincy Review Commission to reinstate the deposed Olowo of Owo, Sir Olateru Olagbegi.

Chief Ariyo made the plea while giving evidence before the commission now sitting at Owo.

He said that the deposition of Sir Olateru Olagbegi in 1968 by then Western State Government and the subsequent appointment of another Oba during his life time is against the tradition and custom of Owo.

He said that Sir Olateru Olagbegi reigned meritoriously for twenty-five years before his deposition which was a result of the post independence party politics.

He said that only three of the existing eighteen king makers participated in the selection of the present Olowo of Owo, Oba Adekola Ogunoye, in 1968.

The 1968 chieftaincy declaration, he said, was rigged.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Adesinka Morgan however told Chief Ariyo that his commission had no power to reinstate the deposed Olowo except the state government.

He said that his commission will keep to its terms of reference.

IBRAHIM RETIRES

ALHAJI Ahmadu Ibrahim, senior driver in the Kaduna State Ministry of Internal Affairs and Information has retired from the service.

The occasion was marked by a send-off party by the staff of the Ministry who praised Alhaji Ibrahim's sense of duty.

Seen in the picture is Alhaji Tukur Othman, Chief Information Officer (right) presenting a copy of the Holy Quoran to Alhaji Ibrahim at the ceremony.

CDA team in Washington

MEMBERS of Nigeria's Federal Capital Development Authority during their US visit met the American Secretary Housing and Urban Development Mrs Patricia Harris in her office in Washington.

The photo shows (facing the camera, left to right): the chairman of the authority, Mobolaji Aiose-Adeogun; Mr Olulimi Jolaoso, Nigeria's Ambassador to the United State, CDA Board Members Dr Timothy Aluko and Justice Fetbai, and Mr Anthony E. Igere, second secretary (Economic) of the Embassy of Nigeria.

Nearer to the camera are Secretary Harris (left) and Mrs Sue Ferd Patrick of the US Department of State (right).



African sport at the cross-roads

THE solidarity of the Seventh General Assembly of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) held in Rabat, Morocco, recently, was marred by the absence of a full Algerian delegation.

Algeria is staging the Third All-African Games in August 1978, and the Assembly was expecting a major presentation from Si Mohammed Baghdadi of the Algerian Organising Committee and his officials on the final preparations for this vital event in the African sporting calendar. Instead, two minor officials from the Algerian Embassy in Rabat issued booklets and documents about the Games to the delegates, and nothing was added to the already available information.

by
BOBBY NAIDO

Behind the scenes before the Assembly, SCSA President Abraham Ordia of Nigeria had received a conditional assurance from both sides when the Moroccans invited the Council to meet in Rabat. They agreed to be hosts if Ordia could ensure Algerian participation with an official delegation. The Algerians agreed to come if Morocco would guarantee to send a team to the African Games. Morocco said yes, but stipulated that everything would depend on the political situation at that time in 1978.

The wrangling between Algeria and Morocco over Spanish Sahara has aggravated normal relations between the two countries, and it was hoped that sport would have become a diplomatic bridge to understanding. While this has not altogether failed, and there is dialogue, the fact is that the Assembly met under a cloud of uncertainty.

The President of the Council and the Secretary-General, Jolean Claude Ganga, nevertheless managed to introduce an air of optimism into the proceedings. More newly-independent countries have been admitted to membership of the SCSA — Sao Tome and Principe, Cape Verde and Djibouti — taking the total number of nations in the council to 46. A heavy blow was struck in the battle against apartheid, when the Assembly unanimously agreed with the President that SACOS (the South African Council of Sports) be given full observer status with a voice in their discussions.

Lamine, the Secretary General of SAANROC (the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee); Chris de Broglio of Mauritius, made a presentation on sport in South Africa and the political advances made by SAACOS and its constituent bodies.

Other important phases of African sports development that came up in Rabat and which have always managed to create a great deal of corridor shuffling and varying opinions concerned the control of the Council and its policies, the language problems (the Council works in English, French and Arabic), and, of course, finance.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) has provided SCSA with its finances to date, and the last subsidy totalled US$161,000 - not nearly enough to support any worthwhile programme for sports development other than basic administration. Then there were payments from other sources, including sports goods manufacturers and friendly governments.

Opinions on the SCSA's finances were deeply divided in Rabat. Many countries, particularly the Anglophone ones, called for tighter controls and proper auditing systems to be activated by the Council and for a Treasurer to be elected. Others, notably the Francophone countries, said that control should be in the hands of the paid permanent official of the SCSA, the Secretary General, Mr Ganga.

The Assembly agreed, however, to appoint three special commissions: Ministerial, under Edem Kodjo-Abin, the Senegal Minister for Sports, to investigate the views of the 14 ministers of sport present and to see how they viewed the future of the Council; Financial, under the Vice President, Mahmoud Sherata of Tunisia, to look into the resources and systems and make its recommendations; and Technical, under Lamine Diack of Senegal, President of the African Amateur Athletics Confederation to look into the development aspects of African sport.

In the corridors and the cocktail bars of the Rabat Hilton where the Assembly took place, there was a great deal of discussion concerning the future of the SCSA. This was promoted by moves to hold elections during their next meeting in Algiers at the time of the Third African Games this year, instead of the following year as allowed in the statutes of the Council.

The Supreme Council has suffered from a lack of adequate financing and political jockeying for power could easily ruin the high ideals of an organisation which has effected as much in African sport with so little resources.

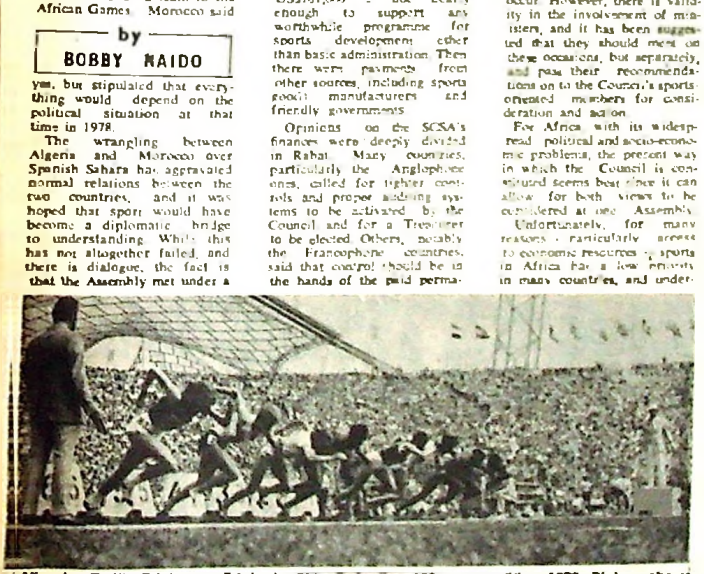
Its forward-looking plans are severely restricted by its financial inability to go ahead with any meaningful programme. That is why there is still no definite follow-up to the Third All-African Games.

There was great pressure in Rabat for a change in the basis of the SCSA. Many of the French and Arabic-speaking countries favoured a Ministers' for Sport as President of the Council. But this did not receive support from the English-speaking countries because of the built-in problems which would make the Council subject to political changes in the countries concerned. As at present constituted, where sports development is the prime factor and sports administrators and officials constitute the delegations, no such problem is likely to occur. However, there is validity in the involvement of ministers, and it has been suggested that they should meet on these occasions, but separately, and pass their recommendations on to the Council's sports-oriented members for consideration and action.

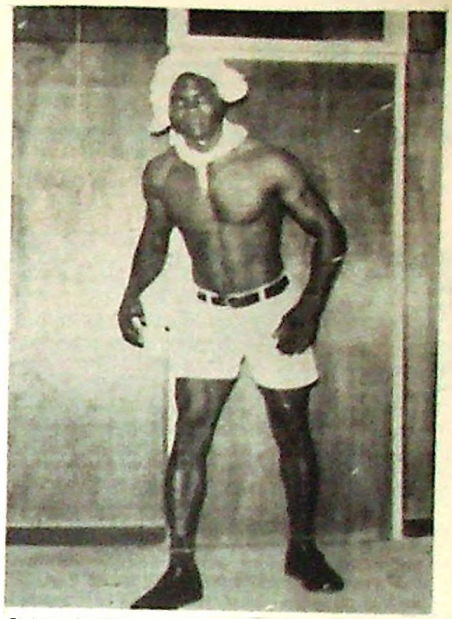
For Africa with its widespread political and socio-economic problems, the present way in which the Council is constituted seems best since it can allow for both views to be considered at one Assembly.

Unfortunately, for many reasons - particularly access to economic resources - sports in Africa has a low priority in many countries, and under-standably so. Nigeria, though, stands above this, and has a vast development programme well under way for national sports at all levels. The Nigerian delegation was led by its new Commissioner for Social Development, Youths, and Sports, Dan Ibekrari, who was accompanied by the Director of Sports, Isaac Akioye and the Director of the new National Sports Institute Dr Ekpiare, who is probably one of Africa's most qualified sports officials.

The Assembly was fraught with many doubts, many new ideas depressing statements of dejection, super-charged optimism, and overt enthusiasm. There were many private sale but no real deep-rooted decisions. There was a loud call for assistance from sponsorship for African sports programmes to overcome the financial problems of development. Once again, as in Zaire two years ago, the Supreme Council met with a great air of optimism in full General Assembly, but there were no real solutions provided to develop its basic programmes.



Nigerian Emilia Edet came 7th in the fifth eliminating 100m competition 1978. Picture shows Emilia Edet second from right.



Picture shows Jephthar Bail — alias "Black Tiger", former Rivers State heavyweight wrestling champion

'BLACK TIGER' WANTS 'IBO' FOR WARM-UP MATCH

THE former Rivers State Wrestling champion, Jephthar Bail alias "Black Tiger" is in for a warm-up match.

And his choice is no other than Ibegi alias "Ibo" the current Otuan wrestling king who recently won the Parker Cup in the Yenagoa Local Government Authority area.

Answering a question, he declared: "Although I was defeated by the Hippo, yet I have gained much experience.

"I was defeated because I rushed the Hippo too much. But let him be preparing to defend his title anytime after my warm-up match," he added.

Bail also expressed his gratitude to Chief D. P. Osumawei whom he said is reviving wrestling in the State with the cup he donated at Oporoma and called on the state sports authorities to promote traditional wrestling up to international level.

Weekly pools results wk 24

1	Arsenal Wolves	1
2	Birmingham Leeds	1
3	Bristol C. Leicester	x
4	Coventry Chelsea	2
5	Derby Nottmfor.	x
6	Everton Aston V.	2
7	Ipswich Man Utd.	1
8	Man. City West Ham.	1
9	Newcastle Middlesbro	1
10	Q.P.R Norwich	1
11	West Brom. Liverpool	2
12	Blackpool Charlton	1
13	Burnley Stoke	2
14	Cardiff Blackburn	x
15	Fulham Bristol R.	x
16	Hull Crystal P.	1
17	Luton Oldham	1
18	Mansfield Southpton	2
19	Millwall Brighton	1
20	Notts. Co. Tottenham	x
21	Orient Sunderland	x
22	Sheff. Utd. Bolton	2
23	Cambridge Bradford	2
24	Carlisle Tranmere	x
25	Chesterf'd Port Vale	1
26	Exeter Walsall	x
27	Hereford Chester	x
28	Lincoln Bury	x
29	Portsmouth Peterboro	x
30	Preston Plymouth	2
31	Rotherham Oxford	1
32	Swindon Sheff. Wed.	x
33	Wrexham Shrewsbury	x
34	Aldershot York	x
35	Bournem'th Crewe	1
36	Darlington Grimsby	1
37	Halifax Wimbledon	1
38	Newport Doncaster	1
39	Northpton Brantford	x
40	Rochdale Barnsley	x
41	Scunthorpe Southport	1
42	Swansea Huddersf'd	1
43	Aberdeen Celtic	2
44	Clydbank Dundee Utd	1
45	Motherwell Ayr Utd.	1
46	Partick Hibernian	1
47	St. Mirren Rangers	2
48	Airdrie Dumbarton	1
49	Dundee Alloa	1
50	Hearts Queen O'sth	1
51	Kilmarnock Hamilton	x
52	Montrose East Fife	2

Weekly Naps

9	Gillingham	1
3	Torquay	2
17	Cowden beth	3
19	Brechin	4
24	x Raith	5xx

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14	Forfar	
15	Hiberian	
16	Folkirt	
17	Ribion	
21	Hamilton	

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Result Summary

Draw	17
Away	11
Home	24
Total	52

NIGERIAN TIDE

Wednesday January 18, 1978

Why gov Lekwot is furious

HERE is one of the sickening sights that may have appalled the governor on Monday — an unauthorised refuse dump along Aggrey Road — a busy centre in the main town of Port Harcourt.

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council which is comparable to similar expenditure by some of the state ministries, you complain of staffing, saying that 95 per cent of your staff are unqualified.

On the question of unqualified staff, the governor raised a number of questions. "Do you not have power to appoint and terminate the appointment of practically all your staff? If there are unqualified or inefficient workers, you should identify them and replace them in the approved manner.

Council flayed

That is one of your primary functions and you better see to it that it is properly done.

We do not have to have another national party convention before your council will do its duty. And please be it in mind that even elected men can be purged, by the electorate.

From all indications, the main problem responsible for the inefficiency of your labour force is poor supervision and lack of proper organisation. Most of your workers are said to be too old to handle the tasks of their trade and there is no evidence to show that you have had the guts to implement the simple personnel rules and regulations. You must do something right away to save the situation.

At a stage, a brief dialogue ensued between the governor and the council chairman.

Governor: Show me any capital project in your estimate for the coming financial year.

Chairman: Your Excellency, we sent there to the Ministry of Local Government but they were cancelled.

The governor then called the permanent secretary to the ministry to explain. The permanent secretary told the governor that the estimates sent by the council did not contain any capital project.

NOT TIME FOR DEBATE

At this point the governor then cut in and turning to the chairman, he told him:

"The council's poor performances are due to your inefficiency and the inactiveness of your councillors.

"You are only asking for money to pay overtime, without using the workers' working hours properly. Do you want me to surrender my post and take over your office as the chairman? This is not time for hot debates, you must get the work done."

Chief Wanodi had blamed the state's Ministry of Local Government and other agencies for being responsible for the council's ineffectiveness.

He told the governor that the council was facing serious financial crisis coupled with a lack of equipment and that most of the machinery recommended for in the council's estimates were turned down by the ministry.

The governor then told him: "Your excuses are all in self-defence."



'UPE PLANNED IN HASTE'



PROFESSOR ODENIGWE

THE decision of the Federal Military Government to implement the free Universal Primary Education within its short stay in office was a hasty one and the implications attached to the scheme were not properly assessed.

Answering questions at the Onitsha local government hall, where he addressed chiefs, councillors and community leaders from Onitsha, Nnewi, Ihiala and other local government areas, the Anambra State Commissioner for Education and Information, Professor Godwin Odenigwe said that the present problems facing the scheme could have been averted.

Professor Odenigwe further explained that the present regime had no alternative than to implement the scheme since the idea had been mooted by the previous regime.

And being a popular programme which all the people of the country seemed to support strongly, the present regime had no alternative than to undertake its implementation, the professor added.

He disclosed that state government had decided to go into partnership in building and running secondary schools because the government had not enough resources to do so alone.

Professor Odenigwe disclosed that it took the state government N5.5 million to feed students in post-primary schools in the state in one year, and said that from the next academic year the government would not subsidise any school.

On building of more schools by communities, Professor Odenigwe said that, five main blocks, a stores complex and laboratory must be completed in a permanent site before the government would take over any post-primary schools.

Professor Odenigwe said that right now the state government was in dilemma with regards to providing school accommodation adding that out of 120,000 children who sat for the common entrance only 32,000 had so far been placed in schools.

On registration of voters, Professor Odenigwe appealed to all councillors, chiefs and community leaders to see that the exercise is a success.

PLEA TO KENYATTA OVER DETAINED NOVELIST

FIVE Nigerians, distinguished in their respective fields of life, have called on the Kenyan Government to consider the release of Mr Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, the Kenyan novelist and scholar who was recently placed under detention in Kenya.

In a letter addressed to the Kenyan Head of State, President Jomo Kenyatta through the Kenyan High Commissioner in Lagos, the writers urged the Kenyan leader to regard Mr Wa Thiong'o as a son of Africa who is committed to the same patriotic hopes as did the progressive revolution championed by the Kenyan leader himself in the trying years of anti-colonial struggles.

The appeal was made in Port Harcourt by the playwright and theatre director, Ola Rotimi, the poet-novelist, Gabriel Okara, novelist-playwright, Elechi Amadi, Professor Claude Ake, an economist and political scientist, and Professor Joseph Ajaegbo, a historian.

PREMIER RESIGNS

ITALY'S Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, has resigned, it was reported. Press Rome yesterday. But Mr Andreotti, has been widely tipped to political analysts as the man most likely to succeed himself.

Two other outsiders are however, also reportedly being considered for the premiership.

They are Senate Speaker Amintore Fanfani and outgoing Foreign Minister Aldo Moro.

Fanfani