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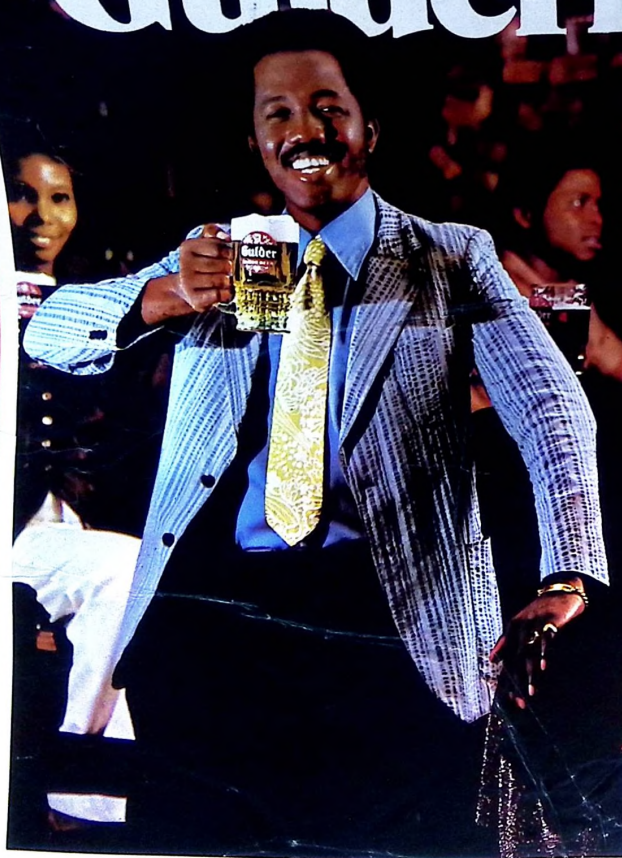
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Was it worthwhile for us to side with the Arabs?

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assistance projects had no strings attached to them.

Was it, I wonder for African countries to come to the aid of the Arabs by breaking diplomatic relations with Israel? Would it not have been better if African leaders had sat with both Arab and Israeli leaders in a bid to settle the rift between the two countries — and in turn keep both as friends.

Tunde Ajana, Lagos.
Blessed are the peacemakers for sure but it is equally true that you cannot run with the hare and dine with the hounds. — Editor.

I think it was the right thing

May I seize this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Federal Military Government for the step it took to sever diplomatic relations with Israel because of that country's aggression on the Arabs.

Citizen, Nigeria.

It could still be improved

WHILE I commend the Kwara State Government for the effort it is making to improve the lot of the people of the state, allow me space to appeal to the government to consider the suggestion to carve out four new divisions from the present Ebrua division.

This appeal if heeded, would go a long way to enhancing the pace of development in and to allay any fear of unequal educational and employment opportunities for the people of the state.
Hamilton Ozi Raji, Zaria.

APOLOGY

In the January 1974 issue of Drum, we published a portrait photograph of a woman, together with a photograph of some girls titled "Just an old fashioned girl." Chief Mrs. Elemi Rewani, the proprietress of Numa Maternity Home, Warri, has informed us that she is one of the women in the photo-feature. Chief Mrs. Rewani has further complained to us about her inclusion in the photo-feature and the caption describing her dress in the photograph as hand-printed. Drum did not intend to infer that Chief Mrs. Rewani would like to be considered a teenage-beauty or that she had dressed in a manner inappropriate to her chieftaincy status. We sincerely apologise to Chief Mrs. Rewani for any embarrassment we might have caused her.

Our vanishing cultural heritage

LET me condemn outright the disturbing practice amongst some Nigerians who find excellent sport in smuggling our ancient art works and crafts overseas for a few naira. This unpatriotic attitude on the part of such Nigerians tantamounts to a deliberate attempt to frustrate genuine efforts that are being made by the authorities to preserve and revive our cultural heritage. The attitude must be discouraged.
Tony Esemokhai, Akoka, Lagos.

Why no African inventors?

ARE there secret science schools in Europe? Is that why Africans can't invent anything after completing their courses? Why do they all become lawyers and not become inventors or scientists.

Thank God, Nigeria.
We have had some very inventive lawyers! — Editor.

Lovely Monica

African model girl Monica Niema enjoys keeping up with the latest fashion trends: hence the military look below and on the front cover. But Monica's uniform would raise a few eyebrows if she danced to drop in at the local military H.Q.



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WHO KILLED AYINDE BAKARE?



Ayinde Bakare: was he a victim of foul play?

Musician Ayinde Bakare slipped out during a break at a wedding party in Lagos. Four days later his body was found in the Lagos lagoon. Despite a number of bruises on the body and the allegation by the coroner that three witnesses knew more than they were prepared to say, the police investigation seems to have been halted. DRUM reports

MR. Ayinde Bakare, King of Juju Music in Nigeria, disappeared from a wedding party in Isalegangan Street, Lagos on October 1, 1972. During a rest break he disappeared. Four days later he was found dead. Mr. Bakare, who had endeared himself to the social elite of Lagos by his meaningful songs, his sweet and constant rhythm, coupled with his kind and amiable nature, was at first reported missing. After a fruitless search, the police decided to check on a body found in the Lagos lagoon shore near Bonny Camp, on the way to Victoria Island on October 5, 1972. It was Mr. Bakare. The body had been mistaken for that of a pauper and buried

as such. It was an embarrassment to the police, the Lagos city council which registers death, and to his family and fans who had grown fond of him and his music. Meanwhile, Ayinde Bakare's eldest son, Sina, then aged 29, Mubi, in Lagos from State where he was leader of a Madam Anudatu Lemonu, had sent a telegram informing him of the death of his father. Sina body was exhumed from Atan Cemetery.

He recalled with grief: "I was there with a few friends, members of my father's band and some of my relations. Some

people took to their heels as the body was exhumed. He had been buried naked, on top of 41 other bodies. I was the first to see his leg. Then I shouted 'Yes' this is my father's leg. I became dazed at that stage. I then realised that my good old man was dead for ever. The condition of his body made me suspicious that he did not die a natural death." Sina was not alone in his suspicion.

The police ordered an autopsy and a coroner's inquest into the circumstances leading to his death was also set in motion. The coroner, Mrs. Grace Akinboboye, began the inquest on Monday, April 30, 1973. The first witness was Dr. Olanisi Akinlade, consultant pathologist who performed the

autopsy. He said that he found "bruises all over the body, although his skull was intact." He also found tattoo marks reading 'A S. Bakare' on the deceased's right hand. In his opinion, Mr. Bakare's death was due to drowning.

Another witness was Mr. Risikatu Dabiri, one of the widows of the deceased told the coroner that she suspected two members of her husband's band to be responsible for his untimely death. Prior to his death, she added, there was a quarrel between her late husband and the two men over a sum of 60 Naira. She alleged that while her husband was missing, the band continued to play at parties. Madam Iyabo Bakare, another widow of the deceased,

also gave evidence. Another witness was Daniel Omoniye Akintola, formerly deputy leader of Ayinde Bakare's Inner Circle Orchestra. At the end of evidence, the coroner ordered him to be present at the inquest until a verdict was given. With Mr. Akinola's depositions Mr. Akinola denied there was quarrel between him and the deceased.

Mr. Akinola said that the time he saw the deceased was some time in May, 1972 at a naming ceremony of his witness's junior brother and learnt of the late Bakare's appearance from the page:



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Did these men "know more than they revealed?"

Three of the witnesses at the inquest into the death of Ayinde Bakare were fellow musicians, pictured below. The Coroner said she was convinced they "knew something" about Ayinde Bakare's death.



Mr. Daniel Akinola



Mr. Michael Gasper



Mr. Ayanniyi Atanda

How did he end up in the lagoon?

continued
the newspapers. He admitted that he did nothing to locate his whereabouts. But he disagreed with a suggestion that he waxed a record in which he abused the deceased.

Another witness of note was Mr. Ayanniyi Alataie Atanda, deputy leader of Ayinde Bakare's Meranda Band, formed after Bakare left the Inner Circle. At the end of his testimony the coroner ordered him to be detained in custody for perjury. That was on Saturday June 1, 1973. In his evidence, Mr. Atanda had said that during a break at Ayinde Bakare's last engagement, the deceased left without informing anybody. When he did not see him return, he said that the band other members of the band shared the money collected that day.

Yet another significant witness was Mr. Michael Gasper, a drummer in the deceased's orchestra. Told by the coroner of an allegation made by one of the widows of the deceased, Madam Risikatu Dabiri, that he was among the people who had wished Mr. Bakare dead, Mr. Gasper denied the allegation. He said:



WIFE OF dead man, Madam Risikatu Dabiri, told the court that she suspected her husband's death was not due to natural causes. So she believes, "I could not have wished him dead because he was my guradian when I was young and also, he was a close friend of my brother."

Delivering her verdict after the inquest, Mrs. Akinboboye said that from the evidence before her, she was convinced that three musicians who had testified at the inquest "knew something" about the death of the late Mr. Ayinde Bakare.

The coroner declared: "It is my confirmed opinion that both Atanda and Gasper knew more about the issue than they revealed before the court, and that the same goes for Daniel

Akinola who testified before me with a sneering contemptuous face, telling nothing but lies."

In her verdict, Mrs. Akinboboye declared that "on the whole she found that Mr. Bakare died as a result of drowning." The verdict leaves a number of questions unanswered.

Mr. Bakare was hale and hearty on the day he led his orchestra to play at a wedding party at Isalegangan area of Lagos. He had no reason to kill himself and there is no evidence that he lost his mental balance. How then did he end up in the lagoon where his body was found?

His name was clearly tattooed on his right hand and his disappearance was widely reported in the national newspapers. Why then was his body not identified and why was his body buried so quickly? What was the origin of the bruises formed by the pathologist who performed post mortem?

If the late Mr. Ayinde Bakare did not commit suicide how did he end up in the lagoon? If he was pushed in, who did the pushing? Who caused the bruises on his body? In short, who killed Ayinde Bakare?

Only the police can solve this riddle. For as long as it is not solved, people may rightly continue to think that it is easy to commit murder and get away with it in this country. Besides,

it is in the interest of the three gentlemen who, according to the coroner, "knew more about the issue than they revealed" at the inquest, that the mystery should be cleared up.

The veil of suspicion currently hanging in the air is open to many damaging interpretations. The Nigeria police force has a reputation for competence and efficiency. They enjoy the confidence of the public. No pains should be spared in preserving that image in the interest of justice to the late Juju King, his family, friends and foes and that of the public.



ELDEST son of Ayinde Bakare, Mr. Sina Bakare, took over leadership of his late father's band. He also suspects foul play, he says.

PEN PALS



Mr. Nungben Adesola, 12 Saint Agnes Street, Vala Laga, Lagos, wants to build interests from music and photography.



Simon Peters, 4000 Lonsdale, Police Station, P.O. Box 42, Lagos, is an avid chess player. He enjoys playing pool, tennis, badminton, and other sports. He is also a keen collector of stamps and letters.



Frank, 57 Market Street, Warri, Nigeria, wants to build interests from Japan, West Germany, and U.K.



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Miss Fehiatola Oluwoye greets Mr. Dale Wüthgen, studying in London: "I hope the atmosphere is fine with you there, as it is with me here in Lagos. I hope your studies are going well."



Greetings from Mr. Insudren Dina of Byron Lane, Lagos to Mr. Sakiru Salami of Chicago, USA: "I hope you are as happy as I am here. Extend my greetings to all our mutual friends out there."



Mr. Tajudeen Abass of Napa, Lagos sends greetings to Mr. R. A. Daodu of Manchester, UK: "How is life with you? Hope you are enjoying the same excellent health as myself here in Lagos."



Miss Dele Williams extends greetings to Miss Bodurin Williams, now studying in London: "I hope your studies are progressing very well. God will help both of us and we shall meet again happily. I hope to see you in London sometime soon."



Mr. Emmanuel Odeh of Isago Road, Lagos greets his people Agbor town: "I am doing my work and undertaking here in Lagos. Hope everything is going fine over there."



Mr. Nurudeen Karimu greets his mother and father at Shagamu, and also his friends at home: "I am doing fine in Lagos, and my work is going well. I can congratulate my brother on the completion of his new house."



Phillomena Clements greets Mr. Victor Adogorola of Dunham College, USA: "Hope you are working hard and enjoying yourself over there, as I am doing here in Lagos. Please try and read well. Business before pleasure. Keep fit till we meet again, my love."



Greetings to Mr. J. A. Coston Cole of Kano from Mr. Tofid Salami: "How are things over there? I extend my greetings to your wife and children. I had intended to come to Kano as promised, but the plan was thwarted due to unforeseen circumstances. Keep on rolling."



Mr. Sikiru Lawal greets Mr. Basiru Lawal at Awet: "I hope your studies are progressing very well. I am doing fine at my work here. I Akabi greets Mr. Fatai Kaduna; a soldier at Kaduna: I hope to see you very soon."



To Mr. Mukaila Badmos of Kano Air Force, greetings from Mr. Musibau Saule of Lagos: "I hope you are enjoying good weather over there as with me here. Is your work going as well as expected? Greetings also to Mr. Rasuli Ajadi of Kwara State Government Technical School."



Mr. Mufutau Fajana sends greetings to his mother and father at Oshogbo, and also to his brother, Alfa Raheem Sausu, of Ikekale: "I am working well in Lagos and hope everything is going well with you all. I hope to visit home when I am on leave this year."

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Without a friendly Mozambique Rhodesia cannot survive. South Africa faces the most critical years in its history. Although the short-term future is uncertain, to all intents and purposes the war of liberation in Portugal's three African territories is over. At long last Portugal has lost the will to continue conducting the last colonial rear-guard action by a European power in Africa.

Behind the coup lay the fact that the Portuguese army was fed up with fighting a war which had been going on for thirteen years, at increasing cost of both men and money, without attaining either victory or peace.

Reluctant Portuguese soldiers had to face skilful and ruthless guerrilla attacks. Conscripts were required to serve two four-year periods in the army, often against their will, and almost half the Portuguese budget has

had to be spent on defence. The situation in Portugal was simply too great.

The result of this exhaustion of will to fight will not necessarily be the same in Mozambique, Guinea, Biafra and Angola. In its consequence the most important will be the outcome in Mozambique.

If the outcome is a national government in Mozambique then the security of Rhodesia will be in jeopardy. The Rhodesians have been assisting the Portuguese army in attempts to pacify Mozambique; have done so because the external war against the freedom fighters in Mozambique is crucial to the internal war against freedom fighters in Rhodesia. If there is a hostile government in Mozambique, the Rhodesians with their very limited white power will find it almost impossible to overcome guerrilla warfare in their country.

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There was no real opposition as the rebels, led by officers of middle and junior ranks, closed the airport and seized control of Lisbon radio and television stations. Their tanks took up positions around Ministries and military headquarters.

Dr. Caetano, surrendered to General Antonio Spínola after troops besieged him in a Lisbon barracks and told him to come out or be shot.

Inside the barracks the Prime Minister was protected by his loyal and determined National Guard, armed with sub-machine guns. Outside, in a circle, stood the tanks of the Army in rebellion. In the square, bordering the barracks, seethed a mass of tense and excited Lisbon citizens.

A young official, acting as intermediary, preceded the General into a small room in the barracks where the Prime Minister was waiting. With Caetano were the Foreign Minister, the Minister of the Interior, the commander of the barracks, and a naval attaché.

"It was a frightening moment," said the young official. "I had the impression that it was impossible for the Army to control the crowds. I went first to the commander of the barracks. He said the Prime Minister was there and ready to see the General. I went to the Prime Minister and said: 'The General is here. Everything is done.'"

The General came in, wearing uni-

form. He greeted Dr. Caetano as "Prime Minister." Then the PM said: "General, I surrender to you the Government. You must take care, because you must keep control. I am frightened by the idea of the power loose in the streets..."

Thereafter, General Spínola addressed Dr. Caetano not as Prime Minister, but as Your Excellency.

The plot was hatched at the Royal Engineers barracks at Pontinha, one of the poorest working-class districts of Lisbon, where the rebel captains had quietly set up their unofficial HQ three days before the coup.

Late on the Wednesday night before the coup units were already on the move through deserted streets and silent villages. The ripples began to stir and spread to form the ultimate decisive action. A Catholic radio station, broadcasting around midnight, announced that it sided with the rebels. Minutes later the School of Military Administration was seized by rebels within — a vital stronghold taken, since it has a communications system which would have passed on the momentous news to almost every military establishment in Portugal, even as far as the colonies.

The momentum gathered. One after another, provincial garrisons stood to arms on the captains' side. The Mafra garrison in Lisbon, a big school for Army NCOs, rallied to the hopeful new flag, too — an important sign that the officers could count on the senior other ranks. Finally, the Seventh Cavalry added its strength.

By 3 a.m. on Thursday the rebels

had captured the state-owned radio and television station and closed it down. But the rebel voice reached most people, and perhaps most plentifully, through the commercial pop-radio network. Radio Club Portuguese.

Spínola's role in these plans was unclear, though regular secret-police surveillance outside his home in a residential section of Lisbon presumably prevented him from participating actively.

Through the night, artillery and heavily armed infantry units in Jeeps rolled toward strategic targets in Lisbon and Oporto. Lisboaans awoke to find tanks surrounding the Defence Ministry, the presidential palace, the national bank and Lisbon's Portela de Sacavém Airport.

Aside from the mini-siege of Carmo barracks, the loudest firework occurred at the headquarters of the Portuguese secret police, the hate DGS (Directorate General Security). Understandably fearing for their lives if they came out, officers barricaded themselves inside. At one point a group of them tried to escape in a truck, firing wildly at a crowd of onlookers from the charging vehicle. Five civilians died and 40 other were injured in the attack.

One DGS man was shot dead, and the would-be escapees were force back. Eventually, the holdout surrendered without further fighting and were escorted through a crowd shouting "Murderers!" It was the last known pocket of resistance to the coup. All together, by unofficial count, no more than a dozen people were killed.

on the downfall of Moïse Tshombe — Part 1

The day exiled Congo leader Moïse Tshombe set down to compose a letter to Moscow appealing for help to overthrow the Kinshasa government, he signed his own death warrant. Already under constant surveillance by America's Central Intelligence Agency — worried about the threat of growing Communist influence in Africa — Tshombe was lured to Majorca, then hijacked to Algeria from where General Mobutu demanded his immediate extradition to the Congo where he was under sentence of death. Algerian President Houari Boumedienne stepped in at the last moment and Tshombe, instead of being hanged in Kinshasa, spent his final two years in detention in Algeria where two years later, he died of a heart attack. DRUM has obtained a copy of the top secret document written by Tshombe asking the USSR to back a coup in the Congo. Now, for the first time, we reveal the reasons why Tshombe had to be "removed," how the kidnapping was carried out and how the CIA was involved. The story, including extracts from Tshombe's secret letter, will be serialized in the August issues of TRUST and DRUM.

SO who was Moïse Tshombe? Today he is a forgotten man. Yet just ten years ago he was at the peak of his power — a subject of controversy throughout Africa. To controvert he was the shameful arch traitor, who sold out Black Power to foreign interests.

In 1964 Tshombe could laugh at his critics. On July 10 of that year he became Prime Minister of the Congo (now Zaire), after a spell of exile in Europe when he had looked politically finished. They called him the "india-finished," because he always bounced back. Fifteen months later, he was in exile again.

Tshombe can bounce back no longer. He is dead, lying in an obscure grave in Belgium. There are no monuments to Moïse. We cannot guess what place history will give him in the stormy record of the African freedom struggle. But this is sure: the events that led to his death have long been a riddle, and only now is it possible to shed some light in the darkness.

A top secret document that Tshombe sent to the Kremlin, by way of the Soviet Embassy in London, gives the clue to his downfall — and to the people who put him out of political circulation for good. In his last public statement, Tshombe declared: "I have been a victim of the Central Intelligence Agency."

At the time, that accusation seemed incredible, for Tshombe had always been regarded as the stooge of the West. And naturally enough, the Americans denied that they were involved in the cloak-and-dagger operation against a former African premier. It seemed as though Tshombe was simply lying once more — an action that came easy to him.

But now, looked at alongside the fateful document sent to the Russians, Tshombe's charge makes sense. He had been fishing for a big prize — and caught more trouble than he expected. When a man who has been pushed from the peak of power asks the Communists to help him back, what is more likely than for the Americans to have their ear to the keyhole, and then take counter-measures?

The counter-measures were not the work of amateurs. The expert touch was plain to see. Tshombe was kidnapped in mid-air over the Mediterranean and flown to the nearest OAU country, which happened to be Algeria.

The date was June 30, 1967 — and in those days, sky-jacking was still new, a rarity in the James Bond fashion.

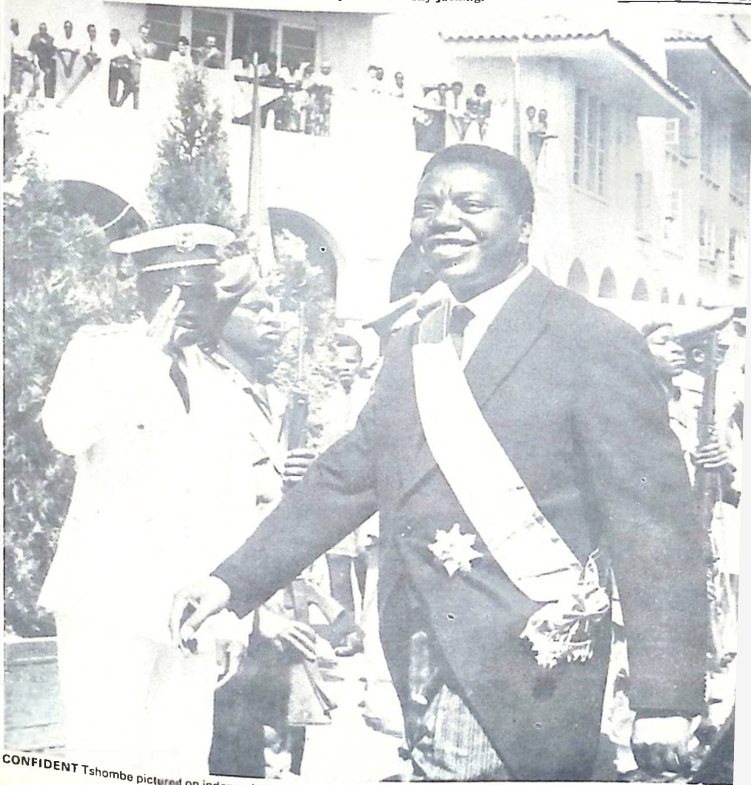
So who could have dreamed it up? Certainly not Francis Bodenan, who actually did the kidnapping. He was a French jallbird, who had come out of prison in 1965 after a seven-year stretch for involvement in a double

murder. Bodenan was just the hired agent.

"I have been a victim of the Central Intelligence Agency." The trick pulled on Tshombe — himself a veteran trickster — can only be seen in its full irony if we go back to the beginning. To Katanga, on June 30, 1960, seven years to the day before the sky-jacking.

That was the moment when Tshombe first hit the world headlines. Independence had come to the Congo, and amid the rejoicing there was foreboding. The way the Belgians had administered the country's 900,000 square miles — by a technique of

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UN TROOPS MOVE IN. Secession is declared by Tshombe just a short while after independence and Lumumba calls in the UN to put down the rebellion in Katanga province, centre of the Congo's copper wealth. The UN troops finally smashed the rebellion two years later in January 1963.

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LUMUMBA IS 'REMOVED'. Hated enemy of Tshombe was Patrice Lumumba, a fervent nationalist with communist sympathies. Tshombe rejected the orders of Lumumba and, before his secession had been put down by UN troops, had him spirited away after the army takeover and murdered.



UN CHIEF IS KILLED. Dag Hammarskjöld had worked day and night to find a solution to the problems of the Congo. He was killed when his plane crashed near Ndola in Zambia in still unexplained circumstances when he was on his way to meet Tshombe.

"We are monkeys no longer"

continued

divide and rule — gave little sense of national unity.

Tshombe surveyed the independence parades in Elisabethville (now Lubumbashi) with intense pride. It was not of Katanga, but in the province inspired leader of the *Combat Party*, which dominated the provincial parliament.

Nearly 1,000 miles away in Leopoldville (now Kinshasa), the national Prime Minister, Patrice Lumumba, was also accepting independence from Belgium, at an elaborate ceremony hiding deep bitterness.

These two men, Lumumba and Tshombe, hated one another from the start. The former was fiery and radical; at the independence celebrations — lit turned on Prince Baudouin and said: "We are your monkeys no longer!" Lumumba had been born poor, and had entered politics after being a lowly-paid clerk. He was aged 35 at independence.

Tshombe was 41, and had never known what poverty meant. Born into

the heart of the drama in the Congo



END OF A DREAM. Ardent supporter of Tshombe was Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Sir Roy Welensky. His dream was to join Katanga to his own Central African Federation. When it broke up — into Zambia, Malawi and rebel Rhodesia — Welensky said it represented "the end of my political life."



MERCENARIES SURRENDER. Mercenary commander Bob Denard headed the force of European soldiers who were backing Tshombe. He is pictured talking with a newspaper reporter after a meeting with Tshombe at which it was decided to end the secession in Katanga and give UN soldiers complete freedom of movement throughout the breakaway province.



MAN WHO KIDNAPPED TSHOMBE. Kidnapper Francis Bodenan, an ex-jailbird who had been convicted in France for his part in a double murder. For his part in the plot to get rid of Tshombe, Bodenan was paid a large fee. He then changed his name and disappeared.



INDEPENDENCE SMILES. Tshombe (left), Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu (centre) and army chief Joseph Mobutu take front seats at the independence parade in Leopoldville. But it wasn't pride in the Congo itself, but in the province of Katanga where he was popular tribal leader

the chiefly line of the Lunda tribe, and married to the daughter of a chief, he owned plantations and shops. The whites in Katanga liked his suave manner, and he was the only African allowed to travel in the "European only" compartments on the trains.

At independence, Tshombe announced that he rejected the orders of Lumumba. He called him a "neo-Communist." This was the allegation from a man who, in his own time, would ask the Krezmin to help him stage a military coup in the Congo, and say that he wanted to be "closely allied to the Soviet Union."

Tshombe did not wait long to move against Lumumba and the central government. On July 11, 1960, he

announced that Katanga had seceded from the Congo — it was now an independent state, and he was the President. On the day before, Lumumba had called for United Nations help to put down the fast-spreading disorder in the country.

Going it alone, Tshombe was not without wealth, because Katanga's copper production provided more than two-thirds of the export revenue for the entire Congo. And although he was condemned as a traitor by other African leaders, he was not without friends, of a sort.

The foremost of these was Sir Roy Welensky, sitting in his Prime Minister's office in Salisbury, Rhodesia. One of the dreams of Welensky was to

join Katanga to his own Central African Federation. Within a few years the doomed Federation was to break up into Zambia, Malawi and rebel Rhodesia.

The next two years brought high drama, death and disappointment to Katanga. Although Tshombe had his army of 15,000 men, his own flag, currency and stamps, the United Nations finally smashed his secession in January 1963. All the intrigues with Welensky were not able to save him.

Nor was the backing of various big Belgian and British companies who had their eyes on Katanga strong enough to deflect the UN. Even less successful — though they were to be trouble-makers for a decade — were

the white mercenaries brought in to Tshombe's army.

Many ordinary people died because the Katanga secession was ended, did two important men — Pat Lumumba and Dag Hammarskjöld the UN Secretary-General. Hammarskjöld was killed in Ndola, on Congo-Zambia border, when his plane crashed in the forest at night. He been on his way to meet Tshombe.

Lumumba had died earlier, not from Lubumbashi. He was murdered with the connivance of Tshombe. Tshombe's army had seized power in the cap with General Mobutu in command. Lumumba was put under arrest, flown to Katanga to meet his end at the hands of a mercenary officer.

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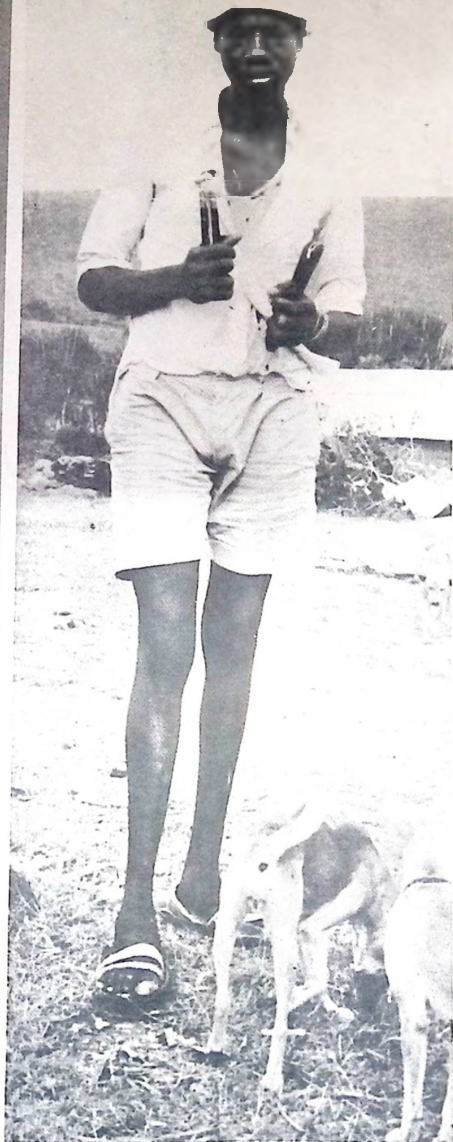
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Giant meets the dwarf

JUST a few miles away from each other in Kenya's South Nyanza district live two of the most amazing men you are ever likely to meet. Their claim to fame is their height. Mr. Opolo Mali from the Gwasili location is said by local people to have attained the staggering height of over nine feet, a claim which would make him the tallest man in the world. True or not, Opolo, who is only 17 years of age, is certainly an impressive figure and a normal sized man reaches only just above his waist. From Siaya district nearby comes Mr.

Alfred Arco who, at 2ft. 6ins. high, claims he is the shortest man in Africa and possibly the world. Believe it or not, these two men do have a number of things in common — among them their inability to find clothes to fit their odd-sized bodies. But his is not so important because friendly tailors are always at hand to create fashions especially for them. The real problem is how to find a girl friend or wife. Opolo is looking for a charming girl of around eight feet tall, and Alfred would be content with a bride who is no taller than himself. Any offers?





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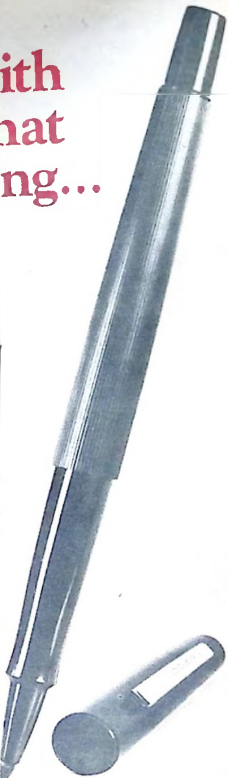
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HORSEBACK ride to his home for the Waziri after the installation at the palace of the Shehu of Bornu.

MEET THE 'PRIME MINISTER' OF BORNU

The wealth of experience gained by Alhaji Baba Gana, in various high positions, including those of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Nigerian Ambassador to Japan, and Director of the African Development Bank, may make him a greater traditional 'prime minister' of Bornu than any previous Waziris. DRUM reports.



31G CROWD watches as the Waziri is 'crowned' with his traditional turban.

THE system of administration in the old Bornu empire was so efficient and so entrenched in the tradition of the Kanuri people that it survived the onslaught of the Whiteman's system of government. With the Shehu of Bornu as 'emperor', the system was similar to that which still exists, though on a more elaborate scale in Nigeria today.

Highly conscious of their culture and tradition, the Kanuris have kept intact their system of local administration, other than for some alterations made necessary by modernisation to the Native Administration system.

The Shehu is still the head of what remains of the old empire; that is, the Bornu Emirate of the North-Eastern State of Nigeria.

The Waziri, a very senior chieftaincy in the emirate, remains the Shehu's chief advisor and executive. In selecting a suitable candidate for this exacting position, nobility of birth is not in itself sufficient qualification. A candidate must have qualities of dedicated leadership and a record of public service to the community he will serve.

With the creation of North-Eastern State as one of the 12

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RICH MAN'S CHOP IS NOT FOR US

EVERY few months we hear the bread bakers of this country thumping the table with their fists, and bullying us into buying at increased prices — or else! Or else, what? Or else? And like the tame rabbits we are, we beg them, please give us this day our daily bread — amen. And we continue to pay the new price they demand.

The check of it! What is bread, anyway? It is some product of powdered wheat and yeast, fermented, then baked. It is a convenient rich man's food which you can tear with your hands and eat raw, or smear with margarine and lick into place, or dip into hot tea or thrust into your shopping basket.

When newly baked, it smells nice. You can eat one naira worth and drink water, but in a few moments — if you are really a Nigerian — you will be craving for twenty kobo worth of *eba* with *okoro* soup or pounded yam with *ogbono* and friend meat, topped with a one kobo Maltex bottle of "ice" water.

In short, bread is rich man's chop. No Nigerian can afford to buy enough of it to fill the bellies of his family. If there is no bread for ten years Nigerians will survive, but if there is no *gari* or *dawa*, or *amala* for ten days, we will all be dead. The truck pusher eats bread by tearing at it with his teeth in between waiting for the office girl nibbles at it during her break. But if a man has had a good breakfast of well cooked beans and *gari* in the morning, does he really need bread? If at all he does will it be to the extent that the baker will make him listen to threats of "or else?"

I sincerely wish that all Nigerian bread eaters would go on strike and tell the bread bakers — or else!

The hunger victims of our recent war did not depend on bread for their revival but on the Nigerian staples: yam with oil, *gari* with *egusi*.

I admit that variety is the spice of life and we must go on balancing our food in such a manner that it is palatable as well as interesting. So why do

we not grow more of our own wheat? In the 380,000 square miles of Nigeria there must be some land on which wheat can be grown in sufficient quantity to produce our flour needs. We have *dawa* and *joro* in the northern states. Why do we not produce *dawa* bread or *joro* bread or corn bread?

There is also cocoa powder which can be mixed with the wheat to produce a special delicacy for tourists to Nigeria.

I remember many years ago in Achimota College, we used to be treated to "Kenke" with fish and a brimming cup of fresh cocoa with fat droplets on it. This drink used to send me to sleep like one drugged. In one year I grew five inches taller. Now there is one good instance of falling back on your own resources instead of yielding to blackmail.

We are in such a lucky position in Nigeria that it is distressing to find that not only can we not grow enough food for our own use, but we must have to import a lot of our needs and be blackmailed into the bargain. Habit dies hard.

It is difficult for many Nigerians to imagine that bread is *not* indispensable. You never know what is dispensable until you lose it. The same thing goes for beer. Many beer drinkers thought they would die without beer. But during our recent war some beer drinkers began to respect palm wine and to deride anyone who so much as mentioned the word beer. Think of country: *pilo*, *barukutu*, *ohms*, *apteshi* — what a chance for the tourist trade? People will travel to Nigeria just to drink *pilo*.

In the shebeens of South Africa no one thinks of beer. In Nigeria they do not drink beer. All the propaganda against *akpetesi* and palm wine is disproved by the fact that brewers and distillers have been drinking effects for years.

Fellow Nigerians, cultivate European tastes but please try to remain independent and African. The moment you must depend on foreign tastes you are back in slavery.



TRADITIONAL *alkebb*a for the new Waziri after the ceremony at the palace.

Big welcome for the new Waziri

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states of the Federation of Nigeria, and with Maiduguri serving as capital both of the new state and of Borno Emirate, the responsibilities which now go with the office of Waziri of Borno are necessarily more complex.

When the Shehu, His Highness Umar Ibu Abubakar Garbai El-Kanemi, named Alhaji Shettima Baba Gana as the new Waziri of Borno, his decision was hailed both inside and outside the emirate as most wise. A first class administrator and astute diplomat, with an admirable record of public service of which anyone would be justifiably proud, the Waziri is a round peg in a round hole.

Born in Yerwa in 1929, he had his primary education at Damaturu and Yerwa, and later attended the Maiduguri

Middle School between 1941 and 1943. Entering Kaduna College in 1944, Baba Gana also read at the Institute of Administration, Zaria, before he proceeded to the London School of Economics in 1957.

Already the new Waziri, who is no newcomer to local administration, was for some time an accounting assistant to the Borno Local Authority Treasury before being transferred in 1949 to the then Central Government of Nigeria as a clerical officer. Baba Gana was at the same time an instructor at the Institute of Administration in Zaria.

He was soon to be transferred to the Northern Nigeria Public Service Commission, where he was appointed an Administrative Officer in 1954. His wealth of experience increased when he became Deputy Secretary to the then Premier of Northern Region, Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto in 1962.

Almost in the same year he was promoted to be Permanent Secretary.

Northern Nigeria Ministry of Trade and Industry and Economic Planning, until 1963 when he was posted to London as the Agent-General of Northern Nigeria in Britain.

The Federal authorities could not allow Baba Gana to waste his talents simply to government in a London, when Nigeria first opened an embassy in Japan in 1965, he was appointed Nigeria's first ambassador to that count. In 1968 he was recalled to Nigeria and appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.

"Success," the say goes, "succeeds success." It was not surprising, therefore that before becoming Waziri of Borno he was appointed a Director of African Development Bank.

With Alhaji Shettima Baba Gana's record of success, his ability to make friends, to influence people for his role in the future affairs of Nigeria may assume a greater significance than be presently imagined.



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WHEN the Action Group decided to remove its deputy leader, the late Chief S. L. Akintola, as premier of the then Western Region of Nigeria, following a rift between him and the party leader, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, the party named Alhaji Dauda Adegbenro, for the premiership.

Alhaji Adegbenro was actually sworn-in by the then governor of the region, Sir Adesoji Aderemi, the Oni of Ife, who was a staunch AG supporter.

Chief Akintola refused to relinquish the premiership. He sat tight. He hastened to form a new party, the United People's Party (UPP) and drew the NCNC (a rival party to the AG) into an alliance. He wrote to the governor terminating his appointment and appointed Chief Joseph Fadaunsi, a staunch leader of the NCNC to become the new governor.

But the AG maintained that Alhaji Adegbenro was the lawful premier and the Alhaji set out to function as such. For about a week, the region was thrown into a state of confusion. Chief Akintola claimed to be the lawful premier and dismissed Alhaji Adegbenro as a mere pretender and vice-versa.

Chief Akintola who spoke Hausa and Yoruba fluently in addition to Ibo, his mother tongue, won the support of both the NPC and the NCNC the

two major parties in coalition in the Federal Government. He had on his side political giants such as the late Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the Prime Minister who was also the deputy leader of the NPC; the late Sir Ahmadu Bello, the premier of the then Northern Region and president of the NPC; and Dr. Michael Okpara, premier of the then Eastern Region and president of the NCNC, and also had the support of the late Chief Festus Okotie-eboh, the highly influential Federal Minister of Finance national treasurer.

Subsequent developments showed the AG that the Federal Government was solidly behind Chief Akintola. So Alhaji Adegbenro, acting on the instructions of the AG, filed a court action to stop Chief Akintola functioning as premier and declaring Alhaji Adegbenro as the lawful Premier of the then Western Region.

The court action in the Nigerian courts, but he appealed to the Privy Council in London and won.

Despite his victory in London, the Federal Government enacted laws which made it a lost battle for him. Chief Akintola remained premier of the region and functioned as such until he was killed in the first military coup on January 15, 1966.

Alhaji Adegbenro blames the

Action Group rift on other people and organisations including some of his own party supporters whom he labelled as disloyal to the cause of the Action Group and "opponents who wanted to reap where they did not sow."

He said: "It is not strictly the question of the Action Group quarrelling among themselves. It was the support given to a faction of the Action Group by the banned Northern Peoples' Congress that had caused much of the troubles that plagued the virile Action Group. It is that support given to that faction that has placed the country where it is today.

"I am very sure that if the NPC had stayed out of the internal differences of the Action Group leaders, Chief Akintola could have resolved his differences with Chief Awolowo especially having promised that he would see the leader to iron out their differences. The quarrel between the two leaders of the Action Group stemmed of course from the fact that the NPC wanted a foothold in the south."

DRUM called on Alhaji Dauda Adegbenro at his College Crescent residence in Ibadan and interviewed him about the Action Group crisis and his struggle for the Premiership of the then Western Region, and other issues of national interest.

ALHAJI ADEGBENRO LOOKS BACK



Crisis in the Action Group

When Alhaji Dauda Adegbenro was sworn in as Premier of the then Western Region of Nigeria, many forces combine to make it impossible for him to function. Even when the Privy Council declares him as the lawful Premier of the trouble region, the Premiership was still not within his reach. For the first time since the 1962 Action Group crisis which tore the political fabric of the country into pieces, Alhaji Adegbenro speaks openly about his hopes and struggles and about the characters that made it impossible for both Chief Obafemi Awolowo and the late Chief Samuel Ladoke Akintola, on the one hand, and Chief Samuel Ladoke Akintola, on the other, to settle their differences.

DRUM gets the full inside story

DRUM: Like all human beings you must have seen yourself as a politician fulfilling an ambition the evening the then governor of Western Region, Sir Adesoji Aderemi, swore you in as a premier of that region. What happened that day and how did you view the whole situation?

I was sworn-in not because I wanted to be premier but at the behest of the federal executive council of the Action Group which nominated me to succeed Chief Akintola on May 21, 1962. I saw the swearing-in by Sir Adesoji as very proper since he was satisfied that the chief no longer enjoyed the confidence of the Western House of Assembly. I had the support of 65 members of the House out of a total number of just over 110 members at the time of the swearing-in ceremony. Before this ceremony, there had been a behind the scenes talk between me and Chief Awolowo. The chief had called me and told me that he had resolved to put me up as premier of Western Region if Chief Akintola could not resolve his differences with the Action Group. I promised the chief to consult my people. But immediately I left Chief Awolowo, I went straight to Chief Akintola — you know I was his Minister of Local Government. I told Chief Akintola to go to Chief Awolowo and both of them should please resolve their differences. Chief Akintola was very grateful to me. He promised he could see Chief Awolowo almost immediately but only God knows he did not see the chief. I don't know why he did not go to him. His going to him could have settled the A G crisis and there could have been peace for this country. It could

be that somebody had advised him not to do so. He did not listen to me but I did not want to appear as someone sabotaging my premier. I was his Minister of Local Government and I was very loyal to him. But, when all attempts had failed to get Akintola to settle the differences between himself, Chief Awolowo and the Action Group behind the scene, Chief Awolowo summoned the historic meeting of the federal Executive of the Action Group and at the meeting, I was nominated as premier by Dr. Onabamiro who was supported by Chief I. O. Odegbiyi and Chief Oguntokun. These gentlemen spoke well about me that I was surprised. The surprise was such that I requested these gentlemen to put their speeches in writing. I was overwhelmed by their praise. I never knew why I was so highly placed in their estimations.

DRUM: How would you react to being described as the premier who never was? Did you find yourself disappointed that you were never allowed to rule Western Region after you had been duly sworn-in as its premier?

Surely, I was premier. For example, I signed all papers before the fracas in the Western House of Assembly on May 25 1962. Even, in spite of the fracas I was still signing papers until the of May 29 1962 when an emergency meeting of the Federal Legislature in Lagos declared a state of emergency in the region. I was virtually premier before the emergency. I was using the premier's car. The car even took me to

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Oshogbo where I was restricted until Makodunmi, the administrator recalled the car as a later date. As to your other pointed. The disappointment led me to file an appeal to the Privy Council — the everybody had noticed, I was denied of the denouncing appeal to the Privy Council was back-dated three years.

DRUM: Do you share the view that the present state of affairs in Nigeria could not have arisen if the banned Action Group members had not quarrelled among themselves?

It was not strictly the question of Action Group members quarrelling among themselves, it was the support given to a faction of the party by the banned NPC of the Action Group. It is the support given to that faction that has placed us where we are today.

I am sure that if the NPC had stayed out of the internal differences of the Action Group leaders, Chief Akintola would have Awolowo and the generality of Chief Group party. It was the evil machinations of the NPC to get a foothold in the south that caused the crisis of the Action Group.

DRUM: Eight years without politics could have taken away all the politics in you. Are you still interested in politics? To what extent has the compulsory holiday from politics lessened or sharpened your political views?

Eight years away from politics have not robbed a jot of my politics. There is much more politics in me now than hitherto. I only pray to God to spare my life and give me strength to take an active part in politics when the present ban is lifted. Meanwhile, I am keeping quiet living on my farm holding on the Lagos/Abokuta road. I must however say that politics won't be as wasteful as Nigerians knew it before. Indeed, there could be no spending spree as it used to be.

DRUM: Democratic socialism which tore the banned Action Group to pieces must have been overtaken by events. Are you still a firm believer in the philosophy?

I will continue to believe in democratic socialism. It is a way of life. Its teaching paves the way for everybody to enjoy life more abundantly which has been the slogan of the banned Action Group since its inception in 1951. I hope this political ideology will continue to be a source of inspiration to the party if and when the present ban on politics is lifted. The Action Group party in its own will continue to be a party to reckon with but then it must be allowed to transform itself into a wider organisation because, in future, no party in this country can wield any influence unless it is national-wide.

DRUM: Would you agree that the expul-

DRUM:

The Western Region was famous as a peace-seiter in Nigeria. But today, Yorubas, some people claim, have taken the back seat in the affairs of Nigeria. What has actually gone wrong with the Yorubas?

There had been a long standing antipathy among Yorubas themselves. From time immemorial Yorubas have misunderstood themselves. For example, an Ibadan Yoruba does not like to see the face of an Ijebu ruler vice versa. Neither can an Eghaman be readily disposed to an Ekiti leader and so on and so forth. Anyway that has been the bane of the Yoruba kingdom. This has disrupted the virile Yoruba kingdom. In the past there were inter-tribal wars among them — all these things combined had retarded the progress of the Yorubas. No Yoruba leader is universally accepted. In this atmosphere of mistrust, progress is hard to come by.

DRUM: Are you in favour of the creation of more states in the country? Would you agree that the present Western State should be divided into two or more states?

I am opposed to the creation of more states in the present Western State. Another state or states now will disrupt the homogeneity of the Yorubas. The Yorubas must no longer be divided. It is a lazy argument from state protagonists — we call them statistes — to hear them argue that the West is being cheated since it will have to contend itself with being on equal status with the smaller states of the Federation. Do you yourself believe that the state is being cheated as of now? In any case, the present state structure should be allowed to function without additional ones. Civilians would be able to review the position if there is any reason for that when the soldiers leave. Let the soldiers leave the position of things as of now.

DRUM:

Many people have complained that our oil money is not being properly used. What have you to say about the right way to use our new oil wealth?

Yes, people keep on saying that the advantages of the oil boom has not reached them ... that they have not had a share of the oil wealth. True, if the price of essential commodities keep on rising where there is the oil boom? I equally disagree with those who keep on arguing that there is no gap between the rich and the poor. People who are rich can lay any claim on the oil boom but where do they place the poor? Everything has risen in prices. I don't see how the oil boom has touched the ordinary man. I hope the government will find a way where the poor can feel the effect of the boom. Every Nigerian must benefit from this so-called oil boom.

DRUM:

Do you foresee the possibility of any government, military or civilian, successfully wiping out bribery and corruption from Nigeria?

If the military has failed to fight these two evils, how do you think civilians can do so? Let me tell you this: Until our people are educated enough to realise the evils of this scourge in our society, it will remain an uphill task to ever think of curbing it.

DRUM:

Do you view the quota system of admission to institutions of higher learning in the country as the only balm that could cure our present educational imbalance?

No! Judging from all accounts, a quota system of admission to institutions of higher

learning in the country would not heal the wounds of our educational imbalance in this country. The Government should establish more secondary schools in the Northern States of the country, give more incentives to backward states to give education to their youths — a quota system isn't the answer at all.

DRUM:

Are you an advocate of a new lingua franca for Nigeria?

Lingua franca? No! Apart from reasons of its impracticability, it is entirely out of the question at this stage of our civilisation. A lingua franca can't be easy to practice in this country.

DRUM:

Should the future allocation of federal funds be shared out among the states on the basis of derivation, needs or on proportion according to population?

My only answer to that is that some means should be found between what the states need, their population and what is derivable from them before a formula is finally resolved.

DRUM:

What is your solution to student unrest in this country?

Violence is a thing I don't wish for from students because I always regard them as leaders of tomorrow. If, therefore, they have cultivated the habit of violence during their school days what do we see in them when they become leaders? The Government should, however, be able to find a solution whereby students are able to participate fully in their own affairs.

DRUM:

What form of government would you recommend for post-1976? Do you support a coalition government of soldiers and civilians?

A union of soldiers and civilians in government would mean no government at all. We should leave civilians alone. The army should remain where it was before 1966. The institution should stand clear of politics. An army/civilian government is against the interests of this country. A divided army/civilian government in this country will tear us to pieces. The army should take the back seat thus remaining as it should be — a check to civilian government.

DRUM:

What has brought you to the highest esteem of Chief Awolowo? What would you say about him?

God only knows why he has great estimation for me. He should know better. We missed ourselves at school in Abeokuta. We met in politics and since then I have great admiration for him.

DRUM:

In view of the fact that much water has passed under the bridge since the ban on politics, do you think that you and many of your supporters could still see politics the same way?

Those supporters who were with us during the crisis are still solidly with us. But since there is no party politics at the moment some party stalwarts have at one time or the other expressed different views on many topics — this should not be construed to mean that something has gone amiss. This does not mean that former political supporters have fallen apart. We are still friends.



Privy Council decision in his favour.

slon of Chief Akintola was the beginning of end of the Action Group?

It is not true to say this. It would be right to conclude that the expulsion gave an opportunity to the Action Group to separate the grain from the chaff. I must however confess that Akintola was first class in the Yoruba language. As a matter of fact he was brought to the West from Lagos to succeed Chief Awolowo simply because of his Yoruba language. But to our lot, the chief was inwardly trying to sabotage the Action Group. However, I must confess again that as a Yoruba speaker, Chief Akintola was first class and none of us could beat him in that line. The excuse that because he was equally sound in Hausa language that make it possible for him to win friends in some areas has no logic at all. I am myself at home with Hausa language. I even have a certificate of proficiency in Hausa. During the political days, I was in charge of the North especially during the 1959 Federal elections. I campaigned admirably in Hausa language. Hausa language is not all that counts.

DRUM: Some people claim that the military administration is more alive to the yearnings of the Nigerian people than the civilian administration. Do you share this opinion?

I leave that to the generality of the people. But let me assure you that the military administration has achieved a lot. In my own case I can thank them for two things: their road projects and the way the administration had been able to curb armed robberies and brought in law and order to stay with us after our recent experience.



'I was Chief Akintola's Minister of Local Government. I did not want to appear as someone sabotaging my Premier.'



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Doctor Drum

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Doubts have now been cast on this assumption and we have started seeing more babies with dislocated hips.

In countries where it is common this condition is constantly kept in mind. There the babies are specifically examined soon after birth to diagnose the presence of a dislocated hip, but since in our countries, the condition is not so common, one is apt to forget that it does occur and is likely to miss it.

Early diagnosis is important because the sooner this defect is noticed the easier it is to treat and the better are the end results. When the child starts walking with a limp the diagnosis is obvious, but the treatment at that stage gives poor results.

The hip joint consists of a socket in which the head of the thigh bone, which is the size of a small ball, securely rests. In some babies the socket is not well developed and the head of the thigh bone slips out of the socket and stays there. This is short as a dislocated hip.

Why a child should be born with this is not quite clear, but it is believed to be a genetic defect. Its geographical distribution is equally puzzling. It is common in the United States and Europe but it is much more common in the southern parts of Italy. The defect can be present in one or both hips and is about eight times more common in girls than in boys.

Mothers can be a great help in spotting this condition at a very early stage in their babies. To see if anything is wrong, the mother should hold the baby up with its back towards her. There

are normal skin creases below the buttocks in all babies. They should be at the same level on both sides. If they appear at different levels, which means one is higher than the other, or there is an extra crease on one side then this should give rise to suspicion. Also in the first few months if the baby's hip is flexed, the knee can be rotated out to touch the mattress or the floor, depending on where the baby is lying. If the hip is dislocated the knee on that side cannot be made to do so. This is easy to detect when changing nappies. Also when both knees are straight, one thigh will look shorter than the other.

A mother who sees one of these signs should seek medical opinion. In very early cases the treatment is quite simple. It will mean reduction of the dislocated hip and splintage for a few months. As a said earlier, a limp will be noticed when the child starts walking. The diagnosis is quite easy then with an X-ray. At this stage however, the treatment is prolonged, difficult, involving operations and hospitalisation with the end result probably poor.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Can't get pregnant

I get my periods regularly and I have got a baby boy but I want another baby. My problem is that I find that the semen of my husband comes out after we have had sex in this relation. Please tell me why is this so I can have more children. C.W.D., Kijabe (Kenya). This is quite normal. The fact that you have already got one child proves that the flow out of the semen does not prevent pregnancy.

Ringworm advice please

I have been a host to ringworms for at least two years. I have been to various doctors without any

improvement. I need your advice. Sheila, Dodoma (Tanzania). If you are sure that you are suffering from ringworms, the treatment is not difficult. There are quite a few lotions and creams available on the market. I am afraid I cannot give you the names, because of ethical reasons but a chemist may be able to prescribe.

Vaginal discharge

My problem is that whenever I have a date with my boyfriend I get some vaginal discharge. What can I do to stop it? Mrs. G., Lagos.

I presume that you are talking of normal wetting of genital parts which is quite normal at the time of foreplay.

Still no children

I have been married for four months. I am 19 and my husband is 25. I have still not conceived. My husband drinks quite a bit of country made liquor. Do you think this is the reason of my not having children? Sophie, Ibadan.

Four months is a very short period.

If your husband is potent I do not think that alcohol is responsible for your not having children. I think you should give more time and I am pretty sure that you will soon give me the good news that you are pregnant.

Stomach noises

I am a 19-year-old student. For the past two years I find that there are frequent noises coming from my stomach. This annoys me and embarrasses me. I have no pain. Please advise. Julie, Benin.

It sounds to me that you are hearing the sounds of normal intestinal activity. If it is too frequent you can go to your chemist who could give medicine which will sedate your intestines.

What can I do?

I am an 18-year-old unmarried girl. I get vaginal discharge which is sometimes watery and sometimes whitish. I get my periods regularly. I wonder if this discharge will stop me from having children.

Worried Peg, Zambia. It sounds to me that your discharge

is within normal limits. You should only worry if your discharge becomes copious, itchy, or smelly.

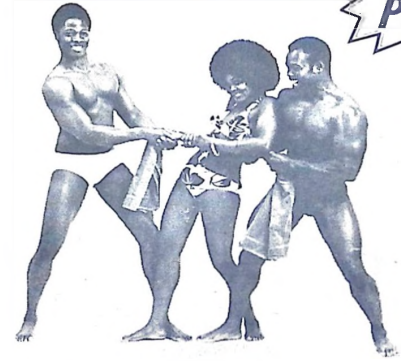
Is asthma hereditary?

For almost two years, I have suffered from asthma. I am told that there is no cure for this condition. My first born child who is a year old is coughing and I wonder if he is going to get asthma as well. Please advise. Jamal, Kigoma.

Asthma is a disease due to allergy to certain substances. In some cases a series of injections can find what a patient is allergic to, and then a course of injections can be given to desensitize the patient resulting in a cure. For the rest though there is no definite cure, there are many medicines which help. Coughing is a pretty common condition in children and I am not sure if your child is suffering from asthma. It is not necessary that a child of one asthmatic parent will get asthma as a hereditary disease.

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AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21—
FEBRUARY 20



Favourable influences for Acquarians who are handling legal matters, especially those involving partnership deals. On the home front, you may encounter some moodiness, even mild deceit. You would do best to ignore these problems and get out and about.

LEO

JULY 21—
AUGUST 20



One member of the family appears in the midst of unnecessary friction this month. You are personally bored by the squabbling but be careful not to lose your temper as a result. You find much contentment in the company of an older person.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 21—
MARCH 20



You will be tempted into various undertakings with other people, but make quite sure that you know their motives before committing yourself. One proposition in particular needs to be judged with special caution. You have to choose between the old and the new.

VIRGO

AUGUST 21—
SEPTEMBER 20



An expansionist period, socially and emotionally. Your friends seem busy on the social scene, while a new emotional involvement will lead to much heart-searching on your part. There is a risk that your work will be neglected while this is going on.

ARIES

MARCH 21—
APRIL 20



A busy period socially this month, and you will hear one item of intriguing gossip. You would be wise to keep this confidence to yourself even though tempted to pass it on in the home. Temporary changes may cause some discomfort. Someone you knew returns.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 21—
OCTOBER 20



A dispute with a neighbour has been nagging at you for some time. You now have an opportunity to clear up the matter to everyone's satisfaction. Socially, your dealings with a younger member of your circle will need much tact. There could be trouble with your loved one.

TAURUS

APRIL 21—
MAY 20



You are entering a contradictory period, in which new developments at work contrast with a lull in your private life. At least, career-conscious Tauruses can look forward to a lively, progressive time in which their talents are fully stretched.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 21—
NOVEMBER 20



You may be affected by changes in your work or place of residence. Despite a temporary pang of regret at these changes, the overall effect will soon be seen to be beneficial. Travels seems large in the plans of younger Scorpios. You meet someone unusual.

GEMINI

MAY 21—
JUNE 20



Parents take pride in their children's achievements this month, but otherwise this is a quiet phase in which you are content to long-term with the side of affairs. A earlier than you think, so do not take things too lightly.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 21—
DECEMBER 20



You may be upset to find that an intrigue has been going on among some of the people in your close circle of friends. It would be best to take the news calmly, secure in the knowledge that these jealous rivalries cannot seriously harm you. In the home, a quiet, dullish period.

CANCER

JUNE 21—
JULY 20



Important developments are now taking place behind the scenes, and the long-term effects. Someone who visits your home changes. A letter arrives which will surprise you.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21—
JANUARY 20



You enter a phase when outside pressures, both at work and in the home, seem increasingly hard to accept. It will be best to ride out these difficulties with as much patience as you can muster, rather than risk a show-down. Your love life shows signs of living up.



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I want my girl to wait for sex

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Jasper, Apapa.

Pay up the remaining part of her dowry and marry her without delay, before she is tempted to find somebody else to satisfy her requirements.

I don't mind being a second wife

I am 22 and married. I love a married man of 30 who is also married. I would not mind being his second wife. Please advise me before my affair with him leaks out.
T.G.O., Kano.

You should be ashamed of yourself. Stop your affair with this man forthwith, before you cause great unhappiness to everybody.

Warned off by my girl's ex-boyfriend

I have a big problem which I cannot solve. I am 18. My lover is very beautiful and we attend the same secondary school. She loves me very much. Her former boy friend, who is senior to both of us, has told her that we should part, she said that she would rather die than leave me. I am being persecuted for her sake and I do not know what to do. Please help.
B.M., Entebbe.

You could report this matter to a senior prefect of your school, or if this fails, you could tell your parents who might take it up with your headmaster. But it would be better to face this bully yourself.

Worried by my lover's three other girls

I am 21 and he is 23. Our love is three years old. We have just become reconciled after a misunderstanding. My parents are against my association with this boy but I have refused to listen to their advice. What worries me now, and disturbs my studies, is that this boy has three other girl friends. I am afraid he will disapparent me. I really cannot concentrate in the class, so please help me.
C.O., Kampala.

You should make up your mind to concentrate on your studies above all else, because if you fall this boy will probably be the first person to desert you. I would advise you not to disregard your parents; from his behaviour, this boy's affection for you is open to doubt.

Nearly fainted when told this news

My girlfriend is 19 while I am 20. We fell in love when we were students, but unfortunately my dad would not continue to train me. I explained things to my girl and she told me not to worry. So I nearly fainted when I received a letter from her one day, telling me that she is no longer for me because I have too many girl friends. What shall I do?
Sammy, Kano.

I presume she only gave that as an excuse to leave you.

If so, forget about her and look for someone else who will be more understanding.

I'm so beautiful — but still a virgin

I am a girl aged 18, in Form four. I cannot find words to describe my beauty, yet I cannot find any boy to befriended me. All my girl friends have boy friends, but I am still a virgin. Please help me before I die of loneliness.
Dele, Kampala.

Do not worry, for every girl there is a boy. Be patient, and some day soon a nice boy will come your way.

Wife tells me her stay is temporary

I am 26. I was married to my wife in 1969 and we have been blessed with a child, now aged 2. Whenever my wife and I quarrel, she tells me that her stay with me is temporary, so I should send for my former girl friend. I love my wife very much but do you think she means this, and if so that she really loves me!
Oyewale, Ife.

No, I do not think she means it. People often say things in anger which they later regret. Disregard her threats, and try to avoid arguments.

Parents object to my ex-school lover

My boy and I love each other very much. We have left school and were planning to get married, but my parents objected. Instead, they have chosen a husband for me. I do not love him; must I marry him? I am 15.
Wanted, Kisma.

You cannot marry at your age without your parents' consent, so you must continue to try and win them over if you are determined to marry the boy of your choice.

Do you think this boy really loves me?

There is a boy who tells me he loves her, but for whom I do not have the slightest liking. He has been coming to me for the past four years. I laugh him to scorn and at times tell him annoying words, but still he keeps on coming. Do you think this boy loves me sincerely? To be frank, I have now fallen in love with him.
Jane, Zanibar.

I love you now, why don't you encourage him? I think a boy who perseveres as this boy has must be really sincere. But be quite sure you are in love with him.

Shall I ditch this lovely girl of mine?

My girl and I are students. We started our friendship when she was at college and I was in primary school. I want to finish my studies but the presence of this girl disturbs me, because I do not want to marry her after my course as I promised. Do you advise that I tell her that I want to leave her?
Kyarison, Benue-Plateau.

Certainly. Let her know your mind at once so that she may not continue to waste her time at you.

My sister's expecting my boyfriend's baby

I am 22 and very much in love with a boy of 25. We had agreed to get married before I went abroad for further studies. From his letters to me, it was obvious that he would not disappoint me. When I returned after 3½ years, I found my younger sister expecting his baby. Please tell me what to do for I love him wholeheartedly and I would not like to lose him.
Nmwura, Kaduna.

It would not be wise for you to continue with him since your sister is expecting his baby. Encourage him to marry your sister if you love your sister. Go out with other men and in time, you will find your way. Right? Don't lose heart. After all, you are only 22.

Shall I wait for this educated girl of mine?

My girl is a 22-year-old trainee teacher. She promised to marry me after her course. My parents are pressing

me to marry now. I also have my doubts about the possibility of my girl marrying me after her course because she will most probably be advanced than I. Do you advise that I wait for her? I am 25.
Joseph, Nairobi.

I cannot say for sure whether this girl will marry you after her course. Now that you have doubt about that possibility, I would advise you to get another girl whose level of education is not above yours.

So much in love, but she's stopped writing

My girl and I were very much in love before I left for Kaduna with my father. We used to write to each other regularly, but now she has stopped writing to me. I still love her. Please help me for I have no rest of mind.
Jalanson, Kaduna, Nigeria.

This may be a case of out of sight out of mind. Forget about her and look for another girl. That's my advice to you.

I must find love before I have sex

I am 17 and I have completed my secondary school education. My problem is I cannot love a boy to the extent of going to bed with him. I have the love more than those sexy girls, but I do not believe that there is no love without sex.
Jeanette, Lusaka.

You are right and you have my support because this is the only way to avoid heartaches. Wait until you are married before you give in to any man. And, of course, that will be your husband.

Will my parents let me marry this man?

A married man of 30 and I am in love and would very much like to get married. I am wondering whether his wife will tolerate me and what my parents will say when they know about this affair. Believe me, I can get love without this man. I am 22.
Yeni, Lagos.

Tell your boyfriend to put the matter before his wife so as to know her reaction. You should also let your parents know about your affair with this man. It is only by doing so now that you can know whether they will accept him when he comes to introduce himself to them formally.

Girls never last more than two days with me

I am a handsome man of 30. My problem is I have no girlfriends. Girls like to have me as their boyfriend but they never last more than two days with me. The reason is that I do not know how to get girls. I am very handsome. Please, I need your help.
Blackman, Kenya.

At 30, you should know how to handle girls. You yourself know what is wrong. Try and correct it. My advice is that you should be loving, tolerant and diplomatic. Good luck!

Am I too short for this lovely peach?

There is a girl I like very much. She is 17 while I am 19. She sometimes replies to my letters. Please advise me how I can persuade this peach to be my girlfriend. I am very short — only 4½ feet tall, in fact!
Oje, Ubiaga.

Ask her when next you see her.

I had to quit school and now she's left me

She is 17, and I am 18. We loved each other very much. She is a student while I am a drop out because my parents could not support me any longer. My girl has now left me because of this. She does not even talk to me when she sees me. I need your help.
Idris, Agege.

Forget about her. That's my advice to you.

My prostitute girl wants me to pay her

I love a girl who is very beautiful. She is a prostitute and each time I make love to her in the hotel where she lodges, she demands money from me. In fact, I love her and there is nothing I cannot do for her sake. She unfortunately she loves me, too. I would like to have her as my wife but I fear she will go back to her "trade" after

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DRUM LETTERS

Army men must give way to civilians

SOME Nigerians have started to scatter the military rulers of the country by suggesting that they should sit tight in office instead of returning the country to civilian rule in 1976, the year promised by General Gowon.

I beg General Gowon and his men to ignore such a suggestion. It is sheer flattery. Nigerians are political animals, and nothing short of electing their own rulers in a real parliamentary election will be tolerated by them. The Army Rulers Nigeria have done so well that they should not allow themselves to be misled by people who know that nothing can make them win a free and fair election even in their own household. Real Amolee, Lagos.

General Gowon has shown on many occasions that he knows a flatterer when he sees one. The same goes for many of the other army top brass. No matter what

anyone may say, General Gowon and his men will keep their promise in 1976. Anyone who wishes to wield political power after the army surrenders power will be free to contest election. — Editor.

Danger from prostitutes

THE police authorities in Lagos State must check the attitude amongst some prostitutes who parade the streets in Yaba area in search of clients. Instances abound when accidents have occurred in the area because of the habit amongst these prostitutes of halting drivers to an abrupt stop. The situation must not continue. Lane Oduonye, Yaba, Lagos.

What about drive-in brothels as a solution? — Editor.

Post clerks are really too rude

I AM displeased with the cold attitude of some postal clerks towards their clients at the post offices. There are occasions when the clerks have to abandon their desks, sometimes for ten minutes, because of the ever-lengthening queue and the hurry of customers to be attended to in time.

Sometimes, too, the situation results in hot exchanges between the postal clerks and clients, and the position has never been helpful to either party. The situation should be improved upon.

Joshua Ariyo, Benin, Nigeria.

Not as long as the belief that the so-called public servants are, in fact, public masters is allowed by all of us to continue to gain ground and credence — Editor.

How can I join the Air Force?

I AM interested in joining the Nigerian Air Force. I am presently a student at a College in Kaduna. But I want to know if women are allowed to join the Nigerian Air Force. If not, why not? Madalene F. John, Kaduna, Nigeria.

I do not know of anything which prevents a qualified woman from joining the Nigerian Air Force or any other Force in Nigeria. So send your application straight to: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Custom Street, Lagos. — Editor.

What's the real reason?

THE National Electricity Power Authority should find another explanation for the constant power failure in parts of Surulere area of the Lagos State. The old excuse that power failures occur in the area because repair works being done in the area affect the authority's major installations no longer impresses the affected clients.

It is difficult to believe that such repair work so constantly affect the Authority's installations as to always leave power consumers in the area in total black-out for the better part of a day. As yet, electric bills remain as hefty as ever. Chukwu Ekeocha, Surulere, Lagos.

I want to see a witch flying

ALWAYS hear stories of witches and what they can do. I learned that among other things they can fly like birds. I would like you to introduce me to any witch who can demonstrate to me in this regard. I have set aside the sum of N20 as a gift to any witch who can successfully demonstrate

Edward Mark, Ajegunle, Lagos. Any witches prepared to volunteer a demonstration of their ability to Mr. Mark? — Editor.

I wish more people were like Mr. Fawehinmi

I AM deeply grateful to DRUM for telling us of "Mr. Scholarship" Ta Mr. Fawehinmi and a few others like him. I wish long life and God's guidance in their undertakings.

It is a known fact that the wealth of Nigeria is in the hands of a few people. They have mobilized the economic resources of the nation to their selfish advantages, thereby getting richer and richer while the masses get poorer and poorer.

The rich Nigerians display their wealth only in throwing bogus parties among themselves; riding in expensive cars; advertising the birthdays of their children or inserting bogus "Memoriams" for the dead.

If only the wealthy Nigerians can emulate Mr. Fawehinmi and show sympathy for the suffering masses, the much-talked-of inorganic, poverty, unemployment and unequal distribution of wealth will be minimized. It is hoped that we can successfully leap into the field of economic development.

J. C. C. Okpalla, Numan via Yola, Nigeria.

"It was George Granville who said: 'What we frankly give, forever is our own'". — Editor.

Nigeria needs more states

STRONGLY suggest that the Federal Military Government should consider the idea of creation of more states in the country. This is very necessary considering the fact that some areas in the country have not benefited from the present 12 state structure.

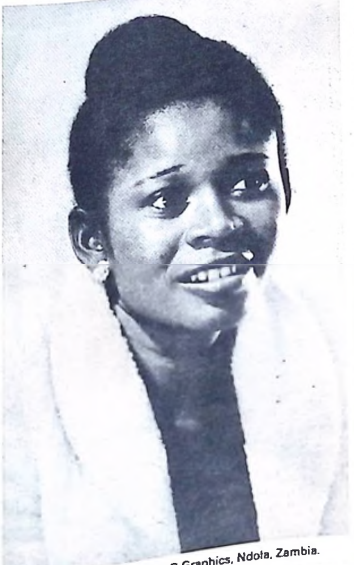
These areas have not enjoyed improved facilities, like good roads, electricity supply, postal and adequate health services since the decree for the creation of states was promulgated in 1967.

After all, is the essence of creation of states in a country not to ensure a better condition of living for the masses of the people? Femi Oduonye, Ekiti, Nigeria.

After all, are not all of those "some areas" within some of the existing twelve states in the Federation? — Editor.

Meet DRUM's Miss August

DRUM's August cover girl is Aggie Mumba from Chipata in Zambia. Aged any other 20 her big ambition in life is to just 20 her big ambition in life is to become a model. Aggie who likes dancing and travelling works as a mining companies and soon hopes to start training as a secretary.



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degree of his wealth. That is no longer true.

Money has become the criterion for measuring nobility or greatness today because of the mass distortion of the values of many people. Added to that is the fact that many people convince themselves there is nothing money should not be allowed to buy — even a human being for ritual sacrifice. There is a mass craze for money, so as not to be left behind in the rat race. Many people would do anything to get rich overnight without sweating for it.

Professional tricksters who parade themselves as native doctors or magicians or spiritualists abound everywhere. They claim to be able to make people rich. The superstitious ones who are thirsty for easy wealth are their ever-willing victims. They do not pause to examine the motives of the men who boast that they can enrich them. Also available for the mere asking are kidnap contractors and their strong-arm agent who will produce a man, woman or child for sale for use as "money machine" without any feeling of guilt. They see it as good business — a way of earning a living in a country where unemployment is ever growing.

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vigilance of Nigerian detectives, a few of these innocents have been saved while they were being hawked for sale. The detectives posted to the parents as buyers and paid and took possession of the poor children.

It is indeed a lucrative business. The head of a five-year-old girl was sold for N1,000 as far back as 1960. With the ever rising cost of everything in Nigeria (prostitutes demanded an increase in fees when Nigerian workers got Adebayo Award), a human head will now probably cost double what it fetched 14 years ago. A fully grown adult for use as a "money machine"

will, according to an imprisoned kidnapper, cost at least N2,000. It is right to conclude that many ordinary people have joined in the evil practice of human sacrifice. There have been reports in newspapers of headless bodies, bodiless heads, bodies with the tongues, eyes or penis and testicles missing, and of men found carrying bags containing fresh human heads, still dripping with blood.

Some years ago in Lagos, a corpse brought into the general hospital mortuary had the head severed overnight. It resulted in a sensational court trial. But sadly far too few of these blood cult butchers are ever caught.



PREACHER Alfa Apalara was kidnapped and carried into a house at Okobaba Street, Ebute-Metta, Lagos. He has never been seen dead or alive since then, but Police established that he was murdered by some leaders of Awo Opa Secret Cell. They were charged, found guilty and executed for their ill



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CIA SPRINGS
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ON TSHOMBE

PERHAPS realizing that he had a heavy task in persuading the Russians that he was their friend, Tshombe spent several paragraphs in explaining how he was stopped from allowing them back into the Congo when he was in power. In a roundabout way he even managed to blame the Russians themselves, by saying that they were misled by an "international Press campaign" that accused him of being guilty of Lumumba's murder.

Having done his best to clear the air, Tshombe moved to the kernel of his message. A variety of military and civilian leaders in the Congo had asked him to return, and he meant to accept the call. "I do not merely wish to 'return to power,' but to introduce a system of government which seems most suited to the present and future interests of the Congo."

Under the heading "Statement of basic principles, aims and intentions," Tshombe let his pen run riot in undiluted Marxism. He wrote:

I believe that only a socialist system can bring real independence to the Congo. Only a socialist community can provide a guarantee that the country will be developed in the interest of its people and not in that of foreign shareholders. Only a socialist society will realize the full opportunities which have to be offered to all the people of the Congo with regard to education, health services and a steady improvement in the general living standard.

It is, therefore, my intention to amend the Congolese Constitution in that way, making the Congo a truly democratic, socialist republic.

Owing to the lack of indigenous, truly socialist leaders, the measures for building a socialist society will have to be carried out with great care and caution. In this we should like to look to the Soviet Union for guidance and assistance, to benefit from its experience and to avoid too many mistakes.

Similarly, the pattern of the future, socialist Congo would be that of a non-aligned country working for peace and international understanding. However, while trying to maintain good relations with all other nations, the basic ties would be with the socialist countries.

To that effect, we would like to come to close, bi-lateral understanding with the USSR, covering political co-operation in the interest of peace, disarmament and other international issues like anti-colonialism etc., cultural and trade agreements, the establishment of Soviet bases, civil air communications arrangements with Aeroflot, the provision of experts in many fields and the possibility of Soviet assistance in developing all economic aspects of the Congo.

In short, we would like to establish a Congo which would be closely allied to the Soviet Union, as well as to other socialist countries. Such close collaboration would also apply to the general support of Soviet policy in the



Events began to move more quickly after Tshombe composed his amazing letter appealing to the Russians for financial backing for a coup in the Congo. The "most confidential" document was not kept as secret as Tshombe would have wished. General Mobutu was made aware of Tshombe's plans and he was sentenced to death in absentia. At the same time the CIA's agent had gained Tshombe's complete confidence and was able to report to his masters that the trap was ready.

United Nations and other international gatherings.

The new Congo would work for the strengthening of the OAU and for the progress of socialism in Africa. As the present trend amongst African States is visibly going to the Right, it is hoped that a flourishing stable Congo would serve as a model to other African states which might follow its example.

In introducing such policy, one would naturally have to reckon with substantial difficulties originating from Western powers and Western-influenced Congolese alike, and it is here that Soviet advice and support would also be required.

These were his aims, Tshombe promised the Russians, and to bring them to reality he wanted a "national uprising." In seeking the Soviet Union's collaboration he hoped for material and technical help, plus the chance of confidential discussions as fast as possible.

Once again, Tshombe returned to his personal "credibility gap," and the widespread view that he took his orders from Brussels: "I am in no way

allied or subservient to Belgian interests, as is being alleged in the Soviet Press."

The document then switched to giving a precise analysis of how the coup would be organized. It is noteworthy that this part of Tshombe's message to the Kremlin was typed on a different typewriter. Whereas there were one or two typing errors in the opening section of the document, the military proposals were immaculately done.

They could well have been the work of one of Tshombe's mercenary aides, and confidently used such high-sounding phrases as "according to reliable intelligence evaluation reports."

At his disposal, waiting for the order to act, according to Tshombe, were 11,000 Katangese soldiers, who had a few weeks earlier been concerned in the abortive rebellion. They still had their weapons and were centered around the provinces. Then there were 200 mercenaries to spearhead the coup.

Added to these forces, if guns could be got to them, were 25,000 former Katangese gendarmes, disbanded since the end of the secession bid, but eager to fight again. The officers who would command the rebel force were two majors — Schramme (Belgian), and

Arms for the Katangese would be shipped through Lubro Bay, in Angola, and taken by rail to Dilo on the Congo border. Although Tshombe did not precisely say as much, the suggestion was that the Portuguese would not make any obstacles.

Having revealed all his plans with such amazing frankness, he then made his demands. The soldiers would need paying in advance — 240 million Belgian francs for the soldiers, 160 million for the mercenaries, 100 million for bribing politicians and customs officials, and ten million for materials of various kinds.

In all, Tshombe was asking the Russians for 510 million Belgian francs, the equivalent at that time of about £4 million sterling.

Perhaps fearing it was a bit steep, he said he could meet the immediate need with 200 million francs — about £1.5 million sterling, paid into his account at the Union Banque des Suisses.

There is ample evidence that the messenger Tshombe used to take this very incriminating document to London was not entirely reliable. This man was Dr. Gaston Greco, young, handsome and polished — and like Tshombe himself, an opportunist.

Greco had been born in the West Indies, in Gaudaloupe, in the early sixties he had been in Ghana, but was deported from there by Dr. Nkrumah. Next he appeared at the Congolese Embassy in London with diplomatic status and a Congolese passport. He was to be seen at all the best parties, and had a blonde girl as his regular companion.

By the time Tshombe was having his second fall of exile, Greco was no longer at the Congolese Embassy. He was acting as a go-between, Tshombe's message to the Russians mentions Greco by name, saying that he was an "accepted representative" who had already established contact with them. Greco had the air of a man to whom all doors were open.

We can never know what reaction the Soviet officials made to this approach; it seems to have been one of scepticism. The promised coup did not start, and luck of funds is the likely reason.

Significantly, around this time, General Mobutu seems to have grown alarmed by Tshombe's machinations. On September 12, 1966, the former premier was charged with treason for provoking mutiny in the army. In March of the following year he was sentenced to death in absentia.

Despite the sentence, Tshombe did not seem to have too much to fear. He had his own bodyguard, and because he was now living permanently in Madrid, the Spanish authorities provided a regular escort of two plainclothes detectives. The detectives were always armed.

But there was still Francis Bodenan, gradually worming his way into the centre of the exile group. He travelled often between Brussels and Spain, on the pretence that he was buying hotels.

Early in June, 1967, Bodenan played his trump card. He told Charles Sigal, a lawyer who knew Tshombe well, that a group in Switzerland wanted to start a

DR MOISE TSHOMBE

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The requisite material of arms and ammunition for the operation is planned to be disembarked at LOBITO and subsequently moved by rail to DILOLO for distribution to the rest of the country.

On the other hand, I have begun negotiations with Khartoum and Bujumbura with a view to establish a logistics base. The negotiation is to be concluded by 15 August.

FINANCIAL AID:

The financial side relative to the operations represent an urgent problem as it would be absolutely necessary for me to pay the Katangese gendarmes and my mercenaries in advance, before the rebellion starts. This measure is of course designed to stimulate a psychological incentive. In the light of this problem, I require, at a conservative estimate, the following budget:

Army personnel (4 months)	240,000,000 Belgian Francs
Mercenaries (1,000)	160,000,000 "
Politicians & Chiefs of Customs	100,000,000 "
Purchase of materials and diverse expenditures	10,000,000 "

Total: 510,000,000 Belgian Francs. My immediate requirement, I estimate, would be in the region of 200,000,000 Belgian Francs which could be remitted to Switzerland in an account at the Union Banque des Suisses. If this is found to be difficult for technical reasons, a cash equivalent of 10,000,000 Belgian Francs which will be converted to Congolese Francs would meet the contingency and the balance to be processed through the pipeline as and when it suits your discretion.

These are broadly speaking, the outline of my plans and I have no doubt that it can be accomplished successfully within three months.

BILL for the proposed coup that Tshombe sent to the Russians as part of his eight-page letter appealing for help to topple Mobutu's government. The coup was carried by a mysterious West Indian doctor recruited by Tshombe for such purposes, but who proved, in the end to be invisible. Each page of the document carried Tshombe's signature in the right-left-hand margin.

Hijack . . . then a flight to Algeria

continued

Pan-African Foundation, with £1,000,000 capital; it would be both economic and charitable. There was an obvious choice as the president of the new organisation.

Tshombe was flattered to be offered this position. It was gratifying that somebody still wanted him. By the last week of June, Bodenan had Tshombe casting out of his hand. The plot had been worked out to the smallest detail.

If Tshombe was to be made a captive, he must be lured on to a plane, and flown to a country where he would be treated as an enemy. Such a country must recognise the death sentence passed on him three months earlier in Kinshasa — so it must be a member of the OAU.

The obvious place was Algeria, just a short hop across the Mediterranean from Spain.

Bodenan chose his aircraft. Or rather, it was chosen for him. Through a rather mysterious Captain A. L. Richmond in Madrid, he made contact with a British company, Gregory Air Taxis. The company operated a Hawker-Siddeley 125 executive jet — fast, luxurious and able to take off from short runways.

Gregory Air Taxis were a highly respected but small outfit. They were delighted when Bodenan hired them for several jaunts around Europe. They were based in Denmark, Buckinghamshire, but the expense of bringing the twin-jet Hawker-Siddeley to the Mediterranean did not seem out of the little Frenchman.

At the end of June, the trap was set. Tshombe was lured to Majorca, ready for the holiday island off Spain's east coast, to discuss the mythical Pan-African Foundation. Then there was some delay. Bodenan had to fly off to Rome, using the executive jet. It is known that while he was in Rome he went to the Rome Hilton. And there he met a member of the CIA.

Back in Majorca, at a luxury hotel, Tshombe and his party were unsuspectingly awaiting his return; the following morning, June 30, Bodenan said it would be a day or two before his partners in the foundation venture could arrive to conclude the deal. So he decided to make use of the why did they not make use of the Hawker-Siddeley by taking a trip to the neighbouring island of Ibiza?

It seemed a great idea, and by this time, everybody had full confidence in Bodenan's sincerity. The group that boarded the plane at Palma airport was Tshombe, the two Spanish detectives, a former mercenary called Marcel Humbertin, the lawyer Charles Sigal and his wife, and Bodenan.

There were two British pilots in charge of the plane: Captain David Taylor and Captain Trevor Coppleston. They also enjoyed island-hopping in the calm summer weather. Until the afternoon, everything was relaxed and friendly. The party had lunch at a beach cafe in Ibiza, then took off for the return trip. Ten minutes later, Bodenan stood up and pulled out a pistol. "I am a secret agent I shoot



FRONT MAN Francis Bodenan who set up the operation to kidnap Tshombe. He planned everything down to the last detail, paid the price of a few months in an Algerian jail and then collected a giant pay-off in Switzerland before changing his name and disappearing.

kill! Nobody must move!"

The only person in the plane to disobey was Humbertin. He was shot in the foot by Bodenan, and slumped in a seat. The two Spanish detectives seemed hypnotised and stayed put.

Bodenan told the pilots to fly to Boufarik military airfield, just outside Algiers. It was less than 200 miles away from the hijack position and just over 30 minutes later the Hawker-Siddeley touched down. Tshombe was

hurried away in a large car, and none of the others ever saw him again. A curtain of silence fell.

The Algerian legal system took its time. Despite protests from the British Parliament, the pilots were not released for several weeks, and the three Belgians and two Spanish policemen also had to wait for their liberty.

Bodenan was kept longest of all. Then he was sent on his way, and vanished from sight in Geneva —

where he doubtless collected a handsome reward for a risky job, but executed.

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THE MIRACLE GIRL

Margaret Wangari who lives in the village of Banana Hill near Nairobi was an ordinary girl . . . until one day she heard what she says was the voice of God. Now dozens of people pour daily into the humble village. For 19-year-old Margaret has become famous as a faith healer with most amazing abilities.

MARGARET Wangari is a 19-year-old schoolgirl who attends Karuri high school near the village of Banana Hill near Nairobi. Until a few months ago, there was nothing remarkable about her life as thousands of other girls of her age. Yet today, she has a remarkable reputation as a faith healer — and people come from all parts of Kenya to witness the "miracles" of this simple girl who

has been dubbed "The Bernadette of Banana Hill."

It all started when Margaret went to a Christian camp at Nyirere in the Rift Valley a little while ago. There, Brother Manasseh, a well-known Masai preacher, led prayer for Margaret . . . and with the other people attending camp were praying for her. Margaret heard what she believes to have been the voice of God speaking to her, and saw a visi-



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Joyous expression from the once crippled grandmother as she abandons her crutches for good.

OF BANANA HILL

In her vision, she saw her grandmother Mrs. Afigaal Kanyi.

When Margaret Wangari went home to Banana Hill from Njoro, she went at once to see her grandmother, one of whose crutches had mysteriously broken the day before, and who had had some uneasy premonitions. Margaret asked the old lady if she believed that she could be cured. When Afigaal assented, Margaret called in her children and told

them to hold hands and all pray for their mother together.

After ten minutes, the old lady began to shake — but soon after stood up, walked and even danced as she had not been able to do for a decade. Margaret had cured her first "patient."

I talked to Kungu Kahadha who is head driver with the East African Power and Lighting Company, where he worked for many years. He told me that he had been

ill for several months before his cure by Margaret.

Then he had heard of Margaret's wonderful powers. He came to see her every day for a week — but there were so many other people around that he had been unable to speak to her. Then on the sixth day he was lucky. Margaret prayed aloud for him — and he says that his mind is now perfectly clear and that all his pain has gone. Adds Kahadha: "I don't

know why God answers the prayers of this young girl — but know He certainly does!" Kahadha claims also to have seen several other people cured by Margaret of various diseases.

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White man's holiday in a Black man's prison

A European gives a lighthearted account of his stay at one of Nigeria's low-cost holiday rest homes, otherwise known as Ikoyi Prison. Commerce — Who could call it bribery? — is a vital ingredient of a comfortable visit, he discovered.

SHORTAGE of accommodation has always been a problem in Lagos but Ikoyi Prison has no difficulty in squeezing in extra guests. The approach to the problem is quite simple—another blanket or part thereof, a slight shuffle among the other guests and the newcomer's room is ready. About five metres of concrete flooring, depending on the season.

For some guests there are even better amenities, ranging from a simple mattress to beds, with the possibility of a mosquito net and sheets. However there is a long waiting list and some are reserved exclusively

for VIPs.

There are several courts in the Lagos area where one can book accommodation such as Appa, Ikeja, Yaba and Igbosere. Free transport is also provided. Should there be unexpected shortage of accommodation, or a mix-up in your reservation, or should you be unfortunate to arrive too late in the day, there are temporary facilities at way stations such as Alagbon Close. I have heard however that the amenities there are not of the best, so you should try to speed up your reservation formalities by making a convincing statement justifying your priority.

Some people might tell you that to frequent such an establishment lowers your social standing. Rubbish! Great men of the past and present have used similar facilities and you should not feel your stay is demeaning. After all, it might be a prelude to fame and greatness for you, too.

Ikoyi is more of a rest home than a prison, depending on your sense of humour. Having spent several years toiling to snatch a living as most ordinary mortals, my stay was a most welcome change and my first full holiday. Can you imagine? No worries about your bank account, no worries about rent

or any of the daily frustrations in a working man's life. Just eat, sleep, play cards and involve oneself in such trivia as finding the source of the next cigarette.

The arrival hall is a rectangular room where the new guests line up in rows of three or four and squat on their heels while they are counted. They are kindly requested to hand in all their valuables and money, as the management is not otherwise responsible for loss or damage.

As in any society or group there are always some undesirable element which tends to corrupt the rest, and, as it is difficult to weed these out from

the respectable citizenry, the management has devised a method which is almost — but not quite — foolproof. All guests are thoroughly searched. Some smugglers are discovered in this process and the smuggled goods are confiscated. After all amenities are provided by the management.

You are herded into a courtyard, where the place actually begins to look like a jail and you have to accept that what they have been telling you is true. You are going to prison! You

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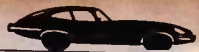
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Paving the road to an economic boom

THE emphasis on roads development as a means of fostering a faster and greater economic development for the country can hardly be over-emphasised. The argument so far boils down to one single truth: roads bring economic prosperity.

Today, there are a number of towns all over the country which I would have continued to remain unknown, and consequently economically poor, but for the fact that either by chance or design, or both, they happened to be by-passed by a major road.

Travellers on Nigerian roads are no strangers to such towns — markets quickly develop and in no time the town is booming with commercial activities. There is therefore, no doubt that the invention of the wheel has played a tremendous part in the development of the human race. Our civilisation literally rests on wheels — because they provide us with the transportation of goods and services that keep our civilisation flourishing.

In Nigeria today, the role of road transportation to the growth of the country's economy can hardly be overstressed. While it is true that Nigeria is yet to manufacture its first vehicle on the road, the level of imports of vehicles is at an unprecedented height.

According to the latest statistics there are an estimated three-quarters of a million vehicles on the road. Up to 1963, the office of statistics confined its analysis of vehicle licences renewed during the first quarter of each year.

The analysis, however, may be misleading or subject to statistical errors for two reasons. The first being the non-availability of accurate vehicle figures. The second is that the office of statistics has no up-to-date records.

This in effect means that the number of vehicles on the Nigerian road must far exceed the estimated 750,000 when one considers that between 1968-72, when the ban on the importation of cars was rigidly in force, the country witnessed an unprecedented influx of vehicles either through the open doors or back doors.

For example, the rate at which vehicles are licensed in Lagos alone is staggering —

within the last three years at least seven different plate numbers have been used — and even the new LAA plate number has hit the four figure. All this notwithstanding, some figures could be quoted with confidence. In 1964 the total number of heavy lorries licensed was 15,388, and this rose to 18,508 in the following year — an increase of 21 per cent. Buses increased by 36 per cent while the number of light trucks re-licensed increased by 15 per cent over the previous year. In the same year the number of saloon cars re-licensed was 50,220 — an increase of 21 per cent over the previous year of 41,467.

By the end of 1964 the proportion of the British make-up of all types was 40 per cent against 42 per cent of the previous year, while that of European makes increased slightly by one per cent to 53 per cent in 1964. Up till 1963, British vehicles were popular in Nigeria with 71 per cent of the market, with European and American manufacturers sharing 26 and three per cent respectively.

But since 1964 an unprecedented number of vehicles from different countries flooded the Nigerian market — notably among these Japanese, German, French and Italian made vehicles, and, to a lesser extent during and after the civil war, from the Eastern countries, Russia, Hungary, Romania.

The number of vehicles in Lagos State excluding motor cycles in 1964 was 12,808, and commercial vehicles 3,926. In 1966 the figures rose to 15,913 and 4,357 respectively — an increase of 20 per cent. But in 1969 the figures went to 24,004, almost 100 per cent over 1964 — while the figures for commercial vehicles stood at 4,788. Within this same period the total number of motor cycles in the State rose from 3,957 in 1964 to 5,363 in 1969.

But in 1971, the total number of new vehicles of all types registered was 23,267. This was made up of 5,594 commercial vehicles, 11,464 private cars including taxis, 5,547 motor cycles, while tractors and trailers were 662.

In Western State the number of vehicles on the road between 1964-66 was 11,096, while

TABLE I: ROAD VEHICLES IN NIGERIA

Type of Vehicles and State	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Commercial (a)						
Lagos State	3,926	3,572	4,257	4,385	5,015	4,788
Western State	6,675	6,039	5,211	5,359	3,472	3,231
Mid-Western State	2,010	1,993	2,034	1,662	1,401	1,312
Eastern State	6,002	5,357	6,271	6,625	—	101
Northern States	7,917	7,196	9,100	9,503	9,032	11,620
TOTAL	26,530	20,757	26,975	27,534	18,919	21,052
Private Cars (including taxis)						
Lagos State	12,808	14,746	15,913	15,965	17,477	24,004
Western State	11,763	11,108	11,096	10,686	6,456	8,149
Mid-Western State	3,685	3,228	4,508	4,712	3,990	3,819
Eastern State	13,502	11,161	14,695	16,316	—	433
Northern States	10,663	4,476	10,822	9,356	9,684	6,116
TOTAL	52,421	44,719	57,034	57,435	37,607	42,521
Motor Cycles (c)						
Lagos State	3,957	4,284	4,066	3,560	4,071	5,363
Western State	5,435	5,484	5,465	5,763	5,118	4,124
Mid-Western State	1,068	1,054	1,501	1,687	2,018	2,353
Eastern States	4,246	4,762	6,515	6,731	—	322
Northern States	6,070	4,385	7,985	8,421	9,420	14,400
TOTAL	20,776	19,969	25,532	25,662	20,627	26,561

Source: Digest of Statistics Vol. 22, No. 2, April 1973.

TABLE II: ROAD VEHICLES IN NIGERIA — NEW REGISTRATION 1971

State	Commercial vehicles	Private cars incl. Taxi	Motor Cycles	Tractors and Trailers	Total
Lagos	5,594	11,464	5,547	662	23,267
Western State	2,997	4,437	8,416	61	15,911
Mid-Western State	1,163	1,870	2,642	39	5,714
Eastern States	2,805	1,636	4,412	118	8,971
Northern States	4,900	3,000	11,000	400	18,440

Source: Digest of Statistics Vol. 22, No. 2, April 1973.

commercial vehicles and motor cycles accounted for 5,211 and 5,464 respectively.

But in 1968 the figures fell to 3,472 commercial vehicles, 6,456 private cars, and 5,118 motor cycles. This decline was attributed to the creation of states in the country in which former colony areas, which were part of the then Western Region, were merged with the newly created Lagos State. However, in 1969 the figure increased to 8,149 private cars including taxis — an increase of 33 per cent — while the figures of both commercial vehicles and motor cycles stood at 3,231 and 4,124 respectively. But in 1971 the total of new vehicles of all types registered was 15,911 — made up of 2,997 commercial vehicles, 4,437 private cars including taxis, 8,416 motor cycles and 61 trailers and trucks.

In the Northern States the number of private cars including taxis was 10,663, but this fell to 6,116 in 1969, while the

commercial vehicles for the same period rose from 7,917 to 11,620. The decline in private cars and increase in commercial vehicles was attributable to the vacuum created by the Ibos who fled the areas and the acceptance of the Northern people to carry on the transport business — hitherto being undertaken by the people of Eastern States. Also for the same period the number of motor cycles rose from 6,070 in 1964 to 14,403 in 1969, an increase of more than 100 per cent.

In 1971 the total number of new vehicles registered of all types stood at 18,400. This comprised 4,000 commercial vehicles, 3,000 private cars including taxis, 11,000 motor cycles and 400 tractors and trailers. Also for the same period the number of motor cycles rose from 6,070 in 1964 to 14,403 in 1969, an increase of more than 100 per cent.

went up from 1,068 in 1964 to 2,353 in 1969.

However, in 1971 the total number of newly registered vehicles of all types was 5.7 comprising of 1,163 commercial vehicles, 1,870 private cars including taxis, 2,642 motor cycles, and 239 tractors and trailers. In 1964, the Eastern States recorded 13,502 private cars including taxis, and 6,625 for commercial vehicles — a 4,246 motor cycles. In 1969 the figure was available as a result of the civil war. But in 1971 the total number of vehicles registered of all types was 8,971, comprising 2,997 commercial vehicles, 1,870 private cars including taxis, and 4,124 motor cycles, and tractors and trucks.

Using the British Automobile Club engine test assessment, most of the vehicles in the category of 31 hp power are in Lagos and north, while that of 1 hp horse-power group is the popular range throughout the country.



VW CARS TO BE MADE IN NIGERIA

ALHAJI Liman Ciroma, chairman of Volkswagen of Nigeria Limited, a private company with a total invested capital of about N10 million, and one of the companies selected by the Federal Government of Nigeria to set up car assembly plants in the country, addressed a Press conference in Lagos on Thursday, May 16th, 1974. Earlier in the day, representatives of the mass

media in Nigeria had been taken on a conducted tour of the Volkswagen plant under construction along the Lagos-Badagry new road. Below is the full text of the address delivered at the conference at the Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos:

In Nigeria, Volkswagen has been well-known with its products for more than 20 years. Over 40,000 Volkswagen vehicles have been sold



The Nigerian government has already set up a Company for the assembly of Volkswagen cars in Nigeria. Third from right in this picture is the Chairman of the Company, Alhaji Liman Ciroma. Others are (L-R): Mr. Harding, representing Chief Mandilas; Mr. G. Hartwich, representing Volkswagen AG of Western Germany; Alhaji F. A. Durusimi-Eti, director of the Company; and Mr. F. Heller, Managing Director of the Company. On the extreme left is Mr. Dede of the Federal Ministry of Industry and next to him is Mr. G. M. Strove, another representative of Volkswagen AG in Western Germany. They are pictured at a Press conference addressed by Alhaji Ciroma after a conducted tour of the site of the Volkswagen Assembly along the new Lagos-Badagry road.



The Car of the Future in Nigeria
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through the Nigerian Volkswagen representative Mandilas Ltd. Let me go a little into the history of this project. In 1972, the Volkswagen Company of Germany was lucky to be selected by the Federal Government to set up one of the two car assembly plants in Nigeria. In arriving at its decision, the Federal Government obviously took into account the world-wide reputation of Volkswagen—one of the largest automobile manufacturers in the world.

The agreement between the Federal Government and Volkswagen of Germany for the setting up of the Nigerian assembly plant was signed in Lagos in September, 1972. A Nigerian company—Volkswagen of Nigeria Limited (VWoN)—was set up as a joint venture. The capital is distributed between Nigeria and German interests.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has a shareholding of 35 per cent, the Lagos State four per cent, Nigerian distributors 10 per cent, Volkswagen of Germany holds 40 per cent, while a German financial institution has 11 per cent.

Volkswagen of Nigeria Limited is a private company and has a total capital of about N10 million made up of the costs of construction, machinery and equipment. Land was made available on the new Lagos-Badagry road and the contract for the construction was awarded to the firm of Julius Berger, who commenced with the job late 1973.

Today, considerable progress has been made and the work has now reached an advanced state. The first Nigerian-made Volkswagen is planned to be produced April

1975. Volkswagen of Nigeria is the youngest of the companies which will produce and sell Volkswagen vehicles. Besides the production plants of Volkswagen in Germany, there are companies bearing the name Volkswagen in Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Indonesia, and now in Nigeria. In addition to that, Volkswagen cars are assembled in Peru, Venezuela, Malaysia, Philippines and Turkey.

Since the Second World War, more than 25 million Volkswagen vehicles have been produced all over the world. The Volkswagen group product range includes a wide selection of cars, commercials, engines and parts. It is projected that the assembly plant of Volkswagen of Nigeria will have a daily output of 60 vehicles, which easily can be doubled if necessary. When Volkswagen of Nigeria start production in April next year, it will provide direct employment for more than 1,100 employees. In addition to this, the factory will create more jobs in various automobile related industries. Volkswagen of Nigeria will be one of the largest industries in Nigeria. It will have a fully equipped technical training centre for apprentices as well as training schools for sales, parts and service personnel for the Nigerian Volkswagen organisation.

There is every reason to believe that Volkswagen of Nigeria will contribute to the social and economic development of this important country, as Volkswagen companies have in other countries in the world.

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MOTOR SPORT FOR THE SOCIAL AND SPEEDY

MEMBERS of motor clubs in Nigeria are fortunate in being able to enjoy not only exceptionally friendly club social functions, but a varied and interesting programme of motor sport throughout the year. Many clubs (Kano Motor Club and Lagos Motor Club, for example) arrange at least one race each month — and these events are the "raison d'être" of the clubs. All drivers are strictly amateurs, who primarily race for the fun of competitive motoring (although the first National Argungu Safari Rally did attract some who could be termed professionals). For club events, cars are usually privately owned and entered, understandably, motor companies are only interested in providing "works" cars and support for national events, such as the Argungu Safari Rally and the Shell Independence Rally.

As motor sport is rapidly attracting more and more spectators and followers, definitions of the events organised by the Lagos Motor Club are often requested. So here are some answers to the question so often asked: "What is this event?"

Driving Test

This is an event in which any type or size of motor car may compete and emerge triumphant. It is basically a test of driving skill and manoeuvrability timed with a stopwatch. It consists of a series of very short courses defined by road cones, plastic buckets, etc., which require negotiating according to event plans. To touch a marker incurs a penalty.

Autocross

A course laid out in a large field having a reasonable driving surface (i.e. grass or laterite) defined by bunting, ropes, stakes and card or plastic cones or cylinders. The course will include chicanes, straights and various curves, to produce an interesting and varied test of reasonably fast driving.

Penalty markers are sited at strategic points. One car at a time is dispatched, to complete from two to four circuits against the clock. Electric timing equipment is often used. Before competing, each driver completes inspection and practice circuits.

Rallycross

Very similar to an Autocross event, but a mixture of various surfaces may be used in the circuit (i.e. tarmac, grass, laterite). In a Rallycross two cars may be on the circuit at the same time, the second being dispatched some set time after the first. As the circuits are about half a mile or more in circumference, the two cars will in effect be always on opposite sides of the circuit. There is no more danger for the drivers, but greater competitiveness and interest is added for both driver and spectator.

Speed Hill Climb

In a hill climb the start and finish are separated by the distance of the course. The surface should be metalled without overheads. Between the start and the finish the road must climb a steep or noticeable uphill gradient, but not necessarily negotiate bends, although natural curves do increase the skills required to win.

The competitor's objective is to reach the finish from a standing start, in the shortest possible time (electric timing mechanism is used). As they flash over the finishing line the more powerful cars may be reaching 80 miles per hour. This is a very fast event, particularly testing acceleration right through the speed range and, to a lesser extent, road holding and maximum speed. Obviously, only one car is on the course at a time.

Trials Hill Climb

This type of event is concerned with hills "in the bush" and the going is often soft and muddy, as is to be expected in natural open or woodland country. The emphasis is on the climbing ability of the driver/car combination. A passenger (bouncer) is allowed to increase traction. The varying natural surfaces demand from the driver skill and adaptability to the conditions of the day. A spell of dry weather will create quite different conditions to those found after a long period of rain!

Time is not the deciding factor in this event; it will be won by the car which climbs furthest up the hills before coming to a complete stop.

Sprint

A long, straight, well surfaced road is the essential

track for a sprint event. Standing or flying starts may be used, the vehicle being timed between start and finishing lines. Emphasis in a sprint is completely on acceleration and straight line speed over a short distance, possibly only 440 yards.

Sprint Autocross

A course for a sprint autocross can be expected to be oval in layout, with two reasonable straights. There will be no chicanes, sharp bends or other simple impediments to hard, fast circuit driving. Otherwise, similar to an Autocross.

Sprint Driving Test

A fascinating combination of Sprint Autocross and Driving Test!

Navigation Rally

This is primarily a test of

driving at reasonable speeds and a combination of the navigator's map reading and observation abilities and common sense. It is definitely a team effort. International rallies demand high average speeds over distances of many hundreds of miles, with minimum stops for rest. At the start the driver/navigator team in each car is given sufficient information to enable them to follow the correct route within specified times.

The information will be in the form of grid or map references, cartographic symbols, skeleton route drawings, etc. Checks are carried out by marshals at known or unstated points. The winner will be the car which completes the course nearest to the specified time, allied to a system of penalty

points (e.g. for late or early arrival at a check point or for completing a section in the wrong direction, etc.).


Treasure Hunt

"A crossword puzzle by car" fairly indicates the sociable nature of this event and the lack of emphasis on the competitive driving aspect! At the start the occupants of the car are given the "clues" to the course, and a list of items or information to be collected, by various riddles, questions, etc. To win, one must provide more correct answers, with less time penalties, than anyone else.

Economy Run

This particular type of competitive driving is right! associated with the Mobil Oil

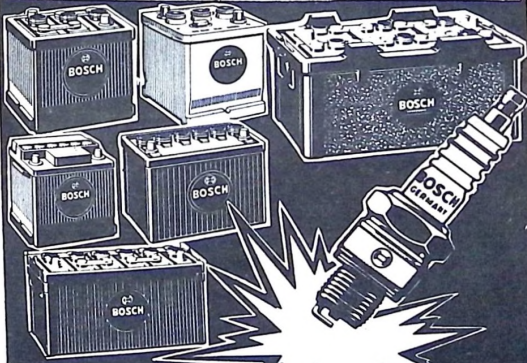
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Company. Speed is not the prime factor, although time limits are set that sometimes demand fairly high average speeds. Of the utmost importance are the number of miles per gallon of fuel used for the run. The total distance of the run will probably be in the region of 600 miles (approximately 960 kilometres). Up hill, down dale, good roads, bad roads, open country, congested towns—every endeavour is made to ensure drivers encounter every type of terrain and driving condition. One wonders how the winners manage to achieve such a high average m.p.g.

A motor club's programme of events may be obtained from the secretary of the club, and if you are interested in

motor sport, please contact the secretary of your nearest club—subscriptions are usually very small.

At present the Lagos Motor Club shares a clubhouse and is constantly searching for suitable venues for the monthly racing—may we hope to see, eventually in Lagos State, an established site suitable for several types of event. This would obviously benefit the sport, but would also bring pleasure to thousands by enabling them to safely enjoy the incomparable excitement of amateur motor racing. It is also worth remembering that members of motor clubs practise, develop and demonstrate advanced skills in handling a car and are not just fast drivers. Many drivers today could benefit by the acquisition of skilful, safe driving techniques.

BIG REDUCTIONS ON IMPORT DUTY

SINCE the end of the civil war in Nigeria, the Federal Military Government has been beset with one intractable problem—inflationary pressure. This has been on the incline since the later part of 1972 when the composite index for the low income group, which recorded three per cent rise, jumped to four per cent in 1973; for the middle income group in Lagos the rise was over six per cent.

The danger inherent in this spiral price rise in a fast developing economy like Nigeria is incalculable. It may give rise to serious international balance of payments problems, although in this context Nigeria registered a substantial surplus of balance of payments last year, in 1972 there was a deficit of N38 million as against a surplus of N136 million in 1973).

Uncontrolled inflation may also lead to loss of foreign markets and dwindling foreign exchange necessary for the purchase of industrial products and capital goods. "It is with this in mind," declared General Yakubu Gowon in his last budget speech for the 1974/75 fiscal year, "that it has now been decided that the fiscal measures contributing to domestic inflation should be eliminated so as to leave the country to face only problems of imported inflation . . ."

To combat this problem, the General announced, among other things, the reduction of the import duties on cars and passenger vehicles. This reduction in duties, he said, would be passed on to buyers of

vehicles and passengers. As from April 1 this year, the duty charged on all types of cars with engine capacity not exceeding 1,800cc has been reduced from 33 per cent to 25 per cent.

Rates on cars, including station wagons with an engine capacity of above 1,800cc but not exceeding 2,000cc, went down from 50 per cent to 40 per cent. The duty on those with an engine capacity of more than 2,000cc but not exceeding 2,750cc was reduced from 100 per cent to 75 per cent, the rate on cars of above 2,750cc engine capacity has been slashed from 150 per cent to 100 per cent.

Assembled imported trucks and lorries had their duties reduced to 5 per cent, while a 10 per cent reduction went to their locally assembled counterparts. Ambulances imported by hospitals approved by the governments of the Federation will continue to be allowed into the country duty free. And for this bold measure aimed at counteracting the effect of inflation, the Federal Military Government is issuing a princely sum of N140 million.

The new duty is significant because it will encourage local car assembly in the country and reduce transport fares drastically. At present there are three motor car assembly plants in Nigeria.

These are the Volkswagen plant now under construction at Badagry in Lagos State; the Peugeot plant in Kaduna, North Central State; and the Mid-Motors Ltd. Company in Benin City, Mid-Western State, which assembles HINO

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trucks, tippers and chassis from Japan, motor cycles and forklift trucks. All told, the present exercise is designed to ensure that the benefits of reduced import duties are passed down to the consumers. The motor industry provides one of the largest markets for the steel industry anywhere.

Although this new relief has come to buyers of automobiles as well as passengers, the ever rising cost of vehicle maintenance in the country can turn the new Federal Government measure into a windfall to private transport owners. Considering the appalling conditions of many of our roads and bridges, the cost of wear and tear of vehicles will be naturally passed over to passengers who are already weighed down by heavy transport fares. The improvement of transportation is therefore as important as the new measure imposed on the landing cost of cars and commercial vehicles in Nigeria.

The motor cycle trade in Nigeria has experienced some changes in the last few years; some old models have been

withdrawn from the market and replaced with new ones. As in the car trade, motor cycle manufacturers have been improving on their brands in keeping with the stiff-neck competition in the country. The most popular vehicle in the country now is Vespa, distributed by R. T. Briscoe, Apapa, Lagos.

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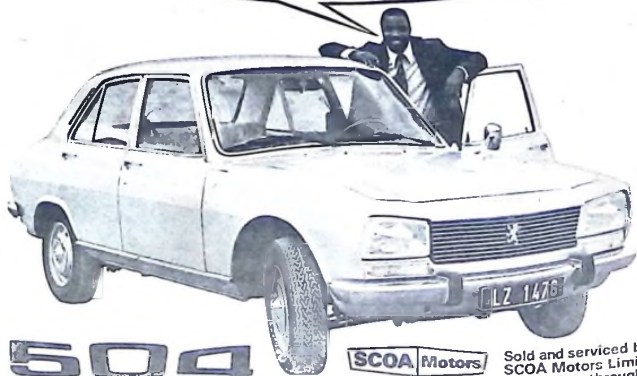
Yaba, distributes a range of Balkan motor cycles. Balkan (256cc), WSK (125cc), Balkan (50cc). This company has

branches at Ibadan, Kano, Enugu, Aba, Port Harcourt and Calabar.

The firm of Patterson Zochonis, Lagos, with branches in all the State capitals, distributes Mobylette motor cycles. Leventis Motors Limited,

Iddo, distributes two kinds of Honda motor cycles: Honda Benly, 105cc OHV-4 stroke engine; and Honda 90. The Suzuki brand of motor cycle is selling fast in Nigeria. It is obtainable in most principal towns.

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NO government in the world — African or European can be regarded by all the governed as all good or all bad. Every government must have its supporters who regard them as angels, and its detractors who believe they are devils incarnate.

Yet eventually history will record the achievements and failures of each succeeding administration in the context of the life of that nation and it is on this record that judgment can be passed.

Basically every administration faces the same problems no matter by what means it came to power — health, education,

might learn how the governed feel and try to mend its ways?

Instead, the moment an African administration falls, the fanfare of jubilation is widespread and universal, as though a prayer had been answered. This is hypocrisy.

Suddenly we find national monuments of the nation we are trying to build being flung down, burning and looting and raping become the order of the day in the new-found "liberation from oppression," and the prison gates are flung open setting free all the criminals, purging them of their crimes. In short Africa believes that what is criminal in one administration

WHY ARE WE ALWAYS SO HYPOCRITICAL?

Communist CYPRIAN EKWENSI tackles the problem of judging government.

social welfare, land utilisation, investment, revenue earning, finance, viability employment /unemployment, to mention just a few recurrent problems which harass the minds of every government.

The difference between one administration and the other lies not in its power to end the endless problems but in the style in which it attempts to solve those problems, in its ideologies and policies towards the people and the nation. Thus when Africa clamours for new governments it is actually clamouring for new ways of attempting to solve the old constant and insoluble problems of life. For as long as a nation lives so long must it have problems.

Granting most of this, Africa must learn to appreciate at least some of the good points contributed towards the national goals and objectives by every government — because it is simply untenable to imagine that a government did not try to do something good for its people.

So we must ask ourselves: why is it that in most of Africa the only regime described as fairminded, democratic, uncorrupt etc. always happens to be the one currently in power?

Unlike in Nigeria where public issues are openly debated, why is it that in some African countries the failings of the regime in power are seldom openly voiced at the time that a regime is in power so that it

is virtuous under another.

Surely Africa must learn to have standards, based on principles rather than on the emotions of hate and vengeance. For governments may come and governments may go, but the nation goes on forever.

When will Africa learn that the purpose of a new government is not to "revenge" the former government but rather to try to come to terms with the constant problems of society and to satisfy the very principles for which governments are set up? It is only then that history and the governed can have the last say about which was the better administration. After all, the most that can be said of the *untested* and totally new administration is that it has "promised." *Promised*, mark you. Yet the former regime *performed* or tried to perform for a term.

An Ibo proverb has it that when a woman has married for the second time she can then judge who was the better husband. But this judgment can only come *afterwards*. Therefore, Africa must learn not to judge the new government by its promises, but *afterwards*, by its performance.

Africa might one day learn that change of government does not mean the end to all problems, it only creates an opportunity for a new administration to tackle the same problems in a new way and with fresh ideas.

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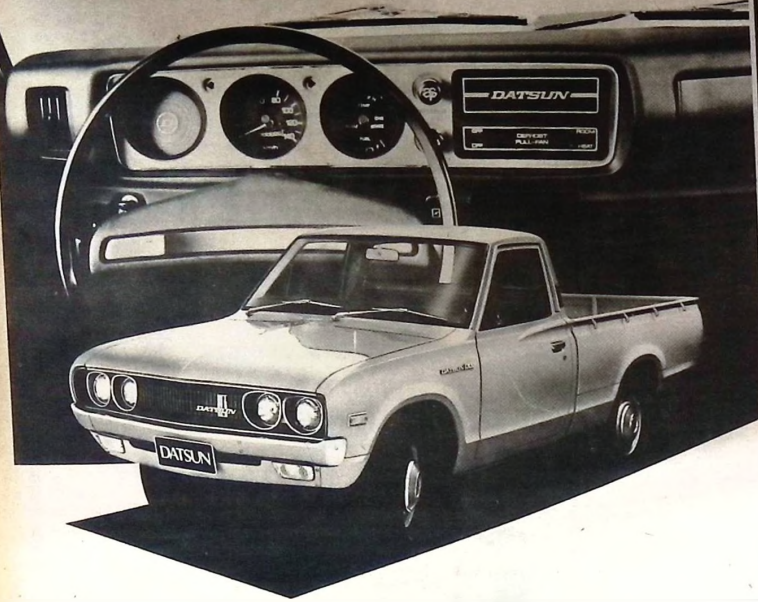
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—Solo Lawo, Ithare
Giving a monkey a glass of water is easier than getting back the glass.
—T. Mungai, Nyeri

To like without reflecting is like eating without digesting.
—William C. Gaymahayo, Shinyanga

Woman's greatest labour-saving device is man.
—Johnny Zikanga, Uganda
There is always a tall tree in every forest.
—Emmanuel, Lbadan

Ignorance is the true original sin.
—Kayode Ayeni, Agege

We talk on principle but we act on interest.
—William Owinoh, Nairobi

If we could see ourselves as others see us we would never speak to them again.
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AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21—
FEBRUARY 20

A new opportunity connected with a friendship begun towards the end of last year will lead to long-term benefits. But careful planning will be needed in these early stages. You will be flattered by praise from an unexpected source.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 21—
MARCH 20

Delays and disappointments in work will be overcome by the end of the month. Then you may look forward to the relaxation that your efforts have earned. Some romantic skinning involving more than one member of the opposite sex. A welcome change of luck occurs.

ARIES
MARCH 21—
APRIL 20

You will have the urge to get in touch with an old friend, and this may lead to unexpected news. Your popularity with someone you esteem may come under a slight cloud. A romantic attachment becomes increasingly important, to the dismay of at least one other.

TAURUS
APRIL 21—
MAY 20

This is a time for taking a new look at personal relationships, especially with younger members of the opposite sex. A more detached attitude may be needed if trouble is to be kept at arm's length. You may be nearing the end of a long emotional attachment.

GEMINI
MAY 21—
JUNE 20

You tend to react emotionally to an unexpected turn of events, and your views may hurt someone's feelings. Home life is uneasy, with changes in the air causing a younger member of the family. There is not much that you can do to influence things.

CANCER
JUNE 21—
JULY 20

You have a tendency to dwell on the past, particularly over something concerning a friendship which you once enjoyed. But do not allow these memories to affect your dealings with colleagues at work. A new domestic arrangement will work out satisfactorily.

LEO
JULY 21—
AUGUST 20

You may be unable to fulfil a promise made to someone in your family. But the disappointment will soon pass, and your domestic affairs remain on an even keel. Jealousy affecting a close relationship will prove to be unfounded.

VIRGO
AUGUST 21—
SEPTEMBER 20

A long standing problem affecting your future will finally be decided, and the results will surpass your most optimistic expectations. A letter of a personal nature will also bring pleasure. Someone you care for will show their affection unexpectedly.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 21—
OCTOBER 20

You may be called upon to take sides in a dispute between two close friends. All your tact will be needed if you are to avoid deepening the gulf between them. Your personal affairs continue to progress satisfactorily, if quietly, and your popularity is high.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 21—
NOVEMBER 20

You are made aware that your recent efforts have not gone unnoticed by those close to you. Ambitious Scorpius will receive encouragement which will help advance their careers. A partner appears to be going through a difficult time.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 21—
DECEMBER 20

An elderly and much-respected relative is on your mind at the moment, and you will be able to put forward a suggestion which will be of great benefit. A letter from someone far away will remind you of commitments you have made for the future.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 21—
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Most women admit to having some period symptoms before the onset of a period. These are aches in the lower abdomen and back, a feeling of tension and depression and some tenderness of the breasts. These may continue throughout the whole time that the woman is having a period. But usually as the period flow starts the symptoms diminish. To some women these symptoms may almost cripple them for a couple of days. In the others it is counted and accepted as a necessary inconvenience of being a woman.

Periods may start at about the age of 13 and in the first one or two years they are painless and may be irregular. Usually thereafter the pain may start and it is believed that it is only when the ovaries start shedding eggs that the painful periods come up. Since the ovaries do not start shedding eggs until about the age of 15, even though



WHY PERIODS ARE PAINFUL

the period may start at the age of 13, period pains only occur from that age.

It is important to interpose here and add that many mothers believe daughters to a doctor for period problems. The mothers quite rightly fear that the doctor will require to do a pelvic examination which is quite unbecoming because a doctor very rarely would cause a doctor to do an internal examination on a young girl. In most cases the

doctor can reach a conclusion by correct history from the girl and a good clinical examination. This would exclude internal examination and the embarrassment.

The cause of period pain falls in two categories. Abnormality of pelvic organs are occasionally responsible and this can easily be treated by a doctor. The other and most common cause of period pain is where no pelvic abnormality is discovered. The cause here is still a matter of conjecture. It seems that the mental and emotional make-up

has some bearing on the pain. Thus introverted, sensitive and tense girls will get more pain than those who are carefree, light-hearted, socially adjusted and who indulge in outdoor activities.

Hormonal imbalance, possession of an under-developed uterus, long necked womb, obstruction in it and the failure of the lining of the uterus to disintegrate — all these have been incriminated in turn.

Leaving the academic side and coming to the practical aspect of treatment there is no reason why any girl should undergo an amount of period pains. There are a variety of treatments available to stop the pain or at least to relieve it. First it is important for the mother to adequately prepare the daughter before the periods arrive.

It is a good thing in many ways to explain the anatomy and physiology of menstruation. Good and healthy state of mind and body by themselves help to ameliorate the symptom. Warm baths, a mild laxative, reasonable amount of rest, hot water bottle and ordinary pain-killing drugs can be used, if the pain is severe.

If these simple measures do not help, a medical check up by a doctor is necessary. If he finds there is a special cause he may advise an appropriate treatment. Otherwise he will give ordinary antispasmodic tablets. Very rarely hormonal treatment may be necessary and sometimes an operation of dilation and curettage — D & C for short — cures the condition.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

ual relations with her? Will she become pregnant if I do?
R.B., Benin, Nigeria.

The time of the return of the monthly periods after confinement varies. The time will not be monthly periods in time and there is nothing to worry. You can now have sex relation with her. If you do, one of you must take contraceptive measures because even though she has not got her monthly periods she is fertile and can become pregnant.

Too much blood

I am 20 years old and have got four children. Before marriage I used to bleed for two or three days every month during my periods. Since marriage I find that I bleed almost a week. Does this mean that I have now got too much blood? I am worried.

Mrs. H., Katsina, Kenya.
The duration of bleeding during monthly periods varies a lot. The fact that you bleed longer now does not mean that you have got too much blood. If the duration and quantity of blood is varying, you have three or four courses of contraceptive pills and your cycle will be more regular.

Too much strain

I am preparing for my school leaving examination. I find after two hours of work my head feels heavy and my eyes and ears become very hot. I am sure this is not an ordinary headache. Please help me.
Miss Toben, Mbale, Uganda.

I am sure you are a result of strain because of your being engaged for the examination. Just have a few minutes rest after every hour and your problem will be solved.

I get headaches

I am an eighteen years old girl. I started my periods when I was fourteen. In the beginning, my bleeding was lasting for about a week but gradually both the quantity and duration have diminished. I went to the hospital recently and I was told by the doctor that I have no blood. Could this be the cause of my trouble?

Miss, Kisumu, Kenya.
One of the causes of less period bleeding is lack of blood. This could easily be confirmed by checking up your blood percentage, which is a very simple and inexpensive test. There are also other causes that your doctor may have to consider if your blood is adequate.

Bad discharge

Since the beginning of this year I have noticed profuse vaginal discharge followed by itching. Please tell me doctor if I am developing cancer and will I be able to produce children?

Joyce, Fort Portal.
You can set your mind at rest by immediately assuring you that neither are you developing cancer nor will you remain childless. Vaginal discharge is a very common female complaint with the associate itching. It is likely that you have got fungus infection. Vaginal pessaries available at any good chemist, inserted every night inside for about ten days will clear your infection.

Capsules please

Can you please send me some capsules which will make me infertile? I want to use them as a contraceptive measure.

William, Kampala.
You seem to be ahead of your time because we have still not been able to prepare capsules as a contraceptive measure for men. Lots of research is being done on this subject and I hope we will soon be able to provide men with contraceptive capsules or pills.

Still no child

I am a twenty-five years old man and my wife is twenty-three years old. We have been married for five years and have had two children. I have been able to have a child. What examination should I undergo?

Michael, Zambia.
You should have a semen analysis done to see if you have got adequate healthy sperm. If you have, then your wife should undergo a gynaecological check-up.

Why no periods?

My wife gave birth to a child six months back. I am surprised to see that she still has not got monthly periods though I am sure she is not pregnant. I would like you to let me know: Why does she not get monthly periods? Can I have sex-

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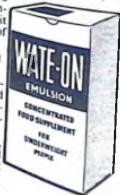
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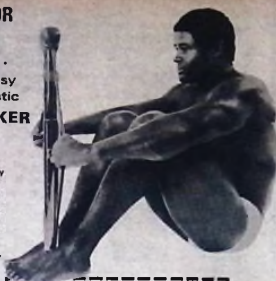
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A young man was being examined by a doctor. "Are you ever troubled by sexual dreams?" the doctor asked him.

"Oh no," was the reply. "I quite enjoy them!"

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A sergeant who was instructing his men in army drill asked one of his men, "What is the first thing to do when cleaning a rifle?"

"Check the serial number on the rifle, sir".
 "What on earth for?" demanded the sergeant.
 "To make sure I don't clean somebody else's!"

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A man rushed into a bar and said, "Quick! Give me three large drinks before the trouble starts!"

The startled barman poured out the drinks, and as the man gulped them down, he asked him, "What trouble? When's it going to start?"

"Right now," the man replied, "I can't pay for these drinks."

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Two fathers were overheard discussing their children:

"What is your son going to be when he finishes at university?" asked one.

Replied the other, "It looks as if he's going to be an old man."

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A famous film actor was having a dinner at a restaurant. A girl kept staring at him and finally asked, "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

The actor smiled and replied, "Perhaps you've seen me in the cinema."

"Maybe," she said thoughtfully, "Where do you usually sit?"

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David, Dar es Salaam.

Go after her and bring her home, dye all your underwear, and beware of girls who tell everything to their best friends.

I'm fat and nobody wants to love me

I am 22 and as fat as a rich man. I think that is why most girls think I am married. I would like to tell Miss Lonely Heart of Kampala and Miss Worried of Kisumu, whose letters you published, that I am ready for them if I could get their addresses. I am very interested in these short young ladies.

Mangi, Dar es Salaam.

Very few girls worry about whether a man is married already, if they feel attracted to him. Has it occurred to you that perhaps you are rather too fat to attract pretty girls? How about a slimming course before you woo anyone?

I'm frightened of talking to girls

I am 22 and I am polite. I like girls but I fear to talk to them. Please advise me because I very much want to have a girl friend.

Mass, Kano.

At 22, you should not be afraid to tell a girl how you feel about her. She cannot eat you. Tell her you like her. It is as simple as that. If she turns you down, there are plenty more.

How can I make him marry me?

The boy I am very much in love with is 21 while I am 19. He is very handsome. He has already got an intended wife who is a student and says he cannot marry me because of this girl and because I have already got a child. Please tell me how I can win this boy.

Udom, Lagos.

Do not waste your time on this boy. He is not going to marry you. Wait patiently for a man who will love and cherish you.

I'm too good to wed a village girl

I am a handsome guy of 23, with HSC and working in a Government department. I have been trying to engage literate girls, but all my attempts have been a failure. My comrades have got educated girls and they laugh at me because my girlfriends are villagers or illiterates. Could you suggest a few logical principles to enable me to deal with modern girls. I am seriously contemplating marriage and I do not wish to marry a villager.

E.M., Uganda.

Perhaps you are too conceited to attract a modern, educated girl. There's no magic formula for love, you know, and having HSC does not necessarily make you into a demon-horn. So stop worrying so much about whether your girls are literate and you might find a nice girl who is worth marrying.



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My wife is the daughter of a prostitute. She was not a virgin when I married her but I was not worried. I love her very dearly but we are always quarrelling because she visits her mother too often. I fear she will seduce my wife. Now my wife is six months' pregnant and her mother has taken her to her place until the baby is born. I am worried. Do you advise that I leave her? D.O., Malakal.

You know that her mother was a prostitute before you married her. Unless you have any other reason to distrust your wife, you should not worry about her trips away from home.

Pestered for beer and presents

I am a boy of 21 in love with a girl two years senior. She always asks me to buy her beer, and other things, which I always obliges. But I am worried because she has refused to pay me visits; do you think she loves me? S. A. Bansa, Lagos, Ghana.

I do not think that your girl should give you sex for an occasional bottle of beer.

Bed demands are ruining marriage

I am a married girl of 24. Barely two years after our marriage I have two children. My man has been making love with me almost every night, even when I am in my period. At first I thought it was because our marriage was fresh. But it has got to the extent that my husband even bolts away from business to the living for sex.

I become frightened whenever I see him and I have been growing steadily pale and unhappy. Though I have allowed him to fill with any girl that he may take fancy for, he still comes to me. I have decided to seek divorce, but the charge will be a disgrace to me.

Send your advice.
Lady Pula, Accra, Ghana.
Consult your parents and ask them to bring your wife to the notice of your husband through his parents or close relatives. It should work.

Teach me how to make love

I am 26 and I have never taken a girl to bed. Girls like me but I do not like them. Now I have fallen in love with a girl. She too loves me and she wants me to take her to bed. When she visits me she lies on my bed. I want to have sex with her but I do not know how. Please teach me. Ndawa, Abuja.

These problems solve themselves if you relax. However, a sex advice book may help.

She wants to be my second wife

I am 23 and married with a child. I have fallen in love with a divorcee of the same age who already has two children. Now she is expecting my baby and has asked me to marry her. I cannot afford two wives. Should I tell this woman no? P.N.O., Enugu.

You may not be able to afford to marry her but you will have to pay to maintain the new baby.

Does no sex mean there is no love?

I am a second year engineering student, aged 21, and my girl is 18 and doing a secretarial course. We have known each other four months and I have not succeeded in taking her for a bed ride. Help me to know the loop-hole in our love. She says she is restrained by her brother, with whom she stays. Do you think she has a real love for me, or should I avoid her? J.K.A., Nairobi.

She's a smart cookie, this one! She knows exactly what you are after, and she's going to avoid it if she can. She may well be guarded by her brother, or it may be an excuse. She may also love you, but not wish to go to bed with you, for fear of the consequences. Only you can decide whether you respect her wishes or find another girl with easier morals.

His wife fights with me always

My boy friend and I are very much in love. I am promised to marry him but the problem is anything I do to visit him in his house, his wife fights with me. Do you advise that I stop going to his house? S.A.A., Sokoto.

Yes, until he sorts out things with his wife and she introduces you to her.

How can I make them love me?

I am 21. There are many girls who profess to love me but I do not like them. Incidentally, there are many girls I would like to fall in love with but these girls do not know that I admire them. Please tell me how to win any of these girls. Enlow, Abuja.

I suppose the second set of girls is the self-respecting type who will not throw themselves on boys. They expect boys to do the chasing so I suggest that you approach them and make them know how you feel about them.

Don't you think she is deceiving me?

I am 16 and in primary seven. The girl I am in love with is 15 and in form two. Please advise me what do I do to know whether she is deceiving me? Sammy, Nairobi.

I don't know whether you have not accused her of anything. I will advise you to study her carefully and then draw your conclusion.

Should I share her with him?

I fell in love with a 17-year-old girl. I was not sure that she was the girl friend of my college brother when I knew I, a logist to him but he advised I not to worry. Dolly, what do you think? Eagle, Zambia.

I will advise you to leave the girl now that you know that your college brother was her boyfriend before her. I am sure there are many eligible girls in your place.

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