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Assembly adopts measures for impeachment

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WHEN, HOW TO REMOVE Mr PRESIDENT

A leap in the dark?

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7-man tribunal

by our political correspondent

THE Constituent Assembly has adopted a procedure for the regulations of impeachment proceedings against the President and Vice-President.

It proposes that a seven-man tribunal of persons of proven integrity drawn from outside the Legislature shall be constituted to hear any impeachment proceedings against the Chief Executive or the Vice-President. Both shall stand removed from office if found guilty.

The Draft Constitution recommends impeachment as follows:

- If a motion to investigate the conduct of the President or Vice-President is approved by one-third of the members of either Chamber, each chamber shall consider the motion not less than seven days and not more than 14 days.
- If the motion is carried in both Chambers by two-thirds majority without debate, a joint Investigating Committee of both chambers shall be set up to report within three months and the President shall stand suspended from office with pay until the proceedings are concluded.
- If the committee returns a verdict of guilty and this is adopted by a two-thirds majority in a joint sitting of both chambers, the President shall stand removed from office.



•MR J. O. OLARINDE
Commissioner of Police, Rivers State

Bank officials in ₦·092m quiz

by Joe Anyama

THREE senior officials of a commercial bank in Port Harcourt are assisting the police to solve a quiz concerning ₦92,000. Fraud is suspected.

A managing director of a local food company was among the first to speak to the police when the matter surfaced initially.

According to a police source, a man had issued a fictitious bank draft to the managing director to procure some 4,000 bags of imported rice. The bank draft was alleged to have been honoured by the bank.

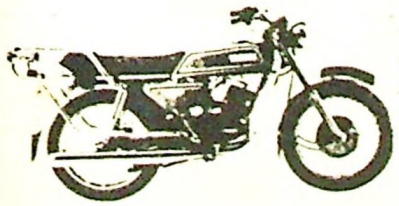
Following the clearance of the bank draft, some 2,400 bags of rice were sold to the man at Aba in Imo State, the source said.

The deal, it was gathered, came to light when the director issued a cheque for ₦92,000 to the suppliers of the commodity which his bankers later dishonoured.

My source further said that a fallout developed in the deal when a cashier became suspicious of the cheque, and on contacting the Bende branch of the bank for confirmation, it transpired that the bank draft honoured by the Port Harcourt branch was forged.

When I visited the state CID office yesterday, some officials were there to record state for the bail of a bank accountant and a woman supervisor.

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40m MAY REGISTER FOR 1979 ELECTIONS

According to statistics already made available by statisticians, at least 40,000,000 Nigerians are expected to be registered for the 1979 general elections that will return the country to civil rule, granting, however, that Nigeria's population is 80,000,000.

Disclosing this at Aba during an NTV Channel 6 current affairs programme "Face the Press", the resident electoral commissioner for Imo State, Dr James I. J. Otuka said that he personally favoured the registration or recognition of only two political parties, "whether socialist or republican", in the country.

He explained that he held this view in order that stability was ensured during the civilian take-over of government.

Multi-party system, with its attendant large followings, Dr Otuka further stressed, would inevitably engender chaos and administrative instability.

He cited Italy and Portugal as an example of such instability.

The commissioner said the present registration exercise would cover five elections that would be held in the country in 1979, namely elections to the houses of assembly, the presidency, the senate, governors and deputy governors.

These elections were expected to be completed within two months of each other, he said.

On the question of a registered voter leaving his or her state of registration before election day, the commissioner explained that it would be necessary in such case for the voter to contact the electoral officer in his her new station for fresh registration and the return of the former registration card back to the former station for cancellation of the voter's name there.

But for those who may change residence within a state such voters would be advised to go back to where they registered and vote".

Answering a question on the determination of age, Dr Otuka said his commission would not be rigid about that, but, he added, where there existed genuine doubts about the credibility of age, a doctor may be called in to help.

He replied in answer to another question that he did not think that the powers conferred on the Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO) was too much.

He remarked, however, that the powers were the action of the Supreme Military Council.

"It is the place of the person on whom the power is imposed to shout", if it is too much for him", he added humourously.

The Imo State electoral boss disagred with the suggestion that all the Decrees promulgated by the military would become "null and void" when civilians took 'power' in 1979.

He regretted that the money made available to the commission for enlightenment campaigns was not enough, but said they were working within the limits of their resources, and all was going well.

He appealed to the news media for continued assistance in the dissemination of the job of the commission.



CHIEF MICHAEL ANI, Chairman, Federal Electoral Commission

Bishop condemns war

The Catholic Bishop of Owerri diocese, Imo State, the Rt. Rev. Mark Unegbu has called on those who provoked wars and violence and those who wielded political authority to consider whether it was an act of justice or charity to destroy human life.

He said: "Since we have connected death with eternal life, we cannot fail to mention once again that violence and war are factors which lead to death of many innocent citizens".

Bishop Unegbu was preaching a sermon in the Assumpta Cathedral, Owerri on the occasion of the remembrance day of Nigerian soldiers who died in both the World war and in the Nigerian civil war.

Speaking on death, he said the christian faith made it abundantly clear that death was not the ultimate end of human life.

He pointed out that those who wantonly destroyed innocent life at various levels, purposely wanted to extinguish the idea of God and justice from their minds.

Biship Unegbu further called on Nigerians to regard the "Remembrance Day" as a national day of penance for all the injustices, murders, exploitation, treacheries, acts of violence and inter tribal feuds committed and being committed by Nigerians against their fellow powerless and defenceless citizens.

Underground water survey takes off

A NATIONAL survey of the country's underground water resources is now being carried out.

The Federal Commissioner for Water Resources, Alhaji Ibrahim El-Yakubu, made this known in Lagos. The exercise, he said, is among other things designed to determine the quality and quantity of such available resources.

To this end, the commissioner disclosed, hydrogeological mapping had been undertaken, while a programme of geophysical survey had been drawn up.

He said the survey operation would be covered in two phases to be followed by possible exploratory drilling programme to assess quantity.

Alhaji El-Yakubu said that an aerial photography of major flood plains on the Niger, Benue, Gongola, Kebbi, Hadejia, Yobe, Ogun, Oshun, and Shashi River Basins covering a total of 261,000 hectares had been commissioned.

He explained that the exercise was as a result of previous studies and field checks that the flood plains of the major river systems in the country could be profitably reclaimed and turned into productive agricultural land.

The soil survey programme is expected to be completed by June this year.

Electoral commissioner tours Delga

The resident federal electoral commissioner in the Rivers State, Chief (Mrs) Ya'funde Ghadebo is now on a tour of local government areas in the state like Ekpeye and Degema area yesterday.

During the tours the commissioner would enlighten the communities on the need for accurate registration of voters now being conducted.



OBA AKENZUA DECORATED

THE Oba of Benin, His Highness, Akenzua II was decorated with an emblem to mark this year's Remembrance Armed Forces Day celebrations in his Palace, in Benin City recently.

Here, the Oba is being decorated by Mrs. V. N. Idahosa, an official of the Bendel State Ministry of Information, Social Development and Sports, in Benin City.

EDITORIAL

CALL OFF THE THREAT

THE REGISTRATION of voters for the 1979 General Elections began a week ago. From all indications, it does not appear that the masses of the people have sufficiently warmed up yet. This again, is to be expected, and registration officials should not feel subdued by this initial inertia. With sustained enlightenment campaigns through all available communications techniques, we are hopeful that the desired momentum shall be achieved.

THERE are areas of worry, however. We refer to those communities where registration could not go on because of violent disturbances. A particular case in point is the one reported in the Thursday issue of this newspaper. The people of some villages in the Bonny Local Government Area, particularly Iyoba and Amankwu, in the Rivers State, have been reported to have deserted their places of abode because of an alleged attack by groups from a neighbouring community. And for that reason registration there has been stalled.

THIS SITUATION should be arrested at once. The law enforcement agencies are aware that the area has been disturbed since the beginning of this year. Without over-simplifying their work, we had thought that the situation would have been brought under control by now. That a group of people should be seen to be living according to their own rules of conduct outside the laws of the land can be scandalous.

IT IS our view, therefore, that the pace of investigation should be accelerated and those responsible for the riots in these villages be made to pay for their lawlessness. For how long can people be allowed to behave as if they were an island unto themselves? The Iyoba/Ataba affair should be contained with dispatch in order to allow the law-abiding citizens of the areas to live their lives in peace.

ALREADY, the thousands of people who fled the areas are exposed to the mercy of the elements in open "refugee camps". Their spokesmen have expressed the fear that because of the obviously insanitary condition of the open camps, cholera and such other deadly diseases could attack. Their fear should not be dismissed lightly.

THE authorities to whom appeals for rescue and assistance have been sent should hearken to their entreaties and take steps to restore normalcy. The threats to law and order should be called off now, in order to enable the people to resume normal social intercourse and social activities with their fellow citizens and more to the point, to enable them participate in the current political processes as they are perfectly to do.

BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR

IT has become a perennial problem, the issue of reducing the gap between the rich and poor, the life in urban and rural areas and the distribution of social infrastructures in the rural areas where about 70% of our population lives.

While this tends to characterise all developing economies, possible efforts have been taken by different governments, to combat the situation principally through (a) Wage increase (b) Tax ratio system (PAYE) (c) Agricultural improvement etc.

While our government is commended for taking these various steps, it is pertinent to note that they have not significantly corrected the faults.

No sooner the wage increase was granted than price of commodities started galloping. How many people of our potential population are actually within the labour force?

And to what extent is an office messenger who works from morning till dawn adequately rewarded for his services? Then consider the high percentage of peasant farmers who have no quota in the wage increase, who live in poor environments where pipe-borne water, electricity and good road network are virtually a luxury.

In the light of the foregoings, it is imperative to note that any attempts to bridge the gap requires a broader approach. Realising that about 75% of our total population are engaged in agriculture, the government should give them necessary encouragement through such things as loans (both cash and kind), subsidies and fertilizers and proper instruction on how to increase farm yields.

D. M. TAOL
Bori.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

Probes on public officers must continue

THE recent call made by some members of the Constituent Assembly to stop forthwith the practice of probing government officials needs a second thought.

In taking a sceptical view the wave of probes in the Nigerian society, with its consequences, one may be convinced to endorse the ideas raised by some of these people.

The prevailing probing exercise has indeed created one disastrous effect. The exposition of highly placed men in the society has, instead of discouraging people, encouraged others to plunge into the same fraudulent practice. These people realise that the order imposed by the Federal and State Governments for the refund of misappropriated sums of money have not been responding as expected.

While the above stands as the truth, those who oppose probes failed to mention the system by which these officials should be made accountable for their stewardship wants the press crippled of its freedom.

It is extremely difficult to declare the assets of a man who deals with foreign banks, and establishes industries on fictitious names.

It is however vital that the probing exercise should continue.

NICODEMUS LAMBERT
Okordia - Zarama.

GIVE US UPE SCHOOL

CHILDREN in Rumuokani Ogbakiri in Ikwerre Etche Local Government area need a UPE school urgently. I think the Rivers State Ministry of Education should help them.

The village has a good site for such a school. They are also ready to donate a a hall where classes could be held temporarily, until permanent class blocks are constructed.

J. E. DIKE
Rumuokani

Scrap chieftaincy institution

IN my candid opinion, any institution which has outlived its usefulness should be scrapped. The chieftaincy institution is one such.

Before now the institution was a uniting force in our various communities, but it has been weighed in the balance and is now found wanting.

Out of ten problems in most of our communities, one finds out that at least four are traceable to chieftaincy matters. And those four are usually the most bloody.

The question is, what should we now do to remedy the situation?

The answer to this question is not far-fetched. It has to do with a feeling by certain classes in our communities that they are born to rule for ever. This is challenged due to the fact that the old order of "slave" and "free-born" is now a thing of the past. One is judged by his capabilities, not his parentage.

IBIM JUMBO
Port Harcourt

NTV, new newscasters

I AM not a particularly handsome man, but I would like the reading public to judge.

The news that our local languages (Khana, Kolokuma, Ikwerre and Kalabari) would be read on the NTV, Port Harcourt, I am sure, gladdened many hearts. But to our greatest dismay, the news casters were not like what we have seen in any television station anywhere in the world.

A news caster is supposed to master the language he is reading. Let us be honest with ourselves, those who read the news now do not command such mastery.

I shall take this opportunity to plead with the NTV, Port Harcourt, to please interview interested part-time news readers from the various language zones and select the best materials for translating and presentation.

This is the only way of not turning the joy of hearing our native languages to sadness.

KAKAUE NEEKANA
Port Harcourt

Questions on employment

MAY I use this medium to thank all those concerned with employment? I or, as a result of the open-door police adopted in the Rivers State, many young school leavers have gained employment with ease.

But it puzzles me when I observe that out of a hundred new employees, more than two thirds of the number are girls.

The question now is why do the girls gain employment easier than their male counterparts? Does it mean the girls do better at interviews? Or do they use other means in gaining their employment?

S. N. ICONKON-TARIAH
Port Harcourt

WHY THAT MISTAKE?

FOR a long time now the people of Choba in Ikwerre Etche Local Government Authority area in general have stopped answering Isoba.

I wonder why they should allow the people who wrote that notice board near the Choba Bridge to include Isoba instead of Choba Bridge.

ALHAJI NCHEBROS
Ogbakiri.

Why Nigeria borrows abroad

Oluleye explains it all

Nigeria's foreign loans are not intended for balance of payments support. Rather, it is the intention of government to use the proceeds of such loans to supplement local resources available for meeting offshore cost component of economic projects.

The Federal Commissioner for Finance, Major-General James Oluleye, stressed this in London in a speech on the occasion of the signing of the US $1 billion multi-currency credit agreement between Nigeria and some foreign banking institutions.

He said the country's external borrowing programme had been carefully worked out with a view to ensuring that its debt service ratio now at about 6.2 per cent, remained constantly within the limit which could be supported comfortably by the economy.

Major-General Oluleye spoke of certain economic factors which had made it impossible for the Federal Military Government to find it easy now to finance its third National Development out of the country's resources as was envisaged without recourse to external finance from the international financial organisations and the international capital market.

These include the shortfall in anticipated oil production, currently fluctuating between 1.8 and 2.0 million barrels per day and the falling price of petroleum products in world markets.

In addition, he pointed out the incidence of worldwide inflation had had the disquieting effect of inflating project costs contrary to original estimates.

The commissioner said that Nigeria felt the need to improve herself to build up new factories, develop her agriculture, improve her infrastructures and prosecute a host of other economically sound and viable projects.

He assured that the loan would be well spent.

In the process, the standard of living of the average Nigerian would be enhanced while the country would benefit from the new and lasting economic strength.

Major-General Oluleye thanked all participating banks for demonstrating their confidence in Nigeria.

He also commended the staff of his ministry and those of the Central Bank of Nigeria for their useful contributions.



MAJOR-GENERAL OLULEYE

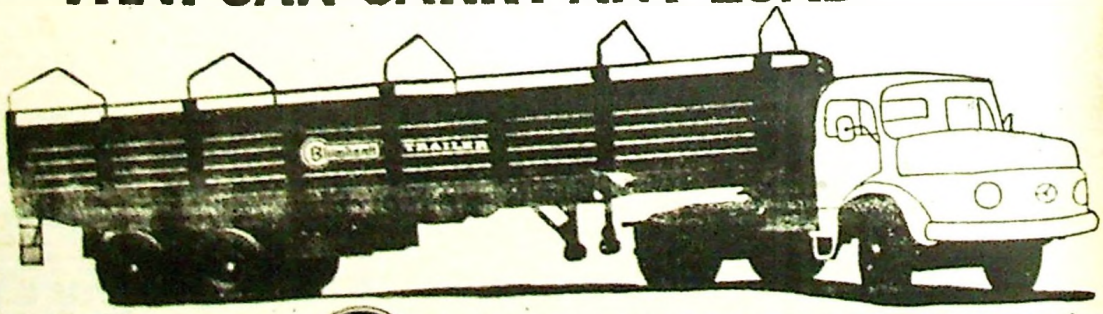
Bus for Abadina school

The Oyo State Government has presented a bus to Abadina College, University of Ibadan, as part of its plan to ease transportation difficulties to secondary school students in Oyo State.

Here, the chairman of Abadina School Board of Governors, Dr S. O. Odunuga presents the key of the bus to the Registrar of University of Ibadan, Mr S. J. Okudu, while other executive members of Abadina School watch with keen interest.



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Messenger convicted

A MESSENGER with the Rivers State Ministry of Finance, William Nbea has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for stealing, by a Port Harcourt chief magistrate's court.

He was found guilty of stealing N85.00 and a hand bag valued at N10.00. The prosecution had told the court that on January 8, 1978 at Enugu Waterside in Port Harcourt, the accused entered into the dwelling house of Mrs Paulina Gbaraipbo, where he stole one hand bag valued N10.00 and N85.00 cash.

He pleaded guilty to the charge.



Pa Ogundana reported missing

MR Festus Ogundana in photograph above, has been declared missing.

The missing person was last seen in a taxi heading for Benin after his brief visit to his son in Port Harcourt.

All efforts to trace Mr Ogundana who hails from Akangba Akoko in Ondo State has failed.

Anybody who sees or knows his hereabout should report to the nearest police post immediately.



Soldiers camp for school job

AN INDUCTION course for military personnel to be posted to post-primary institutions in the Rivers State has begun at Alau.

The course which is organised by the state's Ministry of Education will last three weeks.

Addressing the non-commissioned officers at the opening of the course, the state's Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West urged them to show a spirit of comradeship towards the principals, teachers, students and other workers of institutions to which they might be posted.

He also advised them to show a high sense of discipline and restraint which their presence was expected to promote in these schools.

The commissioner emphasised that the principals would still be in firm and direct control of their schools while the NCOs would be under the principals like other teachers.

He warned that any soldier found incapable of adapting to the situation would be promptly replaced.

The commissioner explained that the NCOs would help in physical training and simple drills and in the enforcement of established routine in any school.

The emphasis, he pointed out, would be on discipline and not military training.

He said that the posting of soldiers to schools was in keeping with current trends all over the world and appealed to the people of the state to give the scheme a chance to work.

The commissioner noted that although members of the public had expressed fears about the scheme, such fears had now proved unfounded since the scheme was already operating in several states without any cause for regrets.

Professor David-West observed that the days were gone when soldiers were regarded as dogs of war who must be confined to barracks until there was some fighting to be done.

Here in Nigeria, he said, soldiers have helped in civilian activities like the construction of roads and bridges, the directing of traffic and agricultural schemes.

Earlier in his speech, the chief inspector of education, Dr C I Bereprin said that the soldiers would undertake a different task from their day to day activities.

He pointed out that their duty was to cater for the students by understanding their feelings and reactions.

Dr Bereprin urged them to work towards the success of the scheme.

Replying on behalf of the NCOs the resident commander for the course, Lt Anthony Dadu promised that his men would live up to the standards expected of them.

Professor David-West, in suit, above, inspects a guard of honour mounted by non-commissioned officers.



Registration: 'No incitement please'

COMMUNITIES in Okrika district of Bonny local government area have been warned to desist from inciting others not to register during the current registration exercise.

Giving the warning while addressing chiefs and elders at Okrika, the resident federal electoral commissioner in the Rivers State, Chief Yetunde Gbadebo said it was an offence against the Electoral Law 1977, to obstruct a registration official from performing his legitimate duties.

The penalty for such offences, she said, was six months imprisonment without any option of fine.

Mrs Gbadebo said it would not be possible to hand over government to civilians without proper elections and to conduct such elections, "we must have people to vote".

The commissioner emphasised that the current registration had nothing to do with taxation.

No registration official should demand tax receipts or money from members of the public in respect of the registration, she added.

Ekpeye plans ahead

THE people of Ekpeye in the Ahoada Local Government area are to launch the first phase of their N15 million development programme.

In a statement signed by the community's chief publicity secretary, Mr B U Jack, the town's planning committee urged the people to support the development programme.

Bishop exhorts court judges

JUDGES throughout the country have been urged to always look toward God for guidance so that they could exercise their powers in fear of God.

The Roman Catholic Bishop in Port Harcourt, the Right Rev Fitzgibbon was preaching the sermon at the religious service which marked the opening of the Port Harcourt criminal assizes.

He said whatever responsibility judges had they were readily accountable to God.

That was why, they should, before taking any action, examine their consciences very well, so that their eyes would not betray their heart so that men would not blindfold them, so that they would discharge the duties of their office without fear or favour, without bitterness and rancour.

He said the responsibility of exercising authority was not an easy one.

That was why they should engage in spiritual exercise as power does tend to corrupt and great power tends to corrupt greatly.

"Because where there is great power concentrated and great authority wielded, it is well nigh inevitable that the possessor may think and act as if he knew what was best and as if he had a monopoly of wisdom."

Bishop Fitzgibbon said if judges had daily examination of their consciences, they would have a goal to plod them on and a spur to urge them remember who they were.

The assizes, which is being presided over by the chief judge of the state, Mr Justice Ambrose Allagoa will hear 19 criminal cases, including murders and burglaries.

Above, Mr Justice Allagoa inspects a guard of honour which formed part of the colourful opening ceremony of the assizes.

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For purposes of Subsection (1) (b) of Section 8 of the Decree, Council has approved, with reservations as indicated where appropriate, the Institutions in the list herein.

The Institution which desires the Council approval of an engineering course shall normally invite the Council to undertake a visitation of the course concerned.

Reference may be made to the Council Registry for the regulations, current in the meantime, on the Approval of Engineering Courses.

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Nigeria
Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1974)*
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical
University of Lagos, Lagos (1975)*:
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical
University of Ife, Ile-Ife (1974)*
Agricultural, Chemical, Electronics
* Indicates the year when formal approval was given by Council

Ghana
University of Science and Technology, Kumasi
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

Kenya
University of Nairobi
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

Egypt
University of Cairo
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical
University of Alexandria
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical
Ain Shams University
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

Sudan
University of Khartoum
Agricultural, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

Zambia
University of Zambia
Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AWARDING BSc DEGREES IN ENGINEERING

Aberdeen:	Civil
Aston:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Production
Bath:	Aeronautical, Chemical, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Belfast:	Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Birmingham:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Production
Bradford:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Production
Bristol:	Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Brunel:	Electrical, Mechanical, Production
Cambridge:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Cardiff University College:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Mining
Cardiff Institute of Science & Technology:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Production
City:	Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Dundee:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Durham:	Civil, Electrical, Mechanical
Edinburgh:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Essex:	Electronics
Exeter:	Chemical
Glasgow:	Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Heriot-Watt:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Hull:	Electronics
Kent:	Electronics
Lancaster:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Leeds:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Mining
Liverpool:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Production
Nottingham:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Mining, Production
Reading:	Electrical, Mechanical
Salford:	Aeronautical, Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Metallurgical, Mining
Sheffield:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Southampton:	Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Strathclyde:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Mining, Production
Surrey:	Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Marine, Mechanical
Sussex:	Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical
Swansea:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Chemical
Warwick:	Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical

LONDON UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Chelsea College of Science and Technology: Electronics

Imperial College: Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Mining

King's College: Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical

Queen Mary College: Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical

University College: Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Marine, Mechanical

Loughborough: Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Production

Manchester University: Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical

Manchester University (Institute of Science and Technology): Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Metallurgical

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne: Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Marine, Mechanical, Mining

BRITISH COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH OFFER C. N. A. A. DEGREES

Civil Engineering	Electrical/Electronics Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Bolton	Birmingham	Brighton
Brighton	Bolton	Central London
Central London	Brighton	Dundee
Dundee	Bristol	Glamorgan
Glamorgan	Central London	Hatfield
Hatfield	Dundee	Kingston
Kingston	Huddersfield	Lanchester
Lanchester	Kingston	Liverpool
Liverpool	Leeds	Middlesex
North-East London	Leicester	Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
Paisley	Liverpool	North-East London
Middlesex	North-East London	North Staffordshire
Plymouth	North Staffordshire	Paisley
Portsmouth	Paisley	Plymouth
Sheffield	Royal Naval Engineering College	Portsmouth
Sunderland	South Bank	Royal Naval Engineering College
Teesside	Sunderland	South Bank
Thames	Thames	Stockport
Trent	Trent	Sunderland
	Hatfield	Teesside
	Lanchester	Thames
	Middlesex	Trent
	Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Wolverhampton
	Portsmouth	
	Robert Gordons	

Aeronautical Engineering: Hatfield, Kingston

Agricultural Engineering: National College of Agricultural Engineering

Chemical Engineering: Glamorgan, South Bank, Teesside

Control Engineering: Central London, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Teesside

Industrial/Production Engineering: Birmingham, Hatfield, Lanchester, Leeds, Trent

U. K. QUALIFICATIONS OTHER THAN DEGREES

Chemical Engineering: None

Electrical Engineering:

Bolton Institute of Technology: Associateship Award recognised as from 1966.

Brighton College of Technology (now Brighton Polytechnic): Diploma Award made between 1967 – 1968.

Glamorgan Polytechnic: Diploma Award recognised as from 1965.

Liverpool Polytechnic: Associateship Award recognised as from 1967.

Mid-Essex Technical College: Diploma Award recognised as from 1960.

Plymouth Polytechnic: Diploma Award recognised as from 1965.

Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology: Associateship Award made between 1960-1971.

Lanchester Polytechnic (formerly Rugby College of Engineering Technology): Diploma Award recognised as from 1960.

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THE WORLD

NOW RAY OF HOPE FOR PORTUGAL...

Another coalition govt under way

PORTUGUESE President Antonio Ramalho Eanes has agreed to the formation of a coalition government between outgoing Prime Minister Mario Soares' Socialist Party and the Right-Wing Democratic and Social Centre (CDS).

President Eanes had reportedly hoped that Mr Soares would gain the unspoken support of the Communists, but instead they criticised the proposed alliance with the Conservative CDS as bad for the economy and for democracy.

Portugal has been without a government since Mr Soares lost a confidence vote last December 8. Foreign loans have been held up until formation of a government which can implement austerity measures.

Mr Soares said that his pact with the CDS would enable him to govern "in stability and for a long time".

He added that the Socialist Party "will not put the social and political conquests of the revolution in question."

The CDS is the only party in Portugal not to advocate socialism and the only one that failed to vote in favour of the constitution, which calls for a transition to socialism.

A presidential communique said that the formalities for officially naming Mr Soares to form a government had begun.

The President was to consult the council of the revolution and had called on party representatives to meet with him.

Mr Soares informed the President earlier on Wednesday that he was ready to form a new government after reaching an agreement with the CDS that will give him a total of 143 seats out of 263 in the Republican Assembly— the Portuguese Parliament.

Once he is officially designated Prime Minister again, he will have ten days to present his government's programme for approval by the Assembly, which will have a maximum of five days to debate it.

PASSPORT SEIZED

POLICE have seized Mrs Ilona Kleinschmidt's passport two days before she was to leave to see her exiled anti-apartheid husband in the Netherlands.

Mrs Kleinschmidt was to leave to see Horst Kleinschmidt who fled South Africa two years ago after being detained for several weeks in connection with the arrest of poet Breyten Breytenbach on charges of terrorist activities.

Mr Kleinschmidt was an official of the Christian Institute, one of the 19 anti-apartheid organisations banned by the authorities on October 19.

Earlier this week, Mrs Kleinschmidt's home was painted with Communist and Nazi signs.

Last, Mrs Kleinschmidt was sentenced to a year in prison for refusing to testify to police after visiting imprisoned black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela's wife Winnie. Mrs Kleinschmidt has appealed against the sentence.

BRIEFS

Savone

THE trial resumes here of former Mayor Gerolamo Bandera and civil servant Giuseppe Balbo on charges of accepting bribes from contractors bidding for reconstruction work after the May 1976 Friuli earthquake, which killed nearly 1,000 people.

Mr Bandera, former Mayor of Maino, a village razed by the quake, Andrea Balbo, formerly secretary to the government's special commission for a firm manufacturing prefabricated houses.

Luxembourg

THE design for the European Parliament's future headquarters here is in the shape of wingless aircraft with a disproportionately tall tailpiece, plans published here this week show.

The "Centre-300", as the building will be called, will include a 765-seat debating chamber, two amphitheatres, conference halls reception rooms, a printing workshop, kitchens, simultaneous translation facilities, restaurant, bar, press rooms and a library.

Havana

A hijacked Ecuadorean airliner landed here after stops in Guayaquil, (Ecuador) and Panama.

The 18 passengers that had been held hostage plus a five-member crew got off the plane. At the Guayaquil stop, the hijackers had released old people, women and children.

Umtata

A white South African couple became citizens of Transkei, the former South African tribal homeland which became independent in October 1976.

James Eayrs, 64, and his 63-year-old wife Hendrina who were both born in Transkei and speak xhosa said they were going to return their South African identity papers.

Bangkok

CHINESE envoy Teng Ying-Chao, widow of Premier Chou En-Lai, has declared Chinese backing for Cambodia.

Radio Phnom Penh devoted its news bulletin to the first day in Cambodia of a Chinese delegation led by Mrs Teng, who arrived on Wednesday.

She was reported to have reaffirmed China's backing for Cambodia during a banquet given by Prime Minister and Communist Party Secretary Pol Pot.

S' Sabastian

INMATES at a prison near here slashed their wrists and swallowed various objects as part of a prisoners' campaign for an amnesty for common-law offenders.

About 30 men took part in the gesture and eight were taken to a civilian hospital. None was said to be seriously hurt.

In Barcelona 215 prisoners cut their wrists earlier this week to draw attention to the amnesty demand.

Washington

HALF a ton of documents on the 1963 assassination of President John Kennedy has been released.

But there are no sensational revelations in the mass of material, published by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) under the Freedom of Information Act.

Last December a first issue of 40,001 pages on the slaying by Lee Harvey Oswald, was released.

Riyadh

SAUDI Arabia has dismissed reports that it offered to buy the West Bank of the River Jordan and the Gaza strip from Israel.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said "the West Bank and the Gaza strip are in no way the property of Israel and a homeland cannot be bought or sold".

Yaounde

THE management committee of the Joint Organisation to fight Locusts and Bird pests appointed Abdallahi Ould Ahmed of Mauritania as director-general at the end of its meeting here.

The committee also called on ten-member countries' governments to adopt stronger policies to resolve the organization's financial problems.

Canberra

THE Australian Government "warmly welcomed" this week's uranium supply agreement between Canada and Euratom, (The EEC nuclear organisation) and drew a parallel between the Australian Government's uranium safeguards policy and that of Canada.

Canada suspended its uranium exports to Euratom countries last year as a lever to enforce stricter safeguards.

Johannesburg

A local court has sentenced a black farm worker to death for killing his white employer who was coming to him with a whip.

January Jantjies, 27, quarrelled with his employer, 66-year-old Jacobus Roestors, when he was being paid. Mr Roestors hit him with a rhinoceros whip which the farm worker wrested from him and used it to beat his boss to death.

Windhock

NATIONALIST forces have kidnapped all 19 inhabitants of a northern Namibian village and taken them to Angola, the Ovamboland tribal government's secretary Timo said here.

The official said 50 to 80 armed nationalists, belonging to the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) had kidnapped the villagers of Okwongo.



MRS INDIRA GANDHI

Indira to appear in court again!

THE Shah Commission ordered former Indian Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi to face a second magistrates court prosecution when she refused to take the oath and answer questions.

Justice J. C. Shah Obed previously ordered the prosecution of the former Premier on January 11 when she refused to testify before him.

Mrs Gandhi faces charges brought against her by some of her former colleagues and officials alleging excesses between June 12 and 25, 1975.

The days immediately preceeding the declaration of emergency in India.

She claims that because of her oath of secrecy as Prime Minister she is not bound legally or constitutionally to answer the commission.

If convicted in court, Mrs Gandhi could face a six month prison sentence or a 120 dollar fine, or both.

Outside the strongly guarded commission building, anti-Gandhi groups shouted slogans as she arrived and left the hearing.

Mrs Gandhi dressed in a yellow sari was accompanied by her two sons and their wives.

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LET'S CLOSE RANKS

Plain TALK



by KWAKU JOFFA

SINCE the present rumpus in the rank of journalists in this country, many well-wishers of the profession of journalism have appealed to the different verbal warring factions to close their ranks and come together to work for the unity of their profession.

In declaring open the Press week organised by the Bendel State chapter of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), the state military governor, Commodore Hussaini Abdullahi pointed out the harm the continued disunity among journalists in the country was capable of doing.

Commodore Abdullahi, no doubt, concerned about the present rift in the NUJ observed:

"As purveyors of news and moulders of public opinion, I assume that you cannot claim to be less sensitive to what your old members and the public are saying about the NUJ. If I may be frank with you, many of your admirers feel disappointed that there is so much bickering and disunity among journalists."

The Bendel State Governor further noted: "Responsible opinion in our country is appalled that a body whose business is the scrutiny of how authority is exercised and how society is organized has never really been able to put its own house in order.

"This failing gives cause for concern because it is capable of undermining public confidence in the maturity of journalists and therefore prove an embarrassment to friends of press freedom."

It was therefore Governor Abdullahi's suggestion that everything must be done to safeguard the image of, if not, the impression will gain ground that the professional body is not serious enough to be reckoned with in the scheme of things. Such a development will be unfortunate."

The governor then appealed to all those concerned to critically examine their positions in the ensuing conflict and seek urgent ways to effect reconciliation and restore unity."

> "Some of us have already expressed our opinions about the present conflict within the NUJ. Nevertheless, I think we can sacrifice our personal, and may be, selfish interests for once by listening to the voices of reason as represented by Commodore Abdullahi, Alhaji Aliko and others who want to see a united and dedicated journalists union in this country.
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> Surely, in unity journalists have a lot to gain, but in division I am certain the little they hold would be taken away from them!"

Just a few days after Commodore Abdullahi's address to the members of the Bendel State branch of the NUJ, the Chairman of the Daily Times of Nigeria Limited, Alhaji Aliko Mohammed also appealed to journalists in the country to come together and settle their differences without the intervention of a third party.

Alhaji Aliko who was reported to be on his way to Lagos where he was expected to get a detailed report on the current controversy in the NUJ, was said to have told newsmen at Kaduna Airport that it would be dangerous for the union to allow in a third party, especially at this time when the question of press freedom was being considered by the Constituent Assembly.

The chairman of the Daily Times made a point which I personally consider to be very essential to the amicable settlement of the current NUJ conflict which is in his appeal to Nigerians not to take side in the present controversy within the Nigerian Union of Journalists as such action would only further aggravate the situation. This is indeed a very important point.

Frankly speaking, outside elements are openly said to be factors in almost every conflict within the NUJ. And while these people are busy at their ignoble role, the NUJ leadership dissipates its energy over irrelevancies. Meanwhile, the membership which stands to benefit through a united and virile leadership, suffers.

I think the earlier a stop was put to this practice, the better it would be for us all especially the working journalists.

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Journalists should unite

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the joint enterprise of building a strong and united nation. They are engaged in a well-integrated development effort inspired and guided by the Federal Government.

The media are an essential part of this process whoever their proprietor may be. If they are independent of state governments, this should pose new challenges in regular consultation and co-operation.

I am aware of the various measures taken by state government functionaries to take the press into confidence and brief them regularly on the policies and programmes of government. As custodian of the people's freedom, government must provide a favourable climate for commerce and industry and flourish, and for the safety of persons and property.

There are always competing opinions on the merits and demerits of government policy and it is the duty of the media to act as an information source, arousing debate and helping to increase public understanding of complex issues.

As you all know, journalists because of their daily contact with the people from all walks of life and at all levels of society could claim greater intimacy with public opinion than many people. And this is the more reason why what they tell the people, accurately or objectively, will go a long way to influence public reaction.

On the part of the government, the press can be assured of our continued co-operation. I am aware of some of the contraints in the efficient performance of your duty. Outstanding among them is communication.

I have heard it said that sometimes you cannot transmit your news items to your various head offices due to lack of adequate telecommunication facilities. Though I do not speak for the ministry of Communications, I can draw your attention to the construction work that is currently going on in Benin City.

I am assured that when the telephone projects are completed early in the year, there will be much improvement in the telecom service.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have spoken perhaps as one of you in the sense that we are all partners in progress. The state demands fair comments and understanding of its problems. In sum, what I have said is that the government is yours. Use it to improve the lot of our people.

The press is ours, let us also use it to develop our country.

I now have the pleasure to declare your Press Week open. In this connection, I am happy to announce that the government has approved for the NUJ a donation of ₦50,000.

I wish you a successful Press Week.

Thank you.

Zeeky: A profile

(Continued from page 9)

I'm
fashion
I have suits
in basins
my cufflinks
silver
jacket
gold
tie
diamond

I don't pay
girls rather
I sleep
alone

My love
dead
and
my only
child
born
premature
died
premature
I loved
them

Before I became
a poet
I trained for 7 years
underground
swallowed
gravels

Going back
east
let's go
back
east
to begin
from the
beginning

Going back West
greatness
cashed
prodigal
virgins out
5 came
5 didn't
gates
closed

Coming back to the centre
I believe
there is
juju
God

There are
witches
I have seen
corpses
witches
ghosts
are they
yours
mine
yours
mine?
witches
corpses
ghosts
Angels
opposites?
Analysis
bifocated
same!

Black Charlie
said
he wasn't
going to
run
any more
I do too
you can't
pressurize
me

I Dive
for legs
of
kick — wrestling
in
Rivers!

One champion
I loved
was
love
darkness
I don't
love
Darky met love
and won!

Some one
for the
psychiatrist?
not
me!

Before I became
a poet
I trained for 7 years
underground
swallowed
gravels
lets' round
it
up
I know
the answer
the end.

ZEEKY, REST IN PEACE

OF the dead, say nothing but good. And in keeping with this axiom, I join others in paying tribute to my colleague, Mr. Ezekiel Rukari. "Zeeky Ru" to some of us and simply "Zeeky" to many others.

Zeeky, from the heavy matchet cuts on him when his body was brought to the office on its way to the Port Harcourt General Hospital, was apparently murdered in cold blood.

But who could be so callous as to perpetrate such a ghastly act? What did he hope to achieve by it? These and other questions I hope, the Police would be able to find answers to in their investigation.

Zeeky certainly is gone where no harm can ever come to him. He has become immune to pain and suffering.

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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AGENDA: 1. Election of Officers.

2. Other matters of interest to Evo Community.

CHIEF G. C. OGBONDA
1st Vice Chairman.

OBITUARY

With gratitude to God for a life well spent, the Oribia Tariah Family, announce and peaceful passing away to the great beyond of their mother, grand-mother and aunt Madam Margret Omoni Oribia Tariah, aged 88 years.



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is survived by

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7.	Mrs Kitty Gbeiekiu	— Niece
8.	Barrister Victor Ola Garrick	— Grandson
9.	Dr C. I. E. Wokoma	— Nephew

and a host of other grand children and relations. Burial takes place today, Saturday 21st January, 1978 at Buguma.

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George D. Tariah (Son)
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3	O. Philip	" "
4	F. Onuobuowa	Mech. Engineering
5	Emmanuel C. O. Anyanie	Elec. "
6	E. E. Ogoka	" "
7	I. J. Nsemonwu	" "
8	Sekon	" "
9	G. Anyuka	" "
10.	Tompo E. Ogbola	Chem. Tech.
11.	F. A. Jim Agbogbue	Mining Tech.
12.	Dumoie D. Ibim	Survey "
13.	Stewart Jack	" "
14.	Lambert N. E. Kpakilwa	Metallurgy

Candidates are expected to report to the Scholarship Board, Lagos on 25/1/78.

2. The undermentioned indigenes of the state have been admitted for further studies in Sofia Bulgaria.

1. Ukwuoma Dewy Obioma
2. Green Lindiwa
3. Orenille Tamuk White
4. Jack Tariye
5. Edeja Matthew A. B.
6. Bariboo Emmanuel
7. Jack Stewart Lamle
8. Nyenka Nkemia Kokan
9. Ibim Dumoma Dennis
10. Wariboo Ibimaribo D.
11. Hart Saamon Tonye O.
12. Ogo Ipoma Tobiah
13. Ebeh, Ebie
14. Ekine Ibiokuma Frank
15. Nwenbarge Adana (Miss)

They are expected to be in Sofia between the 20th and 24th Jan. 1978, with 10 Passport Photographs, International Health Certificate, originals of all Educational Certificates/statement of results, medical certificate of fitness. Anyone who is unable to produce his originals cannot travel.

3. Candidates are further advised to report urgently to the office of the Scholarship Board, No 5 Milverton Road, Port Harcourt, for assistance for them to obtain their passports.

FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

APPLICATIONS are invited from suitably qualified candidates for immediate appointment to fill the existing vacancy of a Chief Horticulturist in the service of the Federal Capital Development Authority:

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:

The Duty:

The Chief Horticulturist is required to head the division of Horticulture. He is expected to assist in recruiting the staff for the Division. He is to supervise and manage the Division. He will be responsible for setting up and supervising plant nurseries within and where necessary outside the Federal Capital Territory for the procurement of plants, shrubs and flowers for the landscaping of the Capital City. The successful candidate will be required, in discharging his responsibility, to work in close collaboration with the City Planners and the Landscape Architects.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

Applicants must have formal training and qualifications at University Degree level in Horticulture and Landscape Gardening with a minimum of 7 years experience in the handling of tropical plants, their characteristics and propagation in large nurseries.

SALARY:

Salary will be in accordance with experience and qualifications but is not expected to be below Grade Level 14–₦8,888 to ₦9,828. Other terms and condition will follow the best practice in the Federal Public Service.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

All applications should be in writing, giving details of qualifications, experience, present salary and fringe benefits being received from present employers. Candidates at present in the Public Service and wishing to transfer their service should apply through the head of their organisation or Public Service Commission as appropriate. All candidates should indicate the names and addresses of three referees.

On a firm offer of appointment, the successful candidates will be expected to assume duty within one month, as he will be assigned an urgent responsibility to discharge, in anticipation of our Development Base near Abuja.

Interested applicants should write to the:

The Executive Secretary,
Federal Capital Development Authority,
P. M. B. 12534,
LAGOS.

to reach him not later than 31st January, 1978.

Only applications of candidates short-listed for interview will be acknowledged.

ABDULLAHI MAJI
for Executive Secretary

Rivers State Teaching Service Commission

VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacant posts in the offices of the Rivers State Schools Management Board, Port Harcourt.

A. Senior Administrative Officer, Grade Level 10
—₦5460—₦6132 per annum.

B. Administrative Officer, Grade Level 08
—₦3264—₦4164 per annum.

C. Higher Executive Officer (General Duties), Grade Level 08
—₦3264—₦4164 per annum.

D. Executive Officer, (General Duties), Grade Level 07
—₦2832—₦3252 per annum.

E. Security Officer, Grade Level 06
—₦1911—₦2520 per annum.

F. Transport Officer, Grade Level 08
—₦3264—₦4164 per annum.

G. Senior Auditor (Internal), Grade Level 10
—₦5460—₦6132 per annum.

H. Auditor Grade I (Internal), Grade Level 09
—₦4368—₦5340 per annum.

I. Executive Officer (Audit), Grade Level 07
—₦2832—₦3252 per annum.

J. Senior Accountant, Grade Level 10
—₦5460—₦6132 per annum.

K. Accountant Grade I, Grade Level 09
—₦4368—₦5340 per annum.

L. Higher Executive Officer (Accounts), Grade Level 08
—₦3264—₦4164 per annum.

M. Executive Officer (Accounts), Grade Level 07
—₦2832—₦3252 per annum.

N. Senior Supervisor of Schools, Grade Level 10
—₦5460—₦6132 per annum.

O. Supervisor of Schools Grade I, Grade Level 09
—₦4368—₦5340 per annum.

2 **Minimum Entry Qualification:**

A. University degree in Public or Business Administration or in any of the Social Sciences or A.C.I.S. (Administration) with four years post-graduate experience.

B. As for (A) above, but no experience is necessary in the case of Administrative Officers.

C. University pass degree or A.C.I.S.

D. University pass degree, A.C.I.S. or H.N.D. in Business Administration.

E. WASC or Government Class IV or FSLC with years of experience as a senior or Principal assistant.

F. Final certificate of the Chartered Institute of Transport or its equivalent. A lower qualification with many years of experience in the management of transport will also be considered.

G. A.C.A., A.C.C.A., A.C.M.A. or A.C.I.S. (Accountancy) with two years post-graduate qualification for professional Accountants and three years for holders of A.C.I.S.

H. As for Senior Auditor (Internal), but with fewer years of experience.

I. Intermediate certificate of any of the professional bodies mentioned for Senior Auditor, with seven years of experience. Candidates who possess lower qualifications but with many years of experience in Accounting Auditing duties may also be considered.

J. A.C.A., A.C.C.A., A.C.M.A., or A.C.I.S. (Accountancy) with two years post-qualification experience, but three years of experience for holders of A.C.I.S.

K. As for Senior Accountant, but with fewer years of experience.

L. B.Sc. (Accountancy) or A.C.I.S. or H.N.D. Candidates with lower qualifications, but with many years of experience in Accounting duties may also be considered.

M. As for Higher Executive Officer (Accounts), but candidates with lower qualifications who are at present on Grade Level 05 or 06 with many years accounting experience may also be considered.

N. Candidates must possess a good University degree and some years of experience as professional teachers.

O. As for Senior Supervisor of Schools, but with fewer years of experience.

3 **Method of Application:**

All applications submitted on the candidates' handwriting and accompanied by photostat copies of relevant credentials should be submitted to:

The Secretary,
Teaching Service Commission,
P.M.B. 5206,
Port Harcourt,

so as to reach him not later than **24th February, 1978.** Applications from officers in Government Service should be submitted through their Heads of Departments.

A. Ekeye-Datubo,
Ag. Secretary
Teaching Service Commission.

TIDESPORT

IICC vs PASC of Tanzania today!



SAM OJEBODE
IICC Captain

IICC "Shooting Stars" have their first international outing this afternoon at their home base, Ibadan.

They are facing the Pan African Sports Club of Tanzania before thousands of football fans at the multi-million Naita Liberty Stadium, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

Today's duel will no doubt witness energy-sapping battle from the "Shooting Stars" who

by Iyiola Lawal, Ibadan

Tanzanians who are known to have represented their country in many international assignments should not be looked upon as mere push-overs. Their trip into this country is definately not to study why there has been persistent power interruptions—but to play soccer and win.

So the Shooting Stars must play the match and win with a wide margin realising the fact that charity begins at home. There should be no tossing around with the ball for fancy. Their campaign for the Africa-cup winners cup competition this year must be prosecuted successfully.

The Oyo State Military Governor, Brigadier David Jemibewon, will be the guest of honour at the match which is one of a series of test matches arranged to groom the IICC for their cup winners encounter.



KUNLE AWESU,
IICC outside left



SEGUN ODEGBAMI
IICC outside right



MUDA LAWAL
IICC striker



MOSES OTOLORIN
IICC striker



CHIEF SALAMI LEKAN
Chairman, Oyo State Football Association



ANTHONY OSHO
IICC inside right



NAT ADEWOLE
IICC coach/player & RHB



SEGUN ADELAKUN

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2nd dividend 24 points ₦12.00 for 1k — 4 aways pool ₦8.00 for 10k

All dividend are declared to units of 10k except the 8 match T.C draws and always pool which are declared to units of 1k and are subject to rescrutiny.

B and Y pools limited
Ibadan



Picture shows members of the IICC Shooting Stars of Ibadan, first Nigerian club side to win continental trophy. Here they pose with the Head of State, Lt-General Olusegun Obasanjo with the Winners Cup.



TIDESPORT 2

FLIGHT TO ALGERIA: WE NEED CARE!

DID any one expect our darling national football team — the Green Eagles — to have lost the chance to go to Algeria (for the Third All-Africa games, about July this year? Or could many one have risked any bit of his/her purse in a bet that our national team (which may have been in Argentina this year) could lose to their Republic of Benin counterpart mid this week during their soccer battles in Lagos for the final places in Algeria?

At the end of their home and away soccer debacles, the Green Eagles proved they could fly over the Republic of Benin, nine times without breeching. SUPER!

They pipped the Benin lads 7-1 — 0 and 2 — 0 respectively in the first and second matches. What a bunch of newly groomed Eagles! They have once more won the hearts of those soccer "Thomases" in this country who began nursing despair after they lost the chance for a trip to "Argentina '78".

But of course, we did not expect anything less than the feat performed this week by "Chairman" Chris Chukwu and his squad — even when some of them flew late into the camp for that international assignment.

The way and manner they executed their assignment was not only a demonstration that they were nine times better than their Republic of Benin counterpart but it was also a loud note of warning to Algeria probables!

Put simply, it was a demonstration of their prepared-ness for soccer battle in Algeria for the football gold medal whose flavour they tasted during the second All-Africa games in Nigeria in 1973.

In fact, we should not rejoice over that resounding victory! It is merely a legal ticket for the Eagles' flight in Algeria for participation in the soccer war for the possession of that golden fleece — the soccer golden medal — the "costliest medal of the games at the Third All-Africa games.

Viewed against this background, it now becomes very necessary for our sports authorities to work out definite, obstacles — free — programme for the Eagles in preparation for that war!

Our NSC/NFA officials should prove their competence in Algeria in order to win the goodwill of all and sundry. They should therefore begin now to arrange our local sports competitions in such a manner that they do not obstruct the Eagles on their way to final rounds or lose the opportunity of proving to the continent that the Eagles are but indisputable soccer kings on the continent.

We had better not be qualified than to do so only to be painfully eliminated when that Third All-Africa games soccer gold medal is much in sight.

The way the series of local competitions earned us our exit in the race to Argentina '78', should serve as a pointer or if you like, a reminder.

It will be too painful, too incredible, too unforgetable if the Eagles, 2nd All-Africa games soccer gold medalists, are shown the way out of the Algeria soccer competitions before the final duel for gold and silver possession.

For two consecutive occasions running, the Africa cup winners cup has been won by Nigeria late last year, we carelessly lost the opportunity of representing Africa for the first time in world cup.

Once more, our Green Eagles have hit the chance of proving to our outside world that they are tops in African soccer. And it is the message of this column that our sports authorities should take careful care of this opportunity in order to make the Eagles fly, fly away — homewards — with the soccer gold medal in Algeria after the Third—All-Africa games.

Histon tennis tournament:

Barker, Shaw outclass Francoise Durr Wade

SUE Barker (GB) and Kristien Shaw (US) won a shock 7-6, 6-2 victory over top seeds Virginia Wade (GB) and Francoise Durr (FRA) in the women's doubles of the 100,000 dollar Houston Tennis tournament last Thursday.

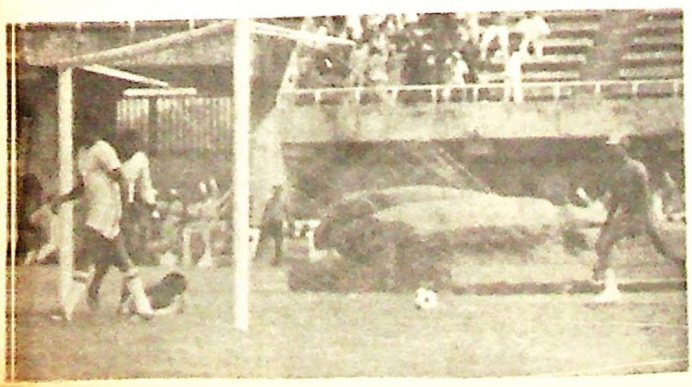
American trans-sexual player, Renee Richards and Rumanian Florenza Mihai beat Caroline Stoll and Rita Gerulaitis of the United States 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

In a Baltimore, Maryland, tournament, Californian, George Hardie caused another surprise when he toppled sixth-seeded Australian Rosa Case out of the second round of the men's singles with a 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 score line.

In the first round he had disposed of Italian number four seed, Adriano Panatta.









Nigeria Benin match in pictures

MID this week Nigeria registered a total of 9 goals to nil against Republic of Benin in the Zone 4 of the qualifying series for the All-Africa games in Algeria.

Picture above (left) shows 'chairman' Christian Chukwu and his Republic of Benin counterpart in a warm handshake before the duel. Picture below shows clearly the ball in the net after the visitors' goalkeeper had been beaten flat on the ground. Picture right (above) shows Republic of Benin player on the ground after kicking an Eagles' player and (below) is Nigerian inside-forward Segun Aliyu Abiodun on the ball — they are going, going, gone

NIGERIAN TIDE

Saturday, January 21, 1978

Cholera epidemic feared

CHOLERA — the killer disease — has been reported in the Yenagoa Local Government area of the Rivers State.

Already, at least thirty persons are reported to have died from the attack of the disease and many more are on admission at the Yenagoa General Hospital.

This development, it is feared, is likely to hamper the current registration exercise for the 1979 General Elections as people are deserting the area in large numbers.

And this has been confirmed by the area assistant registration officer who said it was not possible to continue with the exercise because people were nowhere to be found.

It was understood that the epidemic was first reported early last month.

The medical officer in charge of the hospital, Dr S. A. E. Halima, confirmed the epidemic. He advised the people to boil their drinking water and maintain a high standard of hygiene and sanitation.

Juju shrines, buildings alleged set on fire

Chief, 62 others now charged

SEVENTEEN more persons from Erema village in the Ogba/Egbema district of Ahoada Local Government Authority area have been accused of arson, stealing and malicious damage. The charges arose from an incident that took place shortly after the local government elections held in the area in December, 1976.

This brings to 62 the number of persons standing trial at the senior magistrate's court, Ahoada, in connection with the same incident.

Those newly accused are, Kechuku Kio, Benin William, Eli Owah, Blackey Joshua, Nwadi Egba, Omesuru Ikeagu and Jacob Elepete.

Others are, Fabian Odukwu, Egere Isaba, Anthony Irobodo, Ikata Dick, Chukudi Amachara, Christopher Ikeagu, Akibo Ikoro, Tom Nwabije, Odiwe Wokoma and Eke Ikeagu. No plea was taking.

They were alleged to the prosecution to have, on December 29, 1976 at Erema set fire on juju shrines and buildings, stolen and maliciously damaged various types of property valued at N30,960 belonging to Chief Nathan Georgewill, Mathias Ogu, Fredrick Wokoma and Godfrey Ikeagu.

Police Sergeant U. Nwofor prosecuting, had told the court that the accused persons committed the offence shortly after a candidate of their choice, Chief Sylvanus Umah, also an accused in the case, was announced defeated by his opponent, Chief Tom Eke, at last year's local government elections in the Rivers State.

The accused persons, the prosecution further alleged, set fire on the buildings of the complainants, damaged and stole their property as a protest against their support for the successful candidate Chief Tom Eke, contrary to sections 443 (a) 451 and 390 of the criminal code.

When the charge was mentioned on June 22, 1977, the prosecution further alleged that the seventeen accused persons, charged along with 45 others including the defeated candidate, Chief Sylvanus Umah, were still at large.

The court granted bail to all the accused persons in the sum of N2,000 and one surety in like sum.

The sureties were to swear to an affidavit of means to be approved by the court. Hearing of the charge will continue on March 8, 1978 but hearing in the charge against the 45 originally accused persons was fixed for March 27.



MR B. E. BASSEY
Commissioner for Education, Cross River State.

Dilemma for 2,000 students

MORE than 2,000 students in various post-secondary institutions in Cross River State are now faced with a dilemma, following the increase of both tuition and boarding fees by the state government.

A "Nigerian Tide" investigation revealed that since the schools reopened a week ago for the second term, more than 2,000 students are yet to report at their respective colleges.

It is believed that their continuous absence from school might be as a result of their parents' inability to pay the hiked fees.

HIKED FEES

Some of them who were boarders last term were also understood to have opted to be day students while others are said to have moved to colleges near to their homes.

The vice-principal of the Lutheran High School Obosidom, Mr Samuel Nwigwi said "as a result of the increase, about 43 students of this college have so far opted to be day students while some have requested for their transfer certificates to enable them attend colleges near to their homes since their parents could no afford to pay for their boarding fees".

But Mr Okon J. Udom, the principal for Etinan Institute, Etinan, said "although the increase is necessary, it should have been moderate" adding that "despite this increase, majority of my students are returning to the college".

Mother of four found dead

THE police in Ogbia in the Brass Local Government area of the Rivers State are now investigating the circumstances surrounding the mysterious death of a housewife.

The deceased who was said to be a mother of four, was identified as Jenny Agiri, aged 30, suspected to have been beaten to death by unknown people.

According to a police source in the area, the deceased was found dead in her bedroom in the early hours of the morning of Thursday.

One of the sons of the deceased, according to the source, claimed he saw a man in the mother's bedroom on the fateful night.

Commenting on the story, the divisional police officer in the area, Mr J. B. Ekoketa, said the matter would be referred to the Criminal Investigation Department of the state's Police Command headquarters for action.

Already, he said, a suspect had been arrested in connection with the case and that more arrests would be made.

Meanwhile, the body of the deceased had been removed to the Yenagoa General Hospital for autopsy.

Anambra records more deaths on the roads



MR SAM IGBE
Commissioner of Police
Anambra State.

WHILE the crime-wave in Anambra State, in 1976/77 was recorded to have been on the decline, deaths on the roads through accidents over the same period have been recorded to be on the increase.

At least 306 persons were listed as having lost their lives in 1,953 road accidents last year, as against 325 the previous year.

According to a statistical data released in Enugu by the Anambra State Police Command, public relations department, 1,077 others were deformed while 382 were slightly injured over the same period, during which N128,274 was realised as fines paid by traffic offenders.

This is in contrast to the crime situation over the same period when only seven murder cases were recorded among 6,437 criminal cases prosecuted by the police.

The statistics also stated that one of the outstanding crimes handled by the police in the state included the arrest of a fake Army "major" who duped an Aba firm of vehicles valued at N.5m.

Another principal crime prosecuted by the police during the period under reference was the arrest by police dog of six criminals and the recovery along with the arrest of N12,000 loot by the gangsters.

The command in the statistics listed the recovery of 16 out of 38 vehicles reported stolen in the state since September last year.

Last year's statistics