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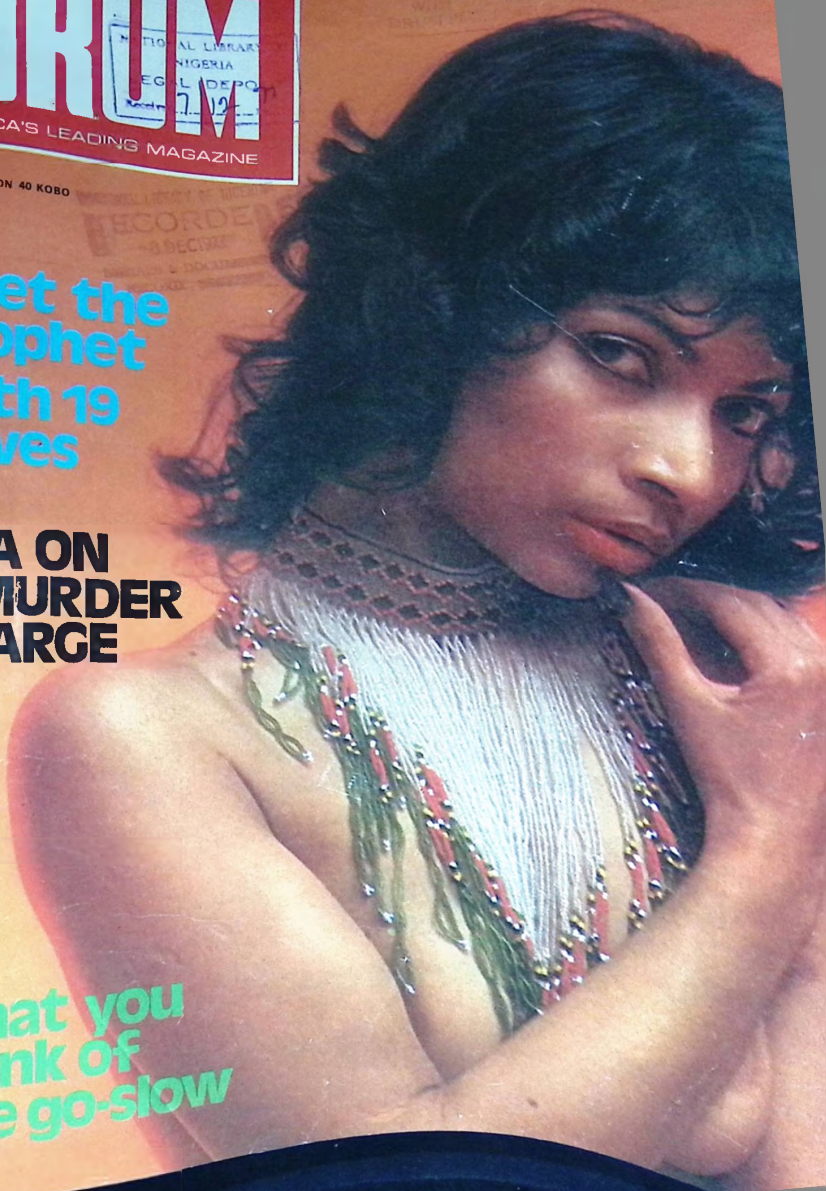
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### Queries on the Commonwealth

BY NOW Nigeria should consider its stand in the Commonwealth. Before this decision is taken, we should ask ourselves some questions:

What are the advantages and the disadvantages of the Commonwealth? Why should the leadership of the organisation be monopolised by Britain alone? Why can't the Southern African problems be solved within the organisation.

The Chief of Staff Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shchu Yar'Adua, said at the Commonwealth Institute in London: "For 20 years, the Commonwealth Conference has served as a forum for passing resolutions on a situation that clearly called for a resolute and decisive action on the part of the British Government. The Zimbabwe situation has challenged the claim of the Commonwealth to being a multi-racial association and made nonsense of the principles of respect for human dignity. The British have wrung their hands in helplessness for 12 years, moving from talks about talks, to meetings on HMS Tiger and HMS Fearless."

The truth is that the Commonwealth has outlived its usefulness and Nigeria should attach more importance in the OAU Charter and its member states.

Since our independence, Nigeria has gained nothing from the Commonwealth. Britain has been enjoying and at the same time exploiting the natural resources of the "poor" member nations.

Why should Britain retain the leadership of the Commonwealth? I feel that it should have been rotational among heads of state of member states.

Why did Britain ban Idi Amin from the last conference?



**QUEEN AND COMMONWEALTH:** at this year's Heads of States meeting in London. What should Nigeria's stance be? DRUM readers comment here.

ference? Though Nigeria did not support the ban, she should have warned Britain that Uganda, as a member of the Commonwealth, and Amin, as its President, had a right to attend the conference.

Britain should have showed maturity and allowed Amin to attend. While there, he would have been tried in the conference. Paschal Elueze, Surulere.

### Shylock landlords

SOME unscrupulous landlords have seized the opportunity of rent enactment to inflate the cost of rent. Instead of helping to solve the problem, the landlords increase it in return, to thwart all the Government's efforts to see that low-income workers have a place to live their heads after the day's toil.

The worst of it is that some landlords who built their houses as far back as 20 years ago are now coming back to make some amendment in the house in order to join the other Shylock landlords. It appears that the time will come when a poor man will not have

the right or means to live in a house unless adequate measures are taken by the Government.

**Chuks Oraekwe, Tudun Wada.**

### Jesus of Oyingbo must be punished

ALLOW me space in your magazine to express my sincere sympathy to Miss Taiwo Oshinuga over her wretched life with Mr Emmanuel Odumoso, who called himself "Jesus of Oyingbo".

I also appeal to the Federal Military Government to settle the activities of Mr Odumoso so that others who are still in his bondage can be released.

Mr Odumoso cannot be left unpunished, because an example must be made for anyone who is still like him.

If nothing is done for him, others may follow in his footsteps to enrich themselves. **Olatide Ade, Lagos.**

### Discipline the cheats

THE frequent exam leakages in the school certificate and other examinations is appalling.

I suggest that the West

### DRUM

Nigeria is not channelling her educational policies in the right direction.

But let us all condemn those officials who smuggle question papers out for sale to satisfy their lust for money. **Etiaka, Agbor.**

### Create more industries

I WISH to appeal to the Federal Government to use our oil revenue to build more industries in Nigeria. This is because oil has a beginning and must as such have an end one day.

For this reason we should try to make good investments with the revenue which we now realise from oil. This would encourage employment opportunities in future. The chances would further eradicate the wave of crime in the country. Everybody would be gainfully employed. **Bonif Nwona, Abakaliki.**

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# IBRAHIM looks at life



LETTERS CONTINUED

## WAEC and exam leakages

WHILE it is true that no institution exists without criticism, the criticism of the West African Examinations Council has for over a decade become continuous.

It is true that the council is now a commercial institution, but judging from the rate at which prospective candidates fail their examinations, and the alarming rate at which question papers leak, one is bound to raise an eyebrow.

In Lagos, all questions in all subjects in the West African School Certificate Examination

1977 got into the hands of the pupils before the examination took place.

Also in other states of the Federation the same sad story has been reported. The WAEC officials need not be reminded of what adverse effects these events have had on the credibility of the examining body and the image of this country.

I appeal to the Federal Government to probe the activities of the WAEC and, meanwhile, the WAEC 1977 should be cancelled because the results will not reflect the true academic knowledge of the students.

Azubike, Yaba.

## Is Onitsha safe?

MAY I use this opportunity to appeal to the Anambra State Governor and the Onitsha police and army heads to consider urgently the allocation of military and police patrols along Okpoko junction and Port Harcourt Road.

Men of the underworld have invaded these areas and it has become impossible for people to use them.

Unarmed people cannot protect their innocent brothers and sisters from these people. Rather, they take to their heels during the frequent stabbings to snatch money and property from defenceless citizens.

I believe that if soldiers and armed policemen are put into these areas every night, this gangsterism must come to an end.

The government of Anambra State would be doing a useful service to the people if this act of brigandry were stopped.

Ben, Onitsha.

## Wants to write for DRUM

I HAVE been a regular reader of DRUM magazine since 1975 and the interest I have built in your magazine is so deep that I don't want to be

only a reader, but also a writer. Would you give me the opportunity to write articles for DRUM?

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Dear Davidson, thanks for your interest in our magazine. If you have any article that will interest other readers, do not hesitate to send it to the Editor. But please note that we don't charge a kobo for publishing our readers' requests.—Editor.

## He should be punished

I AM a regular reader of your monthly magazine DRUM and one of your recent stories about Jesus of Oyingbo made me feel that freedom of worship in Nigeria should be reviewed.

In my opinion this so-called Jesus should be condemned because he is not fit to live in a decent community. His is purely an act of inhumanity.

I appeal to the Government that all his property which was illegally acquired should be confiscated and given to members of his sect who have suffered from the supposed redemption.

Joseph Esiso, Jos.

## Reduce high bride price

ISI PPORI the article by Mr Innocent Okona of Abuja (DRUM, April) over the high bride prices in Imo and Anambra States.

It is most annoying that for the past two years the public of the two states has been appealing to the Federal Government, through the governments of the two states, over the high bride prices in their area, but nothing was done.

Let the two state governors know that in the 19 states in Nigeria, bride prices are highest in their states.

So I appeal to the Federal Government through the two state governors to reduce bride price to ₦60, which was the normal price before the civil war.

They should note that the number of bachelors we have in the two states is great, due to the heavy charge of ₦500 to ₦1,000 per wife, imposed by parents in the two states.

As a result of this, most of the grown-up girls have taken to prostitution instead of marriage, since the men could not afford the huge amount.

Peter Njoku, Akure.

## Let's be realistic

I WAS disgusted, along with many Nigerians, to read in the daily papers of how a large consignment of 'Wonosoy' lace went up in flames in Ikeja. According to the papers this material was seized by officers of the Customs and Excise Department recently in accordance with the Federal Military Government directives on the importation of 'Wonosoy'.

It is high time Nigerians recognised their problems and solutions. The 'Wonosoy' should never have been burnt. What of the motherless and handicapped children in our midst? The supervisors of these institutions cry out every day for help.

The lace material should have been shared amongst these suffering Nigerians. We thought it right to donate millions of naira to freedom fighters in South Africa, while we burnt thousands of naira as a deterrent to smuggling and the importation of lace materials. This serves no purpose.

I hope that to prevent future occurrences, those in the corridors of power should descend from their ivory tower before taking such expensive actions. Sylvester C. Ejim, Lagos.

## Please send my result

MAY I appeal to the West African Examinations Council to send my results to me. I sat for the GCE examination in November in seven subjects at ordinary level. I ended for seven subjects and six months after my enrolment receipt was sent to me, acknowledge my payment.

Due to the council's inefficiency, my name was registered for mathematics. When I went to the examination centre on the day I was sit for mathematics, my name was not there.

I reported it to the chief investigator who gave me a list to complete.

My examination number was 06727 205 Benn City. The council has also decided not to send my result to me. I request you to help me explain.

The result is very important. Whether I pass or fail, have the right to know.

Avans Ikonwosa, Benn City.

Over to you WAEC authorities. The examination result are important to a reader.—Editor.

## Send him packing home

I AM a regular reader of all your magazines. In a recent issue, when I read the story of the man who called himself Jesus of Oyingbo I was really shocked.

It is a mighty disgrace to Nigeria to see a man calling himself Jesus and, according to the story, I can see that the man forces mothers, daughters and sisters to marry.

I suggest that the Federal Military Government should do something about this so-called Jesus of Oyingbo, because he has given a very bad name to the nation.

I also want the Federal Government to take over all his houses and his cars. He should be driven out of Lagos to his home town, Kaduna.

Gozua.



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## Honour

LATEST in the Ceres series from the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation — honouring courageous women — is a medal for Dorothy Nyembe, jailed South African political fighter. The medal (ABOVE and BELOW) hails her contribution to her country's fruitful development.



## Gold for Cuba

GOLD MEDALS gleamed for Cuba at the World University Games in Bulgaria last month: first Alejandro Gasanas (LEFT) strode to a new world record in the 110 metres hurdles — 13.21 seconds — then Silvia Chivas (BELOW, CENTRE) took the gold in the women's 200 metres, beating Marina Sidorova, Russia (LEFT) and Andres Lynch, Britain.



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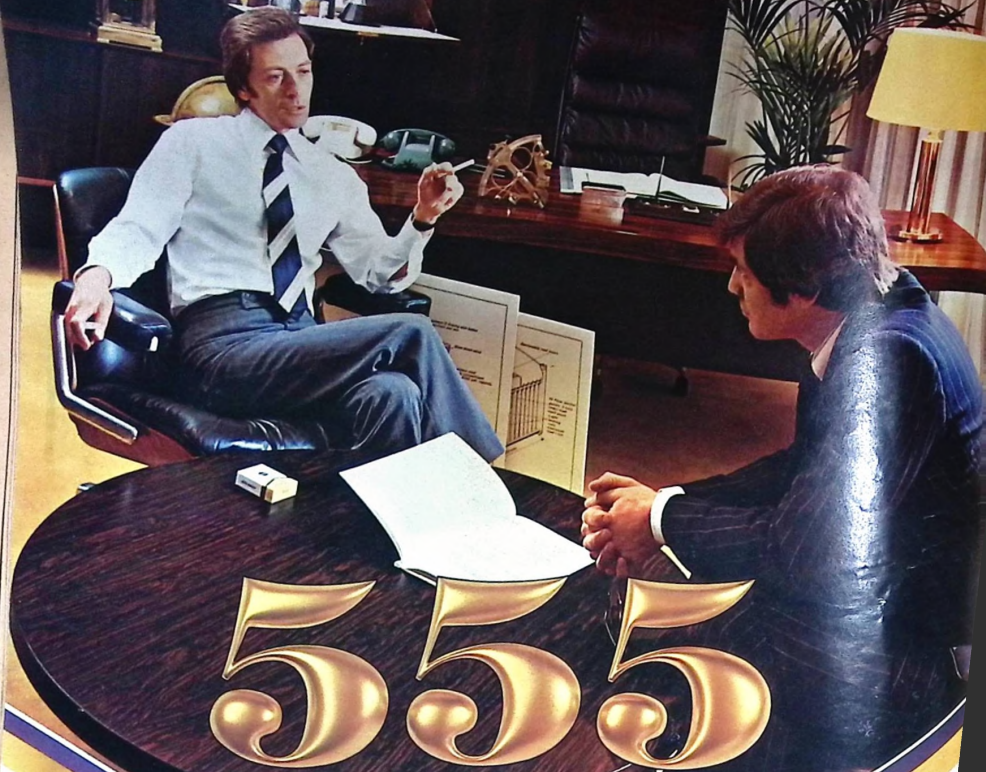
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# THE PROPHET WITH 19 WIVES



**PROPHET Phillip Igwenma, the Igwe of Achalla in Anambra State of Nigeria, has 19 wives and plans to marry another 22. The youngest still attends a primary school. DRUM interviewed the 45-year-old prophet at his "city of god" compound in Achalla, 35km from Onitsha, where he is king.**

**A**BOUT five km from Achalla lies the "city of god" where Chief Prophet Phillip Okafor Igwenma lives. He is the first spiritual leader to be installed as a traditional ruler in the State.

Prophet Igwenma, aged 45, claims the ability to raise the dead. How did he become such a powerful prophet and why has he so many wives? He explained.

"I had a lot of experiences during my childhood days. In 1939 I was selected to guard the house of one of our teachers against the activities of the men of the underworld. At night, we retired into one of the rooms and slept. When we were fast asleep, eight winged spirits came and took me out of the house, leaving the door of the house, leaving the door as firmly shut as it was. They told me that I had a special talent to restore people's mission, adding that in the health, adding that I should not ask for any remuneration from anyone, but where any voluntary donation was made,

I was free to accept it.

"When at last I realised where I was, fear gripped me and I ran back to the house screaming and knocking hard at the door. This attracted the attention of both my colleagues and our teacher. They were all scared with awe as they did not know how I got out.

"The following morning our teacher called me into his room, and with the trick of an elder tried in vain to know how and why I went out at such a time of the night when wicked spirits moved about the place.

"From that day, the spirits have never left me. They visit me at regular intervals. They would be invisible to the ordinary eye yet they would talk to me. This frightened people the more.

"One day my father told me that people were complaining that I was fast becoming a mental case. He lamented that throughout the glorious history of the family, there was no trace of such a shameful case.

"On finishing primary school

the spirits directed that I should settle at Makurdi, Benue State. I remained there, restoring people's health through spiritual invocation and use of natural herbs, as directed by the spirits, until the outbreak of the civil war. There was no case that did not come to me then, from madness to blindness. It was then that my name went places.

"I returned to my home town, Achalla, in 1967 and like every other person then in the community, I took refuge in one of the thick bushes a few kilometres from this place today known as the 'city of god'.

"When the war ended in 1970, and people were going back home, the eight spirits led me to this place and ordered that the 'city of god' be established here. At that time every bit of space in this area was filled by water. But mysteriously the water disappeared.

"As time went by, people from all walks of life started to come to this city to live."

Judging from his frequent use of herbs to cure his patients, it seems as if he is a prophet rather than a herbalist. But Prophet Igwenma said, "Every herb has its own language and it is only those endowed with the knowledge of such languages that can restore health. Such rare human beings deserve commendation and patronage."

However, he maintained that although every inch of the space in his chapel was filled with herbs he was a prophet who restored health by use of natural herbs and spiritual invocation.

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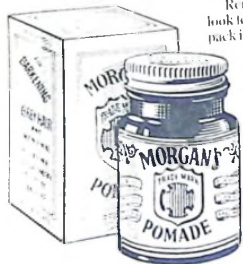
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and ordinary visitors are served with food and drink.

About 250 old people in Achalla and neighbouring towns receive free rice, yam, and meat.

The land surrounding the city is naturally fertile and the prophet exploits the situation. Several acres of land are farmed. A man is in charge of food production. It is he who arranges labour and selects suitable land for each crop.

The prophet's cows, goats and fowls are many, and in accordance with the instructions of the spirits, a goat and five fowls are slaughtered daily to feed the patients.

About his many wives, Prophet Igwenma said the spirits directed that he should have 41 wives before the end of 1978. He now has 19 wives, 18 of whom are between the ages of 11 and 17. The youngest is still in primary school.

All his wives, except the first, came from his home town, and they were all married according to custom and tradition of the land.

As he married 18 of his wives within six months, then it is not impossible that he will marry another 22 by 1978. It is not to satisfy his sexual lust that he has so many wives but it is in keeping with the orders of the spirits who, according to him, directed that the girls should have no other responsibility in the city than to prepare food for patients and visitors.

Every morning the wives collect firewood and water and prepare food for patients and visitors. They also wash the bedding and the clothes of the

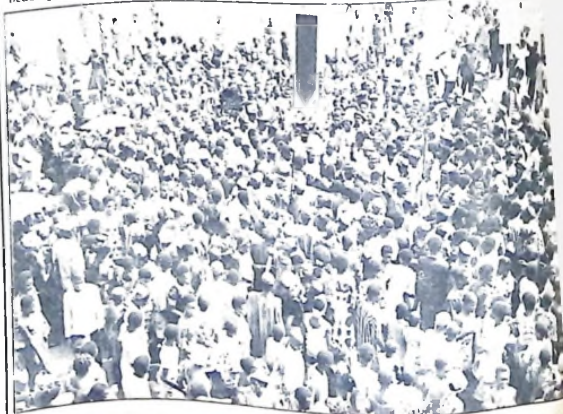


CHIZUE, Felicia Nwakaego Igwenma, the prophet's 19th wife. She treats the other 18 wives as daughters.

prophet, and keep the city clean.

One interesting thing to note about the wives is that there is no bickering or nagging among them. Peace is the rule, rather than the exception. They sleep together, drink from the same cup, put on the same dress and sleep in the same room.

Another interesting aspect



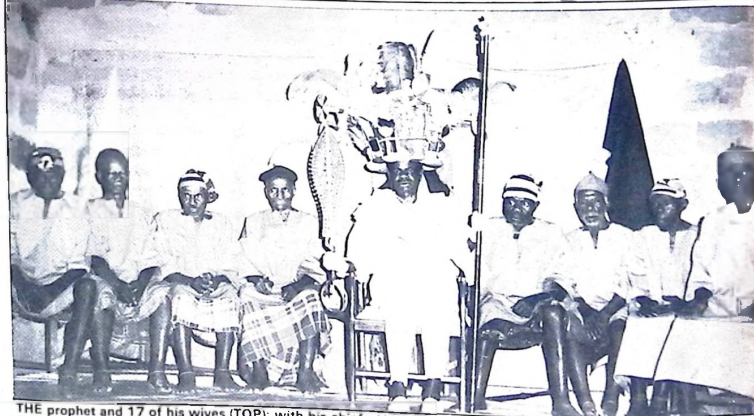
THE crowd that turned out at Easter to celebrate with the prophet (arrowed)

# to have 41 wives by 1978

of the prophet's marital life is that the senior wife, Mrs Felicia Nwakaego Igwenma, approved of her husband's other wives. She treats all the other wives like her own daughters. She also holds many chieftaincy titles.

Prophet Igwenma has become a legend in the town. Mere exchange of greetings in the morning with the prophet is taken to be a good omen and heal a patient. This is why it is not unusual to find patients queuing up daily at the entrance to his bedroom to greet the prophet in the morning.

Prophet Igwenma also claims that he can walk on water and he has the power to raise the dead. He gave an example of a 70-year-old woman whom he raised from death. The woman, Madam Ndubuisi Chuka, of Umuagwu town, however died three years after the miracle.



THE prophet and 17 of his wives (TOP); with his chiefs (ABOVE), and with the Military Governor of Anambra State, Col. John Atom Kpera (BELOW).

## Donations

Prophet Igwenma has donated buildings estimated at N100,000 to the people of Achalla in the Njokoka division of Anambra State.

Some of the buildings include a two storey house to be used by the magistrate, the police officer and top civil servants as residential quarters.

Others are a magistrate's court, a police post, community council, secretariat and residential quarters for civil servants in the town. But now these are serving as a temporary site for the Achalla temporary school.

In addition to these, he spent more than N50,000 on the rehabilitation of schools, the Achalla maternity home, the postal agency, the needy and aged. Part of this huge sum was also invested in his private endowment fund for the poor, orphans and the aged in the area.

He has also paid for the maintenance of the 15 km road, bridges and culverts leading from Achalla to the Njokoka divisional headquarters to Awka.

Though a prophet by profession, his simplicity, spirit of patriotism and love of his people have made him so popular with the people that they made him the Igwe and traditional ruler of Achalla.

**There's no bickering among the wives —they live in peace, sharing everything**



# NEWS FROM THE STATES

**NIGER** State is a legacy from the late Head of State, Gen Murtala Muhammed. But ever since Gen. Murtala created it in 1975, Niger State has run into a plethora of problems. These range from housing to transport.



**DRUM**, in continuing its series on Nigeria's states reports this month on how the people of Niger are tackling their problems.

**LEFT:** State military Governor Com. Nyako receives a trophy from a representative of the Niger State Corp members. Secondary schools will soon compete for this prestigious trophy.



**ABOVE:** The Chief of Minna, Alhaji Ahmadu Bahago (sitting), presents a certificate to a successful candidate from the Nigeria First Aid Group. The Chief gave the group N200.

**BELOW:** Speech and giving day at Minna Capital School — head mistress Mrs Miche Angulu addresses student and visiting dignitaries who attended the event.



**ABOVE:** The Nigeria Students Union at Pittsburgh University, USA, donated a plaque in memory of the late secretary to the Military Government of Niger State, Alhaji Abdulkareem. Alhaji Liman (second left) receives the plaque on the Government's behalf.

**RIGHT:** Niger State's Commissioner for Internal Affairs, Information and Cultural and Social Development, Alhaji Muhammadu King, addresses a press conference, calling on the media to help build the state.



# SPORTS DAY IN KADUNA



**THE** Third National Sports Festival was recently held in Kaduna. The bi-annual event is a rallying point for sportsmen and women throughout the Federation. Records were set in several events, and it was an occasion of thrills, fanfare and gaiety, as these pictures by DRUM's Abim Oladejo show. Watch out for more pictures and stories from Kaduna '77 in next month's DRUM.

• **LEFT:** Nigeria's Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo, takes the salute at the opening of the festival.  
• **ABOVE:** General Obasanjo shakes hands with a player at a football match between Cross River State and Kano State to

mark the opening of Kaduna '77.

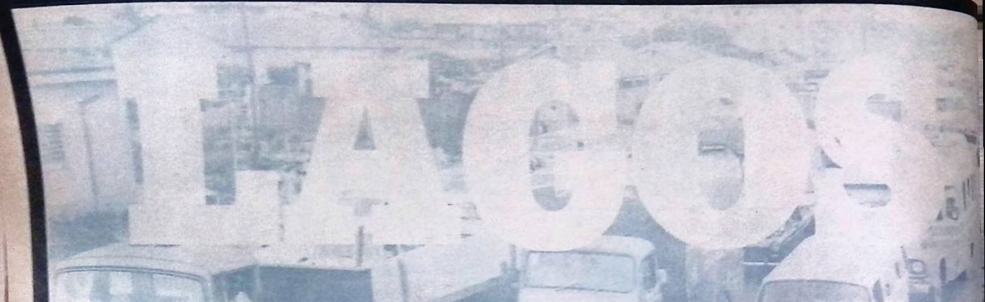
• **RIGHT:** Felix Oduware (left) from Bendel State, won a gold medal in his event, and here he shows his medal to his trainer, Tony Urhobo.

• **BELOW (left):** Two of the ceremonial girls, Emilia Essien and Adjat Animashawu, who graced the occasion.

• **BELOW (centre):** As part of the side attractions, this man wearing an ostrich's head delighted the spectators.

• **BELOW (right):** The closing ceremony — the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shehu Yar' Adua, awards a footballer with a Silver Medal.





**ALHAJI MEGIDA, trader (LEFT)**  
The traffic situation in Lagos is just terrible. The problem is added to by vehicles abandoned on the road because of breakdowns or accidents. Traffic officers prefer engaging in unnecessary legal argument to towing away such vehicles. Some of the time, one sees the officers doing nothing other than helping to cause go-slows on the highways. This should be checked. The traffic men should look at their responsibility instead of constituting a liability to the masses.

**ELIAS UGWU, transporter (RIGHT)**  
The chaos is largely attributable to abandoned vehicles. People in authority should ensure the immediate removal of these vehicles. I have been losing a lot of business because of the traffic situation. Recently, for instance, I was to collect some goods at a particular time but I was late after being trapped in a go-slow, so I lost the goods. The situation is made worse by the rain. The Government should look into this problem. It is most important to embark on "Operation drain Lagos roads." Poor drainage of our roads is making us an international laughing stock when it comes to city maintenance.



**WAIDI OLAOSEBIKAN, "Danfo" driver (LEFT)**  
The traffic problem should be blamed on private motorists who regard themselves as masters of the road. Also, road users do not often keep to their lanes. And bad drainage adds to the problem. We commercial drivers lose a lot because a trip which ought to take us 30 minutes takes four hours. All drivers, including those of "danfos", tankers and taxis are not patient enough. More traffic policemen are required at road junctions. Everybody should join forces to rid Lagos City of traffic congestion.



**LAGOS, Nigeria's capital city,** has gradually developed into Africa's most congested city. The free flow of traffic has become a thing of the past, with the result that people prefer walking to using their cars or public transport. It can take one or two hours to motor one-and-a-half kilometres because of what is popularly known in Lagos as "go-slow."

Bus stops are so crowded that one has to fight one's way onto the bus — or spend the whole day waiting for transport.



**PETER USANGA, bus driver**  
The Lagos traffic problem would be solved if only the traffic officers could be made to tackle their jobs with seriousness instead of jokes and selfishness. Many road junctions are so packed with traffic men that they create chances for contradictions in traffic directions. You can observe that when one officer directs you to one lane another re-directs you to the other. This is one of the root causes of our problem on the Lagos roads. Coupled with this is a poor drainage system which means the motorists dawdle roads. The city authorities should look into the problem of keeping damaged vehicles on the road.

**MRS SOYEEO, beer dealer**  
The traffic situation in Lagos is an apology. Whichever name it goes by, go-slow, hold-up, etc., this interminable problem has worsened transport in the city today. Lagos roads are extremely poor and unmaintained. This makes it easy for vehicles to go slow — even slower when it rains. However, the new traffic edict of the State Government has reduced much suffering on the roads. There should be more traffic policemen and wardens on the road.

# CHAOS

On the economic front, traffic chaos has greatly slowed down the economic progress of Lagos. Productivity both in the public and private sectors is being adversely affected, with some small private enterprises now on the brink of liquidation.

The Lagos State Government and the Federal Government are wrestling with the traffic problem, but with little success. Now DRUM brings to readers the views of the people on the Lagos traffic chaos.

INTERVIEWS by Innocent Ezech.  
PICTURES by Abim Oladajo and Adeoye Abe.



**MISS AMUDALAT BALOGUN, trader**

The recent efforts of the State Government to ease the traffic flow by the odd and even number system have failed to ease the situation. There is a lack of effective means of controlling the "danfo" and taxi drivers. These motorists stop at random and pick up at random. Also the poor road drainage worsens the situation. If the traffic edict is to be helpful, vehicle numbers should be arranged so that the first three numbers can ply the road twice instead of thrice in a week. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 should be on the road the first day, 4, 5, and 6 the following day and 7, 8, and 9 the next day.



**MOSES UDOAKA, civil servant**

My opinion on the traffic chaos in Lagos is that this is more often than not caused by "danfo" drivers who normally stop unnecessarily on the road, causing traffic obstruction. This type of behaviour should be stopped. Faulty vehicles should not be abandoned on the road because they constitute a traffic menace. The traffic situation in Lagos does not in any way contribute to the progress of this country, socially or economically. It leads to poverty and no people or government can live with such a situation, because when there is no work, there can be no money. Preference should not be given to anybody for passage on the roads, because we are all struggling to go to work at 7.30 a.m.

**DARE ELLIOT, company accountant (RIGHT)**

The Lagos traffic situation has become a perennial problem which can be solved only by decentralisation of public offices which are now packed on Lagos Island. These offices should be shared between Lagos Island and the mainland. The exercise should be automatic but systematic. This is the only solution to the traffic problem which cannot be solved simply by bridge and road construction. The Government should stop creating more inlets to Lagos Island. My company loses about N10,000 every month as a result of the traffic problem in Lagos. To improve the situation in our business, we have resorted to having radio telephones installed in some of our cars as a way of beating the go-slow.



**CHRISTOPHER J. OBINAGWAM, journalist (LEFT)**

Concentration of industries in Lagos has made the traffic problem what it is today. This gives rise to a drift into the city by people from rural communities. Our colonial masters failed to plan our roads correctly. The Federal Government has taken a step in the right direction by mapping out a new capital for the country which is bound to be the only way out of the traffic problem. Care should be taken to plan the new capital so that it does not find itself in a traffic fix like Lagos. To lessen the problem in Lagos, all public and private establishments in Lagos Island should be decentralised. The city roads should be widened and efforts geared towards the problem of Lagos traffic chaos.



**MRS PAULINA KASSIM, sales manager (RIGHT)**

The traffic congestion in Lagos has ruined many businesses in the city. The traffic edict which inspired hope in the people has, so far, failed to come up to expectations. Taxi and "danfo" drivers are to blame for the poor traffic situation. Traffic jams should be cleared from the roads. People should not take the law into their own hands. We should obey traffic laws anywhere at any time we are using the road. Minor disputes should be avoided on the road and highways, for these often cause hold-ups.



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What the  
people  
are  
saying  
about the  
traffic



**DAUDA IDOWU, "malwee" driver**  
Go-slow in Lagos has made the city a hell of a place. It can be largely attributed to bad roads, generally flooded when it rains. The Government should provide better drainage systems. People should remove their vehicles from the road when they have been involved in an accident or have broken down. We should, as far as possible, learn to respect road signs and traffic officers on duty. The Lagos City Transport vehicles at times cause terrible go-slows when they break down. They should not be abandoned, but should be cleared off the road.



**ALHAJI NORU, tanker driver**  
The traffic congestion in Lagos is caused by bad roads. Many roads like Agege Motor Road, Ibeju Road and Ibeju have suffered from lack of maintenance for over ten years. People claim that taxi and "danfo" drivers contribute to the problem; this is untrue. The blame should be apportioned on private owners, who are fond of parking anyhow on the road without regard to other users. They do so because they make the laws and can always get away with their offences. We commercial drivers feel we respect traffic laws because the court never favours an defaulter among us. The traffic edict which stipulated 6pm as free for all movement has further aggravated the situation. Instead of lifting the ban at 6 p.m. let it last for the rest of the day and night. This will lessen the traffic on the road. The traffic edict should affect all parts of Lagos. Too many traffic policemen, wardens and soldiers should not be allowed to form an assembly while on duty.



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**JOSEPH OBI, advertising executive**  
The Lagos traffic problem cannot be solved until private cars withdraw from the roads, having regard for the Lagos traffic edict. The Government should introduce a decent bus system so that the working class should have no problems getting to work. The need for immediate completion of work on the ring roads and expressways cannot be over-emphasised. Efficient train services would also help. There should also be improved telephone services so that people can transact their business this way rather than driving in and out to their offices. There should also be adequate road maintenance.



**MRS MAGGI GBADAMOSI, secretary**  
The Lagos traffic problem is now biting hard on everybody. It is a terrible situation. The traffic edict has been thwarted by the people. I resigned from my job in Lagos Island as a result of go-slow. The only way is to decentralise public offices.



**ROLAND AIWUYO, tax driver**  
Lagos traffic chaos has made life in the city sorrowful. Lagos is no longer a happy place to live in. The odd even number system has not completely remedied the situation. The maintenance of roads should be given attention by the city council. On the other hand, motorists are not patient, while on the road, to accommodate the fellow men. I do not believe the claim by some people that taxi drivers are responsible for the traffic problem. If only people or motorists can understand and accommodate others I think the problem will be solved.

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WE promised to present more of the girls who make Lagos glow, and here they are.

Nana (RIGHT) is an 18-year-old from Ghana. She came to Nigeria two years ago and has been enjoying herself ever since — particularly at the beach.

Vivian (ABOVE), also 18, is from Togo. She too took Lagos by storm, and spends her free time at our Bar Beach.

And from Oshogbo in Oyo State, Nigeria, is beautiful Judith (LEFT). She loves culture, and here, in Lagos, she tries her hand at a native talking drum.





**I**F EVER there was a traditional ruler who suffered physical and mental agony during a political crisis in the Western Region of Nigeria was Oba Awoled Babini Ashaye, the Oogere of Ode. Although his salary was reduced, as was the case with some traditional rulers, he made to pay dearly for supporting the Nigerian National Democratic Party (NNDP).

For 16 days Oba Babini was made to report at the Headquarters, Iyaganku, Ode, at 8 am every day, a distance of about 100 metres from his palace. He would not release him until midnight. He was detained for six months and spent the greater part of the period in hospital under police surveillance.

Finally, he was charged with the murder of Ogunbi Aberenia, who was the leader of the NNDP at Ode.

Recalling the controversial trial which nearly ruined his reputation, Oba Babini said:

"Those were the days that will remember until my last day on earth. They were the days that called for determination, self-sacrifice and will-power. Those who lacked the qualities fell by the wayside. However, it was not their fault because not all people made of the same stuff. I needed a lot of guts in the days to oppose the NNDP.

"Some time in July 1963, Ogunbi Aberenia, a native of Ode, was murdered in broad daylight. He was the leader of the banned NNDP at Ode. In fact he was murdered a day before he was to be installed as chairman of a local branch of the party.

"I was not happy when the news reached me. Much as I did not support the NNDP at that time, I was of the opinion that the cold blooded murder of opponents was not an answer to the crisis in the Western Region.

"I was earlier approached to switch over from the banned Action Group (AG) to NNDP but refused. I was promised a fantastic position and more money, but I did not yield.

"There was a move to reduce my salary soon after as I did to some traditional rulers but I went to the local council office and told them plainly that if they did this would make them pay with their lives—and I meant it.

"A number of police detectives were sent to Ode to investigate the murder of Aberenia. I co-operated with the police in their investigations and a number of men were arrested and taken to Ibadan.

"Before the police left, I noticed that NNDP supporters in and out of Ode were interfering with the investigations. They did not allow the police to do their work properly.

**OBA ASHAYE: strength in difficult times.**

# Oba who was charged with murder

IN 1965 the administration pinned a murder rap on Babington Ashaye, the Ologere of Ogere, for refusing to support the Nigerian National Democratic Party (NNDP). But this did not force the traditional ruler into changing his attitude towards the NNDP. Eventually the state had to release him for lack of evidence. This great veteran of Nigerian politics talks to DRUM's Olesinde Lawson about the events that led to his stormy trial and release.

## Oba SPEAKS OF SHRINE DEATH

Oba leaders visit Oredo in



They were advising the police whom to arrest. As much as I did not like the interference, I left the police to do what they thought was right.

Later, another set of detectives came to my palace and asked me to make statements that could connect the murder of Aberenta with some people in the town. I told them that I did not know anything about the murder and that I could not make any statement about it. They then asked me to report at police headquarters at Ibadan at 8 a.m. every morning.

"For 16 days I did this. I used to get there at exactly 8 a.m. as they instructed. They would tell me to sit down but nobody would talk to me until about midnight. The policeman on duty would then say,

"Kabiyesi, you can go, but please don't fail to report here tomorrow morning."  
"This continued for 16 days. At the end of the sixteenth day a police officer came and pleaded with me to make the statement they requested. But I refused.

"The only statement I ever made was that I knew nothing about the incident. I was always allowed to return to my palace. Shortly after the sixteenth day more detectives arrived and searched the palace.

"I had killed a pigeon as a sacrifice and poured the blood onto a plate. The police got hold of this plate and alleged that the blood of the pigeon was human blood, and I was charged with Aberenta's murder.

"For six months, I was in police custody at Ijebu-Ode. I became very ill and was taken to Ijebu-Ode General Hospital. Here I received treatment for more than three months.

"I then appeared at a Chief Magistrate's court at Ibadan. Later the case was transferred to Ijebu-Ode High Court and back again to Ibadan. I was finally discharged and acquitted for lack of evidence."

"That was how Oba Babington, the traditional ruler who refused to bow to intimidation, survived the murder charge which would have sent him to the gallows if found guilty.

Why did Oba Babington stick to the banned Action Group? Was it because the leader of the party was from his tribe — the Remo? Or did he really believe that the government of the Action Group was better, regardless of who was the leader?

"If there is anything I appreciated in my 32-year reign," said Oba Babington, "it was the support of my subjects. Throughout my trial they were solidly behind me. Now about the Action Group and its leadership: I know Chief Awolowo before he formed the Action Group. In fact we joined hands to form the party."

"I have known Chief Awolowo for a long time and he is a man I admire. The Action Group, under Chief Awolowo's leadership, was a very inspiring one. I was a member of the Old Western House of Chiefs from 1956 to 1960. The Government recognised the institution of Obaship, and traditional rulers were respected.

"I made up my mind to stick to the party under all circumstances and my people were firmly behind me. So, when some people tried to impose the NNPP on us, the idea was strongly resisted."

On military rule, Oba Babington thinks that it has been very good in Nigeria but adds that it is time Nigerians were given the chance to have democratic rule. He also suggests that the Government should safeguard against thuggery, rigging and all vices which characterised the last civilian regime.

He also backs the Draft Constitution, except that he wants the House of Chiefs to be incorporated into it and feels that the name should be



"MY hands were always clean," declares Oba Babington.

changed to "House of Traditional Rulers."

He feels that traditional rulers are being neglected. Oba Babington thanked the Ogun State Government for recognising the institution of Obaship, but urged that the salaries of Obas be reviewed constantly.

He is not very happy with the new local government set-up because traditional rulers are not fully involved. He would prefer a system where Obas are ex-officio members of the council because "they must be present when matters relating to their subjects are being discussed."

Recently there was a Federal Government directive that civil servants should not belong to secret societies and those who have joined should withdraw their membership. What does Oba Babington think of the exercise?

"First of all there is no society that is secret. You can only know what goes on in a

society if you are a member of such a society. Secondly, the Government did not define or mention a particular secret society in its directive. The directive is uncalled for and is a negation of the freedom of association which the people of this country have enjoyed for a very long time.

"I am not a member of the Supreme Military Council and I don't know what goes on there. I am not a member of the Island Club and I do not know what goes on there. Do it mean that these two bodies are secret societies? I belong to three clubs, and they are disciplined ones. I am the head of the Osugbo cult. People of dubious character are welcome. If you know who do, you would be proud to be in it."

About his achievement, Oba Babington says there has been a lot of improvement in his town. There is a market centre, a dispensary, a market, a secondary school, electricity and tap water.

But he is concerned about the absence of a police station in the town and says, "I was stationed at Oge in 1916, but when the Government Police Force was abolished, no police were posted to Ogere."

"There is a custom, but nobody to enforce it. If an accused person is sentenced to a imprisonment, he can of the court and I police, because the police to enforce it order."



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The Soweto uprising has shown as never before that the future of South Africa lies in the hands of the children. Here is what they say.

I hope to find in my South Africa of the future is children of all races playing together in the same park that we are playing in. We should attend the same schools, live in the same areas, attend the same movies, and marry whoever we like.

"I would love a South Africa that is fair. I don't like cheating. You can ask my boyfriend," she said, pointing to a boy who was kicking a ball in the park.



Football-crazy Ricardo Gillian, who is 12 and attends school at Bosmont, does not like the idea of living in a separate and unequal society.

"It's a very selfish and expensive way of life," he said seriously. "We are being taught to save money, because these are difficult times. So why does the South African waste money by separate facilities for every race group, when it could be cheaper and even racially more rewarding to the country's race understanding to introduce all-round facilities for everybody.

"I don't really like the school I'm attending because it's not multi-racial. I've got hopes of domestic, social, education and working together mixing, because that is the kind of South Africa I'd hope to live in when I qualify as a doctor. They should scrap this Immorality Act and allow mixed marriages."



Natasha Jones, who is ten years old and from Johannesburg, said: "What



Soft-spoken Mpumi Mtshali, who is doing standard two at Phumlize Lower Primary School, would love to complete her studies and go abroad.

"I usually hear stories about how nice the people are who live overseas. I am also told that there is no difference whether you are black or white. I want to go there and learn in order to come back and teach South Africans how to live together in harmony. I do not like to see riots, and if we can live together happily I know there won't be any disturbances," she said shyly.



Christopher Swartz, aged eight, of Cape Town, wants to see the end of apartheid.

"All these signs appearing on the doors of toilets, restaurants, lounges and stations should be abolished. All old age pensions should receive the same amount of money from the Government. All labourers and tradesmen should earn the same pay.

"I would like to see a coloured man enjoying a delicious meal in a posh restaurant after a hard day's work.

"If a black man has the same education as a white man why does he not receive the same wages? It would be very nice to see black, white and coloured pupils attending the same school.

"It is a pleasure to ride through the white areas. If you do some sight-seeing through a coloured township you would not enjoy yourself as you would when you pass through a white area. Their roads are smooth with no bumps. Some of our roads you wouldn't want to ride in your car. You'd prefer to walk.

"When there is an international tournament visiting our country we should have a multiracial team. I think there would be more awards and medals for South Africa. I think that if all these things will happen one day our country will be far better. There will be peace and brotherhood among the people of South Africa."



Lester Dickson is 14 and attends a school in Johannesburg. He'd like to see a multi-racial South

Africa where parity is the name of the game.

"Our country's present racial illness can only be cured by a parliament which consists of all the races in South Africa.

"Our schools and universities should be integrated. The same applies to hospitals, churches, social places and sports. This is what I hope my future South Africa will be like. I'd like to be a civil engineer when I grow up, and naturally I hope to be paid the same wages as any other race," he concluded.



Spencer Jenari is 12 and comes from Cape Town.

This is what he says: "South Africa should be a wonderful country if it were as I would want it. I am a hockey player and as such I would like to represent South Africa one day. I would like to have the same sporting facilities as those around me. It would be nice if everybody could have an equal chance in life.

"Any child should be able to go to any school in the country. Labourers should be paid on merit. There should be no job reservations. If I want to become a pilot I should be able to. I would like to have a meal at any hotel when I am hungry and not near home. You should be able to stay anywhere you want to and there should not be housing schemes.

"Beaches should be open to everybody. There must be only one government and not two different ones. All cinemas should be open to everybody. I should be able to bank my money at any bank, and I should be able to go into the bank through any door.

"We should not fight for these things I have mentioned, it should be given to us naturally. I feel that if one person is entitled to enjoy a privilege, everybody is."



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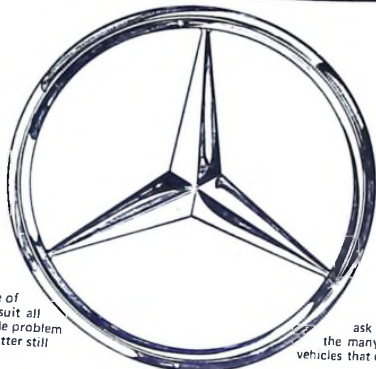
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BRIG. J. N. GARBA

# Nigeria's warning to 'plunderers'

**T**HE Nigerian Government has warned that it will not stand idly by in the name of friendship while its treasury is being plundered and the nation's sources of development drain away.

The Commissioner for External Affairs, Brigadier Joseph N. Garba, issued the warning when he called together Western diplomats to condemn those foreign nationals from industrial countries who help Nigerians to flout Nigeria's foreign exchange laws.

Beating the exchange control regulations sometimes took the form of deliberate inflation of invoices of imported goods. In other cases it involved the opening of "illegal booths" abroad for the sale of Nigerian currency below the market rate.

Brig. Garba disclosed that Nigeria had lost millions of naira in the new wave of higher prices for commodities bought from industrialised countries, but stressed that the Government was determined to repel this "new form of aggression and exploitation" with severe measures.

He drew attention to the new decree on exchange control, adding that any infringement of the regulations under the decree would be treated as an act of economic sabotage.

The Commissioner also informed diplomats that certain foreign missions and nationals of foreign countries were flouting the rent decree in a manner that showed a determination to subvert the Government. He therefore requested them to communicate the position of the Federal Government to their governments and nationals of their countries in Nigeria.

He reminded them that it was their duty not only to protect their national interest but the interest of their host country.

The Federal Military Government recently set up a special court to try offences under the Exchange Control (Amendment) Decree 1977.

The first group of 17 people to be tried for offences under the decree appeared before the special tribunal on August 15.

## Action over price increases

THE Federal Military Government, through the agency of the Price Control Board, is determined to stop the general

upward movement in the price of commodities in Nigeria.

To this end it is placing even greater vigilance in the operation of the Price Control Board, especially concerning detention and arrest of hoarders and profiteers.

## Tough action over hospital

THE Federal Executive Council has accepted the findings and recommendations in the report of the tribunal of the administration of the Igbobi Orthopaedic Hospital. Apart from looking into the system of administration of the hospital, the tribunal examined the role of certain individuals in the system.

A statement issued by the Cabinet Office in Lagos recently said the Government had noted the recommendations of the tribunal on the administrative structure of the hospital and sanctioned disciplinary action against officials found to be guilty of indiscipline, gross dereliction of duty, ineffectiveness in the performance of duties, under-declaration of income and assets, corrupt practices and improper self-enrichment. The recommendations in respect of private practice by doctors are to await the final report of the Nigeria health panel.

The Federal Executive Council has upheld the following disciplinary recommendations against some past and present staff of the hospital:

(1) Dr A. A. Bailey, retired chief consultant: His retirement from the Civil Service should be converted to dismissal.

Dr J. O. Atunrase, senior consultant, is to be dismissed from the Civil Service for corrupt practice.

Mr I. Abudu, consultant, is to be dismissed from the Civil Service for corrupt practices.

Mr O. Akpan, acting principal radiographer, must be dismissed from the public service for gross dereliction of duty and insubordination.

Mrs C. O. Somelun, senior matron, Mr P. A. Ajayi, nursing superintendent, and Mr E. A. Omole, senior storekeeper, to be retired with immediate effect.

Mrs R. A. Oluwa, senior radiographer, is to be severely reprimanded and warned against further acts of indiscipline.

The Federal Executive Council also accepted the recommendation that Miss I. Y. Williams, principal radiographer, be re-instated in her post to continue the re-organisation and improvement she had commenced in the radiology department.

## Rice production still too low

DESPITE recent favourable trends, the problem with rice continues to be one of low level of production in relation to demand, and annual instabilities. The challenge for the future is therefore rapidly to mobilise international co-operation in research infra-

structural development and intensive training, according to a senior official of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Speaking before the International Rice Commission of FAO on behalf of Director-General Edouard Samma, Dr D. F. R. Bommer, Assistant Director-General for the Department of Agriculture, said that, mainly due to favourable weather conditions, the record in rice production over recent years had been particularly good.

"Since 1972," he said, "many countries in Asia, Africa and

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## Students head for America

SOME 500 Nigerian students have left Africa to study in America as a result of the first US-Nigerian technical manpower training accord, recently signed in Lagos.

The agreement between the two governments will be administered by the US Agency for International Development (AID), which will supervise a two-year course of studies for the Nigerians at various American technical schools and colleges.

The plan was first conceived when research by the Nigerian Government revealed a critical shortage of technical manpower in relation to the country's national development goals.

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America have registered a notable trend in rice. Two countries in the West have become self-sufficient in rice. In spite of this, Dr Bommer says there is no room for complacency. He says that the spread price instability which has been a major problem in most commodity markets since 1972 — continued in 1976, providing further confirmation of FAO's conclusion in recent years that price fluctuations may well have become an increasingly severe phenomenon in commodity markets.

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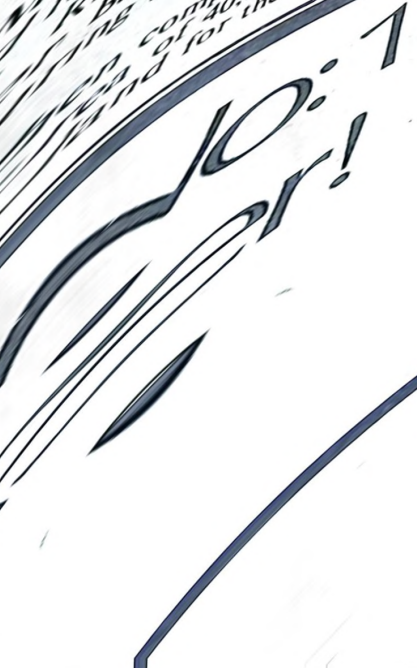
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# MEET MADAM SUCCESS

**M**ADAM Julianah Owotuyi, popularly known as Onilegogoro, had a daughter who died in infancy. Since then she has had no child whom she could call her own. But unlike many African women, she did not let her childlessness upset her. Rather she plunged into business.

Her hotel — Julianah Hotel, also known as Onilegogoro — is a place that has become a tourists' attraction in Ondo. A visit to Ondo town is incomplete without looking in at the Onilegogoro Hotel. The hotel, which was established in 1964 as just an eating place, can now boast not only of good food, but also good accommodation, good music and lots of entertainment.

Madam Julianah, whose mother hails from Ondo, attended St. Stephen's school, Ondo, where she took a lot of interest in cookery, a subject which has now become very important and useful to her as a hotelier.

She married in 1941 and went to live with her husband in Minna in Niger State, but shortly afterwards her husband died and she returned to Ondo and settled down as a hairdresser.

THIRTY years ago Kenneth Morgan stepped off the first ship to take British and other civilians to Britain after World War II. He was 19, England had just suffered its latest memory, and although it was April there was snow on the ground.

In Liverpool, the north-west England port where Kenneth had landed, he and his companions were a source of curiosity. He remembers the reaction to the colour of his skin with a little embarrassment, but mostly with amusement. "English people had read about coloured people, of course, but had not seen many of us close to," he said. "We were a novelty in those days, but there was no question of resentment."

Today, Kenneth Morgan is a 50-year-old grandfather and an established community figure in Birmingham, where he has lived since June 1947. He runs two wine shops, one in Handsworth and the other in Balsall Heath. His shops no longer serve only the Jamaican specialties he began by providing, but anything wanted by anyone in the community. He is an enormously cheerful man, handsome and well dressed. His friendliness and charm spill over to customers as he greets them, illustrating immediately one reason for his success in Britain.

"My family and I have been very fortunate," he said. "I'm happy with what I've achieved



In 1964, the daughter of an Owo farmer, Madam Julianah Owotuyi, decided to establish a hotel in Ondo town, unsure of what would become of the venture. But like any other shrewd businesswoman, she thought it was a risk she had to take. Today she has no regrets.

She soon discovered that hair-dressing was not lucrative in Ondo at that time. She quickly obtained a licence to set up a small eating place.

She took up a little capital and the result was the establishment of the Julianah Hotel in 1964. The hotel has developed to a very good standard, but Madam Julianah thinks that there is no limit to expansion as long as there is room for it. This is why she is planning further developments.

In her 13 years in the business, Madam Julianah has mixed with a lot of people. She has made a lot of friends and she has had a lot of experiences, but in all she has no regrets for choosing to be a hotelier.

Madam Julianah says, "I'm very happy with my profession. I have no interest in any other business. But I do undertake catering for other people at their request, where they're holding a party."

"As for my experiences, my business was very rough when I started, but now I am thankful to God that I am able to reap the fruit of my labour. I hope to establish a motel of international standard in future."

## Black man who's made it in Birmingham



KENNETH MORGAN greets a customer, Mrs Gladys Gough, in one of his Birmingham shops. In the background is assisting Mrs Theima Stewart.

in England, and I've had the opportunity as much as any other trader, whatever his colour or origin, to make the limit as far as my business is concerned.

"I've been an employer of many European people, and people of other nationalities, but I've always enjoyed wonderful relationships with them and found I had their loyalty and respect. No one has ever treated me as a different kind of employer because I am

West Indian.

"Perhaps I'm fortunate in that I have had a long experience here of mixing with and integrating with British people, but there are many, many West Indians like me, who have always found plenty of opportunity in Britain."

However, Kenneth does recall that when he landed at Liverpool there seemed to be no jobs for "us boys" except as seamen. For this reason he moved to Birmingham, where

he had heard the unemployment situation was better. He had served a full apprenticeship as a cabinet maker in Jamaica, and he immediately found a job making furniture in a shop. Later he moved on to work as a carpenter with the Co-operative Wholesale Society. He stayed with the society for 12 years and during that time became the first black to run a retail wine and spirits store in the city — a form of trading which requires

an official licence.

"Although I was very pleased to have my trade recognised in Britain right at the beginning and he given a job in trade, I do know that there are difficulties for coloured people in getting the right job, an 'right level of job', he said. "I found personally that it is better to start my own business and sell my skill people as an independent operator than to be employed by someone."

Kenneth has always been involved in the community not only in West India, but in Birmingham at large. He serves on the committee of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind; is secretary of the Independent United Council of Scottish Mechanics; a fraternal society taken to Scotland to the Caribbean brought back to Britain; West Indians; and president of the Birmingham Community Credit Union, a home organisation for the benefit of British immigrants but by a cross section of the community in Birmingham.

Despite recent anxieties, some quarters about race relations in Britain, Kenneth remains optimistic about the future of British and West Indian as far as race is concerned. "Englishmen in his own country has always been a democratic person; basically very concerned about the welfare of every fellow man," he said.

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# MEET MADAM SUCCESS

**M**ADAM Julianah Owotuyi, popularly known as Onilegegogoro, had a daughter who died in infancy. Since then she has had no child whom she could call her own. But unlike many African women, she did not let her childlessness upset her. Rather she plunged into business.

The hotel — Julianah Hotel, also known as Onilegegogoro — is a place that has become a tourists' attraction in Ondo. A visit to Ondo town is incomplete without looking in at the Onilegegogoro Hotel. The hotel, which was established in 1964 as just an eating place, can now boast not only of good food, but also good accommodation, good music and lots of entertainment.

Madam Julianah, whose mother hailed from Ondo, attended St. Stephen's school, Ondo, where she took a lot of interest in cookery, a subject which has now become very important and useful to her as a hotelier.

She married in 1941 and went to live with her husband in Minna in Niger State, but shortly afterwards her husband died and she returned to Ondo and settled down as a housewife.

THIRTY years ago Kenneth Morgan stepped off the first ship to take West Indian civilians to Britain after World War II. He was 19. England had just suffered its worst memory, and although it was April there was snow on the ground.

In Liverpool, the north-west of England port where Kenneth had landed, he and his companions were a source of curiosity. He remembers the reactions to the colour of his skin with a little embarrassment, but mostly with amusement. "English people had read about coloured people, of course, but had not seen many of us at close to," he said. "We were a novelty in those days, but there was no question of resentment."

Today, Kenneth Morgan is a 50-year-old grandfather and an established community figure in Birmingham, where he has lived since June 1947. He runs two wine shops, one in Balsall Heath. His shops are no longer serve only the Jamaican people, but anything provided by anyone is welcomed by anyone in the community. He is an enormously cheerful man. His friendliness well dressed spill over to and charm his guests and customers as he greets them, illustrating immediately why one reason for his success in Britain.

"My family and I have been very fortunate," he said, "I'm happy with what I've achieved



IN 1964, the daughter of an Owo farmer, Madam Julianah Owotuyi, decided to establish a hotel in Ondo town, unsure of what would become of the venture. But like any other shrewd businessman, she thought it was a risk she had to take. Today she has no regrets.

## Black man who's made it in Birmingham



KENNETH MORGAN greets a customer, Mrs Gladys Gough, in one of his Birmingham shops. In the background is assistant Mrs Thelma Stewart.

in England, and I've had the opportunity as much as any other trader, whatever his colour or origin, to make the limit as far as my business is concerned.

"I've been an employer of many European nationalities, people of other nationalities, but I've always enjoyed wonderful relationships with them and found I had their loyalty and respect. No one has ever treated me as a different kind of employer because I am

West Indian.

"Perhaps, I'm fortunate in experience here of mixing with people, but there are many, many West Indians like me. I have always found plenty of opportunity in Britain."

However, Kenneth does recall that when he landed at Liverpool there seemed to be no jobs for "us boys" except as seamen. For this reason he moved to Birmingham, where

he had heard the unemployment situation was better. He had served a full apprenticeship as a cabinet maker in Jamaica, and he immediately found a job making furniture in a shop. Later he moved on to work as a carpenter with the Co-operative Wholesale Society. He stayed with the Society for 12 years, and during that time became the first Black to run a retail wine and spirits store in the city — a form of trading which requires

She soon discovered that hair-dressing was not lucrative in Ondo at that time. She quickly obtained a licence and set up a small eating place.

She raked up a little capital, and the result was the establishment of the Julianah Hotel in 1964. The hotel has developed to a very good standard, but Madam Julianah thinks that there is no limit to expansion as long as there is room for it. This is why she is planning further developments.

In her 13 years in the business, Madam Julianah has mixed with a lot of people, she has made a lot of friends and she has had a lot of experience, but in all she has no regrets for choosing to be a hotelier.

Madam Julianah says: "I am very happy with my profession. I have no interest in any other business. But I do not take catering for other people at their request, where they are holding a party."

"As for my experiences, the business was very rough when I started, but now I am thankful to God that I am able to reap the fruits of my labour. I hope to establish a motel of an international standard in the future."

an official licence.

"Although I was very proud to have my trade recognised in Britain right at the beginning and be given a job in that trade, I do know that there are difficulties for coloured people in getting the right job, and the right level of job," he said. "I found personally that it was better to start my own business and sell my skills to people as an independent operator than to be employed by someone."

Kenneth has always been involved in the community life not only of West Indians, but of Birmingham at large. He serves on the committee of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, is secretary for the Independent Limited Order of Scottish Mechanics, a fraternal society taken from Scotland to the Caribbean and brought back to Britain by West Indians; and president of the Birmingham Community Credit Union, another organisation brought to Britain by immigrants but run by a cross section of the community in Birmingham.

Despite recent anxiety in some quarters about race relations in Britain, Kenneth remains optimistic about both his own and Britain's future as far as race is concerned. "I believe in my own land has always been a democratic person; basically very concerned about the welfare of his fellow man," he said.

PLEASE TURN OVER

WHEN 400 members of a black American fraternity decided to hold their convention in Africa they turned to Freddy Henderson for help. The problem involved booking two airliners to fly 400 people from New York to Monrovia, finding hotel rooms for their use during the convention, taking some of the travellers back to the US after a week, and sending the rest on an excursion to the Ivory Coast and Ghana for another week.

But for Mrs Henderson (seen RIGHT with her son, Jacob), one of the biggest exporters of American tourist dollars to Africa, the problem was routine. Former fashion designer and college teacher, she now directs the family-owned business from Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs Henderson sent her first American tour group to Ghana in 1957 — Ghana's independence celebrations — and she has been at it ever since. Mrs Henderson opened the rest of West Africa to American tourists in 1960, when no large airlines were making scheduled flights to

## DOLLARS FROM AFRICA



FREDDY Henderson and her son Jacob Jr, in the "command post" of the family-owned business.

that part of the continent. At that time she was only a part-time travel agent, while working full time as associate professor of applied art and clothing at Spelman College in Atlanta. To get her group of 50 to tour Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Senegal and Morocco, she first flew the travellers to Paris and there chartered a plane for a two-week tour of West Africa. This type of inventive-

ness, along with her

successful selling of group travel to black professional organisations such as the National Medical Association, National Insurance Association or this year's convention trip of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to Monrovia, expanded Mrs Henderson's business and by 1961 she left college teaching to devote all her time to Henderson Travel. In 1962 Mrs Henderson organised the first trans-Africa tour for

Americans. And in 1970, when Pan American Airways was planning its 1970 inaugural scheduled flight from the US to West Africa, this long-established airline turned to Henderson Travel for help.

Henderson Tours, the wholesale division of Henderson Travel, still packages complete African tours for Pan American. But PanAm is not the only airline that works with the Hendersons on getting more Americans to travel to Africa. Ethiopian Airlines, Air Afrique, Air France, British Airways and KLM sell tours packaged and personally tested by Mrs Henderson.

Cost of travel to Africa from the United States is relatively high, but Mrs Henderson says she operates on the principle that "travel is not so much related to one's income as it is to one's motivation."

Her son Jacob Jr. adds jokingly: "But you can't get motivated beyond your means." Still, he admits that his mother's philosophy is

borne out by the type of traveller the agency attracts from the black community.

"The typical black tourist goes to Africa because it is the first place he wants to go, not because he has already been everywhere else," says the younger Henderson.

"Something always happens on a trip," says Jake Henderson, explaining that there may be delays in arrivals in various countries, cancelled room reservations or breakdowns in surface transportation. This is why the Henderson agency always sends a tour director with a group of 15 or more people to smooth out any wrinkles that may develop along the way. The agency by now also has local representatives in various countries that come to the aid of Henderson tourists.

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**E**DUCATION has, throughout history, assumed varied roles and significance, and has also been used as an alchemy for achieving various goals and objectives.

For instance, the ancient Greeks regarded education as a major communal service and an essential instrument for the training of their citizens. Each city-state had its own aims and methods of education.

The Spartans, who were always in the minority in those states, adopted a system chosen to promote soldierly qualities, such as courage and obedience, because they hoped to preserve their position as the dominant race.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania has said that the purpose of education is "to transmit from one generation to the next the accumulated wisdom and knowledge of the society and their active participation in its maintenance or development."

In the context, education and societal or national culture are inseparable. Nigeria's philosophy of education is based on the integration of the individual into a sound and effective citizen who will contribute positively to the achievement of its five main national objectives — the building of a free and democratic society; a just and equitable nation; a strong and self-reliant nation; a great and dynamic economy; and a land of bright and full opportunities for all.

Developing countries have to decide whether education should be designed to meet the requirements of a nation's economy ("the manpower principle"), or whether students should be free to choose the kind of education they want, regardless of its relevance to the nation's needs.

## The need for skills

Although it has been argued forcefully that the free choice idea is both more humane and, in the long run, more efficient, most developing countries feel they cannot really afford that luxury and that the manpower approach is more appropriate to their needs.

As the national economy evolves, it will need certain skills at various stages of development. These needs can be predicted in some detail and education at all levels should be geared to meet those needs. It is not being suggested that such a clear-cut demarcation of education planning policies and strategies need be made.

A country may discover that some elements of both principles exist in its educational system, with more emphasis being laid on one

# Education should be designed to produce people of vision, who will contribute to the development of the nation

than the other, according to its circumstances and priorities.

The Nigerian Government's education policy is to get universities to make the optimum contribution to national development, by intensifying and diversifying their programmes and the development of high level manpower. This will satisfy the criteria of relevance and excellence — the hallmark of university education.

For secondary education, it accepts that schools should equip students to live effectively in our modern age of science and technology and prepare them for a useful role in society.

The frontiers of research into educational development have been considerably widened through the efforts of UNESCO. A UNESCO conference convened in Nigeria last December categorised educational systems into two types: the centralised system of educational administration which recognises the need for curriculum at least to be partly school-based, and the decentralised system in which the curriculum is school-based, irregularly related to local environment and oriented to the needs and demands of the communities.

The experts concluded that there were complementary trends in the two groups. The importance of these research reports to the educational advancement of the African countries is quite clear, since the educational systems left over from the colonial period do not usually correspond to the political options of the new states, their geographical,

physical and human situations, their crucial traditions, and their national requirements.

Ideally, education should be designed to produce people of vision and sensitivity, people who will be motivated to direct technology into constructive channels.

In developing countries the scarcity of high-level manpower is one of the major constraints to economic growth and the improvement of the standard of living. These problems in turn create widespread poverty and unbalanced development or inequitable distribution of wealth and amenities.

The national objectives of Nigeria as stated in the Third National Development Plan have taken into account the new national policy on education.

The policy represents a radical change and though it is yet too early to judge its impact on our national development, its concepts, philosophy and provisions are aimed at accelerating the pace of national development in all directions.

Since independence, investment in education has been among the highest priorities. In the First National Development Plan (1962-1968), total budget allocation to the educational sector ranked fifth while in the Second National Development Plan (1970-1974), it was second only to transport.

In the Third National Development Plan (1975-80), the educational sector is still second priority, preceded only by defence.

In evolving the National

Policy on Education, the Federal Military Government has used the lessons and experiences of our colonial past. The policy is designed to be more directly related to our needs and cultural heritage. The pedagogical methods to be used and the knowledge to be imparted or acquired are to be more functional and practical in terms of solving some of our immediate and long-term problems.

Theoretical education will, of course, continue to be the base of knowledge and training in many disciplines, but emphasis has to be shifted to medical, engineering and technological fields. Our educational system will henceforth place a higher premium on those who can take to blue collar occupations rather than the traditionally fashionable white collar jobs.

Education in Nigeria has been re-structured into a 6:3:3:4 sequence. In future, primary education, which will start at the age of six, will last six years. Secondary education will last six years in two stages: a junior secondary school stage and a senior secondary school stage, each being of three years duration.

The junior secondary school will be both pre-vocational and academic, and students who leave college at the end of this level may go on to an apprenticeship or some other form of vocational training.

The senior secondary school, comprehensive in its set-up, will be for those pupils able and willing to have a complete six-year secondary education. It allows suitable students with full secondary

education to go direct to university for a four-year degree course.

The four-year degree course will eventually replace the present three-year course, an sixth form education will be gradually phased out.

This structural realignment has quantitative implications for the educational system. Even without taking account of the inevitable increase in the school-going population, primary school and secondary school enrolments will go up by at least one fifth of which they now are.

This calls for more investment in education at these levels — more teacher-training courses, more classrooms and other facilities.

For the universities and colleges of technology, if longer periods of primary or secondary education, providing advantage is taken of these, broaden and diversify the curriculum at these levels, we mean better candidates.

With more qualified teachers to support the system, one should expect that the only added to primary or secondary education would be used to improve the content and quality of the package that student gets.

The essential character of our education should be seen in its ability to meet the declared national objectives — the inculcation of national consciousness and unity, the right values and the acquisition of appropriate physical and professional skills to equip the individual to live and contribute to the development of his society.

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# TEASE

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# SONY



## Ben E is no supernatural thing

I MUST confess that I have never been one of the Average White Band's greatest fans although I have paid critical attention to most of their offerings. I therefore greeted the news of their musical marriage to Ben E. King with mixed reservations. How wrong I was.

Ben has added a new dimension to their music and this has manifested itself in their recent overwhelming popularity. A concert at London's Hammer-smith Odeon was (tally sold out and the response of the crowd showed in no uncertain terms their appreciation.

Hard to believe that he was such a big star not even ten years ago with hits such as *Spanish Harlem*, *Don't Play That Song*, *Stand By Me* and other countless hits. He had a lapse of several years in which not much was heard from him. He bounced back with a funky hit titled *Supernatural Thing* which saw him on the top once again. But after that he became relatively

quiet and here he is doing it with AWB.

Their concert saw Ben open with his band and he did an hour slot on his own. The AWB came on and played all their old hits — *Cut The Cake*, *Person To Person*, *Go! The Love*, *A Love Of My Own* and *Queen Of My Soul*. They had the crowd moving but when Ben E came on everything erupted. Very soon they had the crowd on the edges of their seats with their new smash *Get It Up For Love*.

By the time the night was over Ben E had them eating out of the palm of his hand. He left the stage to a rapturous applause and was brought back on by an equally rapturous demand for an encore.

It seems that this love for Ben E and AWB is just as strong both sides of the Atlantic and they have proved even as popular in the United States.

Alistair Abrahams

## THE BEATLES

At the Hollywood Bowl (EMI)

Here's a little gem for those who know — an original recording of the Beatles, taken from a series of actual concerts they made in the 60s in the States. Normally they recorded only in studios and these haven't been any albums of them performing live.

This recently-released album puts matters right and gives you a marvelously alive account of some of the golden greats: *Roll Over, Beethoven*, *Twist and Shout*, *Dizzy Miss Lizzy* all the way through to *Help*, *She Loves You* and *All My Loving*. A classic.

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## LINDA LEWIS

Woman Overboard (Arista)

It is now almost two years since Linda Lewis, that beautiful black singer from London's East End, released her last album. We are left with the feeling that she might have offered more to her fans after such a long wait.

There is something definitely missing from this album, which is a technical master-

... Rubbish  
... Fair  
... Good  
... Very Good  
... Superb

piece but somehow lacks a definite identity.

Despite our criticisms it is still a very beautiful and mellow album which sees her demonstrate her immense talents.

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## LEON REDBONE

Double Time (Warner Bros.)

Here's an extraordinary range of good-time music from an amiable guy with an eccentric approach to singing and a manages voice that somehow as smooth and leisurely as the Mississippi flowing through the delta.

To back up the astonishing vocal gymnastics, the instrumentation ranges from some pretty tight Dixie jazz to banjos, violas, cellos and an accordion.

But it's really enjoyable at a high camp level, in the spirit in which it was made.

More power to your pitch helmet, Leon.

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EDDIE QUANSAH . . . unlucky not to make the charts. \*\*\*

## UNCHARTED COURSE

Ché Kule (Island)

It is the trend nowadays for most top musicians to collect all their friends and go into the studio to cut solo albums. This offering by Eddie Quansah is one in that tradition.

Most musicians detest putting their music into one particular label, and although this album has a wide cross-section it is best described as strong Afro-rock. It has a jazz influence but this is not very strong, and it would be unfair to describe it as a jazz album.

I like the entire album, although I feel it is lacking in the vocal and string section. What a pity it will not reach the album charts, for it deserves to do so.

# Johnnie Walker



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**DRUM's** jazz correspondent, **AL COOK**, reports on his visit to the Newport Jazz Festival in New York — for him, as for all jazz fans, a real pilgrimage to the gods.



# PILGRIMAGE

6 An American approaches me in the bar. He remarks on my African-style shirt. "Where're you from, man? Zambia? Have one on me. What's yours? Bourbon? A guy from Zambia, drinking bourbon? Have another one on me. What're you doin' in New York City? The Newport Jazz Festival? A guy from Zambia! Barman, give this man three bourbons."

**M**ONDAY June 27, 1977. Corner of Broadway and Bleecker Street, New York City. I alight from the downtown bus. The man behind me, who wears a baseball cap, is carrying a portable radio. It blares jazz. As I hesitate, unsure of my direction, the announcer speaks. "This is WRVR New York, your jazz radio. The time now is 7:00 pm. Temperature is 90 degrees in lower Manhattan and half of what you're breathing is water."

The humidity amid this never-ending jungle of concrete, steel, tarmac, glass and exhaust fumes is killing. I bathed two hours ago and feel in need of another bath already. The sweat that drenches me is oily, grimy. But tonight I am on a quest, a pilgrimage. The heat only adds to my excitement.

The Festival centres around a series of formal concerts by established jazz greats in Carnegie Hall. New stars, avant-garde groups and special items are presented at various venues around the city.

And tonight's item at the NY University Loeb Student Center, Greenwich Village, is very special indeed. The Center is small, bare, wooden, with rows of wooden chairs pulled up as if to fill, it is like a family gathering. Greetings are fraternal. All are on the same pilgrimage.

A problem develops. A chair is dirty, covered with a sticky substance. Anyone heading towards this chair is

sollicitously warned about it. Eventually all other chairs are taken. The last man faces a mass demonstration against the chair. "Goddamn it, I'd sit on broken glass for this band," he says heroically. Instead, he sits on a newspaper.

John Hammond, the famous "discoverer" of Count Basie, Billie Holiday and Benny Goodman, introduces the musicians of the New York Jazz Repertory Company. Though he speaks of them in terms of honour, they are hardly household names — "Budd Johnson — Howard Johnson — Dick Vance — Frances Williams." Three saxes, acoustic bass, guitar and piano, and drums.

The leader, Horace Henderson, counts the band and the Loeb Center is filled with an incredible sound. A and a rhythmic pronouncement that lets you know immediately exactly who these men are. This is the sound of The Road.

Each of these men has been welded to his instrument and to his music by ten thousand red-eyed nights, each composed of a few hours of confused nightmares on a rearing, one-night-stand to another over the unending roads of the USA.

Years of playing tour and

five shows a day have hardened the lips and facial muscles of the hornmen to steel, beaten the reflexes and co-ordination of all to machine-like infallibility.

No other education in any kind of music has ever been so punishing as the cut-throat world of the American band business that produced these men. After hours, a thousand jam sessions in which they have pitted their skills against those of others, have brought their musicianship to the ultimate pitch of refinement.

The power of this sound is not mere volume. It is a power which comes up from the guts, the diaphragm, a concentration of the whole human body, pushing air up out of the lungs against the whole complex mechanism of throat, jaw and cheek muscles, tongue, teeth and mouthpiece, to make the sound. It is the sound of human power, human breath.

A variety of tones, due to differences in the inner balance of muscles and pressure peculiar to each musician, give the sound a richness, a depth that is overwhelmingly thrilling.

The rhythm team, too, have never ceased to refine their understanding of what chords and accents will best support a particular sequence of how to flow to raise and lower the rhythmic tension. These are jazz's hard core of profes-

sionals, the Newport Festival's Council of Elders.

Budd Johnson has soloed, deep rolling phrases barreling out of his tenor sax as if from the centre of the earth. Francis Williams, soloing now, seems to be attempting to blow his whole stocky body through the trumpet, his brilliant notes stab at the beat like spurs. Williams gives way to the sections and the beat is like a runaway train, nothing can stop it.

The separate riffs of the trumpets, trombones and saxes balance each other perfectly, they drive the beat like the precision-timed action of steam valves driving a piston. The mighty Victor Paz points his trumpet skyward, the muscles on his neck are like pillars, the trumpets have seemingly passed beyond the realm of human strength — propelled by the beat they seem to have become a chanting from another world.

We pilgrims are gazing upon the face of our god.

THE GODS (pictured, above, from left): Budd Johnson, Earl



# TO THE GODS

massive electric develops for the drinking fountain, which is next to the men's lavatory. There is a commotion when a man in a predicament finds that he has been queuing for the agony for ten minutes for the drinking fountain, while the lavatory has been free all the time.

THE NEWPORT Jazz Festival New York does not begin and end with jazz events. The whole city swings to the beat of jazz. Jazzmen are not appearing at the festival — and some that are — are booked into nightclubs, bars and lofts. My research into the festival of supplements, pamphlets, and handouts detailing the jazz scene has revealed that trumpet genius Sweets Edison is appearing tonight at Hopper's Cafe, a few blocks away from the Loeb Center on the Avenue of the Americas.

As I walk through the darkness of West 4th Street, an ugly memory penetrates the euphoria left by the New York Jazz Repertory Company. After getting off the wrong way a evening I went looking for a down Becker Street. When you have walked for a while down there you realise suddenly that something is wrong. The sweat has gone cold on your back. An eerie silence has developed, no emptiness. There are

people, no traffic. Dustbins piled with garbage block the doors of warehouses. A breeze stirs the hundreds of crumpled bits of newspaper that litter the scene. They crash and flap in unison across the filthy road towards you with a sinister scraping sound, like giant insects.

Then, past a heap of garbage stacked against a building, you see a pair of feet in broken shoes, sticking out of tattered trousers from a doorway. It is an old man, a detritus, revealing its sole comments of one tooth, green, more like a thorn, green, crooked, broken.

He appears flickers, accompanied by a faint rattle of brass. A bit further on, two more sprout in an empty space. Between stopped with a corner and bottle neck, sprawled on the pavement.

Then you turn a corner and it is all trash, standing blinking, going blankly from this street to the sidewalk, heads, lying like toothless heads, lying like gazing shoes scraping, you shuffle towards you.

You are on the Bowery. The shuffling of feet and furniture world of the hair-oil and furniture polish drinkers. The diners. A world of total desolation and despair. New York's dumping

ground for human garbage.

In the darkness east by Washington Square Park, the grim thought now strikes me that maybe the Bowery represents the dark side of the same golden coin that produced the jazz masters I have just heard. What about all those other, who were weeded out by the remorseless pressures of the band business? What happened to them?

and after There is still time for a drink at my local.

An American approaches me in the bar. He remarks on my African-style shirt. "Where're you from, man? Zambia? Have one on me? What's yours? Bourbon? A guy from Zambia, drinking bourbon? Have another one on me. What're you doing in New York City? The Newport Jazz Festival? A guy from Zambia? Barman, give this man three bourbon."

He lowers his voice. "It's okay man. I'm on an expense account."

AT HOPPER'S, I sit next to the band-stand. Sweets Edison has to squeeze past. He's never seen me before, but he shakes my hand. "How're you doing?" he asks, and waits for an answer. He's one of the biggest stars there is, but this is jazz. The trumpeter is not six feet away. My ears gulp the blasting, bitter-edged tone that pumps out notes in bucketfuls.

Afterwards I walk to the subway up the Avenue of the Americas. The coats of arms of all the South American countries, Nicaragua, even Honduras, Guatemala, even Cuba, hang from the high streetlamps like scapls.

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**N**INETEEN years ago a 17-year-old youth captured the hearts of millions of soccer fans with an electrifying performance which helped Brazil win the 1958 World Cup final against Sweden.

Now aged 36, Pele has won everything the game has to offer and has played his last season of competitive soccer in the United States with New York Cosmos.

In this exclusive interview Pele tells DRUM of his hopes and ambitions for the future. DRUM: When you were chosen for the Brazil team at the age of 16 you became public property and acquired an image, which has been built up over the years. Is that image the REAL you?

PELE: It is very hard to change your image after 20 years in soccer. A lot of things have been said about me in the press, some true, some false. I'm sure people like me the way I am. I have always rejected drinking and smoking, and my behaviour as a family man has not changed. If I were to change it couldn't be for the better. But all I want people to recognise is that I have always played football for love.

Naturally, I owe all I possess to soccer, but even if I hadn't become a star, I'd still be as keen on the game. Some players don't think it's so important, but when I come on to the field I want to be physically fit so I can let the paying public know I am doing my best. Some people have called me a mercenary, but I've always tried to earn my money. I never demanded from

Santos more than they could pay. You cannot make every-one happy. I, at least, have always tried to be sincere with the fans. If I had to tell a lot of lies to give myself a good image, I'd prefer to go back to being a mechanic.

DRUM: When you quit the Brazilian team and moved to the United States to play for Cosmos, you were accused by many people of being sold out your country. Why did you quit to go to New York?

PELE: Life has always been a challenge to me. Ever since I started with Santos I faced difficulties. Later the fans from me than the rest, but I was accused of being content with the position I'd reached both as a player and financially. They said I wasn't fighting any more, so I had to try today. At 36 I run more than younger people do.

It is true I did try to have security because my life was very hard in my childhood and failure, because even when I was young my family responsibilities weighed heavily upon me.

When I left for Cosmos I was aware of the difficulties, the chance of opening a field and of earning some money in that field, as it was getting hard in Brazil. I was

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# PELE

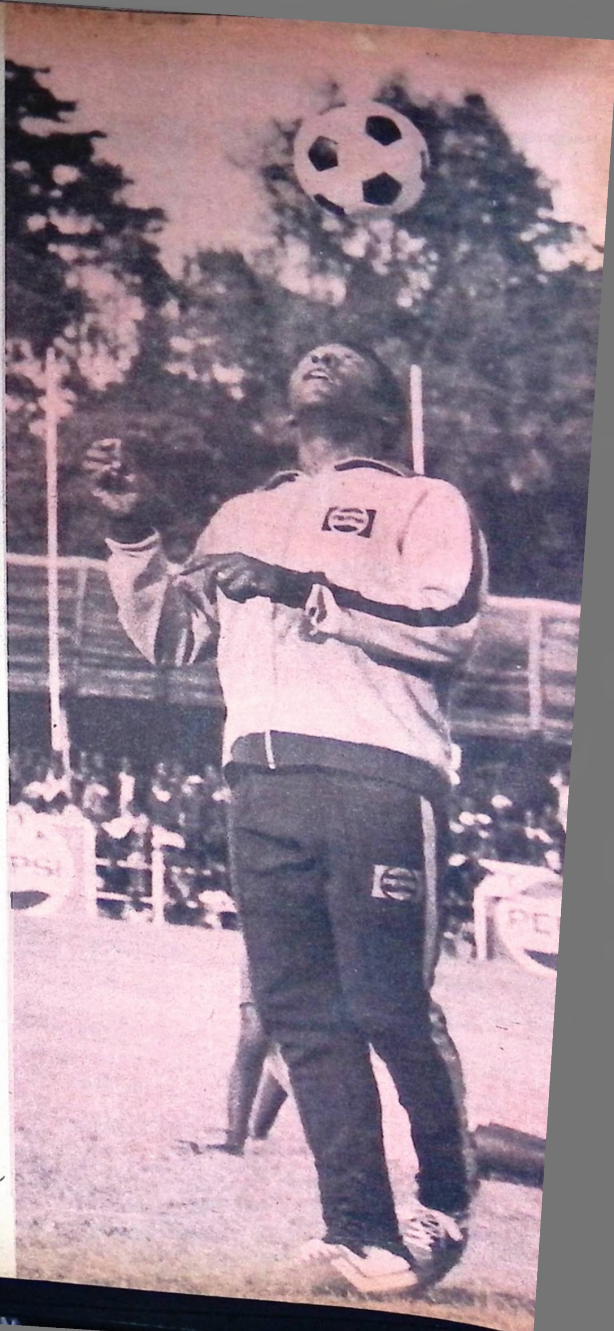
never afraid of fighting for something. I always walked onto the field believing I was going to play a good game. And whenever I have had a challenge I have wanted to face it with confidence.

Leaving Brazil and going to another country, another people, another way of thinking with every sport acquainted with every sport except soccer, trying to show it to them, is a great challenge. I put everything I'd gained during 20 years in the game at stake in the U.S. If I had failed I would have been a loser in the eyes of the whole world, including Brazil, because I would disappoint my people and my country too strongly.

but since I have been able to win, thank God, the whole world is winning with me.

**DRUM:** How is racial prejudice in the United States as compared to your home, Brazil? Racism does exist. It is a social problem in Brazil, of a poor man, whether black or white. But if a black man is wealthy or a white man is poor, he's welcomed anywhere. In the United States racial prejudice is stronger in the

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# LONELY HEARTS

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Everybody passes through lonely times. Most people find happiness when they meet a partner with whom they will spend the rest of their lives. But for some, the magic spark of compatibility doesn't occur. For these DRUM publishes this column. Our MATCHMAKER will help you find a match if you want. Write to Lonely Hearts, DRUM Publications (Nigeria) Ltd., PMB 2128, Lagos, Nigeria. You won't regret the few minutes you spend writing to MATCHMAKER.

## Different

Dear MATCHMAKER, I hope you can help the lonely hearts well, I am one of them. I am not ugly but there is something which makes me different from other boys as I find it hard to get a girl who will love me forever. I am a boy of 20, a student, tall and dark. I love things like music, dancing and politics. The girl of my dreams should be of the same age and have the same interests. I hope you will solve my problem quickly because I need love. Thanks Edwin, c/o Matchmaker

interests are reading, exchanging visits, music and going out. Thanks Maggy, c/o Matchmaker

## Photographs

Dear MATCHMAKER, I will be grateful if you can find me a life partner. My age is 22 I am from Oyo State, a Christian, well-educated and beautiful. Interested males can write to me through Matchmaker and enclose their recent photographs. I hope I will not regret the few minutes I am using in writing this letter to you. I hope for the best Deborah, c/o Matchmaker

their eyes and choose the right girl to make them happy. No all things that glitter are gold. Do not look for beauty but character. A word is enough for the wise. Though I may not be the right choice, I beg all interested males, in their own interests, to follow the above points. I am very lively but young. I hail from Ondo State. Confy, c/o Matchmaker

## Missing

Dear MATCHMAKER, You say you can help the lonely hearts. I have had my lonely heart for so long I am not ugly in a sense but still there must be something missing as I find it hard to find a girl who would love me forever. I do get them but they vanish after a short time. Maybe there is something wrong with me, I don't know. I do try to treat them nicely. Let me tell you something about myself. I am a boy of 22, not so ugly but not a trader, tall and slender. And though I am a shy person, I like meeting people. The girl of my dreams should have great understanding, have interests like mine, should be the sociable type, lovable and educated. Through your magazine I hope to find that kind of girl who will occupy my heart forever. Mgbacha, c/o Matchmaker

## Understanding

Dear MATCHMAKER, You say you help lonely hearts and I trust you will help find me a reliable lady. I am a 23-year-old technician undergoing an industrial training course which will soon end. I dropped the female friend I had a year ago because she was not honest with me, and since then I have been lonely. The girl I now need must be educated, trustworthy, sympathetic, understanding and must not be more than 20 years of age. My hobbies are photography, reading, football and listening to music. Through your magazine, hope my loneliness will soon be a thing of the past. Batuk P.P., c/o Matchmaker

## Middle-aged

Dear MATCHMAKER, My trouble started some years ago when I went to Britain to join my fiancée. Things were not smooth but I kept hoping that the future would be all right. Eventually we arrived in Nigeria, but all my efforts to get him to love me were not rewarded. I am 39 years old although I don't look it. I have a little girl with me. Socially and physically I know I am all right. I am not bad looking and I can give the right man all my love. The type of man I want should be middle-aged, highly responsible, and a Christian. Otherwise, I am not fussy. I am relying on you, Matchmaker, to get me that man. Euny, c/o Matchmaker

## Not ugly

Dear MATCHMAKER, I think I can be helped through you. It is not that I don't have a person I can call a boyfriend. I do, but I do not seem to trust the opposite sex. I find it very hard to have faith in the opposite sex. Please MM, kindly help me. I want a young boy of between 23-25 years of age. He may not be anything else but he MUST be very good to look at. A boy whom I can trust and love and who would sincerely return my love. He should be resident in Iwo, or Aba and he should be a Christian. I am not a sophisticated beauty but I am NOT ugly. I am 20 Rita, c/o Matchmaker

I am a Nigerian male aged 30. I am single and working as a bilingual secretary with a group of companies in Lagos. I would like a partner between the ages of 19-27, with a good education, who is trustworthy, understanding, kind and reliable. My interests are reading, sports, cinema and music. I hope my lonely days will soon be over, with your help. Tunde, c/o Matchmaker

## Character

Dear MATCHMAKER, I am writing this letter not to appeal for love or to make fancy for any man with a good character who believes I am the right girl should write to me. Girls are plentiful in this Nigeria but only a few live up to expectations. It is, therefore, better for men to open

## Sociable

Dear MATCHMAKER, I will be very happy, if you can help me. I am a lonely girl. I want you to help me get a life partner. I am 24 years old and well educated. I am fairly beautiful and of average height. The type of man I want should be well educated, sociable and handsome. My



# The tooth of the matter

Prince Abim, the suave private detective, clearly did not like his new client. Miss Friday, the Prince's beautiful assistant, soon discovered the reason . . . Another episode in the life of DRUM's amiable 'tec by W. W. Bello

**Y**OU do not like our client, Prince Abim?" asked Toko Friday. "Your eyes remain sharp," agreed the private detective. He folded his arms across his slightly plump stomach. He looked about his handsomely-furnished, modern office. He shook his head. "I do not like our client," said Prince Abim, and lit one of his long, thin cigars. "To find a stolen car one does not come to the private eye. One goes to the police, who have hundreds of men, who have eyes in all places . . . and who charge nothing."

He leaned back in his swivel chair and placed his feet on the polished surface of the desk. With practised skill Toko slipped a sheet of paper onto the desk just before his heels came down on the polished surface.

"But you took his commission, Prince. Although you do not like him."

"We have an office. I have a car, a home. These things must be paid for. It is not necessary to like a client to take his money. What is necessary is that he has money."

He drew deeply on his cigar, sent a ring of blue smoke towards the ceiling. "What do we know of Mr Ehosu, Miss Friday?"

Prince Abim's secretary glanced at her notebook while her employer eased his eyes on the agreeable contours of her slim figure.

"John Ehosu. Address: a hotel in the city. Occupation: agent for a machine-tool company. Car lost: a Land-Rover taken this morning from just outside the city. Daily retainer paid for three

days in advance."

"Just so, John Ehosu, if that is his name. Manufacturer's agent. I think not. Did you look at his clothes?"

"He wore a very fine suit," said the girl.

"Quite so. But he wore it as if he had hardly ever worn one before. Did you see the many scars on his hands and wrists? Did you notice how he walked, like a lion prowling? Men of commerce walk softly, stooped a little in deference to their customers. They do not have hands like leather."

"What is Mr Ehosu then?" asked the girl.

"I think that he is a very bad man. However, he is our client and we must be about his business. Come, Miss Friday."

Prince Abim led the way to his car. He drove out of the city to the place where the Land-Rover had been stolen.

"A strange place for a manufacturer's agent to leave his car, eh?" beamed the plump detective.

They were in a deserted valley, its slopes covered with scrub. The tracks of the Land-Rover were clear. It had been driven into the scrub, had been halted there for a while as was plain from the oil that had dripped from the engine. Then it had been driven off.

The Prince prowled about, his gaze on the ground.

"It would have been better if there had been rain. But the tracks are quite clear. Someone left the car after it had been halted. That would be our client. Someone else came and got into the car and drove it off."

"How can you tell?" the girl demanded.

"Our client was a big man.



**THE Prince stooped and picked up something very small, Miss Friday watched his car being driven off or he knew it would be driven off."**  
 Now he scanned the ground where the car had been still more closely. He stooped and picked up something very small, Miss Friday watched his assistant it looked tiny white pebble. "It is as I thought."





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I am a 22-year-old young man. My problem is that my early morning urine is very white and it looks like I am discharging sperm. I have visited various doctors without any help. Please advise.  
**Liluhama, Nairobi**

Most of us pass a lot of phosphates in the early morning specimen of urine. I suggest you have your urine analysed in a laboratory so you can know the exact cause of this if it is phosphates there is nothing to worry about.

### Heart pains

I AM a 15-year-old girl. When I walk for a long time, I feel that my heart is paining. Can you please advise?  
**Naomi, Lagos**

I doubt that at your age it is the heart which is paining, unless you have defects of the heart valves that you were born with. It seems more like a muscular pain. However, I suggest you should see a physician, who will find the exact cause of this pain.

### Scabies

I AM a 19-year-old girl and am suffering from scabies. What medicines can I use for this disease?  
**Chipanzo, Chingolo**

There are many lotions and creams available for scabies these days which I cannot name for ethical reasons. If you go to your chemist, he can help you. Alternatively, see a skin specialist.

### Hairy chin

I AM a healthy, handsome young boy aged 16. My problem is that since last year I have had hair growing on my chin and my friends tell me that I am very old. Please advise.  
**C.W., Kitalie**

Growth of hair on the face, chest, armpits and pubic area is perfectly normal in a boy at your age.

### Small testes

I AM an 18-year-old boy and I get pain in one of my testes. I think also the size of the left is smaller than normal. Do you think I will be able to have children?  
**Nzamil, Lamu**  
This can be checked very easily. Get your semen examined and if it has got enough healthy sperm, you have nothing to worry about.

### Too shy

I am 22 and for five years I have noticed that pus comes out of my private part. But I can't discuss it with anyone because I am too shy. Doctor, should I go on with my penicillin injections and tablets? I can't consult a doctor to discuss it with him.  
**Fola, Onyo**

The only person you should not hide this type of problem from is the doctor. Go to a doctor now and tell him your problem if you ever want to get over it, and stop this dangerous practice of self-medication.

## Your questions answered

### Hair all over

I AM a 16-year-old boy. My problem is that I have a hairy chest, arms and legs. What can I do to remove hair permanently from my body?  
**Mate, Lusaka**

I am afraid this is the price you have to pay for being a man. There is, in fact, no treatment, and frankly speaking I do not think you need any treatment.

### Smaller

I am 17. What worries me is that my right testis is slightly smaller than the left. I am afraid that when I get married I will not be able to produce children. Please advise.  
**Doctor**

**Peter, Maseno**  
It is very rare that both testes are equal in size, so yours are quite normal.

### Headaches

I am a 30-year-old man and since 1973, I have had severe headaches. I have been treated in mental hospitals in various hospitals, and have even had ECT treatment. Nowadays, I am on various drugs, but I find that I am not well at all. Please advise me what I should do so that I can freely enjoy life like other people.  
**Robert, Mombasa**

I would like you to go back to the psychiatrist who has been treating you and insist that he help you.

### No period

I am a girl of 14. I got my first period in September, but did not see it again until December. I was expecting it in January but it didn't come. I am not pregnant because I haven't had sex yet.  
**Dorothy, Ibadan**

You have irregular periods which are not uncommon when you are young. A doctor will give you drugs which can regulate your monthly cycle.

### Failure

My illness is failure. When I apply for jobs I do not get one. When I start a business it does not thrive, when I try to make friends they run away from me and even girls refuse to make love to me. Kindly help me, Doctor.  
**John, Eldama Ravine**

I think you are suffering from severe depression and what we call self-pity and persecution mania. Try to get out of this pessimism by yourself. But if you cannot succeed, let me assure you that these days there are various drugs for mental illness as there have always been for physical illness.

I THINK that it is fairly obvious from the title of this month's article that I am going to talk about vomiting.

Almost any severe illness can cause vomiting, but the sorts of diseases that most frequently produce it are those involving the digestive tract, the liver and the brain and its coverings.

Blockages or irritation along the digestive tract, but particularly those high up like the stomach and gall bladder, usually cause vomiting.

In some of these illnesses bringing up may in fact relieve the pain and discomfort associated with such conditions.

Heart trouble, diabetes, and a host of other generalised diseases may also be responsible for vomiting. The early morning vomiting of pregnancy is a well-recognised occurrence.

People who have mucous continuously dripping into their throats from the back of the nose, commonly seen in heavy smokers, may also vomit in the morning.

Then of course there is the vomiting associated with a number of factors that we all



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## Throwing up

know about. The saying "It made me sick to look at it" has an obvious derivation. It is the emotion underlying this sort of vomiting.

Whatever the cause, vomiting can best be regarded as a method of defence that the body has developed to reject harmful or irritating substances and to prevent the further ingestion of such material.

This is nowhere better illustrated than in the vomiting caused by the intake of excessive drugs or poisons, which include booze.

In fact, part of the treatment of poisoned or over-

dosed persons consists of making them vomit in order to get rid of whatever has not yet been absorbed.

Although vomiting is in a way protective, it is not a good thing since it causes loss of a large amount of water and important salts. This in itself can be very dangerous.

I do not propose to mention the treatment of vomiting, since this obviously varies depending on the cause, and it is the cause that needs to be remedied rather than the vomiting.

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