

FIRMS SABOTAGE

by Thompson Oyatu

THE Rivers State Governor, Chief Melford Okilo has accused two Port Harcourt-based companies, the Nigerian Bottling Company and the Michelin Nigeria Limited of working against the interest of the government and people of the state.

He noted that, it was a matter of deep regret that in spite of the state government's magnanimity demonstrated in its moral and financial support to the two companies, "they have bluntly remained ungrateful and have continued to undermine the interest of the administration."

Chief Okilo expressed profound disappointment over their uncooperative attitude which has made it difficult for neither the government nor the people of the state to participate in the distribution of their products or gain from their services.

The governor, who registered his discontent when members of the Nigerian Enterprises and

Business Promotion Board, led by its chairman, Mr. Minzo Wadagni Gadzama called on him at Government House in Port Harcourt on Monday, observed that it was the legitimate right of the state government to fully participate in the affairs of the two companies in view of its forty per cent interests in each of them.

Chief Okilo made it

clear, that his administration would not tolerate any company that was not prepared to identify itself with the interest of the people of the state, adding that they should quit from the state, as it would be unfair to finance an institution that would not cater for the welfare of the people who provided the funds.

He accused the two companies of sabotaging the economy of the state and warned that unless there was a sincere change of attitude by

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#60,000 fraud report is baseless — Police

THE Rivers State Police Command has described as "baseless" and "falacious" a recent newspaper publication in which the police was quoted as the source of a story on an alleged #60,000 fraud in a Rivers State Government-owned media house.

Refuting the story in Port Harcourt on Monday, the Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Lawrence N. Chienbap told the press in his office, that no section or unit of the command had any knowledge of the alleged fraud scandal.

He declared, "as far as this command is concerned, no such report was made either verbally or in writing and no information was given out



APPEALING OF MANAGEMENT

'81 revenue bill to return to Assembly

THE Joint Finance Committee of the National Assembly is to re-submit its report on the Revenue Allocation (1981) bill.

This followed a closed-door meeting of both the Senate and the House of Representatives on Monday which marked the

beginning of the third session.

Sources close to the Nigerian Tide stated that the National Assembly went into a closed session in order to consider an urgent letter from

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Farmers kick over N5m grant

The president of the Rivers State Farmers Council, Rev. Godknows Ndetipiri, is not happy that the Niger Delta Basin Development Authority did not set up a committee to disburse the N5 million allocated to farmers at the grassroots level in the state.

He made the condemnation at the Port Harcourt International Airport shortly before he left for Kaduna to attend a meeting of the national executive council of the farmers association.

Rev. Ndetipiri observed that such committee was set up at the national level and wondered why

the NBDA in the Rivers State would not do so.

He alleged that some highly placed, civil servants were using their positions to influence the disbursement of the fund.

Such a situation would amount to a rape of the confidence that farmers had in the board, he added.

He was of the strong view that only the farmers' council was capable of knowing recognized farmers at the grass roots and called on the State Government to ensure that the N5m was

actually distributed to the farmers who produce food.

He further called on the National Assembly to enact a law to enable the Federal Government provide a ready market for local produced agricultural goods. Such a move would make the green revolution more meaningful, he pointed out.

Progress on housing praised

The chairman of Omega Urban Housing and Environmental Committee, Omega Urban, Mr. Philip Odeyemi, is impressed with the progress made on the construction of low cost housing units in the area.

Speaking at the Unimove housing estate during an inspection tour, the chairman praised the contractors handling the project for the progress so far made and urged them to complete the projects on schedule to attract fresh award. He urged that work at the Unimove be hastened.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVOCATED

The Four Seas Community Adult Education Programme Co-ordinator in the Rivers State, Pastor I.O.R. Ekwe has called on the Federal and State Governments to establish more continuing education centres in the country.

Pastor Ekwe said the call was the strong advocacy of the

centre for the 1981 session. He also called on religious organisations to offer adult literacy classes for students as a means of promoting spiritual development.

The Four Seas Community Adult Education Centre is one of the largest groups and is currently having well-supplying. It provides a wide range of courses, including adult literacy, home economics and other technical programmes.

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EDITORIAL

In the name of justice, fairplay

NIGERIA HAS DEFINITELY not heard the last of the ill-fated Revenue Allocation Act 1981, especially from the oil producing states of this country.

AT THE Port Harcourt international airport over the weekend, Rivers State Finance Commissioner, Chief Charles Amiebi made a revelation which shocked newsmen and all lovers of justice and fairplay when he disclosed that oil producing areas have received nothing on the derivation principle since the recently annulled Revenue Act was passed into law at the beginning of this year.

THIS WAS in spite of the fact that all other criteria like land mass, equality and population received prompt attention under the same Act.

WHY SHOULD Nigeria continue to

grow in selfish clannishness and brazen injustice? The nation should at this time out-grow the politics of odd numbers and reach out for the higher values of a virtuous nation founded on equity and fairplay?

IT IS unthinkable that the oil-producing states on which the economy of the federation today stands should be subjected to such meticulously planned programmes of frustration as to render the area helpless, beggarly and hungry in a nation which they feed and nurture.

ACCORDING TO Chief Charles Amiebi, many development programmes planned by the oil producing states in anticipation of revenue accruing from the derivation principle have suffered various stages of neglect and total abandonment since January this year.

WHAT EXPLANATION can the federal government and indeed the executors of government policies give for this discriminatory neglect? How could

land mass, population and equality have been implemented while only derivation was, in the words of the Finance Commissioner "muzzled by bureaucratic red-tapism".

IT IS HIGH time Nigerians began to look for urgent answers to these questions which are fundamental to the well-being of the nation as a corporate body.

AFTER YEARS of fighting for justice, the oil-producing areas managed to get their point across to the conscience of the nation planners through the ill-fated 1981 Revenue Act. It is too much to know that the enemies' of these suffering Nigerians went as far as preventing them from getting their agreed share under the now defunct Revenue Act.

WE HOPE THE Shagari administration will rectify this anomaly and urgently too in order to restore the confidence of the people of the oil producing areas in Nigerian justice and fairplay.

WE URGE THAT the Federal Government should see that all payments due to the oil producing regions of the country are duly paid before nullifying the Act, so that every state stands on equal footing while refunding any monies paid in excess in compliance to the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Open varsity:

OK

THE Senate could have deserved a pat on the back for its mature stand in rejecting the open University Bill, but for some narrow misconceptions.

The Senate is of the view that the Executive should first establish a university in each of the 19 states of the federation and equip the already existing ones.

It also frowned at the Executive trying to reduce the senate to a mere rubber stamp, by appointing a Vice Chancellor and fixing a time schedule for the university before sending the bill to the House for debate.

The Senate also used the fluctuating and irregular performances of the NEPA and PBT to frustrate the bill.

Most importantly, the Senate further argued that the open University System is a wrong priority. On the above notes among a few others, the senate had to reject the bill seeking to establish the university.

The above argument sounds reasonable enough to befet the elderly status of the senate. But, be that as it

may, I find it difficult to compromise my agreement with the Senate on all the above arguments.

Firstly, I submit that no priority is wrong which can benefit more than half the needy masses. It is estimated that our existing universities can only admit about 40,000 out of over 200,000 candidates who apply for university education yearly, while further estimates claim that the open university will be capable of absorbing at least 100,000 students annually when fully established. This staggering difference in the number of students' annual intake in the two (university) systems is sufficient impetus to push us towards making the Open University a reality, if we are sincerely committed to the educational course of our people.

It is further difficult to understand the rationale behind rejecting a more popular Open University Bill and passing in less than a month after, a less popular bill



establishing a multi-million naira hotel in Lagos, all by the same senate. Which is more prior than the other? Is it the multi-million hotel which will be accessible to only a few V.I.P.s or the Open University which will satisfy the yearnings for education of many hungry Nigerians?

About seven states of the Federation are yet to have a university, yet nearly 19 universities are existing presently in the country reckoning those states already having or proposing to have two. It therefore follows that even if universities are established in all the 19 states of the federation, admission opportunities will still not be adequate bearing my earlier estimate for intake capacity in mind.

As for the NEPA and PBT problems, it has never been near solution anyway, and we are not

yet sure how soon their problems will get solved. And so, waiting for them to keep their houses in order will definitely be buying the issue for ever.

My humble suggestion is that the Federal Government should make provisions for both electronic and battery operated T.V. sets to serve as an alternative for students in case of power failures by the NEPA. Provisions should also be made for low-cost generators so that prospective students could purchase individual plants for emergency use in their respective suburbs and hamlets. The university headquarters should get a standby plant ready for its alternative use in case of power failures. The PBT however, is likely to live up to expectation — it's my prayer!

In all fairness, the Executive erred in anticipating the bill before the National Assembly, by appointing the Vice Chancellor and fixing a date for the university before the bill was passed probably to show their eagerness in the scheme. Al — be it, since the executive has gone that much, the senate should in the in-

terest of the masses revoke and pass the bill so that the university could take off as scheduled. This is an appeal. The House of Reps have already played their part on the issue.

The writer is in no way trying to undermine the prestige of the Senate nay the National Assembly as a whole, but it should be borne in mind that he who wears

the shoes knows where it pinches most. The planners of the scheme knows how best to execute it, and what necessary foundations to lay. These foundations should be laid for at least two years before a change of fate occurs so that it may not collapse in the now hands.

CALEB DEZUA
Bari

N60,000 fraud

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come out with such a story and credit it to the police when the command never released such information.

Meanwhile, it was not immediately known what next line of action the state police command might take in connection with the alleged false publication.

It will be recalled that sometime this month, a newspaper (not the Nigerian Tide) came out with a back page story captioned, "Fraud Scandal Rocks Rivers Media House."

According to the report, a top executive of the media house was said to be helping the police in connection with

the alleged fraud in which police sources were quoted to have admitted that the media boss had made useful statement.

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them, the administration would have no alternative than to revoke the instruments that established them.

The chief executive, directed those representing the state government's interests in the two companies to keep watchful eyes on some unscrupulous foreign investors, whose primary objective was to exploit their hosts for their own selfish ends.

FUNTAI HOSPITAL

A house of hope for the sick - BY A CORRESPONDENT

IN A developing country like Nigeria where medical facilities have been notoriously and painfully inadequate over the years, the coming into

to the city centre from the Mile 3 area of Diobu and commanding an immediate catchment area comprising the whole of Diobu, Aba Road, Rumuola, the Old and

million, the hospital has 60 beds made up as follows: Medicine—15 beds; surgery—17 beds; Gynaecology—10 beds; obstetrics—10 beds; Paediatrics—8 beds.

at the general out-patient ward; a V.I.P. consulting room where a patient can be seen by a doctor of his or her choice with express attention; accident (emer-



FRONT VIEW OF FUNTAI HOSPITAL COMPLEX

being of a new and well-equipped modern specialist hospital complex is no doubt a most welcome and auspicious development and a thing of boundless joy for the people.

There is no doubt that the all-time paucity and inadequacy of the medical services in Nigeria has been a source of grave concern to every Nigerien. Hence successive governments, say the people of Nigeria accept and indeed encourage competent private enterprise in the medical industry as a most welcome, healthy and just contribution to wealth-creating which is efficient and desirable health care system for the nation.

Thus, FUNTAI HOSPITAL has arrived today in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital to take its place in the swelling ranks of privately owned hospitals and to complement government's determined efforts to improve and revolutionize the nation's health care delivery system.

Conspicuously and strategically situated at the western approach

New B.R.A.s extending as far as the University of Port Harcourt, the whole of Trans-Amadi Layout and Amadi Flats etcetera is an ultra modern House of Hope called FUNTAI HOSPITAL for the physically sick.

The Funtai Hospital and Maternity project was started late last year and intended to run as a specialist hospital built by the Funtai Group of Companies in an ultra class of architecture.

At present the hospital is manned by a team of six specialist doctors with Dr T. E. Malumi as the Medical Director. More doctors may be recruited as the need arises.

The hospital is well equipped to handle cases ranging from the commonest to the most complicated ones. And among the facilities available at Funtai Hospital are three consulting rooms for three doctors

(agency/casualty) unit open 24 hours every day.

And there is an Intensive Care Unit with specially designed beds that can be adjusted to any posture at the press of a button. This special unit is also equipped with electronic "Monitors" that can "monitor" the condition of a critical patient and instantly call the Doctor's attention. And in the general ward every bed has an electronic blood pump system which is capable of



Dr T. E. Malumi Medical Director

tern" system which prevents unnecessary blood waste during the operation. This thus eliminates the necessity for extra blood transfusion which more often arises from wastes during operation.

The Maternity Unit has three delivery beds that can adequately cater for three deliveries at a time, and there is also a premature Baby Unit with two incubators.

Other facilities include Ante-natal Rooms, administration and general offices and doctors' residences. And to back up the services, and facilities at Funtai Hospital, a plant 240 KVA stand by generating set has been installed as an insurance.



DR DAYO BANJO



DR J. O. OGUNRANYIN

against power failure from NEPA.

As a specialist Hospital, Funtai now serves as a referral centre where private doctors in other clinics or hospitals have admission rights.

With the emergence of Funtai Hospital and other hospitals of its kind it should be hoped that the urge or necessity for some people in Nigeria to travel abroad for certain nature of specialist medical attention will eventually dampen or be minimised.

Perhaps it is pertinent

not to state that they too soon. For, as has been indicated at the beginning of this write-up, if there is any city in the Federation where more private involvement is required to supplement government efforts in the provision of adequate health facilities for the people, it is certainly Port Harcourt.

As at now, Port Harcourt which is the nation's second largest concentration of economic, commercial and industrial activities with a population of nearly two

million people, stands alone, the emergence of a 60-bed private specialist hospital like Funtai Hospital in Port Harcourt

acquired and the number of beds increased to 15 Road in the Mile 3 area to come with increasing demand.

Early last year, an

Ataba Street off Ikwerre the sky and rightly proclaiming itself a place of solace for the sick.

Now Funtai Hospital and Maternity not only



DR R. K. SHARMA
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at this juncture to record that within a few months of its establishment doctors at the Funtai Hospital on the 18th of September 1981, successfully carried out a complicated kidney surgical operation known in medical terms as "Renal Calculi". The operation involved the removal of a "Stone" from a patient's kidney. The patient has since been discharged and is doing fine, while the operation remains an initial major medical feat achieved by the young hospital.

As a growing medical institution it is the intention of Funtai Hospital to establish a Research and Clinical Studies Unit where Doctors from various hospitals and clinics can meet regularly to exchange ideas which may result in the production and distribution of well researched and standardised Medical journals and other topical papers.

The establishment of a private specialist hospital of the scope and standard of Funtai Hospital in the Rivers State, capital city of Port Harcourt has

million people has very scanty health facilities. And however good or superior these facilities may be, since they are very few they are always heavily overloaded to a point they can easily be seen as being inadequate.

So, viewed even

at this point in time is a most welcome kind of "deus-exmachina" in the medical field.

Like most other big and successful enterprises, the seed that sprouted and developed into the magnificent Funtai specialist Hospital and Maternity was sown by the Funtai Group of Companies at No. 5 Onwukagba Street (now Omoku Street) in D/Line, Port Harcourt in 1977, where a young Nigerian Medical Practitioner, Dr T. E. Malumi started and operated a modest four-bed Funtai Clinic.

Within a year, a small X-Ray and Laboratory Diagnostic Unit was

Industrial Branch of Funtai Clinic was established at Trans-Amadi Industrial Layout, Port Harcourt to cater for the workers in the industrial establishments in that area and also to decongest the D/Line clinic. During this period the Funtai Clinics at D/Line and Trans-Amadi were referring complicated cases to other better equipped hospitals in and outside the country.

The desire to fill this gap, more than anything else, prompted the decision to establish a full-fledged and well equipped specialist hospital and maternity, and a suitable site was chosen at No. 5/7 Ojogbu Street now



FUNTAI HOSPITAL COMPLEX



DR BAYODE AYATAN

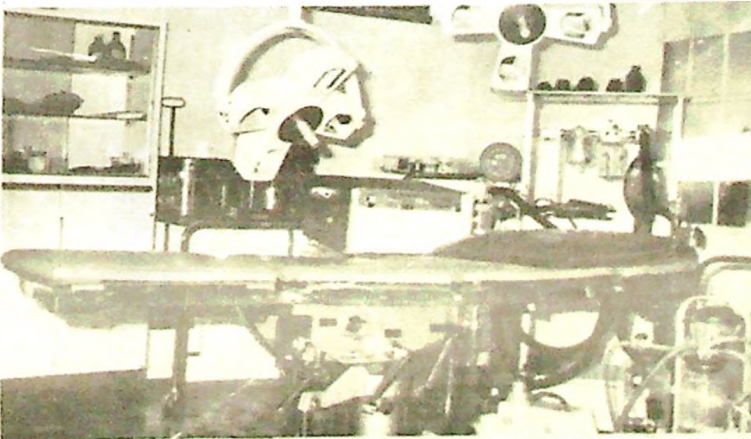
serves as a referral centre to its sister clinics at D/Line and Trans-

Amadi, but is in a better position to reciprocate the working co-operation and assistance its founders had enjoyed from its counterparts in

and outside the country.

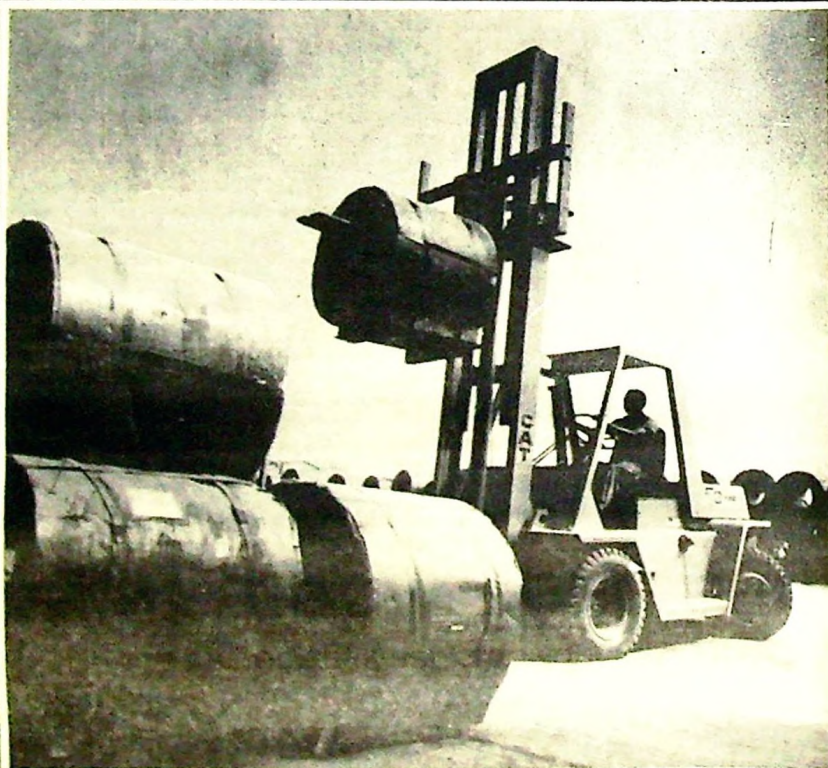
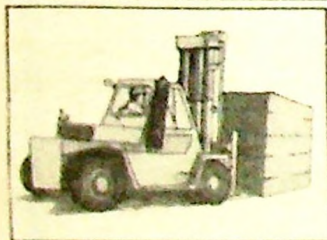
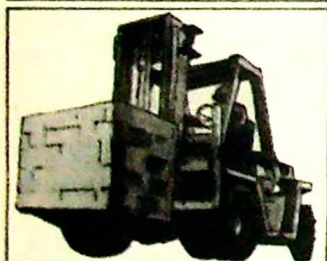
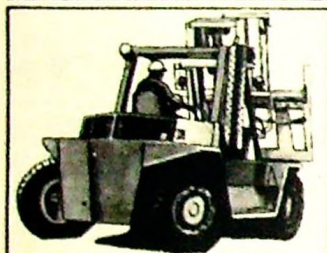
Perhaps, what remains to be hoped for is a strengthening and contribution of the already

existing close working cooperation between the new institution and its government owned counterparts on the one hand, and its privately owned counterparts on the other hand, so as to help bring about the much needed improvement and perfection in the health care services of the nation.



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Some patients exercise weak muscles until they become stronger than they would ever have been without the illness.

Others, realising that perhaps the leg muscles are weak and will never be able to become very strong, exercise shoulders and arms, learn to move skillfully by using new sets of muscles and to excel in sports and games where the arms can be used, such as archery.

Some people use their period of illness for study and reading, develop new interest and gain in education.

Suffering helps many people to find a new faith in religion, to discover their purpose in life. Illness can turn into an asset, helping the development of most desirable characteristics.

REGRESSION
Many people's attitude to illness is much less constructive and

many nursing problems arise because sick people often behave like children.

Sickness represents to them a "Stress situation." Under stress people often revert to earlier patterns of behaviour they "regress".

Sickness often causes changes in behaviour which are quite irrational. The patient cannot help himself because he is reacting unconsciously and some of his or her troubles lie in the past rather than in the current illness.

STIGMA OF ILLNESS: In our modern age attitudes of sickness have largely been modified and are to a lesser extent than before coloured by disgust and rejection.

Some illness, however still carry stigma with them.

People suffering from mental disorders, from epilepsy, from tuberculosis or from venereal diseases are still treated as outcasts of any society.

Many people attach value judgements to concept of health. Physical and mental disorder are looked upon as punishment. In many cultures it is regarded as shameful and wicked.

Looking upon illness as if it were blameworthy makes the sick to behave with resentment.

It is certainly not at all uncommon for people to adopt this attitude of guilt and shame towards their own suf-

ferings, so much so that they find it impossible to discuss the illness even with a doctor or nurse.

Anyone who thinks badly of his or herself tends to believe that other people share this attitude.

Some sick people conclude that everybody shuns them and looks at them with disgust, suspicion or disapproval.

In the extreme form this attitude is found among those mentally ill people who believe that they "smell", that they are "covered with germs", or that they emit "harmful rays". These patients consequently, cut themselves off from society believing themselves to be unwanted and a danger to others.

In less extreme forms, this attitude is very frequently found among all types and classes of men and women.

The general practitioner is aware of the fact that some patients are reluctant to come to him and often delay in seeking advice until the condition has deteriorated too far.

They attempt to deny their illness because they feel, it is unacceptable. Health visitors meet people who simply will not accept care or advice because they cannot admit to being ill.

It is strange that certain illnesses are much more frequently hidden or masked.

Sometimes the guilt feeling appears almost

rational and associated with the belief that the illness could have been prevented.

Tuberculosis, for example, is often believed to be the result of unhealthy living, irregular hours, scanty food, all of which would have been prevented with proper care.

Scabies or infestation is often considered to be the result of dirt and, although infestation can occur in spite of all hygienic precautions, patients feel guilty.

The attitude to venereal disease, shows how much our moral judgment is tied up with attitude to illness.

by
ODIBO HARRY

Here it is partially rational, on the other hand, when women refuse to consult a doctor about a lump in the breast, a vaginal discharge, the connection between sex and illness becomes less rational and the feeling of guilt more disturbing.

The fear and shame about mental disorder show irrational attitudes in their most highly developed form.

Because early diagnosis and treatment are important, the patient's feeling of guilt and shame must be taken into account by those who meet people in the early stages of their illness.

Nurses working in the community have a great chance to eradicate these harmful attitudes among the general public, among the prospective patients whom they meet in clinics and

THOSE BEGGING KIDS

The rate at which children solicit for alms is alarming. These kids turn out to be beggars in disguise.

It isn't their fault but parents of such kinds should be blamed for poor upbringing.

The law forbids soliciting for alms, even among paupers or the disabled in the society, and how proper is it for a well-fed child to beg for alms?

If you doubt the writer, just take a trip to some of the schools around you, from nursery to secondary schools. You will find out that these kids are nuisance to their victims. They beg money for petty things ranging

from groundnuts, ice cream to provisions.

Kids who miss their breakfast often times, are victims of alms soliciting. If a child is properly fed before going to school, the chances of begging for alms is sometimes zero.

In fact, it is wrong for a parent to give money to his/her child for snacks while going to school.

If your child is a nursery or primary pupil, all you need do is to prepare some snacks for him.

The fear of hunger killing a child while at school is just a fairy tale since he spends about five to six hours there. Some parents over-

pamper their children by allowing them take those tempting delicacies, such as tins of sardines, fried meat, eggs and a lot of them, to school either a ball of cake, bean cake, few slices of buttered or waste bread, a packet of biscuit and some water at break time; recess will sustain a child till he comes back from school.

A child that is well disciplined by the parents cannot buy suya from meat roasters and rice; 'agidi', 'moi-moi' from 'mama put'.

Teachers can also help check this ill habit in our schools, where a parent fails to perform his duty.

One can't explain how parents feel seeing their kids solicit for alms. I feel it is a disgrace to a parent whose child is a victim to this social problem. Society also frowns at such kids.

Parents have a serious rule to play especially as the Christmas celebration is approaching.

This alms soliciting among kids is always at its climax during this season.

A child's basic need for proper socialization, is discipline. It will help check soliciting among our kids.

by
ESTHER OPULAH

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ill and receiving any nursing care, their position resemble is that of a child who is looked after by his or her mother.

Once again, just as in childhood the patient is relieved of responsibility, but at the same time deprived of freedom of action. Some care for him or her just as a mother did once.

Once again, he experiences tenderness and love but at the same time the frustration of having to do as he or she is told and of being childishly dependent lingers on.

The patient sometimes reacts to this situation by using the type of behaviour which he found useful in childhood. Nurses may become targets for hostility and criticism or his may be embarrassing to an inexperienced nurse.

ATTENTION

Attitude towards illness and towards the person who helps the patients get well is often learnt in childhood.

When the nurse meets the patients in hospital, she often sees a reception of this early pattern.

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Others gain the admiration of their parents by their patience and fortitude.

Adult patients use well tried behaviour patterns quite unconsciously.

Some moan, cry, complain and display the suffering; others appear to be able to tolerate a

great deal of discomfort without complaining.

Sometimes they succeed in gaining special consideration just as they did in childhood.

Often the behaviour appears misplaced and fails to achieve its purpose.

Crying and complaining may result only in irritating the nurse or in discouraging visitors, remaining too silent may result in being ignored by a busy staff, but childhood patterns of behaviour may persist even when they turn out to be of no practical use.

Above all, nurses should bear in mind that loss of health is the greatest misfortune that can befall anyone.

A sickly man can never be happy even if he is very rich.

He will envy the poorest person on earth who enjoys good health.

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In conclusion, all sick people need attention, but their method of seeking it may not be appropriate.

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If the need for attention is understood, which it should be, more easily give way to more adult forms of adaptation.



This Sri Lankan citizen uses "fire power" to drive evil spirits away.

LOVE BEHIND BARS

"LOVE behind bars" is the latest demand voiced by inmates throughout Italy's prisons.

On the roof top of the central "San Vittore" prison in Milan, for example, men and women prisoners have been staging a protest calling for their "right to make love".

This only adds to the numerous problems of Italy's prisons engulfed by a wave of violence in recent weeks.

Faced by an alarming 15 murders of convicts carried out by fellow inmates so far this year, the Italian Council of Ministers has been acting to deal with the explosive situation in the country's detention centres.

A bloody gang war involving the "Mafia", the "Camorra" organisation based in Naples and criminal syndicates from

the main cities in northern Italy, is raging behind bars.

Almost every day, prisoners are stabbed with makeshift weapons made from cutlery. Even jailed gang bosses manage to continue directing their clans ordering "death sentences" from their cells.

The executions often resemble ritual murders. The infamous gangster Franco Turatello was found dead recently with 60 stab wounds on his body and his intestines torn out.

Other prisoners were blinded, decapitated, strangled with a steel rod or tortured.

Justice Minister Ciriaco De Mita admits that the violence also results from the overcrowding in crowded prison cells. At present, 36,000 inmates

are held in Italy's prisons, while officially, there is only room for 25,000 at the most.

As a result, revolts and protest demonstrations have increased from 77 in 1980 to 110 this year.

According to a suggestion made by the newspaper "Corriere Della Sera", minor offenders should be protected from violence by separating them from political prisoners and dangerous criminals.

This proposal has also been taken up by the council of ministers.

More than half of the inmates are remand prisoners, most of whom are eventually acquitted. Fear dwells behind the prison walls. Last week alone, five inmates of "San Vittore" prison chose a last, desperate escape by trying to commit suicide. They were

saved.

In the past years, the government has tried to make room in the prisons by pronouncing an amnesty following widespread protests. However, Justice Minister Danda recently had to assure the public that there were no more plans for an early release of prisoners.

The newspaper "Il Messaggero" has suggested that the "right to make love" behind bars could take the heat off prison violence.

But Justice Minister Danda has now refused to establish this right. "It strikes me as too big a leap forward that does not square with the present organisational structure of our prisons," he said.

However, it is doubtful that the inmates will remain content with meeting their wives and girlfriends once a week in crowded visitors rooms where they are separated from their loved ones by bars or glass partitions.

their own becoming resentful, angry, rebellious, others by becoming submissive, apologetic or passive.

Some of the rules which patients talk about do not really exist: for instance, fear of the word sister, which is so often expressed by patients and visitors, may have nothing to do with the sister's real personality.

Some treatments are commonly associated with the idea of punishment than others, namely, surgery, injection, tube feeding, enemas and tests, involving electricity, such as electrocardiograms often give rise to fantasies of punishment with all the appropriate reactions of fear and submission or resentment.

Any treatment which renders the patient helpless, for example, by immobilisation of limbs, or by causing unconsciousness, may increase his feelings of being punished.

Patients do not often express these feelings to the nurse, but their attitude to illness or treatment gives an indication of them.

In retrospect, patients are sometimes more able to express how they feel, and dreams and nightmares sometimes show the connection between the treatment and the fantasy of being punished.

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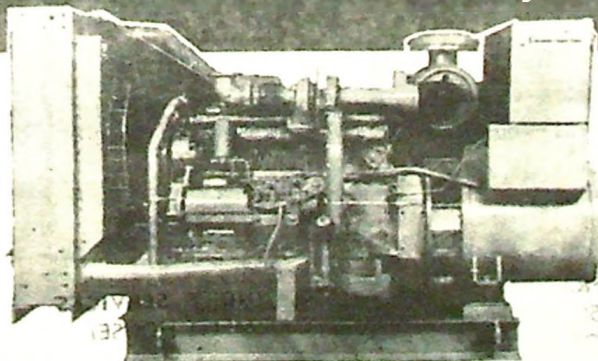
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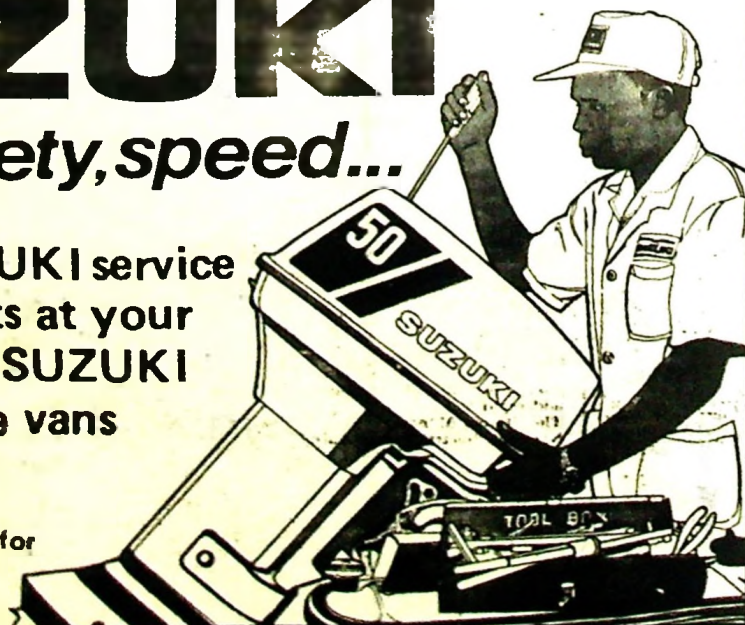
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REVENUE BILL BACK TO ASSEMBLY

President Shehu Shagari, in the letter, it was stated that Mr President informed the legislators of a monthly revenue allocation each state would get based on the old revenue allocation formula which might be used following the

Supreme Court decision on the 1981 revenue bill. According to the sources, Bendel State tops with N24.6 million monthly allocation while Rivers State which is currently the leading oil producer gets N20.9 million monthly. When the House of Representatives

deliberated on the issue it resolved that the Joint Finance Committee on the 1981 Revenue Allocation bill should submit its report to both Houses for study.

The House, it was reliably learnt came to this conclusion because states would suffer adversely if the old formula was adopted.

It also noted that the Supreme Court insisted that the procedure adopted in passing the bill was wrong and not that "the figures agreed on were unacceptable."

A source in the Assembly disclosed that "the president is mindful of the fact that states may be adversely affected and he wants to continue to be fair to all."

It is gathered that UPN legislators who opposed the National Party of Nigeria on the revenue allocation figures have piped down conscious of the fact that their states would lose.

According to some legislators, Rivers State should get the highest allocation because some of the oil wells which were located in Bendel are now in Rivers following boundary adjustments.



#19m for blood centres

by Sam Effiong

THE Federal Government has set aside N19 million for the establishment of blood transfusion centres in all the states of the federation.

Discussing this in Port Harcourt in an exclusive interview with the Nigerian Tide, the director of the Rivers State Blood Bank, Mr. Aduwau I. Chukwu explained that the programme was in keeping with the Federal Government's policy on adequate health-care delivery.

Apart under the scheme, the state government-owned Blood Bank, the director announced that more than 120 persons have so far consented to be donors.

Commenting on the activities of the state government-owned Blood Bank, the director announced that more than 120 persons have so far consented to be donors. Mr. Chukwu explained that under its terms of operations, patients were given blood free of charge, whereas the donors were adequately rewarded by the bank as a demonstration of its appreciation for their kind gestures.

The director noted that the bank's accelerated rate of progress was largely due to its liberal policy to donors and hoped that the present pace of progress would be maintained. He spoke of the place of blood bank in the successful execution of medical services and confirmed that the establishment of one in the state, was a glaring testimony of the government's recognition of its importance to effective health-care delivery scheme.



MR DANIEL UDUWU
Minister of Health

Lack of managers affects economy

AFTER 21 years of independence, the nation is yet to grapple with the endemic problem of inadequate managerial manpower for her private and public sectors of the economy, the Rivers State Governor, Chief Melford Okilo lamented in Port Harcourt on Monday.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of a special appraisal fund for the erection of N5 million Management House of the Nigerian Institute of Management at the Hotel Olympia, the governor charged members of the institute to search for a quick solution to the unfortunate situation.

He regretted that as a result of the situation at government-owned private and public com-

panies have continued to run at losses with perpetual government subsidies as the only remedy.

The governor spoke of the place of honesty in the success of any business and noted that improved human relations was the most valuable factor to the progress of business organisations.

He condemned the petty business tricks learnt at schools and regretted that the entire world of commerce and industry has been built on the principles of exploitation and dishonesty "as the self-defeating practice of placing profits before men had become life in the field of business."

Chief Okilo said he strongly believed that there was morality in business management and in politics, adding that imperialism, as well as greed for money and power were the destructive elements of any nation.

NIM urged to find solution

The chief executive talked of the destructions done to industry and commerce in the middle 1920's by this unconventional practice and regretted that Nigerian business managers have unfortunately resorted to these unhealthy practices.

He therefore, reiterated that the secret of the success of business management very much lay in the moral character and good human relations of the manager than in his academic or professional qualifications.

The governor formally launched the house appraisal fund with a donation of N10,000.

In picture above, Chief Okilo (left) reads his address at the launching ceremony, while a cross-section of personalities at the occasion listen.

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