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NIGHT A HOUSE WAS RAZED

Several cases of fire incidents were reported in Port Harcourt capital of the Rivers State, within the last two weeks. During the incidents considerable damage was reported done to property in each case. Picture below shows the ruins of fire disaster which occurred in Diobu on the Christmas Day. The destroyed building is 46, Azikiwe Street.



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Another fire tragedy averted in Lagos

ANOTHER fire disaster was yesterday averted in Lagos, barely four days after the one that consumed part of the General Post Offices at the Marina.

This time it was at the civil engineering unit of the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation at Adeniji Olosin, Ikeja.

It was learnt that a fault from a gas cylinder caused the fire.

Prompt action by combined efforts of fire fighters and some staff of the N.B.C. saved the situation.

It was gathered that a (Continued on page 16)

HAPLESS

100!

It is going to be a black New Year celebration for more than 100 employees of an oil sub-contracting firm in Port Harcourt.

They will lose their jobs as from December 31, and may not be paid any termination benefits.

Affected are employees of Weltrade (Nigeria) Limited, a sub-contracting company to the Shell/BP Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited, Nigeria's largest oil company.

Competent sources said yesterday that the contracting firm could no longer maintain its full strength of staff because it was short of contracts.

It was learnt that the Shell/BP had not renewed all their contracts.

A spokesman for the affected employees said they did not belong to any trade union but that they should have been entitled to termination benefits or redundancy payments. He said some have

been based on the years served with the company. Contacted, the manager of the company, Mr M. C. McGrege, confirmed that the appointments of the employees would cease on December 31.

This, he said, was because there were not enough jobs to be handled. He said some of those affected might be re-absorbed and that talks with the Shell/BP were progressing along these lines.

Israel won't quit Arab territories, says Begin


ISRAELI Premier Menahem Begin has said that Israel must maintain forces in occupied Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

But, he told the Knesset (Parliament), the government would leave the question open, "so as not to hinder peace negotiations."

Reporting on his talks with President Sadat of Egypt last weekend in Ismailia, south of Cairo, he said, "Israel maintains the principle of its right to sovereignty over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

If Israel pulled out its forces, he warned, "the Palestine Liberation Organisation would immediately step in and we cannot allow that at any price."

However, he went on, Israel had proposed to Mr Sadat that its military administration in the two areas be replaced by an autonomous administration.



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PORT HARCOURT.

No more wages for Equatorial Guinea Returnees

THE Federal Military Government is to phase out payment of wages to the Equatorial Guinea returnees.

Government may no longer pay their salaries with effect from the next financial year.

This was stated in Calabar to the state Military Governor, Colonel Ufuoma Omu, by the Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr B. O. Maleni during a courtesy call on the state's Military governor.

Mr Maleni, accompanied

by agriculture commissioners in the four eastern states explained that the returnee farmers and the farms were not government projects.

He pointed out that the establishment of the farms and payment of the farmers' wages were undertaken by the Federal Government as a means of resettling the returnees who were plantation workers in the Equatorial Guinea.

The wages were aimed principally at enabling them possess funds with which to become self-reliant.

Answering a question by the governor, Mr Maleni said the Erei Farm Settlement on one of the border areas between Imo and Cross River states now taken over by the Federal Government, was being re-activated.

To this end he continued, the Federal Government has released N250,000 for its reactivation this financial year under the management of the Nigerian Institute for oil Palm Research (NI-POR).

In his observations, the military governor informed the agricultural commissioners that his office had been flooded with petitions from the returnee in respect of payment of wages.

He therefore advised the ministry of agriculture of the States concerned and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to sort out the problem properly and educate

the farmers on Federal Government directives on the issues.

Colonel Omu then thanked

the Federal Government for the steps being taken to reactivate Erei Farm Settlement adding that this would encourage development within the locality.

(from Emanson Uwa)

LAND SALES CRITICISED

A COMMUNITY leader from Udebu in Ahoada local government area in the Rivers State Pastor F. O. R. Ekiye has criticized indiscriminate sale of land as a means of realising instant material benefits.

"The land is not yours. It's for the whole community. We should sell land for viable project that will benefit the government", he declared.

Pastor Ekiye was speaking on the occasion of a launching ceremony of a N40,000 community development scheme. He stressed that rather than sell land for personal benefit, it should be donated to the government which would use it for projects from which everyone would benefit.

He lamented that despite vast area of cultivated land, the community often experienced food scarcity during certain season of the year.

He attributed this to the fact that harvested crops were usually sold who/where to the towns.

In order to avert the situation, he called on farmers, particularly women, to harvest crops gradually, so that some food might be left for the community.

Commenting on the UPE scheme, the community leader appealed to the go-

vernment to extend the government School at Udebu, to enable it take in more pupils.

Pastor Ekiye expressed his community's gratitude to the Rivers State government for the grant of N1,000 through the Ministry of Rural Development and Social Welfare.

He said the grant would enable the community to complete its town hall project.

**Work hard
plea to
co-operative
society**

MEMBERS of the Boborokun Farmers Multi purpose Co-operative Society have been urged to work hard so as to strengthen the confidence reposed in them.

The principal assistant registrar of co-operatives in Warri local government area, Mr Raymond A. Asoro urged the society to always maintain a high sense of duty and integrity so as to encourage not only their members but also prospective cooperators. Speaking while presenting a certificate to the members to strive to increase their productivity in order to correspondingly increase the fortunes of their members.

"Do nothing to impede the progress and wishes of the society," the registrar added.

Reminding them of the importance of cooperative movement, Mr Asoro drew attention of the members to the need for adequate capitalisation to enhance their productivity.

He congratulated them for their achievement and reminded them that the granting of the certificate was not an end in itself but a means to achieving greater heights of success.

In his address, the chairman of the occasion, Mr Raymond Injio told them that as the possession of the certificate was a testimony of maturity and manhood for the society, they should do their best to justify the confidence reposed in them by the government.

He appealed to members to donate generously to the fund of the society, because cooperative movements bring prosperity and progress not only to their members but also to the public at large.

Twelve persons discharged

TWELVE persons who were alleged to have flouted the orders of the divisional police officer for Degema have been discharged by a Degema senior magistrates' court.

The accused persons, all wanted Tom George 44, Sunday Tom George 45, Nyoma George 17, Meshack George 31, Wilson Tom George 70 and Clifford Tom George 45.

Others are Shadrack Tom George 37, Ebenezer Lawson 41, Steve Onyiah 16, Akinkola Oshinwa 21, Ambrose Mbaye 29 and Sule Aremu.

The prosecution said that the accused persons entered a piece of land in peaceful possession of one Dione Peter George Aghabere by erecting a building on a disputed land.

They were also alleged to have caused the breach of the peace by using the said land which they were wanted not to issue by the Divisional police officer for Degema on to a civil case in a First Harcourt High Court has been finally dropped off.

Passing judgment, the presiding senior magistrate, Mr T. O. Adedunjo said that the prosecution could not prove their case and on that ground the accused persons have been discharged.

Make prompt returns principals urged

THE Ino State Military Governor, Commodore A. Lawa has said that disciplinary action would be taken against any school principal who does not render prompt returns to the Schools Management Board.

Commodore Lawa made the statement in his unscheduled visit at the revenue office of the State Schools Management Board recently.

He expressed disappointment that the Board was not working hard enough to collect school

fees from students in post primary institutions in the state.

He pointed out that the government spent about 14.5 million on teachers' salaries monthly, and wondered how staff salaries could be promptly paid if the revenue accruing to the government from school fees was not collected.

He also, visited the Owerri Sub-treasury, the accounts and revenue offices of the State Schools Management Board, Owerri.

He inspected various units of the sub treasury and asked searching questions on the operations and effectiveness of each section.

Governor Lawa was accompanied on the visit by the Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Mr. E. C. Adiele and the Acting Secretary to the State Government, Mr. S. C. A. Nwapa.

Health confab ends in Benin city

This year's annual conference of the Association of Public Health Inspectors took place in Benin City, Capital of Bendel State.

Delegates to the conference were welcomed by the Bendel State Commissioner for Health, Mr B. C. Brozimo. Here, Mr Brozimo, second from left, chats with some of the delegates at a cocktail party organized on their behalf by the state Ministry of Health.



EDITORIAL

**DARKER DAYS
AHEAD?**

LET NOBODY feel smug about the plague of fire which has caught this country. The list is growing from residential buildings to markets including departmental stores and hotels. The most alarming is the one that razed the headquarters of the General Post Office on the Marina, Lagos, during which mails and documents were destroyed and communications between the Federal Capital and the rest of the country cut off.

THESE fires are alarming, not only because of their frequency but also because it has not been possible for the authorities to establish the causes. Assuming, as it appears to be the case, that they could be an extension of the organised crime with which we have been living since the end of the civil war, it is more than disturbing that the General Post Office, right in the heart of the nation's capital, could be extensively gutted before the Fire Brigade could do anything. Surely, the short distance between the General Post Office and the offices of the Fire Brigade at Falomo near Ikoyi, both on the island, could have been put to advantage.

IT IS very sad that our fire fighting services have demonstrated that they cannot conquer greater disasters than the fire at the G.P.O. It is all the sadder because Lagos is supposed to have the most modern fighting services in the country, although we realise that the most sophisticated equipment can be rendered useless by inefficient operation.

THE Federal Military Government should not make the mistake of regarding the G.P.O. fire as a casual disaster. We call for thorough investigation with the minimum delay. An incident that disrupted the communication channels between Lagos and the rest of Nigeria must arouse bureaucracy from its usual easy pleasure and dither.

FURTHER clearly, the Federal Military Government as well as the state governments must guard against situations that could cause serious dent on their credibility. The security forces should be made to rise to the situation and reassure the people that the country is not in for a kind of war — this time against fearsome, faceless enemies — who want to make quick money through arson and looting. Or who are probably hired by some evil-minded people to disturb the peace and security of the country by exposing the ability of the government to protect the governed to ridicule and contempt. The fire plague must be contained or else the country should be set for darker days and greater outrages ahead.

Assembly's ban on Times was wrong

I AM disappointed that the press did not sympathise with the Daily Times by boycotting the Assembly for the days the recent ban on the paper was imposed.

It is a shame that the motion was passed without dissent, according to the letter to the Daily Times which announced the ban.

But of greater importance is the implication of the motion on freedom of speech in this country. Clearly this was intimidation of the Press as well as an attempt to gag it. There can be no good government in this country unless the only constraint on the press be the law of libel.

Both the old and new politicians must be very careful of what they do. They have brought sorrow and sufferings to innocent people in the past. If Nigerians have not been fools in the past, they are even wiser now and will not to

lerate any nonsense from politicians.

The proper thing the Constituent Assembly should have done if they felt the Daily Times or any other newspaper had misrepresented them was to issue a correction. This would have lowered the credibility of the paper and won the Assembly, public sympathy. In a democracy the public are the best judge.

As for the Nigerian press they cannot escape blame completely. A lot of people have been built up in this country who must be known to the press not to deserve the image they give such people on their pages.

In the case of Sir Udo Udoma this is his second blunder since the Assembly started sitting in October, 1977. The first was the way he attacked the representative of the National Union of Nigerian Students



on the floor of the Assembly. He thoroughly embarrassed and disgraced that young man simply because he turned out in an outfit peculiar to youths.

There is a mood current in this country at the moment, namely, that no one, however prominent, can claim to know everything and expect to cow the public into accepting his views or action as sacrosanct.

It will pay the Federal Military Government to realise that imposing old conservatives on the public is not acceptable to the public.

EKINE FUBARA

Port Harcourt

THAT REPORT WAS ERRONEOUS

The attention of the Ahiazu Mbaise local government has been drawn to a news item in the 'Nigerian Tide' of Friday, November 25, 1977 and captioned "Council votes N.1m for Health Centres".

The misrepresentation I wish to draw attention to is in paragraph 4 of the said news item which reads, and I quote: "The project" (i.e. N27,000 Health Centre at Obodo Ahiara), is being

sponsored by the Obodo Ahiara community under their four-year development scheme".

As a matter of fact, the supervisory councillor, Mr J. N. Iwu visited the com-

munity on an inspection tour of the site for the health centre project which is being sponsored wholly by the Ahiazu Mbaise local government council under its capital development programme for the 1977/78 financial year. The community only donated and cleared the land for the centre, but the project is a baby of the local government.

S. C. NWANKWO

Owerri.

Explain!

As much as I understand, the Rivers State Transport Corporation (RSTC) was established not only to make money for the State Government, but also to ease transport difficulties in the state.

I will like to know the reason(s) why the RSTC should hire out its buses to companies like Michelin, Shell-BP etc.

This unwanted business of the RSTC has created a lot of chances for the taxi and "danfo" drivers to catapult their transport fares. For example, one travelling from Diobu to T. Amadi, has to spend at least 30 kobo before reaching the Mothercat junction.

The public wants to know why the Transport Corporation should like to make money at the expense of the welfare of the people.

RATH. OK NWAGA

Egbema.

Expand technical schools

I read with dismay the letter written by Mr Agadaga in the Nigerian Tide of December 16, 1977 captioned "Let Crash Training abroad continue".

If Mr Agadaga is a well-meaning Nigerian as he claimed, he should have realised that no person is against the education of any fellow Nigerian, especially today when education is regarded as the passport to life. He also mentioned thousands struggling for the insufficient technological colleges. This is too obvious.

I think we should expand the existing polytechnics, build more and in the near future train these students in our local environment to be more useful to the society.

The pre-colonial days are gone when our conditioned reflexes were always directed towards overseas.

AKURU OBE

Port Harcourt.

PLEASE CONSTRUCT THIS ROAD

It is very disheartening to see that some areas are still suffering the agony of unconstructed roads. An example is the road leading from Obile village in Ogba Egbema district through Obicimimi to Ereina village.

If you are observing, you can see with me that people of these areas when transporting their goods to their respective homes, first offload the goods at Odele

station, after which cyclists charge about one hour to take them to Obicimimi, Axakuta village etc.

People of these areas pay their taxes. We cannot

say that it is due to their refusal to pay taxes.

I am appealing to the authority concerned to please look into the transportation of the people over the unconstructed roads.

EBERE B. AJIO

Obicimimi.

Wanted, dynamic research policy

THIRD world countries have been urged to pursue a vigorous national policy on research and development to ensure their rapid technological advancement.

Addressing the eighth convention of the University of Ife, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Professor Ojetunji Abayode said technological knowledge would not be acquired very easily without proper planning and preparation.

This is because of the international market technology is controlled by the major multinational corporations. Capitalist institutes of the world power will do not easily transfer it to other nations.

"Not only must we build the right monopoly, by multinational policy it need be. We must also prepare ourselves organisationally and intellectually to be able to receive and digest the knowledge as forcefully or clandestinely transferred."

Professor Abayode stressed the need for universities in Africa and the developing world to concentrate on things that relate only to their local environment and thus conduct research for solutions which

could be immediately applied to their peculiar problems.

He declared "a university that does not contribute to basic research is lost and sterile. Even though the value of such efforts might not be immediately apparent, basic research could and do lead to a lot of intellectual and social good."

He suggested that the Federal Military Government should set up a specialised institute whose job would be to conduct inter-disciplinary research, secure, collate and make internally available critical data and information for advancement in the technological field.

Such institute could be in the form of a Research Centre which would not have any

teaching function or publish anything for public consumption.

Congratulating more than 500 students of the institution who graduated at the ceremony, Professor Abayode declared

the present materialistic attitude of Nigerian youths. He called for a change of attitude if the nation was to develop and take full advantage of the transfer of intellect within our society.

Commissioner opens new garage

The Bendel State commissioner for Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Dr. J. U. Aire performs the official opening of the Agbor Garage of Oguna Associated Companies Limited Agbor. Photo shows the commissioner (third from left) inspecting some of the vehicles at the workshop, while others look on.



Obong celebrates fourth anniversary

Ceremonies marking the fourth anniversary of the coronation of the Obong of Calabar and grand Patriarch of Efik Eburufu, Edidem Esien Ekpe Oku V. ended in Calabar, Cross River State at the week end.

Highlights of the ceremonies were the renewal, by the Obong, of his oath to his people and conferment of chieftaincy titles on 19 prominent personalities for their selfless services to the Calabar community.

The recipients are the former Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service in the state, Francis Efiar Anobibing, the senior consultant to the state Rubber Plantations Hospital in Akachiya, Dr Sama Ekpo Sama and the managing director of Niger Sea Foods Limited, Rivers State, Tamuno-bera Ofonokuma.

Others include the president of the state branch of the National Council of Women's Societies (NCWS), Mrs Alimi Nyong Nwan, the former general manager of the Calabar Cement Factory, Gabriel Peron Appia and a post-humous conferment on the late president of Women's Societies (NCWS), Mrs Margaret Eke.

In his speech on the occasion at Eburufu Square, the Obong urged them to continue with their patriotic service and called on other well-placed citizens to emulate their worthy examples.

The presentation of the awards was presided by Imation and prayer by the Obong for peace and plenty in his domain, the state and the nation as a whole.

Earlier, a thanksgiving service, attended by His Highness, the Etukohom, chiefs, civil commissioners, top government officials and other elites of the community, was held at Duke Town Presbyterian Church as part of the events marking the colourful occasion.

The Obong later commissioned the New Printing Works of the Cross River Publishing Company, Calabar.

SMG calls for job satisfaction

THE secretary to the Cross River State Military Government and Head of Service, Mr Emmanuel Monjok, has called on civil servants in the state to strive always to achieve perfection in the discharge of their official duties.

Addressing the staff of the Cabinet Office at an end-of-year party organised for them at the Executive Council Hall in Calabar, Mr Monjok described the Cabinet Office as the second centre of administration and the co-ordinating unit of all departments and ministries in the state.

The Head of Service said it was the duty of the staff of the Cabinet Office to set example in honesty, punctuality, devotion to duty and service to the public for other ministries and departments to emulate.

He advised them to do their best at all times in order to achieve the best.

The SMG then thanked every staff for the co-operation given to him in the smooth-running of the administration during the year.

He appealed to them to extend the same co-operation to the acting Secretary to the Military Government, Mr J. E. J. Asuque.

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'FRAUD DETERS PROGRESS'



THE Imo State Commissioner for Local Government and Social Development, Mr Henry A. Okwuosa has said that embezzlement of public funds and lack of public accountability were the most notorious banes of community development efforts.

Mr Okwuosa made the statement at Ogbia while commissioning a N15,000 steel signposts bearing the names of streets for the Ogbia New Layout.

He said: "Where there is ineffective and untrustworthy leadership, funds raised by the people are sometimes misused. Projects envisaged may never take off and if

undertaken at all, they may not be completed."

Commissioner Okwuosa congratulated the Lagos branch of Ogbia National Union and its Chairman, Mr H. O. Anozia for their initiative and worthwhile expenditure in preparing the street signposts.

He pointed out that the government was not discriminatory in giving grants for viable projects to communities.

Having commissioned the street signposts, Mr Okwuosa handed them over to the Chairman of Ogbia/Egbema/Ogbia Local Government Council, Mr K. G. Ekwueme.

Blind body meets

THE Rivers State Association of the Blind will hold an executive committee meeting tomorrow, 31 December, 1977, at the Four Seas Centre in Port Harcourt.

A general meeting will immediately follow the executive committee meeting.

New members would be welcomed to the general meeting.

A statement by the association said the meeting would discuss the outcome of a meeting of its national body held in Lagos.

New officers would also be elected.

No permanent structures

THERE should be no permanent structures or economic trees within a distance of 45.73 metres (150 feet) from the centre of East West Road.

This is in accordance with the decree establishing Trunk A Roads, of which the road is one.

In a statement, the principal resident engineer of the Federal Ministry of Works in Port Harcourt, Mr V. L. Simeon, said an earlier distance credited to the Bori Local Government Council was incorrect.

He emphasised that it was required by the decree that a distance of 150 feet (45.73 metres) from the centre of the road should be left free of permanent structures or economic tree crops.

THE Walam dance is a very popular traditional display of the Bonny people.

It is generally staged during festive season, everywhere there in Bonny Community.

In Bonny itself, the dance attracts almost the entire town's folks. Like it did during the Christmas festivities. Below, a group in Bonny is seen staging the Walam dance. Also featuring were other groups of dances, like the women dancers, right, and the masquerade dancers top left.

Walam proves favourite

N35,000 schemes for Otuoke

THE Otuoke community of Ogbia district in the Rivers State will launch the second phase of their N35,600 four-year development plan on December 31, 1977 in an appeal, the publicity secretary, Mr N. M. Inengito appealed to the people to show greater interest and generosity in self-help community development projects.

The occasion will feature prominently masquerade, traditional ball-room dances.

The venue of the launching is the Otuoke play ground.



FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT NIGER DELTA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY **VACANCIES**

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A degree in Public Administration or any of the Social Sciences from a recognised University. Candidates with other recognised qualifications and considerable administrative experience in Government Service will also be considered.

EXPERIENCE:

6 — 7 years post qualification experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104 — N7,752).

(2) SENIOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

QUALIFICATIONS:—

(a) A good honours degree in Arts, Journalism or in any of the Social Sciences from a recognised University.

(b) Diploma in Journalism or Mass Communications.

EXPERIENCE:—

5 — 7 years post qualification experience in a recognised establishment.

Salary:— Grade Level 10 (N5,460 — N6,432).

B. ACCOUNTS DIVISION

(1) PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) A.C.A., A.C.C.A., A.C.M.A., a Chartered Accountant Certificate or equivalent with at least 5 years experience with Government or any reputable firm.

(b) B.Sc. in Accountancy from a recognised University with at least 7 years practical experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104 — N7,752).

(2) SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) A.C.A., A.C.C.A., A.C.M.A., with two years working experience.

(b) A good University degree in Accountancy from a recognised institution with at least 5 years experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 10 (N5,460 — N6,432).

(3) ACCOUNTANT GRADE III:

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) B.Sc. in Accountancy or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

(b) A Diploma in Accountancy from a recognised institution.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 3 years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

(4) ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Accounts)

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) Diploma in Accountancy from a recognised institution.

(b) A candidate with W.A.S.C. who has attended a course in Accountancy in a recognised institution may apply.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least two years post qualification working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 06 (N1,944 — N2,520).

C. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

(1) ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (ENGINEERING)

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree preferably in Civil Engineering, possession of a higher degree in appropriate engineering field may be an advantage.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 10 years experience in executive position in Government or large scale engineering organisation. The work of this Department will involve all aspects of

engineering duties, including planning, designing, construction, drainage and hydrology.

Salary:— Grade Level 15 (N9,996 — N11,028).

(2) CHIEF CIVIL ENGINEER

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. Degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent qualification, Registrable qualification with C.O.R.E.N. is essential.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 9 years post graduate experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

(3) PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER:

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent qualification. Membership of a recognised institute of Civil Engineers.

EXPERIENCE:—

Minimum of 7 years experience in executive position.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104 — N7,752).

(4) CHIEF MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL

ENGINEER

QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Mechanical/Electrical Engineering or equivalent qualification.

EXPERIENCE:—

Minimum of 9 years working experience in responsible posts.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

(5) PRINCIPAL MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. Mechanical/Electrical Engineering or equivalent qualification. Membership of a recognised institute of Mechanical Electrical Engineering.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 7 years post graduate experience in the appropriate field.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104 — N7,752).

(6) CHIEF HYDROLOGIST

QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Water Engineering or an equivalent qualification recognised by the council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria.

EXPERIENCE:—

Minimum of 9 years working experience in an executive post.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

(7) CHIEF WATER ENGINEER

QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 8 years working experience in water supply, treatment/maintenance of water works, construction and operation of distribution system etc.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

(8) CIVIL ENGINEERS GRADE III

QUALIFICATION:—

A degree in Civil Engineering from a recognised institution.

EXPERIENCE:—

Two to three years post qualification working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

(9) MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS GRADE II OR I

QUALIFICATION:—

A degree in Mechanical Electrical Engineering.

EXPERIENCE:—

Two to three years post qualification experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

(10) HYDROLOGISTS GRADE II OR I

QUALIFICATION:—

A degree in Water Engineering from a recognised institution.

FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT NIGER DELTA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY **VACANCIES**

EXPERIENCE:—

Two to three years post qualification working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

- (11) **WATER ENGINEERS GRADE II OR I**
QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering from a recognised institution.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

- (12) **TECHNICAL OFFICERS**

QUALIFICATION:—

Diploma in Civil or Mechanical Electrical or Water Engineering.

EXPERIENCE:—

Two years post qualification experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 07 (N2,532 — N3,252).

D. AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT:

- (1) **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (AGRICULTURE)**
QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree in Agriculture or Agricultural Sciences from a recognised institution. Possession of a higher degree in the relevant field may be an advantage.

EXPERIENCE:—

A minimum of 10 years post qualification experience in Government or large commercial organisations. Candidate may be required to show evidence of involvement in planning and execution of large scale agricultural development projects.

Salary:— Grade Level 15 (N9,996 — N11,028).

- (2) **CHIEF AGRICULTURAL OFFICER**

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. or M.Sc. in Agriculture or Agricultural Sciences.

Minimum of 10 years post qualification experience for B.Sc. holder and 8 years for M.Sc. holder. An experience in tropical Agriculture may be an advantage.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

- (3) **CHIEF FORESTRY OFFICER**

QUALIFICATION:—

A degree in Forestry or Agricultural Sciences from a recognised University.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 10 years working experience in planning and execution of forestry projects.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N8,868 — N9,828).

- (4) **PRINCIPAL FISHERIES OFFICER**

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree in Zoology or Agricultural Sciences from a recognised institution.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least 7 years experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104 — N7,752).

- (5) **AGRICULTURAL OFFICER GRADE III**

QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Agriculture or Agricultural Sciences.

Two to three years working experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

- (6) **FISHERIES OFFICERS GRADE III**

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree in Zoology or Agricultural Sciences.

EXPERIENCE:—

Two to three years experience in Government or large Commercial Organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264 — N4,164) or (N4,368 — N5,340).

- (7) **FORESTRY OFFICER GRADE III**

QUALIFICATION:—

B.Sc. degree in Forestry or Agricultural Sciences.

EXPERIENCE:—

Two to three years working experience in Government

or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264—N4,164) or (N4,368—N5,340).

- (8) **AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER GRADE I**

QUALIFICATION:—

A B.Sc. degree in Agricultural Engineering or equivalent qualification.

EXPERIENCE:—

Minimum of three years working experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 09 (N4,368—N5,340).

- (9) **HIGHER FORESTRY/FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT:**

QUALIFICATION:—

Diploma in Forestry or Agricultural Sciences.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least four years and two years working experience for Higher Forestry Superintendent and Forestry Superintendent respectively.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 07 (N3,264—N4,164) and (N2,532—N3,252).

- (10) **HIGHER LIVESTOCK LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT:**

QUALIFICATION:—

Diploma certificates in Livestock studies with preference to specialization in Animal Husbandry and Animal Health.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least four years and two years working experience for Higher Livestock Superintendent and Livestock Superintendent respectively.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 07 (N3,264—N4,164) or (N2,532—N3,252).

- (11) **AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANTS:**

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) Holders of Agricultural Assistant Certificate.

(b) Untrained candidates with WASC and credits and passes in Science subjects may also apply.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least three years working experience for trained applicants.

Salary:—

Grade Level 06 for trained personnel and grade level 04 for untrained personnel, (N1,944—N2,520) and (N1,200—N1,452).

- (12) **FISHERIES ASSISTANTS:**

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) Fisheries Assistant Certificate.

(b) Untrained candidates with WASC and credits and passes in Science subjects may also apply.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least three years working experience for trained applicants.

Salary:—

Grade Level 06 for trained personnel and grade level 04 for untrained ones, (N1,944—N2,520) and (N1,200—N1,452).

- (13) **FORESTRY ASSISTANTS:**

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) Forestry Assistant Certificate.

(b) Untrained candidates with WASC and credits and passes in Science subjects may apply.

EXPERIENCE:—

At least three years working experience for trained applicants.

Salary:—

Grade Level 06 for trained personnel and Grade Level 04 for untrained ones, (N1,944—N2,520) and (N1,200—N1,452).

- (14) **LIVESTOCK ASSISTANTS:**

QUALIFICATION:—

(a) Livestock Assistant Certificate.

(b) Untrained candidates with WASC and credits and passes in Science subjects may apply.

Tale of a ship that went down in 1916

THE British hospital ship Britannic which sank mysteriously in the Aegean in World War One struck a German mine. French marine explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau has revealed.

A television film entitled, "The Britannic mystery" made by Mr Cousteau, shows how he and his team of divers examined the sea weed encrusted wreck of the 300-metre (1,000-foot) long steamship sister of the ill-fated liner Titanic.

They dived into 110 metres (360 feet) of water and examined the hull from stem to stern, coming across a huge gash in the forward section which Mr Cousteau said could only have been caused by a mine.

He also said the vessel carried no arms at the time, clearing up another controversial historical point.

A few days before the Britannic foundered, on November 1916, a German submarine was reported to have placed mines in the Kess Sound between the island of Kea and the Greek mainland, and it is now believed the ship hit one of them.

For the past 60 years historians have argued about how the ship met its end. Some believed it had struck a mine and others that it was torpedoed.

Survivors of the shipwreck, interviewed by Mr Cousteau in London, described how the huge ship would down bows first and as it did so its giant sterns lifted out of the water and tipped like boats to pieces.

The wreck lies on its port side in an inaccessible spot, and the French divers were able to examine it for only nine minutes at a time each.

Mr Cousteau brought one of the survivors, 85-year-old Mrs Mathew Mitchell from Edinburgh, who served as a nurse on board, to the scene.

She was taken from his boat "Calypso" down to the wreck in a miniature two-man submarine, to try to find her cabin. But there was no trace of the bag of clothes, medical stores or travelling items which she had left behind as she escaped.

PEACE

AFTER seven weeks of high hopes that have eclipsed the rest of an Egyptian year, full of major events, President Anwar Sadat finds himself alone on the eve of another year as he has done ever since he announced his intention last month to visit Israel.

Cairo, indeed, had a slightly bitter taste in the mouth this week after "the peace hero", as Mr Sadat has been popularly known since his historic Jerusalem journey on November 19, ran at Ismailia last weekend into the reality of negotiation with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The reality, at a summit which somewhat cooled the high hopes, was that Mr Begin was an adversary hardened by 30 years of war, firmly resolved not to risk the slightest step which could threaten his security.

But then Mr Sadat's heartfelt determination, scoring all the old prejudices and rancour, and his way of wanting to offer his country — the most acutely affected by the Middle East conflict — a peace beyond all the so far unsuccessful projects, have left the whole world breathless.

His traditional allies in the Arab world, apart from Morocco and Sudan, took care not to support his action, while his adversaries expressed frank hostility at their Tripoli summit, though their attitude indicates a certain inclination to sit-and-see.

At the same time the Western world, surprised by brutality of his gesture, was both captivated and frightened by the idea of the imbalance he risked introducing into this part of the world.

Now the essential thing for Mr Sadat will be to push the peace process engaged with Israel, and political and military committees meeting in Cairo and Jeru-

salem at the start of next year will have to reduce divergences noted at Tbilisi, in the context of the Cairo conference, which will also resume.

The differences were over the Palestinian problem, and Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

Abroad, Egypt will launch a big campaign to persuade the US and Europe to put pressure on Israel, and will also continue to try to convince the Arab world the Egyptian way is still the right one.

Mr Sadat can argue he has sacrificed nothing, on the altar of direct negotiation, of Arab proposals for the creation of a Palestinian state, and has obtained the promise of a global settlement from Israel.

At home, Egypt, mean-

while, finds itself confronted with the worrying situation which prevailed throughout 1977. Economically, it has been able to obtain a big boost from the rich Arab countries, with 2,000 million dollars about N1,750 million which enable it to meet immediate requirements.

But revival efforts will still have to be pursued through foreign aid if Mr



ANWAR SADAT
of Egypt

Sadat wishes, as he has said, to get the economy off the ground starting in 1980. Egypt will also have to

World waits on M-East



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face up to the pressure of a population in whom the peace prospects of Mr Sadat's Jerusalem visit have

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Los Angeles

Passers-by in a Los Angeles, California, street could hardly have been more shocked and frightened when a hearse was involved in a crash, and the coffin it was carrying fell off, bumped across the road, and smashed into a plate-glass shop window.

Except, that is, when the coffin fell slowly opened and a shrouded figure emerged.

The screaming on-lookers were reassured, however, when the "corpse" turned out to be a very much alive Gerry Allison. Mr Allison had been ill with a deep coma which doctors had mistakenly diagnosed as death. He had been on his way to his final resting place when the shock of the accident and the coffin's undignified progress across the road had brought him round.

THIS FUNNY WOR

Bonn

A 16-stone, 5ft 4in Berlin man has had his licence to drive withdrawn by the police. According to the authorities, the 64-year-old motorist is too fat to react speedily to any emergency when he is driving.

London

Shaking hands need not be the friendly custom that it is usually supposed, you could be passing on or receiving germs and contagious diseases.

That is the view of a British health expert, Professor Andrew Semple, of Liverpool University, who says that hand-to-hand "touch transmis-

sion" is one of today's major health hazards, and should be abandoned.

Surprisingly, Professor Semple says that the Russian-style bear-hug greeting is a much more hygienic way of expressing friendship.

New York

Court Dracula—the mythical vampire with a taste for the blood of pretty young girls—is being sued by the father of a 15-year-old girl in Oklahoma City in the United States.

Doc Watson claims that his daughter Kandy was so frightened by a haunted house "Amusement" in a pleasure park in the city which featured Dracula that she ran into

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Alexandria, Port Said and Aswanjo.

In July, armed clashes broke out on the Egyptian-Libyan border, which looked like a show of force and a warning to a neighbour accused of subversion in Egypt on the Soviet behalf.

And after the kidnapping and murder of a former religious affairs minister by a fanatical Moslem sect, the government started police action intended to neutralise extremist right-wing movements.

It was then assured of security on the Libyan border and of the control of leftist and rightist elements capable of causing trouble, that Mr Sadat, discouraged by the deadlock in efforts to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference

POLITICUS: PLEASE SAY IT LOUDER

by



Tons Fetepigi

a council and his formulae promotes unity and mutual understanding among our people should we have to quarrel over it?

We cannot achieve unity and understanding by confining ourselves to our shells — our families, ethnic or tribal communities — but through communication in form of discussion groups where open exchange of views on very issues of tremendous national interests are X-rayed. And it is by meeting and discussing that we can come to understand one another.

Politicus wondered on what Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim would like to do with his wealth? Then he went further to query the Alhaji for donating a N15 million ultra modern hospital for the people of Kano.

Politicus then declared: Kano people are asking, how come that a Kanuri could be so generous to that city when he had not done something comparable in Borno?

What is wrong with a Kanuri building a hospital anywhere in the country other than his home state to foster unity and oneness of the people? This is definitely negative thinking and dangerous, especially for contemporary Nigeria.

People who are in wealth should not be confining their riches to their own geographical locations. We need more Waziri Ibrahims to help the poor and the suffering with their wealth. Politicus should plead with others who had accumulated wealth to spread it for the benefit of all. Politicus also frowned against the Alhaji making friends with people, particularly in Ibadan, Abeokuta, Onitsha, Port Harcourt and his philanthropic gesture in launching the Igbo Language Foundation and the Diocese of the Niger.

I find it extremely difficult to interpret what Mr Politicus was out to achieve by his writing. May be he is still compiling more facts for a clearer explanation.

Politicus may not now appreciate the need for unity in this country as such it seems it is an anti-theme for people of his school of thought: admiring those who spare time, energy and money to ensure that Nigerians live as brothers and sisters of one family.

Whether Politicus wants it or not, we must work hard for the unity and oneness of this country. This will enable posterity to say well done to the passing generations.

THE presidency or any other high public office in this country is not the exclusive preserve of any particular Nigerian or group of Nigerians. Every interested Nigerian is therefore free to aspire to hold any public office in as much as he satisfies the requirements of that office and work hard for it.

What this country needs therefore are men who will always work conscientiously for the well-being of all and sundry — men and women who will not frustrate the aspirations and wishes of others when they achieve their ambitions; men and women who will ensure the unity, progress and prosperity of this great country.

Therefore to unleash an attack on any Nigerian because he aspires to public office is most unfair. I refer to a comment under the column "Politics" in the Punch issue of December 9, 1977 which asked among other questions "what reality is Waziri Ibrahim's ambition?"

Passing generations

Politicus reported that a group of Nigerians who are members of the Constituent Assembly were being herded into an organisation called the National Unity Council (NUC). The report authoritatively claimed that the brain behind the organisation was Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim.

Apart from the tendentious tone of the two questions one may also ask what is offending about it all, is it the formation of a "unity council" or that a Nigerian named Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim, is according to Politicus is the brain behind its formation.

Is national unity no more a desideratum for our corporate existence? Or are the two words now invoking something ominous than what we know of them literally?

Granted Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim is the "brain behind" the formation of such

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	RSP LIVE
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP CCR
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OPEN Jingle	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment for Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government and You	"
07.20	Early Morning Request	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Ibo, Ebi, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Day With EIS	RSP CCR
08.45	Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ibo, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Music Rendezvous (Comm)	RSP CCR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Presentation	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Kumot Berlin (Ife/Kabukuma Mag. prog.)	RSP TAPE
13.00	Kirika Chiri (Okeka Mag. Programme)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
13.30	Joke Box	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Home maker's special	"
14.30	Iron Otu Ibe	NP
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Music from other States (Comm)	RSP CCR
15.30	State News in English, Ibo, Yoruba and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Information Bureau	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Ibo, Ebi and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Kanuri and Kabukuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Let's discuss (Rept. Wed 1730 hours)	"
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ibo	NP
18.15	Your Government and you: The next step	"
18.20	Let's go farming	RSP LIVE
18.25	huri Piri	RSP LIVE
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	In My Days	NP
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News in English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ibo, Yoruba, Kalabari	RSP LIVE
20.30	Khans and Kabukuma	RSP TAPE
20.45	Agri Quarter Hour	NP
21.00	Mediation	NP
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Gods of our Fathers	"
21.20	Interlude	"
21.30	Freemans World	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Talk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the Rivers State	RSP TAPE CCR
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My Experiences	NP
23.13	Evening Worship (Ibo)	RSP LIVE
23.25	Just For You	NP
00.00	News At Midnight	"
00.05	Clear Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP TAPE

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FRIDAY

7.00	Carers
7.30	World News
7.45	Papers Today
8.05	Political World
8.30	Nigeria Today
9.00	Network News
9.30	Scene Theatre
10.00	Master of Consciousness
10.30	Star Soccer



JIMMY CARTER of U S

nce before the year-end, decided to stake everything by announcing his Jerusalem trip.

tors have come to town to look down the hole, and have gladly paid the equivalent of £0.25 sterling for doing so.

London

Britain's Royal Navy has had to return to one of the traditions of Lord Nelson's time to accommodate a new recruit.

At 6ft 9in tall, 18-year-old Malcolm Googer is the Navy's tallest sailor, and just to long to fit into the modern 6ft bunks that are now standard fitting on all ships.

So now Malcolm, serving on the frigate HMS Hardy, has been provided with a specially made hammock—once the way all sailors slept on board — to allow him a comfortable night's sleep.

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E. MARINE DEPARTMENT

(1) **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (MARINE), QUALIFICATION:**

Master Mariner Certificate of Competency (Foreign Going).

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of ten years working experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 15 (N9,996—N11,028).

(2) **PRINCIPAL MARINE OFFICER:**

QUALIFICATION:

Master Mariner Certificate of Competency (Foreign Going).

EXPERIENCE:

At least seven years working experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104—N7,752).

(3) **SENIOR MARINE OFFICER**

QUALIFICATION:

Master Mariner Certificate of Competency (Foreign Going).

EXPERIENCE:

At least five years working experience in Government or large commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 10 (N5,460—N6,432).

(4) **MARINE ENGINEER GRADE I**

QUALIFICATION:

(a) First Class Steam and Motor Certificate of Competency.

(b) First Class Motor Certificate of Competency.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of three years working experience in Government or large scale commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 09 (N4,368—N5,340).

(5) **HIGHER TECHNICAL OFFICER (WATERWAYS)**

QUALIFICATION:

Rivermaster Certificate of Competency. Possession of a Blasting Certificate will be an advantage.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of four years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 (N3,264—N4,164).

(6) **TECHNICAL OFFICER (WATERWAYS)**

QUALIFICATION:

Rivermaster Certificate of Competency.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of 3 years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 07 (N2,532—N3,252).

(7) **HIGHER RADIO RADIO SUPERVISOR:**

QUALIFICATION:

(a) City and Guilds Intermediate Certificate in Telecommunication or W.A.S.C.

(b) Those with Government Class IV Certificate but with considerable experience may apply.

EXPERIENCE:

Four years for Higher Radio Supervisors and three years for Radio Supervisors.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 and 07 (N3,264—N4,164) and (N2,532—N3,252).

(8) **ASSISTANT TECHNICAL OFFICER (WATERWAYS)**

QUALIFICATION:

Rivermaster Certificate of Competency.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of two years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 06 (N1,944—N2,520).

(9) **RIVERMASTER**

QUALIFICATION:

Rivermaster Certificate of Competency.

EXPERIENCE:

One to two years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 05 (N1,416—N1,908).

(10) **RADIO OPERATORS:**

QUALIFICATION:

(a) City and Guilds intermediate certificate in telecommunication or W.A.S.C. candidates with experience from recognised radio school will be given preference.

(b) Candidates with Government Class IV certificate who have acquired considerable experience may apply.

Salary:— Grade Level 03 during training and Grade Level 04 for trained personnel.

F. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

(1) **CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER**

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. degree in ECONOMICS or an equivalent qualification. Candidates with higher degree in planning will have an advantage.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of nine years planning experience in Government or large scale commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 14 (N3,868—N9,828).

(2) **PRINCIPAL PLANNING OFFICER:**

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. degree in Economics or an equivalent qualification.

EXPERIENCE:

At least seven years working experience in Government or large scale commercial organisation.

Salary:— Grade Level 12 (N7,104—N7,752).

(3) **SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER:**

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. degree in Economics or equivalent qualification.

EXPERIENCE:— At least five years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 10 (N5,460—N6,432).

(4) **PLANNING OFFICERS GRADE II I:**

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. Degree in Economics or equivalent qualification.

EXPERIENCE:

Candidates for the Grade I post should have a minimum of three years experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264—N4,164) or (N4,368—N5,340).

(5) **STATISTICIAN GRADE II I:**

QUALIFICATION:

B.Sc. Degree in Economics with specialization in Statistics.

EXPERIENCE:— Candidates for the Grade I post should have a minimum of three years working experience.

Salary:— Grade Level 08 or 09 (N3,264—N4,164) or (N4,368—N5,340).

SALARY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

All posts are pensionable. Point of Entry on the grade levels will depend on qualifications and experience. Other conditions of service are the same as those obtained in the Federal Public Service of Nigeria.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Applications with ten copies of detailed curriculum vitae and provision copies of certificates/testimonials, should indicate post and present salary, names and addresses of two referees who are not relations of the applicant, should be addressed to:

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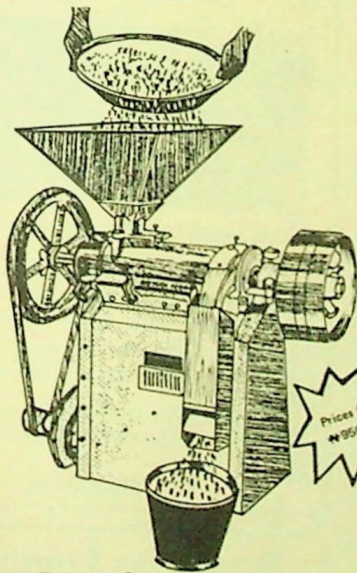
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HOTEL PRESIDENTIAL Port Harcourt

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 1977/1978

SUNDAY: 25th Dec. 1977 (i) Christmas Day Buffet Luncheon
Service: 12.30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

MENU

- Minestrone Soup
- Shrimps Curry
- Beef Stew
- Vegetable Curry
- Assorted Cold Meat and Salad
- Fried Plantain/Fried Fish/Fried Goat
- White Rice/Jollof Rice

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE

- Fruit Basket
- Strawberry Mouse
- Coffee or Tea
- Price: N10.00 per person

(ii) A Special Dinner
Service 7.30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Price: N8.00 per person

MONDAY 26th Dec. 1977 (i) Boxing Day
Cavary Buffet Luncheon
Price N9.00 per person
Service 12.30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

(ii) A Special Dinner
Service 7.30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Price N8.00 per person

THURSDAY: 29th Dec. 1977:

- A Fantastic Floor Show
- By the Musical Troupe of the Rivers State Council for Arts & Culture
- Time 8.30 p.m. — 11.30 p.m.
- Gate fee: N3 Single
N5 Double

SATURDAY: 31st Dec. 1977: New Year Eve
Gala Dinner Night

- A Special Swimming Pool Garden Party
- Taken Gate N1.00 flat
- Time: 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.

SUNDAY: 1st January 1978 New Year Day Buffet Luncheon
Service 12.30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

MENU

- St Germain Croissant
- Assorted Chilled Fruit Juices
- Asparagus Vinaigrette
- Mixed Grill Presidential
- New Carrot 1978
- New Potatoes 1978
- New Tomatoes 1978

Choice of Omelette

Assorted Cold Meat and Salad

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- Fresh Fruit Salad
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WILCOX — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Rebecca A Wilcox, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Rebecca A Brown. All former documents remain valid. Federal Ministry of Housing, Urban Development and Environment, and general public to note please, R. A. Brown.

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AMAHULE — I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs Amahule, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Miss Amehule. All former documents remain valid. Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the general public to please note Mr. Miss Amehule.

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DATED at Port Harcourt this 19th of December, 1977.

DAGOGO ALAGOMA,
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MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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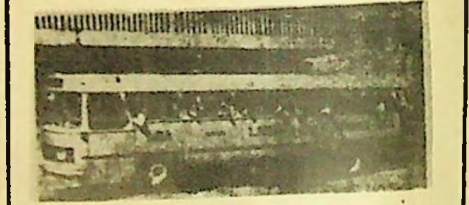
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Mr & Mrs N. A. Igali

Omu tours project sites in Calabar

THE Cross River State military governor, Col Paul Omu, yesterday ended the inspection tour of three government projects under construction in the state capital, Calabar.

The projects were the Doctors' quarters and the temporary site of the Nigerian Television Studio both along Mustafi Mohammed Highway as well as the Mobile Clinic along the Idarua shores.

At the site of the doctors' quarters, Governor Omu was received and conducted round by the state chief medical officer, Dr E. U. Ukpung, who disclosed to him that seven doctors' quarters have been completed.

Dr Ukpung said the completed quarters would be allocated to House officers pending the completion of their quarters at Saint Margaret's Hospital premises.

Addressing the contractors handling the project, Colonel Omu urged them to make sure that they fulfilled their promises by completing the work on schedule.

Replying, the contractors said that non-payment of their contract entitlements had seriously affected their work, the

workers and themselves.

They prayed to the military governor to advise the Sub-Treasury to expedite payment so as to end their financial inconveniences.

At the Nigerian Television Studio site, the officer in charge, Mr Eilong Iruka, told the governor that construction work would be completed in the temporary studio within two weeks.

He said the commitment of television equipment ordered overseas was expected to arrive soon adding that effort was now being geared towards the test transmission early next year.

With the governor during the inspection tour were the state commissioner for Health Mr Mbong J. Mbong and other government officials.



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Singer students pass out

Graduating students of the Singer Sewing Institute in Port Harcourt have been awarded certificates of competency at a colourful ceremony attended by a large crowd. Pictured here is the guest-of-honour, Mrs E. O. Barawa (right) presenting a certificate to the best all round student.

VEHICLE DEALERS WARNED

THE Bendel State commissioner for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr J. U. Aire, has condemned the activities of several motor dealers in the country who are inflating the prices of vehicles beyond those fixed by the Price Control Board.

He said, motor dealers had no excuse for selling their vehicles above the control price because of inclusion of a reasonable margin of profit in the computation of the control prices.

Dr Aire, who was speaking at Agbor while performing the official opening of a garage constructed by an indigenous motor company, appealed to motor dealers to exercise self-discipline to avoid stern government action in the area.

He also appealed to the dealers to ensure that adequate post-sales maintenance services were provided to their customers.

Port Harcourt stadium: How long do we wait?

AT the finale of the 1977 Rivers State Football competition, the state's Military Governor, Colonel Zamanu Lekwot, told the mammoth crowd that arrangements for the building of a stadium complex in the state have been completed.

He further declared, in the thunderous ovation of the crowd that the pitch in situ has been exhaustively dealt with.

Also, at the beginning of the Third Rivers State Sports festival, Governor Lekwot gave the same promise — always from the horse's mouth. This time, he took a step further by assuring the sporting youths that this year will not close before the proposed stadium is built.

The made-joy that gripped these innocent people at the breach of those words can better be imagined than described. Some bent down in their multi-coloured sports wears and danced till sweat did them drench.

The duration within now and the date of the aforementioned promise has run into several months and not even a sign of a stadium (dimensions notwithstanding) is forthcoming.

Just how long do we have to wait for the fulfilment of this promise? When will the Rivers State Stadium complex come into being? Those who cheered the sound of the stadium promise have done as in vain! They have shouted and clapped for nothing and this, too goes for those who danced.

They should instead have believed and cheered the brave man who said he would take ven-

ident, will have placed blame on the women's doors. Not out mine?!

Promises of building a stadium complex in the nearest future may no longer make news to Rivers athletes. It is a thing of common. Wayside knowledge — the promise constitutes a beautiful cover-up of government inefficiencies on ceremonial occasions.

Half bread, they say, is better than none. I have never, before now given any serious thought to this adage of significance. But I've now, for the first time within the little span of my lifetime, found ample time to believe this cliché yet, this reminds me of a little story my father, once told me to drive home his point. He said a man returned from work one day to find his two sons very hungry. They didn't eat the previous night and the wife had gone to a distant market to purchase some ingredients.

Being broke, the poor man could only afford five kobo (5k) for a big ball of "akara". This he shared equally between his sons. One readily accepted it and drank water. The other, considering the minute nature of the food, rejected it and chose to stay hungry.

The man went back to work, but before the whole family returned home in the evening, the obtrusive son who rejected small food had died of hunger.

Asks

L. Nwinkina

Then there was that crazy talk of siting our stadium at Orokwanna, in the suburbs of metropolitan Port Harcourt that weakened the choice of this neo-central site! The heated debate that retarded this decision blew dust into the air and skinned flesh off my nose. And what was more annoying, some, unscrupulous elements went in support of this wrong step in the right direction.

Hence, we even found time to off their domestic chores to write in concordance with an injurious stand, this betraying their shallow knowledge of sports welfare.

Well, that is past and gone for the proponents of that ex-pennant man, have seen its ultimate unworkability here. No reasonable Nigerian with a clear knowledge of recent in-

Tidesport

If we were cock-sure we could not afford to built a stadium, why then did we hurriedly despatch bulldozers to pull down the "unprestigious" Liberation Stadium? The existence of that stadium today would have done us a world of good. The site is now unsuitable to us. What the dimensions of our new stadium would be, I'm yet to learn.

At this juncture, I would like to ask why the appropriation of "Temporary" has continually been attached to the pink fenced Port Harcourt Stadium? It should immediately be turned to "Permanent" stadium. For how long must remain temporary? Or do we have a permanent site elsewhere? That may likely be idea but I'm ignorant of it.

Pools forecast week 22: international pool pointers

- 1 Birmingham Middleboro TIP.
 - 2 Q. P. R. Wolfe
 - 3 Burnley Sunderland
 - 4 Hullcity Sheffield
 - 5 Stamford Crystal P
 - 6 Millwall Bolton
 - 7 North Co Bristol, R
 - 8 Southampton Stock City
 - 9 Thorntonham Blackburn
 - 10 Bradford Chester TIP
 - 11 Gillingham Preston TIP
 - 12 Port Val Rotham
 - 13 Sheffield Harford
 - 14 Doncaster H. City
 - 15 Grimby Torquay
 - 16 Halespool Swarzea
 - 17 Huddersfield Southampton
 - 18 Dundee U. St Miria
 - 19 Iardrie Eastfife
 - 20 Aye, U. Celtic
- NAPS MAN TIP.
- Portvel 1 Doncaster xx
 - Portvel 7 Doncaster xx
 - Portvel 9 Doncaster xx
 - Portvel 21 Doncaster xx

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BEST BETS
Q. P. R. xx CBK
Burnley xx
Dundee xx
Portvel xx CBK
Indiana Nap
28 xx 30 xx 36 xx
Editor's Banker
1 xx 13 xx 30 xx
VIK NAP.
20 xx 21 xx 50 xx
BABY NAP.
26 xx 30 xx 37 xx
SUCCESS NAP.
7 xx 21 xx 28 xx
PAIRS NAP.
9 13 xx 20 21 xx 28 30 xx
36 50 xx 36, 37, 38, 39.
20, 21. All to draw on Saturday TIDE.
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International Tennis Pointer will release 3 guns draws on Week 23 and 24. Interested reader should send N20 for the draws To Inset, P.O. Box 10000, P.M. B. 5072 Port Harcourt

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21 xx 28 xx 30 xx 36 xx

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Ken Rosewall strok to quarter finals

VETERAN Australian Rosewall last Wednesday advanced to the quarter final of the 250,000 Aust dollars Australian Open Tennis Championships being played at Sydney.

Rosewall defeated fellow Australian, Allan Stone, in five-sets which had been interrupted by rain on Tuesday and only completed the following day.

Australian Davis cup player John Alexander, also advanced through to the quarter final with a four-set win over American Bill Scanlon. Results: Ken Rosewall 3-1 Allan Stone 6-4, 4-6, 6-0, 4-6 Alexander beat Bill Scanlon 7-6, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2

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OUR POOLS SERVICE WK 22



Bob de Bankers

LAST week was too wonderful, as draws arranged could not disappoint my numerous Tidesports customers. This week too will be a nice one for your New Year celebrations, and as such app 2 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK, 24 xxxxxxxx CBK, 44 xxxxxx B8K, those selected numbers to suit your New Year enjoyment, but the fools will not use it, they will depend on killing systems. There are no more in pools market. The above 3 num-

bers are very good for Fixed Odds. We shall meet again in Cup week.

Formular three

Notts Forest	=	2	=	xxxxxxx CBK
Sheffs	=	10	=	xxxxxxx
Sunderland	=	13	=	0000000000
Sheff Utd	=	16	=	NNNNNNNNNN
Sheffo	=	21	=	222222222222
Cardiff	=	24	=	111111111111
Cardiff	=	28	=	xxCBK xxCBK
Sheff	=	29	=	Chief Banker
Sheff	=	32	=	NNNNNNNNNN
Sheff	=	33	=	A Nap is a Nap
Sheff	=	41	=	Sure Draw
Sheff	=	44	=	Surprise Draw

Stakers, please select your draws, and run round this column and have your New Year Gift.

ROCKY NAPS

Yes I told you about week 22, and in advance that it will be a very wonderful week. Both Formular three, Mac Lee, Bob de Bankers, and Sports Forum will carry New Year gifts, and a lot of draws. As this week is a staker week, my friends what are your intentions about Tide, and its forecasts, you saw what happened last week, this week will be the most

wonderful one.
WEEK 22: For your week 22, these are your surest draws. Nap the following: 2 xxxxxCBK, 13 xxxxxCBK, 33 xxxxxCBK. These 3 numbers are for 2 or both. Box 372 Oyo C.R.S. will tell of our present method just at N1500 only. You are welcome to 2 xxxxxx xxxxxxxx CBK (New Year Gift).

STEPHEN BERGS

This is my second week, as I told you last week that, in every 3 weeks, my column must provide 3 sure draws and it happened as I told you. This week will be a nice one for the Tidesports followers.

This week, is stakers week promoters will pay with least again, and there will be draws galore in divisions 1, 2, 3 and 5 but division 4 will at least have 2 draws. Yes for your

week 22? Nan numbers 32 xxxxxx CBK, 16 xxxxxx CBK, 44 xxxxxx CBK, for 2 or 3 draws (must).

Always buy The Nigerian Tide of every THURSDAY, for there are draws there for the punters. You will see wonders as experts are now poured there. No more nonsense it has been now arranged. A banker will now be a banker. Free gift 16 xxxxxx xxxxxxxx CBK.

KING OF DRAWS

This is another week to cup, it will be a wonderful week, and no one else can tell of its performances, because it will be very great.

Last week was a real week as my Column proved me wonderful. As an expert to every week to FA Cup, watch me very keenly. For week 22, Nap the following numbers, 16 xxxxx CBK, 21 xxxxxCBK, 38 xxxxxCBK, these are for sure 2 draws or both. I am waiting to receive your congratulations as regards these numbers. But the Cup will be very wonderful.

21 xxxxxxxx
xxxxxxx CBK.



SPECIAL DRAWS BY MAC LEE

My wonders will never end with the Nigerian Tidesports Forecasts. As this is my 21 years as a pool forecaster, now a Compiler, something will happen weekly in my column.

Week 20 will tell you of my wonderful performances, as my 5 draws gave 4 sure draws in a week of 13 draws, and the other one was postponed.

This week will be a wonderful one for all Tidesports followers. For your week 22, Nap the following numbers: 24 xxxxxCBK, 29 xxxxxCBK

for your 3 surest Naps.

But what of 10 xxx, 13 xxx, 41 xxx as wherever (LEICESTER) goes to Bar at Away. Check the current records, Niger or no find out. I must help my stakers before it will be too late.

P. O. Box 372, Oyo CRS, will inform you of my knowledge in Pools forecasts. I will come to you, and inform you of my best stand in Pools. M15 is enough for my 3 draws just to enjoy your New Year celebrations. 24 xxxxx xxxxxxxx CBK.

SPECIAL SPORTS FORUM

NOTTS FOREST:

Notts for has not sustained any effort as at now, but could contain a very special draw as its score draws for the week. However, the visitor cannot win without staying there.

SUNDERLAND:

I rate this game one of the best draws this Saturday, with Colchester as its last draw. Nap it as a draw.

CRYSTAL P:

These two teams are well matched, because they are from the same league. But in a week to Cup, their potentialities end here. Anything can happen this week, so mark it as your best draw this week. Their positions look like there are something very missing there. Friends this is a draw.

BRETON:

This is a match you have to be little careful, don't use systems to forecasts, it for it is a team myself bet for long.

PRESTON:

Preston being there is for a draw. Use it as a Banker for the week. This is your surprise draw. Friends I tell you in time.

NEWPORT:

Records show that they have tasted and are satisfied now with their last meetings and this week will make them a joint friends in Sports, use these teams and dismiss your poverty.

COMMENTARY:

The predictions of last week were very wonderful, and I hope this week will be a serious one. I spoke about Mr Mac Lee, and he did a wonderful job for the stakers, and in the name of stakers I command Mr Mac Lee to come in and help the Nigerian Tide Sports and draw poverty and bad luck from their houses.

But this will be done in your effort to buy a copy of today's Tidesport weekly. This is not an advert but I want you to be better than now. Mac Lee, Stephen, Bob de Banker will do something this week. Use them, Chief Compiler.

NIGERIAN TIDE

Friday, December 30, 1977.

Abacha at Military Hospital

A CHILDREN'S Ward has been created in the Port Harcourt Military Hospital. It will help decongest the family ward being used by wives and children of Military personnel.

Participating the opening ceremony on Christmas Day, the acting Military Governor of the Rivers State, Col Sam Abacha, urged the staff of the hospital to be up and doing

as as to avoid unwarranted cases of death.

Col Abacha wished the hospitalized best compliments of the Christmas season.

Later, Christmas gifts were presented to inpatients by the wife of the acting Military Governor, Mrs Marian Abacha.

Further, the acting Commanding Officer of the hospital, Major N. Asim, had disclosed that there were three uniformed and four civilian doctors, and forty nurses in the institution.

Pictured right is Mrs Marian Abacha (second from right) handing over a gift to one of the inpatients.



NOW, AIRWAYS

Tuesday's
big purge

UNION KICKS



● PROF OSIOLU

NIGERIA Airways Association of Aircraft Engineers and Technologists is crying foul over the sweeping staff purge announced by the Airways on Tuesday.

The president of the association, Mr Kayode Mohammed and the secretary, Mr F. C. Onyeriri, were affected by the exercise announced by the Commissioner for Civil Aviation, Professor William Osiolu. So also were two executive committee members.

Mr Mohammed said in Lagos that the management's action confirmed his union's allegation of injustice against the Airways.

He contended that since his union had dragged the Airways to an arbitration court, it was both vindictive and unfair for the corporation to embark on the exercise.

He indicated that the association would also constitute a review over the matter. The news of the purge was received at the tribunal on Tuesday with a shock, but there was no indication of what would be the reaction of the tribunal.

Meanwhile, it is learned that some of the persons in dispute before the arbitration court might be settled out. The first meeting to this end followed the advice of the chairman, Mr Osiolu. However, in both parties urging them to bridge the existing communication gap between them in order to bring a new spirit to bear on their services to the corporation.

Chief Kaye Kehinde, asked for time within which both parties would be brought back to the tribunal.

The new counsel for the association, Mr Akirwande Sikande, then got in and said that though he would not oppose the appeal, he felt the matter requested for by the corporation might not help to erase most of the impressions held by the management towards the engineers and the corporation.

He further said that from some documents he had seen, the one used by the management was that of constant personal confrontation and animosity towards his clients.

The association, he said, was not trying to affect inter-

HOTEL RAZED TO ASHES

THE New Life Hotel 25, Boardman Street, Uwan Enugu, in Anambra State was razed to ashes in a recent fire outbreak.

Sequel to the incident, valuable property were destroyed but there was no loss.

The fire, according to the proprietor of the hotel, Mr Francis Nnaji was said to have started from an apartment in the hotel.

Properties lost in the disaster, described as one of the worst in recent time in the area, included furniture, refrigerators, air conditioners, mattresses and wearables. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

In another development, a fire broke out on Christmas Eve at Abakpa Nike area of Enugu at dawn and sources claimed that a kerosene cooking stove sparked the conflagration which forced the resident into a state of horror and panic.

Within the same period, reports further state another fire incident was recorded at Amaigbo Lga also in Uwan, Enugu.

Two held over fireworks

THE police in Port Harcourt have arrested two people in connection with the use of fireworks and knock out during the Christmas Eve.

According to a police release in Port Harcourt yesterday, the people were arrested in Dhoru.

The arrested people, the release said, would appear in court soon, adding that number of such arrests were made in different parts of the state during the Christmas Eve.

The release however warned members of the public against late night outings and reminded them that the restrictions on the movements of people after mid-night is still in force.

It further added that reports from other divisional police offices in the state confirmed that all was relatively calm during the Christmas celebrations as police intensified their vigilance.

ed services by the airlines. Earlier, a motion calling on the tribunal to commit the president of the association, Mr Mohammed, for contempt was rejected. Mr Mohammed was alleged to have granted an interview to a newspaper published in Jan.

Chief Kehinde read a portion of the report to support the appeal.

Replying to the motion, the chairman reminded the tribunal that the panel was not only resolving matters. It was also creating an atmosphere of peace between both parties.

He added "I don't want to commit anybody to prison now. The management as a sister brother in this dispute can afford to overlook the matter. Things which would bring up more bitterness must be avoided."

FIRE AT LAGOS NBC

(Continued from page 1)
number of items including a refrigerator, went up in flames but no one was injured.

Commenting on the incident, the Chief Federal Fire Officer, Mr Adam Akibola, expressed concern at the alarming rate of fire outbreaks in the country.

His demand against the use of defective cylinders and multiple electrical adap-

ters. Meanwhile the Ministry of Communications has announced the introduction of skeleton postal and telegraph services at the General Post Office.

A statement issued in Lagos said postal services would start operating from today while telegraph services would resume from January 2.