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Nurses maiden graduation day

THE first graduation ceremony of the Rivers State School of Nursing will take place tomorrow at the Assembly Hall of the Military Governor's Office, Port Harcourt.

A statement by the secretary of the graduation ceremony, sub-commissioner, of the institution,

stated that the graduation ceremony would be followed by presentation of certificates and badges by the military governor of the state, Col Zaman Lekwot. Medalists would also be presented to the graduates by Mrs Angelina Lekwot.

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By Balafama Banigo

Director got himself N10,000 a year job

A BOARD member of a Rivers State Government-owned company in Port Harcourt, who used his position and connections to get a top job within the company, has been sacked on the orders of the state government.

The dismissed board member who got the post of financial controller in the company was also ordered to give an account of his activities to the company's management, within the period he held the post.

According to official sources, the man was a former bank executive and also a member of the board of directors of the company.

When he lost his bank job, the sources said, he utilized his connections and got the job of financial controller of the company.

A letter of appointment, signed by the former chairman of the company placed the dismissed financial controller on a salary of N10,000 per annum, but the appointment was subject to confirmation.

According to reliable sources, a letter was written by the board to the state government, asking for the confirmation of his appointment and the gov-

ernment, in its reply, early last month, rejected the board's request, and directed that his appointment be terminated with immediate effect.

The directive further stated that the board member should give an account of his activities to the company's management for the few months he held the post.

The reply also indicated that the appointment was contrary to the code of conduct of the boards of government-owned companies.

The company, the government added, had not yet gone into production, and a top post, with such a high remuneration was not in the interest of the company, in view of its poor financial position.

Confirming the story yesterday, the manager of the company said "We have issued him a termination letter and he had since left us.

"The directive, however, came from the government, and all we did was to carry it out," he



MR. S. N. OHAKA
Commissioner for Economic Development and Trade.

Three shot dead

A fresh outbreak of violence has broken out in Sokoto — the South African town where racist police shot and killed more than 150 students a month ago.

In the latest outbreak, at least three Africans were reported shot dead by the racist police.

Africans are protesting against the arrest and detention of some African students by the racist regime.

Trouble was also reported from Alexandra, where a number of black people have defied the blood thirsty, racist police force.

Meanwhile, all whites in the area have been advised by the racist regime to stay indoors.

...Board is dissolved

AN attempt by the board members of a Rivers State Government-owned company to involve the organisation in wasteful expenditure has led to the board's subsequent dissolution by the state government.

A state Ministry of Trade spokesman in Port Harcourt said his ministry disagreed with the board members of the company over what he described as "excessive requests for European tours which we consider as wasteful".

Mr source said the board's ground for a tour, based on the fact that they would like to inspect some machines which have been ordered from a firm overseas.

But after a careful study by top ministry officials, the request was turned down, the source said.

The ministry explained that since some of the board mem-

bers had knowledge of the machines being manufactured by the overseas firm, such a tour would be wasteful.

It was also pointed out that the ministry feared that it could be the board members that at the company had not gone into production since its establishment in 1973, it would not be justified to embark on such tours.

When the board insisted, the government's director that the general manager of the organisation, a qualified engineer, should contact the overseas firm by telex, in connection with the shipment of the required machines to Nigeria.

It also directed the dissolved and

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Purpose of local govt explained

The Military Governor of Imo State, Lt. General G. N. Nwagwu has said that the purpose of the Local Government Authority is to have a miniature form of government that will be of assistance to the people in a position, administratively and financially, to tackle the local problems of each community.

Continuing efforts, he said must continue. It is also to ensure that further upgrading of communities into administrative units will no longer be necessary. Governor Kano made the statement while replying to a question by a delegation of Oyo State communities led by Haruna O. T. Nwosu.

He warned communities against abandoning their community efforts to face the Local Government Authorities being set up in the state.

Governor Kano told the delegation that the shifting of the new secondary school from Owoye to Nwosu in Oyo State division was not a manoeuvre by anyone but merely a government decision taken in the overall interest of the people of the division.

Governor Kano was said to be sorry to correct an initial mistake.

'WE ARE NOW READY FOR FESTAC'



COMMANDER O. P. FINGSEL, FESTAC president

A.F.I. is now set for the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture.

According to informed sources at the FESTAC International Secretariat in Lagos the last stage of the preparations is nearing completion.

by Fubara David-West

I was told during my visit to the secretariat that all venues for the festival are now ready. Adequate arrangements for maintenance of the structures are also receiving immediate attention, my source told me.

Asked whether the complete list of participants at FESTAC was ready, my source greeted that this has not been completed because of a number of late entries.

The international secretariat is to have a meeting with participating countries and others in the Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture.

Interested over the international secretariat for FESTAC, Professor F. E. O. Oduwole also confirmed that the full list of participants was not ready. He, however, gave the assurance that by August 15, the international secretariat would have the list of participants.

Study leaps in African history

THE University of Ife will continue to give the right encouragement to the study of African and World history.

This was disclosed by the vice-chancellor of the university, Professor O. Abiyade, in an address read on his behalf by Professor I. A. Akinjogbin at the opening of a five-day conference on Yoruba History.

Professor Abiyade noted with delight that the study of African history had made very great strides in the last three decades and commended the leading role which Nigerian historians had played in the rebirth of African history.

The vice-chancellor spoke of the purpose of the study of history, which he said, was to cause an awareness of man's present position and spiritual values in his present environment through a process of the knowledge of the past.

Professor Abiyade then told his audience that an African history written from alien point of view would be useless to African awareness and development.

African history, he maintained, should be written from the African point of view.

About 100 participants from Nigeria and overseas countries, attended the conference.

HARD TIMES AWAIT SOUTH AFRICA

REALISE South Africa now faces the possibility of local war with Black Africa if they smother on the independent African nation bordering the rebel held Rhodesia.

Aspects from Dar-es-Salaam said the four bordering African nations, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana and Lesotho, are preparing a joint defence against any future attacks by either South Africa or Rhodesia.

Speaking at Dar-es-Salaam at the weekend, the Foreign Minister of Mozambique Mr. Joaquim Chissano told newsmen that the four countries were preparing against any future attacks and were ready to repel any such attack anytime.

Mr. Chissano, who was returning from the UN Security Council debate which ended by condemning South Africa for alleged attacks on Zambia said such attacks "cannot be tolerated indefinitely."

The statement of Mr. Chissano came in the wake of recent reports of full-scale military clashes between Mozambique and Rhodesian troops.

Mr. Chissano later joined President Machel who had more than three hours talk with Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere and Mohammed Siad Barre of Somalia.

After the talks, however, officials would only say that the leaders covered "a whole range of East African questions."

NIGERIAN ECONOMY BENEFITS FROM INDIGENISATION LAW

THE Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree 1972 is a good, appropriate and necessary law. The decree has created conditions which are beneficial to the Nigerian economy and both government and interested groups must seek ways and means of implementing the decree in a manner that the cardinal objectives of the Federal Military Government shall be realized.

Speaking as a guest at the quarterly luncheon meeting of the industrial standing committee of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in Lagos, the Federal Commissioner for Industries, Dr. K. A. Adedokun, stated one of the favourable conditions created by the decree is the retention

within the country, of an increased proportion of the profits from the operations of companies which were hitherto entirely foreign-owned.

The commissioner explained that though companies had now been encouraged, through the decree, to accept Nigerians as shareholders, indigenisation should not be misconstrued as an economic warfare against foreign investment and participation in Nigerian enterprises.

Rather, he said, Nigeria welcomed foreign investment and expertise in the affairs of such enterprises were always guaranteed.

Dr. Adedokun stated that Nigeria wanted partnership in growth and development.

Pointing to the obstacles that stand in the way of making technology back up industries, he deplored the problem posed by expatriate personnel and warned that further attempts to bring in expatriates for jobs which Nigerians could credibly perform, would be viewed seriously.

The commissioner urged that Nigerians in top managerial and technical positions in the industries should not be put there as mere window dressing but should hold the positions both in authority and functions.

Imo grants N10,000 for jamboree

THE Imo State Government has granted the sum of N10,000 for the forthcoming first All African Scout Jamboree holding at Jos, capital of the Plateau State.

This was disclosed in Owerri by the state military governor, Lt. Commander Gordon Ndiribun Kana, when scouts called on him.

The governor urged the state contingents to the jamboree to behave themselves to the required standard.

Replying, the state commi-

ssioner for scouts, Mr. Rufus Osoji, said that he was sending 250 contingents to the jamboree.

Mr. Osoji also assured that the boy scout movement is an organization for scouting, aimed at upgrading young men as good and honest citizens.

Also in the Rivers State, the Boy Scout Movement will be sending 200 contingents to participate in the jamboree at Jos.



ASCON offices ready Sept '77

THE Federal Commissioner for Establishments, Major-General J. A. Oduwole, stated the permanent office of the ASCON is to be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The site, the commissioner was told, would be divided into three zones, made up of staff quarters, recreational grounds and

ASCON is an institution established by the Federal Military Government under decree No 39, of October, 1973. The college is intended to offer advanced training to senior commissioned officers in the armed forces.

CLERKS TRAIN

A three-day re-orientation course organised by the Bendel State Ministry of Establishments for the second batch of clerical officers and clerical assistants drawn from various ministries in the state has ended in Benin City.

EDITORIAL

LET THEM GO

THE decision of Col John Atom Kpera, Military Governor of Anambra State to dissolve the Schools Valuation and Compensation Commission will serve as a salutary lesson to all those given national assignments to carry out their duties promptly or bow out.

THE commission, appointed by ex-administrator Ukpabi Asika of the former East Central State, was set up to establish the ownership of schools taken over by that government following the Public Education Edict. They were also to determine what compensation should be paid to the respective owners of the schools.

IT is needless to say that the intention behind the setting up of the commission was genuine; the plenary session was marked with pomp and pageantry; and Mr Asika, in an address, spoke of his government's intention to pay adequate compensation to those who owned the schools.

AS an interim measure, the government made a nominal grant to the ex-proprietors with a promise that the balance would be paid them when the report of the commission was published.

THE commission's work lingered on for years, and no encouraging reports were heard. Some ex-proprietors who had their life investments in these institutions died while awaiting their compensation; others were reduced to abject poverty.

THREE years is quite a long period for any commission, however the volume of work, to complete its assignment. And Col Kpera's order that it should fold up its functions has not come too early.

IT is an irony of fate that a group of intellectuals assigned to work out a basis for alleviating public suffering should, as Col Kpera observed, be "unduly slow in compiling their result." It is indeed, time for them to pack and go.

NO MAN'S LAND?

THE report that the Nigeria Police squad on special assignment at Okpoko Layout, otherwise called "No man's land" at Onitsha, has smashed a robbers' den has been received with joy. This is because the area personifies everything evil—armed robbery, hemp addiction, smuggling and all forms of stealing.

THAT the ring was broken at last is a pleasant news because until the arrival of Commissioner of Police, Sam Igbe and Deputy Commissioner, Eke Udony; the gangsters at Okpoko seemed highly invulnerable.

NOW that the den is smashed, we implore Mr Udony and his men to ensure that the rascals at Okpoko are brought to book while strict surveillance is observed over the layout. There should not be a "no man's land" in a democracy.

IGBERRE IS SINKING

I am at a loss to know the factors which can cause a town like Igbere in Bendu Division of Imo State to be listed as an erosion area worthy of government attention.

The town is almost sunk by erosion, yet it is omitted in the present list of erosion areas of which government will tackle!

I have abandoned my job at a point four kilometres to my village and travel on foot to reach my destination.

The reason is that the road from Onu-Ibina to Ananyi, my village, is impassable because of erosion.

The same danger faces our officers travelling to Amankala and other parts of the villages making up Igbere town.

A group such as theirs has been sacked by erosion!

I am not looking for a government which will boast of having done anything for the people of Igbere.

The town is in total neglect and any development there was achieved through communal and individual efforts.

Perhaps it was the Igbere case that caused the Government of Imo State to promise to distribute amenities evenly throughout the state.

The peaceful and law-abiding people of Igbere are watching to see what "amenities" to collect from our benevolent government.

Any amenities they receive will surely remind them that they do not exist for the purpose of paying taxes only.

OGWE K. OGWE

Owerri

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

PORT HARCOURT AND DIRTY SURROUNDINGS

RECENTLY, the Military Governor of Rivers State launched the sanitation week in the Rivers State capital. Though the continued success of such a campaign lies with the entire public, the authorities concerned should be aware of certain conditions prevailing in our environment.

During the campaign every body tried as much as possible to keep his/her surrounding clean; markets and public offices were temporarily closed from 7.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon on the clean-up-day to effect a thorough clean up.

But unfortunately, immediately after the campaign one could see heaps of refuse all over the city especially in Diobu residential area.

I cannot be silent about the poor way in which conservancy services are carried out in the state capital.

Pails are emptied every where in Diobu. I make mention of Egede Street Mile 11, Diobu between Nos 15 and 20 where the worst is experienced. This could be regarded as inefficiency of the conservancy men (night soil men) on one hand and contractors on the other hand and also of the Health and City Council Authorities.

The contractors employ a few labourers and do not provide enough evacuation vans. The Health agents (sanitary overseers or inspectors) do not take action in this direction.

The problem of refuse heaps in our environment is another headache in our society. This is because the services rendered by the Port Harcourt City Council are not sufficient.

The few dust-bins are not removed regularly, refuse heaps are almost abandoned.

Towards a good sanitation, I appeal to the City Council to employ more labour and provide dust-bins all over the city so that the public may not throw refuse about any how.

NEWTON OGBORN-MIENYE

Port Harcourt

This local government reform!

According to the recent announcement from the State House, the Rivers State Government intends to introduce a new local governmental system in the state.

This, according to the statement, is in compliance with the Federal Government's guideline on the issue of local government reform throughout the federation.

I would be happy to be enlightened on the rationale behind the Federal Government's proposition of a uniformity for the whole country.

Uniformity in itself is a bad thing.

One of the primary objectives of every well-meaning government is to be as close to the people as possible.

This is because the more the government is to the people, the more effective its administration.

If any change of local government system is considered necessary, it should be an innovation that will take us a step further and not to send us back to where we started.

OBURKURU IBELENNIA
Bony

WE NEED DUST BINS

WE have been crying for cleanliness and found later that something like Operation Keep the Nation Clean might solve the problem, so we encouraged it. This in effect has been moving on fire but it now tends to lag in Diobu area.

Take a close look at some small streets that join the bigger ones, they are still very filthy and in fact even not good for pedestrians and motorists. I have checked in most of the dirty streets if I could find the local council's dust bins but these things are not available. From Onitsha to Enugu, streets for instance there is something like the mobile truck to gather refuse.

If the Operation Keep the Nation Clean is not continuous, I am afraid pollution will still continue and the health of the entire people may be at stake.

CHIDI ALGY OKURIE
Port Harcourt.

Aba landlords are greedy

It is disheartening to observe that while the FMG is trying to combat the soaring house rent in the country, some unscrupulous and greedy landlords in Aba are busy increasing their house rents in spite of all that have been said both in the papers and radio.

The most annoying part of it is that most of these houses have outlived their usefulness. In some of these wretched houses, the tenants are forced to pay the conservancy bills by their check landlords and

failure to do so means quit notice for any such tenant.

I therefore appeal to both the FMG and the Imo State Government in particular to hasten to bring these tyrannical landlords to their knees, since they have the efficiency of trying to sink the rent which recently promulgated by the Federal Military Government.

I am also appealing to the rent panel members for Imo State to do their job without loss of favour.

could most of the so-called big game here are landlords who, in one way or the other, try to defeat the purpose for which it was set up by the Federal Military Government.

However, I trust that this panel is made up of individuals who would neither be intimidated by persecution nor thrown from covering out their duties efficiently.

G. C. NIKO

BRIEFS FROM THE STATES

Aba

THE Old Boys Association of Aggrey Memorial College, Abakwani, has decided to build a modern school library in memory of the late principal and proprietor of the school, Dr. Abimboke.

Discussing this in Aba, the former chairman of the association, Mr. Mwanali Nwanikwo, said that in order to finalize arrangements for the take-off of the project, a general meeting of all old boys and girls of the institution in Nigeria and the Cameroons had been scheduled for Saturday, August 7, at IANTA Guest House, Aba.

Mr. Nwanikwo added that representatives of the association from Cameroons and other countries would be accommodated during the period of the meeting.

Abak

THE Mercy Hospital at Abak in the Cross River State is being expanded at a cost of N212,500. The expansion programme involves the construction of a 45-bed female ward, a doctor's and two other staff quarters and an eye clinic.

The facts were contained in an address pronounced by the Hospital Management Committee to the Catholic Cardinal, Dominic Cardinal Ekanem, when he visited there recently.

The committee further disclosed that the hospital handled a total of 19,411 out-patients, 6,295 in-patients, 1,977 operations and 871 births between January 1975 and June this year.

Benin City

THE Bendel State Commissioner for Lands and Housing, Prince P. I. Iyebertu, has described the occasion of the launching of a novel as a reflection upon the skills of the writer in an effort to expand the frontiers of knowledge.

The commissioner made the remarks at the launching ceremony of a novel titled 'I Will Meet Her' at Nylon.

Prince Iyebertu commended the author, Mr. Olatunji Akinkun, for his efforts.

Abakaliki

A FEDERATION of Catholic Youth Council of Nigeria has been formed to embrace all the states. Catholic youth councils operating throughout the country.

It was inaugurated at Abakaliki in Anambra State. In a message to members and the bishop of Abakaliki diocese, Rev. Dr. Thomas McGettrick said "Young people exert a very substantial influence on the modern world".

The bishop stated that the heightened influence of youths in society demands of them a proportionately active apostolate. He noted that members seem to take responsibility and play their part in the social and cultural life of Nigeria.

N' Ngwa

STAFF of former community councils in Northern Nwa Division of Imo State have been advised to steer clear of involvement in the current chieftaincy dispute in their respective areas.

This warning was issued by the divisional officer for Northern Nwa, Mr. E. O. N. Nwagwu, at a meeting he held with the staff of the former community councils at Okwima.

Mr. Nwagwu explained that as of now nobody has a right to choose a chief and the government does not want to impose a chief on any community. The government, he went on, would only accept chiefs proscribed to it by the communities.

Abeokuta

THE Open Well Water Corporation is to supply 12 villages in Ijebu Division with pipe-borne water at a cost of N800,000. The villages listed to benefit from the water scheme included Ode-Ayem, Irem, Idowo, Irem, Ode-Ayo, Odelewa, Ode-Igboye, Ode-Igboye, Ode-Layem, Irem, Ode-Moyin and Ode-Siwata.

A contract agreement between the corporation and Uren Construction Limited has been signed by the chairman of the corporation, Chief J. O. Odebanjo, at Abeokuta.

In a speech, Chief Odebanjo explained that the contract was aimed at extending the Ijebu water supply scheme at Yemofe and the construction of a reservoir to ensure adequate water supply to all the villages which were to benefit from the scheme.

Owan

THE Ewren community in Owan Division of Bendel State has embarked on the construction of a three classroom block estimated to cost N15,000. This will disengage the Grace primary school and it is to be completed before the UFE scheme takes off.

Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of the classroom block recently, the chairman of the school, Mr. C. S. ...

1,000 WORKERS UNCERTAIN AS HOTELS CLOSE

THE fate of over 1,000 staff of various government-owned hotels in Imo and Anambra States including the Hotel Presidential, now hang in the balance following the decision of the two state governments to wind up the activities of the hotels.

The two governments have decided that the assets of the government-owned Phoenix Hotel Ltd and the Hotel Presidential should be shared and that the staff of the hotels should return to their various states of origin.

It was reliably learnt that the two state governments intend establishing their own hotel projects in various parts of their states.

The hotels to be affected include the Phoenix Hotels at Abakaliki, Onitsha, Aba,

the movement of staff from the hotels to their states of origin should begin from August 15 to September 15, this year.

According to the secretary of the Nigerian Catering, Hotels and Allied

by Chris Eluemunoh

Owerri, Umualfia, and Enugu and the Hotel Presidential at Enugu.

In a meeting held in Enugu between the two state Commissioners for Industries, and some executive members of the state branch of the Nigerian Union of Catering, Hotels and Allied Workers, and top management staff of the hotels, it was decided that

Workers, Mr. M. N. Asuzor, the majority of staff of the Phoenix Hotels and the Hotel Presidential come from Imo State.

"As of now there is no Hotel Presidential in Imo State and the hotel projects there are yet to take off, such as the Enyimba hotel and the Ogata Lake hotel project", said Mr. Asuzor.

Police nab dangerous persons

A special operation squad of the Anambra State Police command has arrested six persons described as dangerous men in a raid carried out in Onitsha to rid the town of lawlessness.

In a statement in Enugu the police public relations officer, Mr. Bamgbola Akintanya said that a den of criminals was discovered and demolished.

Mr. Akintanya also disclosed that a large Indian hemp plantation in the area was discovered and destroyed while four parcels and nine bottles of the weeds were confiscated.

Three machetes and one dog were also recovered from the hide-out.

He disclosed that the operation was carried out in a bush in Onitsha.



CULTURAL UNION

The Federal Military Government has signed a cultural agreement with the Nigerian Cultural Union.

Minister for Information, Major-General I. R. M. Haruna, who is also in charge of culture, signs on behalf of the government.

and the Soviet Ambassador in Nigeria, His Excellency A. Tetarin, signs for his government.

WHATEVER YOUR PROFESSION, FARM!

Don't play with your job, workers warned

RIVERS BRIEFS

Ahoada

AN AHOADA Ministry of Agriculture staff, Mr David Ndu, has died as a result of motor accident along Ibe-Ibe-Ahoada road.

Late Ndu, 54 was knocked down by a hit-and-run driver as he was crossing the road on his way to work last Monday morning.

He left behind two wives and ten children to mourn his loss.

Before joining the ministry, he was a native court holder in the former Eastern Region. His body was later removed to the Elizabeth Alimani general hospital for post-mortem examination.

Ubeta

A PROMINENT wrestler at Ubeta in Ahoada District of the Rivers State, Chief Jack Okobi Akpa is dead. He was aged 125.

The late chief died at his home after a brief illness.

He is survived by several children, grand and great grand children among them are Mr J. Akpa, managing director of Akpa Insect Stockfish Limited, Port Harcourt.

Umuola

A TEAM of Niger Grammar School Old Boys, Umuola, will leave Port Harcourt for Benin City to complete their late senior project of the school.

A statement from the secretary of the Old Boys' Association, Mr D. Minahiri Chibohim, said members will meet on August 26, 1976 at the Township School Hall to discuss the fate of the Niger Grammar School and the ex-boy's social club.

Mr Chibohim called on the members to remember their Alma Mater and to accept the condolence trip as a big challenge.

P'Harcourt

THE members of the Rivers State Committee on Operation Feed the Nation (OFN) have started a tour of project sites in the state. The members would visit project sites at Eke, Ahoada, Omoku and Abua.

According to a release issued by the secretary of the committee, the tour would end on Tuesday, August 31.

The release also appealed to members of the committee to report to the OFN secretariat by 9 a.m. on each visiting day.

The committee members had already visited eight project sites in parts of Port Harcourt, Oba, Bori and Khana divisions.

THE chairman of the Port Harcourt City Council branch of the Messengers and Allied Workers Union of Nigeria, Mr Dike Yakaragor, has warned members of his union not to trifle with their job.

In an after election address in Port Harcourt, Mr Yakaragor said that his union would not support any wrongdoing on the part of any member.

He however promised that the union would not shirk its responsibility to fight for the workers' rights.

The union chairman called on the council

workers and officials to put an end to the habit of demanding bribes before carrying out their duties for which they are employed and paid.

He said his union would fight against bribery and corruption among its own rank and file.

Mr Yakaragor appealed to the council authorities to expedite the integration of the daily paid workers into the public service and

the settlement of the two-year integration arrears to qualified workers. He also called for the immediate issue of N.P.E membership cards to contributors.

Other speakers include, Mr Michael Ekpo, vice-chairman, Mr Theophilus A. Tuboni, assistant secretary, Mr William Arugu, treasurer, and Mr Claudius Gidom, financial secretary.



MIR NWIBANI

WE WON'T SUPPORT USELESS PROJECTS

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Trade and Economic Development, Mr D. L. J. Nwabani has stated that the State Government would not continue to support any of its companies that is unable to stand on its own.

Mr Nwabani in an interview in his office yesterday said that the government-owned companies that are profit oriented must return some capitals.

"We are insisting and intensifying on returns on the investments as every business expects some returns," he added.

"Immediately we make sure that they are firmly on their own, we shall hand-off and cease to give them money and if they cannot stand on their own, such companies will be allowed to die a natural death."

Asked whether some of the companies have so far blazed the trail by paying something substantial to the government, Mr Nwabani said some companies were really working hard to meet their requirements. "These are finance firms but utility firms are not expected to yield profits, he further stated.

HOW TO WIN GOVT HELP, EGBEMA TOLD

THE zonal rural development officer for Abouba, Abua/Odual and Ogbu/Egbema Divisions, Mr G. N. Nwince has assured that the government is determined to assist any development projects in the rural areas by providing one-third of the total cost of the project as marching grants.

The officer gave the assurance while inspecting the N30,000 library and conference hall at Ogbu in Ogbu/Egbema Division re-

within such a short period of its commencement.

He was accompanied in the inspection tour by the rural development officer for Ogbu/Egbema, Mr R. D. George.

Mr Nwince assured the people that his ministry would always be of help to them.



Gbenemene installed

PRINCE Murch Tsara Ighara was today installed as the Governor of Borno State in the Borno Division of the Rivers State.

WHY NOT FARM TO FEED THE

OBITUARY

EPIE Community in Yenagoa Division of the Rivers State Port Harcourt regret to announce the sudden and untimely death of two of their illustrious sons



Messrs Rufus Atanga Ogie and Flemings Sunday Abraham

of Igbogene Epie which sad event took place in a ghastly road accident after Choba Bridge on Tuesday 3, 1976 while returning after a reconciliatory meeting.

Survived each by a Wife and several children

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

- 6:8:76 Xtian wake keeping at 168 Bende Street
- 7:8:76 Corpses lie in state and service at St. Cyprian's Church Port Harcourt 9 a.m. Corpses leave St. Cyprian's Church for Igbogene their home-town after the service. Xtian Wake Keeping at Igbogene.
- 8:8:76 **Funeral service(s) and interment**

May their souls rest in peace

NEW CORPS MEMBERS IN RIVERS

FOR the first time, since the inauguration of the National Youth Service Corps, graduates of the Rivers State Polytechnic in Yenagoa Community in Yenagoa Division of the Rivers State Port Harcourt to announce the sudden and untimely death of two of their illustrious sons.



During their five-week stay at Aizu, the graduates would undergo various courses of training and discipline. The Aizu training camp is located in the state capital, Port Harcourt, and is one of the largest in the country. The graduates will be assigned to various corps units across the state.

Story by Tomoko Harrison, Photos by M. D. Ebo.

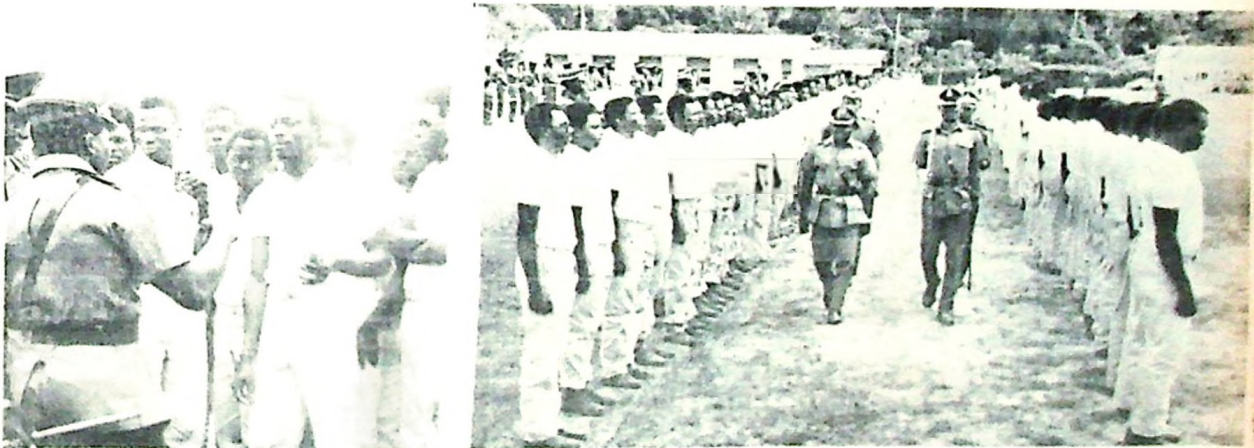


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BUSINESS NEWS

Another brewery soon

THE Pioneer Nigerian Brewing Industry — Nigerian Breweries Limited (NBL), has commissioned a feasibility study with a view to establishing another brewery in the country.

This will bring to four the number of breweries owned by the company in Nigeria.

The Company's existing breweries are located at Aba in Imo State, Kaduna and Lagos.

Currently the N14 million expansion of Aba Brewery is in full gear and the indication is that the project will be completed by the third quarter of next year.

When completed the production capacity of the Brewery will more than double the present figures.

Parallel with the Aba Brewery extension is the plan for a major increase in the production capacity of Kaduna Brewery at an estimated cost of N85 million.

Work has already begun on the project.

NBL is constantly researching on consumer attitudes to its products and this survey has revealed a need for a special type of malt drink in Nigeria.

The company has now introduced its MALTONA which is a non-alcoholic malt drink, the first of its kind in Nigeria.

The product is now being test-marketed in selected towns in the North.

This giant expansion will necessitate the training of Nigerians to assume important positions.

In this regard, the Company spent almost N240,000,000 in 1975 for training both in Nigeria and overseas.

The Company hopes to continue to remain in profitable business which will enable it to contribute substantially to the social, economic and industrial development of Nigeria.

Insurance seminar

THE Managing Director of the National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria — NICN — Mr Yinka Uduku, leaves this week for the Twelfth International Insurance Seminar being held in San Francisco, USA.

The Seminar, which will start from the eighth to twelfth of August provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and views on managerial and technical insurance subjects as well as issues related to economic security.

Mr Uduku will be among individuals comprising the seminar cohort in insurance and insurance-related organisations all over the world.

The group is cross-disciplinary and cross-ideological in nature and it represents every segment and every technological skill of the insurance business and related fields.

The Managing Director would participate in various carefully structured discussions, which are aimed at finding new approaches to significant problems common to insurers in all countries.

These include governmental pressures on insurance enterprises; innovations and trends in insurance company management; world inflation; fiscal and monetary management and insurance policies.

Others are insurer responsibility for loss prevention; international insurance problems and possible solution and company policies in an unsettled world.

Mr Uduku is expected back in Lagos by the middle of August.

Bottles moulding

ARRANGEMENTS have now been concluded by Guinness (Nigeria) Limited and the Glass Manufacturers Company to mould bottles which will have the same liquid contents as the imported bottles.

This was disclosed in a statement issued at the weekend in Lagos by the Press Intelligence Agency of the Federal Ministry of Trade.

The statement added that investigations carried out by the Ministry following a recent Public Opinion columnar complaining about some Guinness bottles containing less quantity of stout, revealed that the contents of the locally produced bottles were about 5 per cent less than the liquid

Research for fishermen

INTERNATIONAL research to develop fisheries in tropical areas has been given new momentum by the discovery that fish caught in the tropical areas keep better in ice than cold water species.

One of the experts engaged in this programme, Bob Cole, visited a number of Caribbean and Latin American countries towards the end of 1975 in connection with a scheme to develop fisheries in the west central Atlantic.

The area covered runs from the southeastern coastal waters of the United States of America to the northern seas of Brazil.

Mr Cole's main object was

to assess training and educational requirements in 13 countries, including Jamaica, Trinidad, Mexico, Brazil and Venezuela.

Important Conference

Mr Cole was on secondment to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) from the food commodities department of the Tropical Products Institute (TPI) in London, one of the world's main research organisations in this field.

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A Correspondent

The development of expertise and the instruction of fishermen in the Tropics will be the subject of an important international conference which was organised by the TPI in London last month.

Delegates discussed fish microbiology and quality control handling and marketing of fresh and frozen fish, fish meal and silage, canned and other processed fish and shell-fish exports.

Although Africa and southeast Asia are the areas where the institute's work is best known, there was a surprisingly prompt response in Latin America to the announcement of the conference, which is one of a

series held by different TPI sections every two years.

By the beginning of February there were inquiries from 55 countries and a possible 190 delegates, including 25 from Latin America and the West Indies.

TPI has a young and enthusiastic staff, ready to cross the world to provide help or advice. Head of the fish and meat section is much travelled 35-year-old John Disney, who is acting as programme secretary for the conference.

He hoped that many of the papers were contributed by men in the field of the developing countries. Spoilage Experience

Before July he gave a paper at a technological meeting in the United States of America when it was hoped to establish a conference for the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent areas, to complement those for the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Mr Disney also discussed fish spoilage and outlining the TPI experience by a similar level in Africa and the Far East.

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Promotions in Mandilas

MANDILAS Limited has announced the promotion of 19 members of staff, including two women, to various management positions in the company.

They are made up of four new administrative managers, four stores managers, five sales supervisors, three workshop supervisors and three accounting assistants.

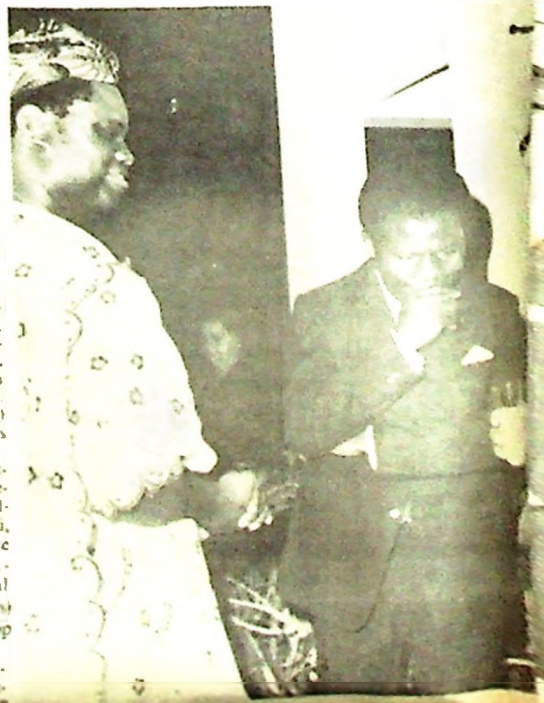
Promoted from chief clerk to administrative managers are Mr A. O. Ugbodu (Ibadan Central Motors), Mr E. I. Ozoonyia (NCM, Madaguri), Mr C. O. Oruebor (Service Department, Motors Headquarters) and Mr R. A. Farombi (Zaria Motors).

Mr F. C. Njemanze (Enugu Motors), Mr S. O. Koleosho (Service Department, Motors Headquarters), Mr A. U. Jimbar (Central Parts Department, I. B) and Mr V. A. Ayoola (Ikeja Motors) are promoted from storekeepers to stores managers.

Promoted sales supervisors are Mr G. E. Anyanwu (NCM, Madaguri), Mr C. C. McEwen (Motors Showroom, Head Office), Mr D. P. O. Ounade (Ibadan Motors), Mr F. C. Anayesi (Enugu Motors) and Mr T. A. Ramos (Ibadan South Motors).

Mr F. K. Kona, assistant foreman (Service Department, Motors Headquarters), Mr S. B. Oni, service adviser (Service Department) and Mr Raymond Osokega, general foreman (Oshogbo Motors) are promoted workshop supervisors.

Promoted accounting assistants in the Central Ac-



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Palm Beach insurance co

Professor Godwin Odenigwe, Anambra State Commissioner for Local Government and Social Development has reminded insurance companies throughout the Federation of the need to be honest, in dealing with members of the public.

The Commissioner gave this advice on the occasion of the dedication of the Palm Beach Insurance House at Enugu recently.

Professor Odenigwe said that insurance companies in the country would be failing in their duties if they did not show a high degree of honesty, confidence and integrity for insurance promotion.

The Commissioner was happy at the success of the Palm Beach Insurance Company which he said had proved that given a chance Africans would compete favourably with their foreign counterparts.

Professor Odenigwe spoke of the need for Nigerians in all walks of life to make provisions for the uncertainties of the future by ensuring

that they buy insurance policies.

The Commissioner noted that the Palm Beach House was a great credit to the founders and directors of the company.

Dr B. U. Nzeribe, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company in his own speech announced that his company had survived all the teething problems and had been fully recognised by the Federal Military Government as an insurance company that was fully indigenous.

Dr Nzeribe asserted that the progress of his company was a proof that Africans may Nigerians could effectively manage their business well, if not better than their foreign counterparts.

Some Staff promotions and awards of certificates of merit were made during the ceremony.

Traditional rulers from some parts of the Federation attended the ceremony which featured traditional dances.

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Using The Waste

The TPI is developing a fish silage carbohydrate product aimed at using all this waste. "The fish is hydrolysed under acid conditions; a carbohydrate filler, such as cassava is added, and the result dried in the sun," he said. "It has been tested as an animal food supplement."

Mr Disney emphasised that in each case the TPI was trying to find the best solution for small scale fisheries. "This means simple systems with very elementary equipment. No sophisticated technology."

Training in fish preservation is one of the major activities of the fish and meat section. It acts for Britain's Ministry of Overseas Development (ODM), which is supporting more than 20 students on a one year diploma course in fish management at the technical college at Grimsby, a fishing port on the English east coast.

There also is a six month course on quality and processing of prawns. Another course will be held at Grimsby in September for 15 to 20 students.

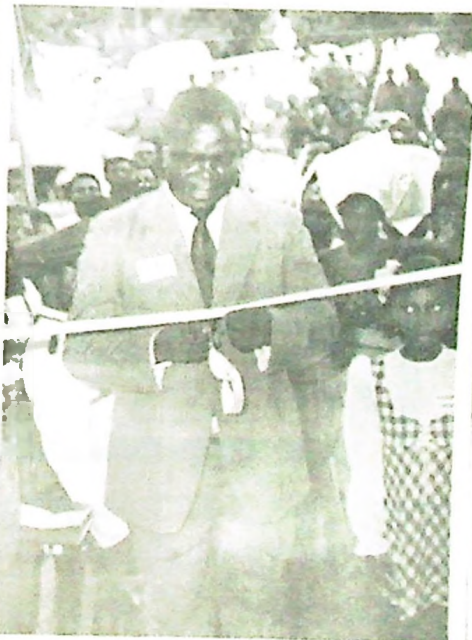
After the conference in July there was a tour of fish markets, processing plants and research organisations in England and Scotland.

The TPI is a scientific unit of ODM and its function is to help tropical countries derive greater benefit from their renewable natural resources.

Send off party

A week-end party was held recently in the residence of the managing director of BFWAC Limited, Mr G. D. Harding, to mark the retirement and departure from Nigeria of the company's sales director, Mr D. E. Reid.

Presented talking at the party are (from left) the company's secretary chief accountant, Mr M. O. Arch; the chairman Mr Akintola Williams; and Mr Reid.



Professor Godwin Odenigwe, Anambra State Commissioner for Local Government and Social Development, cutting the tape to declare the Palm Beach House officially opened.

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May her soul rest in perfect peace.

CHIEF S. O. ACHONWA — J. P.

Husband

TAI DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of Tai Development Council at the State School Hall, Kira in Tai Eleme Division on Saturday 7th August, 1976 at 9 a.m.

All members are requested to attend promptly.

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Obituary

The entire people of Rundele in Ikwerre Division regret, but with humility to God's will to announce the death of



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Imo State establishes water body

THE Imo State Government has established the State Water Corporation with the objective of ensuring that all communities in the state were served with pip-borne water.

The state commissioner for Works and Housing, Mr Oghinua Ukelonu made the statement at the inaugural meeting of the board of directors of the corporation at Owerri.

Mr Ukelonu told members that the sixteen water schemes started before the civil war had yet to be taken up for completion.

About 100 towns and semi-urban areas of high population concentration in the state, he

pointed out, according to the federal government policy, qualify for the supply of pip-borne water.

The monetary deposits with either the former government of Eastern Region of Nigeria or the East Central State, Water Board for the supply of water by several institutions and committees, Mr Ukelonu went on, posed a formidable but not insuperable challenge.

He said that since the splitting of the former East Central State and the emergence of the Imo State and Anambra State Water Corporations, there had been a cordial relationship and good cooperation between the sister organisations.

The permanent secretary urged them to let such cordiality with their Anambra State counterparts and other boards in the country be encouraged and sustained.

He stated that it was reasonable that all former EAS Water Board staff, now in Imo State Water Corporation should be regarded as giving unbroken service as with their civil service counterparts.

WIDE PUBLICITY NECESSARY FOR GOVT ACTIVITIES

THE Federal Commissioner for Information, Major-General I. B. M. Okuna has called for the widest possible publicity for government activities as a means of attaining a situation whereby all Nigerians can spontaneously and automatically identify themselves as functionaries responsible for the accomplishment of self-reliance and confidence.

The general made this call in his address to the conference of commissioners responsible for information and culture

which began in Lagos.

The commissioner reminded the commissioners of the importance which the federal

government attached to the publicity and promotion of the image of the great nation both at home and abroad.

The conference, he emphasised, would therefore, concentrate itself in the main with the task of evolving a dynamic and effective publicity programme for news media generally.

The commissioner referred to the conference of information officers held in Kaduna recently and the various committees set up to make recommendations on how best to make government publicity efforts more effective.

He said that the recommendations of those committees should form the basis on which the present conference should deliberate.

These recommendations if adopted, would go a long way to evolving a national operations strategy and formulating broad principles and guidelines towards harmonisation of federal and state governments publicity and national systems necessary for effective publicity to enhance our social, economic, cultural and political problems, he noted.

High fees in hospitals condemned

DISPITE the take-over of mission hospitals in Oyo, Ogun and Ondo States by the governments, hospitals' charges continue to skyrocket.

The general secretary of the Oyo, Ogun and Ondo States branch of the Medical and Health Department Workers Union of Nigeria, Mr P. O. Awe, revealed this and called on the governments of the states concerned to peg charges in mission hospitals.

He said the step would ensure that government efforts at offering medical care to poor people in the states at reasonable costs were effectively carried out.

The secretary suggested that to ensure a uniform system of health delivery throughout the country, the federal government should order teaching hospitals not to discriminate in the treatment of patients.

They should not only treat serious cases, but all types of cases because the hospitals belong to Nigerians and they are for Nigerians, he noted.

The secretary also suggested a uniform condition of service for all medical staff including para-medical, auxiliary and general workers throughout the country. He said this would eradicate the impression that workers in teaching hospitals were superior to those in other hospitals in the country.

Mr Awe stated that if these demands were not corrected now, the federal government would continue to face the problem of harmonisation between the teaching and other hospitals and that it would affect the efficiency of the work in teaching hospitals.

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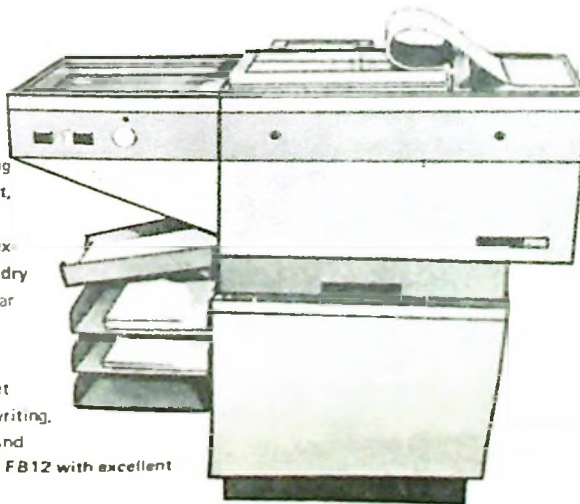
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EUGENE OKAFOR, Sharks' right-out striker.

A HUMOUR now spreading like a wild fire in Port Harcourt has threatened the solidarity of two first division football clubs in the Rivers State.

A reliable source yesterday had it that application forms for recruitment of players into an alleged new club "The Spartans" of Abia in Imo State have been circulated to some members of the Sharks and NPA Clubs of Port Harcourt.

The source further revealed that about seven players in the above mentioned clubs have so far received the said recruitment forms.

Further investigation into the rumour indicates that NPA club might likely lose Okafor.

NPA, SHARKS

that Harcourt captain Ayoko Nwabaku, Uduh Bantia, and Okeke Lobo, while Ugoye Nwibe, Emense Gbofor and Edwin Amadi have been named as members of Sharks Club who have also received the recruitment forms.

The rumour came to a near credibility as the NPA camp where it was alleged that the players named, had expressed their willingness to fill registration forms for the 1976/77 football

Cup competition.

Detailed enquiry into the rumour with some of the above named players showed that they have already received contact forms from the Spartans Club of Abia and were willing to go over because according to them, "the offer is very attractive".

But on contact, an NPA source said so far, none of our players has resigned from his job with the Authority. After all, we are permanent staff who only participate in sports as amateurs.

Coach Sestair had this to say when questioned on the issue: "Well don't you think it's all a rumour. Any of the boys are intent on taking their training seriously."

'Eagles'

move up

AMIDST tremendous reaction from a crowd of over 30,000 fans, the Nigerian Green Eagles' scored a first victory in their soccer team of Cross, when they topped the Kwangwani Provincial N.F.C.

Playing their first in a series of international challenge matches billed for this month in Cross, the Eagles' thrashed a stunned crowded stadium with their first sweeping attack, that left the Kwangwani side completely baffled for quite a while.

A balanced soccer had sparked up later, but the Eagles' found the Kwangwani team's home advantage to nullify them.

'Sky Power' still tops

THE leading Nigerian amateur wrestler, David Onuora, alias "Alhaji Sky Power" last week-end confirmed his class when he outpointed Alhaji Tajudeen Ogunlana, a final year student of the Anwar-Ud-Deen College, Agege, at the Sports Hall, National Stadium, Surulere during the fifth monthly wrestling tournament.

"Alhaji Sky Power" has won all his fights since the monthly tournament was introduced in March, this year, by the Nigerian Amateur Wrestling Association.

Last month at the same venue he outclassed Roger Adigolo in three-round three-minute contest that provoked tremendous cheers from the crowd.

For "Alhaji Sky Power" the sky is the limit as to what height he could attain in wrestling not only in Nigeria but also in the international scene.

Last week-end's contest against Tajudeen could not readily be predicted as both wrestlers displayed mature techniques.

But in the second round, David Onuora took advantage of an arm-lock, carried Tajudeen shoulder high and laid his opponent on the mat.



Did you know that kid also wrestle? Well, look at the above picture as Abayomi Williams takes a stomach drive on his most mate Paul Sowun. It all happened at the end-of-month tournament at the Sports Hall, National Stadium, Surulere.



HARRIS OKAGBUE, NPA defender and captain.

Nigeria is venue for IMSF in 1978

Nigeria is to host the boxing championships of the International Military Sports Festival in 1978.

Arrangements to this effect have commenced, the chairman of the Nigerian Arms Boxing Association, Colonel Whyte John Ukor has announced.

At the last championships held in America last year, Nigeria finished second ahead of Italy, Mexico, Iraq, Iran, Ivory Coast and USA.

Hopes high

Meanwhile, 11 boxers will represent the country at this year's championships coming up in Accra, Ghana from October 16-25.

The squad will be picked after a series of trial tournaments already lined up.

Prior to the Accra championships, the Nigerian squad will undertake a warm-up tour of some East African countries.

Col Ukor assured that everything possible would be done to ensure that Nigeria emerged winners of this year's tournament.

The country's military boxing team will comprise mostly those who went to the ill-fated Montreal Olympics in Canada.

These include Oshin, Nwagwu, Davidson, Aduki and Sam Oshola.

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Was it in Victoria Division Two, should manage a three goal margin at Rovers, who defence is not all that reliable.

Thursday, August 6, 1976

Priest dies at 130

THE death has occurred at Ndele in the Ikwerre Division of the Rivers State of a man believed to have lived for 130 years.

The man, Priest Ogwum Chinda of Omfo in Ndele, was until his

death, the high priest of Eliwke Rundu.

According to an announcement from the paramount chief of the area, Chief S. I. Alete, the entire town has declared an eight-day

mourning for the late priest who was described as a custodian of the culture and traditions of the people.

Meanwhile, funeral arrangements are being made to give him a befitting burial.

700 PENSIONERS IN DILEMMA

OWING to an alleged blunder by the officials of the Aba sub-treasury in Imo State, more than 700 pensioners in the former Aba province did not get their old age pay last month, and may never be paid again until July 1977.

The blunder followed the misinterpretation of a Federal Ministry of Establishments' (Pensions and Gratuities Division) circular to secretaries to the state military governments in October 1975.

**1-year
of hard
time
in view**

The circular, titled "Reversion of Pension Rates" had given directives on the "approved increases in rates of pensioners throughout the federation, as well as "approved" interim awards to the pensioners.

The directives were said to have been misinterpreted by officials of the Aba government sub-treasury, who allegedly paid out lump sums of money, totalling N77,427.07 to the pensioners in the former Aba province last January, as "Udoji arrears."



MR. A. E. EKUKINAM
Federal Commissioner for Finance.

urgent." It was signed by the president general of the association, Chief David Ike.

Chief Ike later told the Nigerian Tide that the pension scheme was introduced by the colonial government in Nigeria as "an act of God," and wondered why the present deductions from their allowances as a result of a blunder that was not theirs was being made in a rather ruthless manner, even though, he claimed the governments of Anambra and Imo States still owed pensioners arrears for thirty-one months from 1967.

A treasury official in Aba has criticised the deductions from the pensioner's pay.

But six months later, when the pensioners went to the sub-treasury for their usual monthly pay, apparently joyous over the "windfall" of the last six months, they were told that the arrears earlier paid to them were made in error and that they should go home and come back in July 1977, when further payments to them might be resumed.

It was explained to them that this was because deductions from their allowances as a result of the wrong payment of arrears would continue until July, 1977.

At the end of last month (July) nothing was paid to majority of the pensioners, while others received N10, four kobo, 10 kobo and one kobo respectively for the month.

Yesterday in Aba, an identically worded SOV telegram, sent to the Aba Resident, the Imo State Military Governor and the Ministry of Establishments by the Association of Retired Civil Servants, was released to the press.

The telegram reads: "Aba pensioners in great distress. Monthly allowance not to be paid till July 1977. Death toll high due to hunger and heart break. Many lying spectrally near of financial ruin. All negotiations with treasury authorities collapsed. Demand: His Excellency's intervention and

Federal officers due PH

A TEAM of 40 senior civil servants of the Federal Military Government, who are currently on induction course, will pay a five-day visit to the Rivers State beginning on Monday, August 9.

This was contained in a release issued yesterday by the Rivers State Ministry of Establishments and Training, Port Harcourt.

The federal officers will during their stay make a courtesy call on the secretary to the military government, the Commissioner for Establishments and Training and visit other establishments in the state.

OBITUARY

With gratitude to God for a life well spent, we announce the death of our beloved father, husband, and brother



EDMUND SEKIBO ADOKI Esq
(Aged 77 years)

which sad event took place at the R.N.H. Port Harcourt on Saturday 24th July, 1976.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Funeral arrangements

Friday 6th August 1976 11:00 p.m. — Commemorative Service at St. Cecilia's Church, P.H.
1 p.m. — Body leaves for Okrika by road.

9 p.m. — All-night wake-keeping and body lying in state at Chief Adoki's compound Okrika.

Saturday 7th August 1 p.m. — Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church Okrika. Interment after service.

All sympathies are welcome.

Chief S. D. Adoki
For the Family



P.E. CONFAB ENDS

The annual conference of the national association of physical health education and recreation has taken place in Benoni, capital of Bendi State. It was addressed by the President of Bendi State (NAPHER), Mr. E. E. Ekwueme. Herr, Mr. Ekwueme is seen addressing the conference.