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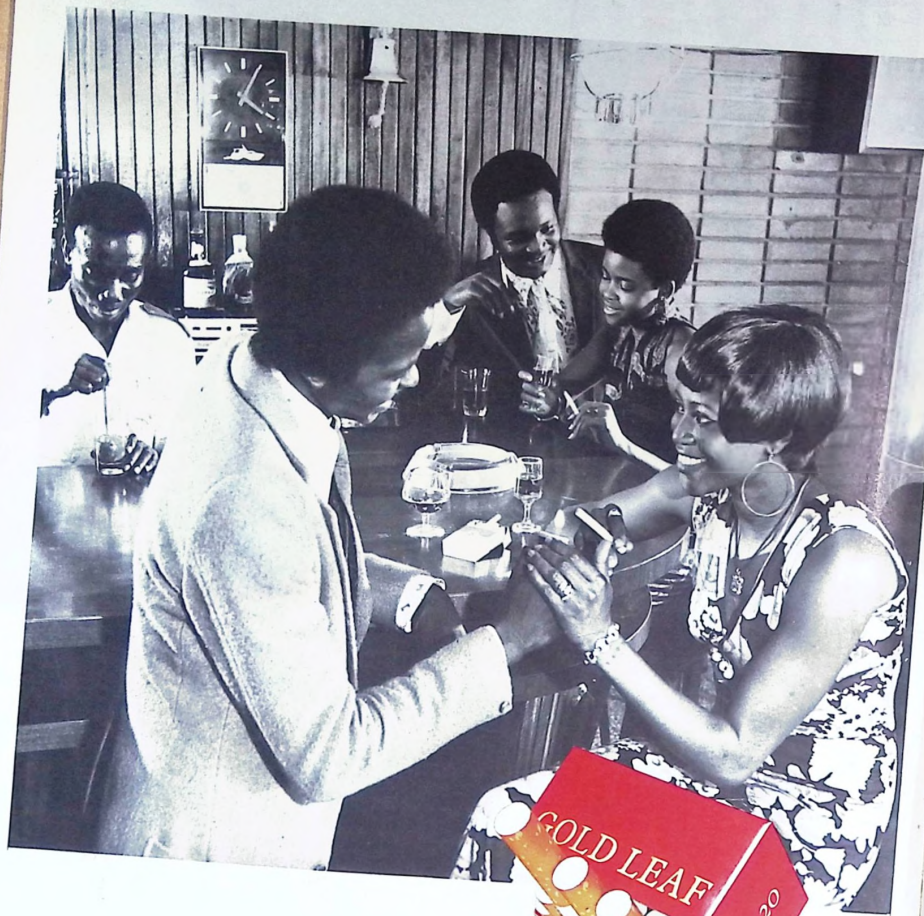
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Sheikh Yahya Hussein needs no introduction to readers in East Africa. He is one of the Continent's most popular astrologers. His popularity is clearly demonstrated at a Nairobi event where, as our picture shows, he was surrounded by palm-waving fans, all anxious to hear what the future has in store for them. Amongst the Sheikh's most notable predictions were China's entry into the United Nations, President Nixon's visit to China and the 1971 Uganda coup.

Meet 'Miss Press'

"Miss Nigerian Press 1973" was chosen at a dance in Ibadan to mark this year's Convention of the Newspaper Proprietors Association (NPA). She is Miss Funmilayo Adebayo, aged 22 years, of Oyo. The NPA arranged for the beauty queen to tour Lagos, where she visited the head office of Drum Publications (Nigeria) Ltd., at Ebute-Metta. On behalf of the staff, DRUM Editor Olu Adetule, presented a gift of one-year subscription to DRUM and TRUST magazines.

Left to right in our picture are Olu Adetule, Mr. Bayo Akinwunmi (a director of DRUM), Miss Adebayo, Mr. Ososame (an executive of the NPA) and Miss Dupe Udumosu, escort to Miss Adebayo.



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FROM Grace to Grass. This is true of Chief Samuel Taiwo Oredain, who is presently serving a sentence of life imprisonment for being the brain behind a gang of armed robbers.

Oredain, now aged 61, shocked many people in and outside Nigeria. Here was a man who enjoyed an international reputation as the greatest political organizer in Nigeria. He was one of eight Nigerians who formed the Action Group at a meeting in the Oke-Ado residence of Chief Obafemi Awolowo on March 26, 1950. At the party's inaugural conference in Owo, from April 28-29, 1951, he was appointed its first Administrative Secretary. In 1958, in a re-organisation of the party machinery, he was appointed Principal Organising Secretary of the Group.

Many leading members made sure that they remained in the good books of Oredain. He was called "S. Troublesome" by many AG leaders, an alias which was given to him in appreciation of his proven organisational ability and the fact that he was the AG's No. 1 trouble-shooter. As the principal organizer of the group he was also in charge of the security of the party, and therefore, the party thugs (all former Nigerian parties had their own thugs) called "party stalwarts".

He could, therefore, make life difficult for many politicians even had the authority to issue a query even to AG, Government Cabinet Ministers or the Chairmen of Statutory Corporations.

In a query to a certain minister in the Western Regional Government, filed in AG constituency File No. 55 and dated August 2, 1957, Oredain informed the minister of numerous complaints alleging that the minister had been guilty of neglecting his constituency. Oredain also claimed in the query that the Deputy Leader (then the late Chief Akinola) "felt very much distressed about this and requests that you should take immediate steps to meet the legitimate desire of the people. In the circumstances, I

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DISGRACE and tragedy reflected in his face, the infamous Samuel Oredain is escorted to the "Black Maria" during his trial.

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State, and now Commissioner in Charge of Force C.I.D., Ikoyi, testified for the prosecution. He told the trial judge that Dumeh was arrested by his men in connection with the robbery along Ilorin-Bacita road on April 13, 1971. He said that his men established that Dumeh and one Lieutenant Usman took part in the highway robbery. Mr. Adequi spoke of the unco-operative attitude of the three accused police officers by their refusal to release Lt. Usman to the police from Ilorin.

The three officers, he went on, arrested and locked up, on trumped-up charges, the policemen he had sent to Ibadan to investigate the robbery. They threw out his policemen from the police station, Ibadan and put up false charges which were never recorded in any authorised books. Mr. Adequi also spoke of the discovery of Peugeot car No. WQ 1432 which was used in the robbery. Inside it were a number of exhibits used for burglary.

In a reserved judgment on December 28, 1971, Mr. Justice Adesiyun found Oredcin and the three police officers "guilty" as charged. The Judge recalled Oredcin's earlier statement that he was a nation-builder, but said that it was equally true that Oredcin was one of the unpatriotic citizens who were trying to destroy Nigeria. Turning to Oredcin, Njovens, Bello and Abidogun, the Judge declared: "If you have any conscience, you should drop your heads in shame". He observed that they were lucky men that they were not caught by the amendment to the Robbery and Firearms Decree, which provides death by public execution, also for those who aid and abet armed robbery.

Justice Adesiyun pointed out that although the law provided for a fine or caning for part one of the offence, he would do neither of the two. He said: I will not fine you because this State (Kwara) does not require blood money like that Judas Iscariot was trying to give out after he had betrayed Jesus Christ. And I will not order caning because of your age."

In his plea for leniency, Oredcin said, among other things: "First it was the treasonable felony and conspiracy trial, but I was acquitted at the Supreme Court. Second, the Aberlenla Murder trial came, and I was in custody for 11 months before I was freed at Ijebu-de High Court."

The Judge sentenced each of the four men to life

imprisonment. Oredcin was born in Ogere, town in Ijebu Remo Division of the Western State in February 1913. He was educated at Anglican Primary School, Ogere and later worked as a teacher at the C.M.S. Primary School, Lagos. He later worked as a typist in the service of a tobacco company and later as secretary-typist to the factory manager. He later served as secretary of the British American Tobacco Company Worker's Union and an executive member of the old Trade Union Congress. In 1957, Oredcin was sponsored by the Action Group to study Political party organisation in Britain. He distinguished himself during the course. At a send-off party in London given in his honour after his course of study, spokesmen of both the Conservative and Labour Parties paid glowing tributes to Oredcin's organisational ability and political strategy. After his return to Nigeria, he published a pamphlet on party organisation which was widely circulated among AG leaders, officials and members.

The Big Four get 'life'

With the military ban on political activities after the first coup d'etat, Chief Oredcin became a businessman. Even if he had chosen to remain idle, he could still live comfortably on his acquisitions. But his insatiable lust for wealth prevented him from counting his blessings. By his crime, he has brought disgrace to himself and many other people.

As for the police officers—Patrick Njovens, Yesufu Bello, and Alhaji Amusa Abidogun, the ignominious end to their careers in the Nigeria Police Force is symbolic of the bad end to which all corrupt police officers must come.

It is also a warning to other people in Nigeria and elsewhere that Nemesis, the goddess of retributive justice, will certainly catch up with anyone who brings other people to ruin so as to be able to live in luxury. It is sad that the men who are paid handsome salaries from public funds, rather than protect the public interest and the image of the Police Force, chose to protect the criminal interests of highway robbers.

Oredcin and the robber-cop had appealed to the Supreme Court in Lagos, the highest Court in Nigeria, against their conviction. They were discharged and acquitted on seven of the nine counts against them. But the Court dismissed their appeal on two counts: Oredcin and his robber-cop friends are now serving life imprisonment. They deserve it!

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Oredein gang take 'oath of secrecy'

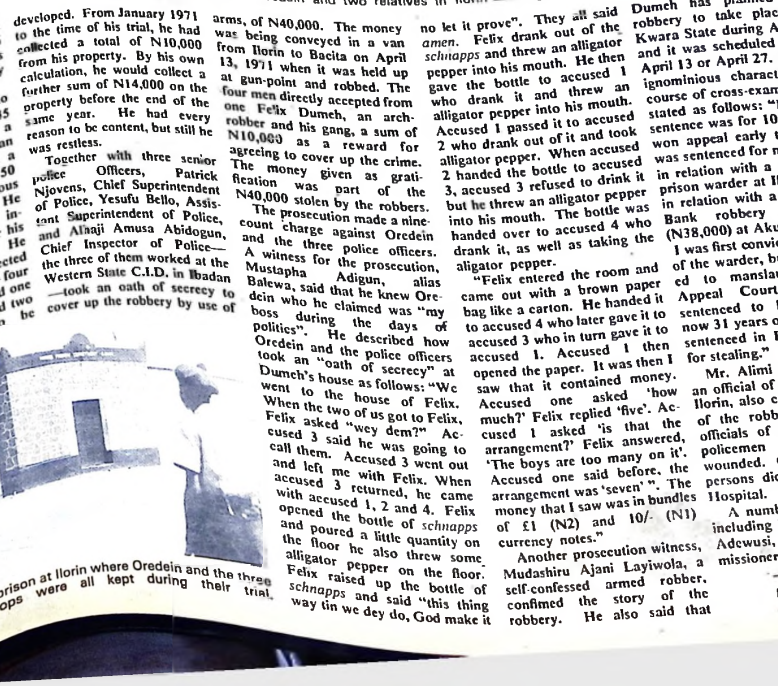
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 am to request you prepare an itinerary and proceed to your constituency without delay. A copy of the itinerary should be forwarded to the Deputy Leader and the Secretariat".
 Shortly before each general election, either into local councils or into any legislature in any part of the country, the parcels entrusted enough funds to Oredein to enable him to organise to ensure the success of each candidate of the party. He also had a fleet of private cars, vans and lorries at his beck and call. Oredein preferred the role of a political king-maker. He never sought to contest any election, although it was certain that he would have won, in any part of Igbu Province. He never asked to be put on the Board of any government company or corporation, although he knew no minister could say "No" to him if he asked for such an appointment. Oredein was paid a salary which was as fat as that of a senior minister. His average allowances in one month were sometimes more than some monthly salary he regularly kept in funds by the AG which was reputed to be used in rewarding loyalty and

developed. From January 1971 to the time of his trial, he had collected a total of N10,000 from his property. By his own calculation, he would collect a further sum of N14,000 on the property before the end of the same year. He had every reason to be content, but still he was restless.
 Together with three senior police officers, Patrick Njovens, Chief Superintendent of Police, Yusufu Bello, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Alhaji Amusa Abidogun, Chief Inspector of Police—the three of them worked at the Western State C.I.D. in Ibadan—took an oath of secrecy to cover up the robbery by use of arms, of N40,000. The money was being conveyed in a van from Ilorin to Baeta on April 13, 1971 when it was held up at gun-point and robbed. The four men directly accepted from one Felix Dumeh, an arch-robber and his gang, a sum of N10,000 as a reward for agreeing to cover up the crime. The money given as gratification was part of the N40,000 stolen by the robbers. The prosecution made a nine-count charge against Oredein and the three police officers. A witness for the prosecution, Mustapha Adigun, alias Batawa, said that he knew Oredein who he claimed was "my boss" during the days of Oredein and the police officers took an "oath of secrecy" at Dumeh's house as follows: "We went to the house of Felix. When the two of us got to Felix, Felix asked 'wey dem?'". Accused 3 said he was going to call them. Accused 3 went out and left me with Felix. When accused 3 returned, he came with accused 1, 2 and 4. Felix opened the bottle of schnapps and poured a little quantity on the floor he also threw some. Felix raised up the bottle of schnapps and said "this thing way tin we dey do, God make it

no let it prove". They all said amen. Felix drank out of the schnapps and threw an alligator pepper into his mouth. He then gave the bottle to accused 1 who drank it and threw an alligator pepper into his mouth. Accused 1 passed it to and took 2 who drank out of it and threw alligator pepper. When accused 2 handed the bottle to accused 3, accused 3 refused to drink it but he threw an alligator pepper into his mouth. The bottle was handed over to accused 4 who drank it, as well as taking the alligator pepper.
 "Felix entered the room and came out with a brown paper bag like a carton. He handed it to accused 4 who later gave it to accused 3 who in turn gave it to accused 1. Accused 1 then opened the paper. It was then I saw that it contained money. Accused one asked 'how much?' Felix replied 'five'. Accused 1 asked 'is that the arrangement?' Felix answered, 'The boys are too many on it'. Accused one said before, 'The arrangement was 'seven''. The money that I saw was in bundles of £1 (N2) and 10/- (N1) currency notes."
 Another prosecution witness, Mudashiru Ajani Layiwola, a self-confessed armed robber, confirmed the story of the robbery. He also said that

Dumeh has planned robbery to take place Kwara State during April 13 or April 27. His ignominious character course of cross-examination stated as follows: "My sentence was for 10 years won appeal early this was sentenced for ma in relation with a Cc prison warder at Iles! in relation with a C Bank robbery of (N38,000) at Akure. I was first convicted of the warder, but I ed to manslaughter. Appeal Court a sentenced to 10 now 31 years of age sentenced in Lagos for stealing."
 Mr. Alimi Ade an official of Baro Ilorin, also confirm of the robbery of the policemen we wounded. One persons died at Hospital.
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SUNNY ADE's glorious career as a musician started at the age of 15. To the annoyance of his parents, he became a sort of apprentice to an Ibo man who was a cook-tendant in a house in Oshogbo where his father worked for the Department of Posts and Telegraph. The Ibo man, Mr. Okonua, was an amateur guitarist who tried to imitate the style of the late Nnamas.

Sunny recalled: "I used to accompany the man with a queer set of instruments. It composed a pair of cigarette tin lids. By rubbing their backs caressingly against each other, I produced some kind of music which went down well with the guitar".

His parents regarded this as a waste of time. But because Sunny often studied at his books at night, they did not stop his musical tricks. When Sunny finished primary school education at the African School, Oshogbo, his parents enrolled him — much to his annoyance — at St. Charles' Grammar School Oshogbo. He went up to class four in the school and left in 1962.

He insisted that he wanted to be a musician. His parents bluntly refused to approve. Sunny renewed his contact with a Mr. Deji Oyeleye, who had already settled in Lagos as a member of a juju band, founded and led by Mr. Moses Olaiya, alias 'Baba Sala', who is today the most popular comedian in Nigeria. Mr. Oyeleye encouraged Sunny to come to Lagos.

Sunny says: "I told my parents that I was going on an excursion of old and present students of my former school to Lagos. I arrived in Lagos in February, 1963. It was my first visit to the city. Mr. Moses Olaiya kindly took me on and put me on the conga. Within a week, I could play the conga fairly well. Then, Mr. Olaiya — God bless him — bought a guitar for me and I started to learn how to play it. Before I left Oshogbo, my Ibo mentor had taught me some simple scales. So, I picked up on there".

Shortly after his arrival in Lagos, Sunny had sent a telegram to his parents informing them that he had decided to settle down in Lagos and learn music. His father promptly despatched his mother and his sister to bring him back to Oshogbo. His mother protested to Mr. Olaiya in very strong terms and insisted that Sunny must come with him back to his father.

"Mr. Olaiya," Sunny said, "ex-



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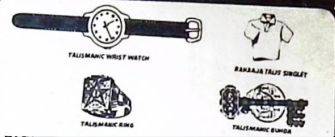
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LET'S GO

Nigeria's prostitutes are campaigning for recognition as a fully-fledged, paid-up trades union! ADENIYI IBITOYE reports on the state of the "oldest profession."

OFTEN looked down upon by the very people who patronise them, Nigerian prostitutes have now found a forum from which to fight their cause and keep their own place of "honour" within the Federation.

The bachelor boy who has for a long time played on the generosity of his Nigerian good-time women may now have to reconsider whether to adhere to the strict rules evolved by the Nigerian Union of Prostitutes (NUP) or get married to a woman of his choice after all.

The prostitutes want recognition by having their union's name included in the Statute Book as the Nigerian Union of Prostitutes, with its headquarters in Lagos. This would give them legal backing and an opportunity to canvass membership among the various grades of prostitutes in Nigeria.

Once the prostitutes fought for Nigerianisation in the face of stiff opposition from alien prostitutes. They have not completely succeeded. Now, in an attempt to have a place under the sun, some of the local prostitutes had to launch a union in 1973 and even employed a legal authority to draft their constitution.

Again, it may not be easy for them to obtain recognition because the public is against a situation which gives licence to people to practise immoral acts.

But a founding member of the unrecognised union, who was for three months a full-time organiser of NUP before she resigned on a matter of principle, 27-year-old Doris, has described the behaviour of the public to her former association and spoke of "hypocritical Nigerian men who come to us at night times but see us as a menace to society in the day time."

Doris, who is an authority on the formation of NUP, has herself resigned over a matter of principle which had to do with a clause in the Union constitution which stipulates that "part-time prostitutes" should be excluded.

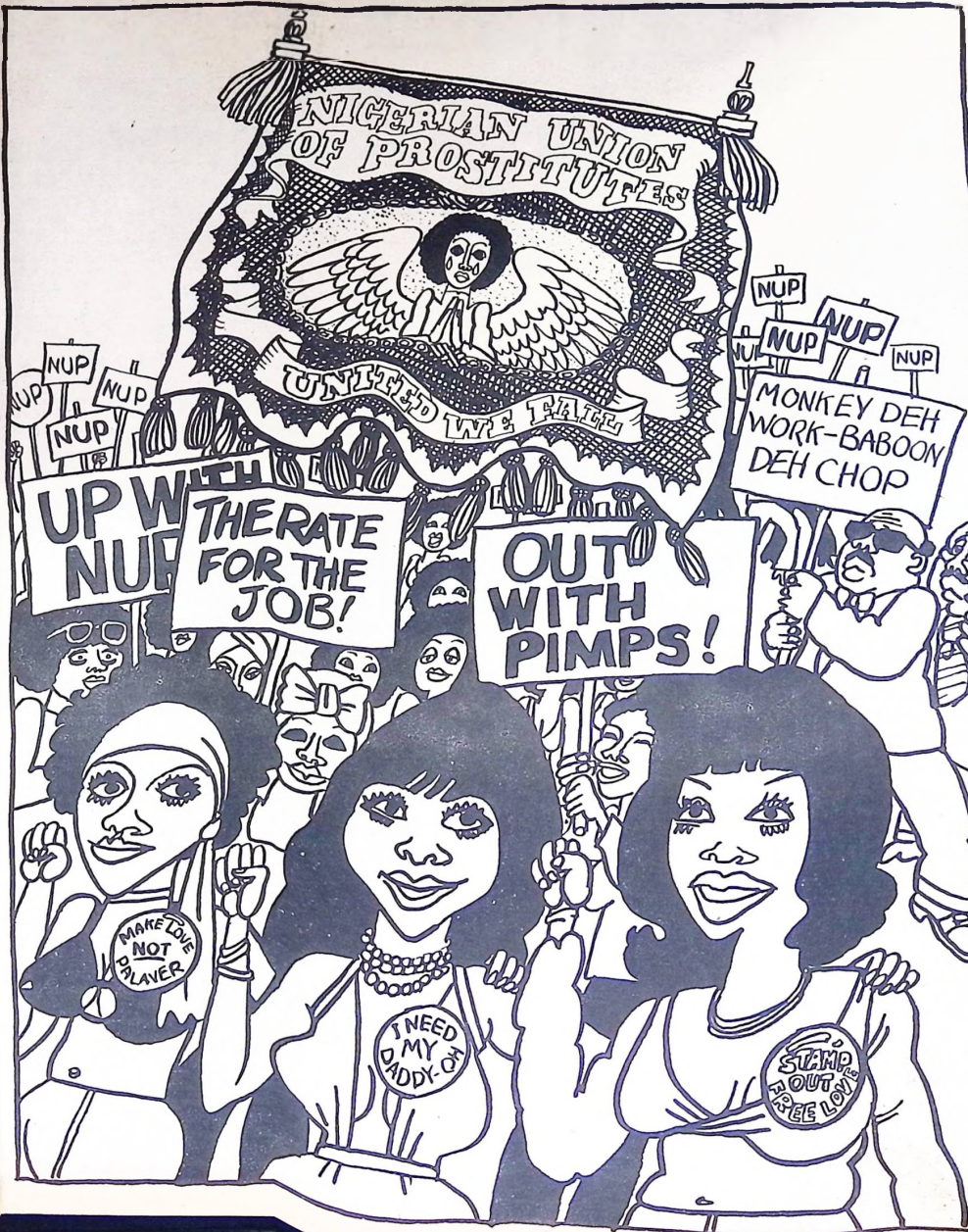
But, despite its fighting and infringements of the Union Constitution by some of the "low caste" prostitutes, NUP continues to wax strong among "high caste" prostitutes in places like Lagos, Ibadan, Kofuna and Enugu.

The framers of the Union's Constitution did not have the thought of taking the "lower castes" group of prostitutes along with the "high ups". For example, one clause in the constitution forbids members from soliciting for men on the highways or at open places.

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that they are free from disease.

The idea of prostitutes living together and operating business in a single room or by way of taking their turns in bed was to be abolished.

By scrupulously following the dictates of NUP's constitution, it will be difficult for any girl or woman to wake up one day and proclaim herself a prostitute and solicit for male customers. Would-be prostitutes must undergo an induction training for three days to learn the acceptable standards of treating customers under the strict supervision of a long-standing, professional prostitute.

Even then a prostitute is not fully initiated. She will have to pay a membership fee of 10.5 Naira and agree to pay a yearly fee of 4.2 Naira.

Obtaining a membership card is not all that matters; playing the rules of the game is equally important. Housewives, who in recent years have been allowed to the profession, would not be rubbed into the Union.

The policy of NUP on this is simple: "Remain a housewife or a full time prostitute." NUP has accused the housewives in the profession of abusing the ethics of prostitution. They are afraid "in case the husband is around" so that they go about the work fearfully and without finesse.

Also, the institution of guardianship has to be abolished. I.e. the idea that newcomers to the profession have their own backers out of the "old timers" in the profession who take fees for their upbringing.

The NUP is, as well, out to discourage monopoly of male customers, especially by young and beautiful members of the Union. This means that when a particular prostitute is busy with a customer, other men who want to have their own rounds with her should not wait until she finishes but should engage other prostitutes.

NUP would like to punish disobedient members by suspending them or banishing them from the "profession". But NUP will be prepared to fight the cause of any aggrieved member, even to the point of prosecuting cases in the law courts through their own solicitors. The Union would also like to maintain a national secretariat in Lagos with branch offices in the State capitals.

But the Union bases all its plans, strategies and social innovations on the willingness of their male customers to be unrepentant in their patronage now that the cost of taking a prostitute to bed has been doubled by the Union order.

Among the Junior grades of NUP's members, the lowest amount a customer can pay for a round of love making is 75 kobo (7/6d). Before the order a similar round would only cost between 20 kobo (2/-) or 50 kobo (5/-).

For this grade, too, a night out with a customer could earn the prostitute

some 5 Naira from about 10-11 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.

This class of prostitutes operates in hired rooms where two to four of them live and practise their "profession". Here, too, the norms of secrecy are always kept in abeyance. The majority of them are runaway housewives from the countryside who have deserted their homes to make money in the towns. Some of them too are quite old, having left behind some children with relations, while some of them are girls — some of them young and beautiful — two things that make their meteoric rise possible in the profession.

Some office girls — typists, secretaries, factory hands — apart from their callings have added part-time prostitution to augment their salaries. Their charges are exorbitant since they don't normally go to bed with more than one customer a night. But he must be a customer of means who could afford to give them nothing below 20 Naira a night between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The other grade consists of real professionals. They are found among women generally referred to in Nigeria as the "Beentoes", i.e. Nigerians who have had cause to stay in some foreign countries, especially some of them who have come back, frustrated with lack of achievement, and have taken to prostitution as a last resort.

Others in their group are women who live alone and proclaim to the world that they are "business" women. But in reality they are business women without an office or shop to sell their

wares except their prowess in trading by hawker with sex and Naira.

Members of this group tend to be snobs. They don't normally patronise brothels or club houses but take wages from clients at an approved date of the month.

Clients are welcome to their flats at random. Drinks are served by debiting male customers who normally pay off their debts whenever they pay for the services of their women clients.

This class of prostitute uses incomes derived from prostitution to acquire property, boutiques, transportation businesses and some types of contract work. These are the brains behind the formation of NUP.

By banking on their influence and their ability to pull strings, these professional prostitutes believe that NUP will be recognised, thus leaving them to play the "father-figure" in the organisation.

But their hopes seem to have been dashed. Recognition seems a long way away.

Even if recognition becomes a reality NUP's strict rules would be flouted since they make the operation of the profession uneasy for the underdogs.

The exorbitant charges are bound to put-off customers. And the strict lines of demarcation will limit prostitutes from practising anywhere. The issue of membership cards, plus the general opprobrium of the Nigerian public, may have all combined to kill the HUP even before it enters the statute book.

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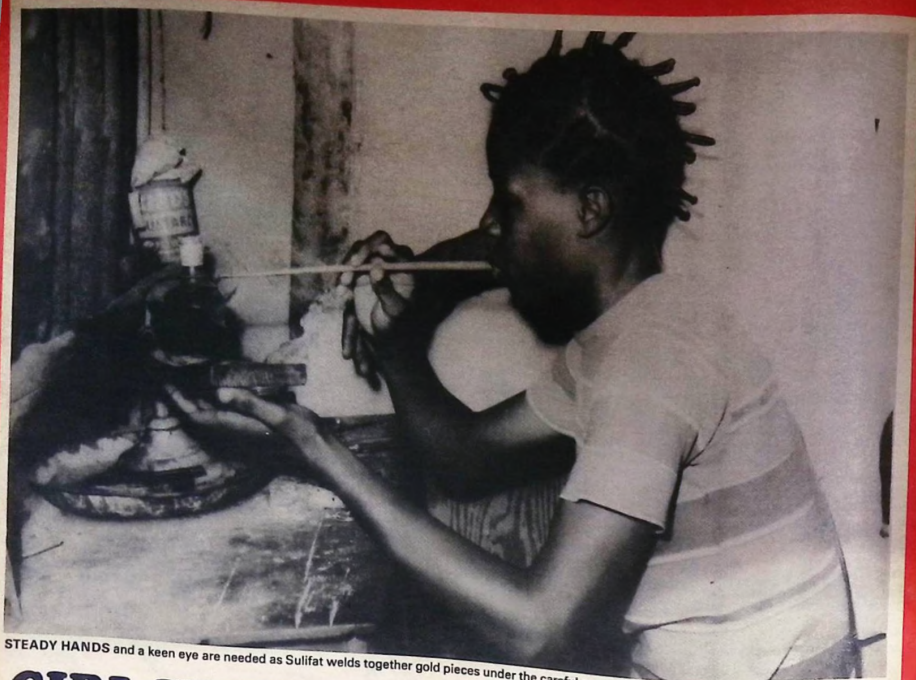
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Our photographer Dapo Saba went to see Miss Akanni at work at Ife, in the Lagos mainland. She said: "I had always wanted to be a goldsmith since I was old enough to think about a career. The idea of being a goldsmith came into my mind when my mother sent me to collect her gold trinkets from some goldsmiths.

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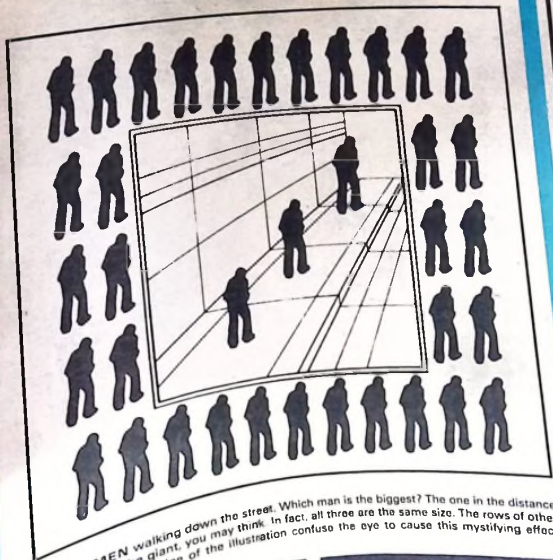


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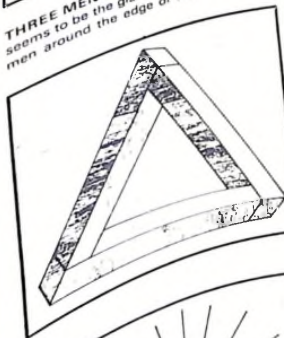


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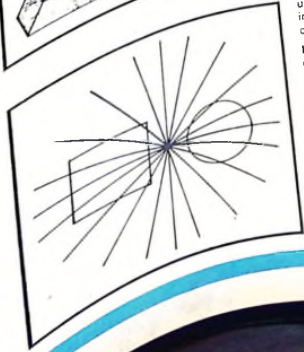
THREE MEN walking down the street. Which man is the biggest? The one in the distance seems to be the giant, you may think. In fact, all three are the same size. The rows of other men around the edge of the illustration confuse the eye to cause this mystifying effect.



IS IT POSSIBLE? At first glance (above left) there doesn't seem to be anything unusual about the triangle made from three inter-locking pieces of wood. But if you look closely, it just doesn't make sense!

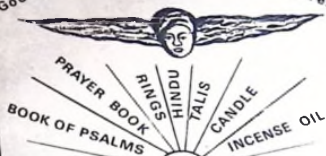
LOOK CAREFULLY (above) at this image used in traditional libation ceremonies in Africa. Do you see other images? If you study the illustration, you'll see that the sides of the cup take the form of a face seen from the side. But perhaps you saw the faces first, and the vase afterwards?

THE SQUARE AND CIRCLE (left) in this drawing seem deformed: that is, the square is crooked and the circle isn't perfectly round. But in fact, they are perfectly formed. It is the mystifying effect of all the lines that has really distorted them.



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OUR pictures, right, capture two of the world's greatest runners each in a moment of triumph. They are Kenya's Ben Jipcho and Filbert Bayi of Tanzania. They put their superlative stamp on the 10th Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand, and thrilled thousands of spectators and millions of television viewers throughout the world with their sheer class.

Jipcho, at the age of 30, went there as a well-established star. And he pressed his claim to athletics greatness even further by winning the 5,000 metres and the 3,000 metres steeplechase, and coming third in the 1,500 metres.

He kept up his run of wins despite the great hullabaloo around the Kenyans, who were accused of jostling in some of the distance track-events. And his big-time temperament transcended the thoughts he must have had about turning professional.

It was battling Ben at his best — his smooth and effortless style concealing the indomitable spirit of a true world-beater.

The other hero of the Games, the Tanzanian army technician Filbert Bayi, went to New Zealand as a relative novice. He had displayed his potential elsewhere, but this was the first severe test for the 20-year-old. How he took the challenge!

He ran the 1,500 metres the hardest way — from the front. Wary of all the tactical manoeuvring that seemed likely, he decided to take the lead from the starting gun. No-one to pace him, no-one to urge him on. And he stayed there! As commentators expected him to start flagging in the last lap, he stepped up the pressure.

It was the last "star" event on the last thrilling day of the Games — and Bayi hit the tape in a superhuman burst to break the world record for the 1,500 metres with a time of 3 min. 32.2 secs.

With Ben Jipcho going from strength to strength even at his relatively mature age, and Bayi with a whole career before him, Africa and the world have not heard the last of them.

And as modern athletics coaching catches up with the youths who are born to run in the highlands of East Africa, and as newcomers to the African athletics squads in East Africa and Nigeria put in better and better performances, the African athletic revolution which was begun by the "master", Kip Keino, is about to explode on the world.



BEN JIPCHO (No. 404) leads the field in the steeplechase from Mogaka (Kenya), as they come over the spectacular water on to win, with Mogaka coming third. It was the first of Ben's three medals in New Zealand. Later he announced his plans

THE GAMES TRIUMPH OF



jump. Jipcho went to turn professional.

FILBERT BAYI (No. 613) in one of the great races of modern athletics. Here he leads the field in the 1,500 metres, pursued by Kenya's Boit and Jipcho. Bayi stayed in front to break the world record — the second man this century to do it by staying ahead

FLYING FIL AND BATTLEING BEN

Another triple for sweet Modupe!



FLYING Nigerian Modupe Oshikoya shows her style over the hurdles in the grueling pentathlon at the Commonwealth Games. She came second overall for a silver.

A YOUNG and likeable Nigerian girl, Modupe Oshikoya, showed the world at the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand earlier in the year that the girl athletes of Africa are not likely to let Africa's men athletes have it all their own way for long.

Modupe won the gold medal for the women's long jump, a silver for the pentathlon and the bronze for the 100 metres hurdles.

Africa's women have, understandably perhaps been slower than the men to make an impact: Miss Oshikoya showed that they will soon master the techniques. In the hurdles race, she was heading for first place before the sixth set of hurdles. Then she lost her stride pattern, smacked over the seventh obstacle and slipped back to third. She still however managed 13.7 sec, a fifth of a second behind the winner.

It was probably the tension of this event which subdued her long jumping: the competition followed 10 minutes later. But the young Nigerian girl found her feet in the fourth round and reached out to a personal best mark of 21ft. 2½in. to take the gold.

The pentathlon, in which Modupe came second, is one of the most testing events in athletics — and includes several different events.

It's not the first time that Modupe has won a clutch of three medals in one Games. DRUM reported last year on her sensational achievement in the All-Africa Games in Lagos when, while still 18 years old, she won gold medals in the 100 metres hurdles, the high jump and the long jump.



TRIPLE triumph... and here Modupe shows off her three Commonwealth Games medals.



ALL-ACTION for Modupe as she leaps into the gold. In the long jump, she beat off all challenges to win the event, achieving her personal best with 21ft. 2½in.



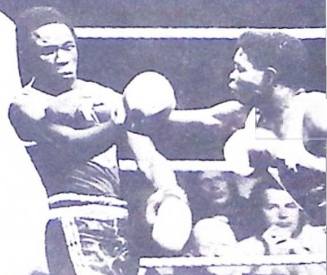
MODUPE seems to be winning in the hurdles — but the English girl next to



MOMENT to remember. Modupe mounts the rostrum, in the place of honour, after winning long jump. With her are second and third girls from Canada.



BOXING victory came to Nigeria when Eddie Ndoh beat Uganda's Odhiambo for the featherweight gold. Nigerian boxers put up one of best team performances.



ANOTHER boxing gold for Nigeria came from Eddie Ndoh (left) who beat Ghana's Anthony Martey in the light-welterweight division to win the gold medal in the Games.

her went on to get the gold. Modupe came third. It had been an action-packed few days.

Hail the Obong of peace

For the first time in a century the Efiks of Nigeria have settled old feuds to make a unanimous choice of a new ruler — as we described last month in DRUM. Here we show in pictures the coronation of the 82-year-old Obong of Calabar. His Highness Edidem Essien Ekpe Oku V, which is one of the most fabulous of Nigeria's many traditional events.

THE new Obong of Calabar, His Highness Essien Ekpe Oku V, is six feet tall and ebony-black in complexion. He is kind, humorous, and soft-spoken. He hails from the Oku Atai group of Efik aborigenes, which settled in Creek town, on the Western sector of Calabar Division. He is married with five children and six grandchildren.

He was educated at the Duke Town School and the famous Hope Waddell College, Calabar. After his secondary education in 1910, he worked as a teacher for four years before joining the colonial Civil Ser-

PLEASE TURN OVER

CROWNED and in ancient robes, the new Obong sits majestically before his people. There were two ceremonies — first at the Efe Asabo, traditional venue for the coronation, and a second crowning at the Presbyterian Church, Calabar.



MOMENT of re-crowning at Church, watched by church and traditional elders.



SWORDS crossed before the new Obong symbolises the authority of his title.

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THE CROSS and the crown, which rests on a velvet cushion before him. These were the moments just before the re-crowning of the new Obong of Calabar.

OBONG OF PEACE continued

vice in 1914. He served at several stations including Jos and Lagos as a draughtsman in the Department of Lands and Survey. He retired in 1947.

From 1951-1953 he took up appointment as Editor of the "Nigerian Daily Standard". Until his selection, he was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church, President of the Creek Town Customary Court and a member of the Obong of Calabar Council.

His late mother was Princess Asuquo Yanibo of Bonny. His father, Asuquo Ekpenyong was a descendant of Ekpe

Oku Iboku, the founder of the Ambo lineage of Efik families at Creek town.

The new Obong has family connections with the Seven Efik clans of Calabar, as well as with the Eluts, whose ancestors migrated from the Cameroons to settle in Calabar. His maternal grandfather, King Yanibo of Bonny, abdicated in 1848 and voluntarily came to Calabar on exile, where he died.

Some historians trace the Efiks from the Sudan to the old Gold Coast and then to parts of present Nigeria. During the migrations, the Efiks scattered into groups and went to various directions. Some passed through Ibo land while others went to Ibibio land before settling down in



STEPPING OUT at a Coronation ball, the new Obong made history the first Calabar ruler to dance in public. The old squabbles had been

Calabar.

One account begins from Palestine to North Africa and then to Nigeria after a brief spell in Ghana. Another source traced the Efiks from the Bantu tribe in Central Africa to Egypt, and from there they wandered southwards to Nigeria. It was during one of these diverse and rather controversial migrations that the *Ntinya*, the symbol of the Obong's power, was removed from the Ibibio of Uruan.

These movements which brought the Efiks into contact with several ethnic groups of people helped to give them a blend of various cultural and traditional characteristics. This has made the Efiks a unique species. With bits from Palestine, Egypt, the

Sudan, Ghana, Ibo and Ibibio the Efiks have emerged with the richest historical and pasts symbolised by the Obong.

New Calabar was founded 250 years ago, according to historical records of Mary's 1899, who reported that "Ephraim Duke family left Calabar and settled at the spot from which they retired in 1880".

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CAUSES OF CHILDLESSNESS

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The large majority of couples entering marriage fully intend to produce children. They may not wish to embark on a pregnancy immediately, but prefer to delay parenthood, in order to give themselves time to achieve both economic security and a stable relationship. Often, this is a very wise decision, particularly for a young couple who, while fully ready for marriage, are not yet ready for the responsibilities of parenthood.

Whatever the decision, one thing is almost certain. Few couples doubt that they will be able to have children, as and when they are ready to do so. They think it will be only necessary to abandon any contraception, continue to enjoy intercourse and then enjoy the birth of a baby nine months later. But infertility is a common problem, and considerable medical research has been made into it, with the result that a great deal is now known about the process of conception and birth.

In order for conception to occur it is necessary for a male sperm to meet a female ovum inside the woman's body, under conditions that make it possible for the fertilised ovum to embed itself in the uterine wall, and grow into a baby. The necessary conditions are these: there must be healthy active ovaries producing fully ripe ova; there must be a clear

passageway from ovary to uterus along which the ovum can travel; there must be a healthy, fully developed uterus with a prepared lining in which the fertilised ovum can embed itself; there must be a healthy vagina and cervix through which sperm can travel to meet the ovum; and there must be healthy sperm deposited in the vault of the vagina, which means the man must have healthy, developed, healthy testicles.

Since the woman is the more important half of the child-bearing couple, we will start by considering the physical causes of feminine infertility.

A general physical illness can have a marked effect on the ability to conceive. This does not mean that an ill woman cannot conceive; far from it. In the past there were many women, past their prime, who, despite severe win, for example, or a malignant tuberculosis, or which they were diseased from which they were dying, who still conceived.

An obvious example is hormonal disease, which has the effect of disturbing the ovaries. There may be local disorders of the reproductive organs. For example, an infection in the vagina or cervix, leading to offensive and copious discharge, possibly makes conception impossible; sperm cannot survive the journey to the uterus.

Inadequate production of mucus by the cervix can also prevent conception. At the time of maximum fertility there is

usually an increase in the cervical secretions, which provides a good medium in which sperms can swim on their way to meet an ovum.

Treatment and cure of any local infection in such a case may lead to conception; but treatment of the inadequate cervical secretion cannot be given so easily. This may be due to disorder in the ovaries (which produce the hormones that encourage the cervix to produce its necessary secretions) and treatment of the ovarian imbalance will therefore be needed.

In a few cases (especially in very young women) the uterus may not yet be mature enough to maintain a pregnancy to full term. What usually happens in these cases is that conception does occur and the fertilised ovum is implanted in the uterine wall, but is thrown out in a spontaneous abortion some time before the third month.

Also there may be blockage of the Fallopian tubes. These tubes have a very fine channel and it takes very little to close them, thus preventing the passage of ovum from ovary to uterus.

Doctors investigating a childless woman may decide to investigate the potency of the Fallopian tubes. This can be done in two ways. An opaque dye can be injected into the uterus and an X-ray picture taken. This will show whether the dye has travelled from the body of the uterus along the Fallopian tubes. It is also possible to blow carbon dioxide into the uterus and along the Fallopian tubes, measuring the degree of resistance it meets. This, too, can show whether or not the tubes are patent.

If there are blocked tubes it is sometimes possible to restore the clearway by means of surgery.

It may be necessary to investigate whether or not ovulation is occurring. One way of doing this is to take the morning temperature regularly and chart it carefully. As we saw before, at the time of ovulation a woman's body temperature takes a small but sharp dip, followed by a rise which is maintained until the menstrual flow starts. The absence of such readings will generally mean that an ovulation just has not occurred. Other more complex investigations can be made to discover the absence of ovulation.

Although the popular belief is that childlessness is always a feminine problem, as many men as women suffer from reduced fertility. They are perfectly potent; that is, they are able to enjoy intercourse and orgasm and eject semen, but the sperm they produce are in some way inadequate. It may be that the man is producing a large

number of sperm but they are not fully developed and therefore incapable of conceiving.

An examination of the wife within a few hours of intercourse will reveal whether or not a man is depositing adequate quantities of healthy sperm at the cervix. Some of the sperm will still be living within her body and can clearly be seen under a microscope. This test is called a *Post-Coital Test*, and is a very valuable one.

If such sperm are not seen, or appear to be of inadequate development, one of the following reasons may be the cause:

The testicles must be at a temperature of around ninety-five degrees Fahrenheit to function properly. This is why they are on the outside of the body — which is usually at around ninety-nine degrees Fahrenheit. If a man wears tight underpants which keep the testicles close to the body they are kept too warm and therefore are unable to function properly. If he gives up wearing this sort of underwear, and wears the loose boxer type pants instead, this may be quite enough to improve his sperm production sufficiently for conception to occur within a few months.

The overweight man may also keep his testicles too warm. Fat people are hotter than thin ones because their circulation has to work harder in order to return blood to the heart.

Loss of weight may be enough to correct the problem.

A great many men suffer from varicose veins which are knotted around one or both testicles. These, too, keep the temperature of the glands much too high. Surgery offers the solution for men with this problem.

In some cases, in addition to dealing with weight and varicose veins of the area (a condition called *varicocele*) such a man may be advised to bathe the testicles in cold water at regular intervals (usually twice a day) for some weeks. This may well have the desired result.

In some cases, permanent damage to the testicles has been suffered; men who have mumps after the age of puberty, and have the complication of *orchitis* (inflammation of the testicles) affecting both glands, may be rendered sterile thereafter. This is very rare. Even in these cases it is possible that some testicular tissue has escaped, and some healthy sperm can be produced. It takes only one to make a baby, so these few too can hope.

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The Curse of Bilharzia

BILHARZIA is a common disease throughout East Africa. It is also found in North Africa and extends from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia into Egypt. The disease comes down the River Nile, and there are pockets of this disease in Ethiopia, Congo and the West Coast of Africa.

Bilharzia is an ancient disease and its parasites have been found in Egyptian mummies of the 20th dynasty, which makes it old enough to be prevalent from 1,000 B.C. Bilharz, an Egyptian, first discovered the parasite in Cairo in 1852 — hence the name of the disease. The involvement of the fresh water snail in the spread of this disease was discovered by Suzuki in Japan and Leiper in Egypt during the First World War (1914-1918).

The life history of bilharzia and the way it spreads is fascinating. For a start, let's see how a man who is suffering from this disease spreads it. The eggs of the bilharzia parasite are passed by this man in his urine or faeces. The eggs settle down into a patch of water and after a time a larva comes out of these eggs. The larva must find a snail within 48 hours or perish. It has to pass through the body of a snail and enter again into water. It then stays in the water until it finds the human skin, through which it enters the human body. The bare feet and legs of a man in infected water provide the necessary opportunity for bilharzia. At this stage the entry is through small veins on the skin. Once it enters the circulatory system, it moves into the liver where it develops into adult male and female.

The adult male is like an elongated leaf rolled up to form a tube in which the female, in the shape of a cylinder, lies in this position. As one expects, the inevitable happens and more eggs are produced. The eggs hatch into the intestine and the bladder and then pass out of the body through faeces and urine: the cycle is completed.

The story of bilharzia revolves therefore around man, snail and water. The control of the disease involves medical treatment of the patient, destruction of snails, and public

health programmes to protect the public from infected waters.

Bilharzia can pass on various types of disease to the human body. When it enters the bladder it can cause blood in the urine. When it gets into the intestine it causes blood in the faeces.

In fact, it can live in any part of the body and can show itself in a variety of ways.

Patients have to be treated and they must certainly be stopped from spreading the disease. Until recently the treatment consisted of a course of very painful and debilitating intramuscular or intravenous injections. The injections themselves were so heavy that during the course, patients were put on a complete rest cure.

Now tablets are on the market which make treatment less painful.

Public health measures to prevent contamination of water with faeces and urine is rigorously undertaken and we in Africa are fortunate to have very strict public health departments to help us.

Finally, destruction of all snails is a great help, because without these snails the life cycle of the bilharzia stops in the middle stage. This is a mammoth job. Another way of preventing the disease from spreading is to avoid going into the infected water with bare feet and legs; this goes a long way in prevention.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Reading difficulty

I am a student, sixteen years old. When I sit in the third row in my class, I cannot see anything written on the blackboard by my teacher. I have to come very close to be able to read what is written. My teacher tells me that I should go and get glasses but a friend of mine got himself cured by using eye drops. Ali, Mombasa, Kenya.
It seems to me that you are probably short-sighted, and will need glasses. There are other causes of not being able to read, which can

be cured by eye drops; it is likely that your friend was suffering from one of these other conditions.

I usually take hot pap to break my fast every morning. Can this give me bad health? And please doctor, how would I know if I have contracted gonorrhoea? P.K., Umuahia, Ibeju, Nigeria.
Akama does not cause any disease, but you should try and vary your diet. Gonorrhoea invariably gives pain on passing urine, and in most cases causes discharge of pus through the urinary passage.

Unpleasant odours

I am 17. My armpits give very unpleasant odours. Also, what treatment would you recommend for my deafness? Worried, Nigeria.

Give more attention to the general cleanliness of your body in general, and armpits in particular. For your second problem, see your doctor who may require you to be examined by an ear, nose, and throat surgeon.

White discharge

I am a twenty-two years old man. My problem is that when I pass water the last few drops are whitish and slightly irritating. I have told

my friends about this and they think that it is a sign of venereal disease. Can you please send me some medicine? Rankie, Zanzibar.

What you describe seems to me like excretion of phosphates, which is quite a normal thing. I think if you drink lots of fluid you will probably dilute the phosphates. The discharge of gonorrhoea is quite different and looks like pus. You can always make sure, however, by taking this discharge to a laboratory for testing.

Only 20 drops

I am a nineteen years old man. When I discharge semen it is no more than twenty drops. This worries me, because I think that I should be discharging a million and a half of sperm.

P.K., Uganda.
In those twenty drops you are in fact discharging two hundred million sperm, so you have no need to worry.

Sight deterioration

I am a boy of eighteen years of age and have been wearing spectacles for the last five years. My number was 1.75 in both eyes when I started wearing glasses; it has since increased to 4.5 in the left eye and 3.5 in the right. I heard from many people that carrot juice is very

good for the eyes and I have been drinking it for the last seven months without any improvement. Please advise me what to do to improve my sight.

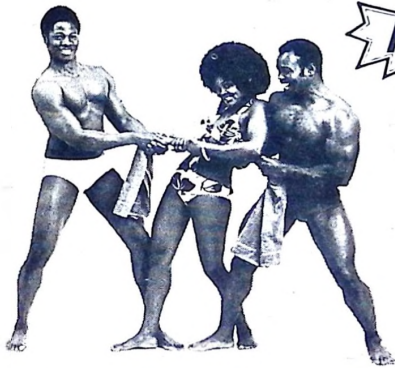
Riyaz, Mombasa, Kenya.
Glasses are used for refractory errors of the eyes. It is very likely that your number will go on increasing until you are about thirty and then it will stop. It is quite normal, and nothing to worry about. Carrot juice is good if the trouble with the eyes is due to vitamin deficiency, but it does not help refractory errors.

I am a nineteen years old man. My problem is that I have an appetite for soil. I eat lumps of soil amounting to about 750 gms. a day. I try to stop it, but I cannot control my appetite. Please help and advise me. Vin, Jinja, Uganda.

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WHAT YOUR DREAM MEANS

In your dream, you are in a group of people setting out on a new adventure. You travel far with these good companions, meeting happily from one experience to another, with a strong awareness of the bond of comradeship which links you all together. But the adventure remains puzzlingly unfulfilled, for there is no clue which indicates your eventual destination. When the dream ends, the puzzle remains: what was the journey all about? This dream indicates the adventurous nature, and the love of good friendship, inherent in the Aries character. But too often those born under the sign of Aries are too easy-going, too companionable, to achieve their greatest ambitions. Mr. Aries is more likely to enjoy life's journey — as in the dream — than eventually to storm the heights of success in his chosen career.



AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21—
FEBRUARY 20

You are entering a period of routine activity after a time of great rush which has had you in something of a whirl. New ideas and schemes will nevertheless gradually take shape, and these long-term plans will be highly favourable.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 21—
MARCH 20

You will have an opportunity to get on with some entertaining which you have had in mind for some time. Your friends will be pleased at the skill of your planning. At home, a newcomer to the family circle gives you joyful news. Romance beckons strongly.

ARIES
MARCH 21—
APRIL 20

A change of surroundings in the near future will give many Aries subjects a fresh slant on life and a chance to make new friends. But old associates should not be overlooked in the excitement. You will feel closer to someone whom you have known for some time.

TAURUS
APRIL 21—
MAY 20

Some news of an old friend with whom you were once very close will come as a pleasant surprise. At home a family dispute drags on, and more time will be needed before a solution is found. You will feel on edge, and nervous of an involvement which began earlier.

GEMINI
MAY 21—
JUNE 20

Personal ambitions are strong, especially for Geminis employed in their own trade or business. But you will be wise to listen to the counsel of others before striking out too quickly. You may find it hard to match the high spirits of a companion.

CANCER
JUNE 21—
JULY 20

There are indications of good progress ahead in your career, although financial gains will not necessarily be spectacular. You may find yourself drawn into an unusual situation concerning an incident in your past which you had almost forgotten.

LEO
JULY 21—
AUGUST 20

You have been awaiting two important decisions, and one of these is about to be made to the benefit of your family and yourself. Socially, you enter a busy period in which hourly help and advice may be needed. Old friends will also rally round.

VIRGO
AUGUST 21—
SEPTEMBER 20

You are in an optimistic mood following a period in which you have enjoyed mixed success both at work and in the home. A new excitement, probably of a romantic nature, emerges to add spice to your personal life. Chance encounters are in the offing.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 21—
OCTOBER 20

A person whom you do not entirely trust will make an effort to involve you in a new course of action. Your fortunes are already on an upward swing, so don't allow yourself to be bulldozed into an involvement you may later regret. Sweethearts enjoy happiness.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 21—
NOVEMBER 20

You are in a leisurely frame of mind and in no hurry to put into effect the various plans you have been considering. You are right to take your time, even though one member of your family may be pressing you for an important decision. Companionship will be strong.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 21—
DECEMBER 20

You will end a quiet month with a sudden burst of activity in which an unexpected visitor will keep you on your toes. News from an official source may be expected to stimulate matters further. Domestic affairs seem dull in comparison.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 21—
JANUARY 20

This is a time to concentrate on urgent affairs rather than fritter away your energies on trivial matters. Someone whom you respect will show their appreciation of a good undertaking. Risk of a quarrel with a loved one.



Send YOUR problem to Dolly, Drum Publications, P.M.B. 2128, Lagos, Nigeria; or PO Box 43372, Nairobi, Kenya.

My cutlass-swinging wife frightens me!

I am a Yoruba and a soldier while my wife is a worker from Calabar. I loved her with all my heart but what bothered me is that whenever we have any disagreement, she destroys anything I have and when I beat her, she chases me with a cutlass. I fear she will kill me one of these days. Please advise me.

Ada, Calabar.
The fact that you are still living with this type of woman shows that you are having fun out of the whole show. If not, you would not need the advice of anyone about what you should do.

Which matters most: education or beauty?

I am a handsome young man of 25 while the lady I fell in love with is the same age as myself. I would not like to marry her because of her ugliness although she is better educated than I am. Do you advise that I marry her because of her education?

S.M.A., Kano.
It depends on what you had from her. Frankly speaking, I would always advise people to marry for love as this is the most important thing that makes a marriage happy.

She says I must wait till her course ends

I am 18 and she is 15. We love each other very dearly. I have asked her to stop schooling and marry me but she suggested that I allow her to finish schooling before we marry. Dolly, do you think she will marry me after her course?

Raimi, Zaria.
Yes, if she really loves you.

Now I find my fiancée is already promised

I am 23 and the girl who has accepted my marriage proposal is a 19-year-old school teacher. One day, I went with a friend to ask my sweetheart's mother for her daughter's hand. She told me that her daughter had already accepted another man. I am worried and confused. I do not want to marry any other girl than this girl. Please, I need your advice.

E.A., Benue.
Is either your girl or her mother who is fooling you. I would advise you to ask your girl to confirm or deny what her mother told you.

Her parents are always there too

I am 22 and she is 19. I made a marriage proposal to her which she accepted. My problem is that she is fond of having her parents in the sitting room with us whenever I visit her. Dolly, do you think this girl has love for me?

G.G., Katsina.
I should think so, but then make her know that you like to have only her company when you pay her a visit.

I am so lonely now she has left

I fell in love with a beautiful girl last year. She has gone back to school and I feel very lonely and sad

seems nothing without her. What shall I do, Dolly? I

am 17.

Buddy, Makurdi.

Keep up the love by writing to her. You see, it is not always possible for all of us to be with our loved ones. Take heart because another holiday will come around soon!

I love her, but she nags so much

She is 23, I am 22. Our love is four months old, and we intend to marry as soon as possible. I have a big problem. This woman does not give me peace of mind. She quarrels and nags all the time. She was once married and she has children. She does not allow me to talk or greet anybody. Kindly tell me what to do but I do not want to lose this woman and I feel she will make me mad if I leave her.

Joel, Akpungu.
Keep to her rules if you don't want to leave her and I wish you the best of luck.

She always says 'No'

I am 18, in love with a 17-year-old girl. She loves me, too, but whenever I ask her for sex, she refuses because she is afraid she might become pregnant. Do you advise that I force her or leave her for another girl?

Eddington, Nigeria.
You should love her if it is only sex you want.

I learned I was not the father of our child

I married an Ibo girl of 18 during the Civil War at Orlu. We have a child who is now three. I paid N160 as dowry on my wife. When our child was 30 months old, I suggested to my wife that it was time we expected a second child. Her reply shocked me more than I can say. She told me plainly that our child belonged to her former husband and that I should never hope that I would have the child. Before I returned from the work the next day, she had run away with my wife. I am very worried. Please advise me.

Ola, Orlu.
It is a pity you were treated this way. This girl probably agreed to marry you because she was lonely as a result of the separation from her husband whose whereabouts she did not know at the time. I would advise you to go to her people to whom you paid her dowry. They may be able to help you.

Love, yes, but not marriage

I am 23, I am terribly in love with a girl of 19. She also loves me and thinks that I am going to marry her. I have no intention of marrying her, although when I ask her for sex, she does not object. Please tell me what to do.

Lee, Owerri.
Let her know that you won't marry her, so that she may not lose other men who may wish to marry her.

My love for her is unappreciated

There is a girl in our house whom I would like to befriend. But anytime I want to talk to her, she looks at me, laughs and shrugs away. I like her very much and I think of her every minute of the day. What can I do? I am 18.

Jillo.
If she knows that you are serious, she would wait and listen to you. It seems unlikely that she is interested in you so it is probably a waste of time to chase her.

Groundless accusations distress me so much

I got married to my 30-year-old husband in 1963. I am 21. We were separated from each other during the war but I remained faithful and loyal to him. His younger brother worried me a lot to be his wife but in vain. So also did one of his cousins. My husband and I are still not living together but he visits me once in three

months. He accuses me of having many boyfriends and he asked me to swear or else he would not buy me presents. Our only child is eight years old and I want more children. I have now made up my mind to leave this man and marry another man. What do you think?

Rose, Lusaka.

I must advise you to discuss the problem with your family.

Her disinterest is driving me mad

My girlfriend and I fell in love in 1966. I am 24 and she is 23. Our parents are aware of our plans and they have no objection. This girl used to come and spend her holidays with me. She used to wash my clothes and do all sorts of work for me. My problem now is I have not heard from her for a long time. My younger brother wrote recently to inform me that she bought him some clothes. My parents have been promised by her that nothing can separate us. I am in a fix. Please help me before I find myself in the asylum.

Moses, Enugu.

Write to your people and find out what is happening. If possible, travel home and ask your girl the reason for her silence.

My absent husband has married again

About three years ago, my boyfriend made me pregnant. He then paid part of my dowry. When he failed to pay up the balance, my parents advised me to return to them. I have since had a letter from one of my friends informing me that my husband has married another girl. Do you think he will marry me again? What can I do? I am 19.

Good Girl, Kismu.

I cannot say for sure whether he will take you back but I would advise you to report to your parents.

Life is so hard since our secret was revealed

I am a 17-year-old student at a secondary school. I am in love with a man of 23 who lives in our compound. I have so much in love that if care is not taken, he will make me pregnant. He helps me both financially and otherwise. Our secret love has been revealed to the man's wife by a woman. This wife harasses me everywhere. People gossip about me and my boyfriend has threatened the wife that he will sack her if she does not stop harassing me. I helped this man a lot when he was in trouble. Should I leave him? I must confess that it will break my heart if I should part with him.

Rebecca, Nigeria.

You should leave him, and concentrate on your studies. The wife has every right to fight for her man. You should find yourself a man who is single and not committed.

She's just too much for me

I left my girlfriend because my friends said that she was too fat. I am 18 and she is 16. I loved her very much. She begged me to continue with her but I do not like her fatness. Please tell me what to do.

David, Benin City.

To be candid, you never really loved this girl at all! If you did, you would not have left her simply because somebody said that she was fat. So don't be like a dog in a manger. Give her a chance to get hold of a better and more reliable man than you.

On-off romance confuses me

I have been in love with a boy for the last nine years. We loved each other very dearly and we planned to get married. Once when I reminded him of his promise, he told me that since his elder brother was not yet married he could not marry me. He advised me to wait for at least five years. Last August he wrote me a nasty letter. He went as far as to suggest that I marry someone else. I stopped writing to him. Three months later, he came to find out why I had not written to him



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for so long. He apologised after I had told him. I do not know whether this boy is serious about me. I have turned down several proposals because of him. Please, your advice is much needed for I am confused.

Miss Worried, Nairobi.

As I am not a mind reader, I would suggest you take his advice and get yourself attached to a man who will not keep you in suspense as he has done.

Each sends me to see the other

I have two girlfriends and they both know about my double dealings. When I ask one for sex, she asks me to go to the other. It was later that I was made to understand that they were friends. I love the first girl very much, so please tell me what to do.

Adèle, Abu.

Go and apologise to the one you say you love and stop seeing the other one now that you've been found out.

My elder sister wants to take over my man

The man who loves me and wishes to marry me is a 28 year old minister of religion. My parents are aware of our plans and they are aware also that he is responsible for my education and general welfare and he has spent a lot of money on me. Just recently, my mother

advised me not to marry my sweetheart because she would like my elder sister, whose husband has deserted her, to marry him. My sister too has her eyes on my man. Please advise me what to do.

Joka, Enugu.

I feel the best person with whom the decision lies is the man concerned. Discuss the matter with him. I am sure if he loves you, no amount of pressure will make him change his mind.

She wants my presents but not my love

I am 18, in love with a girl of the same age. I buy her anything she requests, but when I expect her to visit me, she does not turn up. How can I get this girl, or do you think that I am the most foolish boy in the world? Anyways, Umashiki.

Your girl may know what you would do if she visited you, hence your disappointment.

Should I invite him to be my lover?

I am 24 and in Class V in a secondary school. The boy I love and want to marry after school is 25. He has even introduced himself to my parents as their son-in-law to be. He told me that he would not demand sex from me until we are married but that he will be satisfying himself with any girl who comes his way. He has kept his word but I am worried in case one of them succeeds in taking him from me. Do you advise that I ask him to have sex with me so that he stops flirting or do you advise that I look for another boy? Help me. I am in big trouble.

Camu, Abu.

I would not advise you to give yourself to your boy. I can't understand the type of love he professes to have for you because if he really loves you, in the real sense of it, he will keep his affairs secret from you if you are

not to get hurt. As I see things he is likely to give up flirting even if he marries you, so think carefully, would also advise you to concentrate more on your studies.

Do you think he will look after me?

I am 19 and I have just left school. My boyfriend is a worker. I am living with him without the knowledge of my parents. Do you think he would be able to look after me if he made me pregnant? I need your advice before it is too late.

G.G.V., Ikot Ekpem.

He may throw you out once you become pregnant because you have no self-respect; no man would such a girl for a wife. Take leave of this boy and go back home to your parents. If your boy loves you you must marry you still, he will come to ask for your hand the proper way.

Should I try to forget this young girl?

She is 12. Her parents have sent her to live with her uncle who is teaching. I learnt that he will help her to enter a college. Do you advise that I forget about her?

I am 18.

Joseph, Lafia.

If I were you, I would encourage my girl to further her education instead of feeling bitter. Write to her and see if she is still interested. If not, forget her.

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