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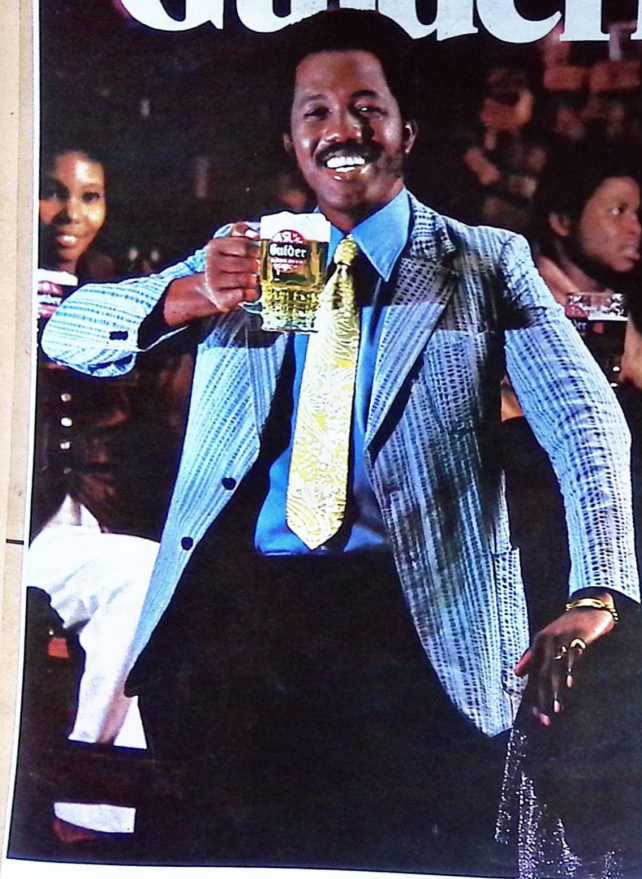
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HUMAN SACRIFICE

AS A MEANS OF GETTING RICH

IN ancient times, man indulged in human sacrifice out of sheer ignorance. Today, some people, though claiming to be civilized and educated, are still so superstitious that they purchase their fellow

human beings for sacrifice in the false hope that they will become rich. Kunle Akinsemoyin examines the mentality of the practitioners of the evil act and some of the gruesome methods they adopt.

Certain terrifying practices which should have been approved by western civilisation and swept away in the wake of progress are still very much with us in Nigeria today. The most malevolent of these practices is human sacrifice.

In ancient times this practice was founded and nurtured on beliefs based on confusion, fear and the limitation of human knowledge. In other words man did not know any better.

Furthermore, he was struggling for survival in a world full of talk about supernatural beings and could not understand their role in his existence. What better way could he achieve this than by worshipping them?

But ancient man concluded that mere worshipping was not enough for the supernatural powers. Every disaster or death was traced to the anger of one deity or another.

Still persists in many ways

Ancient man had no option but to make human sacrifice an integral part of the pattern of his existence and with no guilty conscience. The sacrifice, according to the level of thinking and knowledge in those days, would ensure that wastage and consumption of human lives were reduced to the inevitable quantity. This is not, and is not meant to be, an apology for human sacrifice in ancient times. But it is a pointer to the fact that the reasons for longer tenable in modern times. Ideally, inhuman practices should be an indulgence of the past. Unfortunately this practice still persists in many invidious ways. These vary only

in the degree of callousness and the depth of resistance to the sobering influence of civilisation and the light of progress. What is responsible for this?

Simply that some of us, though claiming to be civilised and progressive, still believe in superstition and would stoop to any level to gain our selfish ends and material advancement.

Instead of being buried in the depths of our primitive past, human sacrifice in Africa has been transformed from the ancient practice of worshipping supernatural powers to the modern practice of invoking them for individual advancement. Quite clearly, the motive has changed from the selfless one of collective security, which was the only way primitive man could ensure survival, to the selfish one of fierce personal ambition to become rich at all costs. While the ancient practice has the trappings of religion, modern practice has the overtones of materialism.

When the British took over Lagos island in 1861 they did their best to put an end to human sacrifice on the island. But in those early days of British rule, the people of Lagos were far from receptive to what was for them a new humane Christianity and its humane principles; consequently it was not difficult to defly authorities not difficult to get away with it — at least, for a good while, as happened in the case of a woman appropriately called Tijuaku — meaning shy of death. She was a devotee of the god of smallpox (Sopono) which she worshipped openly in her house in Victoria Street not far from Tom Jones Hall. Government House in those days was where the National Electric Power Authority now stands. Not un-

duly worried about this, she exploited the ignorance and gullibility of the community in which she lived to the full, enriching herself in the process. However, she was the architect of her own misfortune by disseminating the dreadful disease until the high death rate on the island forced the government to act.

Her house was raided and all her stock in trade were removed and taken to the verandah of the Supreme Court which, in those days, was in Tinubu Square, and subsequently destroyed. She herself was driven from the island in 1869 — eight years after British rule in Lagos!

Family was against him

The action taken by the government of that day seemed to have a deterrent effect, but the remaining practitioners of human sacrifice went underground and made sure that they did not fall foul of the law.

It was a dispute over land. Sule allowed one of his servants Brimoh the use of a piece of land. Sule died before Brimoh and was succeeded by his son, Jimoh. In course of time Brimoh also died and his son Raji, succeeded him. Jimoh then told Raji he wanted back the piece of land. Raji refused to budge claiming that the land belonged to his father and swore never to give it up. Being family land, some members of Jimoh's family were against him succeeding to the land and pretending to be on his side, intervened. The leader of this faction Suberu, who was older than

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SUPREME ruler of the Ekpe Society in Calabar, 92-year-old Chief Etubom Efa John Eyamba XIV, with the staff of his office.



Strange S

In the days of civilian rule in Nigeria, a number of political leaders condemned the Ekpe Society publicly, but at election time tried to win the favour of the secret cult. Even today, its authority over every Efik is supreme and there is no appeal from its courts. The 92-year-old supreme head of the Ekpe Secret Society of Efikland and his lieutenants spoke to DRUM.

EKPE Society, according to Efiks, functioned as the unassailable government in Efik land before the advent of British colonialism in Nigeria. Today, it is still taken to be the supreme traditional authority of Efik-speaking peoples of the South-Eastern State of Nigeria.

To the Efiks, Ekpe is a secret society, a sort of freemasonry which was introduced to Calabar centuries ago from Usak Edet, which is a segment of Ekoi people.

Ekpe is an Efik word for leopard. The Efiks believe that it is a mysterious and invisible being inhabiting the forest, which cannot be seen by the uninitiated. Its cult has certain secret rituals whose performances can only be conducted by the 'real' members of the fraternity.

Ekpe is represented by 'Idem Ikwo', a masquerade which dresses in 'esik', a multi-coloured costume. The masquerader wears a belt round his waist and a bell tied to it tolls to announce his approach. Also, he carries a staff in his right hand and a collection of certain leaves in his left hand. A feather is stuck in his headdress.

The present supreme head of the society is 92-year-old Chief Etubom Efa John Eyamba. He is the fourteenth holder of the position. Officially he is the head of Ekpo Iboku Utan and Iboku Esit Edik. He has many lieutenants. Chief Eyamba said: "Ekpe Society is the sole authority in the whole Efikland. It is the traditional government of the entire Efik people, right from ancient times."

Ekpe fraternity, he added, was for religious purposes at first, but as Calabar prospered and the white man brought his own civilisation, the society quickly adapted itself to the new situation. Several proclamations were made by successive colonial governments to curtail some of its practices which the colonial administration regarded as "abominable". For example, in February 1850, there was a general proclamation of Ekpe law in Old Calabar abolishing human sacrifices. In 1854 another Ekpe law was promulgated forbidding holding of markets on Sundays.

Efik calendar has eight days in the week, not seven. There was naturally a conflict. But with the 1854 proclamation, the Calabar "Sunday" (Ederi Efik)

was said to have stopped interfering with the Christian Sunday.

Chief Eyamba 14th said: "Ekpe could take life and could as well give it. Ekpe society could condemn a whole town to heavy fine which must be promptly paid." The rest can be imagined. Chief Eyamba 14th who is himself a Christian, said: "Ekpe could punish offenders and could forgive them. Even kings were not above Ekpe decrees and edicts. . . . Its authority could not be challenged."

But gone are the days when Ekpe wielded its axe of challenge. Its authority which was supreme has been drastically curtailed to conform with civilisation. It is said that although some post-Independence government denounced the Secret Society as public, some government leaders believed to it at one time or another.

"Ekpe," said Chief Eyamba, "is not given official recognition though, but every government is aware of its peculiar authority. To ban the society is to ban Efik people from their God-given land. I don't think any reasonable being will contemplate doing such a thing."

Kings and Obons of Calabar are said to be bound by law to be holders of important Ekpe titles though not all of them could hold the Eyamba title which is said to be the real ruler of Ekpe. Ekpe is a political and administrative machine binding all Efiks together. Every member is expected to rally round every "brother" against a foe. Whoever is an enemy of one member is an enemy of all other members of the fraternity. In politics, the society speaks with one voice and any elected candidate who is sponsored by the secret society is sure of victory.

If Ekpe is opposed to an election candidate, the candidate stands the risk of losing his deposit. The message of the cult spreads rapidly to its members.

Ekpe is said to be politically conscious because its primary responsibility is to protect the interests of all Efiks. Every achievement is credited to Ekpe and every failure or disaster believed by Efiks to be a repercussion of offences against Ekpe. Every Efik swears by Ekpe. Ekpe is consulted before

Secrets of the Leopard Club

embarking on any adventure including marriage.

Chief Etubom Efa John Eyamba the 14th is head of Iboku Utan and Iboku East Edik. His lieutenants are: Ekpe Nyong Asama of Eyo Nsa Family of Creek Town; Mr. J. E. Ephaam; William Adam Eyamba; Peter Ekpo Eyo Archibong; Ekpenyong Efoke Ekpenyong of Creek Town, Calabar; Eto Bom Eyo Nsa Eyo Ita and many others.

Membership of Ekpe is open to men, women and children who wish to be initiated into its mysteries. But it is not all members so initiated who can reach the higher grades of Ekpe, of which there are about ten. Membership can be decided by elders of the society or by non-Efiks. Importantly, people from foreign countries could also buy Ekpe membership and licence to practise it in their own country.

Many non-Efik Nigerians have been initiated into the Society include Chief Awolowo, former leader of the Action Group; Dr. Azikiwe, former President of Nigeria; Brigadier Ben-Gurion of the Nigerian Army and Dr. Michael Ojo, former premier of the Federal Nigeria.

Members were excluded from the society at first, but this has changed to be an evolving process which has thrown open doors to Efik women, men and non-Efik. Ekpe cannot rise to higher grades of the

initiation have risen to an individual. This old does not in itself do any mystery to the cult and it is a Tence for any that members in public sign.

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INTRODUCTION of more liberal rules have allowed women into the society's membership, but the members here will never be allowed into the hierarchy.

DRESSED in Efik. Idem Ikwo masquerade is Ekpe disguise. Its colourful outing in Calabar is an occasion for jubilation — and awe among the many spectators.

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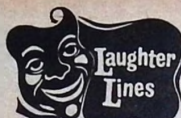
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said, "why does the parrot have a piece of string tied to each leg?"

"If you pull the string on the right leg," said the old lady, "he sings Onward Christian Soldiers. And if you pull the other string he sings Nearer My God To Thee."

"What happens," said the vicar, "if you pull both strings at once?"

"I fall off my perch, you silly old fool," said the parrot.

My wife is so fat that every time she stands on a scale your-weight machine she shouts "Get off!"

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"Just for talking?" queried his friend.

"Well, actually for talking in his sleep."

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THE WICKED MONSTER OF LAGOS HARBOUR

Apapa Wharf, the premier sea port of Nigeria can be likened to a wicked monster. With a daily invasion by veterans in bribery and corruption and thieves of various grades, this major gateway to the republic contributes steadily to the scarcity of some essential goods and to the exorbitant prices which the public pay for the commodities. DRUM reports on this national malady.

IN the centre of a smooth cobbled square, surrounded by tall buildings with stained grey stone windows and wrought iron works, stands the bronze statue of a young boy hurling a gigantic hand away. It depicts an old legend about the city of Antwerp and a vicious and greedy giant who hovered on the banks of the river preventing passage to ships bound for the city unless they paid a heavy toll. As a result, essential goods became scarce and too dear, as ships were afraid to come past the giant. The people suffered

One day, a young boy, angered at seeing the hardship his people went through, travelled down the river in search of the giant. When he found him, he engaged him in battle. The fight was long and ferocious but finally the young boy had the best of the giant and slayed him. He cut off one of the huge hands that would not collect any more tolls. He took it back with him to the city to show the people that they need not fear any more. They rejoiced, ships returned, and the city flourished and prospered once again.

Likewise in Nigeria, there is

such a giant monster. It is the massive Apapa Wharf, the premier seaport of the country. It resembles more a giant octopus with far reaching tentacles sucking in all it can. It squats on the Marina overseeing its vast domain, greedily anticipating the return of the spoils. Its henchmen prepare the grounds for the pillage. And the poor people of Nigeria pay the price of this selfish dictatorship because, as yet, the young boy of Nigeria to slay this monster has not yet revealed himself.

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How the businessman goes broke

continued

is the NPA labour. They are always sleeping and my contractor always has cement ready for them."

"Why do you not hire cranes?" suggests the agent, "they will speed up the discharge. This way you will also save on the demurrage. Because the NPA says that if you do not improve your performance, they will have to send the ship out to make room for another and you will have to wait again and pay much more demurrage. Also, if you discharge faster, you will not have as much demurrage to pay."

The businessman, in frustration, listens to this sage advice and goes back to the wharf to instruct his contractor to hire cranes and to increase the gangs.

In the evening when he goes back to the ship to see if all is well. Work seems to be going on all right though slowly except for the crane which is

not working at all. He goes in search of his clerk.

"Why is the crane not working?" he asks him.

"The crane driver has gone to the toilet," is the answer.

There is no option than to wait for the crane driver to come back. In the meantime he goes on board the ship to visit the captain who seems in a better mood and offers him a drink. They chat casually for a while then the captain asks him why he does not move the crane from hatch number five to hatch number two.

"Why?" asks the businessman.

"Because hatch number two is the one with the most cement. So if you finish number five first, the ship will still have to stay to finish number two. But if you put the crane to work on number two the hatches will finish almost at the same time and the ship will sail sooner and you will have less demurrage to pay."

"This makes sense," agrees the businessman.

After more than one hour, the crane driver returns.

"Where have you been for so long?" queries the businessman.

"I go for toilet," replies the crane driver.

As the crane driver staggers off the crane ladder, the businessman reflects that they must be fine toilets in the NPA if they also serve palm wine. No wonder people stay there so long. The driver had smelled like a palm wine distillery.

He decides to wait and see the crane resume operations even though it is late and he wants to go home. Five minutes pass, ten minutes, then fifteen minutes and the crane is still not operating. He asks his clerk to go up and find out what is wrong. After a while the clerk returns to say that the crane has broken down. The businessman throws his arms up in despair and goes home, unable to comprehend all these handicaps.

The next morning when he arrives at the wharf, the crane is working. He is told however, that it did not work all night and that it has just resumed. He then asks for the crane to be moved to hatch number two as the captain had suggested. He is told that is not possible as the crane cannot travel. The travelling mechanism is broken. He decides to cancel the crane. That also is not possible until the end of the shift at two o'clock.

The days roll by. Everyday

he pays eight hundred naira to the agent for the demurrage on the ship. The discharge is going slowly, much too slowly and the agent says the NPA wants to send it out for a while to make room for a general cargo ship. He argues, he begs, he pleads, he weeps, but all to no avail and the ship is sent out of the port. It stays out for three days and for each day he continues to pay the demurrage to the agent.

Then one day it is all over. The last bag of cement finally comes out of the ship. There is a shortage of 300 tons of cement.

The businessman is upset but he is too tired to argue much. The tally sheets from the ship say that all the cement came down. The tally sheets of the NPA say that all the cement was received. His waybills say that there are three hundred tons missing. But where have the 300 tons of cement disappeared? Certainly they could not have grown legs and walked out of the wharf.

The businessman goes to his office and checks his accounts. It is with despair that he realises that he is now a poor man. He even has a big overdraft with the bank. All this demurrage ate up his planned profits and more than the remainder of his

savings. Then the other bills are still coming. The clearing agent wants to be paid, so does his contractor. The contractor is charging more money than he had expected. It is for stand-by. Then there is also the debit note from the NPA. Overtime for the night gangs who were sleeping most of the time. He has to pay for the hire of the crane that did not work most of the time. Stand by waiting for the ship, stand-by because of crane breakdown, stand-by for shifting the ship, stand-by for... all have to be paid for.

He goes to his friends, to his relatives, he begs and borrows. He sells his car, his house, his television, he sells all that he owns. At last he pays all the invoices. He has nothing left. He goes to this other businessman who also imports cement. This importer has sympathy for him and makes him an agent to sell the cement. So he goes out and sells this man's cement. One hundred bags here, two hundred bags there and he earns two or three kobo on every bag sold.

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Three weeks in the Philippines — and all expenses paid. That was the reward for Miss Maria Yatta Johnson, a 19-year-old student, when she won a college beauty contest and was asked to represent Liberia in the Miss Universe contest. Although she didn't win, Maria, pictured below, enjoyed herself tremendously. Here she talks to DRUM . . . and has an important message for African leaders.

MISS Maria Yatta Johnson, a 19-year-old sophomore student of Cuttington College — won the first place in a beauty contest organized by her college. Her prize? She was asked to represent Liberia at the 1974 "Miss Universe" beauty contest in Manila, Philippines.

From July 1 to 20, this year, Miss Johnson was in Manila participating in the contest, in which an Italian beauty queen won the first place and was crowned "Miss Universe 1974". Miss Johnson talked to DRUM about her experiences in Manila and impression about the "Miss Universe Contest".

DRUM: How did you feel when you were chosen to go to the Philippines for the contest?

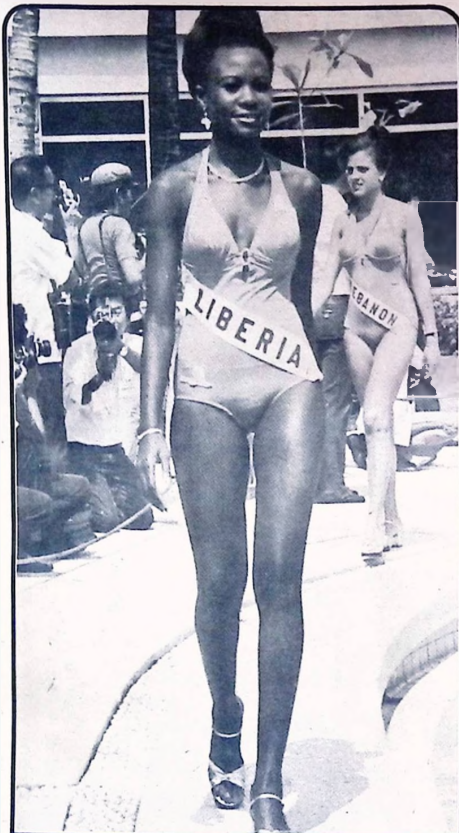
Miss Johnson: At first, I was frightened, nervous and unwilling because it was not my plan to go into a bigger and more elaborate contest like that. But eventually I summoned up courage and decided to go.

DRUM: What happened at the contest in Manila?

Miss Johnson: On our arrival all the beauty queens were grouped in the Philippines Village Hotel, about five miles away from where the judges — all the eleven from outside Africa — were staying. We had free beauty treatment from a local beauty salon and all our cosmetics needs were supplied free of charge.

DRUM: Were you nervous when you went on stage?

Miss Johnson: I did not feel anything unusual: I was at ease, comfortable and willing to press hard for recognition of my identity and presence.



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DRUM: What was your position in the finals?

Miss Johnson: Well, my desire was not to win any special laurel but, at least, to be one of the runners-up. It was the opposite side of things.

DRUM: How do you see all of these contests? Are they relevant to Africa's needs?

Miss Johnson: The contests are of no immediate relevance to our needs at all and since all the judges were from outside Africa, it was very obvious that some of us from here would have no significant positions. But on the whole, I have no regrets because I learnt a lot from my travel, participation and all that.

DRUM: Do you have any special message that you want DRUM to pass to its readers throughout Africa and the outside world?

Miss Johnson: I have an important message for future beauty queens and our governments in Africa. In the first place, our future beauty queens should never bother themselves to travel several thousands of miles away outside Africa to compete in such pageants. Instead, they should be able to prevail upon African leaders to organize African Continental beauty contests. To our leaders, too, I say they should organize African continental beauty contests to embrace all beauty queens from all African countries, so that if we are even to participate in future international contests, then we can present "Miss Africa" as our candidate. Otherwise, we are doomed to fail in international contests for beauty queens held outside Africa, and decided by a panel of judges of whom some may be seeing a black girl from close quarters for the first time in their lives.

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Meet the Queen of Sheba

The Queen of Sheba, one of the admirers of King Solomon, was famous for beauty and wit and she wielded a great influence with her sagacious husband.

Therefore, when "the Lion of Judah, the Elect of God," Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, who is a direct descendant of the Biblical Queen of Sheba, names a lady after the famous Queen, one should know what to expect.

The lucky lady is Anita Tucker, who hails from South Africa. Like Miriam Makeba, a fellow citizen of that country, Anita is a professional singer and dancer. Emperor Selassie gave her the name "Queen of Sheba" after he heard her sing at a session of songs and dances before a distinguished gathering of royalties and diplomats in Addis Ababa. With her songs and charm, Anita has captivated large audiences in various parts of Africa, including Ghana, Gambia, Niger and Nigeria.

At a recent stop-over in Lagos, she told DRUM: "I do not mix sex with singing and dancing. I live on my talent, but I enjoy sex when I feel like having it."

Anita is looking forward to an extensive sing-and-dance tour of Nigeria and she hopes to be able to entertain more people with her new hit songs.



Mr. Christopher Okigbo of the Nigerian Army in Port Harcourt boasts that he has been a reader of the DRUM for a decade.

He says nothing will be more pleasing to him than seeing the picture of his daughter printed in his favourite magazine.

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Yes, Lancer is a way of life for the Lancer and Galant. Of course, Galant GL sells for N2,825.

Hunter and Sunbeam are also from Phoenix Motors. They are two superb cars that one must see to appreciate. Rare ones, these. From the VW fold, Passat stormed in and allows its way for recognition.

A fine specimen of European styling, Passat has elegance, is a fast one and advanced. Its wide radiator grille, lowered beam and powerful wide beam headlights add to its beauty. Passat boasts of some additional extras like heated rear window, head restraints and wide strips on bumpers. Not an ounce of unwanted extra metal on it. It has a powerful front engine and a practically maintenance-free water cooler. The water in the cooler is used as the medium to transport the heat from the engine and the thermostat keeps the temperature constant. And temperature matters. You know many more qualities than you can imagine. Just as a lady stenographer said: "It's a car to love. Very elegant and its performance gives me satisfaction and pride."

Ford Escort is the car for the sophisticated. Like Lancer, you have to book for your Escort well in advance of the purchase date. A lady spoke of it: "It's small outside when you park or manoeuvre in 'hoek' traffic — which I often do — but, my! It's very roomy inside as the kids have found."

Yes, a lady should know what she's in love with. The Escort engine works on the crossflow principle — which gives you power without cutting your fuel economy. The mixture is drawn in chambers in the combustion head and the short piston stroke is available in two-door, four-door and even three-door Estate Model.

Cars ladies love? There are not just all. What about the Ford Consul? It is just as popular with ladies as the "just-arrived" executive who would want to possess a Mercedes.

However, Sports Cars are of immense attraction for the wealthy young woman. Just as men fall for fast sports cars, so do women. And every motor company has its sports special. Which would you prefer?

ALMOST every woman loves to own a car, no matter how. But they also have their preferences. Sometimes they are partial to a brand but decide the purse is also the gauge by which others make their choice.

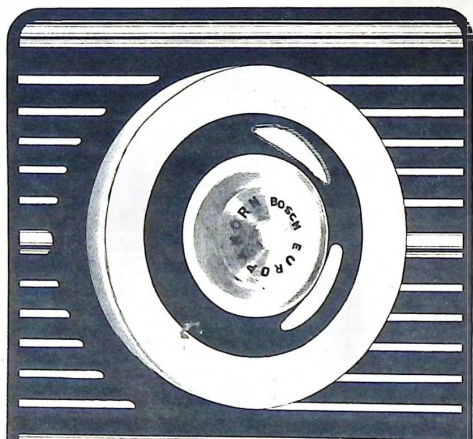
Just as women differ, so too do their tastes for cars. And of course, they are careful in mentioning cars, the cost of which may be so high as to cost them sighs and hisses. For example, women textile traders, the small wholesale dealer in fancy goods, egg sellers and invariably, women who are self-employed, go for Peugeot 504 and most station wagons or estate cars. The reason for this is that they find it serves in a dual capacity — to transport them and secondly, to serve as a quasi-delivery and collection van and for short journeys to nearby homesteads.

Many confidential and company secretaries or young lady executives often prefer Mazda, Ford Escort, Lancer, Passat, Renault 12, and Toyota Corolla. Others love Fiat, Opel Cadet, Triumph, Consul, Sunbeam, Galant and Valliant.

How many women would want to own prestigious cars like Rover, Citroen, Volvo, Mercedes Benz, Toyota 1400, Coupe, etc.? It is the cost that puts such cars beyond many women.

But the range of cars ladies love to possess is still not exhausted. Volvo is the envy of many a woman. Toyota is the choice of others. Lancer is the most popular of the lot amongst men and women, especially the latter group. The brand is usually a sell-out and always has to be booked beforehand.

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NIGERIA'S disco cats are in for a feast of musical excitement this month when the King of Reggae — otherwise known as Jimmy Cliff — makes a two-week tour of the country's most swinging nightspots.

A DRUM reporter looks at the music which will help to back up Jimmy's claim of being the most popular Reggae artist in Africa — and, indeed, the whole world.

JIMMY CLIFF — Reggae's first superstar — crashed his way into the big time in 1972 with his album, *The Harder They Come*, and a single from that disc, *You Can Get It If You Really Want*, both of which rocketed to the top of the world pop charts. Here we take a brief look at five of the albums which highlight Cliff's many talents, particularly as a singer/composer/producer.

ANOTHER CYCLE (Island) Cliff's first LP, this is still one of his finest waxings, particularly the groovy *Inside Out*, *Upside Down*, which features some great guitar work. Add the beautiful *Opportunity* (Only Knocks Twice, the poignant finale, *Our Thing Is Over*, and superb lyrics and you have real value for your money.

THE HARDER THEY COME (Island) This is the collection which put

the Cliff name on everyone's tongue, but it also contains an impressive list of the best-known Reggae artists with Desmond Dekker, *The Maytals* and *The Slickers* joining with Jimmy for the honours. Best sounds are the title track, *You Can Get It* and *Many Rivers To Cross*. The only irritation from this fine album is the repetition — *You Can Get It* and *The Harder They Come* are on both sides.

STRUGGLING MAN (Island) Cliff's last album on the Island label is a collection of older material recorded between 1971 and 1972 — some of it ranking as possibly his best work. Pick of the bunch is *Let's Seize The Time*, followed by *Can't Live Without You*, with its funky piano introduction. Yet in places it's a slight disappointment, containing more than its usual quota of unmemorable tracks.

UNLIMITED (EMI) The first on the EMI label. *Unlimited* is an outstanding disc. Unlike so many other artists, Cliff's lyrics have a message and this package contains some of his best messages, with *Under The Sun*, *Moon and Stars* as the pick of the album. Other memorable tracks include *On My Life*, *Oh Jamaica* and *I See The Light*.

HOUSE OF EXILE (EMI) The one thing stands out in this: the latest release from Jimmy Cliff, and that's his sheer professionalism. His performance cannot be faulted; there are no bad tracks. His arrangements are marvellous; his arrangements superb. Just listen to the verve and satiric if this guy with his treatments of the bouncy *I Want To Know*, *Foolish Pride* and *Look What You've Done To My Life*, *Devil Woman*, and you'll realise why they call him Superstar.

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A driving licence may be purchased — genuine or forged. A cheque can be cashed — with a carbon copy of the other man's signature. Visiting the banks recently I saw large posters printed in red ink offering rewards of up to ten per cent for any information leading to the recovery of fraudulently cashed cheques.

On speaking with a bank of-

ficial he revealed that fraudulence in our banking system had reached a level which was threatening to make the entire banking system fail. This is one reason why it takes five hours to cash cheques in some banks while overseas — where a cheque may be cashed in one minute.

Travellers cheques

You purchase a draft in a bank and pay the bank commission, and when you go to the other branch of the same bank to get back your cash, you are advised "pay it into your account" — which defeats the entire concept of bank drafts. Even travellers cheques, internationally recognised elsewhere, are difficult to cash in Nigeria, unless the holder is present before the bank manager.

If a man with a bank account

of twenty kobo can walk into a firm and cause a cheque for ten thousand naira to fly rounder than all cheques are rejected by some firms? And so the system fails.

If we want degrees let us obey the rules for obtaining degrees. If we want a seat in parliament, let us set about being elected the right way. If we are driving a motor vehicle and the sign says "no overtaking" then let us not overtake.

It is not just enough to boast that we have a legal system or a banking system, or a constitutional system, or even an educational system if that system does not work. And in order to make the system work, no man must isolate himself as the exception to whom the rules do not apply.

Only in this way can we in developing countries develop to the stage where the very systems we set up do not laugh at us.

When the system breaks down

AFTER the Nixon resignation it must be clear to all of us in the developing countries that one big difference between developed and developing nations is the ability to make the system work.

In spite of all the subterfuge, treachery and sophisticated exercise of power by the man at the very top, when the system eventually applied, the system rode triumphant.

The battle which we in the developing countries have to keep on fighting all the time is that between the person and the system. While it is in the very nature of man to respect per-son more than systems, it is infinitely more so in the developing countries. The law will often bend to accommodate the man.

Was it not true that at the moment when Nixon appeared triumphant, many African observers were already pointing at Watergate as an example of how "even foreign governments" are powerless before their leader?

Rare qualities

Setting up a system usually involved two parties. Those who create the system and those who are responsible for making it work. And in order that a system might work, there must be rules. And these rules must be obeyed. And obedience involves discipline, truth, honesty, justice, and all those idealistic qualities which are so rare in today's super world of no values.

As children, our first encounter with the system is when we play games with our friends. Right there on the pavement, the cheating instinct begins to creep its head. The urge to win tempts us to throw aside the

rules. Later on we begin to find that wherever we go there are rules to be observed. In most cases there are bodies to enforce the obedience to these rules.

At school, in the army, in the banks, in the press, at elections, in the judiciary, in the police, in society, there is always a system. And the conscience of the world is there to make it work — or to turn away when the critical moment comes.

No absolute control

The American system worked because it had a complicated system of checks and balances. The President had no absolute control over areas of power: the law, the constitution, congress, the judiciary. They could all interact.

But it was not just the system of checks and balances that defeated Nixon. It is difficult to believe that if we set up a similar system in Africa it would work. What makes systems work is the courage of responsible people. What makes systems fail is the fraudulence of dishonest people.

We have shouted loudest in the world about examination and forged certificates and leakages, forged diplomas. Were these diplomas not sold by some performers for profit? What about counterfeiting? Any printer with the crudest equipment immediately begins to print naira notes, forgetting that pouring false notes into the market is one way to defeat the economic system of the country.

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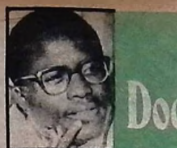
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GOOD hygiene living and personal hygiene are very closely connected with prevention of diseases. In our countries it would be much cheaper and better if we devoted more attention to not getting ill rather than being treated.

Personal hygiene also covers body smell, mouth odour, and such other matters, on which we get numerous letters. We will therefore discuss this subject in this column, under care of the skin and hair and care of the mouth.

The skin is really the "refuse disposal unit" of the human body. Over two million glands are distributed in the skin, covering the human body surface and they pour out about a litre of sweat every 24 hours. It is important to remember that this amount of sweat is produced by a person daily, irrespective of the outside temperature.

It is produced slowly enough to be dried by ordinary air movements so that the person does not even notice that he is sweating. This amount, of



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PERSONAL HYGIENE

course, increases in the weather, more so, if it is a hot moist day.

Salts dry on the skin

The sweat is composed of water and various salts, and while the water can evaporate, the salts dry on the skin giving out unpleasant smells. The perspiration in the armpits and the groin and the pubic area has slightly different composition and also different smell.

In addition there is sometimes a question of excessive sweating of the feet and everybody is aware of the smell that comes out from the socks or from the bare skin when shoes are removed. The solution here is to have a bath with soap and water every day. Application of ordinary talcum powder in the armpits and the groins helps considerably.

Hair in the pubic region should be shaved and occasional sprinkle of deodorant

in various folds of the body gives a long way towards getting rid of body smell. Tight clothing through which air cannot freely move makes the situation worse and a complete daily change of underwear and socks, if possible, is of some importance.

Clean teeth twice a day

Halitosis or mouth odour, is another problem in the maintenance of personal cleanliness. The first important thing here is cleaning of teeth with a good tooth-brush and tooth-paste. It is necessary to use them twice a day and a circular movement of the brush is more effective than just side to side brushing. The back teeth and the back of the teeth need just as much attention as the front.

If food particles cling between the teeth after meals and snacks, a post-prandial gargle will get rid of them. A drink of water at the finish of the meal has the same effect. There are

other factors responsible for bad breath and they can persist in causing trouble in spite of good dental care. Chronic constipation is one such factor. Septic focus in the mouth, nose or throat, like unhealthy teeth, inflamed tonsils and sinusitis will cause the same trouble. Heavy drinking, smoking and diet which contains too many sweets, starches, pickles and highly seasoned food will also cause mouth odour. All these causes should be taken into consideration and must be relieved. Many times no cause can be found. In these cases, special lozenges are available.

Finally, a sensible healthy pattern of living helps a great deal in maintaining personal freshness and health. On the physical side, adequate exercise, sufficient rest and relaxation, lots of fresh air and nourishing balanced diet are the main ingredients of a healthy pattern of living. Peace of mind and mental relaxation are equally important.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Chest pains

I have been suffering constantly from chest pains and have always applied Aspirin as a cure. But late regular headache. I am disturbed. What's your advice?

B.T., Enugu.

I will suggest you consult a doctor rather than indulge in self-medication. High blood pressure often causes headache and bleeding nose.

Sexual urge

I am worried over my inability to satisfy the high sexual capacity of my girl friend who keeps asking me on after I have already had my fill. What do I do? Because if I dare to continue, I shall be very weak the following day, and may not be able to keep my normal routine of work.

Day, Nigeria.

If you do not satisfy your partner the will ask for more. A little romance until she reaches orgasm will help.

Sign of puberty

I am 22 and I have recently noticed the hair has developed on my private part. And each time I come near girls, I observe that my private organ stands erect. Is this a sign of puberty?

E.L.O., Nigeria.

What other signs of puberty are you looking for? My friend, I don't think there is anything the matter with you.

Rheumatic pains

I am a schoolboy who has been a victim of rheumatism from my childhood. Often my hands get swollen and I suffer horrible pains

inside the bones. I have regularly used hospital prescriptions as recommended by the doctor, but I have always been with the disease. Godwin, Uganda.

Causes of persistent rheumatism should be investigated before embarking on treatment. It is sometimes related to the heart. Combined treatment with salicylates, aspirin and sometimes prednisolone and physiotherapy usually give considerable relief. Please see your doctor.

Abdominal pains

I have often noticed stomach trouble especially when I'm hungry. But the disturbing thing about it all is that the pains increase even after I have taken my meal. I have visited the local clinics but their prescriptions have not brought about any relief.

Samuel, Kaduna.

Fangs of hunger and hyperacidity often cause rumbling of the stomach. Adequate doses of antacids should help. Besides antacids you must take your meals regularly.

Hookworm

I am a young man of 25 years and have been tormented with hookworm for over six months. I have used Alcopar and Mentozol tablets but have not noticed any relief. Is the illness a deadly one? What is the cause and what's your advice?

Ricky, Zambar.

Besides taking Alcopar, you must also take steps to control the source of hookworm by good personal hygiene. The disease can be seasonal because of the bloodsucking nature of the worm. The disease is caused by a nematode called *Ankylostoma Duodenale*. It enters the body through the skin, usually the feet, and finally settles in the jejunum where they are attached to intestinal wall, develop and multiply.

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The friend went into the bedroom where the old man lay, tired and ill, on the bed. He asked after his health, talked about the weather, and finally told him, very gently, of his good fortune.

The old man's eyes glistened. "How's that for a stroke of luck after all these years of scraping and saving?" he said to his friend. "I'll tell you what — I'll give you half."

And the friend dropped dead.

"Water! Do you serve crabs?"
"Take a seat, sir. We serve anybody."

"I just can't help it, doctor," said the psychiatric patient.

"Every time I go into a shop can't resist picking things up and putting them in my pocket."
"Don't worry," said the psychiatrist. "I've diagnosed your problem straight away. You're a thief."

A coward is a man who in emergencies, thinks with his legs.

James had discovered his wife making love to another man and had shot her.

"Why did you shoot your wife and not the other man?" asked the prosecuting counsel at the trial.

"I had a choice," said James, "of shooting a woman once or a different man every week."

"I've got all my clothes off doctor. Where shall I put them?"

"On top of mine, madam. On top of mine . . ."

"What's the matter ma'am?" said the maid, finding her mistress in tears.

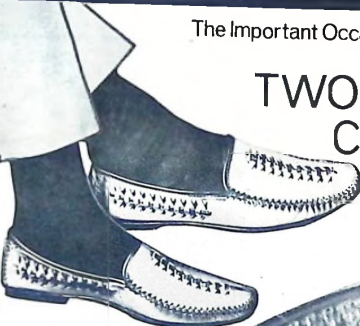
"I've just discovered that my husband is having an affair with his secretary."

"Nonsense!" snorted the maid. "You're only saying that to make me jealous."

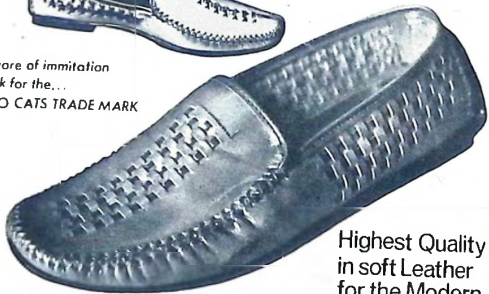
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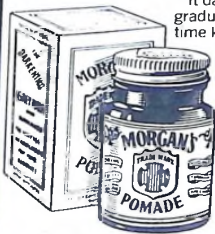
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In your dream you are alone in the middle of a giant chess board of black and white squares which stretches as far as you can see in every direction. You are afraid, over-awed by the vastness that surrounds you and uncertain which way to go or what to do. A tingling rounds you and you start to grow and the chess board gets smaller comes over your body and you start to grow and you put it in your pocket. This dream shows the basic inferiority complex that haunts many Gemini subjects. You are confronted by a problem that seems insoluble. But finally you realize that confidence is the answer and you see things in proper perspective.



AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21—
FEBRUARY 20

A proposition that will require careful thought may present itself this month. Do not be tempted to make a quick decision because a lot may depend on your actions. Love: You have been quite fortunate with romance for some while but now is the time to watch out.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 21—
MARCH 20

New horizons are open to you this month so don't be afraid of grasping whatever chances for advancement come your way. Love: A generally uneventful month but a small romantic meetings can blossom.

ARIES
MARCH 21—
APRIL 20

An opportunity to show your strength of character may present itself and by acting firmly you will enhance your standing with friends and business acquaintances. Love: An affair will cool and now is the time to take stock of your love-life. Play it coolly and you may still win.

TAURUS
APRIL 21—
MAY 20

Be careful your happy-go-lucky ways are not used against you by an enemy who could be someone you think of as a friend. Love: Again be very careful in the affairs of the heart. Think deeply about a new romance that may appear.

GEMINI
MAY 21—
JUNE 20

You will need all your wits and quickness of thought about unexpected things when an unexpected happening drops up. The right decision could mean a richer life for you and those around you. Love: This part of your life too may undergo a sharp change so be prepared for strange behaviour from one whom you love.

CANCER
JUNE 21—
JULY 20

You will need to show great sympathy to help a friend in need. The result should be very pleasant for you so don't be annoyed if your help you have been asked for begins to grate. A tranquil beginning although someone new could set your pulse racing towards the end of the month.

LEO
JULY 21—
AUGUST 20

Your natural ambition may gain you an enemy so watch out for a challenge. You are strong-willed enough to win unless you are careless. Love: A month of several changes, one of which may be unpleasant. But remain cheerful the end of the month is a better time.

VIRGO
AUGUST 21—
SEPTEMBER 20

You will be called upon to make a judgment on a matter that deeply concerns those around you. Luck is still with you and will see you through set-backs later this month. Love: A generally carefree month although a delicate situation will need careful handling.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 21—
OCTOBER 20

Advice from an elder will prove to be in your best interests. Although work has become easier do not be tempted to take matters lightly or there could be an upset. Love: A generally peaceful month. Do not be too hasty to grant or refuse what is requested or you may do something to surprise you.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 21—
NOVEMBER 20

More surprises this month that will make it one of the happiest for some time. Live life to the full and make the most of your happiness. Love: This part of your life should also be filled with warm and happy times. But don't get too carried away or you may become involved in a strange quarrel.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 21—
DECEMBER 20

All your reserves of vitality will be needed this month which will be exciting but exhausting. A friend will need advice and you will be able to help in a rewarding way. Love: A month that could alter your life to watch out for someone new coming into your view.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 21—
JANUARY 20

A holiday or a break will occur later this month that you will be glad to take. Restore your good nature. Relations and you will find an unexpected bonus will come your way. Love: Relations coming to a head with someone new will blossom as long as small disputes are kept in proportion.

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