

Presidential campaign hots up

Two Presidential candidates for next Saturday's election, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe and Chief Obafemi Awolowo, are now in Kano at the start of their last electioneering campaign.

Chief Awolowo, leader of the Unity Party of Nigeria, (UPNI), who left Lagos on Sunday afternoon is expected to visit several state

capitals including Port Harcourt before returning to Lagos later in the week.

Dr. Azikiwe, flag-bearer of the Nigerian People's Party, (NPP), left Lagos for Kano barely two hours after Chief Awolowo.

In a release issued, the NPP called on Nigerians to vote massively for Dr. Azikiwe in recognition of his meritorious service to the nation.



MACIAS NGUEMA
...overthrown

Bloodless coup in E' Guinea

PRESIDENT Francisco Macias Nguema of Equatorial Guinea has been overthrown in a bloodless coup.

A Revolutionary Military Council announced the coup on Sunday.

Plans to overthrow President Macias Nguema had been reported from

Equatorial Guinea some months ago and several suspects were known to have been executed.

WHY GRAINS BOARD WAS SET UP

Chairman explains in PH

The chairman of the Grains Board of Nigeria, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, has said that the board was set up by the Federal Military Government in order to buy grains for strategic reserves in the case of eventualities.

It is also to promote and encourage the production of grains and to buy surplus grains which farmers cannot sell elsewhere.

Alhaji Ibrahim was speaking during an

by
Evans Osi

exclusive interview at the Port Harcourt airport on Sunday on arrival from Enugu on a one day official visit to Rivers State.

The grains board was established about one and a-half years ago and, according to the chairman, it was passing through its "teething period".

Alhaji Ibrahim said that the major problems facing the board were those of infrastructure and manpower development.

"We are however tackling those vigorously", he added.

The grains that come under the control of the board include rice, guinea-corn, millet, beans, maize and wheat.

At the moment, the board has nine depots throughout the Federation.

These are situated in Benin City, Oyo, Badagry (Niger State), Kaduna, Kano, Gusau and Potiskum in Borno State.

According to the grains boss, the capacity for each of the depots is 50,000 tons.

Alhaji Ibrahim who was originally scheduled to be in the Rivers State for three days has to cut his visit short in order to attend a

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WITHOUT being facetious, we think that it is only fair to say that this Administration has been successful in many directions. It set for itself several goals, starting with a purge of both the Armed Forces and the public services of graft and other forms of public rascality. It mounted a sustained aggression against armed robbery as well as sabotage of the economy. Against intimidating odds, it tried to arrest the tide of inflation through the pegging of prices of essential consumer products.

THERE was also the attempt to give the people a moral bearing by urging them to live within the means of their resources. There is the ban of lace materials and expensive alcoholic beverages and the appeal to the people to patronise goods produced in their country in order to conserve foreign reserves and boost the economy.

IT VIGOROUSLY pursued the implementation of its commitment to provide equal opportunity for basic education. Thus it is that, today education at the primary stage is practically free and partially free at the post-primary and post-secondary stages. And all this in spite of the incredible explosion in the education population.

SIMILARLY, the vital issue of infrastructural facilities has not been neglected. The country is well served by a fairly good network of roads. Air and rail services are being rejuvenated by the importation of techniques and expertise, operational lapses of officials notwithstanding. In point of fact the transport



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Insurance coy bags N.5m profit

THE Universal Insurance Company Limited made a profit of more than half a million naira last year. This is an increase of 70.88 per cent over the profit of N379,976 for 1977.

These facts were made known by the chairman of the company, Dr. Dennis Nwatu while addressing the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Company in Enugu.

He praised the steps taken by the Chief Executive of the company, Mr O. E. Amaonwu to minimise the effects of inflation on the company, thereby ensuring an increased profit.

Dr Nwatu observed that in spite of the positive landmark so far made by the

company, there is the need to reorder the management structure of the organisation. This, he said, is in view of the need for the company to gain more potential for growth and profit within the next five years.

He blamed the decline of public corporations in the country from their previous position of economic leadership on problems of management. He then called for the effective utilisation of indigenous talents in restructuring these corporations.

On staff development, Dr Nwatu noted that the Universal Insurance Company has intensified training for its staff both within and outside the country. The company has also embarked on a housing scheme for its staff.

Picture shows the new chairman, Dr Dennis Nnam Nwatu (facing camera) flanked on the right by the director-general manager, Mr Ebo Amaonwu and on the left by the company secretary Mrs L. O. Obienu, at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR

WANTS GREATER TIES

Four game reserves coming

THE Benue State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr M. E. Adah has announced in Makurdi that four game reserves are to be established in the state in a bid to conserve wildlife in the area.

The commissioner who made this known while opening the Makurdi Manantarium (place for sea animals) and wild life park appealed to the people of the state to prevent a destruction of their wildlife heritage through intensive hunting in the proposed areas.

The commissioner enjoined the mass media to help to educate the public on the importance of wild life conservation, adding that posterity would only know of the existence of such animals through history if nothing is done to preserve them.

He commended both the Plateau and Anambra State governments for their assistance which enabled the park to take off.

Dr Adah expressed the hope that the park which was set up for research purposes would attract scientists wishing to study the life cycle, reproduction, habitat, feeding and migratory habits of the manatee (sea animals).

THE Oyo State Military Administrator, Brigadier Paul Tarfa has called for intensified co-operation between Nigeria and Australia in the fields of man-power development and gainful transfer of technology.

Welcoming the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser and his entourage to the government House in Ibadan, the administrator noted that the distance between the two countries should not be a barrier to such a co-operation.

Brigadier Tarfa emphasised that the two countries should be encouraged by

the fact that both of them had a common history under the British flag and that association between them had always been very friendly.

The administrator told his guest that education, health-care delivery services, housing transportation, road construction and improvement, industrialisation and qualitative public administration were all of great concern to the Oyo State Government.

In his reply the Australian Prime Minister thanked the people and government of Oyo State for their warm reception and gave the

assurance that his government would continue to do its best to assist sister countries.

Mr Fraser also paid a courtesy call on the Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba Daniel Akinbiyi.

The Prime Minister later called at the international institute of tropical agriculture where the Deputy Director-General, Dr Bede Okigbo, intimated him with the institution's mode of operation and aspirations for the future.

Mr Fraser was accompanied by his wife and top Australian Government officials.

TRADE CENTRE NEEDS AID

AN appeal has been made to the Cross River State Government, the various communities, voluntary bodies, commercial establishments and individuals in Orun Local Government area to come to the aid of the Government Trade Centre in the area.

Making the appeal in Orun recently, the principal of the centre, Mr M. E. Asanga, disclosed that the centre was faced with various problems which have militated against its development.

These he pointed out, were lack of electric light, pipe-borne water, land for expansion and workshop equipment.

Mr Asanga regretted that these problems

have contributed to the inability of the centre to be given approval for participation in the WAEC City and Guild examinations.

On the administration of the centre, the principal said discipline was seriously maintained despite the fact that none of its staff lived in the compound, and appealed to the authorities for the provision of quarters for the staff.

Referring to sports, he said the students showed sufficient interest and were improving fast.

The Trade Centre which is co-educational offers courses in electrical installation and motor mechanics as well as in secondary and commercial subjects.

300 chiefs given papers

ABOUT 300 chiefs were in Owerri presented with certificates of recognition by the Imo State Military Administrator, Colonel Sunday Adenihun.

One of the chiefs is Dr Akanu Ibiam, the last civil governor of the former Eastern Nigeria.

Addressing the chiefs, the administrator announced that it was now the sole responsibility of every community to select and present its chief for recognition.

Colonel Adenihun added that any community which could not agree on whom to present would remain without a recognised chief.

The administrator reminded the chiefs of their functions which he said included the presidency of the community council from which the chief hailed.

The chiefs, he said should also help in tax collection and in the maintenance of law and order.

He warned that his administration would not look kindly on impersonators adding that a fine of N500 or six months imprisonment awaited those who participated in such activities.

Security training planned for airport staff

SIX senior officials of the Nigerian Air Ports Authority (N.A.A.) are to be given fellow-ship awards to study aviation security at the National Training School in Nairobi, Kenya.

The award which is being organised by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is sponsored by the United Nations.

This was made known by Mr M. Maddison, an international

Mr Maddison's mission is to study and evaluate the country's aviation security facilities and recommend measures to any deficiency detected. He declined to comment on what lapses he had so far discovered, but expressed satisfaction with most facilities at the airport and the general performance of (N.A.A.) security staff.

According to Mr Maddison, a report would be submitted to the

Airport, Mr Maddison said he was also impressed by the security arrangement which has already succeeded in curbing fouling and other principal activities.

Mr Maddison told the "Tide" that it was a common practice all over the world that Airports were not initially built with detailed security arrangements.

Mr Maddison will conduct a series of security and

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sector alone has the largest investment resources of seven billion Naira under the current development plans (1975-80).

The government has put a lot of emphasis on agriculture through the launching of "Operation Feed the Nation" (OFN), the basic aim of which is to encourage people to grow their own food, and eventually to make the country fully self-reliant in the supply of food to its ever-growing population.

THROUGH the implementation of the Indigenisation Decree which came into effect on April 1, 1974, Nigerians by and large, are in command of their economic fortunes. All that is required to get well established in this area are moral rectitude and financial discipline.

THE Administration has performed beyond expectation on the diplomatic scene. The country's stand on the issues of racist South Africa and the counterfeit Muzorewa government in Zimbabwe has been proclaimed clearly and quite recently, the Federal Military Government told Great Britain that it was in no mood to tolerate nonsense. And so, it sent British Petroleum — one of the "Seven Sisters" in the almighty oil world packing and sent the pound sprawling.

ALL we have been trying to do in this portrait of a military government is to capture its direction, perspectives and achievements in more or less general terms. One fact, however, must be conceded. When this administration took over from the Gowon regime in a bloodless coup on July 29, 1975, it pledged to return the country to civil rule on October 1, 1979, through several democratic processes — reformation of the local government system; constitution of the Constitution Drafting Committee; election to the Constituent Assembly; consideration and acceptance of the draft of the new Constitution; lift of the ban on party politics, the promulgation of the Electoral Decree, No. 73 of 1977 and finally, the election of civilians to power, which we hope will end on Saturday.

FOR the Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo, who is visiting this state today we say hearty cheers and congratulations! He has shown that to be in power is to serve on the basis of accountability and credibility. In less luckier lands, excuses would have been found to remain in power even for the sheer pleasure of doing so. In this respect, the Armed Forces have set an example for future administrations to follow and probably for AFRICA.

WHY THE PRESS SHOULD BE FREE

THE Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo opened the constituent assembly on October 6, 1977; from which time the body started taking its deliberations. From that date to September, 1978 when ban on politics was lifted is barely eleven months. It was beyond our knowledge during the proceedings of the constituent assembly as to which party should command the majority or who should emerge as the first Nigerian Executive President.

My friend, Mr. Nwankama Uwakwe in his views of July 20, 1979 in Nigerian Tide captioned "Why the Press shouldn't be Free" referred to what he described as Press taking sides in politics by favouring politicians and parties of its choice. The press does not see the future of politics nor concerned in mind who should be the President and the party that will emerge victorious.

Forget about tribal politics!

MOST of us have seen and heard about the happenings among the five political parties. These political parties have accused themselves of one thing or the other; some have claimed superiority over others and the worst of all, some want to come to power at all cost not realizing that the emergence of the next president depends on us.

All I am stressing on is that we should avoid being used by the political parties as tools for personal interests. As citizens of Nigeria, we should at the presidential election perform our civic responsibilities by casting our votes for the right person.

But if we do not, we shall cheat ourselves, commit political suicide, deprive ourselves of the right leader, sin against God and the future of the nation and the lives of all of us may be adversely affected. To make a conscious choice of a good president, we should forget all about tribalism and ethnicity.

I am now pleading with the Federal Military Government to please deal drastically with any person or persons who would want to cause trouble again in Nigeria. And no person should think that he owns Nigeria.

Nigeria is owned by all Nigerians. We should not forget the speech made by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt General T. Y. Danjuma, that no country can have two civil wars.

H.H. P. A. D. AMADI
Rumokpokani Rumueme

This could be justified by the frequent praying of the political parties that the press should stop publishing every bit of issue demonstrated by any political party. At least the recent prayer by the Federal Electoral Commission Chairman, Chief Ani will suffice to show that the press has no special room for anybody.

It would have been better if a philosophical man like Mr. Uwakwe mention the party or parties that lacked the coverage of the press or being criticized indiscriminately by the press.



Today Nigerians have adopted presidential system of government; there is no point of return. It is exactly the type of government America is practising. Their government did not scrap the freedom of the press. It is left for the citizens of this great country to maintain exactly the norms of what they have copied, thus the objectives of presidential system of government are to be ensured.

This will be of great assistance to relieve the country from what had plunged it into a state of anarchy that contributed immensely to the civil war. If exemption of freedom of the press will be adhered to, it means there is no true system of presidential government. And all we are doing is to hope against hope if the party to appear colourfully fails to establish "Freedom of the Press".

P. W. OGBUMGBADA
Akpo.

TREAT EVERYBODY FAIRLY

THE method our doctors and nurses work in our hospitals is not only appalling, but embarrassing. They would come to work anytime they like.

There had been continuous reports from the public about the attitude shown by these people whom we expect to be cautious of their duties. But instead, they only admit patients and wait for post mortem examinations and "death certificates" for two months after a patient happened to be a victim of

what could have been a serious case and was admitted into one of our hospitals. My luck may have it, his case became a minor one, and after undergoing the normal procedure, he was asked to wait for doctor Alas, THE MIGHTY NEVER CAME.

The most annoying part could also be attributed to the doctors on arrival. They will set aside some hours for general chat, admiring patients, and could eventually be attended to. Some may come to suffer the throes of death.

Now, after prescriptions, the wardmaid attached to the doctor goes to the store for drugs. In a minute, she comes back and shows "no drugs". Then the doctor takes back the card from her and in no doubt, he writes "O.S" meaning out of stock. "Please go to Chemist," he finally advises.

I suggest that the authority concerned should step in by appointing or setting up a tribunal for investigation into cases like laziness, un-co-operative manner and gross negligence of these awful duties and also mete out to them adequate punishment. It will be a deterrent to others.

MAGNUS DELIGWE
Kumasi

They are traditional dresses

MAY I refer to an article captioned "ARE THEY ALL CHIEFS IN CHIEFS ROBES?" published on July 28, 1979, by the Nigerian Tide in which Mr John I. OGU of Aminuwa/Alba claimed that young boys mock chieftaincy institutions by wearing chieftaincy dresses at random which he said is alarming. The writer should please note that dresses like Jumper, Don, and such like are traditional dresses and not chieftaincy dresses as he claimed in Northern and Western Nigeria, the people have their traditional mode of dressing and so, the Rivers state, a market town, truck park, market, teachers in the

tional dresses in their various places of work in order to promote their culture and with which one will easily identify them.

In Rivers State, dresses like Jumper, Don, Karama Shirt and "Okpe-kuto" are traditional dresses and these dresses are not specifically made for chiefs. I find it very interesting to see the younger generation in the face of strong Western systems, get abreast with our culture.

We should therefore continue to assist, educate and emphasize to our children the importance of cultural awareness.

SUNDAY DICKSON
OTOGO

These should be your qualities

NOW that the Nation is moving from military to civilian rule, it is suggested that an essay on leadership, how it should look, what makes for good or bad leadership and so on, will not be one of plain pieces.

Let me not waste time to say that it is suggested to talk of "Leadership" as if it were a philosophical treat something intrinsic or innate, within the individual, which some people have and others do not or which they have in a minor degree. The word leader makes sense only when we specify to what end and in what circumstances the leader will be expected to act.

How the leader should act, we know that only a healthy country will select a healthy leader, who will never be

contrary to any of the under-mentioned guidelines given from by his people, the guidelines which show a good leader is as follows:

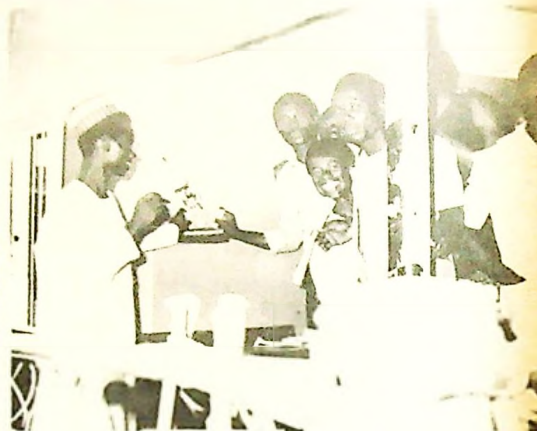
A good leader must be reasonably intelligent, well-balanced and most important, he must be capable not only of giving out orders and instructions but also of taking to messages from his environment which will influence the orders or instructions he gives.

Like we know that the best soldier is not solely a good fighter is not sufficient. Let's see you doing all these things for us when in power. My LEADER.

PETER O. NENE

Port Harcourt

Photo news



POSTAL AGENCY OPENED IN BONNY

It is the policy of the Federal Military Government to create more postal institutions in view of the increasing demand all over the Federation.

In the picture above (left) Mr. G. C. Okafun, the Head Postmaster, P. & T. Post Harcourt is seen cutting the tape to declare open a Postal Agency in Bonny, Rivers State.

And also Mr. Reuben Akpan, Deputy publicity Secretary of Bonny Command, posts his letter as seen in the picture (right) above.



Day Zik filed his papers

Frantic efforts were made by each of the five Presidential candidates to submit their nomination papers before the deadline last week.

Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe who also submitted his nominations earlier was flanked by party members and an enthusiastic crowd in Lagos.

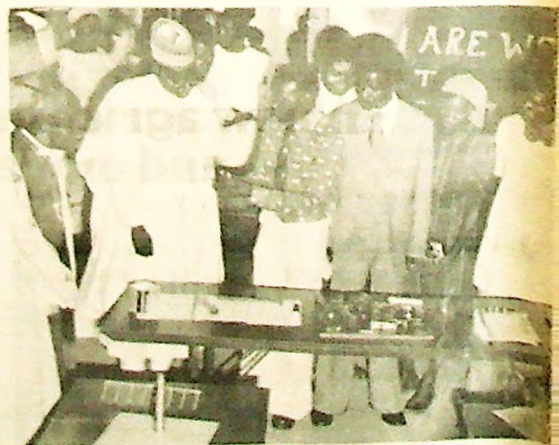
Dr Azikiwe was being interviewed by reporters immediately after the submission of his papers as shown in the picture above.



Retiring perm-sec leted

A cocktail party was organised by the staff of the Bendel State Department of Establishments in honour of the retiring Permanent Secretary for the Department of Establishments, Mrs. Gertrude O. Ogunyinka.

Picture shows Mrs. Elio Aigbo presenting a souvenir on behalf of the staff of the Ministry of Establishments to Mrs. Ogunyinka (left) while Mr. A. H. Ogunyinka (right) looks on.

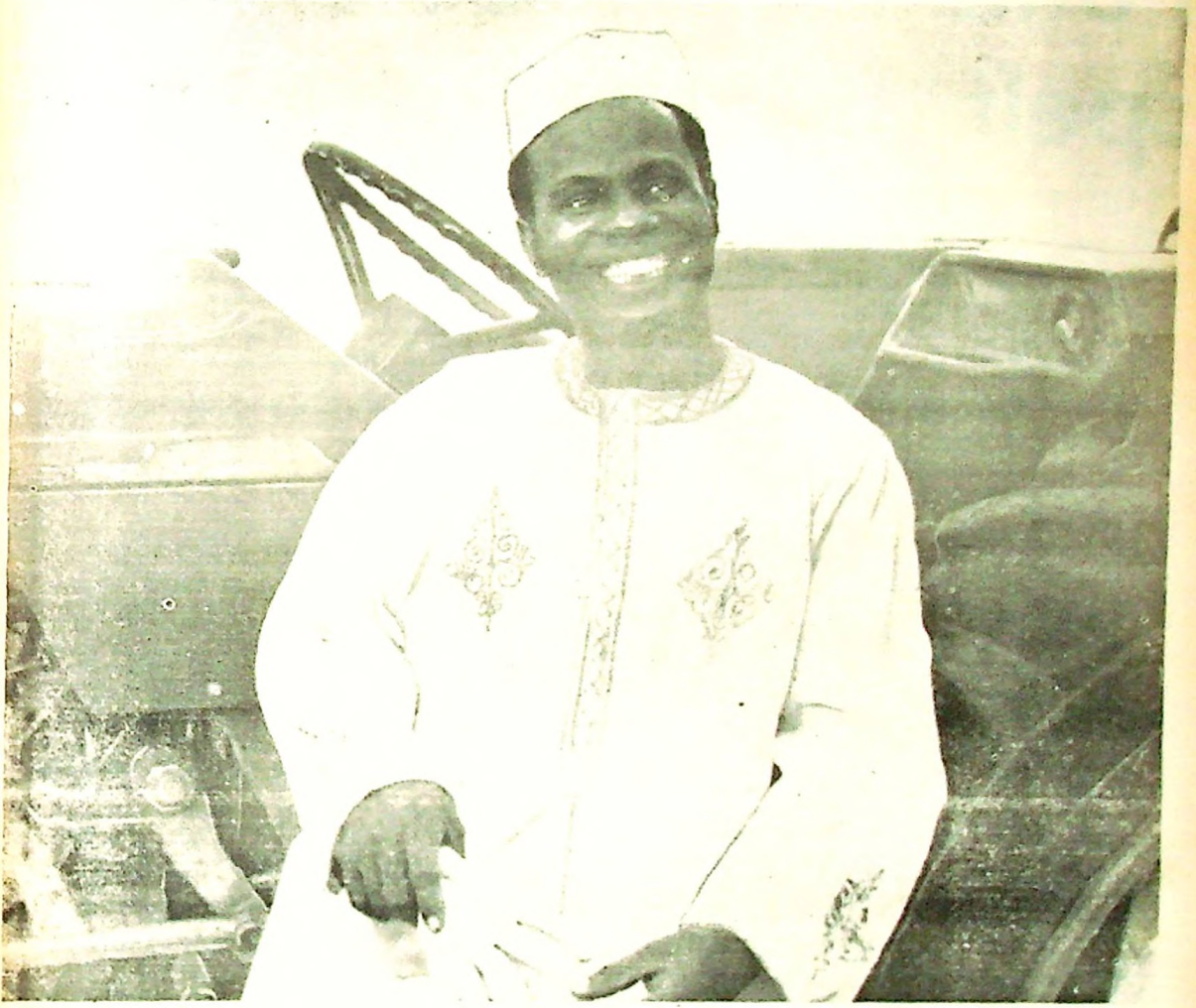


STUDENTS GRADUATE AT CENTRE

The Kaduna State Commissioner for Education Alhaji Magaji Inuwa represented the State Military Administrator General Captain Ibrahim Alfa during the passing out ceremony of students of

Centre Kaduna.

Picture above shows the Commissioner (right) from left listening to explain some points from the new Director of the Centre, Mr. Caleb Taro in one of the Centres.



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Fund's objectives spelt out

A 2-DAY seminar on "The Training Function" organised by the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) and designed for senior training and accounting personnel of companies has ended at the ITF Area office in Calabar.

The seminar discussed among other issues, the role of the Industrial Training

Fund in manpower training and development in the nation's economy, the Centre for Management Development, the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria, the Nigerian Institute of Management and other manpower development organisations in the country.

It also looked into the appropriateness of otherwise of training, the benefits of training and the ITF reimbursement and grants scheme.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Commissioner for Information and Social Development, Mr Fidelis Nnang explained that the ITF was set up by the Federal Government to encourage the acquisition of skills in industry and commerce with a view to generating a pool of indigenous trained manpower sufficient to meet the needs of the nation's economy.

The Funds, he continued, hoped to achieve its laid down objectives by using several methods including bearing a proportion of the direct costs of in-service-training carried out by employers, assisting and strengthening training capability and facilities throughout the country and building up training facilities of its own.

He added that the fund would also assist in organising research and studies into training as a support to its other activities.

Mr Nnang made it known

that the ITF had already set

up ten area offices at Lagos, Kano, Ibadan, Aba, Benin City, Jos, Ilorin, Port Harcourt and Calabar to handle various functions.

These functions, he pointed out, included the collection of training requirements data and levies from industries, approval of company training programmes and processing of company training reimbursement claims, and the transmission of same to headquarters for approval and payment.

In his opening speech read by Mr R. M. Igbo, the Director of the Industrial Training Fund, Alhaji Mohammed Dikko lamented that some companies in the State have fully appreciated the need for training their employees.

Mr Dikko explained that the Fund has however made payments over and above the sixty per cent maximum reimbursement grant to those companies which have set up impressive training facilities.

He hoped that at the end of the seminar, the participants would be able to make maximum use of the training services and activities of the Fund.

New savings scheme launched

A new savings system, known as the Target Saving Scheme of the Property Development Corporation of Oyo State has been launched.

The savings scheme is designed to assist persons who are desirous of owning a house to plan for the future by making constant savings to have enough money after a period of not less than five years to attract special financial assistance of the corporation.

In his address, Chief S. O. Omidele, Deputy Chairman, Oyo State Executive Council said that the government, private organisations and individuals had learnt to be more prudent in their use of resources and had also become more conscious of their sources of revenue with positive efforts towards profits.

To achieve this objective, he advised all corporations to devise means of generating funds through their own sources.

He expressed the hope that the 'Target Savings Scheme' Housing problems in the state would be solved.

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MR GEORGE A. PEPPER—In
to the family

LAGOS COUNCIL PLANS FOR STALLS, ROADS

THE chairman of the Lagos mainland Local Government, Mr Alabi Masha has disclosed in Lagos that more road repairs and additional market stalls would soon be constructed within the Lagos mainland Local Government areas immediately after the elections.

Mr Masha was addressing some traders from Yaba and Surulere who were displeased as a result of the environmental sanitation and the street trading edicts in the state.

The traders who had come to complain about the shortage of stalls in the approved markets were told that application forms for the allocation of stalls would be made available during the construction of

new ones. Mr Masha also urged owners of market stalls within the mainland Local Government Council area to always ensure that their rents were paid promptly.

adding that "they should desist from the fraudulent methods whereby market stalls are being sub-let at exorbitant rates to traders."

Epidemic rate slumps

MEASLE epidemic outbreak in Brass district of the Brass Local Government (BALGA) has dropped by more than 13 per cent in July this year.

This was contained in an Immunisation Report issued by the Epidemiological Unit in Nembe, Headquarters of the Council.

The report indicated that a total of 120 persons were immunised in July this year as against 140 cases in the corresponding month last

year. It also reported that 540 cases of measles were treated in May and June this year as against last year's figure of 222 and 88 for the same two months.

Cholera epidemic, the report said, has also declined considerably as available statistics showed 600 cases for May, 450 for June, and 240 for July this year contrary to 543, 899, and 395 cases for the same period last year.

Christians urged to be loyal

THE eighth Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Owerri holding at St Peter's Church, Ogwa, in the Mbatoli/Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State was ended after passing resolutions on religious, political, economic and social issues.

The Synod observed that although it was easier to condemn corruption and social because the pressures of contemporary society which were extremely difficult to resist, Christians should allow the Holy Spirit full control of their lives. They should also make determined and personal efforts to eschew bribery and corruption, waste and immorality in their private and public life.

To ensure a peaceful transition from military to civilian rule, the Synod in its second resolution called all Christians to be loyal and law abiding citizens and to participate in the politics of their state and country and to pray always for the nation and its leaders. It also called upon them to take over responsibility from

and political tolerance in the supreme interest of the nation.

Resolving against expensive weddings and funerals, the Synod described it as evil disease that had invaded the life of the Church and the Nigerian society, and urged Christians to return to modest living and dressing.

In view of the staggering number of destitute children who have no access to basic human needs and rights, the Synod strongly urged all African countries to take positive action in line with the United Nations declaration of the rights of the child to eradicate injustices; to care for refugees, and to initiate programmes for the well-being of all children within their jurisdiction.

The Synod further resolved to continue to encourage the Church in Sudan by sustaining financial and personnel support; and established the Anglican Provincial Council in Sudan to establish similar links with the Church in Sudan.

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- (i) Assistant Legal Draftsman — Grade Level 14, that is, ₦9,168 — ₦10,128 per annum.
- (j) Asst. Administrator-General — Grade Level 14, that is, ₦9,168 — ₦10,128 per annum.
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- (m) State Counsel — Grade Level 09/08, that is, ₦4,668 — ₦3,564 — ₦5,640 — ₦4,464 per annum.

2. QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a)-(g) Candidates must be legally qualified to practice as Barrister-at-Law or Solicitor in Nigeria and must have at least ten years post-call experience and in the case of (e) have practical experience in legal drafting or furnish satisfactory evidence of some training for legal drafting.
- (h)-(k) Candidates must be legally qualified to practice as Barrister-at-Law or Solicitor in Nigeria and must have at least seven years post-call experience and in the case of (i) have practical experience in Legal drafting or furnish satisfactory evidence of some training for legal drafting.
- (l) and (m) Candidates must be legally qualified to practice as Barrister-at-Law or Solicitor in Nigeria and must have at least five years practical experience in the case of (l) and two years practical experience in the case of (m).

3. DUTIES:

- (a) The Director of Public Prosecutions shall, acting under and in accordance with the general or special instructions of the Attorney-General of the State—
 - (i) be in charge of and exercise control over the Department of Public Prosecutions in the Ministry of Justice.
 - (ii) have power to institute and undertake criminal proceedings in the Courts of the State, and
 - (iii) perform other duties assigned to him by the Attorney-General.
- (b) The Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions is required to assist the Director of Public Prosecutions by advising the Police on criminal cases and conducting criminal prosecutions.
- (c) The Deputy Solicitor-General is required to assist the Solicitor-General in the administration of the Ministry and in such professional work as may be assigned to him by the Solicitor-General.
- (d) The Director of Civil Litigation is required—
 - (i) to take charge of all civil litigations involving the State.
 - (ii) to give legal advice to Ministries and other Government Departments in Civil matters.
 - (iii) to vet and prepare State agreements in close consultation with the Solicitor-General.
 - (iv) to perform such other professional duties as the Solicitor-General may from time to time assign to him.
- (e) The Legal Draftsman will be—
 - (i) in charge of the Legal Drafting Division of the Ministry of Justice;

- (a) responsible for the drafting of the laws and other legal documents of the Government of the Rivers State of Nigeria; and
- (ii) required from time to time to give advice on legislation and other legal documents and work in close consultation with the Solicitor-General.
- (f) The Head of Law Revision shall be responsible for Law revision, law reporting and research.
- (g) The Administrator-General is responsible for the administration of estates of deceased persons and shall perform such other functions as the Solicitor-General may from time to time assign to him.
- (h) The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions is required to assist the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions by advising the Police on criminal cases and conducting criminal prosecutions.
- (i) The Assistant Legal Draftsman is required to assist the Legal Draftsman in legal drafting and advisory work and to work in close consultation with him and the Solicitor-General.
- (j) The Assistant Administrator-General is required to assist the Administrator General in all matters relating to the administration of estate of deceased persons and perform such other duties as the Administrator-General or the Solicitor-General may from time to time assign to him.
- (k) The Principal State Counsel is required to undertake responsibility for the conduct of litigation, the drafting of laws and the giving of legal advice. May be called upon to head any of the Divisions in the Ministry and supervise the work of Junior Counsel.
- (l)-(m) Senior State Counsel and State Counsel shall, acting under and in accordance with the general or special directives of the head of their Division—
 - (i) institute and conduct civil litigation;
 - (ii) undertake criminal proceedings;
 - (iii) give legal advice to the Police and other Government Departments;
 - (iv) perform other duties assigned to them by the head of their Division or the Solicitor-General.

4. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

Appointment is either on Permanent and Pensionable terms or on contract terms. New entrants to the Rivers State Public Service, if appointed on permanent and pensionable terms, will be on probationary service for two years. A contract appointment which is renewable on mutual agreement may be negotiated. Other conditions of service are the same as obtained in the Public service of the Rivers State.

5. LENGTH OF TOUR:

The normal length of tour for an indigenous officer is twelve months.

6. METHOD OF APPLICATION:

- (i) In Nigeria—Applications from candidates not in Government Service should be completed in duplicate on Form RSPSC 1, obtainable from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Port Harcourt, and from the Federal and any of the State Public Service Commissions of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Applications from candidates in the Public Service other than that of the Rivers State of Nigeria should be submitted in letter form through the appropriate Public Service Commission accompanied by copies of Confidential Reports for the last three years. Applications from candidates in the Rivers State Public Service should be submitted in letter form through their Heads of Department accompanied by copies of Confidential Reports for the last three years.
- (ii) Overseas—Applications should be completed and submitted duplicate on Form RSPSC 1, obtainable from the Recruitment Attache, Nigeria High Commission, 9, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2, if the candidates are in Europe, or to the Head of Chancery, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1333 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20036, if they are in the United States of America or Canada.

7. CLOSING DATE:

Completed application forms should be submitted through the appropriate channels to reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Port Harcourt, Rivers State of Nigeria not later than 11th September, 1979.

F. F. Higgins,
Secretary,
Rivers State Public Service Commission.

Dated at Port Harcourt this 11th day of July, 1979.

Thirteen years of military OUR PRESENT LE

General Olusegun Obasanjo, the Head of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria is expected in the Rivers State today in continuation of what he has aptly termed "Thank You" and farewell visit of the states in the Federation.

General Obasanjo has already visited Gongola, Anambra, Borno, Bendel and Ondo States. He has also been to Kaduna, Niger and Kwara, among other States.

In Borno State, the Head of State seized the opportunity offered by his visit to formally open the South Chad Irrigation Project.

Since January 15, 1966, the military had been at the helm of affairs in this country, beginning from one regime of the late General Aguiyi Ironsi then to the administration of Yakubu Gowon during which the nation had to fight a bitter civil war which lasted for 30 months and then to the present era.

Even though this country had been under military rule for over 13 years now, it can hardly be contested that it was only when the present leaders came on the political scene on July 29, 1978 that Nigeria's image was established positively on the international plane.

This point was emphasised in the late Head of State, General Murtala Muhammed's first broadcast to the nation when he said:

"Events of the past few years have indicated that despite our great human and material resources, the government has not been able to fulfil the legitimate expectations of our people. Nigeria has been left to drift.

"This situation, if not arrested would inevitably have resulted in chaos and even bloodshed. In the endeavour to build a strong, united and viable nation, Nigerians have shed

much blood, the thought of further bloodshed, for whatever reasons, must, I am sure, be repulsive to our people. The Armed Forces, having examined the situation, came to the conclusion that certain changes were inevitable."

Though the architect of the bloodless coup of 1975 had to die through the machination of monopolist capitalist reactionaries using their puppets under the leadership of a play boy who went by the name of Dimka, the present Head of State, though reluctantly, had to accept the mantle of

being kept to rehearsal by his worthy comrades in arms. Thus the Constitution Drafting Committee, charged with drafting a constitution for the nation was able to accomplish its assignment on schedule, followed by the Constitution Assembly which put finishing touches to the draft constitution.

The Supreme Military Council with few amendments, promulgated a decree which hopefully would bring the constitution into operation on October 1, this year when the Executive President is formally expected to take over the administration from the military.

The final phase of the programme for the return to civil rule is already in top gear with the elections to the various assemblies already being held.

Many measures can be cited to the credit of the military both on the national and international scenes, but for our purpose we would concern ourselves with those measures which

David Mark, the Rivers State Government and some of its citizens, have become landlords, since they were given the first choice of buying the so-called abandoned houses.

The Local Government Reforms are meant by the out-going military administration to bring government to the grassroots. In this way, government becomes participatory.

Thus the state administration, when it realised that three of the Local Governments which came into being as a result of the reforms were not living up to expectation, suspended them and appointed care-taker bodies in their places. These were the Bonny Local Government Authority,



*LATE GENERAL MURTALA MUHAMMED

It is no exaggeration to say that the Rivers State was almost a tenant on its own land. But thanks to the Daramola Panel, the follow-up of which was the Abandoned Property Implementation Committee, (APIC) under the chairmanship of Major David Mark, the River State Government and some of its citizens, have become landlords, since they were given the first choice of buying the so-called abandoned houses.

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SAYS KWAKU JOFFA Our Features Editor

leadership which was thrust upon him, if one would be allowed to say so.

And since February 13, 1976 when General Muhammed was killed in cold blood while on his way to work to date, his successor and his colleagues in the Armed Forces have persevered, under difficult economic situations, to keep the spirit of the July 1975 Revolution moving.

The pledge of General Muhammed in his first broadcast to the nation is

have a direct bearing on the Rivers State. Here one would refer briefly to the Daramola Panel on abandoned property and the Local Government Reforms.

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Yenagoa Local Government Authority and the Port Harcourt City Local Government Authority.

Two of them, Bonny and Yenagoa have been dissolved following probes and new elections have since been conducted into them while Port Harcourt is yet to be probed. These

measures had been taken by the state military administration to ensure that the Local Governments lived up to expectation to fulfil the functions for which they were set up.

No government can achieve any success without the co-operation and understanding of the governed. And General



Before the announcement of the lifting of the ban on politics last year, General Obasanjo met various groups of leaders of thought, including traditional rulers and religious leaders. In the picture (above) General Obasanjo is seen exchanging views with some church leaders.

Gen. Obasanjo's pro

OBASANJO (General) Olusegun, Army engineer, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. Born at Abeokuta; May 5, 1937; Education: attended Abeokuta Baptist High School; enlisted in the Army (1958) and after a year

in the Armed Forces ranks, went for Officer training at the Mons School in Britain — had short services commission in the Nigerian Infantry (May 1959) and regular commission two years later; after a spell as platoon commander, did the Royal Engineers Young

Officers course at Shrivenham England; back from Britain took command of the Nigerian Army Field Engineering Squad; graduated at the Indian Staff College (1965) and was subsequently on a short attachment to the Indian Army Engineering School at Kirkee.

Following the outbreak of the civil war, went through a series of commands from July 1967 to May 1969 — Commander of the second area, Commander of the second division (rear) and Commander of the garrison at Ibadan; Moved to the Third

Marine Commando Division) commanded by Benjamin Adekunle and in command of the Division's major part in the success of the civil war; promoted Brigadier in 1972, he went for a two-year course at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London; became Chief of Staff, Engineers; appointed Chief

Works and Housing in the government (January 1977) later, following the July 29, 1978, he became Chief of Staff, Headquarters under General Muhammed.

Promoted from Lieutenant-General to Major-General on backdated to July 29, 1978, in the assassination of General

Col. B.S. Dimka's on February 13, 1976, was in the State and Commander of the Armed Forces (February 1976) children.

Administration in Nigeria:

LEADERS HAVE KEPT THEIR PLEDGE

FLASHBACK TO HEAD OF STATE'S 1976 VISIT TO RIVERS STATE



TOP — The Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo on arrival at Port Harcourt during his first official visit to the Rivers State in 1976 being received by the then Rivers State Military Governor, Brigadier (then Colonel) Zamani Lekwot. With General Obasanjo were some Federal Commissioners.



MIDDLE (right) — Some Rivers State traditional rulers being introduced to the Head of State, General Obasanjo shortly after his arrival in the Rivers State Capital, Port Harcourt.



Among the places visited by the Head of State was the University of Port Harcourt. Here the Head of State is being accompanied by the vice-chancellor, P. O. Okeke.

Through the length and breadth of Port Harcourt City the reception accorded the Head of State was tumultuous. Here is one of the mammoth crowd that almost mobbed him.

BRITISH AFRICAN POLICY

GEORGE BENNARD Shew, renowned British leader of thought, observed that as shrewd as he was, the British man does everything on principles. He enslaves on imperial principles, he robs and exploits on business principles, he fights and plunders on patriotic principles.

Racism — African style — is one of those obvious principles that our age knows and loathes, but which Britain utilizes to consolidate her stranglehold on Africa, whose natural resources she needs, but her people, hates.

Twice in this century, African toil sweat and blood inundated battlefields all over the world, to save poor Britain's neck. Black African efforts, in no small manner, boosted the liberation of Britain from political obliteration, and restored her pride. Meanwhile poetry lines, flourished, rhyming in unison that "the British will never be slaves again".

Today, thirty-five years later, Britain connives at the shedding of precious African blood by a racist regime which seems world opinion, dehumanise its African populace and hence transgress the sanctity of decency. And by associating with such a regime purely on historical and economic premises, she has shifted into axial polarity with Africa.

Ironically British economic interests have taken prominence over African dignity. She would rather wager the goodwill the enjoys among Black nations for her inglorious links with southern African tal-

Summit

The CAU Summit conference has come and gone, to also the Lusaka Commonwealth conference.

Both conferences contingently highlighted the African continent. Africa was the central theme of the summit.

Moscow, in the backdrop the rising sun of the African nations. Britain intended her diplomatic presence, to forestall any stiff opposition from them. She had hoped to capitalise on that most ubiquitous malady of African continental politics "lack of consensus".



President of Tanzania

The primary source of her hope is not far to see. Some African nations are subjected to varying economic fortunes which fluctuate according to the caprices of the Western industrial giant.

Consequently their bargaining position are often rendered weak.

Paradoxically, it is a time when they need to pull resources together to confront and contain continental crisis. Yet pallid as the situation looks, the West still initiates diversionary events, to fritter off any common sympathies that may nevertheless exist; hence rendering the concepts of consensus and co-operation, meaningless.



BISHOP A. MUZOREWA the Puppet leader of the illegal administration in Zimbabwe

In a remote reflection on the situation, President Nyerere of Tanzania, addressing the Ministerial Conference in preparation for the 99 UNCTAD at Arusha, Tanzania, pointed out that "the kind of dialogue we have been having has not succeeded in changing the structure of power. The world order still works against the interest of the poor".

Commonwealth?

The poor here automatically includes the oppressed blacks in Namibia, Zimbabwe and Azania, while the world ostensibly devotes the safeguards instituted to ensure the security of Western interests.

Many observers believed that Britain will defer her foot-holdly overtures towards Salisbury until after the August '79 Commonwealth Conference. But ominous signs of British treachery had already manifested themselves, and hence generated misgivings among

Paradox of morality

blacks world wide. Answers were sought for such a question as whether the organisation in question was a Commonwealth or Commonwealth of Nations, once in dalliance with Britain.

After all, how much legitimacy can the Commonwealth command within the British establishment to justify the anticipated influence it will have on British foreign policy?

by

Monima Daminabo

In a concrete sense, the Commonwealth is merely an unusual arm of the British Government whose allegiance is primarily to British interests, and any leftover for Commonwealth members and lastly to the concept of Commonwealth, as a super-national entity.

In the present context therefore, the Commonwealth is a paradox, since it cannot provide the services Africa expects from it: generation of co-operation, conformity of feelings and convergence interests among its membership. The crux of the matter being the ambiguity over the broad definitions of British interests and the nature of the body, in its formative sense. It is essentially a British Ministry.

Hence, on deferring decision until after the conference, British hoped to buy valuable time for Muzorewa to propagate his identity plotably, and whip up sympathies. It is hence in this light that the advent of the Australian Prime Minister, to our shores, must be viewed, in order to appreciate the extent of British recalcitrance in vitiating African collective resolve.

The Zimbabwean crisis, the crux of the matter, the main cause of resentment being the British government's determination to normalise relations with Muzorewa's puppet regime, despite the fact that his white proctors have not displayed any manifest intentions of expurgation the drastic limitations on African civil liberties.

Even the new constitution on which the mock change of government was based, essentially upholds the right of franchise contingent on status, which in this case is status.

By virtue of the inherent irrationality in such an election criteria, it deems that franchise is a universal function of government exercised by the people, and hence an indication of full citizenship.

For succinctly therefore,

the blacks in Zimbabwe, are not full citizens of Muzorewa's Rhodesia-Zimbabwe political construct.

The legitimacy of the black citizen, is hence a function of his economic productivity. His subjugation earned him a place under the sun, and his toil and sweat merely fetched

continued stay in power increases the likelihood of a protracted civil war even in an independent Zimbabwe.

A most acceptable peace is the immediate emergence of a new African majority leader, who command the requisite legitimacy both within and without Zimbabwe.

To that effect, fresh elections based on universal franchise should be conducted, to usher in a sea of democracy. After



MRS MARGARET THATCHER British Prime Minister

him subsistence economic existence.

The future prospects of this are as fatalistic as the present perspectives are intriguing. Must the black race never be totally free?

It is noteworthy that if not for the prerogative use of offensive instruments of coercion, the basis of white supremacy remains illusory. Hence juxtaposing her traditional role in consolidating racism in Africa, the awareness of the black people world wide, ipsa facts the contemporary perspectives of the political milieu, the sad fact emerges that Britain is afraid to face reality, and this for her is tragic. The problem with her seems to be that she all seems to be unaware of her exclusive moral responsibility for the perpetuation of this outrage of apartheid.

Moreover given Abel Muzorewa's diminishing popularity and shaky base of legitimacy, Britain's support comes rather belatedly. In addition, his

only a democracy can assure minority interests a majority rule. But if Britain feels she can afford circumvent African legitimate demands by her machinations, she is in a series of shocks.

African nations learning to bargain from position of increased strength, fostered by greater intra-regional social cultural integration.

Black nations will be harder at apartheid, as to prove they are not being at the moon.

The recent steps taken by progressive African countries as Nigeria in direction, are mere preliminaries, compared to the arsenal of economic sanctions, at African's disposal.

Again, Nigeria and other nations afford to be led at victory, at this advanced stage of the nationalist struggle.

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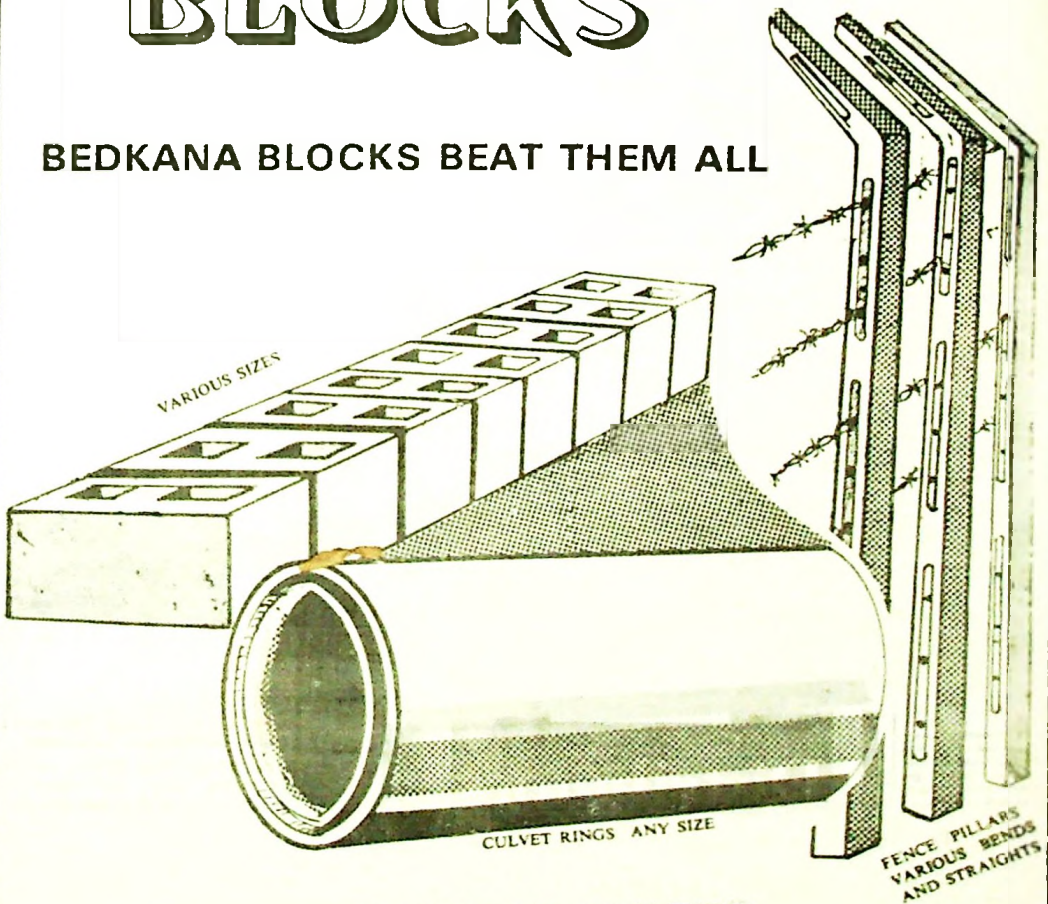
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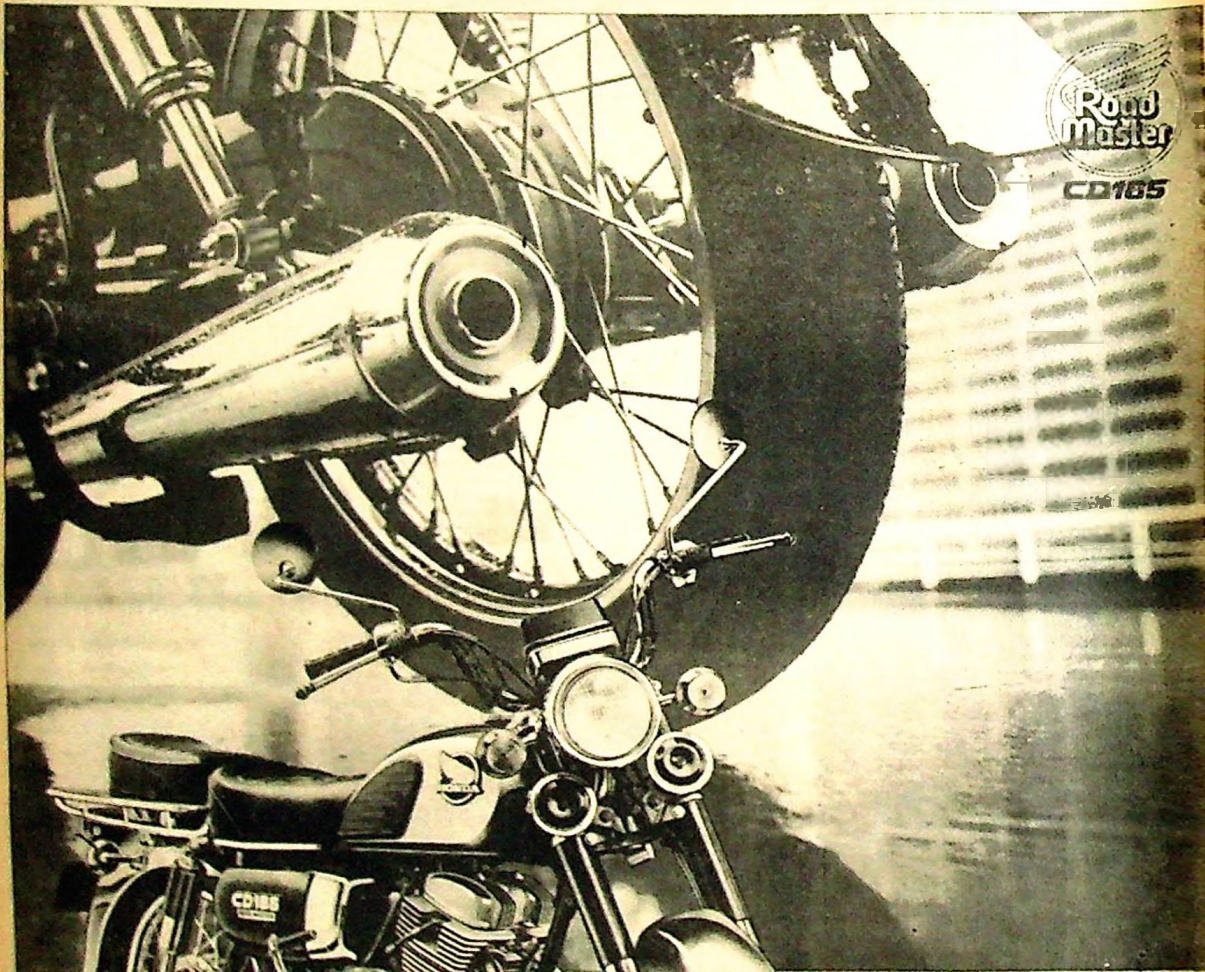


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Towards "Oluyole" 79" New venue for Rivers v ball

RIVERS State volleyball squad to the 4th National Sports Festival, coming soon in Ibadan, Oyo State, will no longer hold its daily practices at the Port Harcourt temporary stadium. The team will now be training at the College of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt.

These facts were made known to Tidesports yesterday by Augustine Odumu, a member of the national volleyball team who is currently preparing the state's squad to the festival.

According to him, the state's team is leaving no stones unturned in its bid to place among the tops at the festival. Towards this end, he observed, "The Temporary Stadium is no longer suitable for our purpose".

He disclosed that the team is moving its training ground to CST because the college has better training facilities. In this wise, he noted, "the college's hard court will serve the purpose of our trip to Ibadan".

Odumu gave the assurance that both the male and female teams are growing stronger. "We are expecting that some of our players will be in the national team for ECOWAS immediately after the National Festival".



Picture shows Chris Okwu, professional winner

Maxwell Resources golf tourney..

KIO STROKES TO GLORY

BY CHRIS OGHONDAH

THE first Maxwell Resources golf competition ended on Sunday at the Port Harcourt championship golf course. The medal play went over 13 holes. And as far as gold is concerned, Maxwell Resources believe that R. Kio, is the king of all Port Harcourt amateurs. Playing with grim determination and high endeavour, R. Kio, an engineering consultant, won the silver trophy with 73 net after bagging 91 gross on handicap 21. He was given a good chase from behind by Albert Koripamo who finished runner-up. Albert finished with 72 net on handicap 16.

One of the most consistent drivers at the

Port Harcourt course, Albert Koripamo tied on 73 net with Alfred Diere Spiff. But he beat Alfred to the third position on handicap. Alfred who is older in the game has handicap 4.

Eddie Peters shot 39 out, 39 in, making 78 gross over the 13 holes. A category one handicapper, Eddie Peters emerged winner of best gross.

Chris Okwu, Nigeria's most consistent professional golfer, won the pro prize of N100, having shot 75 gross, 3 under course par. The tournament ended with a

boisterous curry lunch given at the golf house by Maxwell Resources.

Speaking after the tournament which drew well over forty golfers, the managing Director of Maxwell Resources, Mr. Maxwell Taste Amadi, noted that his organisation sponsored the competition to create the impression that golf is only being sponsored by expatriate firms. He promised that his organisation would make the competition yearly. For which he earned full marks from the crowd.

Mr Amadi said that apart from supplying fish Maxwell Resources is interested in being involved with the society in which it

operates. According to him, it was his organisation's policy to be good community neighbours by not only

— Albert Koripamo is runner-up

providing fish but also serving the primary needs of the society such as providing bases for healthy sports competition and recreation.

Mr. Amadi noted that sports has become an instrument for international politics. And as such, he said, his organisation has decided to sponsor a yearly golf tournament as part of its contribution towards sports development in the country.

490 for camping —in C'River

A total of 490 male and female competitors in the Cross River State have been selected to represent the State at the Fourth National Sports Festival holding at Ibadan.

— Emmanson Uwa

The competitors who will take part in 16 sports events during the festival have already moved into a training camp.

The events include athletics, badminton, basket-ball, boxing, cricket, cycling, football and handball.

Others are hockey, judo, lawn-tennis, table-tennis, squash rackets, swimming, volleyball and wrestling.

Already, the State's Sports Council has set up seven sub-committees for finance; accommodation and feeding; technical, equipment and venues; transport; medical; documentation and publicity; disciplinary and security to handle preparations for the festival.

These facts were contained in a release issued by the sports council in Calabar.

AMOO IS STILL KING

NIGERIA'S Ray Amoo retained his title as the African Fly weight Champion when his opponent challenger Everest Nurtye of Ghana Submitted in the tenth round of their clash over the weekend. In the first and second rounds of the bout Amoo released series of fast jabs against Nurtye's weaker punches that made little or no impact on the champion.

By the third and fourth rounds, Nurtye tried to equal the punches but Amoo possessed stronger punches, always in pursuit of the challenger.

The 5th and 6th rounds saw the champion with series of uppercuts on Nurtye who became dazed and out of place, the challenger tried some face punch which escaped Amoo very often.

By the 7th and 8th rounds Amoo increased his jabs; he cornered Nurtye, stopped backward and jabbed vigorously and incessantly on his opponent; thereby making Nurtye lose his feet hold and nearly fell but Referee, Simon De Jasi was his rescue at that round.

On the 9th round, Nurtye saw red and fell because the

defender took him by storm amidst shouts of Amoo, Amoo. At a point he was in a coma and at another point, blind and dazed and staggering through relentless effects of the champion's hot jabs till he became sagged and sapped.

At the beginning of the 10th round Nurtye

surrendered, and the Referee declared Amoo the winner of the fight. In the supporting bouts Ade Young of Ondo state defeated Rasaki Fuja, of Lagos state by 2-1 split decision to clinch the national light weight champion.

International Promotions.

In the welter weight challenge contest, fighting Romanus Kayode Jee Lee of Bendel state in the 6th round. In the light weight challenge contest John Okoma of Bendel State defeated Kuno Arjo of Lagos state by a 2-1 split decision. All the fights were promoted by Peggoo

COACHING CLINIC FOR GAMES MASTERS

A TOTAL of 115 gameteachers are expected to participate in a two-week long sports coaching clinic starting from August 12 in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

The coaching clinic which is an expression of the State Ministry of Education's determined efforts to improve the standard of sports in schools in the State and the country is planned in conjunction with the State Schools board and the College of Education, Rumuolueme.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Education and signed by Mrs. I.D. Uyangi indicated that the clinic is planned for all gameteachers and games-mistresses and games-mistresses of the post-primary institutions in the state.

The clinic which holds at the College of Education Rumuolueme is scheduled for August 12-25.

At least nine courses including athletics, basketball, boxing, handball, hockey, table tennis, lawn tennis, football and volleyball will be run in ten different perspectives.

The perspectives are as follows: skills and tactics of play; rules and regulations of sports; dimensions of play surfaces (facilities); officiating; improvisation of facilities and equipments; sports injuries, legal implications; sports psychology of sports; biomechanics of

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It was also stressed that, the clinic is compulsory for all games masters/games mistresses of all secondary schools, teachers training and technical schools in the state.

Games masters/games mistresses who have not their complete should there before the date.

Tuesday, August 7, 1979

Magistrate wants of libel reviewed

A MEMBER of the Benue State Bench, Alhaji Umoru Eri, has called for the review of the present law of defamation, especially where substantial sums were to be awarded against publishers on libel.

Defending the freedom of the press, Alhaji Eri who is the Chief Magistrate of Makurdi magisterial district in the state urged that serious consideration be given to the 1947 American commission on freedom

of the press. The chief magistrate was speaking to more than 40 members of the state Union of Journalists shortly after administering an oath to the Nigerian Press Organisation's code of conduct each in his court.

He also suggested that, apart from anything which amounted to personal attack on the Bench or that which would really affect witnesses, the offence of contempt of court should rarely be invoked, in respect of publication of court proceedings.

Alhaji Eri however emphasized that the Freedom of the Press depended on the press, adding that the Press must be responsible and should conduct tact censorship on itself.

The chief magistrate added that while democratic communities had the right to be informed about all that concerned their welfare, those who informed them "must act in a sense, as wardens of public opinion".

Quoting extensively the various international proclamation on press freedom, he observed that the freedom of speech and that of the press in the country was being regarded as natural or fundamental.

He however, added that this was a misconception and further observed that from the synopsis of the history of this freedom, it was quite clear that this assumption had never been a reality.

Alhaji Eri referred to the examples of the totalitarian press as distinct from that of the free press and held that the freedom of the press was not universal, common, natural or fundamental.

Government, he said, placed some restrictions, which if considered reasonably justifiable in the society about the exercise of this freedom and pointed out that though this might in our eyes render press freedom worthless, the restriction was a necessary evil to guard against profanity and obscene utterances, that could militate against good government.

NSC WORKERS ON WAR PATH

... ANGRY OVER 'ANOMALIES'

TO MAKE the forthcoming National Sports Festival scheduled to hold at Ibadan, Oyo State capital hitch-free, the National Sports Commission (NSC) has to settle a score with an industrial union.

This indication was given by the president of the Recreational Services Employees Union, Mr. Jimi Babalola at a news conference at the National Stadium Surulere Lagos.

Mr. Babalola warned that the Sports Festival might be a mere dream, unless the Sports Commission took immediate steps to rectify the anomalies existing in the organisation for the past three years.

The president pointed out the National Sports Commission was the only federal establishment in which workers were paid less than their counterparts in the states.

Another area of conflict between the workers and the commission, Mr. Babalola said, was the conditions of service at the NSC.



MR ISAAC AKIOYE Director of Sports

He said there were established guidelines for overtime payment, promotions and the administering of pension scheme, including workers' welfare which were not being honoured.

The president also condemned the gap between heads of departments and their subordinate staff and said that he had been mandated by the workers union to urge the commission to take immediate steps to correct the situation in the interest of sports development in the country.

Earlier representations by the workers to the director of sports, the Federal Commissioners for Labour and Establishments, Mr. Babalola claimed, did not yield fruitful results.



General Meeting

There will be a general meeting of Ikenga Social Club of Nigeria-Port Harcourt Branch on Thursday 9th August 1979.

Old and Intending Members are advised to be punctual.

Twenty Naira (N20.00) fine awaits old members absentees.

Venue: Kolokuma Hotel, 91 Akokwa Street - Mile 2 Diobu, Port Harcourt.

Time: 5.00 p.m.

N. C. Amadiasonwu Joseph Okpara Okoye
Chairman (Alias Kucy God)
for Publicity Secretary

WE SCORED 37,000 VOTES NOT 27,000 — N P N

THE National Party of Nigeria (NPN) has claimed that its gubernatorial candidate for Kaduna State, Alhaji Lawal Kanta won the governorship election of the state.

In a statement in Kaduna at the weekend, the party stated that its candidate got 37,000 votes in Malamfashi local government area instead of the 27,000 votes credited to the party. The party demands a recount of the votes.

Speaking to the NIGERIAN TIDE in Kaduna, the party's spokesman, demanded that a recount of the votes cast in Malamfashi be conducted.

Before leaving for Lagos to consult his party leaders on the Kaduna situation, Alhaji Lawal simply told a reporter "please spare me the question. There are no comments now. I hope you will not be annoyed".

Report submitted

THE Chairman of the Chiefancy Declarations Review Commission Mr. Justice S.O. Ighodaro recently in Benin City, submitted its report on traditional ruler titles in the and Local Government areas to the State Government. Here Mr. Justice Ighodaro is seen submitting the report to the Benue State Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, Mr. K.O. Longe in his office.