

State govt gets new chief scribe

A new secretary to the Rivers State Government has been appointed. He is Mr Rufus Ada George. Mr George succeeds Professor William Ogonwa who returns to the university.

A Government House statement in Port Harcourt yesterday, explained that the appointment took effect from June 1, 1982.

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2 car theft suspects held

The fortunes of the "battle" against criminals in the Rivers State have continued to favour the law enforcement agents, with major victories being posted daily by the members of the state Police Command.

The two in hand cuffs, surrounded by uniformed and plain clothes men, are some of the latest casualties of the "war" against crime.

They were apprehended by security men from the Minigbo Okoro Police Station, after they had daubously altered a 1978 Ford Escort car from Cross River State, into a taxi cab in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, with fake vehicle number plates.

Here, the divisional police officer in charge of the station, Mr P. I. M. Ugu displays the arrested offenders and the original plate number at the premises of the police station last Tuesday. Picture by A. Opan.



ALHAJI ALIYU ATTA
Rivers Police chief

DISTRICT STAFF NABBED OVER ALLEGED ₦1m FRAUD

by Monday Frank

ANTI-CRIME detectives from the Rivers State Police Command have uncovered what crime experts described as the biggest single official fraud in the history of the state government, involving more than ₦1 million, while a number of highly placed officials have been arrested in connection with the scandal.

Among those in police net are the chairman of the district council, chairmen of some functional committees, an administrative officer, a Government treasurer and some chiefs from the district.

According to confirmed police sources in Port Harcourt, the unwholesome deal was unearthed in the Apoi Bassan/Koluama district with its headquarters at Ukuibia in the Yenagoa Local Government area of the state.

It is alleged that a grant of ₦1,151,598.27 was paid to the district for its services by the state government for the period covering December 1980 to R1.

Following the huge subvention, a number of meticulously hatched fraudulent deals involving payments totalling ₦887,756.71 were alleged to have been paid in respect of various projects which were not covered with official vouchers.

In another incident, the sum of ₦37,000 was also said to have been paid to a chief, who was awarded a contract of ₦47,000 for the supply of two engine-boats, but none of the boats was delivered after the contract sum had been paid.

The timely intervention of the police foiled another fraud bid involving ₦18,000 for the construction of culverts.

The same district council, now known as the centre piece of fraud and official malpractices, according to the police, was further alleged to have awarded contracts for the building of low-cost houses to nine contractors among them women, and paid various sums of money totalling ₦496,864, but no single block has yet been brought to the site.

Investigating detectives told the Nigerian Tide, that the catalogue of the incredible frauds, which came to light when a team of auditors was sent to the area to study the books of the district council.

Meanwhile, a number

of documents, including the suspects are still being withheld.

other account books have been impounded by detectives, and are carefully being studied to determine the true picture of the deal, while the arrested suspects have already made useful statements.

The story has been confirmed by an Assistant Superintendent of Police, Samuel Oshorun leading the investigators, but the names of

PAUSE AND PONDER

Strikers for economic betterment should put the financial and economic factors of the nation etc. into consideration before embarking on them.

MP WANTS CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

MEMBER of the House of Representatives, Mr. Akinlolu Rotimi, UPN-Ondo, has called for an overhaul in the management structure of the Central Bank of Nigeria to enable it to function effectively.

Mr. Rotimi said this while contributing to a debate on the Central Bank of Nigeria amendment bill during its second reading in the House.

The bill, which was sponsored by Mr. S.U. Wanganga, NPP-Imo, sought to restore to the Central Bank its original powers over staff and administrative matters.

Mr. Rotimi urged members to look into loopholes used by some CBN officials in transferring money abroad illegally.

Mr. Mike Ugwu, NPN-Anambra, said that he was opposed to the recruitment policy of the bank, adding competent staff should be appointed to handle essential services at the bank.

Chief Stephen Alele, NPP-Rivers, said that many banks in the country had been violating banking procedures because of the inability of the Central Bank to control them.

According to him, many banks had failed to keep records of the number of form M's issued to their customers.

Three private members bills went

through the first reading. They are the procedure for the creation of new state bill 1982, Nigerian Universities matriculation council bill 1982, and the Federal Polytechnic (amendment) bill 1981.

The first bill sought to regulate the procedure for the creation of new states and for matters connected therewith.

The university bills sponsored by Mr. Obafunso Ogunkoya, UPN-Ogun, seeks to establish a Nigerian Universities Matriculation Council and four matriculation examination boards to conduct matriculation examinations for the various universities.

Dr. Ebuwhe Sowho, NPN-Bendel, sponsored the Federal Polytechnic bill which seeks to enable the Federal Government to establish polytechnics in all senatorial districts to enhance the training of middle level manpower throughout the country.

Uproar in court over writ of mandamus

THE chief judge of Lagos State, Mr. Justice Adelunji Adefarasin, has been told that he could not preside over the writ of mandamus brought against him by a Lagos lawyer, Chief Fani Fawehinmi.

The mandamus action was instituted to compel the judge to list the case filed by Dr. Olu Onaguruwa against President Shugu Shagari and four others, over the recently passed "economic stabilisation act 1982."

When hearing in the suit began, the chief judge asked Chief Fawehinmi to explain to the court the purpose of the mandamus application when the assistant registrar of the court, Mr. Bolaji Ndanbete had

listed it for hearing.

The judge also wanted to know how the press got to know about the mandamus motion a few hours after it was filed.

Chief Fawehinmi said that the judge had no competence to hear the suit since the judge had interest in the case.

He said that the approach adopted by the court in handling the case was a contravention of section 33 of the constitution which guarantees fair hearing and the preamble to the constitution which ensures fundamental

rights.

Chief Fawehinmi also denied all the claims contained in the assistant registrar's affidavit that he, (Chief Fawehinmi) was informed that the substantive case had been fixed for hearing.

He said that Chief Rotimi Williams, who is appearing for some of the defendants in the case, maligned him in his absence when the case was first mentioned, by asking the court to send records of the proceedings to the Nigerian Bar Council.

He said that this was intimidating and that he would not accept it.

Chief Williams denied making the recommendation to the court, and added that it was the press that credited the words to him.

He said that it was Mr. Gregory Akinsoto from Chief Fawehinmi's chambers, who told the court that Chief Fawehinmi had instructed both his associates and clerks not to accept service in the case.

Mr. Akinsoto, who was in court stood up in anger and challenged

Chief Williams to prove when he made such a statement.

At this point, the court became rowdy with Chief Fawehinmi, Mr. Akinsoto and Dr. Onaguruwa taking sides against Chief Williams and the judge.

Mr. Gabriel Onyuke, who is representing the House of Representatives, urged the disputing factions to take note that they were letting down the legal profession.

After protracted arguments, the judge asked Chief Fawehinmi to disclose the propriety of the mandamus action which was compelling him, (judge) to list a case already listed.

Replying, Chief Fawehinmi said that he was not interested in the writ of mandamus but in the jurisdiction of the court to hear the suit.

"I have faith and confidence in bringing this application, and that has not been shaken", he said.

The court then reserved ruling indefinitely in the suit, while hearing in the substantive case was to continue.



SOKOTO GOVT EXPLAINS BAN ON NTA

THE Sokoto Government has lodged a formal protest with the director general of the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) explaining why it banned the NTA station in Sokoto from the coverage of its activities.

A source close to the Government House told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in the state capital that the ban

was "climax of deliberate sabotage" and refusal to publicise government activities.

According to the source, the government explained that it was a general practice for members of the television crew to report late for government assignments "or sometimes not come at all."

"We have often told

the management about our dissatisfaction over these roles but things refused to change and we are wondering if some top shoes are not aiding them" the source said.

"We have spent millions of naira to build most of the NTA transmission stations in the state, so we believe we have a basis for complaint" the source added. (NAN).



D-G pleads for civil servants

THE deputy governor of Gongola, Mr. Wilberforce Jura, in Yola, urged the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies to introduce courses for middle level civil servants.

At a cocktail party organised for the students of the Institute,

Mr. Jura said that the present system whereby only senior civil servants were trained at the institute was counter productive.

He said that it was better to train middle class officers because they still had many years to serve in the service.

Replying, the leader of the delegation, Mr. Nathaniel Sofoyinbo, said that arrangements were being made to introduce courses for the middle class cadre.

He said that the courses being offered at the institute at present were designed only for management officers.

Recently, the deputy governor of the Rivers State Prince (Dr) Frank Eke took time off to take part in the foundation laying ceremony of the Osocha Community Hospital.

D-G LAYS FOUNDATION STONE

Part of the ceremony. Picture two shows the deputy governor making his speech before the ceremony.



Mr. Wilberforce Jura

EDITORIAL

TOWARDS 1983: FEDECO VERSUS RIGGING

FEDECO'S APPOINTMENT of a committee to investigate causes and methods of election rigging is highly commendable move, especially in view of the prevailing socio-political climate which makes for unity in diversity in this country.

THE INVESTIGATION committee into election irregularities and malpractices, as the name connotes has, and should be prepared to face, multifarious and herculean problems which constitute the bane of the society.

WITHOUT WASTING time on ceremonies, the committee should actually get down to the question of why, where and how of election rigging which is in most cases traceable to ethnicity and sentiments. It is the problem of not allowing reason to prevail in accordance with the dictates of the conscience of doing what is right anytime, anywhere, anyhow, no matter whose ox is gored.

IT IS A GREAT pity that almost

twenty-two years after independence, Nigeria is yet to have an enlightened electorate with the broad intellectual horizon capable of comprehending who to vote in and who not to.

CASES ABOUND of Nigerians who are ever ready to rig elections on the basis of ethnicity or die rather than concede victory.

THE COMMITTEE should direct its concentrated energy to the polling booths where most of the rigging is carried out by paid agents who might not be easily scared off by the near stiff penalties for electoral offenders.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, as a lasting solution, we should nip the problem in the bud by carrying out enlightenment campaigns on the concomitant effects of rigging.

MUCH AS WE appreciate the gigantic problems which the committee has to grapple with in the course of its assignment, it should also have an opi-

nion poll on why people deem it necessary to rig and damn the consequences.

NIGERIANS SHOULD genuinely assist the committee by supplying the required information.

THE COUNTRY can no longer afford to harbour politicians without the proper mandate of the people.

THAT IS WHY we join millions of well-meaning Nigerians to wish the committee a fruitful investigative assignment of nation building.

THE POLITICIANS themselves who are directly affected in the final analysis should also be held responsible for most of the anomalies during electioneering campaigns, because they indoctrinate the people (most of whom are illiterate) on what is good and what is bad just to suit their whims and caprices to the detriment of the body-politic of the nation.

THIS IS WHAT makes politics a dirty game in this part of the world.

POLITICIANS SHOULD have realised by now that the number of votes does not and cannot depend on the number of promises made.

THIS IS WHAT is responsible for the gullibility of the electors who get carried away by fantastic promises.

WE SINCERELY hope this deviation of conscience in our national life would someday be a thing of the past only if Nigerians could agree to have a reappraisal of the situation and change for the better for the future of this country.

Cannon Abaye Memorial college

With the inception of the military government in 1966 came all sorts of change.

Developments like the changing of the pound to Naira, traffic from left to right, construction of new capital, roads, aerodromes to international airports and innovations in education, thus more post primary and secondary schools were built.

In education, the government of Rivers State under the able leadership of Chief Alfred Papapiye Diye-Spiff built one of such post primary schools at Okpoma, first "Teacher Training College, Okpoma" then the "Government Secondary School, Okpoma", later the TTC was transferred to Egwema.

The present government asked for suggestions for new names for communities for schools in their areas.

But on the 16th of February, 1982, the Nigerian Tide carried the change of school names without taking into consideration the name the community had suggested for their schools and changed all to "Community" secondary schools.

I would therefore suggest that "Community secondary school, Okpoma" be changed to "Cannon Abaye

Memorial College, Okpoma", because he is the father of education in this community.

He was the first person to come home with Christianity in 1913 which brought about the establishment of "Saint Paul's Church Okpoma" and "Saint Paul's School, Okpoma" in 1916 this was the beginning of education in the community.

And in 1922 he took Christianity to Egwema-Brass and the foundation of the "Saint Matthew's School, Egwema".

In many states of the federation those who contributed to the development of their areas or communities are remembered one way or the other.

For example, there is Bishop Alayi Gwaram Memorial College at Lagos, Banham Memorial School in Port Harcourt, just to mention but two.

These noble men brought education to these areas by bringing Christianity, as our father did thus they are remembered by the use of their names for Churches, schools and hospitals.

Murtala Muhammed and Herbert Macaulay were used for our currency because of their contribution to Nigerian politics.

Chief Coko was sug-

gested in the Tide of 3rd February 1982 opinion letter, "Call it Chief Oko Avenue" due to his nice decentralisation policy.

One can now suggest that our father the pioneer, of Christianity and education in our community be remembered just like those mentioned above.

The authorities could see with me that Canon Abaye deserve this honour.

Aye I. Banggo
Okpoma-Brass.



Differentiate taxi-cabs at night

KINDLY permit me a space to express my views about taxi cabs plying at night.

In developed countries and in Lagos people recognize taxi cabs by their symbol at night.

But here in Port Harcourt there is nothing of such and you cannot tell a private car from a taxi cab.

Therefore I, call on the authorities concerned especially the City Coun-

AS long as Agriculture remains the main stay of our country's economy all matters pertaining to land must be taken seriously especially when it involves those areas where agriculture is the major occupation of the inhabitants. This is the main reason why the federal and state governments should help us and appeal to the agents of the World Bank to assist in the implementation of the Project to secure tenure on the best of land for farming.

It could be recalled that some communities in Oruzo-Etche in the Ikwerre/Etche Local Government area have no land for farming this season which is their sole occupation for livelihood.

Reason, because the World Bank Oil Project agents communitarily did without compensation acquired their farm lands.

For many months now, the communities in Oruzo-Etche, especially Eriokoba, Obono and other areas in the Ikwerre/Etche Local Government area with a population of about 40,000 people have been appealing, sending delegates and representatives to the project Manager, Mr. Peter Vandebrock to spare them only but 320 hectares of land to cultivate their yams, cassava and other farm crops for this farming season but to no avail.

And to add salt to injury, as

FARM LAND

If the communities had not suffered enough hardship, the same Vandebrock spear-headed the machine operators, who destroyed farm crops already cultivated by the communities while their forests were left untouched.

In fact, March this year the communities took part in a protest against the actions of the agents.

Repeat profile Radio Rivers-2

I WAS one of those who listened to your special Easter Edition of Personality Profile which featured Mr. Peter Enabero, alias PETER PAN, on Sunday, April 11, 1982 at 3:00 p.m. but, regrettably, certain unavoidable circumstances robbed me of a better part of that programme.

As is known, Peter Pan is an all-round journalist so some of us who are keen in the art would definitely draw inspiration from his wealth of experience if given yet another chance to listen to the said interview.

That interview was a sort of parting shot you gave to your first year of existence.

So on behalf of myself and others who might have had similar experience, I passionately appeal to you for a repeat of the interview after some notice.

I wish you good broadcasting.

INEMO T. DUMA
Port Harcourt

and permission round the area where they saw for themselves that the agents not only acquired their lands but also destroyed yam and cassava plots and other cash crops which took the communities time and money to cultivate.

Page 1 of the Nigerian Tide of March 15, and then March 1982 refers where the Oyo State Attorney General, Chief A. A. Abba advised the journalists who visited the scene of incident.

The chief made it clear that the people are not against land acquisition but that some areas should be spared for their farming since most of the yams, cassava (garri) and other food stuffs found in markets in the state are harvested from these farms.

Since ninety five per cent of the inhabitants of this area are farmers, denying them farm land would not only mean unemployment but also starvation in future which will directly or indirectly affect the entire state.

So, all what we are asking for is a change of heart from the project manager Mr. Peter Vandebrock for a mutual and friendly understanding between him and the communities concerned.

FELEJA MARK ONYESO
Eriokoba Oruzo Etche



'Nigerians live in abnormal conditions'

Co-operative body realises N4022

NT DIES IN BID TO COMMIT ABORTION

SHOCKER AWAITS IMO GOVT

DEE-GEE
COMMENDS
IKWERRES

A black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform. He is wearing a peaked cap with an emblem and a high-collared jacket with epaulettes. The image is a close-up, focusing on his face and upper torso.

Mr Sunday Adewusi
Police IG

The source further said the government believes this will render the teachers uncompromising whenever an action is sought against the state government.

COE's political science body picks officers

THE political science Association of the Rivers State College of Education, Port Harcourt has elected new officers to man its affairs for 1982/83 session.

In a post election speech, the vice chairman of the association, Mr Barade Lekia thanked all members of the club for voting the present incumbents in and promised the members of the association's preparedness to render unalloyed service to members of the association.

At the election, Mr Aperi ThankGod was elected as secretary-general, Mr Benson G.O. as assistant secretary-general. Others elected were Mr Ernest Odum public relations officer, Mr Edwin Ejoridudu, financial secretary and Letty Tom-Onah as treasurer.

EDUCATE MASSES ON RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE, STUDENTS CHARGED

THE Catholic Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese, His Lordship, The Rev. Dr Fitzgibbon has called upon students

in colleges and universities in the country to enlighten the masses on religious doctrine and fear of God in their endeavours as it is the beginning of wisdom.

He was speaking in a sermon at a pontifical high mass organised by the Nigerian Federation of Catholic Students

(N.F.C.S.), University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt branch during the



Bishop E.J. Fitzgibbon

federation week which ended last Sunday.

Dr Fitzgibbon pointed out that they could only achieve their objectives

and prices of Christ in life through much prayers and scriptural thinking.

He instructed that they should also believe whole heartedly to overcome the evils of the world,

emphasizing that true Christians never tasted of hunger and tribulation.

The bishop further disclosed that Christ has never shirked his ears nor tongue to hear and save His followers from any encounter.

He enjoined them to seek first the kingdom of heaven and rejoice in the Lord than seeking after the lust of the world that might turn their lives to destruction.

During the service which attracted both members and non-members of Catholicism, more than 100 confessed students participated in the holy communion, performed by the Reverend father, which according to him was a touching observation by Christ in His remembrance.

A special prayer was also said to seek for peace and unity in the country by the students.



131 tonnes of rice produced at Peremabiri

THE Peremabiri rice project in Yenagoa Local Government area of the Rivers State, has so far produced about 131 tonnes

by Churchill William,

nes of un-milled rice within the past two planting seasons.

Disclosing this to members of the House of

Representatives Committee on Water Resources, who recently toured the project site, the general manager of the Niger Delta Basin Development Authority, Engineer B.J. Horsfall, said arrangements have been finalised to sell the bags of the un-milled rice to the Nigerian Grain Board.

The general manager explained that the decision to sell the rice was necessitated by the break-down of the Authority's milling plant, assuring that as soon as the plant was back to operations, the Peremabiri project would embark on the production of rice with a new name.

He stressed on the urgent need for the Federal Government to improve the award of contract for the provision of the necessary infrastructures, such as dikes and polders to enable the Authority fully implement the first phase of the project.

At Opobo, Engineers Horsfall told members of the committee, that the completion of the N9.3 million erosion protection scheme, would provide a lasting solution to the

menace of sea floods to the ancient town.

On a visit to the Igbogbo II Palm Plantation, the principal agricultural officer in-charge of the farm, Mr C.M. Oghonah briefed members of the committee on its activities, and said it already stored 100,000 oil seedlings for transplanting on other estates.

Picture above shows members of the committee inspecting an milled bag of rice at Peremabiri during their visit.

Foundation stone of Eze Egi's palace laid

THE foundation stone of the Palace of Eze Egi of Egi land has been laid at a gathering of representatives of the sixteen towns-villages of Egi clan in Ogbu/Egbema district of the Abia Local Government area.

by Josiah Aye

The foundation stone was laid by a traditional Owerri ruler and a chief priest in the area, Elder Opozie Ogoke at a unique ceremony watched by eminent personalities from the area.

Speaking during the occasion, Elder Ogoke called on all the gods of the land of Egi land and Ogbu in general to protect and guide the incumbent to the Eze Egi stool.

He reminded the traditional chiefs in the use of their roles

custodians of the people's culture and tradition and urged them to regard their positions as sacred and ensure that love, peace, unity and understanding prevail in the area.

The laying of the foundation of the traditional throne of the Eze, he declared, was a pointer to the return of unity, peace, love, and sanity in Egi-land and assured that they as elders and traditional priests would support the ruler.

In his own speech, the Eze Egi elect, Chief K.E. Ekeke thanked the people for their main response to the foundation laying ceremony of the palace/traditional throne of the Eze Egi which he said was an eloquent testimony of their regard and respect for their traditional stool.

He rounded the people of the need for them to be united and assist in their little way for the development and progress of the area.

He also urged the people to work together to develop the area and ensure that the people of the area are not left behind.

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AQUARIUS

You are in for a quiet couple of days. There will be little more than routine for you to cope with in the way of work and business. You should have no problem getting along with associates.

PISCES

No special problems will arise in the forecast. The outer planets would be an ideal situation with work you can handle on your own. Be especially hospitable tonight.

ARIES

This early going day will be pleasant. You will be happy that there is no great pressure at the moment. Colleagues should be agreeable to any plans you wish to carry out.

TAURUS

Cooperation will be easier to obtain. This is a good day to push your case again for changes that you wish to make to and around the house. Mutual or partnership relations will continue to flourish.

GEMINI

A comparatively easy day for employment matters. It will be a day when you can get the pace at which you work. Steady effort will produce fine results. There is no need to hurry.

CANCER

Little will be coming your way in the way of pushing the pace. Do not attempt to complete difficult projects with a view to getting them done in your progress.

LEO

Very useful day for dealing with old jobs around the house. You will not have any pressure placed upon you. Give free rein to the artistic side of your nature.

VIRGO

Virgo will be pleased that they can spend a major part of this day alone. You will have little difficulty concentrating. Bring your affairs up to date generally.

LIBRA

This can be a useful day so long as you do not give in to temptation. Remember that the day would be all the more useful if you are able to complete a task.

SCORPIO

More time and attention can be given to the personal area of life without missing out on work opportunities. Ambitious Scorpio people may find it rather difficult to channel their abundant energy.

SAG

This day will be marked only for lack of activity. You should not attempt to start anything important in the way of business. Take it easy this evening.

CAPRICORN

Rather a quiet day. You will not be required to make any important moves. Other people have worked out a schedule, you should be able to stick to it without fear of interruption.



Picture shows Elder Opozie Ogoke laying the foundation

stone of the palace/traditional throne of the Eze Egi while a cross

one of the representatives from the area stands by.

Two undergrads die in picnic ride

RAIN DESTROYS 1,000 BAGS OF CEMENT

ABOUT a thousand bags of cement and other perishable items such as salt, which could not be cleared from the Tin Can Island Port before dockworkers embarked on strike on Thursday have been destroyed by rain.

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) who visited the Apapa and Tin Can Island ports later reported that the two ports had remained closed as the strike by members of the Dockworkers Union of Nigeria entered its fifth day.

Members of the union in the two ports had joined their colleagues in Port Harcourt, Sapele, Warri and Calabar, who had been on strike more than two weeks ago in protest against the introduction of a manning scale in cargo handling by the Nigerian Ports Authority.

The general secretary of the union, Mr. Jonas Abam, told NAN that the union was against the introduction of the man-

ning scale because it will send about 15,000 dockworkers out of jobs.

He said that although the NEPA had agreed to withdraw the manning scale system in Warri, Sapele, Koko, Calabar and Port Harcourt ports, "we are not satisfied as long as the scale is operated in Lagos."

In addition to the manning scale, which was introduced by the NPA in January this year, the union is also demanding the payment of the N125 national minimum wage to its members.

Contacted, the executive secretary of the national dock labour board, Mr. Sylvester Bassey, said that the NPA should have summoned a meeting of the board, the union and dock labour employers to discuss the report of a committee appointed early this year to look into the issue of manning scale.

He had already written to the Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity to intervene in the matter.

TWO undergraduates of the University of Lagos were killed and two others injured when the car in which they were travelling was involved in an accident on the Lagos Badagry road.

Sources close to the university identified the deceased as Mr. Kunle Doherty and Miss Nike Ajayi.

The sources further

said that the students were travelling to Badagry for a picnic arranged by one of the clubs at the university when the accident occurred.

The injured students were identified as Mr. Bolade Apampa and Miss Tutu Okuntayo, a student of the Yaba College of Technology, Lagos.



ALHAJI WAZIRI IBRAHIM

Party fires chairman

THE chairman of the GNPP in Gongola, Mr. Johnah Assadugu, has been retired in Yola from the party while his deputy, Alhaji Rufai Mahdi, was expelled.

Five other senior members of the party in the state including the political adviser to the governor, Alhaji Umaru Santuraki, were expelled.

At a news conference in Yola, the new chairman of the party in the state, Mr. Festus Bagula, said that the members were being disciplined because they had attempted a coup to replace the leadership of Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim.

Mr. Bagula, who claimed to be speaking on behalf of Alhaji Waziri also announced his own appointment as chairman of both the new caretaker committee and the strategy committee of the party in the state.

He said that Alhaji Saidu Tarfa was to act as secretary of both committees, while the state governor and his deputy, the speaker of the House and the majority leader were members of the strategy committee. (NAN)

'DEALINGS WERE INFLUENCED'

THE former general manager of the African Continental Bank (ACB), Mr. Collins Odu, told the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency in Lagos that his dealings with Chief S.B. Bakare were influenced by Chief Bakare's many years of banking relationship with the bank and his role in reviving the bank after the civil war.

He was speaking at the resumed hearing of the alleged illegal transfer of N11 million out of the country by the ACB which the Senate Committee is probing.

The general manager of the bank, Mr. C. Odu, had asked Mr. Odu whether it was not true that Mr. Odu's dealings with Chief Bakare were influenced by his personal relationship with the businessman rather than the policies of the bank.

Mr. Odu produced an agreement to buy six ships from an overseas company - C.I.A. Co. International, signed by Chief Bakare for S.B. Shipping Agencies Ltd. But while Bakare signed the agreement, Mr. Odu said that he knew nothing about the company known as S.B. Shipping and Trading Agencies Ltd. and said that he would defeat Chief Bakare's constant argument that he knew nothing about the company.

Mr. Odu told the committee he was aware that three copies of the agreement were left with the bank.

The ACB manager for Foreign Business, Mr. Valentine Agbete, said that the bank could not find any of the three copies in its archives at

the bank. Mr. Odu said that the non-availability of copies of the agreement in the bank could mean that the officials who handled them thought they could dispose of them.

The Inspector General of Police was represented by a Commissioner in the C.D. Agabon Close. Mr. S.T. Agabon who said that he did not know anything about the investigation which the petitioner, Mr. Fred Egebe, referred to in his memorandum to the committee.

Mr. Egebe had said in his memorandum that he reported the case of illegal transfer to

the then Inspector General of Police, Alhaji M.D. Yusufu and that an investigation was conducted.

The chairman of the committee, Senator Victor Akpan, asked Mr. Agabon to bring a letter from the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Adewusi, stating that the police commissioner should represent him.

Senator Akpan also told Mr. Agabon to bring 20 copies of the police memorandum to the committee and that copies should also be made available to all the witnesses and the petitioner.

The committee later adjourned.

Complaints boss now complains

THE Public Complaints Commissioner for Gongola, Alhaji Mutari Bello, last week said that his commission was facing personnel problems because it needed man of conscience and integrity to ensure justice and fair play to all.

Speaking on an NTA Yola Programme, Alhaji Mutari added that the commission had received 413 complaints from Gongola since its inception in 1976.

He said that 274 of

these cases had been disposed of while 45 were rejected because they were out of the commission's terms of reference, and 94 were pending before the commission.

Alhaji Mutari said that the commission had established offices in Wukar and Mubi and that an office would soon be opened in Jalingo to decentralise the activities of the commission. (NAN)

Supply of text books cures truancy among pupils

THE provision of free textbooks and other school materials to pupils in Ogun State has greatly reduced the rate of truancy among school pupils in the state.

The assertion was made by the principal assistant education officer for Ikorodu Local Government, Mr. Tunji Taiwo, while commenting on the achievements of the programme in a

press interview. Mr. Taiwo noted that in the past, students had used the excuse of lack of facilities to play away from school.

He however stated that since the provision of these school items was no longer a burden to the parents, the students had no choice but to stay in school.

On the registration of pupils for the 1982

U.P.E. school year, the education officer disclosed that the exercise was hitherto free in his area of jurisdiction.

At the end of the exercise, Mr. Taiwo said that a total of 4,456 pupils were registered for admission into the 70 primary schools in the area.

Those registered according to him, included 2,364 males and 2,102 females.

Quiz-winning school receives ₦1,200 prize

THE Cross River State Ministry of Education has presented N1,200 to Immaculate Conception Secondary School, Itak in Ubon Local Government area for emerging the winner of the 1980 and 1981 state science quiz competitions.

A cheque containing the amount was presented to the school at a brief ceremony by the permanent secretary, Mr. Dan E. Nwambi, on behalf of the ministry.

In an address read on the occasion, the Commissioner for Education, Dr. E.J. Jaja commended the school for its achievement.

He observed that the brilliant performance of the competitors' school was a result of hard work by the staff and encouragement from the principal.

Dr. Jaja announced that the donation was made by the ministry in appreciation of efforts of the school. He expressed the hope

that it would serve as an incentive to students of the school as well as to other secondary school students within the state in the field of science.

He also announced that the Ministry of Education had bought a trophy to be competed for during subsequent national schools competitions.

With such incentive, he believed, that students' interest in the study of the sciences would be rekindled.

The commissioner recalled his earlier promise to donate a cash prize of N250 to the school if she won the third time consecutively. He declared: "I still stand by that promise."

Responding, the principal of the school, Mrs. R.M. Joe Jaja expressed profound gratitude on behalf of the school and the competitors, for the great honour done them. She assured the state that her school would

continue to be the winner at both the state and national levels.

Link with Israel urged

THE Ondo State House of Assembly has in Akure, passed a motion urging the Federal Government to restore diplomatic relations with Israel.

Moving the motion, Mr. Bode Kumapayi, Ekiti-North, said that the reason for this by the Federal Government for severing diplomatic relations with Israel was the Arab land occupied by Israel, which Israel had now withdrawn from.

Seconding the motion, Mr. Ayodele Morikinyo, Ekiti-South (Ill), said that Israel in Africa was far less than that of the US, Britain and France with which Nigeria still maintained diplomatic relationship.

PROJECT CONTRACTORS GET DIRECTIVES

Contractors handling government projects have been called upon to show optimum efficiency.

The governor of Imo State, Chief Sam O. Mbakwe gave the directive during an unscheduled visit to some on-going government projects.

At the Etihi General Hospital, Chief Mbakwe ordered that the contract for the construction of the hospital complex be re-awarded on what the governor termed lack of "commitment on the part of the contractor".

He expressed his government's determination to execute the hospital project without much delay and advised that no time should be wasted in the re-awarding exercise.

He recalled the enormous role the health institution is destined to

play in the life of its citizens more so the envisaged role it would play in the campus community of the Imo State University.

He wondered why supposedly government contract should be abandoned for no just cause, Chief Mbakwe maintained.

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Valentine Eke. Owerri

Seychelles Republic gets aid

THE UN Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution setting up a special, voluntary fund to assist the Indian Ocean Republic of Seychelles in

repairing the damages caused by a mercenary raid last November. The resolution did not directly blame South Africa for the abortive raid, but expressed grave concern "at the mercenary aggression against the republic of Seychelles prepared in and executed from South Africa."

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The resolution "appealed to all states and international organisations, including United Nations specialised agencies, to assist the Republic of Seychelles to repair the damages caused by the act of mercenary aggression."

The special fund, which is to be set by June 5, is "to be supplied by voluntary contributions, through which assistance should be channelled for economic reconstruction."

The council decided to establish an ad hoc committee, composed of four members of the council under the chairmanship of France, to administer the fund.

Govt revokes contract award

A building contract awarded in 1979 for the construction of the official residence of the Sokoto State deputy governor, has been terminated by the state's Tender Board.

The chairman of the Board and Commissioner for Finance, Alha-

ji Muhammadu Lugga, disclosed that the N500,000 contract was revoked as a result of "the non-chalant attitude" of the contractor who was expected to have completed the work last year.



Chief Sam Mbakwe

Airport needs quick action

THE Governor of Imo State, Chief Sam Mbakwe has urged the Federal Government to speed up construction work on the Imo Airport project.

Chief Mbakwe made this remark when he received an audience at the Government House, Owerri, the new Federal Minister of Aviation, Mr John Kadja.

The governor recalled that in spite of repeated demands for the handing over of the construction of the airport project to the Federal Government, nothing concrete had been achieved.

He stressed the importance of a befitting air-traffic life of a developing state capital and advised that the construction may be adopted in such a way as to enable its landing complete and accommodative enough to

Special adviser advises

THE Special Adviser to the president on Economic Affairs, Dr O.S. Odama, has urged Chief Mbakwe to make every effort to work out an arrangement whereby the facilities available to the nation's difference statistical agencies could be pooled for maximum results.

The adviser said this while formally declaring open a two-day meeting of heads of government statistical organisations at the trade fair complex, in Lagos.

Dr Odama, pointed out that the Federal Government recognised the need to provide facilities for training all levels of statistical manpower in the economy, hence the provision for full fledged statistical institutions during the current plan period.

He explained that this institution when operational will help in supplementing the efforts of existing universities and colleges of technology in the output of statistical personnel.

Chief Mbakwe undertakes larger air-traffic.

Governor Mbakwe regretted the destruction of the once famous Uli airport by the military, and further pointed out that its otherwise existence would have eased the federal administration the trouble of erecting a new airport in the state.

On the economic situation in the country, he advised that all the on-going prestigious projects in Abuja, the new federal capital be postponed until the national economy has been revamped.

The federal minister who was on inspection tour of federal on-going projects in Imo State assured Governor Mbakwe of the readiness of the federal government to resume work on the airport project immediately.

POPE PAUL SAYS WAR IS FOR THE TRAGIC PAST

POPE John Paul II, currently on a six-day visit to Britain, has said that war was totally unacceptable as a means of settling differences between nations.

The London correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the Pope, speaking at an open air service for about 500,000 people in Coventry, said that war should belong to the tragic past and should have no place on the agenda for the future.

Citing the destruction of the city's Cathedral during world war II, the Pope asked for peace to be "pursued patiently". The ruins of the old Cathedral constantly remind the society of its capacity to destroy.

Today the capacity is greater than ever, and the people are having to live under the shadow of a nuclear nightmare, he said.

In Liverpool later, the Pope told another huge

crowd at the city's airport that unemployment, which is acute in the city, tended to sow bitterness, division and violence, and urged young unemployed to direct their energy to godly activities.

Urging the crowd not to be discouraged, he said that he was aware that young people unable to find a job "feel cheated in their dream while those who have lost their job feel rejected and useless".

On church unity, the Pope renewed his demand for unity among all Christians, saying that it would be the main concern of all churches in the last part of the 20th century, and that the initiative weighed heavily on Catholics.

The Pope continues his visit with more open air and church services in Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Cardiff before returning to Rome next Wednesday. (NAN).

Shagari unhappy with ECOWAS

President Shehu Shagari said in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, that enough was not being done at the national level

to demonstrate the commitment of ECOWAS member-states to the cause of the organisation.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) correspondent reports that President Shagari said while addressing a closed session of the fifth ECOWAS summit

meeting that "despite the goodwill and declared intentions of the organisation some of the protocols and decisions are not being ratified as fast as reasonably expected".

He said that even those ratified were hardly implemented to the spirit of the letter, adding that he believed that the community could do a lot more than it had done so far.

President Shagari also stressed the need to involve the generality of the people within ECOWAS member-states to foster the objectives of the organisation.

He observed that most of the people still know little or nothing about ECOWAS (NAN).



The University of Technology students Rag Day was celebrated last Tuesday in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital.

Throughout the streets, the students were seen begging for alms. The aim is to support the needy with the proceeds. Here in this photograph, some of the students are seen in red rags mood.

The chairman also disclosed that the contract for the construction of Government Secondary School, Jega had been terminated.

The N1.7 million contract was awarded to Arera Construction Company in February 1979 and was scheduled for completion in May last year.

"These actions, we hope, will serve as a deterrent to other contractors who are unnecessarily frustrating the efforts of the state government", Alhaji Muhammadu said. (NAN).

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Senate urges spread of licences

of applicants for licences from other states.

The committee has however agreed for a planned programme of enlightenment to educate the public on the uses and procedure for obtaining of import licences.

The issue of import licence was discussed at a meeting of the senate committee on the critical appraisal of the services the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry to the Nigerian public.

Food aid

The world food programme has decided to send new emergency food aid worth N915,000 to South Yemen in the wake of recent "disasters". Floods there, it was disclosed in Rome last week.

The programme gave the country N2.3 million last month to help repair flood damage, but a joint mission of the programme and the UN food and agriculture organisation recently returned from Aden, the capital, and recommended further aid.

No Saudi aid for Zaire

The Saudi Arabian development fund has stopped aid to Zaire as a result of Zaire's renewed relations with Israel, the Saudi Finance Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abul Khat, said in Riyadh last week.

OPEC will also be asked to discuss Zaire's move at a meeting this week in Gabon, the minister, quoted by the Saudi News Agency, added.

Saudi Arabia broke off its own diplomatic relations with Zaire on May 18.

Similar action had also been taken by Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Industrial output down 7.9%

NIGERIA'S industrial production dropped by 7.9 per cent last year on top of the marginal 1.09 per cent decrease recorded in 1980.

According to the Central Bank's monthly bulletin for December, this drop, as in 1980, was mainly a product of a 30.5 per cent drop in mining production. Manufacturing production went up by 5.66 per cent thus recording a marginal improvement on 1980's growth.

Mining production index dropped remarkably in the second quarter of 1981 and by the third quarter it was less than half levels for 1972 base year. There was a recovery in the fourth quarter but index is still below 1972 base.

But for a marginal drop in the second quarter, manufacturing production rose throughout the year while utilities rose in first and second quarters only to drop by

the third and end the year with no more changes.

Notably, and not surprising, sectors like vehicle assembly; electrical and electronics; cotton textiles and cigarettes recorded drops in 1981 but the marginal drop in paints and allied products appears a surprise. After the sharp drop in 1980, sugar confectionary recovered in 1981 but production level is still below base year.

There was a surprising marginal growth in footwear and synthetic fabrics production despite the long visible slump in local demand.

Throughout 1981, beer and stout production dropped quarterly except a jump in the third quarter which was responsible for the overall marginal increase in the year. The same went for refined petroleum products.

The 30.5 drop in mining production is clearly a result from the sudden drop in crude oil production in the wake of the current glut. By the third quarter of last year, petroleum production had dropped below the level of production for any quarter in 1980 although there was a marked recovery by the fourth quarter.

Between July and September 1981, a total of 77.48 barrels of crude was mined as against 127.68 barrels between October and December, 1981. In April, June and 179.23 barrels in the first quarter.



ALHAJI IBRAHIM GUSAU
Fed Minister of Industries

Pan Bank opens at Abuja

The 20th branch of Pan African Bank Limited was opened in Suleja, Abuja by His Royal Highness, the Emir of Suleja, Alhaji Ibrahim Dado Musa.

In his address at the opening ceremony, the Emir called on the Suleja community to embrace the bank and advised the management of the bank to assist the people in their Green Revolution programme to restructure the economy.

The chairman of the board of directors, Barister S. O. Nwogu, in an earlier address, told the people of Suleja that the Suleja branch of the bank was a launching pad for the spread of the Pan African Bank Limited to various parts of Niger State.

Commenting on why the branch was sited in Suleja, Mr Nwogu stated that they see the city as the nerve centre of the bustling activities that are going on in connection with Abuja and the bank competing with

other sister institutions to provide the much needed services for the Suleja community.

Mr Nwogu said that the bank's coming to Suleja was significant in the sense that by the co-operation of all, the Pan African Bank could play a role in the realization of our new Federal programme to restructure the economy.

On the bank's expansion, Mr Nwogu disclosed that there were 10 branches in five states of the Federation including Lagos, Imo, Anambra, Kano and Rivers.

The Niger State branch is the second to be opened in the North and the twentieth branch of the bank.

Earlier, members of the board of directors and management, had paid a courtesy call on the Emir of Suleja, Alhaji Dado Musa, who called on the bank to provide financial assistance for his people.

Mixed outlook for world's economy

The world economic decline has slowed, but prospects for an up turn are modest, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) says in its world economic outlook report released in Washington last week.

The report described current economic situation as that of great uncertainty.

The report noted that

the recent weakening of petroleum process and the drop in inflation rates as many countries pursue conservative economic policies were some of the bright spots in the world while on the bad side the report listed rising protectionism and the continuing fall in commodity prices.

In the short term world economic health

will depend on the recovery of the industrial countries, he said.

It points out that Third World countries will be faced with adjustment and financial difficulties, it added; nevertheless, the outlook is bleak than last year.

Laid-off staff urged to be calm

The National Union of Food, Beverage and Tobacco Employees last Friday in Ikeja appealed to all laid-off junior workers of Cadbury Nigeria Limited to keep calm while the Federal Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity looked into their case.

In a statement, the union's general secretary, Mr S. K. Oyejobanjo assured the workers whose appointments were terminated by the company last Tuesday that their rights would not be compromised.

Mr Oyejobanjo who recounted the events in Cadbury since April 23 this year, said that there was no justification for the retrenchment of 200 workers last month and the entire junior workers

4 days later. He disclosed that the company had been importing large consignments of Bournvita (the company's chief product) since January this year, thereby preventing normal production at its factory.

Mr Oyejobanjo also noted that Cadbury was one of the companies in the country enjoying market boom, adding that this could be verified from the company's N2 million reserve revenue which it decided to convert to bonus shares as advertised in a recent edition of the Daily Times.

He said that the union rejected the reasons advanced by the management of the company, on the grounds that the actions were taken one week after President

Shagari announced series of economic measures.

On the tension between the company's personnel and the workers, Oyejobanjo alleged it had become a vote of confidence was passed on by the entire workforce of Cadbury since February this year.

A spokesman for Cadbury's parent Mr. Nike Babajide said the News Agency Nigeria (NAN) that were being made the dispute.

She said the dismissed workers had been told to get back their jobs.

She said the contrary to the claim of the union, the dismissal of the workers followed by the management representative of the union. (NAN)

Duty may force Peugeot price up

The Peugeot Automobile Nigeria Limited (PAN) said in Lagos that it might be forced to increase the price of its products as a result of the higher custom duty on CKD components.

The managing director of the company Mr Jean Mahe who disclosed this in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria said such an increase would be subject to approval by the authorities concerned after PAN might have applied for the price increase.

Contract for pharmaceutical industry

The Kwara Government last Tuesday signed a N37 million contract with a German company for the establishment of a pharmaceutical industry in Ilorin in the state.

Instilling of the contract on behalf of the state government, the Commissioner for Industries, Alhaji Mohammed Mohammed, said that the industry would be provided with qualified personnel to make it viable.

Contract for pharmaceutical industry

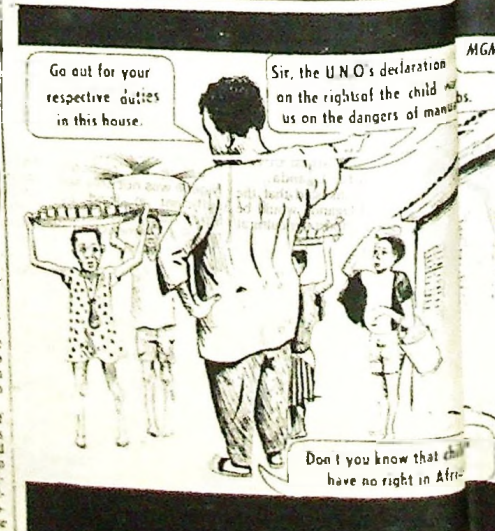
The share capital will be made available by the state government.

GM for UAC

UAC of Nigeria Limited has appointed Chief T. O. Adegboye as General Manager for its Electrical Materials and Supplies (EMS) Division.

Chief Adegboye joined UAC in 1962 and has held various positions within the organisation, including the roles of Chief Engineer and Chief Designer.

He is a chartered engineer and an associate member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.



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Alhaji Botoye

Tukur elected Fellow

The general manager of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Alhaji Bamanga Mohammed Tukur has been elected a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Transport in London.

His election was in appreciation of his 25 years meritorious service, personal achievements and contributions to the development of transportation all over the world.

The Chartered Institute of Transport, London, is the highest transport professional body in the Commonwealth.

Alhaji Tukur has put behind him 20 years post-graduate experience in transportation. He is the 2nd Vice-President of the World Ports Association as well as a Vice-President and member of the Executive Board of the International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association - ICHCA.

He is also the chairman of ICHCA-Nigeria, the first National Chapter of ICHCA in Black Africa - which he helped to establish.

There are only six Fellows of the Chartered Institute of Transport, London in Nigeria of which Alhaji Tukur is one.

Loan for 3 African States

The World Bank has approved loans totalling \$19.1 million for projects in three African nations, the largest of \$46 million for Uganda.

The bank said that the loan to Uganda would be used to import agricultural materials, spare parts and raw goods to support a current economic recovery programme.

It also said that Kenya would receive \$29.8 million for a project to improve telecommunication facilities throughout the country.

The bank said that Japan would co-finance the loan with \$17 million.

A bank loan of \$14.6 million will help Tunisia to increase agricultural production.

Pan Bank to intensify deposit drive

The Pan African Bank is intensifying deposit drive aimed at attracting more qualitative and institutional customers.

It has also planned to reserve special counters for corporate customers to enable them transact their business with minimum delay.

To improve the quality of its service, the bank would open a model branch at the newly completed Head Office Complex, in Port Harcourt for elite and institutional customers.

These facts were contained in the chairman's report at the 11th annual general meeting of the bank held in Port Harcourt recently.

The report also listed recovery of loans as a priority of the bank.

On customers indebted to the bank, the chairman, Mr. Samuel O. Nwogu, declared that he was accordingly putting the bank on notice that the new board is determined to leave no stone unturned in its bid to recover the debts owed to the bank.

The chairman men-

tioned other ways and means which would boost the operating funds of the bank.

There will include the raising of the share capital from \$8 million to \$20 million.

The sole shareholder, the Rivers State Government, would as soon as the economy improved, remit the remaining share capital to the bank in instalments. Mr. Nwogu affirmed.

The bank made an

operating profit of N13 million during the nine months under review, this is an improvement on a profit of N1.5 million for the full fiscal year that ended March 31, 1981.

In spite of the many economic odds during the period, "decline in oil revenue and non-application of the revenue allocation act of 1981," deposits increased from N16.5 million to N189 million.

On rural banking scheme, Mr. Nwogu pledged that all allocations to the bank by Central Bank of Nigeria would be completed before the date expires (on December 31, 1983).

Mr. Nwogu was full of praise for the Rivers State Government, the former board of directors and staff of the bank for the achievements highlighted in the report.

220 MILLION BOTTLES APPROVED LAST YEAR

The Federal Ministry of Industries last year granted permission for the importation of 220 million bottles and glass containers estimated at

\$25 million, the Minister of State in the ministry, Dr. Ishmael Igbanji disclosed in Badagry, Lagos last week.

Dr Igbanji who was on a familiarisation tour of Metal Box to Oyo Glass

Nigeria Limited said that the approval was given because the company

could not produce pharmaceutical containers and moulds for soft drink bottles.

In view of the present economic recession in the country, Dr Igbanji said such amount of foreign exchange should be kept within the country.

He therefore appealed to the company to embark on rapid expansion of its facilities and develop locally, the capacity to fabricate moulds to meet the rising demand for glass containers.

Dr Igbanji assured the firm of his ministry's support by way of protection and concessions on the company's expansion programme.

LNG: Vital to the economy

THE present economic situation in the country should not only be considered as a curse but a blessing in disguise. For the past years, Nigeria was unable to learn lessons from the experiences of other countries.

Several reasons have been forwarded to be responsible for the country's ailing economy which range from lack of foresight to international conspiracy. Be it what, the country's sole dependence on oil should not be ruled out as one of such reasons.

Before the oil boom, Nigeria was not only self-sufficient in food but agriculture also contributed immensely to the economic growth of her people.

Oil with most of its associated problems came into the country's economy in the late 1950's only to replace other meaningful economic activities of the country.

Oil money began to flow like River Niger in the hands of our so-called leaders, they ate, drank, stole, embezzled, went on endless tours all over the globe, gave out millions of naira in form of aid, hosted festivals and meetings and did all

money could do for them. At last the treasury has been looted empty to the extent that a little set back in oil revenue is now biting deep not even on the guilty but on the innocent ones.

Now that the harm had already been done, we do not need to be alarmed or begin to lay blames on one another. What is expected of us instead, is to help the government in the bid to revamp the economy but we should remember that there is need to undertake some kind of preventive measures against future recurrence of the present situation.

President Shagari's recent move is one in the right direction but it should be realized despite the effect of such measures on innocent masses, the measures are inadequate to heal the country's ailment like many including Professor Atuko had pointed out.

More so, long-term measures aimed at diversifying the economy are very necessary. Such measures may sound very odd to some ears at this critical condition of the economy judging from the amount of money involved. Their

importance can not be over-emphasized. Developed Western countries have also experienced such economic problems but they quickly learnt their lessons by the principle of decentralization.

Today most of these countries are looking for alternative sources of energy so as to depend less on petroleum. Back here in Nigeria, there are arguments on whether Nigeria in the 1950's was happier than Nigeria today despite its recent oil booms and dooms.

It would be stated that

By JACK WILLIAM DUMO

Nigeria's extravagance should not only be considered on how it spends her oil money but also in the way it manages its resources.

Up till this very minute, Nigeria uses only 4 per cent of its natural gas despite the fact that she has the largest source of this gas throughout West Africa but it might be interesting to know that the remaining 96 per cent is wasted.

It has been estimated that the amount of gas being wasted in the country is enough to

keep the economy buoyant for the next three hundred years.

The constant burning away of this gas started since 1958 until the present second, be it rain or sun, in different parts of Rivers, Bendel, Cross River and Imo States. It is therefore surprising to find Nigeria crying for money despite such wastes.

Virtually nothing has been done about this waste. There has been plans to build just one liquefied gas plant in the country since 1960 and nothing more.

By 1980 contracts were about to be awarded on the project but the Federal Government nearly succeeded in abandoning the project late last year.

This action was as a result of what the government perceived of the present mess the country finds itself in. And as other projects are going on despite the economic stagnation.

I feel there is a rationale behind the Federal Government's action as regards the Bonny Liquefied Gas project. Such a project should have needed special attention as a way of diversifying the economy.

S. AFRICA'S RAND FALL!

The South African rand fell to a record low of 92.60 cents against the dollar last weekend and it is expected to weaken further in the next few months because of the republic's economic problems, foreign exchange dealers said.

It has now fallen some 31.5 per cent against the dollar from a peak of just over 1.35 dollars at the start of 1981.

While the dollar has been generally firm, South Africa's growing trade deficit and the weak gold price have been major factors in the rand's collapse, the country is the world's leading gold producer.

For other domestic indicators are also not bright with growth of the gross national product expected to fall to around nine per cent this year and zero in 1983, after around four per cent and almost eight in 1980.

Inflation has a modern record of 16.55 per cent in the year to April and is forecast to rise.



Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammad Hassan
Minister of Mines & Power

How incredible, how ridiculous, how foolish does it sound in the ears when one is told the colossal amount of naira being spent on the importation of the same gas.

From the foregoing, it is clear that the Bonny Liquefied Gas Project is one of the most beneficial capital projects that would have been given some kind of priority.

Steel mills are said to be closing, new plants are being opened, green revolution programme which is almost a dead project is there but unlike all these, only Bonny Liquefied Gas Project can provide ready cash at the shortest possible time as soon as it is completed.

With the completion of the Bonny Liquefied Gas Project, reclamation of Kano groundnut, pyramids, cotton, cocoa and palm produce from the Northern, Western and Eastern parts of the country respectively will come more flourish.

Impeachment versus Okiloism

THE conspiracy of the anti-Rivers crusaders for an impeachment exercise is as absurd as it is wicked.

An old Roman once wrote, "Ex Africa semper aliquid novi," which means that out of Africa there always comes something new.

The new thing this time, was the motion of impeachment against a governor and his deputy.



DR. FRANK IKE

Chief Melford Okilo and Dr. Frank Ike respectively.

That was an affair goaded by greed and avarice for our wealth.

A political analyst described the impeachment mirage as a Coup D'etat which served as the last straw that broke the camel's back, and set the enemy on his slippery downhill to complete disintegration.

We are definitely sorry for the disgrace that has

been meted out to those protagonists with neither sense of democratic rule nor conscience.

The Riversmen who want to divide us today should take a sober reassessment of the basis of their comradeship.

It is unpatriotic and anti-Rivers to feed the public with diet of liars and incite with a view to causing unnecessary alarm all in the name of politics.

Okiloism is an ideology for the entire peace loving people of the Rivers State and there can be no going back on our chosen path which is to opt for freedom and life in the face of an insidious threat to our people, property, land and all the noble ideals we cherish and adore.

Yet there can be no going back even if the Riverine people are branded a selfish set of people.

The significance of the 19 votes in favour of our cherished Chief Executive, Chief Melford Okilo, in the obnoxious impeachment, represents the 19 states in the country which symbolises a PASS, elevating and confirming him as a true Nigerian fit for federal leadership.

There is no one man in the history of the Rivers State who has put in as much relentless struggle

for the liberation of his people from the hands of the oppressors and detractors as Chief Melford Okilo: THE LION of the Rivers.

He deserves an unreserved gratitude from all Rivers State indigenes.

I still remember in the fifties when he won the federal election under the ONLY Rivers political party, the Niger Delta Congress, which served to unite the North and the East while, most

by Bernard Erefa Dan Jumbo

of our other illustrious sons were busy sinking our identity deflecting to other major political parties like the proscribed Action Group and NCNC.

Any sane Riversman who wants to monitor and take directives from Owerri or Ibadan, will be living in a fool's-paradise because the traditional enemies of the Rivers people want to take over Port Harcourt, our enviable capital and push us away to the mangrove swamps.

It is their burning ambition to destabilise the Rivers State.

This is the time to match aggression with a grim struggle for survival and total unity because the aggressors are without soul, they are known for their

ruthlessness, savagery and primitive instincts.

Falsehood takes a new dimension each time it is repeated, but in the end, truth must prevail.

If Israel was able to defend her sovereignty, there is no reason why the Rivers people should not emulate that fine example to maintain her statehood.

If we indulge in spreading unkind and slanderous stories about Chief Melford Okilo, his administration and peo-

ple, then we are not acting responsibly, for as much as we think we have a right to our good name, there is the corresponding duty of helping to maintain the good name of others.

For I believe that the responsibility of a citizen does not just lie in his



CHIEF R.R. BRIGGS

knowing his rights, but also in his being sensitively alive to his corresponding duties both to the state and to his fellow citizens.

The Rivers people who talk about the Rivers State government without helping to promote a good administration but instead resort to negative and destructive activities directed against the chief executive should bury their heads in utter shame!

For it is one thing to shout hoarse about the righteousness of our cause and quite another to work for the progress of our state.

We are all involved in this task of nation building as responsible indigenes of the state.

It is unnecessary here and now to rehearse the painful story of the tribulations of the Riversman at the hands of our enemies.

It does not need this humble article of mine to tell anybody the magnitude of the evil plans of our detractors who continue peddling ugly rumours to dent the image of the Rivers State government as if ours were the worst in the country.

However, like all ill-motivated, ill-calculated ventures, the anti-Okilo elements are of course doomed to a crushing failure as the futility of their exercise continues to descend on them with



GOV. MELFORD OKILO

the dawn of everyday. Politics in Nigeria, and indeed Africa, is certainly unpredictable and it is difficult for a contending party to oust an incumbent government.

Tell me any where it has happened in Africa! Except in a military coup.

It is as illusive as the impeachment mirage!

My message to all fellow Rivers people is that as the Rivers enemy grows more desperate in the satanic job of harrying us out of our statehood for no just cause, the business of survival becomes an assignment which should loom larger both in contents and proportion than any other pre-occupations anyone might seek to give a place of paramount importance in the Rivers State.

I am not saying that Chief Melford Okilo is a saint but he is a man who has been serving his people with the fear of God.

Mutual co-operation makes for true democracy and good government.

Private institutions need help

RECENTLY, Professor Sanya Onabamiro, the distinguished scholar and educationist with the Federal Ministry of Education, disclosed that very soon Nigeria will adopt overseas method of employment whereby emphasis is on the job experience instead of chains of degrees and certificates as has been the case.

Professor Onabamiro who was speaking on the NTA "News Conference" programme however pointed out that this does not rule out the fact that education is the backbone of prosperity and easy communication in today's world and urged Nigerians, especially those who are educationally inclined to avail themselves of the slightest opportunity at their disposal and read to greater heights so as to obtain good jobs and top positions in the society.

In one breath what the learned professor was saying was that a man without sound education is like a tree without sap. One other important issue which Professor Onabamiro spoke on was the possibility of encouraging private institutions in the country as

view of the vital roles they play in the upbringing of the less privileged in our society.

By this statement, the professor had no doubt spoken on a bitter truth.

In fact that a man of Professor Onabamiro's calibre should make such an unequivocal statement about private institutions shows that it is indeed the unflinching desire of the Federal Government that commercial colleges and evening schools be encouraged.

It was against this background that the Nigerian Tide decided to investigate the role GCE institutions and commercial colleges could play and how best they could be encouraged in the Rivers State.

These were our findings.

First, I discovered that in the Rivers State, as elsewhere in Nigeria, there are so many who are in search of education, but cannot get it through the regular way.

Hence we have the Maranatha Educational GCE Institute, opened on 17th September, 1972. Thereafter came the Ikodu and St. Andrews Institutes. Prof. G. D. D. E. E. E.

Dorgbaa, is a name that rings bell in the minds of graduates, professionals and students alike.

Investigation showed that there are thousands and one person who have reached the pinnacle of education through the able hands of Mr. Tee Dorgbaa, the present director of studies and founder of Maranatha Educational GCE Institute.

If anything, Maranatha Educational GCE Institute was the first school to handle extra-mural programme in the Rivers State in 1972. And at that time, neither the state government nor any private student had dreams of helping those who cannot go to school to get their GCE O/A levels.

On the average, the institution enrolled about 500 students each ses-



MR. TEE DORGBAA

sion.

But from last year, 1981 it had greatly increased intakes, up to 700 or more.

I had a brief discussion with Mr. Dorgbaa and this was what he said, "I do not intend to stop at this, but to build a great edifice of a GCE institute."

"Indeed," he went on "plans are up, to this end."

Contrary to expectation, Mr. Dorgbaa believed that government should not do everything for people.

Said he, "In fact, I don't share that notion at all."

So, I see this as my humble contribution during this past ten years, and even beyond, as solution to the problem of adult education at the post-primary school level."

Does this mean that the Maranatha Educational GCE Institute has no problem at all, I asked?

"The problem now is accommodation. Yes. The present place we now occupy is grossly in-

adequate, and indeed is not designed for a GCE institute such as ours."

Mr. Dorgbaa then ap-

pealed to the state government to give him and his management a permanent site where they could effectively run the programme.

As to whether any government help would be a mis-placed, he said "the millions of citizens that we have built over the past 10 years into useful men and women, have their lessons for the government."

Apart from being director of the top-most extra-mural educational set-up in the state, Mr. Barinure Dorgbaa has lectured in economics both at the Ordinary and Advanced levels of GCE and also the WAEC examinations.

One interesting thing about Mr. Dorgbaa is that he is a born again Christian, which no doubt is the bedrock of his school.

Another outstanding

personality we talked to was Mr. Simeon Dimko Ojim, founder and director of studies Professional Institute of Secretaries.

As far as commercial institutions are concerned in this state, I think the Professional Institute of Secretaries is one of the oldest. He told me it was established in 1958.

According to Mr. Ojim, when Chief Alfred Dada-Sani was in power he allocated to it a site to enter into viable projects. "This coupled with prayers and personal convictions led to the opening of the institute."

Among the activities of the Professional Institute of Secretaries aims at promoting the study of commercial subjects in the state. It is the state government in the production of manpower, solving the problem of unemployment in our society.

About his numerical strength, Mr. Ojim simply said "it is encouraging."

He would like the government to help him where necessary, but would not insist on it. He said the school is doing well. Also in Abiodun, we have a Bens Functions College where top civil servants and school leavers have been produced. Analytically, there is clear indication that these institutions are helping to solve some of the problems of the state. And like the other, Mr. Ojim has encouraged there a lot of the sky will be the limit. Most of our students are women. One to you, State Government.

OBITUARY

With gratitude to God for life well spent, we regret to announce the sudden death of our most affectionate family friend,



CHIEF SIMON OKOLI ONWUDIEGWU

Chairman/Managing Director
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which sad event took place on Tuesday 18th day of May 1982.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENT:

Friday 4th June 1982

11.00 a.m. Body lies at his residence, 145 Port Harcourt Road Aba, Imo State.

12 noon Body leaves his residence for the Christ the King Church (CKC) Asa Road Aba for Requiem (Mass) Immediately after Mass. Body leaves Aba for Oke, his home town in Aguata Local Government Area, Anambra State.

5.00 p.m. Body arrives Oke, his compound Okeani Village where it will lie-in-state. (Received with 21 gun salute)

8.00 till dawn Christian wake-keeping.

Saturday, 5th June, 1982

"AWAKE MY SOUL"

6.00 a.m. (Family prayers) (21 guns)

10.00 a.m. Body leaves his compound for a requiem high mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church Oke.

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— Imba Na Iye Na —

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and

her sister **MADAN EUGENIA ATA KARIBI IKIRIKO** followed her on the 3rd of June 1979.

All good things come from God and we more than ever give thanks to God for the lives of these our mothers.

Tonye Willie-Harry
and
Dr Sagbe Karibi Ikiriko
for and on behalf of the family.

FOREIGN COMMENTARIES..... FOREIGN COMMENTARIES.....

AVERTING 'SOFT' LOAN SHORTAGE

A significant reduction in the lending resources for this year of the International Development Association (IDA) — the World Bank's 'soft' loan affiliate — has been averted because a group of donor nations has agreed to waive one of the organization's rules.



PRESIDENT GALTIERI of Argentina

This news will be welcomed in the Third World of the developing countries, especially among the 40 or so poorest, for whom the IDA represents the biggest source of interest-free loans.

The problem stemmed from the decision of the United States, by far the largest single contributor to the association's funds, to cut back on her commitment — and under IDA rules the other donors could have reduced their contribu-

tions proportionately. — But, following Britain's lead, many other countries are planning to ignore this provision. They include Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Kuwait, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates.

This gesture means that the IDA will have at least \$3,000 million to lend this year, about \$500 million more than would otherwise have

been possible. And the rest of the shortfall will largely be met by an additional \$800 million which the World Bank is making available to those countries which can afford interest-bearing loans.

The IDA, which began operating in 1960, has proved its effectiveness if only because of the

'oungrown' need for 'soft' loans.

But, especially in the current global economic climate, the IDA remains a vital lifeline for the world's poorest countries.

The reduction in the US contribution to the IDA is a reflection of Congress's mood of retrenchment in the face



DANIEL ARAP MOI Kenyan President & OAU Chairman

The organisation is among those United Nations agencies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which the USSR continues to shun and has discouraged its allies from joining. This attitude is widely seen as an example of the Soviet lack of commitment to international development efforts.

Despite this, however, in the first 20 years of its existence the IDA had provided almost 1,000 loans, worth a total of more than \$20,000 million, to nearly 80 countries. It is also involved in joint operations with the World Bank.

Most IDA loans have been given interest-free over 50 years, with an initial ten-year grace period. This form of aid is designed for countries which cannot take on the repayment burden of other types of credit.

By A Southern Africa Correspondent

number of former recipient-nations who no longer have to call upon its particular form of aid. Having benefited from its help, such countries have now

of a world recession. There are fears that the administration is unlikely to plan approval of its planned 18 per cent increase in next year's foreign aid budget.

Nevertheless, even if the figure is pegged at this year's level of \$8,000 million, the US will remain a major source of assistance.

The IDA was created to provide loans to the poorer developing countries on more flexible terms than those available from its parent World Bank. Its resources are replenished periodically by contributions from its richer member-nations.



MR MARGARET THATCHER UK Prime Minister

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

EVEN if Argentina is forced to comply with the United Nations demand to withdraw her forces from the Falkland Islands, this would mean that two similar injunctions from the world body were still being defied.

Neither the USSR nor its protégé, Vietnam, has shown any inclination to heed the repeated UN calls to withdraw their forces from Afghanistan and Cambodia respectively. These two acts of aggression have now been overwhelmingly condemned three times by the General Assembly, and the demands for the invaders to withdraw have been echoed in other international forums such as the Non-Aligned Movement.

Meanwhile, if reports circulating here at the UN are borne out, Argentina's attempts to deprive the 1,800 Falkland Islanders of basic human rights would, numerically at least, pale beside what is allegedly under way in Afghanistan.

There is increasing con-

cern, especially among Islamic delegations here, over reported indications that the Soviet Union has begun to colonise the northern Afghan provinces.

Several hundred families are said to have arrived already, the first of what is feared may total up to 100,000 such settlers. Thousands of Afghans have been made homeless, it is to make way for the newcomers.

Peoples' Solidarity Committee. This spoke of the beginning of Soviet transmigration of families to Afghanistan, and added that the USSR's obvious aim was to turn its southern neighbour into a new colony — as had been done to once-free nations in Central Asia several decades previously.

The statement called for increased international aid for the Afghan resistance

By a UN Correspondent

Such a colonisation programme would, to a large extent, explain the Soviet emphasis on the economic development of Northern Afghanistan and the improvement of its communication links with the USSR since the invasion of December, 1979. The report contains much of Afghanistan's oil and gas resources and other mineral wealth.

Among warnings circulating about the reported Soviet move is a statement issued by the Indonesian-Afghan

movement and refugees. More than three million out of Afghanistan's 17 million population have now fled the country, mostly into neighbouring Pakistan.

According to the Indonesian committee, the occupying forces now total 100,000, and their arms included chemical weapons. Other estimates put the Soviet troop presence alone at 120,000 or 12 divisions. In overall command is Marshal Sergei Sokolov, backed by more than 20 generals.

Chamber of Commerce. Recently, membership of this organisation had grown to almost 200 enterprises from the two countries.

South Africa's Department of Commerce further encouraged the drive by helping to launch a monthly publication in Spanish, entitled *Agua Sud Africa*. This was soon being distributed to about 100,000 businessmen in 20 Latin American countries.

The number of tourists from Argentina has risen substantially since the opening of a Buenos Aires-Cape Town air link five years ago.

By An Economic Correspondent

terrorism' and in deterring the South Atlantic.

Recent South Argentine gestures have included the reported offer of an aircraft designed for counter-insurgency work to aid Pretoria's anti-guerrilla operations in Southern Africa.

Meanwhile, South Africa's campaign to offset the threats to her traditional markets by cultivating new outlets in Latin America has proved effective in Argentina. By 1980, the value of her exports there had grown to \$61 million, compared with \$1.7 million in 1971. South African investment in Argentina has also increased substantially.

The importance of these economic ties was recognised in 1972 with the creation of an Argentine-South African

When visiting South Africa members were entertained by the joint Chamber of Commerce in 1972, as Argentine vice-president, Dr Solano Lima, said: "We are not interested in how the South African government came to power, nor in the social conditions of the country. We are interested only in strengthening ties with South Africa."



PABLO DE CUELLAR UN Secretary-General

Why Africa is firm on Falkland crisis

INDEPENDENT Africa's overwhelming condemnation of the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands is based primarily on the view that the action constitutes a breach of the United Nations' Charter and international law.

African governments generally share the widespread concern that Argentina's example in resorting to the use of force to resolve territorial disputes should not be followed by others. But most expert observers also agree that another factor may have further hardened African attitudes.

This added dimension is provided by the Argentina's relations with South Africa. The growing links between the two countries have attracted increasing criticism, especially as Argentina is a member of the non-aligned movement, which supports independent Africa's call for the international isolation of South Africa because of her apartheid policies.

The military, economic and sporting ties which have developed between Argentina and South Africa are seen by critics as an inalienable affinity between two regimes which have been found to resort to repressive internal policies. In this context, some have also pointed to the warm and beneficial relationship that Argentina enjoys with the USSR, which has condoned the Argentine aggression.

In the military field discreet contacts between Argentina and South Africa have been flourishing for almost two decades. When questioned in Parliament last month, the South



MC Envoy wins at B. Cal golf

It was a big day this year's annual British Caledonian Golf tournament which ended last Sunday.

The two-day tournament featured seasoned professionals and amateurs in and outside the Rivers State.

And amongst the lucky winners is Mrs McEvoy who did a lot of job to snatch the lady's trophy.

Photo shows Mr Austin Obamkpar presenting a silver cup and prizes to Mrs McEvoy at the end of the championships held at the Port Harcourt Golf course.

PUTTING up a sparkling performance, the Pan African Bank Football out fit, thrashed the Nigeria Police Football team by a lone goal in the division 1 of the current Port Harcourt and District Amateur Football Association league.

All thanks to Felix Beke, whose 75th minute header saw the bankers snatching the two vital points at stake.

Both sides played a fairly good game. They possessed good qualities to probe deep into each others goal territory but virtually lacked understanding up front.

The first forty-five minutes saw little to write home about as both sides played without much of characteristic sharpness.

Both sides resumed their ding dong affair in the second half but later became hectic as

PAB, NPA WIN DAFA MATCHES

substitutes Bennett Okuru and Felix Beke of Pan Bank came to revive the bankers lost hopes.

Police had no clue to the daring moves of these sleek strikers.

Ossal's text-book corner kick was the corner stone of the bankers victory as Felix Beke jumped high to nod in the much awaited goal.

In another division 1 league match, the Nigerian Ports Authority football squad confirmed a 2-1 victory over the National Electric Power Authority F.C. in what should be described as a 90-minute sweat soaked battle.

The New Nigeria Bank Football Club of Benin, defeated the I.C.C.C. Shooting Star of Ibadan by two goals to nil in a first division match played at the Liberty Stadium, Ibadan.

The game watched by a large crowd started with both sides trying to dictate the pace but the IICC later gained the upper hand and forced its opponents to their half of the field.

Half way through the first half, however, the New Nigeria Bank improved its playing tactics.



IICC suffers first home defeat

Following a build-up from the right flank towards the end of the

first half, Joseph Eghareuba, scored the second goal for the New Nigeria Bank.

In the second half both teams made several changes and during a scramble at IICC's goal-mouth, Sunday Kator,

scored the second goal for the New Nigeria Bank.

By the bank's victory, the IICC Shooting Stars of Ibadan suffered its first defeat in the current league season. (NAN)

Getting set for World Cup

HERMANN Neuberger, 62 is not a man to be daunted by difficulties, and as chairman of the Fifa organising committee for the 1982 soccer World Cup in Spain is not expecting any. He has inspected the 17 World Cup stadia and is satisfied with them.

Neuberger, president of the German FA, should be in a

position to judge. He supervised the 1974 and 1978 World Cup tournaments in Germany and Argentina on behalf of football's international governing body.

After Spain he plans to take a holiday, then it will be back to soccer and preparations for the 1986 World Cup, he says.

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But gradually, the tide began to change as the cargo chaps shocked off the dust of compromise to lecture their opponents to some soccer anistries.

N.P.A.'s curatin raiser was scored through a goal mouth melee.

In a division 11 league encounter, the Lovetia Bombers F.C. bowed 1-3 to the Noclern F.C.

Scores at half time stood at 1-1 but the oil boys went further watch the second stanza to score two goals.

BENDEL IS OUT

The USK Football Club of Algeria in Algiers defeated the Bendel Insurance Football Club of Nigeria by two goals to nil in the second leg of their second four round to qualify for the quarter-finals of the African cup winners cup. Bedjawi and Gueddoura scored in the second half against a 10-man side to put the Algerians through the last eight on the away goals rule.

Bendel, who had a man sent off after 30 minutes, won the first leg 3-1 for A33 aggregate but went out because of the goal they conceded at home.



NIGERIAN TIDE



MR. JUSTICE V. OVIE
WHISKEY

FATE OF DEMOCRACY RESTS ON FEDECO

ADMINISTRATIVE secretaries to the Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO) have been reminded that the future of democracy in the second republic, would very much depend on their activities before and

during the forthcoming general elections. Addressing a meeting of the secretaries held in Enugu, the Anambra State capital recently, the state Federal Electoral Commissioner, Chief J.B.C. Anyaegbuna advised them not to be demoralised or disenchanted with the spread of insectives which had become a common member with some politicians in the country.

The fastidious and capacious nature of some of the country's politicians, he told the secretaries, was not unusual in the complex game of politics, adding that they have been called upon to render invaluable services to the nation, and thus they should do without any vestige of group or individual influence hanging over them.

He warned them of the difficult tasks ahead, noting that by the time of the on-going debate in the National Assembly on the electoral bill, it was certain that they would be called upon to render invaluable services to the nation, and thus they should do without any vestige of group or individual influence hanging over them.

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Imo job seekers flood 3 adjoining states

THE Imo State Government is now reported to be facing serious unemployment crisis, with thousands of its jobless seafarers, roaming the streets of Owerri and other urban cities in the state, with no hope of securing employment.

According to reports reaching us from the state capital, the situation has reached alarming dimension, and a large number of the state's unemployed, are said to have invaded the neighbouring states of Cross River, Bendel and Rivers in desperate search of jobs.

A top government official in Owerri, whose office has responsibility for employment, was quoted to have told a large rally of school leavers at the premises of the government secretariat, that the present state administration has just

the fight against unemployment, and that those seeking for employment were advised to extend their search beyond the boundaries of the state.

The decision by the government to export its internal social problems, he further told the disillusioned job seekers, was a painful but inevitable one, adding that the strategy should

be seen as an ephemeral measure with the hope that the situation would improve in no

distasteful. Following the unfortunate development, the labour markets in Bendel, Rivers and Cross River States, have now been besieged by Imo job seekers and most of the private companies are exploiting the

trend, in what an official described as a boom of cheap labour, because they can now pay less.

In a related development, the state youth wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN)

has accused the Mbakwe administration of gross inefficiency and called for the immediate establishment of Imo State Unemployment Agency.

It argued, that such an agency would be charged with the responsibility of diagnosing the job problems of the state, and

monitor more accurately the trend in the labour market, with a view to assisting the government look for short and long term solutions.

The chairman of the Youth Wing, Mr. Pat Abun, at a crowded press conference in Owerri last Friday, blamed the alarming rising tide of unemployment in the state, on the inconsistency and unco-ordinated pattern of planning adopted by the government, and wondered in dismay, how the NPP regime watched helplessly, the progressive growth of unemployment in its area of authority.

He also cautioned the state government, against the grave consequences of persistent diversion of Green Revolution funds to other sources, accusing the regime of pumping public money into private farms and other related agricultural projects.

DEFAULTING OIL FIRMS TO FACE MUSIC

ANY oil marketing company, operating in the Rivers State, which failed to comply with the Federal Government's approved price for refined fuel, will now face instant prosecution by the state government, the Commissioner for Works and Transport, Mr. Francis Endeley warned in Port Harcourt yesterday.

The government's warning, came few weeks after taxi and bus unions, had alerted the administration on what

they termed, organised cheating and flagrant violation of Federal Government official fuel price by some oil marketing companies in the state.

Investigations carried out by government agencies revealed that motorists pay more for fuel in the state, than their counterparts in other states of the federation, an unfortunate phenomenon largely blamed on the insidious activities of some oil marketing companies.

Commenting on the situation, the commissioner said already, a top level tripartite meeting has been scheduled between him, the police and representatives of the oil companies, adding that in the future, the government would make its feelings on the issue known to those concerned, and as well express its ultimate desire to achieve an early solution.

Mr. Endeley said it was most surprising to observe that some fuel stations have dubiously adjusted their pumps and metres in order to short-supply their customers, an action he described as a distasteful, spectacular and dishonourable business conduct.

He told the Nigerian Tide, that the state government was very

Bid to enforce FG's fuel price

much determined to deal with any individual or organisation whose activities are inimical to the interest of the people of the state, and announced with deep regret, how investigations revealed the inconsistency in the measurement of some of the metres at the filling stations.

The commissioner has therefore, called on oil marketing companies to undertake regular inspection tours of their various fuel depots and made it clear that the state administration would no longer tolerate



•Mr. Francis Endeley

a situation where people in the state would be made to bear unnecessary financial hardships due to the fraudulent activities of business houses.

SHAGARI OFF TO ABUJA SATURDAY

PRESIDENT Shagari will leave Lagos on Saturday for Abuja, the federal capital territory on a two-day official visit.

A programme of the visit released at State House in Lagos yesterday showed that President Shagari would perform the official opening of the airport expressway in Abuja. He is expected to commission the Jabi dam and inspect housing projects in the federal

Capital Territory, after Mr. Dan Mooki, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Chief Yomi Akintola, and the Special Adviser to the president on Political Affairs, Dr. Chibokwe Okadigbo. President Shagari would leave Abuja for Kaduna on Monday, June 7, on a three-day visit. Alistair Shetler and his entourage are expected back in Lagos on Thursday, June 10.

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