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## Rumpus in Imo sports council



Chief Sam Mbakwe of Imo State

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•Sports Council workers display placards during a demonstration in Owerri. Picture by T. Ekwubiri

# WORKERS ON WAR PATH OVER N2,000 MANAGEMENT, board members locked in SCANDAL

**S**ERIOUS internal crisis has engulfed the Imo State Sports Council, as workers of the establishment began an open protest over what they termed, "The N2,000 secret hotel deal at Bendel 81", by members of their board.

The angry workers who took to the streets of Owerri, barricaded the entrance gate to the council's premises with placards, and both management and members of the board, were caught in a lock in for several hours.

Some of the placards, read, "remember the N2,000 secret hotel deal at Bendel 81", "we need dynamic businessman as our chairman," "this is a place for dedication and hard work and not a place for money making" and "they can't fulfill their December 81 undertakings."

The story of the secret

hotel deal, very much believed to have been aided by some top executives of the Owerri administration, re-echoed against a background of anger and desperation caused by the nonchalant attitude of the board and its chairman to the workers.

Sequel to the un-  
willingness co-operation

existing between the board and some top aides of the state chief executive, the meagre fund said to have been voted for the council was never used for the welfare of the workers, and several representations made to the government had proved unfruitful, as an insider was quoted to have said, "we cannot hurt our men on the board."

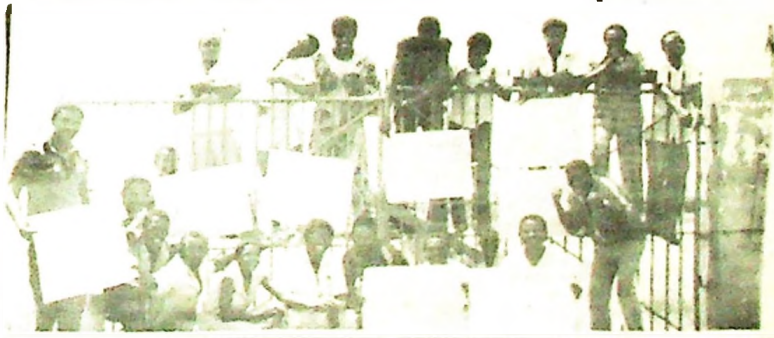
According to confirm-

ed workers' sources, some members of the board were said to have entered into a bizarre hotel deal during the Bendel 81, in which hundreds of thousands of naira were paid out, under the pretence of the council's contingent's allowances of N2,000 each.

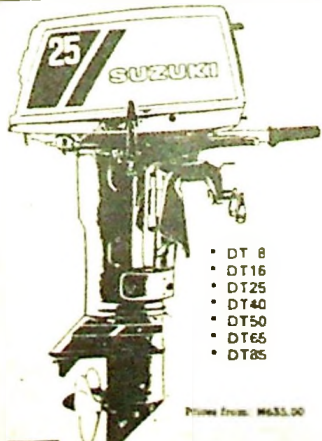
But the angry workers have since denied receiving such allowances, and accused the board of exploiting them for their

own selfish ends, as their salaries as well as entitlements were never paid, in spite of repeated demands.

Following the present unfortunate development, the council's activities have been brought to a halt, and those in the Governor's Office, very much feared that the crisis started by the Sports Council workers might spread to other government departments.



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## House alerted on join Rivers

THE Rivers State House of Assembly has again been urged to view seriously the repeated plea by the Asa and Ndoki people in Imo State to be merged with their kith and kin in Rivers State.

Reaching the request for a merger in a contribution on motion for adjournment on Tuesday, the deputy speaker, Mr. D. U. Anucha lamented that no heed had in the past been paid to their fervent prayer.

He listed the seven:

teen towns and villages still within Imo enclave as Asa Southern, IPU Western, IPU Southern and Gom.

The towns and villages had from time immemorial had ethnic and geographical affiliation with the Etche and Eke people and the Ikwerre people through Igwuruta, he stressed.

The deputy speaker explained that having been recognised by a commission in 1957, they again petitioned late

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## Ndokis' plea to PAUSE AND PONDER

Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment or oppression and the other by art of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment.



# HOUSE FLAYS FANATISM IN POLITICS, RELIGION

The Oyo State House of Assembly has passed a motion condemning fanaticism in religion and politics.

The sponsor of the motion, Chief Dejo Dairo, UPN two II, urged the executive and the legislative arms of the Federal Government to

use their powers to discourage fanaticism in both religion and politics because it had done much harm to the country.

Chief Dairo noted that a lot of intransigence on the individual's liberty occurred daily in the name of religious practice using the use of loudspeakers to disturb the peace of others as an example.

He was also critical of certain religious sect which, he said, shirked their civic responsibilities by refusing to be registered during census and refusing to vote during elections.

In addition, the

legislator condemned thuggery as an aspect of political fanaticism. Seconding the motion, Mr. Ibimose Abiodun, UPN two III, stated that fanaticism bred disunity.

He recalled the bloodshed and loss of property which religious fanaticism had caused in Kano and implored people not to lose their faith on others.



## Gongola plans for 3,000 housing units



ALHAJI A. BARDE  
Governor, Gongola State

The Gongola Government is to finance the building of 3,000 housing units through external loans, the chairman of the state Housing Corporation, Mr. Stephen Tiya, has said.

He told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Yola that the construction of an initial 1,000 housing units would commence as soon as the loan agreement was signed between the state government and foreign financiers.

Mr. Tiya explained that the scheme would consist

of low, medium and high cost houses and would be spread over all parts of the state.

Mr. Tiya said that land had been acquired for the scheme in each of the 41 newly created local government areas, and that the corporation was planning to sell the 600 houses already built on an owner-occupier basis.

The chairman added that valuers were already working on the amount to be paid for each of the houses. (NAN)

## Youths hold rally at Okoro-Odo

Every new day adds new strength to the NPN in the Rivers State.

Thus, the Port Harcourt branch of the party's youth wing held their rally at Okoro-Odo in Obio-Akpo district.

Picture shows a joint libation before the rally commenced.

## Anambra plans big trade fair

The Anambra State Commissioner for Trade, Mr. Emmanuel Iwe, in Enugu announced that the state government and the Enugu Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture would stage an international trade exhibition in November.

The commissioner, who was addressing a group of Swiss businessmen and members of the business community in Enugu, expressed the hope that the fair would seek to establish a good business relationship between indigenous businessmen and their foreign counterparts.

The leader of the 10-man Swiss trade delegation, Mr. D. Proter, said that his group was in Anambra to explore areas of technical and business co-operation with Nigerians.

He said that Swiss exports to Nigeria amounted to N240 million in 1980 which placed the country as the 'biggest' Swiss market in Africa.

Mr. Proter said that the Swiss office for the development of trade which sponsored the delegation, was determined to improve the balance of trade between Nigeria and his country.

He said that this would be done through technical and engineering training for Nigerians and the provision of banking and insurance services for contracts awarded in Nigeria to Swiss firms.

## BODY SUBMITS REPORT ON HAJJ OPERATIONS

THE Presidential Committee on the re-organisation of Hajj Operations has presented its final report and recommendations to President Shugu Shagan. The nine-man committee headed by Alhaji Babatunde Josa, had previously submitted an interim report on Hajj operations.

Receiving the report, President Shagan thanked members of the committee for a job well done. He recalled that

Hajj operations had posed a problem to the government and expressed the hope that the report of the committee would provide solutions to the problem.

President Shagan said that the government would study recommendations of the committee and implement them without delay. He however stressed the need for all Nigerians to co-operate with the government to ensure the success of Hajj operations.

## 10,000 soldiers get pension

About 10,000 soldiers have received their pensions and gratuities in the last two years.

According to the latest issue of SOJA, a news letter of the Nigerian Army, 7,849 soldiers were

paid their entitlements by the military pensions directorate last year.

The director of military pensions, Lt. Col. Onyekweli, was reported to have told the new director-general of

the Armed Forces retirement services, Brigadier Mohammed Remea, that benefits for 5,976 discharged soldiers were "lying unclaimed" at the directorate.

## Benz gets old boys association

THE old students association of Benz Secondary Commercial

by Awhalebe Sir Uhor

College, Ahoada, was inaugurated recently at the college's premises in Ahoada.

Invited dignitaries and

students, both old and present, defied the rain to attend the occasion.

Some of the dignitaries present in-

clude Mr. S.W. Ideozu, Reverend Igbeigiri and A.I. Obomaru and Pastor Robert Ekiye. The guest of honour, Chief Robinson O. Robinson, the Lze Ekpeye Logbo 11 was represented by Chief Olobue.

In their separate addresses, the director and proprietor of the college, Mr. Benefactor G. Ospana, and the current students union leader, Mr. Good Alphaeus, both traced the history of the college from its inception in 1963 at No 7 Aba Street, Port Harcourt.

Nineteen years later today, the college has, said Mr. Ospana, turned out over 4,000 specialists including accounts and wages clerks, accountants, sales and administrative managers.

They both appealed to good-spirited individuals for aid to enable the college complete its permanent site project at kilometre 2 on the Ahoada-Abua Road.

Responding, Chief Olobue said that the Lze Ekpeye Logbo 11 and the people of Ekpeye

were happy at the school's progress. He urged the students to avoid immoral acts and to listen to their elders' wise counsel and then donate N50 on behalf of the Lze.

In his speech, Pastor Ekiye said he was pleased that the college paid equal attention to culture and religious morals. He urged the government to recognise schools of commerce that have attained the stipulate standard.

Such schools, he said, should then serve as WAEC examination centres. This would allow for the mass registration of their students for external exams as obtains in secondary schools.

The pastor then called on students of commerce to get over their inferiority complex and be equal to their secondary school counterparts.

Also speaking at the occasion, two old boys, Messrs. Goodlife Oduki, a tip accounts clerk with the Port Harcourt branch of Henry Stephen Group of companies, and Ngon Agodiri, an accountant with Kiteco Nig. Limited, Port Harcourt, said they were proud of their former college and of its continued progress.

A 3-man panel headed by Mr. Ngon Agodiri was later set up to arrange for a grand re-meeting of the old boys. The meeting, which is expected to hold on Saturday 28th of the same venue will elect an executive council to run the affairs of the association.

## APAPA MAKERS CONFAB

Recently the Apapa branch of the Manufacturers Association held their annual general meeting.

The meeting was held at the Reg Manufacturing Company in Lagos.

Picture shows faces of the members of the association at their participation in that meeting.





## ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

THE world would have been a much better place to live in if those who manage the affairs of state possess, like the magicians, a magic wand with which to cure the economic ills that afflict us. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

The nearest to that is the formulation of economic policies that the

BY A CORRESPONDENT

authorities believe would usher in economic prosperity for the majority of the people. Thus, when there are hiccups in the economic system, the policy measures are twisted one way or the other to provide a relief.

This is what we have just witnessed happen in our present economic predicament. The President, knowing the seriousness of the situation and also mindful of the political environment in which he operates, formally requested the National Assembly to grant him powers to enable him become the sole actor in the bid to revive the ailing economy.

Some commentators have asserted that by granting the President the powers that he sought, the National Assembly members have thereby abdicated their legislative authority. That issue is better left for the courts for a resolution.

The kernel of the present exercise, however, is that having got the powers, the President has announced a series of measures that took immediate effect, to reorder our economic life. These measures fall into three broad groups, namely, fiscal, monetary and exchange control.

The message is clear for all those who have taken time to read both the President's speech announcing the measures and the elaboration on the measures by the Minister of Finance. It is that there is a total war on imports in a bid to cut down on foreign exchange expenditure.

The array of import items whose customs duties have been raised, the number of items added to the list on import licensing restrictions, the restoration of advance import deposit, the further reduction in basic and business travel allowances and the general increase in the rate of interest, all make the 1982 budget measures pale into utter insignificance as an exercise.

No wonder the President asked the National Assembly for permission to withdraw the 1982 Finance Bill.

Just as President Reagan's economic measures have by being tagged 'Reaganomics' enriched our vocabulary, so too have President Shagari's which have been descri-

bed as Shagari's 'Pana-economics' thanks to Henry Atengua in the *Business Times* of April 26, 1982. However, whether the measures announced by the President to deal with the present economic crisis are panic measures or not, is rather irrelevant now.

This is because we all agreed that something just has to be done to put the economy back on the right path to sustained economic growth.

In any case, it should be conceded that the economy cannot be left to drift until it finally grinds to a halt.

The lesson that this present administration and the succeeding ones should learn from the present state of affairs is that a problem is better dealt with promptly at the time, a diagnosis reveals some malfunctioning in the economic system.

Now having taken these measures the pertinent question is, what are the chances that the desired objective will be achieved. This is the question that has not been properly addressed by analysts so far. Instead much of the analysis has focussed largely on the hardship that the measures are expected to bring on the generality of the people.

However, that appears to be a by-product of the measures. The ultimate is the goal these measures will lead to an attainment of the goal is a balance both in the internal and external sectors of the economy.

The answer of course is that no economic measure is 100 per cent sure of success. Moreover, whether a particular measure succeeds or not is predicated on a number of ifs. In our own case we can list a number of such ifs:

If the import restrictive measures succeed in reducing the rate of importation there will be some foreign exchange saving which may help in stemming the drain on our foreign reserves.

The import restrictive measures have a chance of producing this salutary effect if they are allowed to work and if the general public cooperates. In other words, if people do not start to look at the loopholes in the system with a view to exploiting them to their own advantage but to the detriment of the nation, the economy may be able to breathe freely again within a period of three to six months.

This also implies that the announcement of the measures does not automatically relieve us from our economic problems. Even if they succeed eventually, the measures will take some time to make themselves felt.



Another big if is in the area of implementation of policy measures. Will there be the necessary co-ordination of efforts by all the ministries and agencies whose responsibility it is to enforce the laid-down regulations? If this is lacking, then not much hope can be put on the measures to achieve their objective.

Apart from the co-ordination of efforts, there is also the need to monitor the economy more closely to see how these measures are taking effect and whether developments would justify some modifications.

In this regard, some words of caution are called for. The authorities should be particularly resolute and not give way to the pressures that will be put on them either for exemptions or early relaxation of the measures. The point that should be realised is that no economic measure actually succeeds without hurting the people. It is only unfortunate that we are not equally hurt.

The main source of worry is the attitude of the customs men. Will they be able to rise to the occasion? Certainly, with the clampdown on imports and further restrictions on the use of foreign exchange, it may be expected that the smugglers will become very daring in their attempt to beat the customs men.

Therefore, all the proposed measures to improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of the customs men should not be made to become mere paper blue prints. The spirit of the times calls for the implementation of such measures to the fullest extent possible.

There is no way that either a weak, disorganised or highly undisciplined body like the Board of Customs and Excise in its present shape can hope to successfully deal a telling blow on smugglers and smuggling activities.

The corollary is that if smuggling activities are not reduced, then the present economic stabilisation measures have a poor chance of attaining the desired objectives.

Apart from what has been said so far, some of the measures appear to be counter-productive. For instance, the rise in the rate of interest will inevitably lead to a massive increase in the cost of raising credit. For the businesses that can still afford to raise loans, the cost of production will increase.

In all probability, this

will be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices. However, there is no comfort for local producers who should have expected a shift in demand from imported goods to locally produced items as imports become more expensive.

On the other hand, the many businesses that will not be able to afford the higher cost of raising credit will only cut back on their investment plans. Thus, the expected rate may be expected to decline thereby adversely affecting employment opportunities. We may therefore expect the rate of unemployment to rise.

Moreover, one can also expect the market to be petty traders and transporters to capitalise on these measures. For one thing, artificial scarcity may be created by hoarding food and other consumer items as a pretext for unjustifiably raising their prices.

It is also asking for too much in the name of patriotism that local transporters should refrain from raising transport fares within the cities and for long distance journeys. Already, there are indications of increases in the price of foodstuffs and in transport fares.

The implication of these expected price increase is that they will lead to a further pressure on the inflationary rate which, from all indications, worsened considerably during the course of last year. It may well be that this is the price we have to pay in order to achieve a favourable balance in our external payments account.

Whatever their outcome, two things stand out. In the first place, the measures do not assure that our economic problems are over. Their success is conditional on so many ifs.

Second, the measures are essentially temporary, short term measures designed to

salvage the economy from further going down. They should be supplemented with long term measures that would lead to a sustained growth of the economy. This is the way the President's assertion that the present economic crisis is a blessing in disguise can become meaningful.

## Change the Naira now

Whenever economic measures are introduced, it is always the masses that bear the brunt of it all as the privileged and the rich still bathe in luxury while the masses have to battle with increased food prices and transport fares.

These are the most acute problems of the masses.

To buttress this fact, let us digress from the economy.

Sometime in Lagos, the Federal capital, the concept of even and odd numbers was introduced to check traffic congestion.

The 'executive' have a way of manipulating this exercise because, he has two cars: one with the even number plate and the other with an odd number.

So he has no problem getting to his job while the poor fellow has to head for his office as early as six in the morning, and to be home after six in the evening.

One positive suggestion to revamp the economy is to change Nigeria's currency, the naira.

By this singular act, the economy could be back on the right footing as billions of naira saved away in foreign banks, and the millions locked up in sales within the country by our businessmen will reappear in coffers of the

Central Bank of Nigeria. Then we could freeze withdrawals of large sums for a couple of months, and we will see that the economy will be buoyant in the next couple of months.

Although there may be complications if this drastic measure is effected the nation and the masses will stand to gain.

The complications could be overcome if a well planned formula is used in executing the exercise.

With the exercise some naira could spill from the purses of the rich to the poor as the poor will be contracted to exchange some naira for them as it happened during the 1968 and 1972 exercises.

But one is a bit sceptical about this suggestion since a similar call by a member of the National Assembly had been overlooked.

I bet, that 'misqu岸' episode of May, 19 1982 of NTA Abuja is a sure clue for the ailing economy.

Tony Zighanda  
Port Harcourt

## Water scarcity

KINDLY allow me a space in your widely read newspaper to express my views on the sufferings of people at Eber Street - Marine Base - Port Harcourt on the non-availability of water.

While I congratulate the present administration for the priority given to food, water and shelter, I would like to bring to the notice of whoever is concerned that, since the construction of the road there has been no water.

Please commission for Electricity and Water Supply come to our aid either to repair the damaged pipes or to assign tankers specially for us daily as against our regular purchase of one naira per drum to tankers who come to our rescue.

Mr Ousebe John  
Port Harcourt.

## Shortage of drugs

I WISH to express my feelings over "Out of Stock", buy it outside" from the lips of drug dispensers in our hospitals.

Anytime a patient goes for drugs in the drug department, all that he hears is "out of stock, buy it outside".

And when you get to the chemist outside you get your prescribed drugs easily.

And so comes the question: Where do these chemist stores get their drugs from?

Whatever people conjure up about it, well, that is their own headache but for all that I know society is bitter about it.

We are therefore appealing to the authority concerned to monitor the amount of drugs flushed into any hospital because

out slender pay-packets cannot meet "out of stock, buy it outside" due to austerity.

Duncan Wood  
Port Harcourt

## House alerted

(Continued from page 1)

General Mohammed in 1975 to be allowed to join the Rivers State following the implementation of Mr Justice Nasir Boundary Adjustment Commission report.

They were still agitating, he informed the House and required all possible assistance.

In another contribution both Mr L E Mwara (NPN Bay 4) and minority chief whip, Chief Peters-Amam (INPP Bay 1) while commending the proposed

establishment of a National Oil Museum at Oluibin in the State argued that it was not a priority till the economic situation improved.

Mr Mwara queried the wisdom in building a museum to cost several millions of naira while salaries were not being paid.

Chief Peters-Amam called for an investigation of the Transport Directorate over what he alleged to be the purchase of "second hand" TATA buses.



# AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN BIZMEN HONOUR NIGERIAN

The president of the Port Harcourt chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMI), Bro J. A. Abadam, has been honoured and registered as a lifetime member of the Los Angeles, California-based organisation.

Mr Abadam, a Port Harcourt-based business executive has therefore become the first African to be honoured by the association which has over 1,000 chapters in more than 40 countries of the world.

by

Roggers Ntor-ue

This was disclosed by the president recently at the Port Harcourt International Airport shortly on arrival from an overseas trip where he attended an "Advanced Leadership Training Seminar" organised by Mr Dennis Shakaran, the International President of the association.

The course, he continued, featured among other things lectures by renowned men of God and attracted over 1,000 delegates from various chapters of the fellowship.

The business executive further disclosed that an international director, Mr Daniel E. Uwaduan from Beirut City, Beirut State had been appointed for Nigeria while its field representatives were also expected to supervise the various zones in the country.

These include, Mr S. W. E. Eson (Calabar), Mr A. E. Akigbo (Benue), Mr Anthony Okoro (Port Harcourt), Mr Peter Zawa (Gbolu) and Mr Victor Ejio (Kano) and Chief



BRO ABADAM

## SHAGARI'S BIOGRAPHY LAUNCHED IN LONDON

The newly published biography of President Shagari, written by Mr Olanrewaju, was launched in London last Thursday by Lord Carrington, a member of the British House of Lords.

At a launching ceremony, organised by the deputy secretary-general of the Commonwealth, Mr Eusebia Anasaku at the Royal Commonwealth Society, Lord Carrington recalled his association with Nigeria before and after independence.

He said that the programme being made by Nigeria in economic and political fields had continued to reinforce the faith of the outside world in Nigeria's role in African and interna-

tional affairs.

Mr Abadam stressed the need for Christian businessmen in the Port Harcourt government area in particular to be registered with the fellowship at its secretariat at No. 19 Hospital Road, Port Harcourt.

Commenting on the aims and objectives of the corporation, he said that it is a non-profit organisation which is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, including the promotion, furtherance and maintenance of fellowship among men who believe the full gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by encouraging evangelism through radio, television and literature.

He appealed to all Nigerian members of the association to ensure the success of the 30th anniversary of the organisation scheduled to hold in June/July at Anaheim, California by attending the convention in

massive.

President Abadam announced that his chapter would begin to feature a weekly television programme titled "The happiest people on earth" as from June as well as embarking on hospital and prison ministries.

Plans are underway to hold a break fast meeting in Port Harcourt.

It would be recalled that the principle of FGBMI is to attract men from all social, cultural or business backgrounds to chapter meetings where they can hear and share testimonies of what God has done in men's lives.

It also includes reaching men everywhere with the gospel of Jesus Christ to provide a basis of fellowship among men from all denominations and walks of life and to bring about a greater measure of unity and harmony in the body of Christ.

# Fed Govt responsible for economic crisis - UPN



PRESIDENT SHAGARI

The Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) has accused the Federal Government of Nigeria for being responsible for the current economic crisis in the country.

In a press statement issued after its National Executive Council meeting in Kaduna, the party said that the present poor economy of the nation could have been avoided if the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari had heeded to the warning given by its national leader, Chief Awolowo, alerting the nation of impending economic doom and advocated necessary measures to be taken in order to save the country.

The statement pointed out that as a result of total failure to take pre-

empt action to save the situation, the measures now being enacted were panicky, inappropriate, unrealistic and more likely to set the nation from freedom to fire as well as exposing extraordinary extravagance in recent years.

Edmond Aiyemem,  
Kaduna

The party was of the view that the foreign exchange conservatory measures introduced without sufficiently discriminating between essential and non-essential items by increasing tariffs on staple foods such as flour, rice, stockfish and tomato paste as well as 50 per cent advance deposit against importation of all food items except rice would escalate the cost of all other food items and make them luxury for only the rich men in the society.

According to the party, the imposition of advance deposit and extra tariffs against importation of various items such as building materials, spare parts,

and raw materials would not only discourage, make it more difficult to start local industries but would also increase the production cost of locally manufactured goods and make them too expensive.

The UPN then called on the president to take a second look at his fiscal measures and make amendments now before it is too late. It also advised the president to take practical steps to diversify the economy of the nation and reduce over-dependence on oil.

The statement further urged the National Assembly to revoke immediately the special

CHIEF AWOLOWO  
UPN Leader

## ZIK, MBAKWE, NWOBODO HAVE BETRAYED IBOS'

The political adviser to the president on political matters, Dr K. O. Mbadiwe said last Wednesday in Aba that the Imo State Governor, Chief Sam Mbakwe and his Anambra State counterpart, Chief Jim Nwobodo with their political guide, Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe have betrayed the Igbos.

Dr Mbadiwe who was addressing a special NPN rally, "Operation tell Imo/Anambra States the truth" at the Aba senatorial zone told party supporters that the two governors and their "so-called father", the Owelle of Onitsha and the leader of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP), Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe betrayed the Ig-

emergency powers given to the president under the Economic Stabilisation (Temporary Provisions) Act which gives him the powers to make any laws he deems fit in respect of customs and Excise duties, import and export prohibition and for purposes incidental thereto or connected with them.

In another press release sign-

## LEADERSHIP COURSES WANTED FOR LEGISLATORS

The principal of the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre, Mr Michael Gandanu, has suggested that leadership courses be made mandatory for all legislators, as a means of eliminating tribalism and ethnic misconception.

Mr Gandanu made the suggestion while speaking at the 236th graduation ceremony of the centre in Shere Hill near Jos, at the weekend.

He said that what the

## Internal affairs boss briefs pressmen

Alhaji Ali Baba, Minister of Internal Affairs, (sitting centre) recently briefed members of the Press on the work of the various departments and divisions under his ministry while the permanent secretary, Mr G. A. Nwanze, (sitting left) listens with rapt attention.

by the national director of organisation, Mr Ebenezer Balaogbe the UPN suggested that if the Federal Government cannot take charge of the present economic crisis the president should resign with his cabinet and allow the country to decide its future. He said that can manage the economy of the nation well before September this year, when the Chief Justice of Nigeria should act as president until new elections are held.

country needed most was "a new breed of leaders prepared to set examples of self-discipline, responsible leadership and to render services to deprived fellow Nigerians".

Mr Gandanu said that no country could claim economic, cultural, and political maturity without laying the foundation of discipline and self-reliant society.

Addressing the graduates, the speaker of the Plateau House of Assembly, Mr Dakum Shogan, said that no nation would survive without the co-operation support and loyalty of its citizens.

members of the Igbo leaders of thought to make him realise the danger of his lack of direction towards the Igbos, but according to him, "Zik being a crafty leader would always complain kick on those faithful days".

The rally was attended by NPN heavyweights from both Imo and Anambra States but prominent among the people present was the Imo State chairman of the party Mr Chiamaka Onwuka Nwankwue, and his deputy, Mr M. A. Nwanze.



## Driver to serve 40 months in jail

Chief Magistrate E. B. Barango-Turrah sitting at the Ahoada chief magistrate's court has sentenced two drivers to a total fine of N270.00 or in the alternative to go to prison for 40 months with hard labour on charges of recklessness, negligent and killing.

The prosecution stated that the accused, Basil Oseguwu on April 22, 1982 along Omoku—Ebocha road in the Ahoada/Omoku magisterial district being the driver in charge of a fiat trailer with registration number RV 5211 PB did drive the said trailer on the public highway in a dangerous manner wandering from lane to lane in an attempt to cause road accident.

by  
Josiah Ajie

The driver was also said to have in counts two failed to stop when a policeman in uniform signalled him to stop.

In counts three and four, he was said to have failed to produce his driving licence to the police on demand and to have driven the said trailer on the highway without an insurance certificate.

In count five, he was said to have driven the said trailer without the certificate of road worthiness.

He pleaded guilty to all the five counts and was sentenced to N100.00 or six months imprisonment in count one. He was cautioned and discharged in counts two while in counts three, four and five he was fined N50 in each of the counts three and four or four months imprisonment each with hard labour while he was sentenced to a fine of N20 or two weeks imprisonment with hard labour in counts five.

## Old People's Home to be expanded

The Elderly People's Home in Port Harcourt is to be expanded at the cost of more than N30,000.

Already, construction work has begun on the old building in order to give it a face-lift.

Speaking to the Nigerian Tide last weekend, an official of the Lion Club in Port Harcourt revealed that the club has earmarked the sum of N32,500 for

# Govt praised for support to arts, culture

THE Rivers State government has been fully commended for the moral support that was given to private theatre groups through the help of the state Council for Arts and Culture.

The commendation was made by the Executive Director of the

Rivers State Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Mr Preye Okosi at a party organised by the director of the Sete Arts Centre, Mr Paul Worika in honour of Arts and cultural patrons and promoters who attended the Fifth National Festival of Arts and culture in the state capital recently.

Mr Okosi thanked the director of the Sete Arts Centre for his kind gesture towards such grand occasion, adding that he had done a lot in projecting the cultural image of the Rivers people through his performance in arts theatre.

In his reply, Mr Paul

Worika appealed to all governments of the federation to help promote the arts by giving grants and subsidies to private theatre groups in the country, pointing out that such funds that are invested in the promotion of the arts and culture was not a wasted venture.

The occasion which featured drama, sing songs and traditional dances was fully attended by the cultural patrons and promoters of arts present for the Fifth National Festival of Arts and Culture.



MR PREYE OKOSI

## Sigma club realises N4,000 on spot

More than four thousand naira was realized by the Sigma Club, University of Port Harcourt during the initiation of new patrons and fund raising activity which took place in the university campus at Choba, Port Harcourt.

In an address read by the governor of the club, Mr Clement Atusiuba, he stated that the club is non-political, non-religious and non-tribalistic, rather it is a philanthropic organisation contributing to humanity.

Highlighting the aims of the club, the governor stated that it is obliged to carry out humanitarian activities within and outside their vicinity.

Mr Atusiuba revealed that since the formation of the club, their contributions have only been made to indigent students

within the campus, charitable homes in Port Harcourt including Old Peoples Home, adding that this year, their humanitarian activities would be extended outside Port Harcourt with special preference to the old people.

He described the patrons to the sigma club as bedrock through which the club stands. Replying, the chairman of the occasion, Mr Harvest Osadeinde commended the club for their kind gesture in carrying out such humanitarian obligations.

He enjoined them to apply strictly to the concept of fraternity, adding that the aims of the club should not be carried out only in a place but should be applied everywhere as to uphold their dignity as a people one can trust and rely upon.

The Lt. governor of the club, Miss George Ibo also expressed appreciation for the immense contribution made by the patrons to the club and humanity.

She later presented certificates of patronage to the old patrons of the club which included Chief O. Okogbule, Wonodi and Dr Chima Nwator.

## ASSEMBLY MEMBER COMMENDS SHAGARI

A member in the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Alhaji Dahiru Maigana has commended President Shehu Shagari for the austerity measures adopted to improve the economy of the nation.

In a release, Alhaji Dahiru Maigana expressed his profound gratitude particularly to the step taken by the president, preventing state governments that received Federal Government guarantee for more than N200 million in foreign loan from getting any more Federal Government guarantees for the next two years.

He noted that if such measures were not introduced to check the economy of the nation, we shall wake up one

day to find some state governments with more debts than the Federal Government.

The honourable member therefore appealed to both the state and local governments to embark on the same austerity measures so as to save the economy of the country from further collapse.

Alhaji Dahiru Maigana further expressed his regret over non-fulfilment of promises made by the Sokoto and Niger River Basin Authorities to grant loan to Kaduna State farmers since 1979, which they were made to fill farming loan forms, after six months without nothing positively forthcoming from the organisation's concern.

## DOCTOR LOSES CAR TO BANDITS AT OKOMOKO

Armed bandits have waylaid a man along Okomoko-Chokocho road in Etche district and snatched a new 504 Peugeot saloon car including other valuable documents from the victim.

Police in the area have confirmed the incident and gave particulars of the case as follows: Registration number KN 2558 KN chassis/engine number 365077 with a cream colour.

Eye witness account stated that the victim, Dr Anthony P. A. Nwado, a doctor attached to the Okomoko general hospital met the robbers on his way to Port Harcourt.

The reports further explained that on the day of the incident, the bandits after robbing their first victim proceeded to mount another attack in a neighbouring village where they were met

with rebuff from some law enforcement agents and could not therefore accomplish their intention.

Mr Nwado was said to have been lifted from the scene of the incident to his destination by good Samaritans.

The police, however, appeal for public co-operation in their trace to track down the criminals in the area and recover the lost items.



ALHAJI ALIYU ATTA  
Rivers Police boss

## Road accident claims 2 lives

A driver and one of his passengers have been reported dead while another passenger in the same car is now lying critically ill at the Omoku general hospital as a result of a fatal accident which occurred at Okosali village when the vehicles collided on the Omoku—Ahoada road.

According to my sources,

the driver of a station wagon taxi cab on state No. QY 740 B was carrying two students who had packed their loads to the school and were on their way back to their homes when the taxi collided with a passenger bus which resulted in a fatal accident that claimed two lives and several others seriously injured.

The driver and one of his passengers, a student, died at the hospital while several others who received injuries are being treated at both Omoku general hospital and the Okosali Morgan Clinic Omoku.

Interviewed at the general hospital, one of the survivors in the bus told the Nigerian Tide that the two drivers were on terrible speed and as a point both started driving from one side to the other in order to avoid collision when finality accident occurred.

Meanwhile the deceased persons have been buried while police investigation continues.

## Postal clerk charged

A postal clerk with the Posts and Telecommunications, Port Harcourt, Emmanuel Eboika (23) has appeared before a Port Harcourt chief magistrate's court charged with conspiracy and stealing.

Charged along with him are two other staff of the department, Monday Obiniah (27) and Emmanuel Okonkwo (26).

The prosecution alleged that Emmanuel Eboika between June 13 and November 7, 1981 conspired with persons unknown and stole the sum of N80,073 belonging to his employer.

The second accused, Monday Obiniah

alleged conspired with persons unknown and stole the sum of N32,174 property of his employer, Posts and Telecommunications.

While the third accused person, Emmanuel Okonkwo, was said to have between September 26, and November 7, 1981 conspired with other persons unknown and stole the sum of N20,636 belonging to Posts and Telecommunications.

All the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charge and were granted bail in the sum of N30,000 with a surety in the same amount.

Hearing in the case has been fixed for June 5.



## OBITUARY

WITH heaviness of hearts filled with grief and eyes filled with tears, the members of the Engenni Community in Port Harcourt and environs deeply regret to announce the death of their beloved brother



**MR ODUM JOHN OGBE**

B.A. (First Class Honours) (Admin.) ABU  
AGED 45 YEARS

which sad event occurred at the B. M. H. on Sunday, 18th April, 1982, after a brief illness.

Mr Odum John Ogbe was a Headmaster for several years after qualifying as a Grade II Teacher for the Baptist College, Iwo. He later joined the Accounts Department of the Nigerian Tobacco Company from where he went to Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) in 1972. On graduating, he joined the Civil Service of the Rivers State as an Administrative Officer and served in several Ministries. He rose to the rank of Principal Assistant Secretary and was until his death, the Secretary of the Rivers State Local Government Service Board, Port Harcourt.

He is survived by a wife, six children and an aged mother and a host of other relations.

### BURIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Thursday, 13th May, 1982**

9.00 p.m. — 12.00 mid-night Christian wake-keeping at the First Baptist Church, Diobu, Port Harcourt.

**Friday, 14th May, 1982**

2.00 p.m. Body leaves Port Harcourt General Hospital Mortuary for the First Baptist Church, Diobu for a brief service and prayer.

2.45 p.m. Body leaves First Baptist Church, Diobu for his home town Oshi Engenni.

4.30 p.m. Body arrives Oshi and later laid in state.

9.00 p.m. till dawn Christian/traditional wake-keeping.

**Saturday, 15th May, 1982**

10.00 a.m. Funeral service — interment follows immediately after.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE.

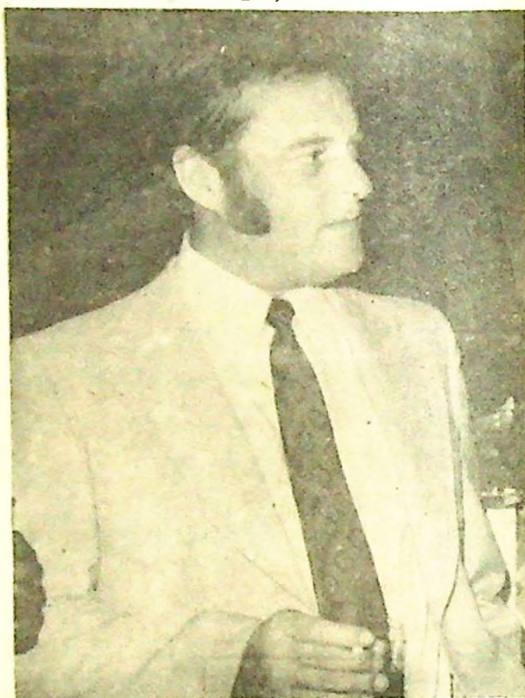
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ENGENNI COMMUNITY IN PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS.

## A.C.M. OF NIGERIA LIMITED

## OBITUARY

The management and staff of A.C.M. OF NIGERIA LIMITED, an Oil Industry Service Company announce with deepest regret the sudden and tragic death of our expatriate staff and colleague,



**MR HUIB VEREYKEN**

(a Dutch National)  
Aged 44 years

which sad event occurred at Port Harcourt on 22nd March, 1982.

He is survived by wife and three children.

The management and staff extend condolence to his wife and family.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Friday, 14th May, 1982**

Social wake-keeping at his residence No. 36 Ogbunabali Street, Port Harcourt from 6.00 p.m.

**Saturday, 15th May, 1982**

(a) 9.30 a.m. Corpse leaves Port Harcourt General Hospital to lie-in-state at his residence No. 36 Ogbunabali Street, Port Harcourt.

(b) 10.00 — 10.50 a.m. Lying-in-state at his residence.

(c) 11.00 a.m. Corpse leaves his residence to the Port Harcourt cemetery, accompanied by friends and sympathisers in a motorcade for burial.

Reception follows immediately after at his residence. All friends and sympathisers are cordially invited.

MAY HIS DEAR SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE.

Signed: SYLVAIN MARY  
for: THE COMPANY



## NIGERIAN COCOA BOARD SUBSIDISED PRICES FOR 1982/83 COCOA SPRAYING CHEMICALS

This is to notify for general information that the Nigerian Cocoa Board will, as in the past, be operating its Cocoa Spraying Subsidy Scheme for 1982/83 Spraying Season for the benefit of cocoa farmers. The scheme, which will operate on a country-wide basis, is to enable the farmers to continue to purchase cocoa spraying chemicals at highly subsidised prices.

2. The types of chemicals subsidised and their prices are stated here-under:-

| Chemical        | Unit of Measurement | Subsidy | Farmers' Prices |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Copper Sulphate | 1 kg                | 0.79    | 0.24            |
| Hydrated Lime   | 25 kg               | 2.50    | 3.00            |
| Caecobre Sencos | 3 kg                | 7.22    | 6.98            |
| Kocide 101      | 0.51 kg             | 1.37    | 2.53            |
| " "             | 10 kg               | 15.06   | 21.96           |
| Ferenox         | 3 kg                | 7.51    | 6.79            |
| Brestan Conc    | 15 grams sachet     | 0.09    | 0.17            |
| B.B.S. Fecida   | 50 grams sachet     | 0.10    | 0.18            |
| Gammalin 20     | 1 Litre             | 3.74    | 1.96            |
| Kokotone        | 1 Litre             | 3.74    | 1.76            |
| Cepitox         | 1 Litre             | 3.74    | 1.77            |
| Unden 20        | 1 Litre             | 5.14    | 3.16            |
| Electron 50 WP  | 1 kg                | 10.98   | 5.92            |
| " " "           | 30 grams sachet     | 0.45    | 0.24            |

3. The Nigerian Cocoa Board will like all cocoa farmers to avail themselves of this unique opportunity to buy the subsidised chemicals at its Area Offices located in the cocoa producing areas as well as through the Co-operative system and any other sources that the Board may, from time to time, approve.

4. Any instances of distributors, selling at prices higher than the approved farmers' prices should be reported to the Headquarters of the **Nigerian Cocoa Board, Cocoa House, Ibadan** or any of the Board's Area Offices for prompt action.

**CHIEF J. A. AKINSIPE**  
General Manager  
Nigerian Cocoa Board.

## COMPLAINTS BOSS WANTS LIFE JAIL FOR CORRUPT WORKERS

THE chief public complaints commissioner, Rev. Canon Haniel Mohammed, in Ibadan advocated life imprisonment for any public official found guilty of official corruption involving a large sum of money.

Speaking to newsmen, the commissioner reiterated his earlier call for the death penalty for any one found guilty of growing or selling Indian hemp.

He urged the news media to mount a campaign against Indian hemp because it en-

courages armed robbery that is doing a lot of harm to this country.

Canon Mohammed described complaints about federal housing and agricultural projects in the states as a political issue which his commission could not handle.

He said that the public complaints commission not only considered complaints directed to it but also initiated investiga-

tions.

He expressed satisfaction that his commission's recommendations to the various governments and corporations had been implemented.

Rev. Mohammed, however, advised petitioners to avoid character assassination.

The chief public complaints commissioner arrived in Ibadan on a familiarisation visit. (NAN).

## Weddeye takes back seat for vee-pee

CHADIAN President, Goukouni Weddeye is slated to take a back seat in favour of vice president Abdelquader Kamougue in a new governmental structure agreed to between them, reliable sources indicated in Ndjamena.

The sources said a new council of state would be formed under the chairmanship of Col Makougue, head of the Chadian Armed Forces faction, whose base is in the south of the country.

The 12-member council of state, like the present transitional government of National Unity, headed by Mr Goukouni, would include the leaders of the main factions and would have an "Essentially political role" the sources said.

The council functions would include the formation and application of a military strategy in the fight against former defence minister, Mr Hussein Habre armed Forces of the North (FAN), the sources said.

Alongside the council, would be a government, including a prime minister concerned with the economic and administrative management of the country, according to the sources.

Its backbone would be

former ministers of Chad's first two presidents and President Goukouni, as head of state, would act as "arbitrator" between the council of state and the government, the sources said.

No date has been decided for announcing the changes, but it is thought that President Goukouni would resign the formation of the council of state was in a speech to the nation, while news of the establishment of the government could follow a few days later.

Reliable sources said that President Goukouni and Col Kamougue were still at odds over the policy towards the FAN, which are occupying most of the rest of the country.

Mr Goukouni has persistently refused to negotiate with Mr Habre and threatened rather to call on an "outside force" to defeat the rebellion after the planned withdrawal of the OAU peace keeping force. (AFP/NAN).

## Nsi t Atais hail Dr Isongs

During his recent tour of some Local Government areas in the state, Governor Clement Isongs of the Cross River State addressed the people of Nsi t Atais Local Government area at Ibi Ekpo. Picture shows the governor warmly "hail" in the air of hands that came to welcome him to Nsi t Atais.





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**IN BRIEF**

**Labour laws bad for peace**

The Federal Principal Labour Officer in Ogun, Mr. Banjo last Thursday in Abeokuta said that the country's labour laws were inadequate to achieve industrial peace.

Delivering a lecture to some administrative and professional officers in the Ogun Government, Mr. Banjo said that it was necessary to supplement the laws with good human relations, adding

that successful industrial relations require positive human relations that embrace the necessity for communication and collective bargaining between the parties involved.

Mr. Banjo said that in industrial negotiations, both the management and the workers should bargain with open minds.

**Bendel NLC calls for price control review**

The Bendel branch of the Nigeria Labour Congress last week in Benin called for a revision of the price of petrol because it was causing untold hardship to the people.

In a communique at the end of its one week industrial relations for

seminar, the branch said that workers should not be made to bear the brunt of the present economic situation.

It also called on the Federal Government to open without delay the labour college planned for Ilorin.

**World Bank needs money**

THE World Bank, the biggest private institutional borrower with the highest credit rating, has

to raise a lot more money just to keep up with its present loan commitments to the developing nations.

The bank needs \$8.2 billion this year, \$9 billion next year and \$10 billion the following year. But "we are caught in the

saying. The biggest potential for borrowing by the World Bank is in the United States. And the bank's president, Mr. A.

W. Clausen, last month carried what he terms his "dog and pony show" to the Wall Street financial establishment, hawking World Bank bonds to potential American investors.

The bank's traditional long term, fixed interest rate bonds are no longer the attraction they used to be. The hardline US aid policies make it worse for the bank.

**Higher output expected**

World cereal output in 1981 is now estimated at 1,622 million tons, about 80 million tons higher than in 1980.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), world trade in cereals in 1981-82 is likely to reach record 215 million tons, 8 million tons above the previous year.

While imports of wheat and coarse grain into both developed and developing nations are still expected to reach record levels, says the FAO, rice trade is likely

to increase because of higher production in importing countries.

Carry over global stocks of cereals, which have been drawn heavily in the past two years, are now expected to increase to 268 million tons at the end of the 1981-82 season.

Cereal stocks at the end of the season would reach a level equivalent to over 17 per cent of world consumption. This is considered by the FAO to be the minimum safe level for world food

**Minister reaffirms govt support of electronic plant**

THE federal government will continue to consider applications from indigenous industrialists wishing to establish plants for the assembly of electronics, airconditioners and refrigerators, the Minister of Industries, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, announced in Lagos last week.

Briefing newsmen on the measures taken by his ministry to cope with the country's current economic situation, Alhaji Ibrahim said that more emphasis would however, be placed on the manufacture of components.

He said that proposal containing genuine manufacturing programmes would receive more favourable consideration adding that in approving such applications, the

ministry would also consider the proposed location of the plant to ensure conformity with the Federal Government's policy on the dispersal of industries.

The minister announced that two more tractors and implement manufacturing plants would soon be set up through private investment, to boost agriculture.

He explained that the

25 per cent duty now imposed on agricultural tractors was aimed at protecting the two agricultural tractor assembly plants at Bauchi and Kano.

On real Madras, popularly known as George, Alhaji Ibrahim explained that its importation, which was formerly under absolute prohibition, had now

been placed under licence because of several appeals by some sections of the community that the material was part of their traditional dress.

He said that there was no local manufacturer of the product so far.



ALHAJI IBRAHIM GUSAU  
Minister of Industries and Productivity

**N.04 million bakery to be commissioned**

A N40,000 bakery at Amaku-Igbodo in Okehi Urban of Ikwerre Etche Local Government area of the Rivers state will soon be officially commissioned.

The new bakery which recently went into operation

BY  
**COLLINS NKPOBA**

tion consumes about 200 bags of flour weekly. It has a numerical staff strength of 20.

Making this revelation to the Business Tide, the managing director of the Akumam Bakery Industry, Mr. Johnson Nnadi said that the industry when fully in operational would employ fifty more unskilled labourers of Rivers indigenes and would ease the problem of unemployment in the

area. Mr. Nnadi expressed surprise why the few Rivers indigenes who have engaged in bread business could not benefit directly from the products of the Port Harcourt Flour Mill.

He disclosed that his bakery gets raw materials from the local market. Adding that several attempts to get them from the Port Harcourt Flour Mill have not been successful.

The managing director appealed to the state Government to ensure that viable bakeries owned by the indigenes of the state buy their raw materials directly from the Port Harcourt Flour Mill.

The people of the state were implored to attach importance to locally produced bread.

**N4,347.7m IN CIRCULATION AS AT LAST DEC**

A TOTAL of N4,347.7 million was in circulation as at the end of December, last year, according to the latest Central Bank's monthly report.

This amount of currency in circulation is the highest ever recorded in Nigeria. It grew from about N390 million in January 1972 to N2,180 million in December 1977. The average for the whole of 1981 was N3,818.7 million.

The graph representing the 1980 and 1981 trend shows a steep rise curve from March 1980, until the end of December, 1981.

The currency in circulation was N2,642.4 million in January, 1980 and fell slightly by N29.1 million in February, 1980. It rose again in March to N2,667.8 million and continued to rise from month to month.

The currency in circulation at the end of December, last year, represented an increase of N403.4 million or 10.2 per cent over the end of November, 1981 figure.

Compared with the corresponding period a year earlier, currency in circulation for December, 1981 was a rise of N758.2 million or 21.1 per cent.

Currency outside

**U.A.C. PRAISED FOR SERVICE**

UAC of Nigeria Limited has been commended for impressive contribution to the commercial and industrial development of the country.

Speaking at the formal launching of the Imperial Model 5010 Electronic Typewriter introduced into the Nigerian market by BEAM Division of UAC of Nigeria Limited, the president of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chief J. Akin-George called on the Federal Government to give businesses operating in Nigeria the relevant support and encouragement.

He then called on the Nigerian government to take advantage of modern technology to promote industrialisation of the country through the transfer and adaptation of appropriate technology to local needs.

Chief Akin-George said that the new Imperial 5010 Electronic Typewriter was a major break-through in electronic technology and he praised BEAM Division of UAC of Nigeria Limited for its continued market research, product development and after sales service which he said has earned BEAM the position of market leader in office equipment business in Nigeria.

He noted that the new Imperial 5010 Electronic Typewriter has among its main features, electric keyboard for smooth, fast typing, automatic error correction memory, economy ribbons and devices which greatly facilitate typing which is one of the major time consuming jobs in the office.

He applauded the company's leading role in the economic progress of the country and the

division's after-sales service.

In his own speech earlier, Chief E. A. O. Shonekan, the chairman and managing director of UAC of Nigeria Limited has invested nearly N5 million in management development in the last five years.

The company has also helped to stimulate the growth of local industries by spending over N40 million in buying made-in-Nigeria goods annually.

Chief Shonekan acknowledged that BEAM's strength was the quality of its range of products supported by its market research skills, efficient distribution and after-sales service.



THE new British 1p coin and 20p coin which have recently been unveiled by the Royal Mint in London. The round 1p coin (top) is to be issued in circulation while the 20p will next month be issued in circulation.



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# NIGERIA AND AUSTRIAN PACT EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH

A bilateral agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-operation signed between Nigeria and the Austrian government recently takes effect as from this month.

This was disclosed recently by Dr Walter Hagg, first secretary at the Austrian Embassy during "Steyr Day" celebrations at the recent Kaduna International Trade Fair.

The agreement enables the two countries to develop economic, industrial and technical co-operation in various fields such as industry, mining, agriculture, electricity, irrigation, transportation and telecommunications.

In the agreement signed by Mrs Ebun Oyagbola, Minister for National Planning on behalf of Nigeria and Dr Paul Leifer, Austrian Ambassador to Nigeria a joint commission between the two governments is to be established to strengthen and co-ordinate the terms of the agreements and consider proposals aimed at its implementation.

The agreement comes into operation this month.

THE tendency to involve more foreign investors and experts by our economic planners is fast assuming the universality of a standard practice.

The ultimate goal of our elites as they say is to bring about an astronomical economic development in the development. But historical evidence, has shown that this country has been experiencing foreign investment and participation time immemorial.

But development in this country is not still feasible. The pertinent question which now arises among observers is whether foreign investment and participation can really set in motion the machinery of our socio-economic development.

One will also say that our socio-economic development does not really involve incorporation of investment or aids and participation in our everyday policies and developments plans. Realistically, foreign investment has been encouraged by the mandarins and the elites in the country.

The main reasons for foreign investment by multi-nationals are well known, they do not have the country's economic interests upper most.

They invest in this country to protect or pre-empt markets for their products to protect local or home markets position as sellers of final products by securing

raw materials or intermediate inputs, and to directly or indirectly exploit cheap labour in the labour market, tax advantage and other incentives for cheaper production and finally to have access to other protected markets.

Foreign investment in Nigeria is motivated not by philanthropy as our elites who clamour for them would have us believe, but by the relatively high marginal efficiency of investment in this country.

Foreign multi-nationals have been participating in the socio-economic developments of Nigeria by setting up multi-national companies; local industries have been on the increase but their impacts are not heavily felt on our economy.

It is very imperative to mention at this juncture that foreign participation have been encouraged by both federal and state governments despite their short comings.

Tax holidays, protective tariff rebates, provision of services and industrial estates, smooth and exploitative atmosphere have been offered to these foreign multi-nationals to operate in the country.

Recent studies just concluded on the characteristics and operations of multi-national companies in Nigeria showed that they tend to use second hand, sometimes obsolete machinery, whose book value is usually a lead fiction depending on laws in the user and

exporting countries.

This is the main reason why most of the local industries set up usually go out of production after a short time and even perpetually produce inferior goods.

They use these second hand and obsolete machinery from the countries more intensive than local plants. They set up capital intensive industries, make as little use as possible of local inputs and achieve lower value added than indigenous enterprises of

equivalent size.

Realistically speaking, when they are obliged to develop linkage, the result is often the importation of other units or associates of the same multi-nationals as their collaborators, such linkages are illusory still having little contact with the local economy.

By Debeikiabo Briggs

They do not enlarge the international standard production which sustains economic growth.

They usually invest or deposit their profits in their home banks. The recent announcement made by Dr. Igboanaka, minister of state in the Federal Ministry of Industries concerning the Volkswagen Assembly plant that sends huge sum of money abroad is a point in question.

However, under this situation in which these foreign multi-national investors and their companies are exploiting and under-developing the economy, few Nigerians enjoy the situation these big time commercial elites and local bourgeoisie who build estates for them, provide them with cheap labour security services and cheap transport services.

This is purely a pedestrian views. But it is hoped that it could raise enough question on how to salvage this ugly economic situation or bring socio-economic development since foreign investment and participation cannot remedy the situation.

First the development of creative local technology since there exist a large body of scientific information and technological knowledge which can be acquired, manipulated, applied, adapted and built upon for our development.

The internalization and diffusion of technology calls for deliberate and concerted action by governments at both federal and state levels.

The present trend in industrialization which appears to lay emphasis on assembly plants is a negative approach to our

a nation cannot be over-emphasized. Technology is a creative activity for it is entirely devoted to providing goods and services for the betterment of society.

It is pertinent at this point to say that technology has two broad approaches, the regenerative and manipulative.

Creative approach, this is the basic aspect of a planned huge technological development. The devices are

first investigated and constructed.

By this approach the knowledge is generated to sufficient sophistication, so that we can eventually design, construct and commission such projects.

And the copy creative approach, where we copy and make advice which has been made elsewhere. This approach only encourage production of mediocre technologists who may be capable of operating machines but are nowhere near being able to create new ideas or introduce technological innovations.

Nigeria lays emphasis on the latter. This is why after 21 years of independence, the country is still under subjugation, futility of neo-colonialism and economic imperialism.

After about 24 years of oil exploration our industries are still underdeveloped millions of naira are still being flared away daily.

Nigeria still export crude oil ranging from lubricating oil. Both federal and state governments spend millions of naira in importing fertilizer although we have call necessary inputs petrochemicals produce fertilizers.

It is not surprising that twenty years after obtaining its first brewery and with more than 12 breweries functional Nigeria still sticks to imported raw materials and has done little to develop and market new brews based on local traditional grains.

In essence what I am saying is that Nigeria should develop her own local technology since there exist a large body of scientific information and technological knowledge which can be acquired, manipulated, applied, adapted and built upon for our development.

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MRS INDIRA GHANDI of India. Her citizens are this economic nuisance to the country?

socio-economic development.

It is very momentous to say at this point that the enormous mentality in Nigeria that technology can be copied.

If even technology can be transferred it is the copy creative aspect which merely involves acquiring knowledge for the operation of machines, studying performance characteristics of devices and too much useless theory.

Technology is usually not sold out right but rented as prepackaged proprietary information to subsidiaries or joint ventures, with the foreign interests retaining full control over the technology at secrets.

These secrets will be open to Nigeria when she has developed her own local technologists who are creative, manipulative and above all not

The training of local staff is usually limited in scope and content, restrictive, expensive and extremely superficial with the headquarters of the foreign interests retaining for a fee contractual responsibility for major maintenance and trouble shooting as well as research and development.

Both federal and state governments should render their properties.

Emphasis should be placed on productive economic ventures. The existing universities in the country should be fully utilized. We have the human potentials in these countries but both federal and state governments seem not to be aware of this.

All the great civilizations we read in history and have been making today rise to their peak as a result of the close co-operation of the research, the government and the intellectual community who could devote their time and energy to researches.

There should be effective government control policies on the activities and operations of the multi-national companies in the country.

These companies should be compelled to bank their profits in the local banks in the country.

If this is done there will be a claim of development. The local banks will now have enough reserve at their disposal to give loans to industrialists, agriculturists etc in the country and also solve at least the unemployment problem in the country.

The three-tier hierarchy of economic power and control in Nigeria should be discouraged. At the apex of which is the multi-national companies with enterprises from the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent in the middle.

The Nigerian businessmen often begin as a factor, distributor, transporter or agent of foreign enterprises and were dependent on them from credit, supplies and technical advice.



metals, the 11 has a pale yellow colour, weighs 9.5 grains, is 22.5 mm in diameter and has an edge thickness of 3.1 mm.

## ECOWAS MINISTERIAL TALKS MAY NOT HOLD

A MINISTERIAL meeting of ECOWAS countries planned for May 21 to May 24 in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, may not take off at the scheduled date, a source close to the organisation's secretariat in Lagos disclosed last weekend.

The source told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the Republic of Niger had requested for a postponement of the meeting to enable it attend the Arab Bank Summit which takes place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia about the same time.

It said that ministers from other ECOWAS countries were likely to attend the meeting but they did not request for a change of date for the ECOWAS ministerial meeting.

It was also gathered

that the ministerial meeting was expected to consider reports by the ECOWAS commissions experts who had just concluded their deliberations.

The reports are on the Board Directors of the ECOWAS Fund, the Social Cultural Affairs Commission and the Commission on Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Other reports to be considered are on transport and telecommunications as well as trade, customs, immigration, money and payment.

The source said that the ECOWAS heads of state summit which would ratify the decisions taken by the ministerial meeting was scheduled for May 27 to May 29 in Cotonou.



PRESIDENT SARKIS of Lebanon. His citizens own several companies in Nigeria.



OUR attention has been drawn to the "Nabonni Concord" No. 675 Vol. 3 of Tuesday, April 27, 1982, publication on page five and page four of "New Nigeria" No. 6,016 of Monday, April 26, 1982, both captioned: "Who is Henry

Johnson, Rivers State Government?" written by one Waife Omoweifa. The article in a nutshell questioned the rationale behind the appointment of an agent in Europe to disburse funds to our students overseas. The article also tried to implant in the minds of the reading public that our foreign scholarship policy has failed.

It would be necessary, therefore, to correct some misrepresentations with serious problems which resulted in Government adopting a method which other state governments and some developing countries have adopted by appointing an agent who will guarantee regular payments and give

ed through Nigerian missions abroad. Because of a number of factors, we were constrained to use the services of commercial banks in 1980/81 for the disbursement of funds to our students. Here again, we met

In doing this, we took necessary precautions to guarantee the funds sent to the agent by securing a bank performance bond from his bankers to the effect that funds so remitted must be disbursed only to students sponsored by

Johnson has no Dutch or S. African connections. So far, we are satisfied with the services of the agent in that, for the first time, we have been able to document a reliable register of Rivers State students abroad and ef-

or Adamu not being Rivers State indigenes does not arise. Neither is the Government concerned with his staff of complement, provided the job is efficiently carried out.

For a student to claim to be a Rivers State

three authorities above. These names have now been dropped from our current payment list and we would not be surprised at the hue and cry in the mass media about non-payment of fees and allowances to this affected group.

For those aggrieved students, a four man independent panel including a senior police officer has been set up by government to look into their claims.

We want to make it abundantly clear that bonafide students who have returned their duly completed personal information data forms to this office directly or through the agent are receiving their money regularly.

As far as we are concerned, there is no

# Who's Henry Johnson Rivers State Government?

## A rejoinder

the state government. Government has no reason to doubt the integrity of the company or its Managing Director, Mr. Henry A. Johnson.

There is no doubt that no bank will ever give such performance bond to a company whose Managing Director's integrity is doubtful. It is also necessary to note that Mr. Johnson has been in the business of management con-

fect prompt payment of fees and allowances to our bonafide students.

There has been a regular feed back on our students progress and attendance by this agent and we can say that Government is now abreast with the progress of our students in various institutions abroad.

Most of the areas of fraudulent practices of

bonafide student abroad, he should have had his award from one of the following sources:  
(a) Special award duly approved and signed by



Governor Melford Okilo of Rivers State

embodied in this article about the so-called defects of our foreign scholarship policy.

Prior to the appointment of the agent, the experience was that funds for students studying abroad were channel-

regular feed backs on the performances of our students in various institutions.

We, therefore, appoint Henry Johnson & Co in October, 1981, to cater for our students abroad.

By  
**P. K. Ambakederemo**  
Secretary, Rivers State  
Scholarship Board

sultancy for the past twenty years.

It is also not a secret that H.A. Johnson & Co maintain an account in Belgium for the global assignment of disbursing funds for our bonafide students all over the world.

This was indicated in the company's letter to all the institutions abroad, so that Mr. Omoweifa's reference to the said account is no news. Government is satisfied that Mr. H.

some truant students have been blocked by this singular act of Government.

It is worthy of note that some students who shout loudest on the pages of newspapers have been found to be non-Rivers State Government scholars.

The identification of Rivers State indigenes and non indigenes is not on the basis of individual names.

The question of Mr. Adekunle or Okorogwe



Chief Alfred Olotu, Rivers State Commissioner for Education.

any of the Military Governors or the Military Administrator between May, 1967 and September, 1979.

(b) Regular award with student's name clearly written on the award list and approved by Executive Council of the Rivers State from May, 1967, to September, 1979.

(c) Special awards approved and signed by the present Governor of the Rivers State from 1st October, 1979.

It might interest the public to know from recent investigation carried out by a committee, it was found that a good number of students who were with award letters and previously on our payment list were not reflected in the authentic list secured from the strong room of the Cabinet Office - Scholarships duly approved by any one of the

Rivers State Government bonafide students abroad by the name Waife Omoweifa at Leeds University.

The burden is therefore on him to prove that he is a Rivers State Government sponsored student as stated above.

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## CHANGE OF NAME

**ANAKIRI** — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Mrs Nwachinyere Anakiri, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Nwachinyere Wemba. All documents bearing my former name shall remain valid. The Management and Staff of Rivers State School for the Deaf, Ministry of Education and the general public should please take note. Mrs Nwachinyere Wemba.

**MANASI** — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Felicia Manasi, wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Felicia Ephraim Jaja. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Ministry of Health, Port Harcourt, Local Health Board, Ministry and the general public should please take note. Mrs Felicia Ephraim Jaja.

**JOHN OKAH WELUWU** of Mabuanyum Village in Elele Alimini in Elele District of Ikwere, Etche Local Government Area of the Rivers State who on the 24th of March, 1982 changed Weluwe to Wamase, now kindly wish the public to know us by Weluwe as usual and the Community Secondary School Elele Alimini please take note. John Okah Weluwe and Family.

**ATAMBU** — I, formerly known and addressed as Mr Lenehart Atambu, now wish to be known and addressed as Mr Benson Nnor. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Comprehensive High School, Tana and the general public should please take note. Mr Benson Nnor.

**BRIGGS** — I, formerly known and called Miss Thorey Briggs, henceforth wish to be addressed as Mrs Thorey Beye Forsbury (Gyasi). Former documents remain valid. Department of Customs and Excise and the general public should please take note. Mrs Thorey Beye Forsbury (Gyasi).

**FIBREXIMA** — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Rotimah Ojukor Fibrexima, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Rotimah Guspowers Asimoku. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. National Party of Nigeria, Rivers State Wing, and general public should please take note. Mrs Rotimah G. Asimoku.

**IPAH** — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Effiat Ipah, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Effiat John Umah. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Local Health Management Board — Abiodun General Hospital, Abua and the public please take note. Mrs Effiat John Umah.

**HE** — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Comfort He, now wish to be known and addressed as Miss Josephine Okoro. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Principal Staff and Students of Government Secondary School, Okoro, and the general public should please take note. Miss Josephine Okoro.

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2 All applicants who had completed and submitted Form NCE ENTEX/01, and who are awaiting the receipt of Form NCE ENTEX/02, will in due course, be contacted by the College and be informed of the new examination date, as necessary.

**J. E. ALIKOR**  
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**S. M. AKPE**  
GENERAL MANAGER, COMMERCIAL DIVISION



The Western Contact Group, Britain, the United States, Federal Republic of Germany, France and Canada which is trying to negotiate an independence for Namibia came under attack Sunday from Zimbabwe's Sunday Mail newspaper.

In an editorial, the weekly paper criticised



SAM NUJOMA  
SWAPO Leader

## Ship collision leaves 12 missing

A series of seven ship collisions took place in fog-shrouded waters around Japan early Tuesday, leaving 12 Japanese seamen missing, the Maritime Safety Agency reported.

The agency said that a Japanese cement carrier with a crew of eight sank after a collision with the 4,931 DWT Librarian-registered Jerry Everett off Western Japan.

Two men were rescued by the Jerry Everett but six others were unaccounted for, it said.

There were no injuries among the 35 Filipino seamen aboard the Jerry Everett, it said.

The agency said that patrol ships also searching for six crewmen from a Japanese freighter which sank after a collision with a Japanese cargo liner South of Tokyo.

The agency said that the 388 DWT South Korean Freighter Sam Yang No. 101 sank after



POPE JOHN PAUL II

# 'CONTACT GROUP'S' ELECTORAL FORMULA ATTACKED

The contact group's double voting electoral formula which has been rejected by SWAPO and the frontline states as very unfair and unprecedented.

The paper also accused the group of showing bias for South Africa and seeking to install puppets in an independent Namibia by proposing the presence of South African soldiers in the territory during the transition period.

"This undesirable demonstration of South African power at a crucial period is definitely bound to impose an undue and adverse influence on voters at the expense of SWAPO, the editorial said.

The Sunday Mail said that the condemnation of the SWAPO as communist puppets on the South African radio and the voice of America showed that America and South Africa were prepared to ensure the demise of SWAPO at the



MRS M. THATCHER  
U.K. P.M.

## Recognise farmers — Pope

of all countries and of mankind, the pope said.

2,000  
BRITONS  
PROTEST

SOME 2,000 demonstrators opposed to Pope John Paul II's planned visit to Britain marched through Central Liverpool Saturday.

The police reported no incidents during the six-kilometre march, led by drum bands of the Orange Lodge, a protestant organisation, three weeks ahead of the papal visit.

Church officials have suggested that the Pope's visit scheduled for May 28 to June 2, the first ever by a reigning pontiff, has been put in doubt by the Anglo-Argentine conflict over the Falkland Islands.

The pope is scheduled to arrive on May 30 in Liverpool, which has been a centre of the protestant Roman Catholic conflict in Britain that began with King Henry VIII's break with the Pope in 1534 when he refused to sanction the monarch's divorce of Catherine of Aragon.

It is evidently necessary to ensure links with the diverse farming systems — national, continental or international — to promote agriculture in the interest

## POLICE ARREST 27 IN LONDON

THE police made 27 arrests in minor scuffles during a march and rally in London, Sunday commemorating the 1st anniversary of the death of the hunger striker, Mr Bobby Sands, in the Maze Prison, outside Belfast, northern Ireland.

The police estimated that 2,000 persons took part in the march from Hyde Park, corner to County Hall, on the South Bank of the River Thames, a distance of about five kilometres.

Mr Sands died in the 68th day of his "fast to the death" to obtain prisoner of war status for national prisoners in the Maze.

Mr Owen Carron who managed Mr Sand's successful campaign for election to the British Parliament and who succeeded him as the member of Parliament for Fermanagh and South Tyrone in a special election following Mr Sand's was the principal speaker at the rally.

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, talks of self-determination for the Falkland people, but for centuries the British Government has denied the right of self-determination to the people of Northern Ireland, she told the crowd.

There were no reports of any demonstrations in Northern Ireland to commemorate the anniversary



proposed elections. SWAPO's rejection of the proposals was, therefore, most logical and natural because they were weighted heavily against it, the Mail said.

"South Africa, aided and abetted by America, would like to impose its tried, tested and proven puppets as leaders in Namibia, who will run that country as one of the bantustans and captive states of South Africa.

"It is important for the western powers to realise that the idea of imposing leaders on other countries caused untold bloodshed and has always failed. It failed dismally in Zimbabwe. The west should learn from experience", concluded the editorial. (NAN)

## BRIEFS

### Brussels

Urgent negotiations began Tuesday in EEC countries to settle the problem of the UK budget contribution.

The sources said the UK was ready to accept a one-year solution to the budget problem in order to end the prolonged and bitter dispute over the 1982 EEC farm price package. Britain officials have not confirmed this change instance but they were scheduled

to make statements on the subject both in Brussels and in London later in the day.

Until now, the farm price package has been blocked mostly by British demands for a substantial rebate on its budget contributions up to 1986.

The proposal discussed in EEC capital Tuesday would involve a one-year budget rebate, with no mention of future British payments, the sources said.

### London

A Royal Navy Frigate Monday night shelled an Argentine surface vessel inside the Falkland sound which separates East and West Falkland Islands, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman said that there was a large explosion in the area of the target within minutes of the Frigate opening fire

with its automatic gun. The Frigate, which was in the company of other ships, made contact with the target vessel in darkness about half-way along the sound, a stretch of water which separates the two main Falklands.

That was the closest the British task force has come to the Argentine positions.

### Nairobi

Unknown armed gangsters have stepped up a major offensive in Kenya regions bordering on Uganda, and have been burning villages, attacking people and stealing livestock in night raids, the Kenyan News Agency (KNA) said Sunday.

Unidentified sources quoted by the agency said that the attacks began early this month.

On Wednesday last

week, a police official and a village elder were shot during one of the raids.

The purpose of the attacks is not clear. Some residents in the affected areas reported that some of the bandits were not cattle thieves, as they have demanded money and left livestock behind.

However, hundreds of animals have been stolen since the beginning of this month. KNA



MR DANIEL ARAP MOI  
of Kenya





### Airforce ends area league

THE Nigeria Air Force Pay and Records Department has emerged winners in this year's Nigeria Air Force Lagos area league competition.

In the final which ended 1-1 draw between the Pay & Records department and the Nigeria Air Force (NAF) selected side, the league winners emerged victorious by points.

The encounter was very thrilling and exciting as both sides performed brilliantly.

The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of a gold with a trophy to the winning team.

In his speech, Group Captain Umanu Abba, lamented over the falling standard of sports especially football, due to relaxation of Armed Forces sportsmen.

He then announced that the Armed Forces have decided to re-evaluate all aspects of sports in the Forces in order to provide a supervisory of sportsmen and women of the highest caliber from within the nation can tap.

Photo above shows Group Captain Abba presenting a trophy to the captain of the winning team who displays the trophy gratefully.



## Rivers Health School pips Oji counterparts

By Ekpe Henshaw

THE Rivers State Health Technology in Port Harcourt, won two games out of three against the Oji River Health School, Anambra State in this year's Health Technology games.

In the first encounter played in Port Harcourt, the state Health school defeated its Anambra State counterparts in the volleyball and table tennis but drew in the football game.

Putting up a sparkling performance, the Port Harcourt girls thrashed their opponents in the volleyball event by 3-0 with a win of 15-6, 15-4 and 15-1 while the boys gave good account of themselves to win with a 5-0 in the Table Tennis event amidst ovation.

In the table tennis game, Dagogo Epelle and Ipalibo Joshua both of Port Harcourt defeated Michael Onove and Kingsley Ehenyi 21-19, 21-16 and 19-21, 21-10 and 21-10 respectively.

Timaia Dakumo of Port Harcourt beat George Ilo by 21-12 and 21-8 while Michael Onove of Anambra fell down in the hands of Ipalibo Joshua by two straight sets.

Dagogo Epelle of Port Harcourt showed his skill when he whalloped hand fighting Kingsley Ehenyi by 2-0 in scores of 21-18 and 21-19.

In the football encounter, the Port Harcourt team forced its Anambra counterparts to a 1-1 draw.

The match which was played at the Stella Maris College play ground, left little or nothing to write home about as both sides exhibited low soccer.

The Anambra boys shot in the curtain raiser in the 11th minute through a goal mouth netter.

In a bid to square up scores

## Falcons beat Bombers

P&T Falcons football club recorded its first victory on Sunday with a 2-0 victory over the Leventis Bombers football club in the division II of the Port Harcourt and District Amateur Football Association.

It was indeed a hectic encounter as both sides exhibited fine soccer artistry amidst ovation.

In fact, it was their best match since the league series few weeks ago.

Taking the kick-off, the Falcons went straight into business with some powerful display but lost possession almost immediately to the Bombers whose fluid passes robbed them of an early goal.

What could have been the curtain raiser was in the 15th minute through Sobereken Bob-Manuel who lost a penalty kick.

All the same, the P&T chaps had a slight edge over their opponents. For almost 65 minutes they dominated the match as they confined their opponents to their half.

The second half resumed with the same tactics as both sides continued their goal bound drives.

Then all of a sudden, the

stamp boys shot in the curtain raiser through well-placed Patrick Shopp who unleashed a stifling shot into the net.

At this juncture, the tempo of the game changed. The Bombers fought frantically for the equaliser while the P&T boys held stubbornly to their one goal lead.

What could have been the equaliser was lost by David Kaku who was beautifully laid but clipped the ball few centimetres over the bar.

What a miss!

The stamp boys came to near through Oti Oghenda whose left from the left flank was clipped into the net during a goal-mouth scramble for goal No. 2.

Even though, Emmanuel Okakwe, Munower Demingo did a fine job in the defence for the Falcons, Emmanuel Okakwe, Munower Demingo did a fine job in the defence for the



MENSAH EKPELU



## Heavy rainfall hinders Rangers, IICC encounter

By Joe Nwachukwu

THE national league division one match between the Rangers International football club of Enugu and the IICC Shooting Stars of Ife was at the weekend, all set off by the referee.

This followed a heavy down pour which rendered the pitch of the

Enugu Temporary Stadium unfit for a football match of that nature.

The Rangers took advantage of the down pour and quickly adopted a tactics which gave them upper hand but the Ife boys found it very difficult to cope with the situation.

The tactics which Rangers adopted quickly yielded a useful dividend when at exactly in the 15th minute of the second half, they managed to register the first and only goal of the match after a goal mouth tussle.

The waning from fans which gingered the Rangers into more action as they continued to mount pressure on the IICC Shooting Stars.

While the match was still on, some of the IICC players who could not cope with the situation started calling on the referee to stop the match to save them more embarrassment.

However, the referee did not say whether the match which was called up at exactly in the 20th minute of the second half, barely 25 minutes to the end of the match would be replayed.

He told reporters that he would refer the case to the NFA for final decision.



IFEANYI ONYEDIKWA  
.....Rangers

the home boys came into the second half, fighting vigorously that yielded dividend in the 10th minute through a penalty kick that found its target amidst jubilation.

However, it should be known that both teams were equal to the task but the visitors had an edge over their hosts.

## OKOROTIE'S CUP SERIES KICK OFF

Prince F.K.O. Okorotie's soccer competition for secondary schools in the Sagbama

Local Government area (SALGA) kicked off recently.

Already five of the eleven participating schools have been eliminated.

They are, C.S.S., Ndoro, G.F.T.C., Ikompo, C.S.S., Ubedeiri, C.S.S., Sagbama and G.C.S.S., Tunabo.

The remaining six schools are still in the race.

They are G.S.S., Ekereketi, C.S.S., Alabiri and G.S.S., Turu-Ebeni all in the Ekereketi Alabiri zone.

Others include G.S.S., Anadolabiri, F.G.T.T., Sagbama, R.N.G.S., Agbire-Odoni, in the Sagbama zone.

Leave for the finals of the competition has not been decided.

However, a release from the SALGA Football Association stated that the last phase of the competition will either be played at Sagbama or Alabiri.

The statement added that the Prince, Prince F.K.O. Okorotie, the majority chief who in the state House of Assembly is expected at the closing ceremony as the guest of honour.



