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Journalists meet Monday

THE Rivers State branch of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) will hold an emergency general meeting on Monday, June 14, 1982.

The meeting is scheduled to hold at the Temporary Press Centre, 64, Aba Road at 5:00 p.m. prompt.

the general secretary of the union, Mr. Eleazer Kas Nwogu requested all accredited journalists serving in the state to be present as urgent and vital issues will be discussed at the meeting.

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NEPA REPROVED FOR POOR SERVICES

Gov shows displeasure

THE persistent failure of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) to ensure adequate power supply in the Rivers State is causing concern to the state governor, Chief Melford Okilo and his government.

Making his feelings known, when the newly district manager of the Authority in the state, Engr. Zamil A. Akanbi and its district administrative officer, Mr. B. S. Udoh called on him at Government House, Port Harcourt yesterday, the governor observed that the steady poor performances of the authority have continued to place his administration in an unpleasant situation, as it could no longer offer any explanation to the members of the public.

He reminded them that it was against the basic principles of natural justice, to deny its immediate consumers in the state sufficient power supply, while priority considerations were being given to far away users, an unjustified policy that has made darkness a way of life to the people of the state, whose land served as the very source of the power.

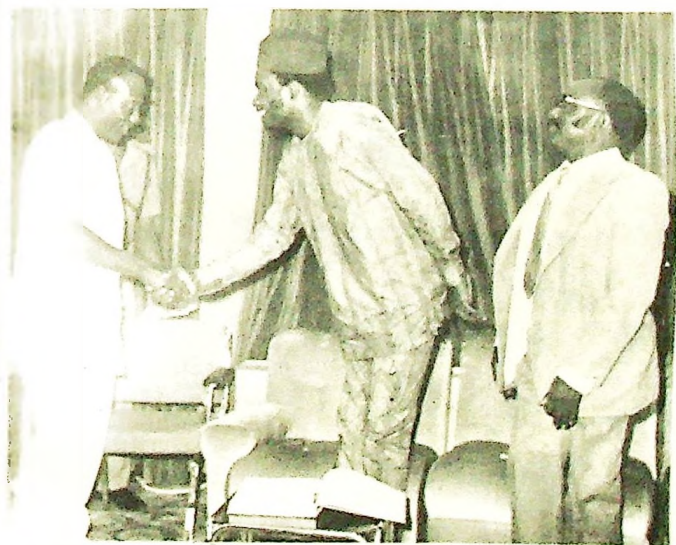
by Chris Ebela

Chief Okilo pleaded with NEPA officials to urgently review the situation, adding that it was inherited from the past administrations. He appealed to the authority to ensure that electricity was provided in Okrika, Oyigbo, Tai-Eleme and Bori local government areas, as they formed the immediate communities to Afam, the base of the power station.

Earlier, the district manager had informed the governor that he was no stranger to the inability of the department to fulfil its statutory obligations to the members of the public, but announced that the authority has embarked on remedial measures and hoped the situation would be changed for good.

Under the new measures, he explained that sub-stations would be built in various locations within the Port Harcourt local government area, among them, the University of Science and Technology, Marine Base and Trans-Amadi, adding that that of the Unitech would be commissioned in the next four months.

The district manager also disclosed that expansion work was already in progress at the Afam station, and that the distribution line extended to Iokpo, Eleme and Abiodun would soon be commissioned.



Chief Melford Okilo (left) welcomes Engr. Akanbi to Government House in Port Harcourt while Mr. Udoh (right) looks on.

THE trial began yesterday in a Port Harcourt Chief Magistrate's Court of four men accused of attempting to steal N48,000 belonging to the Nigerian National Supply Company.

The accused are Peter Ezekiel Ogbolo, 22; Tarn Thomas, 43; Monday Udoh Oson, 26; and Godwin Ayibamiete Sinton, 39.

According to the prosecution, the accused persons were alleged to have on April 6, this year at Port Harcourt forged an allocation of goods invoice of the company, with fake number 43019 which was purported to have been issued genuinely.

It further alleged that

4 face attempted robbery charge

by Patterson Koko

they also on April 4 and 6 this year at the same place, forged an official Delta Aluminium Company (Nigeria) Limited, 322006 of the same company and other documents which they claimed were duly signed by NNSC officials.

All the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charge, and were granted bail in the sum of N5,000 each with one surety, who must swear

to an affidavit of means, while further hearing has been fixed for June 29, 1982.

In the same court, two former employees of the Delta Aluminium Company (Nigeria) Limited, also based in Port Harcourt, were docked for documents which they allegedly stealing N6,000 property of their former employers.

Those facing trial include Aaron Aruke, 52; and Davidson Odein, 50. The prosecution alleged that on May 21, this year at No. 24 Aba Road, Port

Harcourt the accused persons colluded to steal the amount.

They denied the charge and were granted bail in the sum of N3,000 each with one surety each, who must be indigenes of the Rivers State and resident in Port Harcourt, while further hearing has been fixed for June 22, 1982.

KENYA BECOMES ONE-PARTY STATE

KENYA officially became a one-party state yesterday amid a crack down on critics of the government.

A constitutional amendment making the ruling African National Union the sole legal party was passed unanimously after less than two hours of debate in the 178-member National Assembly.

The move came shortly after reports that plans to form an opposition party were underway, as well as a series of arrests and detentions of people seen as opponents of the government.

There shall be in Kenya only one political party, the Kenya African National Union," said the key passage of the constitutional amendment.

"Kenya is finished, democracy is going down the drain," remarked one Kenyan intellectual, who requested anonymity.

In the past few days, the authorities, under the country's detention laws jailed a former member of parliament who called for the formation of an opposition party and a lawyer who tried to mount a legal defence for him.

PAUSE AND PONDER

We are not the owners of anything created by nature; they are the property of the creator.

CRS set task force on mass literacy

THE Cross River State Mass Literacy Task Force has been inaugurated.

In an address read on his behalf by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry, Mr D.E. Nyambi, the State Commissioner for Education, Dr Ifeanyi James Uson explained that the state government was aware that adult literacy is a major means of achieving material ends of economic development.

Accordingly, he said, government has intensified its efforts to

from
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Calabar

eradicate mass illiteracy in our society.

Dr Uson also said the present administration had endorsed the recommendations of the implementation committee on the National Policy on Education and plan to launch a national mass literacy campaign in September 1982, as a matter of priority.

He added that government has not withdrawn its commitment to this programme in spite of the austerity measures because of the expected returns this exercise was bound to generate in our economy and its overall influence on the social and moral well-being of our people.

The commissioner remarked that literacy had been rightly identified as a major problem besetting the progress of our country.

He explained that the goals and objectives of the proposed national mass literacy campaign have been defined by the conference of Heads of Adult Education to include the education of all citizens to enable them participate fully in the economic, social and political life of the nation.

Cadbury workers end three weeks strike

JUNIOR workers of Cadbury Nigeria Limited resumed normal duties after three weeks of strike action.

The decision to resume normal work followed a compromise reached between the management of the company and members of the National Union of Food, Beverage and Tobacco employees, over the weekend.

Speaking to reporters at the company's premises the chairman of the union, Mr Patrick Adeola, said that both parties had agreed that no worker who participated in the strike would be dismissed.

Mr Adeola said that the management had given the assurance that they were really to forget the strike action provided there was peace in the company.

He said that the 142 workers who were declared redundant would be re-engaged as soon as the company's finances improved.

The chairman of the union also said that the management would also investigate cases of inhuman treatment alleged to have been carried out by the personnel manager of the company and take action accordingly.

FARMERS SEMINAR OPENS

A one-day seminar on Training of Farmers was recently declared open by the Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr Ayo Ojo, at Saki.

Picture shows Mr Ojo, seated, addressing the seminar while others listen.

On the payment of salaries to workers, Mr Adeola disclosed that the management had decided to pay workers as from May 24 instead of May 18 where strike action began.

Meanwhile, the entire company premises is under tight security by members of the Nigeria Police Force.

Army commander concerned over delay of water scheme

THE general officer commanding the third armoured division of the Nigerian Army, Brig. Muhammad Buhari, has expressed concern over the delay in the execution of the N5.8 million water contract awarded to the Plateau government by the Ministry of Defence since 1980.

Brig. Buhari who was briefing the House of Representatives Committee on Defence in his office in Jos explained that the project was to supply water to the army barracks at Rukuba in Jos local government area.

He said that the soldiers in the cantonment had been subjected to hardship because they and their families had to go about looking for water.

Brig. Buhari said that a soldier committed to a national and international assignment with loads of welfare problems behind him was not ready for battle.

He said that 30 per cent of the army personnel in his division was still accommodated among the civilians, ad-



CHIEF MSAKWE
Governor, Imo State

ding that the situation constituted a great problem to the security task given to the army.

Brig. Buhari appealed to the committee to prevail on all concerned to view with more seriousness the welfare problems of soldiers and their families.

Responding, the chairman of the committee, Mr J.L. Laren promised that efforts would be made to make the soldiers comfortable.

Winners sue Housing authority attorney general

THE suit instituted by over 8,000 winners of the FLSTAC houses and flats, challenging the three per cent increase in rents and cost of the houses has been adjourned by a Lagos High Court until July 2, for hearing.

The suit which was filed by four winners of the houses Messrs Ekang Sunday, Ekop, Francis Owolabi, Famakinwa, Samuelsen Oyebola and U.M. Egbune on behalf of the other tenants.

Those joined in the suit as defendants are, the Minister of Housing, the Federal Housing Authority and the Attorney-General of the Federation.

In the suit, the plaintiffs are claiming that they won the houses through a ballot in December 1976, adding that in March 1977 they were allocated the houses.

According to the plaintiffs, the defendants offered them the houses to buy charging N126,300 for a house which ballot price was N10 and N99.10 as rent per month.

They also stated that the defendants breached the agreement in November 1980 in a letter which informed the winners that the cost of the flats and houses had been increased by three per cent.

This, the plaintiffs argued, meant that a house that originally cost N126,300 was now to cost N193,000 and over N500 in monthly rents.

payment of the salaries and allowances of all members of the Imo State Executive, the state assembly and all political appointees should henceforth be released at the same time with the teachers' salaries.

He contended that from
Ray Eke, Owerri

'this will help us to test the patriotic spirit of these NPP people who embarrass the people of this state by describing the teachers as unpatriotic'.

The NPN chief whip further suggested that all schools in the state should be directed to pay their teachers out of the school fees collected, arguing that this would be enough to pay the teachers in 80 per cent of the schools to the first two months of each term.

The government would then find money to pay for the third month as well as the balance for the schools where fees collected were not enough.

In order to meet the teachers' demands, Mr Ahamba, who claimed that solution to the teachers' problem was not in sight under the NPP regime in the state, urged all the ministries to prune down their capital estimates by 30 per cent. He further said, this amount would be directed to teachers' salary account, and all capital projects which were not likely to be realised in the next twelve months suspended.

He cited as among the capital projects the N17.5 million poultry complex recently connected at Governor Mbakwe's village of Avutu, and the new official quarters at the New Owerri Capital territory.

Mr Ahamba reminded the state administration that the state was faced with what he called "a labour bomb situation" and accused the NPP government of not thinking about a solution to the problem of the payment of the bulk of the state's labour force, namely, the teachers.



EDITORIAL

RE-THINK, NUT RIVERS!

FOR QUITE sometime now, there have been no classes in any government-owned lower academic institution in the Rivers State.

WHAT IS painfully tragic in the whole situation is that it now appears some members of the Nigeria Union of Teachers in the Rivers State have less than honourable reasons for embarking on this industrial action.

NO LESS a personality than Governor Melford Okilo himself has announced publicly that members of the NUT have refused bluntly to submit the staff strength of their union to the government of the Rivers State for three whole years.

WHATEVER THE reasons behind this refusal, we believe that the Rivers State Government as an employer of labour has the legal right to ask for a list of its employees.

WHY THE NUT has refused to do this has never been made clear to an academically conscious public struggling to make illiteracy a thing of the past.

WE SAID it before and we say it again that the future of this great country of ours depends largely on the quality of education our youths are getting today.

FOR WHATEVER reasons, the NUT cannot expect an employer to pay

wages to employees it does not know.

WHAT IS so difficult about the exercise anyway? In one week the NUT can get the list of all teachers in the state. After all, it took them less than that period of time to declare the on-going industrial action.

IF CORRUPTION has eaten so deep into our body-politic that it now threatens the very foundation of education, Nigerians might as well kiss goodbye to any hope of their children becoming great men of tomorrow.

IT IS disturbing that teachers should appear to be deliberately blocking the good intentions of the state government to improve their profession.

WE CALL on teachers in the name of all they hold dear in their profession to take pity on the innocent young Nigerians who are gradually being condemned to a future of half-education.

THEY SHOULD co-operate with, instead of confronting the government over the academic advancement of one of Nigeria's most academically disadvantaged states.

Legalised prostitution?

COULD you allow me a space in your widely read newspaper to ask

if there is any law prohibiting or legalizing prostitution in Nigeria.

If there is any, is prostitution an illegal or legal business in Nigeria?

If it is a legal business, are prostitutes exempted from paying taxes?

Or are they paying taxes?

Because female civil servants pay taxes as their male counterparts.

If prostitution is a legal business, prostitutes must pay taxes because austerity is in the town, both the Federal Government of Nigeria and state governments need money.

If prostitution is an illegal business in Nigeria, what is our law enforcement agency doing

CHECK NEPA

MAY you please allow me a space in the public opinion forum of your widely read newspaper, 'The Nigerian Tide' to air a point disturbing my mind for long.

It has been observed that since the beginning of 1982 there has been constant power failure in the Rivers State.

The National Electric Power Authority (NEPA).

ARRESTING

ALLOW me a space in your paper Tide to air my view on a situation which needs very urgent attention by the authorities concerned.

It has been a regular practice in this country to see many thieves.

This stealing is on the increase.

Unless the government does something urgently to arrest this ugly situation of mass

about this?

In Ilorin alone there are over 300 girls and over 3,500 women prostitutes at different corners and hotels of the city.

But I don't know of the situation in other towns and villages of the country.

I consider prostitution as a disgrace to any nation.

Our Honourable legislators should not feel unconcerned; they should please in the name of Almighty Father do something to arrest this ugly, disgraceful and shameful attitude of these young ladies who are commercializing themselves for sake of naira.

I support a death penalty for prostitution because prostitutes are liabilities to this nation.

VINCENTS K. JIBRIL Ilorin

NEPA

the almighty controller of the nation's power supply is not effectively carrying out their obligation to the people.

It appears, the power given to this authority as part of the nation's service is being misused.

It would have been better if another authority were to act as a 'CHECK' on NEPA.

SAMUEL OKI Port Harcourt

STEALING

unemployment, the country will in future be a country of thieves.

These thieves invariably affect the social, economic and political life of our country.

Only employment will help save us from thieves.

Secondly, old workers over 80 years should be retired to create vacancy for the young ones.

P. N. ADASIGWUNG Adofo



To combat smuggling

I seize this opportunity to express my feelings towards the dubious exploitative behaviour of some of our customs and police men all over the country.

As a student of economics I am in support of the recent economic measures of President Shugu Shagari to revamp the economy of our great country, Nigeria.

But what annoys me most is the recent raid on markets and stores by customs and policemen, seizing all those goods said to be contraband from the innocent petty traders who neither knew what is going on in the country economically nor know most of the goods banned.

I was greatly troubled when I saw a very young boy of about thirteen years crying and weeping at Mile Three Market where I was waiting for a bus to travel home.

Immediately I decided to enquire what was happening.

I gathered that the customs and police were raiding the market in search of contraband goods and that the petty traders' own goods (packets of cigarettes) which worth about one hundred naira had been seized by the customs men, and that was the boy's only livelihood both in the

market and at home.

Looking at this form of injustice I resentfully asked: what was the nation's policy behind this raid on innocent citizens by seizing their property?

Where did these contraband goods come from in our markets pass through?

Are there not four means of transport in Nigeria and are all these four means of transport not having customs men and police men to check the smuggling of contraband goods into the country?

OIKEH Onagwa

Where are these good friends

COULD you please assist me through your widely read newspaper to re-locate the undermentioned people.

These people were very good to me when we were living in Rumuomasi in Port Harcourt, Rivers State before the Nigerian civil war. Since and after the war I have not seen them.

Their names and their addresses then were:

1 Mr Douglas Ajakio, a staff of First Bank, Aba Road, Rumuomasi branch, Port Harcourt.

2 Helen Nkechinyere Ibawuke, a staff of Shell B.P. Nigeria Ltd., L.A.T. Dept. and her two brothers, Mr Sunday Ibawuke and Innocent Umurukwe Ibawuke, all from Onitsha, Nigeria.

They should, I think, contact me through this address:

Mr Innocent Ubanwa, Henry Stephens Eng Co. Ltd. Aba Road, Boncamp Junction, P.M.B. 5386, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Or phone 334678, Port Harcourt. I. O. U. UBANWA Port Harcourt

Imo state Govt, help us

ALLOW me a space in your paper to highlight the total neglect for Abajah and her sister towns, Isu all in Nwigeri (Isu L.G.A. by Imo State Government).

Since the once more coming Imo State Government there are places called Abajah and Isu in Nwigeri (Isu L.G.A.).

These two sister towns contribute to the success of the ruling party in the state. Abajah has over 80,000 people, Isu the same. I would like to remind the government that the city fathers and mothers spent all their time, except at the time of election for the victory of NPP with none left to devote to the welfare of their living.

It is a thing of shame and regret that for about two and half years since democratic government took its seat in the state, no government facilities have been left or located to this people of the state.

I remember how my people suffered during the election to fill the rank of the ruling party to see that their citizen succeed in the state.

But till now nothing has been

done to the people.

Does it mean that our name or the name of these towns are not popular with Imo State Government?

To my best knowledge many industries have been started in some other parts of the state. But none for Abajah.

Abajah as I understand pay no taxes correctly. Even the old men who have no means to earn their living must either to pay tax.

My people are known to be honest, loyal and obedient to the government of Imo State.

Today Abajah has no hospital, no water, no electricity. The only secondary school built was by community effort. Now what is our plight? Appearing to the government that Abajah is too large to be forgotten as soon.

We want reward for our labour.

So, we are appealing to the authority concerned in the name of humanity to please set up an industry in Abajah.

VITALIS ANYANWU Port Harcourt

Nembe needs a GCE centre

The West African Examination Council should give a General Certificate of Education centre to Nembe the headquarters of the Brass Local Government area in the Rivers State of Nigeria.

The Brass local government area as a whole comprised Nembe district council, Brass (Osuoma) urban council, Ogoni district council, Asaba district council and Okeroma district council. This area turns out a great number of candidates for the above examination each year.

Each district council which has a great number of both elementary and secondary schools turns out a great number of candidates for the above examination.

Transportation is one of the major problems.

Just imagine an area like Asaba to Port Harcourt in which a candidate will spend not less than N25.00.

Crossroads accidents and traffic jams usually disrupt part of such examinations.

Adequate security is available here to conduct such examination, such as the Nigerian Police, their duty to

ensure the non leakage of papers and to conduct the examination free and fair in the area.

As usual, school certificate examinations held in every school/college campuses in a forward transmission of papers and also used as a medium of communication between candidates and the WAEC.

The post office block here as usual can be used to safeguard the safe transmission of papers and also used as a medium of communication between candidates and the WAEC.

In addition, the tele office of the police, the state and local government headquarters should be used for emergency or urgent messages.

We are always ready for your co-operation and appreciation for establishing a centre here in Nembe to give the sufferings of candidates in Brass Local Government area in the Rivers State of Nigeria.

GOD'S GIFT S. ARIN Nembe - BRASS

Deal with hoarders of petroleum products'

GOVERNOR Abubakar Taran Ali of Bauchi State has stressed the need for law enforcement agents to deal ruthlessly with hoarders of petroleum products.

Exchanging views with a 13-man House of Representatives Committee on Energy in Bauchi, he attributed the current fuel scarcity in the state to the activities of fuel hoarders.

He urged the committee to ensure that the Gombe depot of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) started operating soon to minimise the problems of fuel shortage in Bauchi and its environs.

Governor Taran also urged the committee to explore more areas of exploiting oil to satisfy the increasing demand of fuel in the country.

Earlier, the leader of the committee, Mr David Ukpong, had said that his committee would ensure an even distribution of petroleum products in the country.

He registered the current fuel shortage in the state and said that when the Gombe depot began operation later this year, such problems would be solved.

IN a bid to quell political "crisis" within the NPN caucus in Imo State, a new faction of the party — "The Positive Group" — has sprang up in the state to rescue the party.

Consequently, the group has ordered immediate dissolution of the so-called "Gelling Oil" (Gelling Oil) and "Nkasi" (Nkasi) factions whose notes have threatened the very existence of the NPN in Imo State.

In a fourteen-page press statement announcing the dissolution and administration of the party, the leader of the group, Mazi Ogugue Okwuegbunam told journalists that the advent of the group at this critical time was absolutely imperative, challenging, and mandatory for the group to provide an immediate alternative for the party's political, economic and socio-cultural, survival and redemption of the people of Imo State.

Mazi Okwuegbunam regretted that while Imo people watched helplessly waiting for salvation, the NPN remained partitioned into warring camps with each battling for governorship nomination without no semblance of leadership.

to the masses. The "Positive Group" whose mission is to redeem the people of Imo State, the leader said, reaffirmed its loyalty and faith in the NPN as a cohesive, stable and broad-based national political party which would satisfy all personal and national aspirations.

He solicited the present leadership of the NPN in Imo State to surrender the reins of the party's management to his group for at least six months in the interest of the masses in the state.

Mazi Okwuegbunam urged governorship aspirants in the party to

be patient till nomination time arrives.

The leader stressed that the task before his group was among other things to prove to the doubting "Thomases" in Imo State that NPN was not an "Husa" (Husa), "Eke" (Eke) party, adding that what the people should need now was a right to participate in a political association, led by honest and dedicated men and women with clear-cut programmes and selfless motivation.

He enjoined all men and women in Imo State both at home and abroad to co-operate and sup-

port the "Positive Group" in the crusade for a new social order in the state.



Mazi Okwuegbunam
Leader of the positive group



Chief A. Akintola
National Chairman, NPN

Economic measures have increased inflation —Science students

The National Association of Political Science Students has said that the cutting down of allowances and salaries and banning of some consumer goods with the concomitant increase in their prices have increased inflation in the country.

This was part of the resolutions adopted by the association at the end of its convention in Benin at the week-end and released in Lagos.

The students argue that the poor masses now bore the brunt of the economic recession alone.

The association viewed the oil glut as an imperialist plot by the western powers to salvage their economy and called on the Nigerian masses to liberate the economy from the dependency on international monopoly capitalism.

The association said that the case for the creation of states in the country was an intra-class struggle with the aim of creating empires by the petty-bourgeoisie for

their own exclusive exploitation. It is the view of the over 30 per cent in its association that the creation of states is that the bank recently recorded a profit of N3 million after its accounts were audited.

Chief Bankole denied the rumour that the clothing, free health-care and free but de-processing of Mortgage imperialised education, Loans saying that the bank had only worked out a formula for the distribution of loanable association condemned funds to reflect Federal character.

On the present economic situation, the distribution of loanable association condemned funds to reflect Federal character.

The resolutions were jointly signed by representatives of various universities (NAN).

Gov. Alii receives portrait

IT WAS indeed a moment of joy for the Bendel State Governor, Professor Ambrose Alii when a master in the Federal Government Girls' College, Mr S.E. Akpantankon presented the governor with his portrait.

Here, Governor Alii extreme left receives the portrait from Mr Akpantankon right in Government House, Benin City.

In a brief speech during the impressive ceremony, Governor Alii expressed appreciation at the artist's efficiency in art technology and re-assured him of his administration's assistance to enable him improve on his performances.



BENDEL NPN GETS NEW CHAIRMAN

A NEW state chairman and a state secretary have been elected for the Bendel State branch of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN).

Elected chairman was an ex-commissioner of Police, Mr Anthony Aneshi from Agbazi Local Government area of the state (North Senatorial District) while Mr George Okweke from the Local Government area (East Senatorial District) was elected Secretary.

The elections were held after a special state congress of the party held at Auchi on June 7, 1982 had ratified the removal from office of the former state chairman, Mr Tayo Akpeta and the former state secretary, Dr Odugu Egbune.

Both Mr Akpeta and Dr Egbune had earlier been removed from their offices following a vote of no confidence passed on them by the state executive committee of the

party at its meeting held in Benin on May 21, 1982.

But following protests from the two officers against their removal, the national

secretariat of the party in Lagos noted that the action of the state executive should be regarded as recommendation to the state congress which that secretariat ordered should be held on June 7 at Auchi.

During the one-day congress that was attended by 364 delegates from all the state's 19 Local Government areas, Mr Fred Okweke from Ughelli Local Government area in the South Senatorial district was elected state deputy chairman while Mr E. Lefu Eborowonyi was elected state publicity secretary.

In his post-election speech, Mr Aneshi said that he considered this election as a great responsibility thrust on him and promised to discharge this duty faithfully to the best of his ability.

HOUSE VOTES OUT BILL

THE Cross River House of Assembly has voted not to bill aimed at imposing tax on some consumer goods in the state.

Sponsored by the deputy speaker, Chief Ndorayo Utah, the bill had sought to effect the collection of service and sales tax on some items.

Chief Utah had said that the bill was submitted by the executive to the Assembly last December in an effort to improve the financial position of the state.

During the debate, Chief Dick Iyana, (North Senatorial District) had said that if the bill was passed, it would contribute undue financial burden on the already afflicted people of the state.

He said that the Federal Government's authority measures were falling on the people, and that the measures would lead to the death of the people.

Other commentators were of the opinion that the bill was ill-conceived.



AQUARIUS

There will be quite a fuss at home before you can get your plans for change accepted by members of the family. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attend to distant affairs.

PISCES

Continue to let other people do the shouting. You will learn much more by listening and remaining quietly in the background than if you hug the limelight.

ARIES

Friends may nag you to loan time money. You might find it difficult to refuse the demands of people who have shown you a good deal of kindness in the past.

TAURUS

People close to you will be overly sensitive. You will have to be gentle with loved ones if you wish to avoid emotional scenes at home. Your personal life must be handled carefully.

GEMINI

Be open in all dealings with associates. It is important that you get off on the right front with people you are doing business with for the first time.

CANCER

Do not use your resources or invest in any schemes where there is the possibility of loss, however slight. This is one of those days when you have to keep control of your own money.

LEO

Arguments will erupt at home. Loved ones may feel that you have been spending far too much time dealing with your job. This is not a day to adopt forceful methods.

VIRGO

Employment activities continue to offer excellent opportunities to increase your earnings. One problem today, however, is likely to be that you lack driving force. Romance contains danger of a lovers' rift.

LIBRA

If you cannot do business in one direction, you will be able to accomplish it in another way. The difficulty to do so may come from an unexpected direction. You will find that your emotions get a little out of control.

SCORPIO

There will be a number of problems that you have to contend with in connection with family life. Look as if you have to open up the purse strings to avoid a head-on collision.

SAG

You may have to take on more than your fair share of chores. Friends will be helpful, doing anything they can to lighten your burden. Roman could be a downer.

CAPRICORN

A very tricky day from the financial angle. Speculation is more dubious than ever. You must be very careful with your money. Do not go crazy when out shopping.

As impeachment wind blows hard across the country...

K.O. WARNS LAW-MAKERS

As the constitutional issue of impeachment continues to generate more heat within the nation's political circle, the Presidential Adviser on National Assembly Affairs, Dr Kingsley O. Mbadie, has warned against the grave consequences of frequent abuse of the disciplinary measure.

He told a recent meeting of states and federal radio chief executives in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, that unless there were caution and restraint on the part of the country's lawmakers, in the application of that sensitive portion of the constitution, the nation was bound to face more problems.

In a direct reference to the recent abortive attempt to impeach the state Governor, Chief Melford Okilo, Dr Mbadie noted that paradoxically, the legislative move had only succeeded in strengthening the political image of the governor and his deputy, with greater charisma and clout.

He described Chief Okilo as a front-line nationalist and a popular politician, whose commitment to the cause of national unity and stability has distinguished him not only as a political legend but the greatest hero of our time.

by Eleazer Kas-Nwogu



14 CHARGED FOR BREACH OF PEACE

Fourteen persons of Rukpokwu village near Port Harcourt have appeared before a Port Harcourt Magistrate's Court for an act that might occur from a breach of the peace.

An order to bind over the fourteen persons to keep the peace was filed by an Assistant Superintendent of Police in-charge of crime, Nigeria Police special area division in the Oba/Akpor district of the Port Harcourt Local Government Authority area, Mr Christopher M. Okere on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Rivers State Command. The persons are

Augustine Amadi, E. W. Ofior, A. W. Mbata, C. C. Okwunri, Stanley Ejakwu, P. O. Amadi and Lawson Aka.

Others are I. B. Aaron, Kingsley Enyinda, Daniel Amadi, Jackson Hanotu, Magnus Nierum, Godwin Orlu and Israel Awa.

In a seven-paragraph affidavit sworn to in support of a motion for an order to bind over the fourteen persons, Mr Okere stated that there are constant land disputes existing between the parties to the

effect that there may probably occasion a breach of the peace in the area.

That meanwhile parties should be restrained from doing anything on the disputed land until ownership and title of the disputed land have been established in the high court.

He further deposed that there is every likelihood of blood shed in the area if no action is taken to remedy the situation.

The parties are expected to file a counter affidavit before the hearing date, fixed for June 23.

Dr Mbadie however cautioned, that those in the game should always be ready to face hazards, adding that it would

amount to self-deceit, if he assumed the political arena to be a bed of roses, where the going was always easy.

Commenting on the Nigerian constitution, he said it was a matter of coincidence, that the nation's law book was fashioned in line with

that of the United States of America, and argued that it would be wrong to regard the nation's constitution as a replica of that of the United States.

Picture shows Dr K. O. Mbadie (standing) addressing the audience.

Seated on his right are Mr Albert Aiaje, General Manager, Radio Rivers, Chief Melford Okilo.

Governor, Rivers State and Mr George Bako, Director-General of Federal Radio Corporation.

MAN FACES THEFT CHARGE

Twenty-eight year old Eke Chike of no fixed address was arraigned before a Port Harcourt Senior Magistrate Court charged with conspiracy and stealing.

The prosecution had alleged that the accused on April 21, this year at No. 3 Ogochima Street, Orlu Port Harcourt with others at large conspired together to break and enter the store of Meeting Okoro and stole several articles of value valued N1,000 property of Meeting Okoro.

The accused pleaded not guilty in the charges and was granted bail in the sum of N1,000 with one surety in the sum.

Further hearing of the case was fixed for June 18, this year.

Aku in the same court, Ross Clarkson 27 years, Monday Ogburne 21 years, Monday Akinde 30 years and Andrew Brown 18 years were arraigned.

The prosecution alleged that the accused persons on October 17, last year at No. 228 Manual Wilson Drive, Port Harcourt did break and enter into the dwelling house of Maria Feba.

Port Harcourt, the court heard that the accused on the same date, time and place stole one 100, one table fan, one hand bag, wearing apparels and one black box, all valued N5,210 property of Maria Feba.

All the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges and were granted bail in the sum of N1,000 with one surety. Surety should be tendered in Port Harcourt and be a property owner.

Hearing of the case was adjourned to June 18, this year.

POLITICIANS URGED TO FIGHT ECONOMIC CRISIS

An appeal has gone out to various politicians, irrespective of their political leanings, to come together and fight the present economic problems of the country.

by Simeon Ntegebe

Making the appeal last weekend is the publicity secretary of the youth wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in the Ikwere District of the Rivers State, Prince B. W. Owo.

Prince Owo noted that the country's present economic woes, are not things to play politics with since, according to him, it affected every member of the Nigerian community, not minding party differences.

He noted that the present austerity measures embarked upon by the president, should be seen as a blessing to the nation, because we shall eventually become self-sufficient as our home-made goods would be promoted. And the NPN scribbled.

The party boss however flowed at the results to which Nigerians, especially the

Rivers State indigenes, play politics of bitterness.

"You know, politics is just like religion, where father would choose a son and son, all aimed at reaching same God, adding that people were fond of victimising political opponents.

The youth wing secretary was reacting to a recent incident where members of a dissident party group waylaid him on the way, and threatened him.

Prince Owo finally appealed to all political party leaders in the state to advise their supporters not to involve themselves in politics of confrontation, a system he described as very injurious to the nation's political setup.

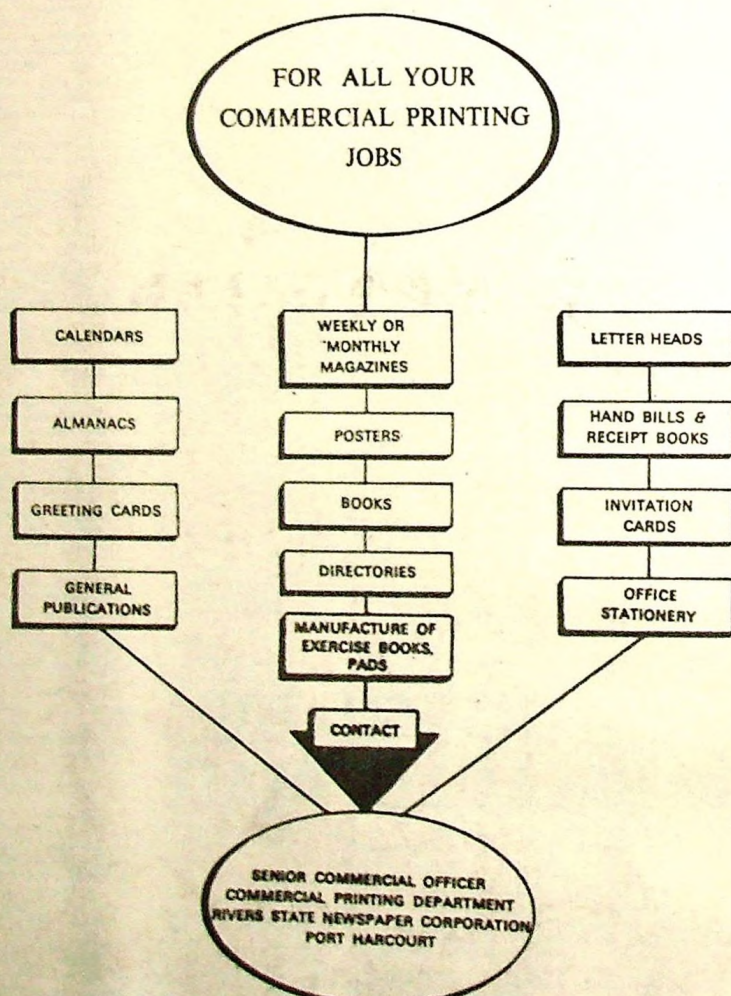


Mr B. W. Owo, Rivers State NPN Youth Leader

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LAND DEV SCHEMES CONTRACT REVOKED

THE Benue State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr. Urban Nyiakura, has revoked a land development schemes contract in Ankpa Local Government area.

The commissioner announced this when he was inspecting agricultural projects in the area.

He said that the action was necessary because since the contract was awarded the contractor had failed to start work.

Dr. Nyiakura, fuming with anger, said that the contractor's attitude was uncalled for and that it was calculated to impute wrong notion about the government in the minds of the people in that area.

The contractor RAU IMEX Group of company has been blacklisted.

Eight sites of land development projects, all in Ankpa Local Government area, were awarded to the firm.

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13 PROSTITUTES ARRESTED IN PORT HARCOURT



Chief Idamebr-Brown
Commissioner of Justice

A PORT HARCOURT Senior Magistrate Court, has heard how 13 unattached women from neighbouring states, invaded the Rivers State capital in search of

by Julie Jumbo

clients for their bizarre "business".

Charged in the case which was described as the "trial of prostitutes", were Rose Okereke 21, Victoria Udeah 23, Charity Dangosi 19, Yabo Prewa 34, Ngozi Frank 19, and Cordelia Fabi 19.

Others include Chichi Ibe 23, Nnenna Ibe 18, Irene Biebbie 18, Stella Udifiam 28, Alice Anthony 28, Ngozi Kanu 17 and Enno Akara 23 years.

According to the prosecution, the accused persons on June 5, this year at about 2 a.m. within the precincts of the Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt being

common prostitutes, were seen loitering and persistently soliciting for men for the purpose of prostitution.

The prosecution, also further told the court that one of the accused persons, Enno Akara on the same day at about 2.50 a.m., at Aqueduct Hotel, Port Harcourt, as a common prostitute, was found loitering and persistently soliciting for men for the purpose of prostitution.

All the accused persons, pleaded not guilty to the charge and were granted bail in the sum of N400 with one surety, while further hearing was adjourned till July 5, this year.

REVIEW GENERAL ORDERS

A member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Awotunde Rotimi, U.P.N. Ondo suggested in Abeokuta that the civil service general orders should be reviewed to give civil servants enough freedom to air their views on the government.

Speaking on the Ogun Radio programme "Meet the Press", Mr. Rotimi described the Nigerian Civil Servant as a "coward" who was often complacent when matters affecting his welfare were being discussed.

Mr. Rotimi was suspended from the civil service in 1979 for testifying before the Glavin panel on car funds.

On Nigerian troops currently in peace-keeping force in Chad, Mr. Rotimi said that they should be recalled to join other soldiers to guard Nigeria's borders.

He argued that it was more important for the country to constantly maintain a foreign policy that could be identified with the aspirations of Nigerians.

FORMER NUJ PRESIDENT INDICTS BENDEL NUJ

A one time national president of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Peter M. Ayeni, has indicted the executive committee of Bendel State council of the union.

Mr. Ayeni who was the guest speaker at the formal launching of the NUJ chapel of the Bendel State Information department said that the union had ceased to be a force in the state.

Mr. Ayeni who is also the chief information officer of the state further said the union flouted its constitution by not holding the biennial convention.

It is not living up to its expectation as a trade union by organising

as the Financial Secretary and Iyngun Akan was returned unopposed as the treasurer.

Mr. Keith Okon and Olan Apibio were also returned unopposed as ex-officio members.

In his post election speech, Mr. Nse Ebong called on all to sink their differences and unite together for what he termed "the big task ahead".

He said this was necessary if the press was to effectively play its watch-dog role or the society.

Earlier in his speech before the election, the former chairman, Mr. Bossey Expo Bossey who is also the general manager of the Nigerian Call had thanked the union for the opportunity given them to serve and appealed to the new executive to continue with the education programme of the union and to give opportunity to every qualified member no matter his state of origin, religion or sex.

Information director returns to news desk

Benue State director of information, Mr. Dan Agbese who has returned to the desk as editor of the New Nigerian, after withdrawing his services to the state government was voted by the Benue State Council of the NUJ.

At the occasion, he was presented with a pen, which he promised to use to defend the truth, honesty and justice and called on media practitioners to rise to defend the ethics of the profession by ensuring that they were not

used by politicians and influential personalities to selfish ends.

Rather they should insist that their exploitation was for the improvement of the broad masses of the people of the country.

Earlier in his letter of resignation to the state government, Mr. Agbese said it was painful and regrettable that he was leaving the state at a most crucial period of the state's existence.

He however urged Governor Aker Aku to continue to strive despite

detractors to ensure that the state administration's programme were executed fully.

Governor Aku in accepting the withdrawal letter, said it was with mixed feelings that he was accepting the exit of Mr. Agbese, adding however that his new appointment as editor of the New Nigerian was well deserved.

In the photograph below, Mr. Dan Agbese receives the NUJ pen gift from Mrs. Eunice Eruka, treasurer of the state council of the union.



INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY FROM BIGGER FARMS

REMARKABLE increases in productivity have been a major feature of British agriculture during the past few years - especially in cereals and milk.

This increased productivity means that the proportion of the domestic market supplied by British produce has grown from 65% at the beginning of the 1970s to 75% in the 1980s.

Then improvement has been worth N1,000 million a year to the balance of payment, and it has been achieved in a country where only 2.1% of the population is engaged in agriculture.

The total number of farms is now about 245,000, which is 5% fewer than in 1975. At the same time the average farm size has increased from 111 ha to 116 ha.

Imports Reduced
The average size of cereal farms increased from 1975 to 37 ha in 1980, and the total area devoted to cereals increased from about 3.7 million to more than 3.9 million ha in the same period.

By John Perry

Imports of cereals have declined to about six million tonnes, but exports have risen dramatically from a few shipments in the mid 1970s to about 2.4 million tonnes in 1980.

Exports are mainly of milling barley for brewing larger-type beers in north European countries such as Germany.

The total barley crop remains fairly steady at about 2.3 million ha, but there has been a dramatic swing in the past five years to winter-sown varieties, due

mainly to higher yields.

High Input

The yields of cereals in Britain have undergone a remarkable improvement in recent years.

At the beginning of the 1970s the average yields of wheat and barley were 4.22 and 3.56 tonnes/ha respectively.

By 1980 they had risen to 5.66 for wheat and 4.45 for barley.

The yield improvements have been brought about by a combination of better varieties and better management.

As well as increasing yield potential the plant breeder has also improved the disease resistance of most varieties of cereals grown in Britain. The main direction taken by British farmers in the management of their cereal crops has been towards trying to achieve full yield potential.

This has been the widespread adoption of high-input techniques involving the use of a season-long programme of fungicide spray applications and the application of high rates of nitrogen fertiliser (up to 200 kg/ha on the most responsive winter wheat crop).

Sugar Production

The major break crops are sugar beet, potatoes and oilseed rape. About 210,000 ha of sugar beet are grown each year all contracted to the British Sugar Corporation which has 14 factories in the main growing areas.

These provide more than 50% of Britain's requirements of sugar and sugar products. The

average farmer produces the equivalent of about six tonnes/ha of sugar from sugar beet.

The potato acreage has been declining steadily in recent years but is now little more than 200,000 ha, but national production is maintained at 6.57 million tonnes, due mainly to increases in yield achieved by the better growers.

High Milk Yield

soya), this crop has proved to be highly profitable.

Interestingly enough, the area of land in Britain that is devoted to arable cropping (about seven million ha) has increased only marginally during the recent period of improved production - emphasising the fact that it is yield per unit area that has been pushed up in most crops.

that the amount of milk now handled by the Milk Marketing Boards is in excess of 15,000 million litres a year.

Digestible Straw:

The improved performance of the dairy herds has been achieved by a combination of better breeding and feeding.

The national herd is dominated by British Friesians, but the higher yielding Canadian Holsteins are a growing influence and have already had a significant effect on raising production.

Grass is still Britain's biggest crop and the objective of the dairy farmer continues to be to make as much milk from grass as possible.

The winter feeding ra-

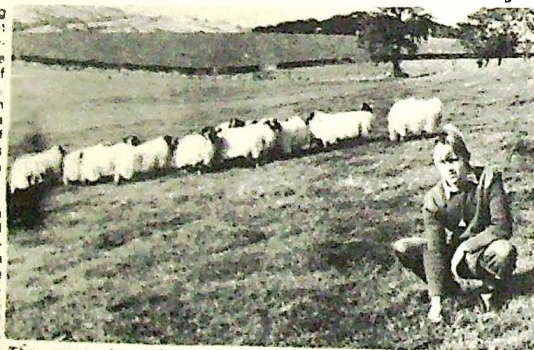
The number of beef cows has been declining steadily since the mid-1970s to the current figure of about 1.4 million head, mostly in the marginal and upland areas. Financial returns from beef production are regarded as poor in comparison with milk production.

Sheep Record:

However, the third national ruminant enterprise-sheep is prospering at the moment, due mainly to the recent introduction of a European Community sheepmeat regime which has put a lower limit on market prices. Sheep and lamb numbers are now at a record, exceeding 30 million for the first time in 1980.

The main advance here has been in increasing the lambing percentage, achieved by introducing more prolific breeds and investing in winter housing.

A major contributor to the general improvement in livestock production has been nitrogen fertiliser which has boosted grass growth to allow a heavier stocking rate to be carried. Most intensive dairy farmers now apply 200-300 kg/ha and, as a result, can support about 2.5 cows/ha.



The most dramatic change in the break crop scene has been the rapid expansion of oilseed rape since the early 1970s. From an insignificant area in 1970, the crop had expanded to 93,000 ha in 1980 and the current area is well above 100,000 ha.

Financially supported by the European Community in an effort to reduce the Community's reliance on imported vegetable oil (mainly

A similar success story has been achieved with livestock, notably in milk production.

The number of dairy cows and heifers in calf has remained fairly static over the past 10 years, at more than four million head, but the number of herds has dropped by 50%.

At the same time, the average milk yield per cow has risen by 1000 litres to 4,700 litres per lactation with the result

that the amount of milk now handled by the Milk Marketing Boards is in excess of 15,000 million litres a year.

A recent innovation has been the chemical treatment of cereal straw to improve its digestibility so that it can be offered as an alternative and possibly cheaper fodder for both cows and beef cattle.

Patient care

When a managing director found himself in a time, he began to realise the problems facing out of bed, especially when the patients are ill. So after he had recovered he put his company to work producing what is now available. This "new concept in medical equipment" is the patient from a sitting position to a lying position.

The basic chair can therefore be smoothly transformed into a fully controlled, intermediate position, where it will remain. The vertical height of the couch position so the transfer of patient from bed to chair. Independent joints are provided for the legs, which can be manually operated by the staff to the requirements, such as applying a dressing. Patients' comfort is catered for by a specially developed fluid-resistant micro-perforated seat panel can be easily removed if the patient is a fire retardant.



Rescue centre swings into action

THE rescue of 16 crew members of the battered Greek tanker, Victory, which split in two in a vicious storm in mid-Atlantic recently marked the first major rescue operation to be handled by the newly established maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Falmouth in South West England.

Opened last December by Prince Charles, it is the new centre for maritime search and rescue over a stretch of coastline from the Isle of Wight, off southern England, to the Scilly Isles and 1,600 kilometres out into the Atlantic ocean.

The heart of the centre is the operations and display room where radio, telefax and telephone messages are received and transmitted in special radio distribution desks.

During an operation information is displayed on vertical wall charts and the incident and the rescue attempts are detailed on a timeline.

Overlooks the operations room so that the plan is in constant touch with what is happening.

Controlling console

At the centre of the operations room is the watch officer's console which controls and monitors the work of four operating consoles. Two further consoles are fitted: one is for handling major marine pollution incidents, the other is available for future development.

Each operating console is fully flexible, but is allocated specific monitoring duties by the watch officer. Typically, a console

can control VHF channel 16 - the international calling and distress frequency, channel 0 - the coastguard working channel, and channels for oil pollution of operations, on scene rescue, maritime and small ship working channels.

Some channels, such as channel 16, have their own transmitters. Others are provided through common sets, switched on by remote control from the centre and controlled by a system of coded tones.

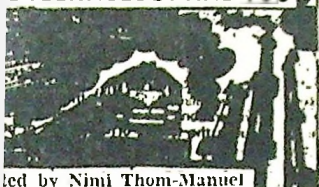
Each console has access via a modern British Telecom exchange system to emergency services, as well as the

normal exchange lines. A medium frequency watchkeeping receiver for automatic reception of alarm calls and distress messages, a duplicated telex service, a facsimile machine and a comprehensive recording service complete the existing facilities at the rescue centre.

There are plans for the addition of an interlocking network of VHF direction finding stations in the near future.

Falmouth is the first rescue centre on the eastern side of the Atlantic satellite communications system via the British Telecom earth station at Goonhilly.

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The sub-plans take account of further prospecting for new sources of materials, and have major sections dealing with improvement of both working and living conditions.
In the process of development, even places like Yakutia, the coldest in the northern hemisphere, are no longer the "god-forsaken" places envisaged in the West.
Sibir was drawn up by staff from 50 institutes and 350 research and design organisations.

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Making way for cyclists

A QUIET revolution is getting under way in the Federal German Republic. In another gesture towards an increasing energy conscious era, the country in which the first motorway was built is planning to establish thousands of kilometres of cycleways.

The Federal Transport Minister, Volker Hauff, in outlining details of a \$1,680 million programme to build such tracks alongside 3,000 km. of the Federal highway, forecast that this would be extended to 11,000 km. by the end of the decade.

The Minister sees the bicycle as a major opportunity to save energy. There are an estimated 40 million in use in West Germany, and by reaching 4.5 million last year, domestic sales exceeded the number of newly registered motor vehicles by 1.7 million.

By making life easier for the cyclist and thus further encouraging the practice, the Bonn government hopes to derive a number of other benefits apart from a lower energy consumption. These include a healthier nation and an improved road safety record — as a result of separating two-wheeled and four wheeled traffic — as well as cleaner air and quieter roads.

Although it hopes that the provincial administrations and local

By A Correspondent

authorities will follow its example in the provision of cycle tracks, the Federal Government is not expecting to convert West Germans into a nation of long-distance cyclists.

But the Transport Ministry here in Bonn points out that 60 per cent of urban journeys made by motor vehicles were of less than three km., and could well be made on two wheels.

In fact, the Ministry added, over distances of up to four km., a bicycle was the most suitable and fastest mode of transport.

The bicycle is a worthy subject for a social study. For the developing countries it has con-

tinued to provide the mass of people with their first low cost means of private transport just as it did in the developed world about a century ago.

Like other vehicles, ranging from cars to aircraft, the bicycle's evolutionary process has included some false starts and strange-looking intermediate models.

Although there is evidence that inventive minds had been working on the concept for some time previously, the earliest two wheeled machine was the French celeripede, or hobby-horse, of 1816, which was followed shortly afterwards by the German draisine. Both were designed to be propelled with the feet like a child's scooter.

But credit for the invention of first recognisable fore-runner of the modern bicycle is given to a Scottish blacksmith named Macmillan.

In 1839, he produced a pedal-driven model which was propelled by the forward and backward motion of the feet as in a child's pedal car.

Unfortunately, however, his branchlid

attracted no commercial interest, and the Scotsman's name might have sunk into oblivion were it not for the fact that in 1861, Pierre Michaux, a Paris coachbuilder, re-invented the bicycle.

This machine, with its pedals and cranked axle turning the front wheel, proved popular.

But as one revolution of the crank only turned the driving wheel once, these became larger and larger to attain higher speeds. This led to the appearance, firstly in Britain, of high bicycles known as "penny-farthings".

These fast but dangerous machines remained in vogue — and established cycling as a serious pastime — until an Englishman, Henry Dawson, produced his bicyclette. This had a smaller front wheel — and its pedals propelled the rear wheel by means of a chain.

It was in 1895 that what, in essence, remains the prototype of every modern bicycle first appeared, leaving only the introduction of the pneumatic tyre three years later to round off the story.

A VERSATILE MATTRESS

For the surgical team working in the operating theatre the ideal temperature is around 20°C.

The patient, however, requires a higher temperature — about 24° to 26°C. There is thus a conflict between the optimum temperature for the theatre team and that for the patient.

To meet these apparently incompatible needs, Howarth Air Engineering has produced the Climator Mattress.

The optimum "microclimate" is established round the patient by gently circulating warm filtered air delivered through this resilient ventilated operating-table mattress, which is X-ray translucent.

The warm air reaches the mattress from the small Climator tucked away under the operating table, and is distributed under and around the anaesthetised patient.

It is claimed that the microclimate for the patient can be controlled and automatically maintained at the necessary 24° to 26°C without discomfort to the theatre team.

Value In Intensive Care.
But the Climator Mattress has much wider scope than this, as experience in intensive care units has shown.

Used in post-operative care it not only maintains an equable temperature for the patient but helps keep the skin healthy, thereby reducing the risk of pressure (bed) sores.

With air circulating round the patient at a controlled temperature, the oxygen supply to the skin is maintained and the amount of sweating is reduced — two essential factors for a healthy skin.

It is of particular value in the management of burns. It also helps to alleviate insomnia, reducing the need for sedatives and tranquilizers.

All this, of course, applies not only to the post-operative period, but also to the nursing of patients confined to bed for long periods, whether in hospital or at home.

Easy To Handle

The mattress itself, which can be used on both hospital and domestic beds, is light and easy to handle.

It has a central "well" or depression into which is fitted a sectional foam sheet.

This can be easily removed for washing. Three sets of replacement foam sheets are provided with each mattress.

There is also a soft absorbent overlay for use with incontinent patients.

The Climator, which measures 548 x 381 x 305 mm and weighs 15 kg., operates from a conventional 13 A socket. It is virtually noiseless, simple to operate and portable.



Volvo's gravity platform

An advanced technical centre for product development has been taken into use at Hailly, Eskilstuna, by Volvo BM AB, the construction machine company with in Sweden's Volvo automotive group. The centre, which covers a land area of 70,000 sq m and has a total floor area of 15,200 sq m, represents an investment of some Kr 100 million (\$19,000,000).

The development of new Volvo BM products starts at the Centre's calculation and design departments, equipped with sophisticated computers which carry out calculations and store information about components used in the company's entire product range, and laws, regulations and environmental demands associated with the products.

In the workshop and laboratory section, prototypes of machines are built up in special sheet-metal, mechanical, electrical, assembly workshops, with all parts and components undergoing rigorous quality and operational testing.

The prototypes are then subjected to final product testing for a full year corresponding to 10 years in actual use — in the laboratory and on the test tracks nearby. With the aid of advanced equipment, they are exposed to static and dynamic forces in all

positions and at temperatures ranging from desert heat to arctic cold.

A unique feature of the Volvo BM Technical Centre is a chassis dynamometer with a tractive force of up to 200 kilo Newtons (kN). This "rolling road", said to be the only one in Europe, incorporates

rollers with a circumference of 8 metres, a diameter of 2.5 m and a width of 3.5 m between the roller edges. They are faced with built-up chrome-carbide which gives the wheels a grip similar to that of dry asphalt and can be fitted with a number of rods to simulate unevenness in the road surface.

Unitech commended for sound performance

CONGRATULATORY messages have been pouring into the Rivers State University of Science and Technology for the brilliant performance of its sports squad to the Nigerian University Games NUGA, just ended in Zaria.

Prominent among such messages was that of the former vice-chancellor of the University of Ibadan and chairman of the UST Governing Council, Professor Teseno Tamuno.

Professor Tamuno had earlier sent a moral boosting message to the

squad at Zaria and expressed satisfaction with the performance of the school's ambassadors to NUGA.

The UST, came 5th in position out of the 17 universities that took part in the games.

The team won two gold medals in swimming, three silver and four bronze medals.

On arrival at the campus in Port Harcourt, the leader of the squad and the sports secretary, Coach Eze told a press look-in that despite some set-backs his team managed to keep pace with others.

He noted that sports were some of the areas that could bring out the name of the institution and regretted the non-availability of sporting equipment and arenas in the school.

Coach Eze also observed that it was necessary for the academic and non-academic staff of the university to form sports

clubs for encouragement of sports in the school, adding that the sports unit in the school would do better if given a free hand in running the affairs of the sports men and women.

He commended the vice-chancellor of the school Professor T.T. Isoun whom he said encouraged the sports men and women to bring home a proud result.

Uniport to host NUGA '84

IT has been resolved that the next university games coming up in 1984 is to be hosted by the University of Port Harcourt in the Rivers State.

A statement from Zaria said that in taking the decision, the availability of sporting arenas was taken into consideration.

According to reliable sources, a heated debate based on the ill-equipment of the

THE ex-president of the students union of the College of Education, Port Harcourt, Mr M.A. Arje has been found guilty of embezzlement of the union's fund to the tune of about N4,000.00, a special committee set up to investigate his activities has reported.

According to reliable sources, the students union executive had earlier been dissolved in

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the wake of increased financial malpractices which made way for a caretaker committee to pilot the affairs of the students until recently when a new executive headed by Mr P. Loolo was sworn in.

My sources also confirmed that the committee which was headed by Mr Allen Kwokwo sub-

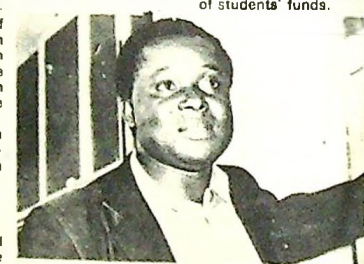


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mitted its findings in May subject to ratification of the students union congress.

A very dependable source also told the Nigerian Tide that the ex-president might appear in court soon to face charges of mismanagement, misappropriation and stealing of students' funds.

was only asked to help in hosting the games, consequently some of the eliminating rounds of the football matches may be held at UST and Owerri.



PROFESSOR TASIE, Provost Rivers State College of Education.



PROFESSOR T. T. ISOUN

LAW ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED

THE law students association of the University of Science and Technology UST was launched at the weekend.

During the occasion the special adviser to the Rivers State governor on Information and Public Relations, Mr R.T. Furo, recalled that the faculty was established by the government of the state to meet its manpower needs.

Mr Furo commended the governor of the Rivers State Chief Mollard Okilo and the school authority for their efforts to make the faculty productive and charged the students to make the best use of the opportunity offered them.

Also speaking, a member of the state House of Assembly, Hon. Eke Dekubu, assured the students of the continued support of the state legislature and said that the House would do every thing possible to insure the progress of the faculty.

The Dean of the faculty of law, Dr A.K.K. Anene who also represented the vice-chancellor Prof. T.T. Isoun, assured the students of the university's determination to provide them with the basic equipment and library facilities necessary for their academic pursuit.

Earlier in his address the president of the law students association, Mr Z. Amisemaka commended the state

government for establishing a faculty of law in the state, but frowned at the discrimination meted to Rivers State candidates who seek admission into institutions of higher learning in the country and observed that the UST would be a big relief to the teeming population of candidates wanting university

education.

Mr Amisemaka, then appealed to the school authority to establish

without delay a standard law library to help the students go about their studies.

Hitch-free bursary payment for NURSS



MR R.T. FURO
Special Adviser to the Rivers Governor on Information.

UST Protestant church dedicates machine

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He observed that faith was different from common sense and enjoined christians to regulate their activities by adhering to the word of God.

DURING the swearing in ceremony of the new officials of the National Union of Rivers State Students at the weekend, the secretary to the Rivers State Scholarship Directorate, Mr N. Ambakederemo reiterated the determination of the state government to ensure that students' bursary award was paid without hitches.

Mr Ambakederemo explained the rationale in the present part payment system and advised students to co-operate with his Directorate to facilitate the smooth

operation of the system.

The secretary called on the students to make the best use of the opportunity granted them by the present administration.

In his address, the president of the UST branch of NURSS, Mr Chibuzor Enyinda observed that the sudden stoppage of the vacation job programme by the state government had caused untold hardship to students and that its restitution would make the bursary award more meaningful.

Mr Enyinda noted that

the present amount of N655.00 as bursary was not sufficient for students in the UST where students pay about N855.00 for meals alone, and stressed the need to increase the amount to N1,000.00 per student as the only way out.

He then called on the state government to come to the aid of the NURSS and pledged the determination of the students body to co-operate with the government in seeing through programmes planned for their progress.



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OBITUARY

The entire students union of Rukpokwu deeply regrets to announce the sudden death of their beloved member, ex-student of Enitona High School Benin Port Harcourt (1976 — 1981)



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AGGREY MEMORIAL COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS MEETING

Aggrey Memorial College Ex-Students calling. There will be an important general meeting of Aggrey Memorial College Awachuku Old-Students Association, Port Harcourt Branch on Sunday June 13, 1982 at 2 p.m. prompt at the residence of the President Chief Obo Ngala, at ALETO ELEME near Port Harcourt.

Free transport will be available at the premises of the Directorate of Information, Aho Road, Port Harcourt, between the hours of 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Sunday June 13, 1982.

Members are advised to avail themselves of the free transport and turn-up en-masse for this all important meeting.

J. K. IYABI,
Publicity Secretary

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THIS is to inform the General Public that the above Club has applied to the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs for the registration of the Club under the Land (Perpetual Succession) Act Chapter 98.

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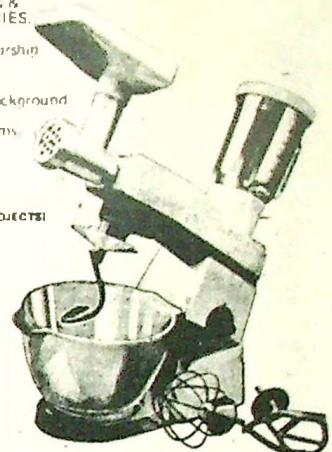
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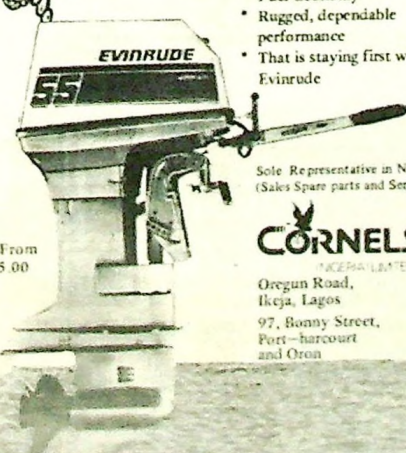
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NICOSIA

IRANA announced on Monday that it is sending revolutionary guard and armed forces units to South Lebanon "to engage the new wave of Zionist invasion there".

A military commander quoted by the Iranian News Agency (IRNA) said that the military units were being dispatched "in obedience to the directives of the Imam, Iran's supreme ruler, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, for the destruction of Israel".

IRNA did not specify the strength of the units or when they would depart for Lebanon.

UN

THE Palestine Liberation Organization's deputy UN observer, Mr. Hassan Abdel Rahman,

accused the UN peace force (UNIFIL) in Lebanon on Monday of collaborating with Israeli troops that invaded that area on Sunday by letting them through UN lines.

He said at a news conference that "all events indicate that the UN Truce Force in Lebanon (UNTF) had failed to carry out its mandate, which includes supporting Lebanese government authority in the south of the country."

He declared that if the UN had not carried out its mandate, "then by implication" it had collaborated with the Israelis.

KYOTO

SOME 1,000 researchers from 23 countries began meeting in Kyoto, Japan, on Monday to exchange views on treating diseases, increasing food production and developing new energy resources by utilizing micro-organisms.

It was the fourth international symposium on the genetics of industrial micro-organisms.

In his opening speech, Prof. Yonosuke Ikeda of Kyoto University and chairman of the symposium's organizing committee, said that research had now progressed to production of interferon and insulin and believed that the research would contribute to increased food production and energy development.

During the five-day symposium, discussions are expected to be conducted on 232 subjects, which include reconstruction of genes and organs.

ZIMBABWE ASSURED OF AID

ZIMBABWEAN prime minister, Mr. Robert Mugabe said on Monday on his return from a seven-state European tour that there had been a good response to his delegation's approaches for increased aid to Zimbabwe and greater flexibility in the disturbance of aid already pledged.

But in an airport news conference in which he

reviewed his visits to Britain, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, France, Greece and The Netherlands, he did not announce any specific new foreign investment, which is badly needed in Zimbabwe, as a result of the tour.

Mr. Mugabe also reiterated Zimbabwe's rejection of the suggestion by some countries like the United States that the Harare government should enter into bilateral agreements guaranteeing security against the political risks of investments made by firms from those states.

To do this, he said, would be to create a special class of protected

companies with more guarantees than for those already present in the country.

Protection of private property rights as written into the Zimbabwe constitution was sufficient, the prime minister said.

Mr. Mugabe said there would be some encouragement for new investment. The soon-to-be published three-year development plan, and that while there was no need for a written investment code at present, it could be considered in future.

The return of the prime minister and his delegation was delayed one day by the threat of a bomb on his airplane,

which turned out to be a hoax.

The scheduled air Zimbabwe flight from London to Harare made an unscheduled stop at Orly Airport Paris, as a result.

Habre urged to reconcile Chadian factions

EGYPT has expressed hope that the former Chadian defence minister, Mr. Hissene Habre, whose forces captured N'djamena, would make peace among that country's warring factions, the Egyptian news agency reported.

The agency quoted the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Butros Ghali, as saying that Egypt supported Chad's political independence and territorial integrity and the principle of national reconciliation.

"We hope the first step of Mr. Habre will be making a reconciliation with the different Chadian fronts and preventing interference of any foreign troops in his country", Mr. Ghali was quoted as saying.

Egypt supported Mr. Habre with arms and supplies when Libya in-

tervened in Chad in December, 1980.

Sudan, Egypt's main Arab ally, also helped Mr. Habre's forces after the fled the Libyan army in Eastern Chad.



MR HISSENE HABRE former Chadian Defence Minister

MR ROBERT MUGABE

Abortive Seychelles coup: Defendants for trial June 16

THE trial of seven mercenaries charged with involvement in last November's abortive coup in Victoria, Seychelles, will begin on June 16, the Chief Justice, Mr. Earle Seaton, said on Monday.

Six of the accused will be defended by a British lawyer, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, who is also a member of the neutral court. One of the defendants is British, two are Zimbabweans and the remaining four — including a woman are South Africans.

Mr. Fairbairn earlier this year resigned as the solicitor-general of Scotland amid heavy public criticism of his of-

fice's decision not to prosecute a gang of alleged rapists because of insufficient evidence.

He told newsmen on Monday that he intended to raise a legal challenge, but declined to elaborate.

Observers said that they expected him to question whether non-citizens can be prosecuted for treason, the main charge against the seven.

However, under Seychelles' law, foreigners can be tried for treason.

When the trial begins, a jury will be selected and pleas taken from the defendants.

The only accused not defended by Mr. Fairbairn is Martin Delinche, 43, a self-described South African intelligence agency operative, who said that he would conduct his own defence.



UN begins debate on disarmament

THE UN General Assembly opened its second special session on disarmament on Monday and elected as its president for the four and a half-week session, Mr. Ismat Kittani of Iraq, who told delegates "As we speak of disarmament, war is all around us."

He did not mention that his own country is at war with Iran, Israel has invaded Lebanon, Argentina and Britain are in conflict, Afghan forces are fighting Soviet troops, and guerrilla or civil wars are going on in Chad, Western Sahara, Namibia and El Salvador.

Mr. Kittani, president of the 157-nation Assembly's 1981 regular session, was nominated for president of the special session by Mr. Ousman Adeniji of Nigeria, chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session, and was elected by acclamation.

Close looks of confidence

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (left) who recently won a vote of confidence in the Bundestag (lower house of parliament), with France's Josef Strauss, Premier of Bavaria where state elections will be held later this year.

COUNCIL WORKERS BOSS SAYS



Sharks may not play tomorrow

by
Inengisa Soniri

The chances of the Sharks Football Club in maintaining their lead in the national league may be disrupted except the government wades into the industrial action embarked upon by workers of the Rivers State Sports Council.

The chairman of the Workers' Union, Mr. Lawson Amadiwe said that the Sharks will not be allowed to continue in the league until their demands are met.

Among other things, he said, they are asking for condition of service and regular payment of monthly salaries and allowances.

The Sharks club are currently leading in the national division two league and this weekend they are expected to consolidate their position when they meet the Water Corporation Football Club of Ikorin at the Temporary Stadium, Port Harcourt.

But for about two

weeks now the Sharks boys have not been training following the strike action by the sports council workers.

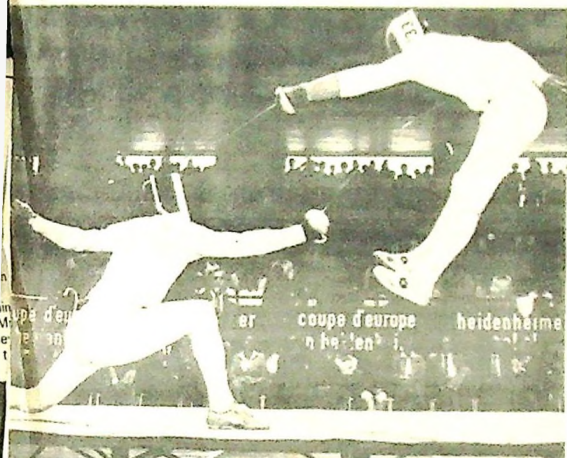
The competition at the Temporary Stadium have been rescheduled and the tyres of all vehicles belonging to the sports council have been punctured and drivers are prevented from conveying athletes including the Sharks for any practice.

In an interview with Nigerian Tide the chairman of the Sports Council Workers' Union, Mr. Amadiwe stated that the Sharks are employees of the council and as such they will not allow work while the strike is on. "They'll not play any match until our demands are met," he maintained.

When contacted both the team manager of the Sharks club Mr. Fentbo George and the coach Mr. Lucien Alieu appealed to the Sports Council Workers' Union not to hinder the Sharks from playing the league competition considering the fact they are the only team in the council that is involved in a national competition.

The same appeal was made by the chairman of the council Mr. E. O. L. Yowika who assured the workers that their grievances will be made known to the government of the state.

Meanwhile the Sharks boys have seized the opportunity of the latest development in the sports council to have a long recess. Some of them are seen either relaxing at their homes or loitering about on the streets.



Award winning picture

SPORTS photographer Dieter Baumann from Ludwigsburg in the Federal Republic of Germany won the first prize in the "junior" category - participants under the age of

30 - in the photo competition staged by the international sports press - AIPS.

Photographers from throughout the world were entitled to take part in this AIPS-sponsored

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This is the second time that the "juniors" section has been staged with Baumann winning it both times. His photo above shows a scene from the European Cup for Epée Fencing in Heidenheim.

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Shipping boss held over N2m fraud attempt

A top executive of Port Harcourt-based shipping firm, and a company's sales representative are now being interrogated by anti-crime detectives from the Rivers State Police Command, following their alleged involvement in an attempted N28,000 bank fraud.

by Monday Frank

Detectives looking into the matter, have now uncovered what they termed "the Enugu connection", while a master signature (larger based in the Anambra State capital, and who is believed to be a vital element in the alleged crime has since gone underground.

Meanwhile, the major exhibit in the alleged offence, two cheque leaves belonging to two different banks in Port Harcourt, are meticulously being studied by the crime officers who are working on the theory that they might have been stolen and used for the near successful operation.

According to confirmed police sources, the suspects were said to have colluded to steal the cheque leaves belonging to the shipping company and subsequently engaged the services of an Enugu-based master forger to reproduce the signature of the company's director.

After the bizarre deal, the suspects were alleged to have deposited the cheques with one of the banks for clearance, but on a hunch, the police picked them up at the bank's counter as one of them was about to cash the sum of N27,400 out of the N28,000.

The names of the arrested persons are still being withheld by investigating detectives but a senior cop told our crime correspondents who called at the C.I.D. office that the suspects have made useful

Japan's former Transport Minister, Mr Tomosaburo Hashimoto has been found guilty of receiving a N13,333 bribe in the Lockheed pay-off case and sentenced to a suspended two-and-half-year prison term.

The Tokyo District Court, in the third round of rulings on Lockheed trial defendants, also handed a suspended two-year prison term to former Deputy Transport Minister, Mr Takayuki Sato.

The minister and the deputy were ordered to pay N13,333 and N5,300 respectively as fines.

The two senior Liberal Democrats are two of

Japanese minister jailed for bribery

the three elected officials on trial in the Lockheed case for allegedly receiving bribe money from All Nippon Airways (ANA), Japan's largest domestic airline, in 1972 in return for their "contributions" towards sales of Lockheed Tristars in Japan.

UPN fortunes in Bendel under threat

THE rift between the Bendel State Government and the state House of Assembly over the controversial issue of the creation of 59 local government councils in the state has continued to widen, with series of inconclusive meetings to resolve the near-two-month-old palaver.

As the sad development casts gloomy shadow over the fate of the ruling party, UPN in the forthcoming 1983 general elections in the state, a body which called itself the "Thursday Circle" has stepped into the rumpus, in a bid to resolve the crisis and save the party from self-destruction.

The body, made up of commissioners, board chairmen and top party members who are worried by the on-going trend, has already met under an atmosphere of crisis to map out reconciliatory strategies, but the meeting as usual, failed as it ended halfway in confusion.

Addressing a crucial press conference in Benin recently, the chairman of the "Circle", Dr Bayo Akerele regretted that the issue of the creation of the local government councils had disturbingly become a serious source of threat to the political fortunes of the UPN in the state.

He spoke of what he termed "the long and short-term adverse ef-

fects of the political turmoil on the people of the state", and admitted that the situation was seriously militating against the efforts to achieve any form of even development in the state.

Meanwhile, the job of the "Thursday Circle" has been described as very complex, and difficult, as the body would not only endeavour to maintain the posture of an impartial arbiter but also work with dispatch to save the fast deteriorating image of the UPN in the state.

Political observers in the state fear that if the rumpus between the executive and the legislature is allowed to persist much longer, the final collapse of the administration would be imminent, and the future of democracy would be hanging on the balance in the state.

YOU'RE WARNED!

WATCH that "Peak milk" you buy, it could be harmful to your health! This is the message from the Food and Drug Inspectorate Division of the Federal Ministry of Health in Port Harcourt, following the discovery of large quantities of adulterated Peak milk, now circulating in the Rivers State.

Breaking the news to journalists in Port Harcourt yesterday, the officer-in-charge of the division, Mr Johnson Olu Adeguro said the fake commodity found its way into the country through some unscrupulous elements in the society.

by Harold Ekeke

He disclosed that his men made the discovery last Tuesday, during their routine official duties in one of the markets in the city, adding that in view of its perils to the health of the society, it had become necessary to issue a public warning.

The discovered fake Peak milk, he warned posed serious health hazards and it would be in the best interest of members of the public, to ensure that the deadly product was carefully avoided as much as possible.

Meanwhile, he announced that his men have spread their dragnets, in a bid to ascertain the true circumstances surrounding its entry into the country, with Abu in line

State strongly believed to be the base of the deadly commodity.

Mr Adeguro disclosed that some of the traders caught with the commodity, have already confessed that they purchased their stock from Abu, adding that his men were very much determined to smash the "ring".

He gave some tit-bits that could help members of the public differentiate the fake from the real Peak. These include: the disparity in their respective packs, method of packing, as well as the trade mark inscription "Peak milk evaporated" which appeared on the four rectangular dices of the fake pack, instead

of on the two sides as the real product. The officer spoke of the harm already done to

public health in the state, due to the sale of the fake product, and announced that its content

has been sent to Lagos for detailed laboratory analysis.



Mr Adeguro displays tins of the adulterated "Peak milk" already in circulation in the state. Picture by A. Opiah.

Ghana shuts foreign missions

Ghana has decided to close a number of its diplomatic missions abroad in view of the country's economic problems. Foreign Ministry sources quoted by the Ghana News Agency said.

The missions concerned are those in Denmark, Korea, Mal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Uganda and Zambia, while the case of Egypt is still being considered.

World oil demand will rise from 40 million barrels per day in 1981 to 42 million, this year, according to Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister, Dr Subroto.

Speaking at the eleventh annual convention of the Indonesian Petroleum Association last Tuesday, Dr Subroto said that the international oil market would improve in the third and fourth quarters of this year. Dr Subroto stated that this would help Indonesia's oil production, which has been voluntarily cut from 1.6 to 1.2 million barrels per day in line with the OPEC production decision.

Meanwhile, the Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines, Mr Humberto Cardenas, has disclosed that the demand for OPEC oil will climb to 55.5 million barrels per day in the third quarter of the year and 22.5 million barrels a day in the fourth quarter.

Demand for oil to rise

Mr Bert said in Caracas that the increased demand would be due partly to the need of the industrialized countries to replenish oil inventories which were being used up at the rate of three million barrels per day. He also maintained that the upward pressure on prices on

the spot market since OPEC lifted its 17.5 MBD production ceiling would force North Sea oil producers to raise prices by July.

He said this would demonstrate that OPEC rather than North Sea, properly determined oil prices.

The minister added that Venezuela was capable of increasing its output by at least 200,000 barrels per day, but would not do so, out of solidarity with OPEC.