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LT GENERAL T. Y. DANJUMA
Chief of Army Staff

They're to pay ₦15,000

THE September rampage by a group of soldiers at Abakpa Nike in Enugu last year, will now cost all soldiers residing in Enugu capital of Anambra State, the sum of ₦15,000.

This followed the assessment of the damage done during the rampage in which about three vehicles and bicycles were burnt by irate soldiers.

Announcing this while briefing newsmen, the Army public relations officer in Enugu, Lt H. S. O Onordaiho, disclosed that each soldier in Enugu would be surcharged and that the share allotted to any soldier was expected to be completed by two monthly deductions.

by Victor Onyeukwe

He also told the press that for security reasons, all signposts at army locations in the country had been removed following a directive from the Army Command Headquarters.

Earlier, while briefing the army command in the state capital, the commanding officer of the First Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier D. Y. Bali, warned the troops against taking the laws into their hands even in the face of serious provocation and reminded them that they owed it as a duty by their calling to protect the citizens of this country.

He advised them always to live in harmony with their civilian brothers and further observed that as human beings they were susceptible to provocation but advised them that their only reaction to such provocation was to report such incident to their superior officers for necessary actions.

The commander warned against a repetition of such an incident adding that further reoccurrence would be drastically viewed and declared: "You will have to pay for all the damages caused by you."

ABU chief accountant charged

THE chief accountant of the Institute of Health, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Morolayo A. Mahdi, has been arraigned before the Kaduna chief magistrate's court on charges of criminal conspiracy, falsification of accounts, and criminal breach of trust involving more than N81,960 belonging to her employers.

Other accused officials connected with the case are Lasi Otogun an (accountant), Adeoh Atabor and Maxwell Enewa, both clerks.

The accused persons were alleged to have conspired with one Alhaji Sikiru Oladejo and Alhaji Baba Ouda — both registered contractors — with the Institute of Health, Zaria, to commit the offence.

Prosecuting Police Inspector Sale Fale of the CID, Kaduna, requested the court to grant him long adjournment to enable the police conduct more investigation into the case.

Escapee 'smuggler' ends up in hospital

A MAN, suspected to be a smuggler, jumped down from a two-storey building in a bid to escape police arrest, is now on dangerous list at the General Hospital, Port Harcourt, police sources confirmed at the weekend.

The man whose identity is still being withheld by detectives from the state C.I.D. Headquarters, Port Harcourt, is said to be the "kingpin" of a new breed of syndicate specialised in smuggling goods from the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) wharf with forged documents.

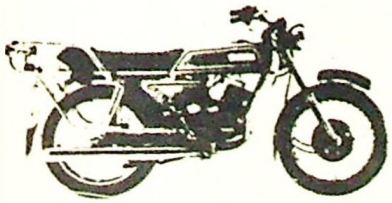
According to the police the man had carried away some 300 cartons of cube sugar with some forged local purchase orders (LPOs) belonging to a local importing firm in the state capital.

Following a tip-off, detectives mobilised a surprise raid at a secret rendezvous, believed to be the headquarters of the syndicate.

During the surprise raid, more than 120 cartons of cube sugar were also to be discovered in a black market at give away prices were immediately recovered by detectives.

The police said of the hospitalised suspect: "We must take good care of him since he is the only person we know to work our investigations."

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APPLICANT SENT TO ASSIZES

SENIOR Magistrate F. I. Eruba, sitting at an Omoku senior magistrate's court has committed an applicant who was standing trial before him on a three-count charge of breaking, entering and stealing to the Ahoada assizes at the end of the preliminary investigation into the case.

Police Sergeant Marcus Ogori who led the prosecution had told the court that the accused person Simon Ike on January 4, 1978 at Omoku broke and entered into the dwelling house of Dick Ohaiete.

He was also said to have stolen one matchet valued N1.80, one gents black shoe valued N6.00, one mirror valued 25k one matchet valued 5k and sum of N100.00 total valued N109.10 property of Dick Ohaiete.



'Buster for the nation'

This is surely a buster for the nation. Nigeria's population was increased by a set of triplets.

The triplets were delivered to Mr and Mrs Tene at Numa Maternity Home, Warri.

Mr Tene who works in the Inland Waterways Department, Warri now has ten children. Mrs Tene earlier had one child and three sets of twins and now triplets.

The triplets are a set of two girls and a boy.

A baby food company, Abbot Laboratories (Nig.) Ltd has volunteered to feed the babies for a year. More aid is being urged for the family through Numa Maternity Home, Box 223, Warri.

In the picture are Mrs Tene and the sister in charge of the maternity home carrying the babies while their father, Mr Tene looks on.

Water wanted in markets

THE Oyo State Commissioner for Local Government and Information, Mr Ayantayo Ayandele, has called on the various communities in the State to make provision for water in the various markets they had established or intend to establish.

The commissioner made the call in Ibadan, while exchanging views with the state's chief fire officer, Mr Lekan Adeleye at the fire services headquarters Agodi, Ibadan.

Mr Ayandele said, availability of water in the markets would make it easier to combat fire outbreaks.

He noted with regret the alarming rate of fire outbreaks in the country generally and said that positive steps were needed to contain them.

One of such steps, he suggested, was by educating the public on how to prevent occurrence of fire.

In his own speech, the fire officer attributed the cause of fire outbreaks, among others, to carelessness and bush burning around residential areas.



CHIEF A. U. D. MBAH

Mbah is laity council chairman

Chief Adolphus, U. D. Mbah, Commissioner in the Imo State Teaching Service Commission, has been elected National Chairman of the National Laity Council of Nigeria.

He succeeds the late Mr Raymond Amanze Njoku, a former Federal Minister who collapsed at the Port Harcourt airport on his way to Rome last year.

The National Laity Council of Nigeria is the highest Council of laymen in the Roman Catholic Church in Nigeria.

Its functions include advising the clergy on issues involving the Lay Apostolate in keeping with the spirit of Ecumenism.

Chief Mbah, a former member of parliament and also a traditional ruler in Ikeduru in the Mbaitoli-Ikeduru local government area of Imo State, was elected at the sixth annual general meeting attended by representatives of 29 Catholic dioceses, held at the Seminary of Saints Peter and Paul, Ibadan.

He is a knight of St. Murumba and was decorated a Knight Commander of St Sylvester by Pope Paul VI in 1974.

Impersonation accused to wait till Feb. 2

THE price control division of the Imo State High Court currently sitting in Umuahia has fixed February 2, 1978 for hearing a case of impersonation against one Benjamin Okereke.

The accused was alleged to have presented himself as a price control inspector at 32 Mbaise Road, Owerri on January 10, 1978.

Outlining the facts of the case earlier, a prosecuting price control inspector Mr Mike Nwankwo told the court that Okereke walked into a store belonging to one Alfred Anyanwu and posed as a price control inspector.

Suspicious of his identity, the prosecution alleged, the complainant informed the price control committee in Owerri and the accused person was apprehended.

The accused who had pleaded not guilty to the charge was granted bail in the sum of N1,000 and one surety in the same amount.

In the same court, two traders Augustine Anyaka of No. 1 Owus Street, Owerri and Innocent Ezenwa of No. 6 Amaigbo Street, Owerri pleaded guilty to a charge of N300 or nine months imprisonment each having been found guilty of flouting the price control laws.

42 Justices sworn in

THE Chief Judge of Imo State, Mr Justice C. A. Oputa has said that the first and main duty of justices of the peace was the preservation of peace within areas of jurisdiction.

He said, "As administrative officers, you are concerned with the maintenance of peace without which the day to day administration of the state becomes difficult, if not impossible".

Mr Justice Oputa made the statement on the occasion of the swearing in ceremonies of 42 administrative officers as justices of the peace at the Owerri high court.

He stated that the officers had the powers, rights and duties of magistrates on issue of summonses and warrants for the purposes of compelling the attendance of accused persons or witnesses before a court.

They, also, he said, had the power to issue writs of summons and summonses in civil cases and to remand accused persons not convicted of crime to a magistrate's court.

The issue of search warrants, the taking of solemn affirmations and statutory declarations and the administration of any oath which might be required to be taken before magistrate in the exercise of any of the jurisdiction and power conferred on them by law, Mr Oputa maintained, were inclusive of their powers.

Concerning the congestion of cases in courts, he expressed the desire to introduce legislation to give them extra and requisite powers to deal with cases judicially.

Mr Justice Oputa was optimistic that with the new local government set up the authorities would in due course consider the need to increase the powers of administrative officers as justices of the peace in the country.

He told them to get themselves ready for the 1979 general elections.

Wheel chair offered

A CHARITABLE institution — the Prosthetic and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre at Ihe, Awgu local government area of Anambra State, resumes operations early next month.

The centre was destroyed by fire last year.

To this effect, the director of the centre, Chief E. C. Aniagu has invited disabled persons who had need for wheel-chairs to report at the centre in person any time from now, for free supply of wheel-chairs.

He also invited disabled persons and destitutes who would want to learn useful trades to support themselves, to come forward and register as inmate-trainees at the centre.

The centre at the moment has accommodation for at least 120 persons.

EDITORIAL

ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

IT IS clearly the responsibility of the government to provide social facilities and service them. No state government would be right, therefore, to pass on this responsibility to taxpayers on the specious ground that its finances are lean or that it desires to "cut its clothes according to its size" or the way round. It is wrong, very wrong, for the government to deny taxpayers basic amenities on any ground whatsoever. To do that would amount to blissful abdication of responsibility.

OF RECENT, however, the Imo State government has come up with a funny idea about how to conserve its resources. It has decided to stop feeding patients in state-owned hospitals. And the reason for this manifestly heartless and immoral decision is that it could not afford the money to subsidise the cost of feeding. No matter how parlous the finances of the Imo State government might be, there can be no justification for abdicating its responsibility to the people. The decision to stop feeding hospital patients should be revoked. It approximates something of a scandal.

ANOTHER area which the Imo State government should do some rethinking is education. It has decided, obviously on economic grounds, to cease subsidising boarding accommodation in post-primary institutions. Thus parents have now to bear the extra burden of fending for their children who are boarded. This is apart from the increased boarding fees recommended by the Federal Military Government.

IT IS SUCH a pity that the government does not seem to bother too much about the difference between what it says and what it does. But that is what credibility is all about. If the people were told that it was the policy to make educational opportunity available to all at a cost that could be met by all levels of the society, they would naturally feel deceived if this declaration turns to be the very opposite. We feel that care should be exercised in order not to create such credibility gap as would be difficult to bridge.

WHILST, therefore, the logic of our dwindling economy compels austere measures, it is very important that we select our targets with care. There is no doubt that there are many holes in our spending behaviour that could be closed without any disadvantage to the taxpayers. The government should direct its efforts at conserving its scarce resources to these areas rather than depriving the people of their basic social amenities.

BY ALL means, let us beat inflation. By all means, let us ward off the threatening "oil doom" but let us not in so doing behave as if the government can no longer meet its primary obligations to the people, particularly at a time like this when we are about to change nations.

STRENGTHEN FIRE SERVICES

ONE of the main causes of tragedies in the country in recent times is fire outbreaks. It is so terrifying that the mere mention of the word "Fire" conjures up a scene of some episode in an individual's mind.

In recent times, there have been continuous reports of fire outbreaks in parts of the country.

This indeed, has posed a problem not only to the government, but to Nigerians, who are becoming increasingly worried over this tragedy.

Many factors have been blamed for the fire problem. Some people blame those who use gas cylinders for cooking. Others blame the intermittent shortage of petrol which invariably make people to store petrol at home.

Some in a frenzy to make money, secretly transport petrol to densely populated areas, only to be transferred into containers with the aid of candle flame. The result is better imagined.

Lagos alone lost 21 lives and N15 million naira worth of goods in conflagration last year. It is also on record as having witnessed the blazing within a fortnight of two public institutions — The General Post Office and the National Petroleum Corporation. No man can predict the next victim.

From the look of things, our fire services have contributed very little to combat the menace of devastating fire outbreaks. Inadequate water supply is now a common excuse by fire fighters.

Our governments should now step in and revitalise the fire services in the Federation, if not sooner or later we all shall be consumed by fire.

IBIM OWUSO
Lagos

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

Bring down transport cost in PH

IT is very disheartening to see that things worth doing are not done and those which are not are done. Despite the long cry and yearning of the public to be relieved from this situation, the authorities concerned have paid dead ears to it.

This concerns the Nigerian Railway Corporation which had abnormally increased it's fares, to almost 200% per drop in Port Harcourt. If one enters the coach from the local railways stop to Mile 1 market, he is to pay a fare of 5k instead of the former 5k.

This inflation is paying great difficulties to members of the public who thought the introduction of train services would save them pains from private bus services in the city.

I appeal to the authorities to come to the aid of the people and bring down the cost of transportation in Port Harcourt.

ILODEAMI M. NOPHO
Port Harcourt.

PROBES: LET'S KNOW ABOUT REFUNDS

Reading published reports of commissions of inquiries and knowing how secret and irregular financial dealings are discovered in their magnitude, gladdens the minds of every well meaning person.

Whether or not such lost and found money are recovered is not however made as public as the reports of inquiries.

Should we not know of the refunds made by whom and at what level?

I think if such information are published, people will be more than happy.

I. I. IBIBAMA
Port Harcourt.

Water shortage: Continue helping us

THE present trend of acute shortage of water being the Port Harcourt municipality is more or less reduced to a considerable level by the Railway Corporation, Port Harcourt.

Day and night people from all walks of life queue up at the Railway Station with their water containers waiting for their own turn, to get water from the taps.

Teenagers who live in the main township have constructed small trucks, cars etc to fetch water with. They are seen dragging them along the streets to the Railway Station.

But sometimes the Railway authorities lock the taps. This leads to a lot of inconveniences.

On this, I should appeal to the Railway authorities to please continue to help members of the public.

OWE BOKIRI DEDGE.
Port Harcourt.

Reactivate this market

Okogbaghe Ogbia in Brass Local Government Authority Area (BALGA) of the Rivers State had a market before the Nigerian civil war. This market ceased to function since after the civil war, this was as a result of essential facilities damaged during the war.

It is rather disheartening and painful indeed that up till now this market has not been reactivated. People in the area especially the workers travel all the way from the town to Yenagoa to buy food stuffs and other essential commodities. From the town to Yenagoa is quite a long distance.

I therefore call on all concerned to come to our aid and start the opening of the market as a matter of urgency. Because then will be a reduction in the cost of transportation to enable the people purchase essential commodities at cheaper rates.

ALEXANDER M. IKIENI
Okogbaghe Ogbia

Don't fail to register for the 1979 general elections. it is your opportunity to elect leaders of your choice.

NUJ TEAM VISITS UGHELLI

A team of journalists visited Ogiriigbo in the Ughelli Local Government area in Bendel State during their press week tour of the state. The delegation was led by Mr V. Osuta (in the centre) Bendel State Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists.

Photograph shows Mr Rufus O. Isaac, social secretary of the Bendel State Council of Nigeria Union of Journalists receiving a donation of N250.00 on behalf of the union from Mr D. D. Opuama, managing director, Opuama electrical company.

Closer tie with Norway urged

THE Military Governor of Bendel State, Commodore Husaini Abdullahi, has called for a closer and fruitful co-operation between his government and that of Norway in economic development.

The governor made the call in Benin City when the Norwegian Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr A. Bothner, paid him a courtesy call.

Commodore Abdullahi told the Norwegian diplomat that the state has many areas of economic potentialities and expressed the hope that the state would benefit from the experience of Norway in fishing, agriculture and marine technology.

Replying, Mr Bothner said his country has followed with great interest the development programme of Nigeria and hoped that they might be of help.

He reiterated the wish of Norway to continue to maintain the already cordial relation existing between his country and Nigeria.

The diplomat later presented a book on the various aspects of Norwegian life to Commodore Abdullahi.



COMDR. ABDULLAHI



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Lagos.

All applications must reach the above address on or before March 5, 1978.

Jema' a demands free hand in school

AN appeal has been made by the chairman of Jema'a Local Government to the Kaduna State Government to allow the Local Government Councils in the State build post-primary institutions.

Making this appeal, the chairman of Jema'a Local Government Mr Samuel Audu said that this requesition, if granted by the state government, would alleviate the present plight of those stranded primary school leavers who have not found seats in the existing colleges in the state.

As an interim measure, the chairman called on the state government to allow the various communities in the state to set up secondary schools and vocational institutions.

As regards technical and teacher training colleges, he elaborated that they should be handled solely by the state government.

The chairman said this advice should be heeded by the state government in order to arrest any turmoil which might arise as a result of the displaced primary school leavers.

BRIEFS

Ibadan

ONE of the problems facing Nigerian publishers is lack of good quality paper, as a result of which these materials have to be imported.

Another problem is the acute shortage of experienced workers in the book printing industry, resulting in foreigners being used.

These problems were highlighted in Ibadan by the Oyo State Commissioner for Education, Mr Abidoye Babalola while performing the formal launching of a book written by Professor Michael Echeruo of the University of Ibadan. The book titled "Victorian Lagos" was published by Macmillan Nigerian Publishers' Limited.

Oyun

MORE than 45 co-operative thrift and credit societies have registered and are now operating successfully in Kwara State.

Some of them are also federating into secondary bodies known as Thrift and Credit Unions in Irepodun and Oyun local government areas.

This was disclosed by the state's chief registrar of co-operative societies, Mr S. A. Ologe in Ilorin at the official presentation of certificate of registration to the Kwara Co-operative Federation Staff Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society.

While commending the efforts of members Mr Ologe urged other employees of co-operative unions and everybody in the state to start their own thrift and credit societies.

Ezinifite

THE Ezinifite community in Aguata local government area realised on the spot a total of about N40,000.00 during the launching ceremony of Ezinifite Boys Secondary School project.

The highlight of the ceremony was the handing over of a dormitory block built by a young financier and philanthropist of Onitsha, Mr Christian Umejiaku to members of the board of governors of the school, who said this was his own contribution to the education needs of the town.

The ceremony was graced by the Eze-Ugo Ato I of Ezinifite Chief S. E. Ofomata who also donated N1,000.00.

Ilorin

THE Operation Feed the Nation scheme has successfully created awareness on shortage of food in the country. To this end, the scheme has encouraged everybody to engage in active farming.

This view was expressed by the secretary, Kwara State Operation Feed the Nation committee, Chief S. A. Ajayi, at an interview in Ilorin.

Chief Ajayi stated that to encourage farmers, the State committee distributed a large quantity of hoes, cutlasses and other farming implements at subsidised rates.

TOMBIA OPENS NEW MARKET



CHIEF E. B. ORUMAN

A N4,000 market embarked upon by the Tombia Ekpetiama community in the Yenagoa local government area under self-help project has been opened.

People from all walks of life including the supervisory councillor for health and market, Mr S. O. Sikpi attended the opening ceremony.

Addressing chiefs and elders of the town, Mr Sikpi urged communities not to sit idle for government to do everything for them.

He said that "self efforts goes a long way in development of any country" he declared.

The councillor assured the people of his council's readiness to assist communities which embarked on viable projects. Self-help projects, he added would help to stabilize the economy of the area.

He called on other communities to emulate the efforts of the Tombia Ekpetiama community by embarking on self-help projects.

MAN DIES AT 107

THE head of Amughan group of Abua in Abua/Odual district of the Rivers State, Chief Elenwa Bestman Oruman, died at his home town, Owerewere, at the age of 107 years after a brief illness.

He was a celebrated hunter, wrestler, dancer and is survived by nine children and forty grand children.

His burial ceremony was attended by distinguished personalities from all over the district.

N100,000 VESSEL CAN'T REACH P'HARCOURT

Mystery of boat gift to Rivers

TWO boats worth N100,000 have been acquired by the directorate of the National Youth Service Corps for use in the riverine areas of the Rivers State.

The vessels are since ready for delivery to the state secretariat, but they had not been collected. This was stated by the director of the scheme, Col S. J. Omojokun.

Col Omojokun who made the disclosure in Port Harcourt shortly on arrival with the hope of making use of the boats with his entourage got a surprise shock when he was told that the vessels had not been received by the state secretariat.

He said the boats were of modern standard.

The cause of the delay in the delivery of the boats was not known to the director.

The acting chief inspector of NYSC in the state, Mr M. Lawson, was also unaware of the gift.

Col Omojokun said he appreciated the peculiar problems of the Rivers people as regards transportation and that was why the boats were bought.

The Federal Inland Waterways Department of the Federal Ministry of Transports, he disclosed, was to deliver the vessels. The boats were still undelivered before he returned to Lagos at the end of the visit.

Agriculture seen as Nigeria's last hope

"IF Nigeria is to survive as a strong and agriculturally self-reliant nation, her best line of action is to embark on farm mechanization now."

This opinion was expressed by the Ohio State Commissioner for agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr Olusola Ogunsola, while exchanging views with members of the British Agricultural Engineering mission to Nigeria who paid him a courtesy call in Ibadan.

The commissioner remarked that hoes and cutlasses had outlived their usefulness and must give way to modern agricultural machinery and equipment.

He expressed the hope that the country would soon realise that only large-scale farm mechanization could save the country from famine and prevent the continued importation of foodstuffs.

To buttress his argument, he stated that in 1977 alone, the country spent N250 million to import foodstuffs and livestock.

The commissioner told the visitors that three major constraints impeding the mechanization programme were manpower shortage, lack of technical know-how and unavailability of adequate machinery, equipment and spare parts.

Gbadebo is hopeful

THE Resident Federal Electoral Commissioner in the Rivers State, Mrs Yetunde Gbadebo has re-iterated the determination of the Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO) to make the 1979 general elections in the country, a success.

The commissioner gave the assurance at Abonnema in continuation of her tour of local government areas of the state.

She called on all eligible persons resident in the area to register their names in the voters list.

Mrs Gbadebo told them that they would not be called upon to vote or be voted for during the elections if they did not register.

She warned the people not to impede registration officers in the discharge of their official duties, anybody caught doing so would be punished by law, she added.

Accounts clerk charged over alleged forgery

A FORMER accounts clerk in the Rivers State Ministry of Education, Port Harcourt, has appeared before Chief Magistrate R. C. Nzeribe on a six count charge of forgery and stealing.

The man, Godfrey Wuchem was alleged to have in April 1975, at the ministry's zonal office, Obio, forged payment voucher No. TPV 2010, 2193, 2196 and 2180 by inserting fictitious names in them.

He was also alleged to have stolen N419.64k, property of the Rivers State Government.

Led in evidence by the prosecution, Chief J. Ikiroma-Owiye of the ministry told the court that he was in charge of schools in Obio when only fourteen labourers were employed before he left for overseas course.

He further stated that when he returned, names on the vouchers had been increased to twenty-two.

Hearing was later adjourned to February 23, 1978.

'Even some teachers are truants'

The chairman of Khana district schools management committee in Bori local government area, Chief M. S. H. Eguru, has again decried the increasing rate of indiscipline among teachers of primary schools in the area.

He noticed these faults with the teachers during his surprise visits to some of the schools in the area.

At a briefing in his office at Taabaa the chairman revealed that arrangements were being made to supply all teachers of primary institutions with exit-cards.

The move, he explained, is aimed at limiting absenteeism and other forms of indiscipline among teachers.

When ready, any teacher who wished to absent himself from duty would have the card signed by the head teacher. This would be countersigned by the chairman, he said.

The chairman further advised teachers to desist from acts of indiscipline, stressing that stringent measures await any future defaulters.

PRESS RELEASE

Schedule of Inspection of Abandoned Farms

BY THE

Abandoned Farms Committee

ETCHE

S.No	Name of Claimant	Location of Farm	Proposed date of Inspection
1.	Alfred O. Obi	Umurechem	
2.	A Okpara	Umuechem	
3.	Andrew Uzomba & R. Nwosu	Obokocho	
4.	Dr. E. Onuma	Igwi	
5.	Samuel Agomo	Ikwerre Ngwo	1—5 2 78
6.	R. C. Walson	Umuebule	
7.	Uzuegbu Chukwukere	Okoraigu	
8.	L. N. Obioha & Sons Ltd.	Abara	
9.	Obi Ezenwile	Abara	
10.	Abraham Mmonaka	Umudike II	
11.	A. N. Okoye & Sons Co. Ltd.	Umuaniloke Umudu Umuanu-loke	
12.	G. E. Atuenyi	Umuahali	
13.	Michael M. Ezeogu	Umudu Umuanu-loke	
14.	Peter Achalu	Umuakpile	
15.	David A. Madubuike	Umuovoro	7—10 2 78
16.	R. U. Epuechi	Umuobuo	
17.	Fredrick Nwosu	Umunwacha Ofeh	
18.	C. A. C. Ikwuonye	Umunachi	
19.	Godwin I. Ibekunonye	Umuagwa	
20.	Obi Ezenwile	Umuobono Obioha	
21.	A. Madu	Egbu Umuneweze	
22.	Friday Ugwuzor	Eberi	
23.	E. O. Osuagwu	Igbodo	
24.	A. N. Okoye	Igbodo	
25.	L. O. Nwogu	Ndiobi	
26.	Daniel Nwaigwe	Igbodo	
27.	A. N. Okorodor	Umuodeti Ndiobi	13—17 2 78
28.	Agu Ede	Umuola-Obibi	
29.	S. I. Ahaneku	—	
30.	Lazarus D. Ahaneku	Umuola-Obibi	
31.	Reuben O. Egbuonu	Odogwu	
32.	R. D. Egbuonu	Umuenyimma Odogwu	
33.	Emmanuel Okoro	Ogba	
34.	Lazarus O. Ibekwe	Ogida	
35.	Mathias Udumbu	Elele	
36.	John A. Ekeme	Elele	20—24 2 78
37.	Joy Aranganoh	Elele	
38.	G. I. Ibekwem	Umuagba	
39.	G. O. Igbodem	Abara	

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S.No	Name of Claimant	Location of Farm	Proposed date of Inspection
1.	Ferdinand Okafor	Coronation Lay-out P.H.	
2.	Godwin Egbudom	Okwudor Diobu	
3.	J. O. Elekwa	Rumuomasi	27 2 78
4.	Francis Nmonye	Rumuokuta	to
5.	Standford Ukpabi D.	Rumuokuta	3 3 78
6.	Green Mbadiwe	Igwurita	
7.	Ibenwuchi Okorie	Igwurita	
8.	B. A. Uchendu	Egbelu-Igwurita	
9.	Emmanuel Okoro	Igwurita	
10.	W. K. Ajoku	Igwurita	
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21.	Nnana Wosu	Isiokpo	20 3 78
22.	I. J. Enwuzor	Isiokpo	
23.	Amaonyi Wosu	Elele	
24.	Green Mbadiwe	Elele	
25.	S. U. Achuku	Elele	21, 22, 23
26.	Okerie Mbagwu	Elele	24 and 27th
27.	I. C. A. Onuoha	Elele	March,
28.	I. Duru	Elele	1978
29.	Okorie Mbagu Okwa-rashu	Elele	
30.	Jeremiah Okwudo	Elele	
31.	J. A. Anugom	Elele-Alimini	
32.	Ignatius Onyeobi	Umudioga	
33.	U. N. Chinaka	Omanelu	
34.	Onwuyiegba	Omanelu	28—30 3 78
35.	O. Nwegu	Omuagwo-Oma-	
36.	Peter Akpeiu	Omanelu	
37.	Nnofum Iwanya	Omanelu	
38.	Okorocha Mbagwu	Omanelu	
39.	Samuel O. Oli	Umuagwo-Oma-nelu	
40.	J. N. Iloanya	Umuagwo-Oma-nelu	3—7 4 78
41.	Nathan O. Mbaegbu	Omanelu	
42.	J. M. Iwanya	Omanelu	
43.	Michael Nwankwor	Omanelu	
44.	W. Mbachu	Iriebe	
45.	W. N. Mbachu	Iriebe	
46.	L. O. Iwanyawu	Iriebe	
47.	A. O. Nzeku	Iriebe	
48.	N. O. Mgete	Iriebe	
49.	J. O. Ogolo	Iriebe	10—14 4 78
50.	Amadi Ekumbo	Iriebe	
51.	Lee & Sons	Iriebe	
52.	D. Onuoha	—	
53.	E. E. Mmonye	Rumuokuta	

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S.No	Name of Claimant	Location of Farm	Proposed date of Inspection
1.	Chike Ibe	Obrikom	
2.	Peter Ibiah	Obrikom & Ebocha	
3.	Omacha	Obrikom	
4.	Iwugezia Chikwe	Obrikom	17th-21st
5.	Simon Aligbakem	Obrikom	and
6.	Theodore I. Omacha	Obrikom	24th-25th
7.	Iwuala Nwosu	Obrikom	April, 1978
8.	Ekeogu Ibeam	—	
9.	Osuagwu Chikwem	Obie-Omoku	

ELEME

S.No	Name of Claimant	Location of Farm	Proposed date of Inspection
1.	Frank Onuzuoki	Etoo & Ebubu	
2.	A. Nwogo	Akpajo	26—28 4 78
3.	Nathan Echefru	Nsabi-Sime Tai	

Recruitment of Doctors into the Nigeria Police Force

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Nigerians for appointment into the Nigeria Police Medical Services for the post of Medical Officers:—

(1) Doctors:

Qualifications: A degree or diploma registerable with the Nigerian Medical Council.

(2) Salary: Level 09. Negotiable according to qualification and experience.

(3) Age: Must be under 35 years.

(4) Conditions of Service:
Entrants will be liable to the Nigeria Police Force conditions of service as laid down in the Nigeria Police Force Regulations.

(5) Duties: Medical Officers will be ready to serve in any part of the Federation where the Nigeria Police Medical Services Clinics are located.

(6) Method of Application:

All applications should be directed to the:—

Inspector-General of Police,
'A' Department,
Force Headquarters,
Moloney Street,
Lagos.

All applications must reach the above address on or before March 3, 1978.

BORI LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited from Contractors registered with the Rivers State Works Registration Board and Bori Local Government for the following building projects.

CONTRACT NO. BOLGA/2/77–78
DETAILS OF PROJECTS:

(i) Construction of one administrative block in Bori main market.
(ii) Construction of one administrative block in Obigbo main market.
(iii) Construction of one administrative block in Nchia main market
(iv) Construction of one administrative block in Kaa Waterside market
(v) Construction of a fenced motor park in Taabaa.

Interested Contractors are requested to report at the Office of the Acting Secretary to Bori Local Government to obtain official tender documents. It should be noted that a Contractor is not expected to tender for more than one project.

A non-refundable processing fee of ₦10.00 is payable into the Local Government Treasury. Relevant Treasury receipt must be produced before tender documents are issued out.

Completed tender documents must be returned in sealed envelopes to the Acting Secretary to reach him on or before Friday 10th February, 1978. The envelopes must be marked with contract number and title at the top left hand corner.

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N. COOKEY-GAM
for: *Acting Secretary, Bori Local Government*

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ON THE ROCKS

Yesterday it was all kisses
and strolls in the moon-light
They vowed to love each other
through rain or sun; night and day
together they built a mansion
warm and bright with love
the garden rich with blooming flowers
the harvest truly great and sweet.

Today all is gone sour
the roots rot us — and no excuse
the husband is always out fiddling
the wife somewhere gossiping
the children home alone crying
a great mansion and such severe cold
darkness everywhere and no excuse

To the world they pretend
all is well like yesterday

Yet they are not even grey
They don't belong to any clubs anymore
Where are all the yesterdays' today?

The great harmattan

In my village
no bird ever eats kola-nuts
Together we fly
from continent to continent
and dive into all the oceans
returning in the harmattan

When the leaves are falling
all crackled and curling
the few up there like rainbow
dust in my mouth and eyes
Then I pray for little rain

Fire came instead this time
and we all went up
in flames — a wild fire
This great inferno in my heart
I tried to put out — I sent S. O. S. to all

In the end my tears did it
Now all that is left is ashes!

THE PRESS AF

THE Bauchi State branch of the Nigerian Union of Journalists recently organised a Press Week at which was raised funds for the building of a Press Club at the state capital, Bauchi.

The week featured a symposium, public lectures, a football match and variety shows. Among the speakers at the symposium, were Alhaji Zakari Yakubu, General Manager of the NTV, Bauchi, and Alhaji Ibrahim Dimis, Garruwan Duguri and a well known Lagos businessman.

In his address, Alhaji Zakari described the press-man as "one of the most sought after and one of the most despised".

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by Ihaji Zakar

General manager,

entrench himself beyond probe."

In the lecture, headed " After 1979", Alhaji Zakari

Professor, pray!

by BOBO BROWN

The headmaster of a university is a delicate material that officialdom mercifully protects from the voracious glare of his students. They must not see their Vice-Chancellor (V.C.) often, because the man's personality is perhaps susceptible to some weird variation of the law of adiminishing returns.

Thus on the lifted occasions he comes on stage, for instance the matriculation ceremony, the V.C. finds himself controlling his largely students-audience like a pastor on the pulpit, and the audience must hear him out without a stir.

This is a particularly good thing for Professor E. U. Essien Udom the V.C. of the University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID). For one recollects in sympathy that once upon a time the learned prof had prepared a professional address, ready to mount a stage in Calabar before an equally dignified audience, only to be rudely sabotaged by no less a person than his then boss, ex-Brigadier Jacob Udokata Esuene. He was not allowed to say a word!

Back to the present however, Professor Essien Udom addressed "Fresh-Men" of his university during the second Matriculation Ceremony of UNIMAID. And what the prof reportedly said on the occasion demands some examination.

According to the News Nigerian issue of Saturday, January 21, 1978, V.C. Essien Udom observed that many undergraduates in Nigeria today betrayed a naive expectation of enjoying paradise within university walls.

They want the best types of food which are not available to the ordinary citizens of this country. Consequently, they spend sleepless nights complaining, agitating and occasionally inciting other students to riot, primarily because they were alienated from the community that raised them.

The professor reportedly remarked that the shopping list of such students either relegated to the bottom or excluded academic excellence, moral integrity, self-restraint and responsibility to the society.

Now, a university professor is somehow like Jesus Christ or Mohammed the Holy Prophet. As a great teacher, a prof's time is choked up with mental battles for solutions to society's problems, and his findings are served, properly garnished in jaw-dislocating "isms" and "ologies" to a knowledge-thirsty community that includes both academic jews and gentiles.

Due to some kind of devil however, the process of solution searching could find some professors innocently compounding or creating more problems for every-body.

But distinctly, the university professor does not owe his usually authoritative assertions to spiritual enlightenment through fasting and prayer. As far as a prof is concerned, fasting and prayer constitute one seperating line between himself and Jesus Christ or Prophet Mohammed.

So, hardly any professor runs his business day without feeling in his stomach the comforting warmth of exquisite meals washed down by glasses of suitable wine, all of which could throw ordinary Nigerians into euphoric dreams.

As for his erudite discourse, he bases it on tonnes of research and empirical study whose intensity, it is said, have made powerful eye-glasses and packets of back-ache pills the key tools of the professor's trade.

But probably the occasion under discussion did not allow Prof. Essien Udom to provide factual support for the statements credited to him.

We may help him a bit. No matter how many students over government's new policy on technical education ...

And demonstrations under category (2) usually emanate MAINLY from inadequacies in the administration and management of school affairs which students see as capable of jeopardising their welfare and academic progress.

What a few important people have been eager to deny, to the detriment of school administration in Nigeria, seems to be the fact that even in demonstrations over "domestic" issues which Professor Essien Udom impliedly focussed on, there has hardly been any instance where the protests have not been succeeded by improvement in students' welfare above the prevalent level prior to the outburst.

In this vein therefore, a search for a proper solution to student demonstrations over "domestic" issues which is largely controllable should explore how to rectify such anomalies that precipitate student rioting. That way probably student-agitations, i

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MALLAM SIDI ALI SIRAJI, NUJ, national president

AS a journalist, I am as eager as every Nigerian to see the dawn of politics descend on us once again but how the dawn will conceive depends on the way we behave.

The press as one of the estates of the realm is indeed one of the most sought after and one of the most despised.

It is feared; it is hated, it is disreoarded and, to some extent, discarded especially when it finds itself within a realm where a dictator is bent on trampling upon the liberty and freedom of his fellow beings in order to entrench himself beyond question, beyond probe.

Our lot is made much more difficult especially where the press is largely government owned.

What most people tend to forget is that one of the cardinal missions of the media is seeking to encourage what is sound in man and to discourage by criticising and demonstrating what is banal.

While we think this is a positive way of performing our thankless duty some people think it is a negative way of doing so.

For a society that is faulty, undisciplined and somewhat passive in its response to well-meaning changes that will enrich the living conditions of the polyglot population, our attempt to pinpoint our weaknesses is taken as a cherished exercise at pointing out failings only.

In his book "A Writer's Duty", Rajawhan Gandhi has this to say "if the writer is impelled by a wish to cast an image of courage his criticism would, again, be vitiated. But when a writer feels after correcting the nulls towards resentment and swashbuckling, that a criticism is called for in the public interest has he the right to withhold it?

Especially when there is a climate of fear a journalist has a duty towards his vocation, towards his conscience, towards truth and towards his country to throw a light on injustices. How are rulers to be helped if this is not done? How do the ruled find hope if no one does it?"

Could these not be our clarion calls for the new era which will dawn in October, 1979?

What we need in this country is a "national responsibility concept" of journalism if we are to prepare ourselves for a challenging time that is ahead of us.

When we demonstrate our excitement at the prospects of a return to civilian rule, we are not indeed saying that our trade life will be a bed of roses. No far from it. Must we not take a lesson from what happened to the Daily Times at the Constituent Assembly?

Ever since the attainment of our nationhood, the press has been holding on its own — thank God, during evolution of each regime in this country we have men of courage at pen.

They know when to give in to the authorities and when to hold their ground; working in consonance with the ethics and challenge of "national responsibility concept."

In a developing country, such as ours with the greatest portion of its inhabitants illiterate and barely living on subsistence level, you cannot contend with a concept of man's struggle that seeks to "communicate freely with his fellow men — dig out and interpret news and offer intelligent opinion in the market place of ideas" only, as Professor Edwin Emery would want us to confine ourselves in his book "The Press and America".

To us where freedom to do so is limited to what is "respected", a journalist must volunteer to face the odds in the performance of his duty. Always to tell the truth and defy the political demagogues that lives may deliver.

In some African and Asian countries indeed, communist and Western European countries, the press is an irritating cohabitant; a tolerable and necessary evil that powers that be can use and abuse.

At this time when the politicians are putting pressure on every body to accept the sanctity of politics and thus everything else, it is incumbent upon us to resolve to be a power for good and not evil; an influence for love and not hatred, a source of hope and not despondency and indeed, an agent of unity and not disintegration.

The cornerstone of our resolution for 1979 and beyond must remain Patriotism and Responsibility; only then can we be accepted as a responsible species of the society.

In order to do this, we have a duty to convince the governments that set up the media that we are "public-owned" and not "government-owned", while there is little difference, if any in the meaning of the two phrases, it reminds the rich conscience that there is a limit to which the media barons can be subjected by the men in power in future.

The phrase government-owned is a misnomer and a weapon to use against the journalists who don't toe the line.

There are three pointers on the part of government that generate adversary relationship between them and the media.

These are Omniscience which means that the government is all-knowing. Omnipresence what the government can be felt even in your bedroom (limit-presence that the government is an impregnable entity and contains no words that are vulnerable to us men and women of the media have our own weaknesses.

These are that we are greedy, lacking in ethical behaviours, weakhearted, weak-hearted and highly cantankerous.

As we move towards 1979, and march closer to the sound of gunfire of politics, we must prepare our troops now for the war of words that can sometime be more bitter than — the war of swords.

It is now up to us to convince members of the Current Affairs that it is in the best interest of the nation that we have a free press better and adequately catered for by our constitution. Why should the freedom of the press be abridged?

This country badly needs language newspapers. If government must continue to own newspapers to educate the masses, then they have to be made to publish in English and one or more local language in order to reach the people.

Majority of our people are denied their right to information. At this juncture, there is need also to encourage private interests to own papers to allow for wider coverage and efficiency in news dissemination through print.

The radio stations operating in this country are helping a good deal, especially new stations that are "unrestrictedly" received further beyond their territorial limits.

With their considerable enthusiasm, the governments can help them to develop better Programmes by giving them needed assistance.

Nigeria moves towards such a time when a few individuals can think of establishing commercial radio stations.

The last but certainly not the least is the newest powerful medium which is richly bestowed with influence and compulsion.

Perhaps, 1979 will see a slight shift from the present arrangements regarding the television because most parts political administrations come, they will find a more valuable way of ensuring stability than through regimentation as shall with acts suppressing politicians indicate.

One thing that must be borne in mind through is the imperativeness of nationalism. To sustain desirable values which will not only enhance the prestige of the system it will but will help in a positive way to further orient our minds recognising a direction that is accepted and respected.

One is only making his personal observations in this context.

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Dawn Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP CGR
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OBS Jingle	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	Your Government And You Next Step	"
07.15	News Talk	"
07.20	Morning Caravan	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ebk, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP CGR
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Ibi and Yoruba	"
09.15	Traders Special	RSP CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion	"
	NBC Forum Brains Trust	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.05	National Programme Educational Service	"
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12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Bonala Lobol (Gokana Magazine)	"
	Ekeye Khana (Khana Magazine)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
15.01	Sound Culture (Comm)	RSP CGS
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Sound Culture (Comm)	RSP CGR
15.30	State News in English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Money Miss Road	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Ebk and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Ijaw and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Focus on the Rivers State	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Nigeria in the eighties: the next step	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Ekpeye Ebelani	RSP LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	African Music on Records (Comm)	RSP LIVE
19.45	News in Kanuri, Ibi and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summaries in Ikwerre, Kalabari, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
20.30	5th Kengtema Siri (Magazine Prog. Kalabari	RSP LIVE
	12th Kirike Chiri (Magazine Prog. Okrika)	RSP TAPE
	19th Kengtema Siri (Magazine Programme Kalabari)	RSP TAPE
	26th Kirike Chiri (Magazine Programme Okrika)	RSP TAPE
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Animals in Nigerian Folklore Condituerd	"
	Assembly	"
21.20	Interlude	"
21.30	Forum Brains Trust	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Analysis	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Cultural Landscape	RSP TAPE
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My Favourites	LIVE CGR
		DUTY ANNOUNCER
23.11	Evening Worship (Hausa Tiv)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP LIVE

Certain important things that we should bear in mind about TV is that it is a more pervasive force in democratic politics than is any other means of communication.

It reaches many of those citizens who have relatively little interest in political affairs. It has also degenerate a moral means like ours to keep us in entirely alien cultures that we are ill-prepared to cope with. It imposes personalities which values of a humble and moralised society like ours or to disenfranchise people from their own civilization and cultural values.

But there is an urgency in this thing. We cannot be like the fish in the pond, we have to be outward looking and since the world is moving towards some kind of cultural understanding what belongs to one is expected to be appreciated by the other.

We can then meet all in isolation and bring in prejudices only if they can keep in the process of information of exchange, cultural understanding, but nevertheless mutual respect and mutual exchange of ideas and progressive.

I hope those in authority will seek and accept ideas so that we can change the structure of broadcasting in Nigeria in order to meet various needs more fully and plan a constructive role in the creation of an informed democracy after 1979.

We of the press owe it a duty in this nation to be responsive to our needs and aspirations and determine in promoting our values and national interests like any other arm of the society.

CAN CA CREATE MORE STATES?

THE Rivers State Study Group which is dedicated to the unity and progress of Rivers people, membership of which embraces all the districts in the state has strongly warned Rivers State members of the Constituent Assembly against the demand by some members for the split of the Rivers State as at present constituted.

At a press conference in Port Harcourt, the group stressed that no member of the Constituent Assembly from the state had the mandate of the people to dismember the state.

A statement signed on behalf of the Study Group by Chief E. A. D. Alikor, Chief T. N. Adda-Kobani, Chief (Dr) I. J. Fiberesima, Dr O. E. Osundu, Dr E. A. Isukul, Dr B. Idoniboyeobu, Prince B. O. L. Akiri and Dr M. C. A. Peterside, emphasised that "if any member assumes that his presence in the Assembly gives him the right to move a motion for the creation of more states in this country then he is simply acting ultra vires".

The full text of the statement foolows:

Our attention has been drawn to certain statements rightly or wrongly credited to some Rivers State members of Constituent Assembly on the sensitive issue of creation of more states in the Federation of Nigeria.

It is believed that some of the Rivers State Constituent Assembly members hold, that so long as other existing states in the federation demand more states,



DR OBI WALI (MCA)

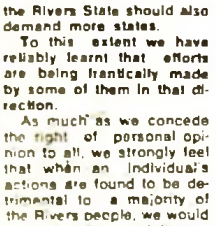
the Rivers State should also demand more states.

To this extent we have reliably learnt that efforts are being frantically made by some of them in that direction.

As much as we concede the right of personal opinion to all, we strongly feel that when an individual's actions are found to be detrimental to a majority of the Rivers people, we would be failing in our duties to ourselves and posterity if we default in not pointing out what we strongly and sincerely hold is that individual's short coming. It is for that reason that we feel obliged to point out what is expected of them, nay all members of the Constituent Assembly.

As members of the Constituent Assembly, we hardly need tell them that their presence in that august house does not give them and other members the right to create states. They are expected explicitly to come out with a workable constitution for our country.

In case they are in doubt of their responsibilities as members of the Constituent Assembly, we would refer them to certain relevant portions of the Report of the Constitution Drafting Committee containing the Draft Constitution which they and other members of the Constituent Assembly are expected to debate and finally submit their report to



MR C. C. NWUCHE (MCA)



CHIEF ADDA-KOBANI

the Supreme Military Council which we believe would promulgate a constitution for this country.

Thus if any member assumes that his presence in the Assembly gives him the right to move a motion for the creation of more states in this country then he is simply acting ultra vires.

At this point we of the Rivers State Study Group would wish to assure every Nigerian that we associate ourselves with our compatriots who honestly feel any constitution for this country must be more liberal in its guidelines for the possible creation of more states in this country. Nevertheless, we do not share what we consider as the erroneous view of some people that the Constituent Assembly in itself can create more states now.



CHIEF FIBERESIMA

It is our hope that having made our stand clear on the question of creation of more states in this country, members of the Constituent Assembly particularly those from the Rivers State would not take any action which in the long run might turn out to be embarrassing to those concerned.

We stress once more that the members of the Constituent Assembly from the Rivers State have no mandate from our people to dismember the state as at present constituted. If the time should ever come for this matter of creation of more states in the Rivers State we believe the people of the state whose future would be involved in that exercise should be consulted.

In this regard, we think a "Daily Times" editorial of December 10, 1977 is relevant. The paper wrote among other things: "A constitution is a charter of fundamental principles, not a shopping list of interesting curiosities".

Indeed, they were only given the mandate to hammer the principles on which lines our constitution should operate in the interest of peace and an indivisible Nigeria.

Recruitment of Technicians into the Nigeria Police Force

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Nigerian for appointments into the Nigeria Police Medical Service for the following posts —

(1) Radiographer (1)
Qualification: Any certificate or qualification registerable with the Nigerian Society of Radiographers.

(2) Laboratory Technicians: (4)
Qualifications: Any certificate registerable with the Nigerian Institute of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

(3) Hospital Records Officers: (1)
Qualifications: Any recognised certificate in Hospital Records Keeping.

(4) Plaster Room Technicians (3)
Qualification: Minimum qualification 2—3 years experience in Plaster Room duties.

(5) Hygiene Technologists (Public Health Inspectors) (1)
Qualification: Diploma of the Royal Society of Health or equivalent.

(6) Cooks (2)
Qualification: Reasonable experience in hospital cooking services.

(7) Laundary Man (2)
Qualification: Reasonable experience in mechanised hospital laundary Services.

(8) Age: Applicants must be under 35 years of age.

(9) Salary Scales:
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All applications should be directed to the:

Inspector-General of Police,
'A' Department,
Force Headquarters,
Moloney Street,
Lagos.

All applications must reach the above address on or before March 3, 1978.

PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



by Chief A.A. Akene

A GREAT deal of emphasis is placed on self-help communal projects by the governments of the Federation. And rightly too if physical development is to take place and at a reasonably rate in the rural areas.

No government can afford to develop the entire area under its administration as much as is desired while the inhabitants within such an area sit idly by with their arms folded.

However, as desirable as the self help projects are and more so as such projects are intended to supplement the efforts of the government, the importance of supplementing government efforts by the execution of self help projects initiated by communities cannot be over-emphasised. Some communities are known to have put up school buildings and bought generators on their own.

It is no credit to those communities that wait upon the Government to include them in its development schemes, and except that is done, nothing else can happen. The success of any such projects will depend largely on two major factors as it is often said:

(a) qualitative and effective leadership

(b) backing of force.

Qualitative leadership by its connotation simply means enlightened leadership acknowledged by those being led, the existence of which can generate interest in the projects proposed and muster concerted efforts by all and sundry. This is as it should be.

But a sordid state of affairs prevails in 99 out of 100 communities in the

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7.	NWADIRIOCHA A. J.	—do—
8.	PRETORU EBANABO G.	—do—
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11.	DEINYA C. E.	—do—
12.	JUMBO N. A.	—do—
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2. Candidates are advised to report urgently at the office of the Scholarship Board, No. 7 Moscow Road, Port Harcourt, for assistance for them to obtain their passports and immunisation certificates.

3. Candidates are further advised to report to the Scholarship Board, Lagos on 23/1/78 for their visas, air-tickets and formal briefing before they depart on 30/1/78".

4. Please treat as urgent.

V. E. O. ELENWO
Secretary
Rivers State Scholarship Board

Feeding in Imo schools:

NEW SYSTEMS INTRODUCED

AGRICULTURAL Science is to become a compulsory subject in post-primary institutions in Imo State.

This is one of the steps being taken by the state government to generate interest in agriculture among school children and encourage the "green revolution," proposed as part of the Operation Feed the Nation scheme.

A directive to this effect from the state government at Owerri urged school headmasters to implore land owners to help them acquire large areas of land for large-scale cultivation.

Products of the farm should be used to supplement students feeding, urged the government.

In another development, the government suggested greater involvement of students in school food committees.

A circular, from the State School Management Board, advised principals to make students members of food committees so that they would satisfy themselves that the money sponsors paid for their boarding was not being misspent.

Boarding fees were doubled in schools in the state this month.

Matrons, the circular suggested, should keep records of all foodstuff items removed by the committee from the store and copies of the records should be filed with the principal who would in turn submit them to the board of governors at their monthly meetings.

The circular also stipulated that in order to check inflation of food prices, the board of directors of schools should award contracts for the supply of major food items like garri, yams and meat while matrons should purchase other items like milk, salt and beverages at controlled prices from stores and supermarkets.

Other minor food items not obtainable from stores and supermarkets, the circular said, should be bought from the open market by matrons after the prices had been agreed upon between the matrons and the food committee.

A Nigerian Tide correspondent said that the new measures are seen as an effort to stop allegations of malpractices often levelled against school authorities by students.

There are also in some schools, allegations that prices of food items are inflated in favour of food contractors who at times charge as much as N600 for a bag of garri.

Magistrate for Obigbo

THE Chief magistrate for Bori magistrate district in the Rivers State, Mr V. M. Okor, begins sitting at Obigbo today, January 30.

Chief magistrate Okor who had ended a session at Taaba in Khana district is expected to sit for three days at Obigbo.

The registrar in Bori has appealed to police officers in the area to ensure that complainants and accused persons were ready to appear in court during the court sittings.

Priest happy over converts

CHRISTIANS all over the country have been urged not to depart from the principles of christianity.

The priest in charge of the Saint Andrew's Church, Port Harcourt, Diobu, Reverend S. I. A. Brown gave the advice on the occasion of the conversion of some people he described as of high political calibre.

Rev. Brown told the new converts to uphold their new faith.

He said more than 70 infants were baptised, 37 adults confirmed and more than 10 persons of political and social influence converted into the christian fold within the past year from the Isaa, Ingilish and Ibo sections of the Saint Andrew's Church.

Reverend Brown expressed the hope that these class of people would uphold the banner of christianity and combat satan each day in their dealings with their fellow human beings thereby giving no room for satan to defeat their good spirits.

"He who endures to the end will be saved," the priest said.

Reverend Brown thanked members of the church for burying their hatchets to work in harmony for the progress of the church in the past years. He hoped that such spirit of oneness would continue.

Degema Local Government Area

TENDERS

FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Tenders are invited from registered qualified contractors in categories A and B with the Ministry of Works and Housing for the building of the following projects in some towns in Degema Local Government.

(i) Pier Latrine
(ii) Market Stalls
(iii) Waiting Hall
(iv) Slaughter House
(v) Office Block Extension
(vi) Storey Market Stall

2. Job details in respect of the above projects including Bills of Quantities are available in the office of the Secretary to the Local Government Area in Degema for inspection from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. each working day.

3. Completed tenders should be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of N10.00 (Ten Naira) in respect of projects (i) — (iv) above while a non-refundable fee of N25.00 (Twenty-five Naira) should accompany tenders in respect of Projects (v) — (vi) above.

Completed tenders should be submitted in sealed envelopes, marked at the upper left-hand corner "Tender for Pier Latrine" (or any of the projects stated in paragraph 1 (i) — (vi) above separately) and addressed to:—

The Secretary,
Degema Local Government Area,
Degema,

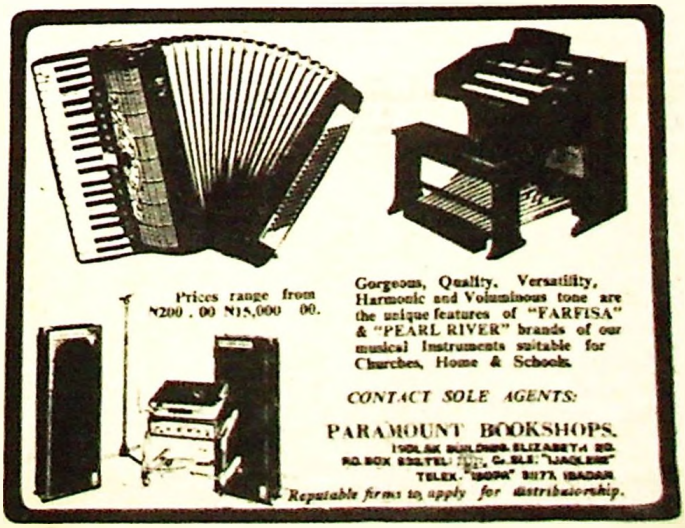
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METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants should state clearly their full names, age, qualifications, practical experience with details of previous employment, present salary and three referees giving names and addresses. Applications with photocopies of credentials should be addressed to:

The Secretary
Rivers State Broadcasting Corporation
P.M.B. 5170, Port Harcourt.

to reach him not later than 15th February, 1978.

DEVELOPMENT

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state and that is, no matter the quality of leadership and degree of enlightenment someone who is ambitious to lead and who because of having not been given the opportunity tries to cause trouble in the community with a view to disrupting the smooth execution of any well meaning project. This is a common phenomenon in nearly every community today.

Sometimes the cost in terms of human and material resources, time, energy and money cannot be overstated. Some projects become totally grounded while others do not take off at all. This is all because a vocal minority has opposed any move towards the physical development of the community.

If such opposition succeeds, it should not surprise any one in that hardly do we find willing hands to do communal labour or something of general interest to the community these days.

The mere fact that sometimes a vocal minority succeeds does not invalidate the effectiveness of a leadership. And occasionally it is a minority that the leadership cannot ignore.

A corollary is the existence of laws in the face of which we have armed robbers, rogues of all descriptions etc. defying well-meaning laws.

Again that courts try and punish offenders does not mean that potential criminals will learn a lesson from such punishments meted out to offenders and refrain from committing crimes or that the courts are ineffective.

The point I have made in summary is that no matter the pampering any leadership can give to trouble makers in the community in order to give a semblance of 'all is well', there must still be trouble makers who stir trouble sometimes for the fun of it. And this sort of attitude can mislead the unsuspecting innocent villager.

In order to rescue such projects from total collapse it is necessary for the government to give some qualified support to the leadership in every community.

Some kind of move which the government has made bears some semblance to this although it was not made with that in mind.

Chiefs that are to pass the test of recognition on the basis of the population of their communities will be given this backing that is absolutely necessary. Those vocal minority voices will be silenced when there is such an implied backing by the government.

Be that as it may, it is a problem for the hundreds of communities that have not had the luck of having a teeming population. It is unrealistic to think that they for fear of opposition by a vocal minority, will not embark on community development projects which are the only way to quantify the progress in terms of physical development a community makes.

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The Administrative Manager,
P. O. Box 220.
Port Harcourt.

PROF DAVID-WEST RECEIVES TROPHY

THE Rivers State contingent to the all-Nigeria School Sports Federation Competitions which ended in Lagos in December last year, over the weekend, presented a giant silver trophy to the State Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West.

The trophy was won by Miss Elizabeth Ukwu of the Holy Rosary Secondary School, Port Harcourt.

Receiving the trophy on behalf of the state government, Professor Tam David-West gave the assurance that the Rivers State Government would continue to support and encourage talented sports men and women in the state by way of training and scholarship awards.

The commissioner called on all sports men and women in the state to be dedicated so that they could bring more honours to the state at both national and international competitions.

He congratulated the athletes for their excellent performance during the competitions. He also paid special tribute to Miss Elizabeth Ukwu for winning the trophy for the government and people of the Rivers State.

Earlier, the team manager who is also the principal of County Grammar School Bwerre-Etche, Mr J. J. Nta, had expressed gratitude to the Rivers State Government for its moral and financial support.

He, however, appealed for more funds, scholarship awards to deserving sportsmen and women, and the establishment of a school of physical education with modern sports facilities.

Also present on the occasion were the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Captain Elechi Amadi, the Chairman of the Schools Management Board, Mr V. G. Chinwah and the Chief Inspector of Education, Dr C. I. Bereipiki.

Led by the principal of County Grammar School Bwerre-Etche, Mr J. J. Nta the contingent which consisted of 173 competitors, fared well in athletics. In the boys events Kio Weikuma came 2nd in discus with a throw of 14.93m, J. Adubazi and Odungaeru came 3rd in 800m and 110m hurdles respectively.

According to Mr Nta who was speaking during a press conference at the Ministry of Education the girls fared better than the boys. They include Elizabeth Ukwu who came first in the long jump event (5.75m) and also in the high jump (1.60m) for which the state won the giant trophy.

Others are Ekaete Essien of Federal Government College Rumuola who came 2nd and 3rd in 800m and 1,500m race and Anne Ernest of Fed. Govt. Girls Afuakema who was placed third in the 400m race.

....Elizabeth Ukwu HRSS brings honour to Rivers



Picture shows Professor Tam David-West (in suit) Commissioner for Education, receiving the trophy from the team leader and principal of CGS, Bwerre-Etche, Mr J. J. Nta.



The chairman of Imo State Sports Council, Mr Eze Achiugo (left) hands over the cup to Mr Jerry Enyeazu, director of sports, Imo State.

Imo sports chief donates cup for lawn tennis

THE chairman of the Imo State Sports Council, Mr Eze Achiugo has donated a giant cup to the Imo State Sports Council for lawn tennis competitions among Lawn Tennis Clubs in the state.

Mr Eze Achiugo made the donation in appreciation of and interest in promoting the game of lawn tennis in the state.

The state Director of Sports, Mr Jerry Enyeazu thanked the chairman on behalf of the Board of Directors for his kind gesture.

He hinted that the council had reactivated lawn tennis courts in Aba, Umuahia and Okigwe and had started to build new ones at Oguta, Orlu and two at Owerri.

Mr Enyeazu promised that the cup would be put into profitable use.

He called on other board members to emulate the fine example of the chairman.

Gulflink open champ ends

THE two day Gulflinks Open Golf Championship ended last Sunday at the Port Harcourt Golf Club.

Sponsored by the Gulflinks Nigeria Limited, the tournament which featured 18 professionals and 24 amateurs had a professional ace golfer, Peter Akakasiaka from Ikoyi Golf with (138 gross) as the best and overal winner. And for his marvellous performance he received the Gulflinks Open Challenge Cup, a medium cup and a cash prize of N2,100.

And for the second position two other professionals, Amadu Baba of Ikoyi Club and Festus Makinson from Benin Club tied with (139 gross) and as such shared the second and third prizes of N750.00 — which gave them N375.00 each.

While the fourth and fifth prizes of N300 and N150 went to Paul Okuneli (142 gross) and Tony Udoinyah respectively. Friday Amadi and Christian Okwu both of Port Harcourt Club shared N75.00 for being (145 gross) in the 6th position, while another professional from the Port Harcourt Club, Patrick Ogonu received the last prize of N30.00. A total of N2,025.00 was won by the professionals.

Picture below shows Mr A. P. Dan-Ogoli, best gross (77) final day.



Brighter hope for Lagos athletes

THE Lagos State Athletic Association has outlined its coaching plans to improve athletic standard in the state. This was disclosed by Mr Owen A. K. Ogun at the Board room of the Rowa Park Sports Centre, Yaba, while briefing the press on the coming events in its 1978/79 season.

He disclosed that owing to the declining standard of athletics in the state, his association has deployed coaches in other divisions to search for hidden talents in the hinterlands.

He said that with the co-operation and support of the divisional A.A.A. and the L.S.S.S. these coaches would have materials to work with.

He also disclosed that the major problem confronting his association is finance and called for moral and financial support from individuals and organisations to enable the association execute its programmes.

He reminded members of the public that membership of the A.A.A. is open to any person that is interested in athletic and their general welfare.

NIGERIAN TIDE

Monday, January 30, 1978

DRAMA AT BONNY LG COUNCIL

When a councillor can't swear with the Bible

THERE was a drama at the Bonny Local Government Council when the newly elected councillors were sworn in by the acting secretary for the Bonny Local Government Authority, Mr E. N. Ikoro.

The swearing-in ceremony was held up for about five minutes for the "Word of God".

The preacher was no other than Councillor Utong who referred the acting secretary, the acting commissioner and the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Local Government to the Gospel of St James, Chapter 5 verse 12.

Councillor Utong who was called upon to take his oath of office started off without the Bible and at this stage, a dialogue ensued.

Acting Secretary: Take the Bible.

Councillor: We don't swear with the Bible.

Acting Secretary: Why?

Councillor: It is against God's desire.

Acting Secretary: What denomination do you belong?

Councillor: I'm a member of the Assemblies of God.

Perm Sec.: What do you expect should be done?

Councillor: Even in the court, we don't swear with the Bible. "So help me God", in the statement is sufficiently alright, for he who fears God. I take you to St James' Gospel, Chapter 5 verse 12.

Acting Secretary: I will have to take up your matter with the authorities and if this your system is rejected, you have to be readministered with the oath.

Acting Commissioner: Your oath is subject to approval.

Later, Chief John Otuenieh was returned unopposed as the chairman of the council while the election of the supervisory councillors was put off as the council went into an on-the-spot work of preparing a welcome address to be presented to the military governor when he visits the area.

by Eleazer Kas-Nwogu



MR DAGOGO ALAGOMA

Govt okays 3,692 awards

The Rivers State Government has awarded 3,692 scholarships to students of the state origin for the current academic year.

Out of this number, 2,893 are post-primary awards, while 780 are for undergraduate courses.

Post-graduate awards total 71 while 18 are for Higher School Certificate courses.

This was disclosed by the chairman of the state Scholarship Board, Rev. C. T. T. George.

He said that the courses which are tenable in universities in Nigeria and abroad include medicine, engineering and education.

He said the names of the beneficiaries would be released soon.

LAUNCHING SPECIAL

THE Rivers State primary school books project will be officially launched in the state capital, Port Harcourt, on February 1, 1978.

The official launching ceremony will be performed by the state Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West, at 10 a.m. at the Banquet Hall, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt.

CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE HITS COAL BOARD

A SERIOUS crisis of confidence capable of marring the relationship between the management and board of directors of the Nigerian Coal Corporation in Enugu has been reported.

An emergency meeting has already been summoned by the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation with a view to resolving the issue but the general manager of the corporation, Mr P. Nworji will not be participating. He had earlier been called by the Federal Military Government to head the corporation.

Mr Nworji who is also a director of the corporation has been reported to have cut his leave short in view of the developments in the corporation.

A very competent source in the corporation told the Nigerian Tide, that there was a serious move by the Board to send the general manager on compulsory leave and retirement.

Innovations

The source disclosed that some members of the board had not been taking kindly to some of the progressive innovations introduced in the corporation by the general manager because, they felt the corporation was not financially viable to shoulder such innovations.

One of the innovations in dispute was the conversion of more than 1,000 daily paid workers into permanent employment by the management. Most of it is understood, are likely to be removed.

Meanwhile, the Coal Miners Union has commended the management of the corporation for appreciating the contributions of the miners, some of whom it said, had worked for more than 20 years as daily workers.

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OBITUARY

We announce with deep regret the untimely death of



MR STEPHEN K. IBOR

a second year student of the College. Late Mr S. K. Ibor died on Tuesday, January 24, 1978.

He was buried in his home town Liyor-Ogoja on Sunday January 29, 1978.

Registrar