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## THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*".....the Federal Executive Council is one of the three arms of government that conduct the affairs of the country at the Federal level. It is made up of the Head of State, the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, the Inspector-General of Police and Federal Commissioners.*

*This publication contains the biographies of members of the Federal Executive Council in 1979".*

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Nigerian Army, rising to command the Unit in 1963. He was also the first Commander of the 2nd Division (Rear), based in Ibadan. He later became Commander of the Garrison, a position he held until May 1969 when he was appointed General Officer Commanding 3 Infantry Division.

His most famous assignment was the command of the Third Marine Commando Division of the Nigerian Army operating the South-Eastern front during the Nigerian civil war. He led the men of the Division into victory over the rebels and accepted the surrender of the rebel forces.

At the end of the civil war, he returned to the headship of the Engineering Corps of the Nigerian Army. After his course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing in January 1975 in the government of General Yakubu Gowon which was overthrown in July of the same year. He was subsequently appointed Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters.

As Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, General Obasanjo was the second in command in the government of General Murtala Muhammed. He was 'de facto' Prime Minister, seeing to the day-to-day running of the government in accordance with the policies laid down by the Supreme Military Council under the leadership of General Muhammed.

Following the abortive coup of February 13, 1976, in which General Muhammed was assassinated, General Obasanjo was unanimously chosen by the Supreme Military Council to become the Head of the Federal Military Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

General Obasanjo is a Yoruba. But he prefers to be regarded as a Nigerian. In his own words : "it is true that to be a Nigerian one has to be born in one part of the country, but my greatest wish has always been to be seen and regarded as a Nigerian first and foremost."

He is a teetotaller and does not smoke. His recreation is games, like table tennis, billiard, snooker and squash.

General Obasanjo is married with five children.



*General Obasanjo at a Nigerian Leather Works Stand at an Exhibition*



Major-General SHEHU YAR'ADUA  
*Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters*

## MAJOR-GENERAL SHEHU YAR'ADUA

*Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters*

Major-General Shehu Yar'Adua was born in Katsina town in Kaduna State on March 5, 1943. He had both his elementary and secondary education in Katsina, obtaining his West African School Certificate in 1961 at the Government Secondary School there.

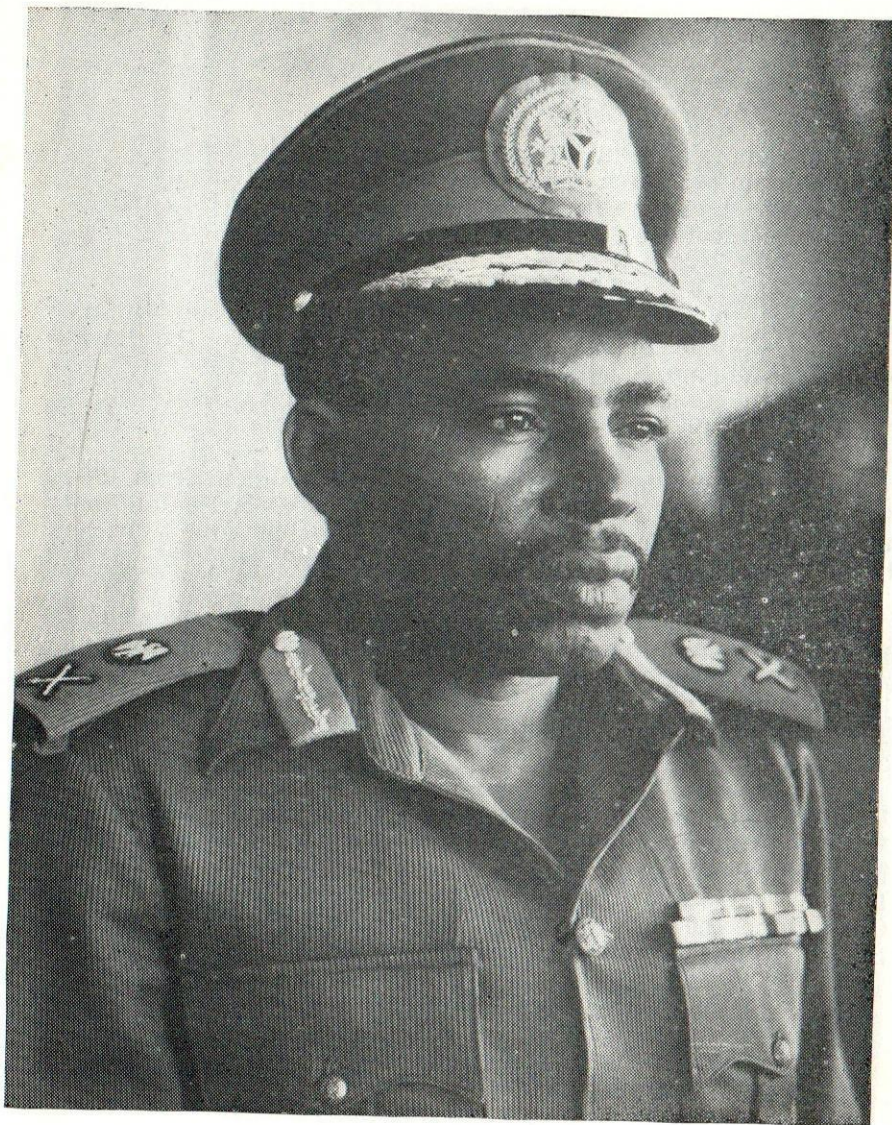
In April 1962, he was admitted into the Nigerian Military Training College in Zaria. He later proceeded to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where he was until 1964. He also attended the Command and Staff College, where he obtained his P.S.C. in 1973.

Major-General Yar'Adua was a Platoon Commander from 1964 to 1965 and became a Battalion Adjutant in 1965. He followed up in 1967 as a Company Commander. Late that same year, he became Assistant Adjutant-General (2nd Division).

Between January and December 1968, he commanded 6 Infantry Brigade in the Second Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army. He played a prominent role as the Commander 6 Brigade in the Onitsha Sector during the civil war. Between 1969 and 1972 he also commanded the 9 Infantry Brigade which was based at Warri.

After the change of government in July 1975, Major-General Yar'Adua was appointed Commissioner for Transport in General Muhammed's government. He was a Commissioner until the February 1976 abortive coup. With the appointment of General Obasanjo as the Head of State, Major-General Yar'Adua became the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters.

He is married with three children.



Major-General JAMES OLULEYE  
*Federal Commissioner for Finance*

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Major-General James Johnson Oluleye, Federal Commissioner for Finance, was born on October 14, 1937, at Effon-Alaye, in Ekiti Division of Ondo State.

He had his primary education in Effon-Alaye after which he attended St. Luke's College, Ibadan, from 1950 to 1951 and from 1954 to 1955 and obtained the Teacher's Grades III and II Certificates. In 1959 he gained exemption from London Matriculation through G.C.E. examination.

Major-General Oluleye was a school teacher until 1959 when he joined the Nigerian Army as an Officer Cadet.

His military training started at the Regular Officers' Special Training School (an organisation of Royal West African Frontier Force) at Teshie, Ghana in 1959. In 1960 he attended the Mons Officers' Cadet Training School at Aldershot and was commissioned into the Nigerian Army as a Second Lieutenant the following year. In March 1961, he did a mortar (a form of ballistics) course at the Nigerian Military Training College, Kaduna, and finally in 1967, attended the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Southern India.

Since his commission in 1961, Major-General Oluleye has undertaken various military assignments, the first of which was the command of a mortar platoon with the first battalion, Enugu, from 1961 to 1963. Later in 1963, he became the Chief Mortar Instructor at the Nigerian Military Training College, Kaduna, and Rifle Company Commander in the First Battalion from 1964 to 1965. Major-General Oluleye also served as the second-in-command of the Fifth Battalion in Kano in March 1966 and later in the same year, was deployed as Commandant of the Nigerian Military Training College, Kaduna.

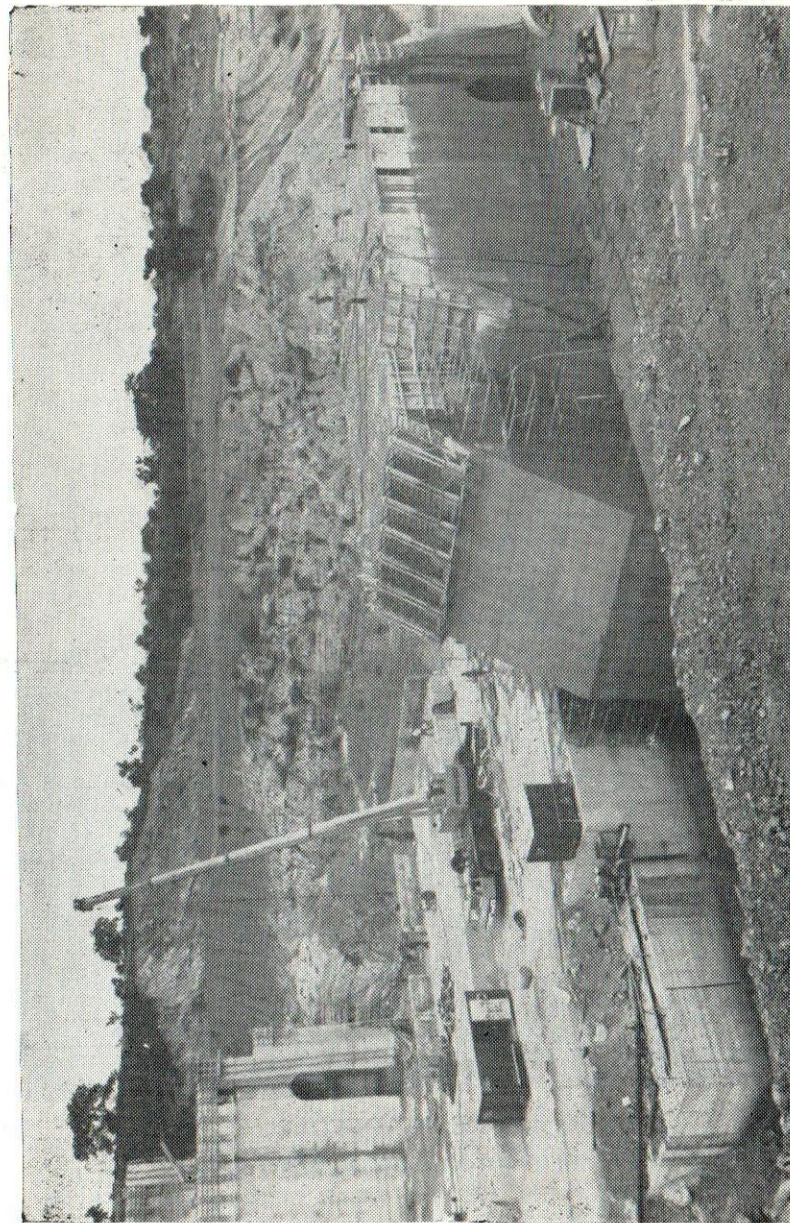
During the civil war, Major-General Oluleye served as the Operations Officer (General Staff Officer, Grade I), at the Nigerian Army Headquarters, Lagos and after the war, he was made the General Officer Commanding the Second Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army. This post he held until August 1975, when he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Establishments and a member of the Supreme Military Council.

He was also Chairman of the panel set up to apply the public Service Review Commission's report to the Armed Forces pay scales in January 1975. He was appointed Federal Commissioner for Finance on March 15, 1977.

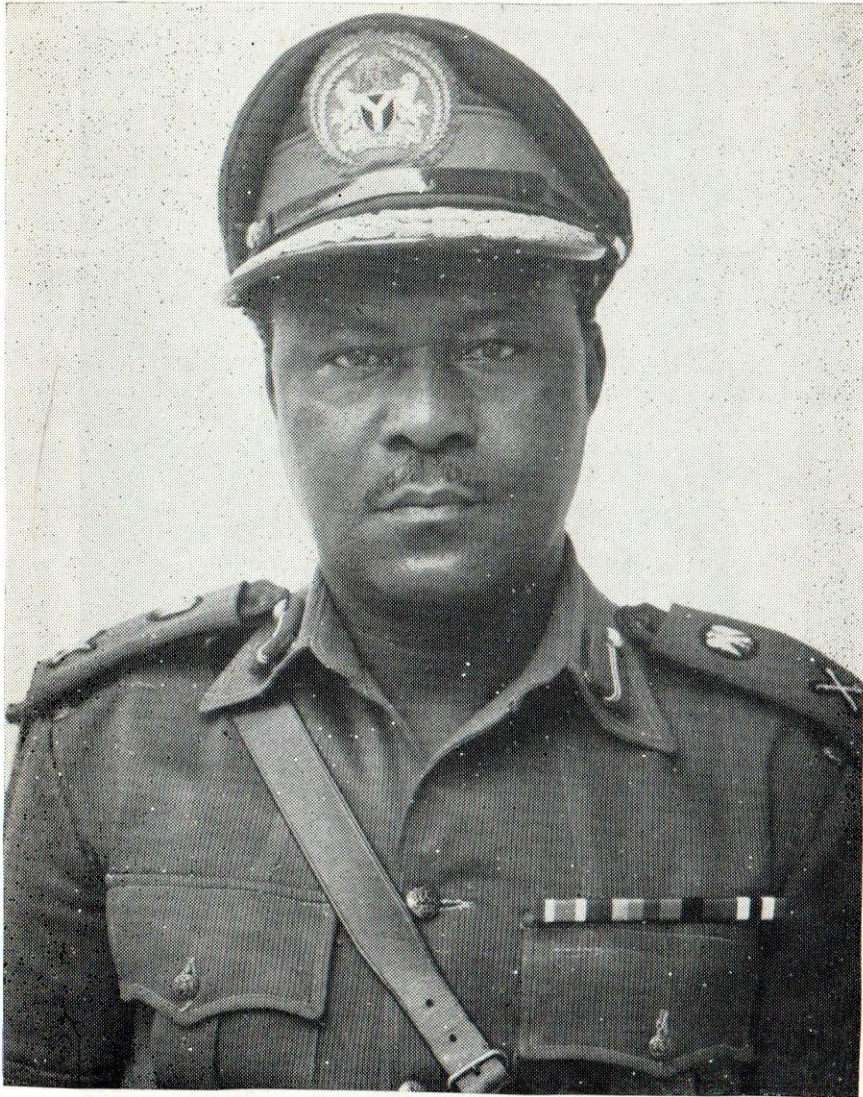
Apart from his various appointments in the Nigerian Army, Major-General Oluleye also served with the First Battalion in the Congo (now Zaire) from 1961 to 1962 and in 1965 with the United Nations Observer Mission to supervise the ceasefire agreement immediately after the Indo-Pakistani war.

Major-General Oluleye is the recipient of two foreign honours, one by the President of the Republic of Senegal, President Leopold Senghor and the other by the President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, President Ould Dada.

A christian by religion, Major-General Oluleye is married with children.



*Aerial view of the Bakolori irrigation Dam while under Construction*



Major-General H. E. O. ADEFOPE  
*Federal Commissioner for External Affairs*

## MAJOR-GENERAL HENRY ADEFOPE

*Federal Commissioner for External Affairs*

Major-General Henry Edmund Olufemi Adefope, Federal Commissioner for External Affairs was born on March 15, 1926 in Kaduna.

He received his primary education at Saint Michael School, Kaduna from 1931 to 1932 and Government School, Kaduna for the next three years. He also attended Saint Peter's School, Faji, Lagos from 1934 to 1937. Major-General Henry Adefope was in the C.M.S. Grammar School, Lagos, from 1938 to 1944. He entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland in 1947 and obtained the Licentiate of Glasgow and Edinburgh University in 1952.

Career wise, Major-General Adefope served in the Lagos General Hospital and in various medical institutions in the former Western Region of Nigeria from 1952 to 1963. The last post he held in the service of that region was that of Principal Medical Officer, Abeokuta.

He was commissioned into the Nigerian Army as a substantive Major in 1963. In 1964 he became an acting Lieutenant-Colonel and in the following year was made substantive. He rose to the rank of a Colonel in 1967. Six years later he was promoted Brigadier and was elevated to his present position of a Major-General in 1976.

Since joining the Army in 1963 Major-General Adefope has served as the Director of Medical Services, Nigerian Army from 1967 to January 1975. He was appointed the Federal Commissioner for Labour in 1975 and in January 1978 his portfolio was extended to cover Youth and Sports. He was, however, re-assigned in July of the same year to the Ministry of External Affairs as the Commissioner.

Major-General Adefope has also served as the Chairman, National Sports Council (now Commission) from 1967 to 1975; President, Nigeria Olympic Committee from 1967 to 1975 and Patron, Nigeria Olympic Committee from 1975 till date. He was also the Chairman, Army Sports Control Board, from 1970 to 1973.

A Christian by faith, Major-General Adefope is married to the former Miss Dorothy Adefarasin and has seven children.

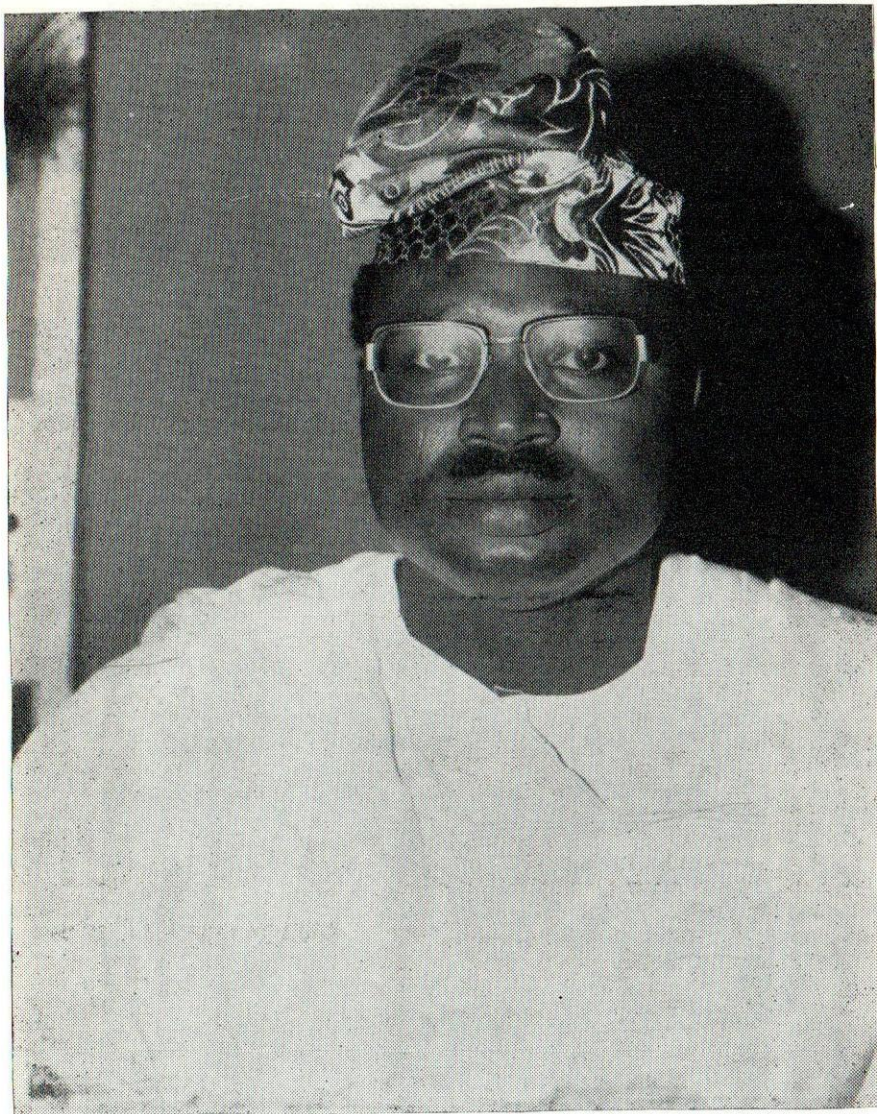
He has travelled extensively in Europe, America and Africa and his hobbies include table tennis, lawn tennis, swimming, badminton, reading and music.



*Multi-Million Naira Kwara State Government Hotel  
One of several built by the various state Governments*



*Major-General Adefope receiving a foreign dignitary*



Dr ROWLAND ADEREMI ADELEYE  
*Federal Commissioner for Industries*

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Dr R. A. Adeleye, Federal Commissioner for Industries, was born at Iyamoye, in Oyi Local Government Council Area of Kwara State, on February 7, 1938.

He attended Government College Keffi, in the former Benue/Plateau State, and later went to the University of Ibadan from 1959 to 1965, where he read for his Bachelor's degree and finally obtained his Ph.D in History.

Dr Adeleye joined the staff of the University of Ibadan in 1965 as a Lecturer, Grade II and rose to the level of a Reader in History in 1972.

He published a book titled "Power and Diplomacy in Northern Nigeria—(1804-1806)" subtitled "The Sokoto Caliphate and its Enemies". He also published a number of articles in learned journals of History. From 1967-73 he was Editor of the Journal of the Historical Society of Nigeria. He contributed a chapter each to the two volumes of the History of West Africa, edited by Professor J. F. A. Ajayi and M. Crowther.

Dr Adeleye was a member of the Senate of the University of Ibadan from 1968-72. In 1971, he was appointed Chairman, National Library Board of Nigeria.

In 1973, Dr Adeleye was appointed Commissioner for Economic Development in Kwara State, from where he was called up in August 1975 to serve at the Federal level as the Federal Commissioner for Housing and Urban Development. He was re-assigned Federal Commissioner for Industries in March 1976.

Dr Adeleye has travelled widely in Africa and Europe visiting countries like the Republic of Benin, Senegal, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Cameroun, Ethiopia, Egypt, India, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A.

He is a Christian and is married with two children. His hobbies include drama, table tennis and reading.



Mr MOBOLAJI AJOSE-ADEOGUN  
*Federal Commissioner on Special Duty and Chairman  
of the Federal Capital Development Authority*

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Mr Mobolaji Ajose-Adeogun, the Federal Commissioner on Special Duty and Chairman of the Federal Capital Development Authority, was born in Lagos on May 12, 1927.

Between 1940 and 1946, Mr Ajose-Adeogun attended the C.M.S. Grammar School, Lagos, from where he obtained his Cambridge School Certificate with exemption from London Matriculation. He later attended University College, London, and the School of Oriental and African Studies. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

Mr Ajose-Adeogun is a member of many professional bodies among which are the Institute of Personnel Management and the Institute of Public Relations, both of London. He was elected member of the Nigerian Institute of Management and of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs in 1966 and 1967 respectively.

Mr Ajose-Adeogun's working life has been spent mainly with the Shell Group of Companies, at home and abroad, in the course of which he attended a series of management courses, such as the marketing operations course in Nairobi, advanced course in industrial relations, regional personnel course in the Caribbean and a behavioural science course in the United Kingdom.

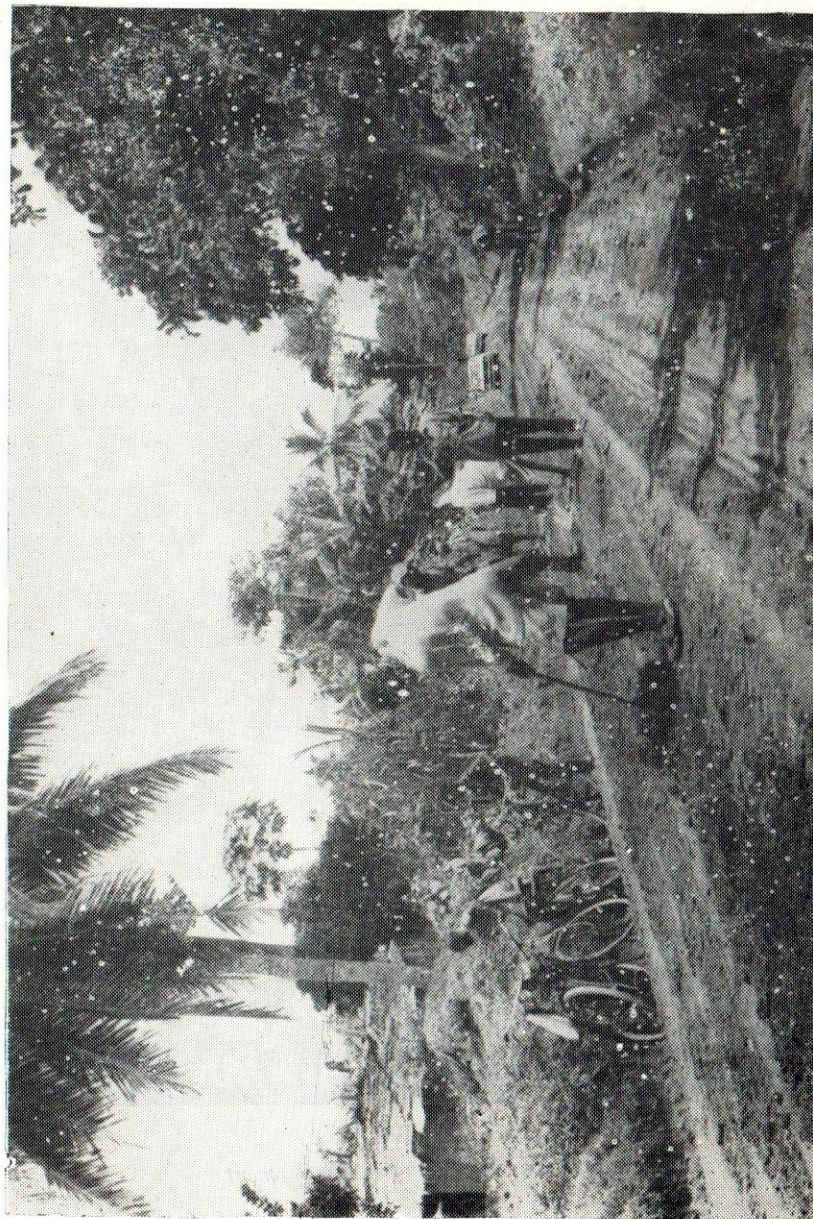
Mr Ajose-Adeogun started his working career with the Barclays Bank, D.C.O., Lagos in 1947 and was there till 1950. In 1954, he served as transport manager with the General Motors Limited at Leyton and was a higher clerical officer with the Hackney Borough Council, London in 1955.

Mr Ajose-Adeogun joined the Shell Group of Companies in 1955, where he worked in various responsible capacities until 1971, when he became a director and administration manager of Shell Nigeria Limited. He retired from Shell Nigeria Limited on March 31, 1975, and in August 1975, was appointed Federal Commissioner for Co-operatives and Supply. In March 1976, Mr Ajose-Adeogun was re-assigned as Federal Commissioner on Special Duty and Chairman of the Federal Capital Development Authority.

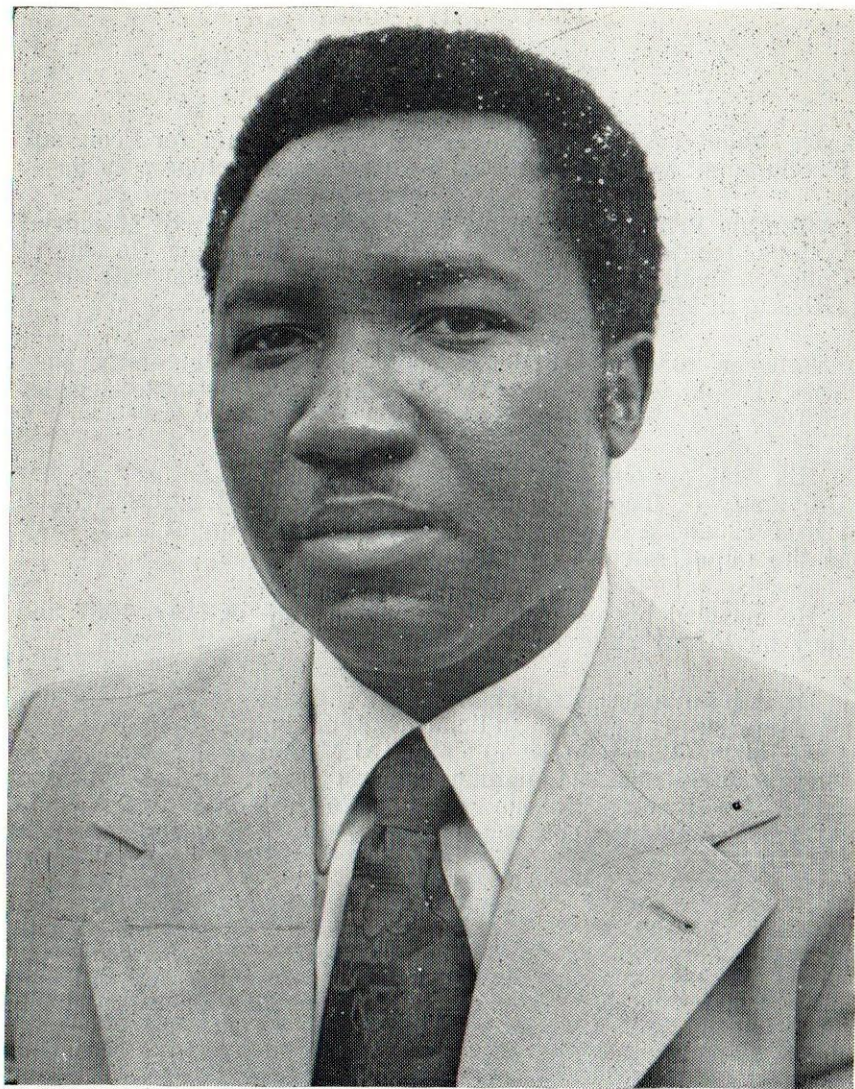
During his stay in Shell Company, Mr Ajose-Adeogun travelled far and wide, visiting a number of Shell marketing installations refineries and production areas in Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, Ethiopia, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Curacao and Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies. He also attended various meetings and conferences of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva and other parts of the world.



*Part of the ring road linking different parts of Lagos*



*Road-Work in progress in one of the rural roads in the Country*



Mr OBERU ARIBIAH  
*Federal Commissioner for Communications*

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Mr Oberu Aribiah, Federal Commissioner for Communications, was born at Umon, in Akamkpa Local Government Area of the Cross River State on May 1, 1938.

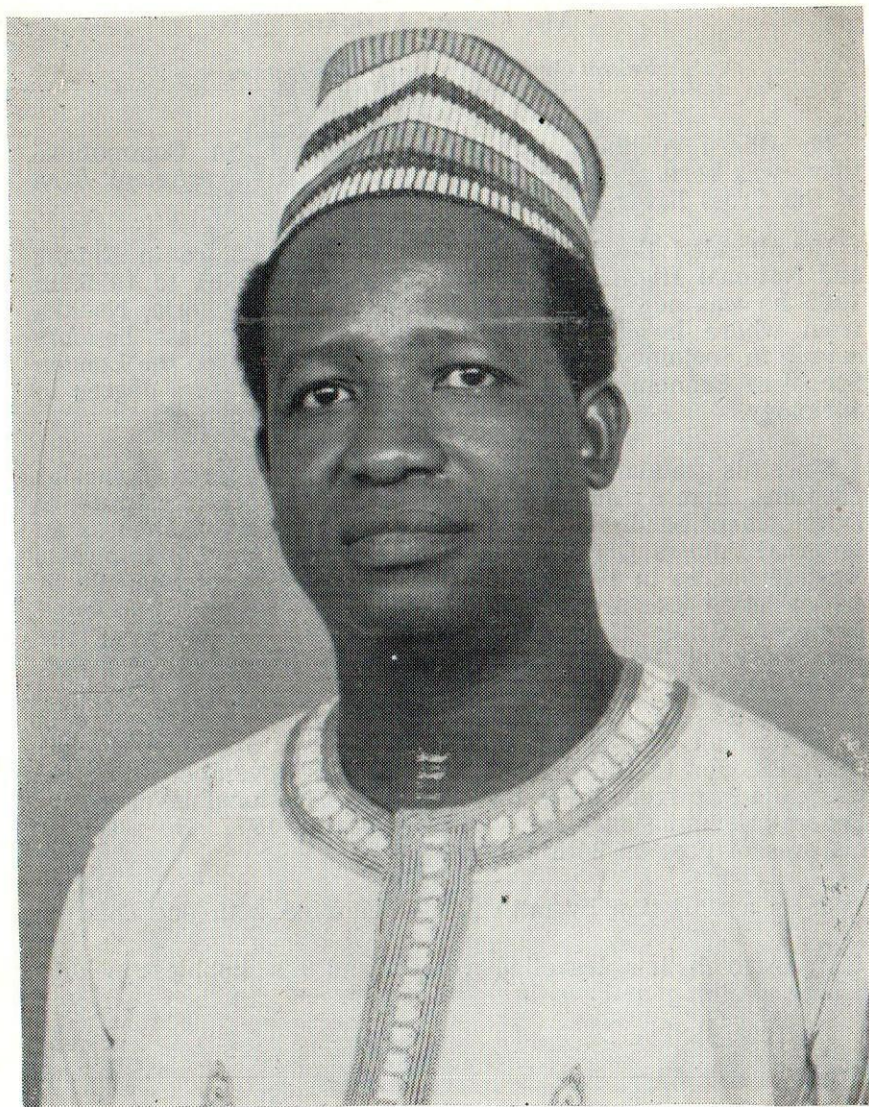
He attended the Primary School at Obio Usiere in Eniong and National High School, Arondizuogu from 1951 to 1955. In 1962 he was admitted into the University of Nigeria, Nsukka from where he graduated in 1965 with first class honours degree in Sociology. A year later Mr Aribiah entered the London School of Economics and in 1968 obtained a Masters degree in Sociology.

Since his graduation in 1965, Mr Aribiah has served in various positions, first as Junior Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, UNN, Enugu Campus in 1965, then as an External Affairs Officer from 1965 to 1966. On obtaining his Masters degree in 1968 he joined the University of Sheffield as an Assistant Lecturer. The following year he was appointed Lecturer, Grade II in the Department of Sociology at the University of Lagos and in 1974 was promoted Lecturer, Grade I.

Mr Aribiah was on this post when he was appointed a civil Commissioner in the Cross River State in November 1975. He was called up from there to serve at the National level as the Federal Commissioner for Works in March 1977. He assumed his present post on 24th July, 1978.

He is a Christian by faith and is married with one child.

Mr Aribiah has travelled widely and his hobbies include fishing, walking and writing poetry.



Alhaji BALARABE ISMAILA  
*Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation*

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Alhaji Balarabe Ismaila, Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation was born on August 21, 1934 in Kano City, Kano State.

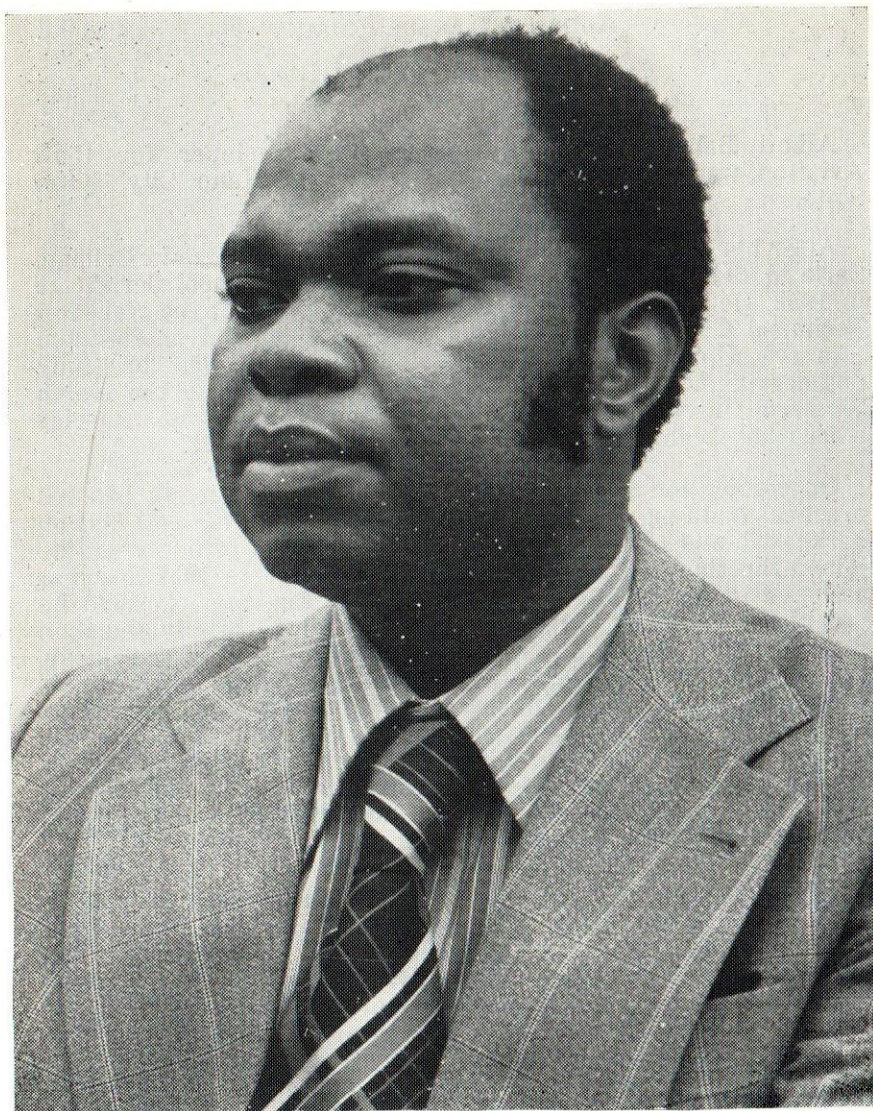
After his Elementary education he entered the Barewa College, Zaria in 1949, where he sat for the Cambridge School Certificate in 1952. He read for his Advanced Level papers at the Norwood Technical College, London from 1954 to 1956 and entered the Swansea University College, Wales later in 1956 to study engineering. On graduating in 1959 he went on to the North Western University, Illinois in the United States of America where he obtained a Masters degree in engineering.

On completion of his course in 1960, Alhaji Ismaila had his practical training with consulting engineers Messrs Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick and Partners in London for a period of one year. He joined the then Northern Nigeria Civil Service in 1961 and was assigned to Nguru as Assistant Provincial Engineer. In 1963 he was posted back to the Headquarters in Kaduna briefly and then reassigned to Benue Province as Acting Provincial Engineer. Again in 1964 Alhaji Ismaila was posted to Borno Province as Provincial Engineer. He was recalled to Kaduna in 1966 when he was promoted to the post of Deputy Chief Civil Engineer. He was on this post till his deployment to the Kano State Service as the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Survey. From 1969 he also served as the Chief Executive of the Kano Metropolitan Planning and Development Board.

Alhaji Ismaila was seconded to the Federal Civil Service in 1971 as Chief Aerodrome Engineer in the Federal Ministry of Transport, later Federal Ministry of Civil Aviation. In 1975 he returned to the Kano State Civil Service to serve as the Secretary to the State Military Government and Head of Service. He was on this post till August 1978 when he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation.

Alhaji Ismaila is a Moslem by religion and is married to the former Miss Hausatu Sani. They have six children.

He has visited many countries in Western and Eastern Europe, North and West Africa. His hobby is farming.



Mr D. G. ISOKRARI  
*Federal Commissioner for Establishments*

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Mr Dandeson Goodhead Isokrari, Federal Commissioner for Establishments was born on February 3, 1942 in his home town Buguma in the Rivers State.

He attended Baptist Day School, Port Harcourt from 1951 to 1956 and had his Secondary education at Baptist High School from 1957 to 1961. In 1962 he entered the International College for Tropical Agriculture and graduated from there in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He has also attended various management courses both locally and outside the country.

On graduating in 1966, Mr Isokrari joined the Nigerian Breweries Limited as Management Trainee. The following year he became a confirmed Manager and in 1974 was promoted to the rank of Senior Manager in the Production Department. He was appointed a Federal Commissioner in 1975.

Mr Isokrari is a Christian by faith and is married to the former Miss Comfort Tonkumoh. They have four children.

The countries he has visited include Western Germany, Bulgaria, United States of America, Holland, Jamaica, Egypt, Morocco, United Kingdom, Belgium, Mali, Ghana, Angola, Kenya and Benin Republic. His hobbies are table tennis, football, music and dancing.



Dr GARRICK BARILEE LETON  
*Federal Commissioner for Education*

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Dr Leton was born on November 25, 1933 at Berri, Bori Local Government Area in the Rivers State.

He received his primary education at Methodist Primary School, Berri/Taaba from 1942 to 1947 and pursued his secondary career at the Methodist Boys' High School, Oron for the next six years.

Dr Leton had a brief spell at the Hope Waddell Training Institute, Calabar, before going on to the Woolwich Polytechnic, London from 1955 to 1957.

From Woolwich Polytechnic Dr Leton moved on to the University of London where he first obtained an honours degree in Chemistry in 1960 and later a doctorate degree in analytical Chemistry in 1963. He is also an associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry and an Honorary fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Science and Technology.

Dr Leton has since his return to the country served in various capacities, first as a Lecturer in Chemistry in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (1964-1967) then as a private businessman. In 1975 he was appointed Commissioner for Health in the Rivers State from where he was called up in March 1977 to serve at the national level as the Federal Commissioner for Establishments.

On December 9, 1977 he was re-assigned Federal Commissioner for Information. He assumed his present post in July 1978.

A christian by religion, Dr Leton is married.

He has visited many countries including Holland, Belgium, Italy, and Western Germany as well as Sierra Leone and Ghana. Dr Leton's hobbies include music, sports, and farming.



Mr B. O. W. MAFENI  
*Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Water Resources*

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Mr Bernard Oghen William Mafeni, Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Water Resources was born on November 4, 1932 in Kano. He is a native of Usere in Isoko Local Government Area of Bendel State.

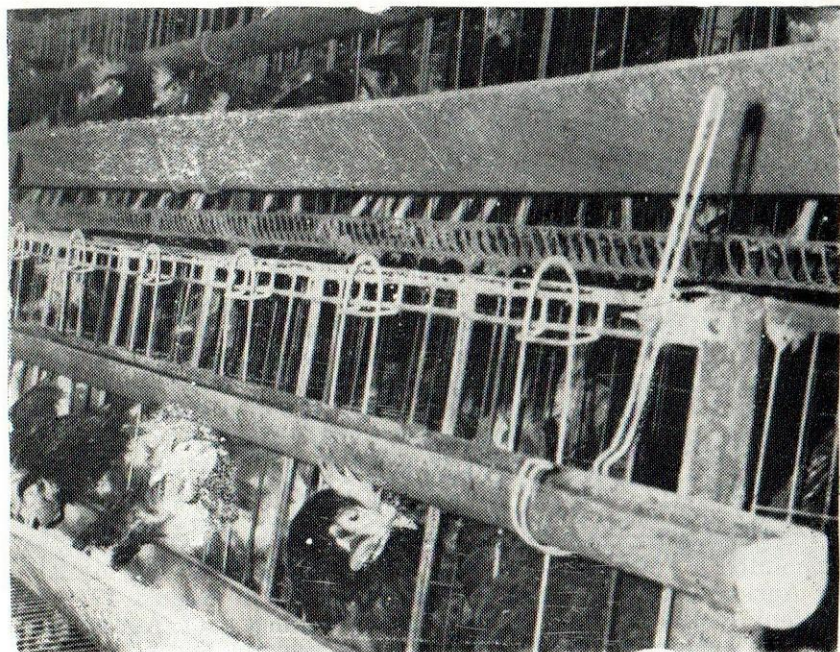
He received his primary education at Saint Thomas Primary School, Kano from 1938 to 1945. In 1946 he entered Saint Theresa's College, Gummi in Minna, Niger State and finished up in 1947 after sitting for the Teachers' Grade III Certificate Examination. Mr Mafeni obtained the Teachers' Grade II Certificate in 1952 after two years studies at the College of Mary Immaculate, Kafanchan. He was admitted into the then Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Zaria in 1954 where he read for Advanced Level papers in the General Certificate of Education for three years. In 1958 he enrolled at the University College, Ibadan and in 1961 graduated in English. In 1964 he obtained a Diploma in Phonetics and Linguistics from the University of Edinburgh and a year later a Master of Letters (Linguistics) from the same University.

Career wise, Mr Mafeni has had a wide and varied experience. As a teacher he rose to the rank of senior tutor at Saint Malachy's Teacher Training College in 1957. During his teaching career he was Rural Science teacher and put into wide practice the experience he had gained on the school farms in Teachers Training Colleges. After graduating in 1961 he joined the Federal Public Service as an Assistant Secretary. He resigned the following year to join the teaching staff of the University of Ibadan as an Assistant Lecturer. He was promoted Lecturer, Grade II in 1966 and Grade I in 1967. Mr Mafeni was first appointed Commissioner for Agriculture in the then Mid-West State in 1971. He held this Portfolio till January 1975 when he resigned and was appointed Chairman/Chief Executive of the Mid-West Farms Management Board. In August 1975 he was appointed a Federal Commissioner and assigned to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and in August 1978 Mr Mafeni took charge of the combined Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Resources.

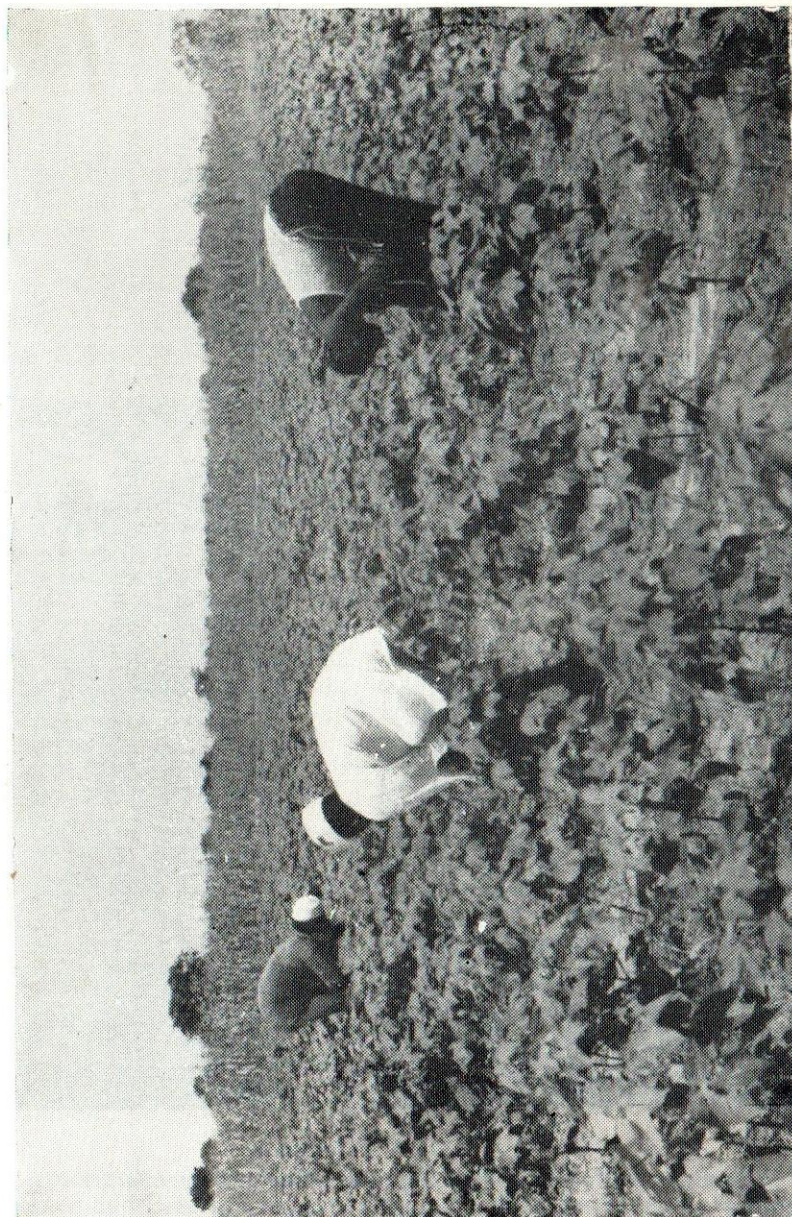
He is a member of the West African Linguists Society and International Phoneticians. Mr Mafeni has published a number of articles and books among which are "Isoko", a chapter in "Twelve Nigerian Languages" edited by Elizabeth Dunstan; "Nigerian Pidgin", a chapter in "English in West Africa" edited by John Spencer and "The Language of the Isoko People" also a chapter in "A history of the Isoko People" edited by Obaro Ikine.

Mr Mafeni is a Roman Catholic. He married the former Miss Dorothy Patricia Robins in 1959. They have two children.

He has travelled extensively in all continents of the world and his hobbies are gardening, lawn tennis, table tennis, horse riding and reading.



*Poultry in Ngwo*



*Operation Feed the Nation (OFN) became a catch-phrase during the military era*



Dr AUGUSTINE NNAMANI

*Attorney-General of the Federation and Commissioner for Justice*

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Dr Augustine Nnamani, Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Commissioner for Justice, was born at Agbani in Nkanu Local Government Area of Anambra State on August 8, 1934.

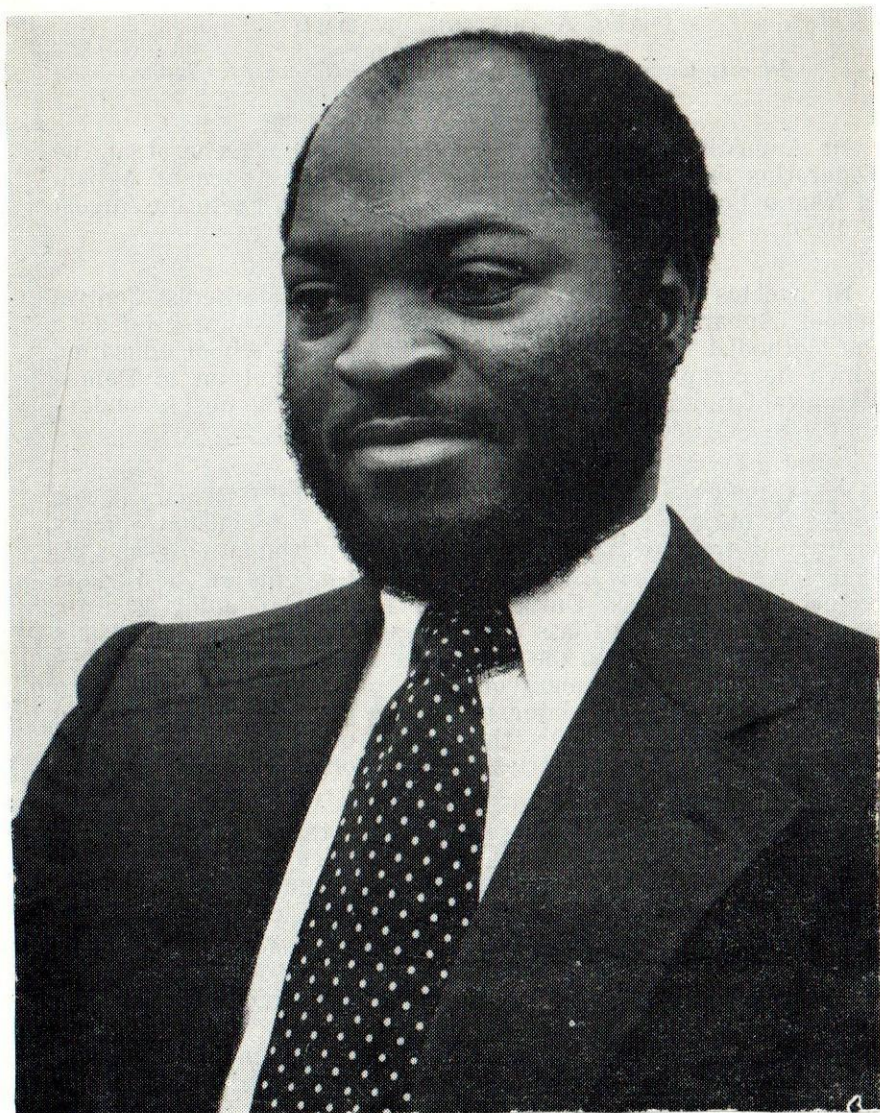
He had his primary school education at the Methodist Central School, Agbani, from 1939 to 1945 and in 1946 proceeded to the Methodist College, Uzuakoli for secondary school education which he completed in 1951. Dr Nnamani went on to Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha in 1952 for the post secondary course in Science.

From 1953 to 1957 he was at the School of Pharmacy, Yaba where he obtained a Diploma in Pharmacy. The next two years saw him at the North-Western Polytechnic, London. Dr Nnamani began an entirely new career in 1959 when he entered the London School of Economics, University of London, to study law. He graduated L.L.B. 2nd Class Hons. (Upper Division) in 1962 and was called to the Bar in the same year at Grays Inn London. The following year Dr Nnamani obtained his Masters Degree from the same University and later, in 1966 he got his doctorate degree in Constitutional Law. His thesis was on "Presidentialism in Developing African Countries of the Commonwealth".

Apart from his two years of service in the Public Service of the former Eastern Region as a Pharmacist, Dr Nnamani was a private legal practitioner in Enugu from 1966 to 1975. He was Commissioner for Lands and Survey East-Central State from November 1975 to 17th March, 1976. Dr Nnamani was Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of Anambra State till December 1976 when he was appointed Attorney-General of the Federation and Commissioner for Justice.

A christian by religion, Dr Nnamani is married with three children.

Among the countries he has visited are U.S.A., Germany, U.K., France and Belgium and his hobbies include lawn tennis, billiards and reading.



Dr PETER OGBANG  
*Federal Commissioner for Health and Social Welfare*

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Dr Peter Mego Ogbang, Federal Commissioner for Health and Social Welfare was born on October 25, 1940 at Utugwang, Obudu in the Cross River State.

He attended various primary schools at Obudu and Ogoja from 1947 to 1954. Doctor Ogbang received his secondary education at Mary Knoll Secondary School, Okuku in Ogoja, from 1954 to 1959. He was admitted into the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1961 and graduated from there in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. In 1968 he entered the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada and left in 1973 on successfully obtaining the doctor of philosophy degree.

Doctor Ogbang served as an Assistant Lecturer at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka from 1966 to 1968. He was a Graduate Assistant, University of British Columbia, Canada from 1971 to 1973. In 1974 he returned to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka as a Lecturer, Grade II and later in the same year joined the University of Ibadan (Jos Campus) on the same grade. He was promoted Lecturer, Grade I the following year.

He served as Commissioner for Education in the Cross River State from 1975 to March 1977 when he was appointed the Federal Commissioner for Health.

Doctor Ogbang married the former Miss Grace Unyeakpa Audu in 1967. They have four children.

The countries he has visited include Britain, Switzerland, France and Congo (Brazzaville). His hobbies are horse riding, poetry reading and music.



Professor WILLIAM OSISIOGU  
*Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation*

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*Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation*

Professor Isaac Udo William Osisiogu, Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation, was born at Old Umuahia in Imo State on November 3, 1930.

A pharmacist by profession, Professor Osisiogu had his secondary education at the Okrika Grammar School from 1945 to 1949. In 1950, he proceeded to the School of Pharmacy, Yaba from where he obtained his Chemist and Druggist diploma in 1953. In furtherance of his professional training he attended the School of Pharmacy, University of London (1956 to 1959) where he obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree. Professor Osisiogu went on to Chelsea College, University of London (1959 to 1963) from where he obtained the Ph.D (London) in 1963.

Professor Osisiogu started his career as a Pharmacist in 1953 when he served as an hospital Pharmacist in Bamenda in the Cameroons, then administered as part of Nigeria. He was there until 1954 when he took up appointment as a lecturer in the School of Pharmacy, Yaba. He joined the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1963 as a lecturer and rose to the position of a professor—a post he held until August 1975 when he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Water Resources.

On January 18, 1977, he was re-assigned Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation.

A christian by religion, Professor Osisiogu is married and has three children.



Major-General MUHAMMED SHUWA  
*Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing*

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*Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing*

Major-General Muhammed Shuwa, the Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing, was born on September 1, 1939, at Masharte in Borno State.

He started his primary school education in 1946 at the Kala Elementary School and then went on to Bama Central Elementary School from 1948-50. From 1950 to 1952, he attended the Bornu Middle School. He had his secondary Education at the Barewa College, Zaria from 1952-1957 where he passed his West African School Certificate in 1957.

Major-General Shuwa started his military training in 1959 at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. In 1969, he attended the Joint Services Staff College and in 1975, rounded all up at the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

Since 1961, Major-General Shuwa, has held various military appointments in the Nigerian Army the first of which was as a platoon commander in 1966. From 1963 to 1965, he was a company commander and in 1966 a battalion commander. He served as brigade commander and a divisional commander in 1967 during the Nigerian civil war. In 1970, he was made Principal General Staff Officer at Army Headquarters. He held this post till his appointment as Federal Commissioner for Trade in August 1975. He was re-assigned to the Ministry of Works and Housing in July 1978.

Major-General Shuwa is married with three children.



Professor JUSTIN IYORBEE TSEAYO  
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Professor J. I. Tseyayo who hails from Ushongo, Kwande L.G.A., was born on April 1, 1937 at Mbaikyaa, Ukan in Benue State.

He had his elementary and secondary education in Gboko Primary School, and Benue Middle School, Katsina-Ala, between 1945 and 1953. Between 1962 and 1965 he went to Ruskin College, Oxford and read for the Oxford University's Diploma in Public and Social Administration, and later at the University College, London where he read for the Post-graduate Diploma on Urbanization in Developing Countries, and at the University of Essex, where he read for the M.A. in Sociology. He later proceeded to the University of Sussex, Brighton where he completed the research for the doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) in Sociology in 1972.

Dr Tseyayo started his working career in 1954 as a Third Class Clerk in Kaduna. Between 1954 and 1968 he served in various capacities in the former Northern Region of Nigeria, as clerical officer, television producer and Social Welfare Officer responsible for planning, research and training.

He was appointed Research Fellow, N.I.S.E.R. University of Ibadan in 1971, and in 1972 left for Ahmadu Bello University where he was appointed Lecturer I in Sociology, and was promoted Senior Lecturer in 1974. He has published a book titled, "Conflict and Incorporation in Nigeria" and has contributed some forty articles in learned journals, books, international conferences and seminars, etc., etc. He is a member of several Professional bodies including the Economic Society of Nigeria, Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association, and Current Anthropology, United States of America.

Professor Tseyayo was appointed to the Chair of Sociology of the University of Jos in 1976, and in 1977 became the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and member of the Provisional Council of the University of Jos. He was also the Chairman, Benue State Scholarship Board.

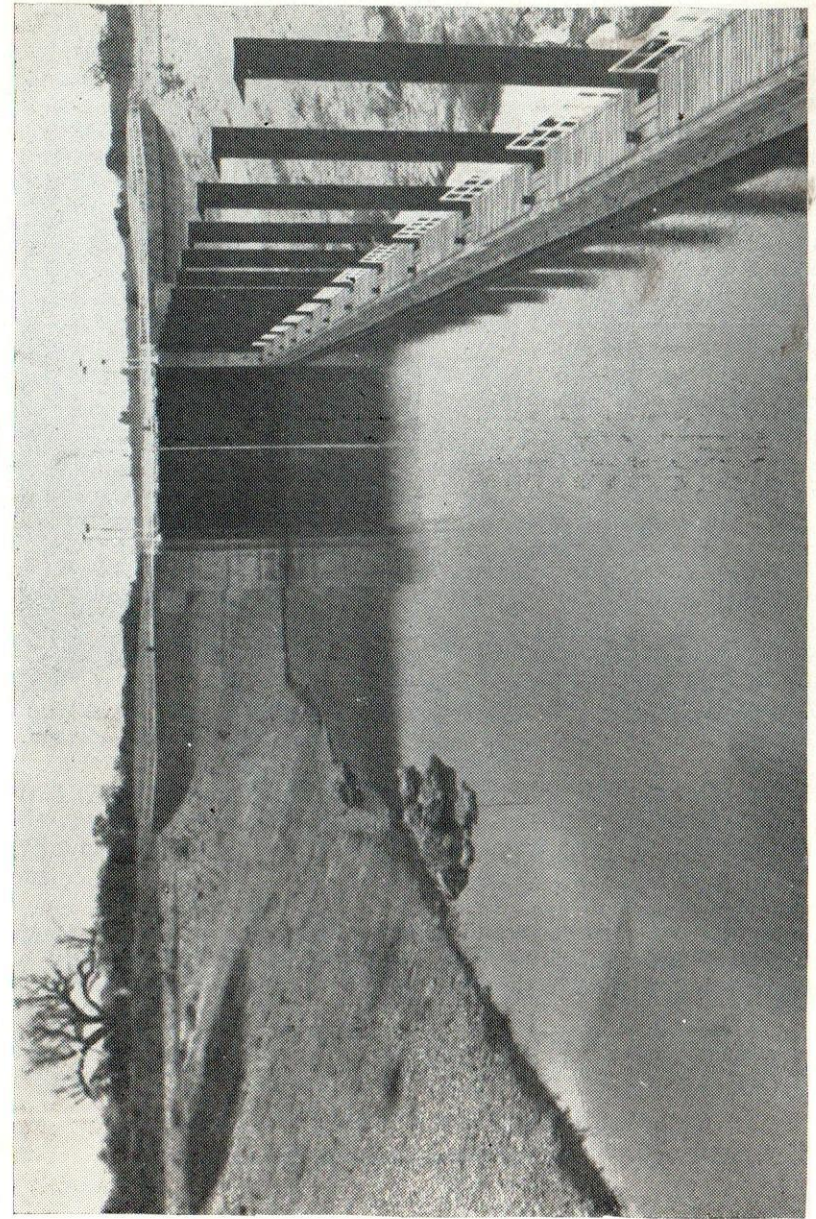
Professor Tseayo has visited many countries including the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Canada, U.S.A., Egypt and Sudan.

His hobbies are music, reading and Socializing.

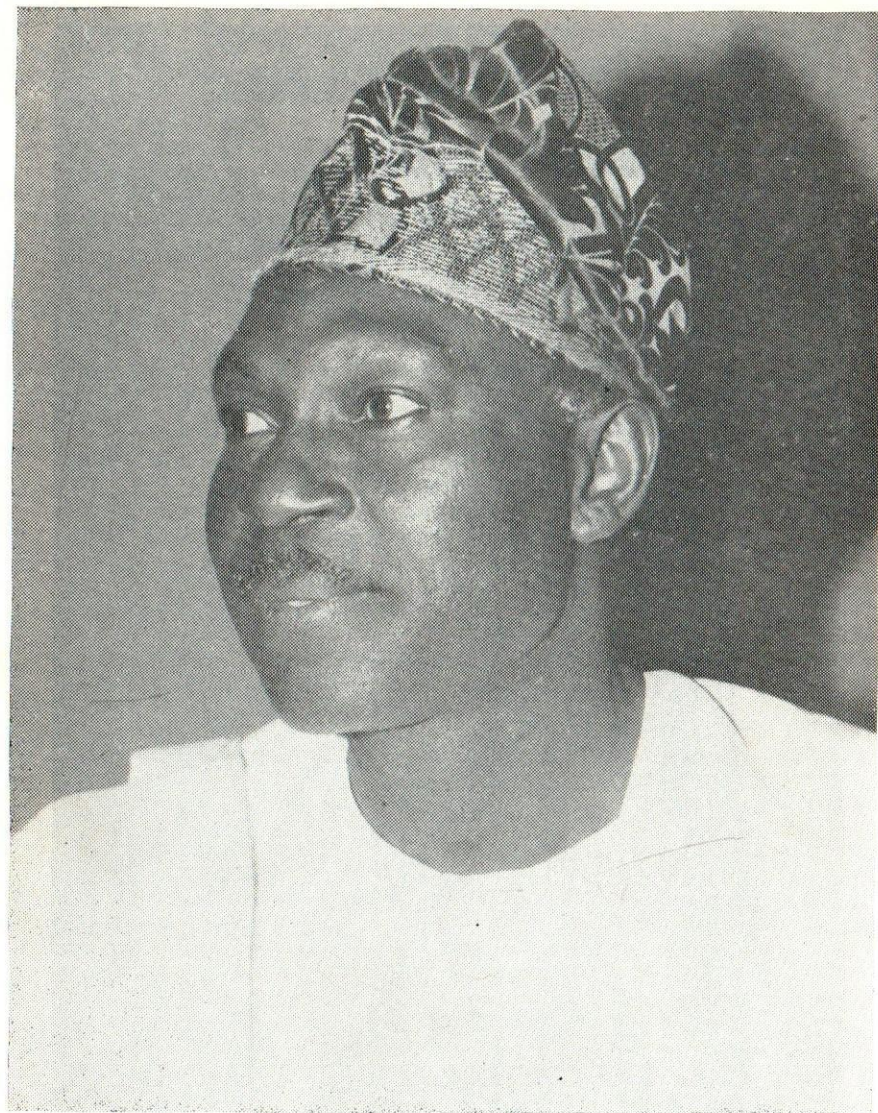
A Christian by religion, he married the former Miss Lorna Desree Perry in 1970. They have three children.

He was nominated Member in the Constituent Assembly between 1977 to 1978.

He was appointed the Federal Commissioner for Mines and Power in November 1978.



*On the Site of Kainji Dam*



MR SILVANUS OLATUNDE WILLIAMS  
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Mr Silvanus Olatunde Williams, Federal Commissioner for Labour, was born on September 16, 1922 at Abeokuta in Ogun State.

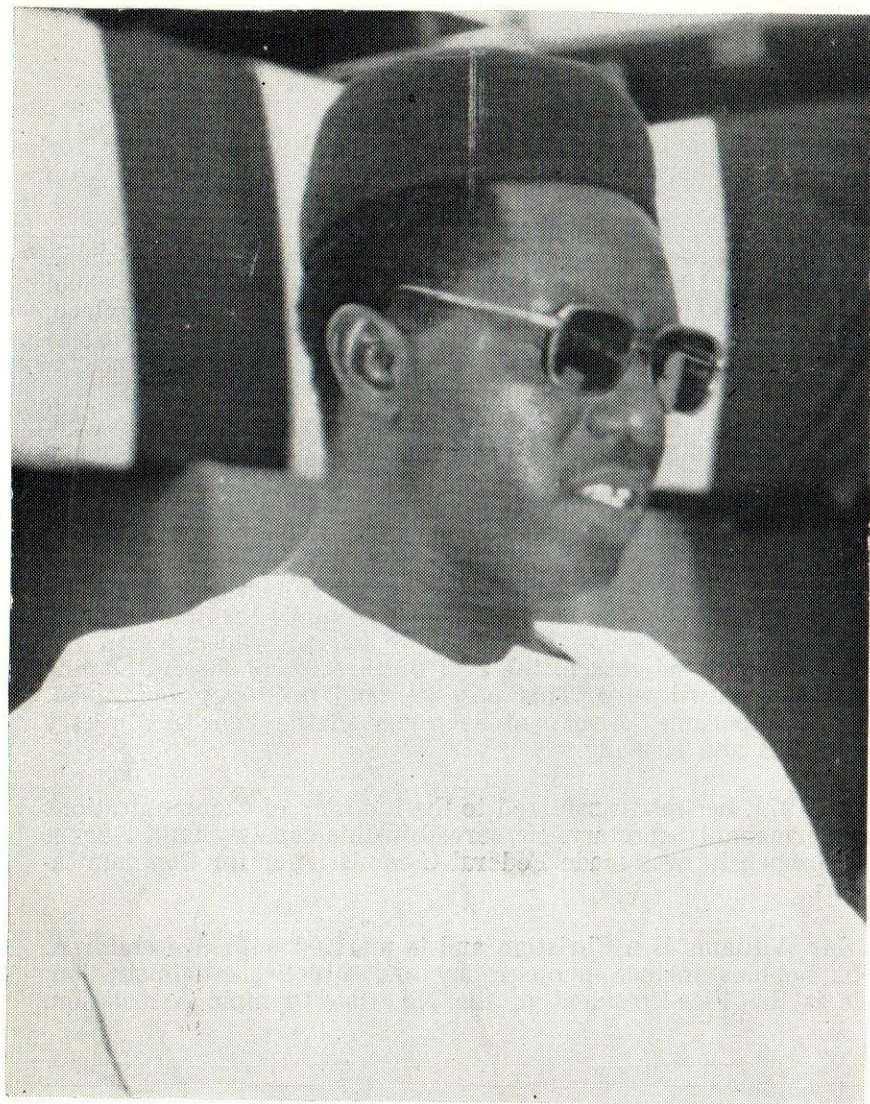
He had his secondary education at Methodist Boys' High School, Lagos, from 1936 to 1940 and he sat for the Cambridge School Certificate examination in 1941. He attended the Higher College, Yaba, from where he obtained a diploma in Civil Engineering in October 1944.

In 1947, Mr Williams enrolled at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, graduating from there with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951. In 1954, he moved to Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana where he took his Masters degree in civil engineering the following year.

Mr Williams started his career in the Federal Ministry of Works (then the Public Works Department) as an engineer (Grade four) in 1945. He worked in various capacities in the ministry until he rose to the post of Director of Federal Public Works in April 1963. This post he held until February 1966, when he became Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing.

In 1971, he was transferred to the Ministry of Communications as Permanent Secretary. He served in this capacity until August 1975 when he was made Federal Commissioner for Communications.

Mr Williams is a Christian and is married with five children. His hobbies include photography and athletics administration. He is the Vice-President of the Nigerian Olympic Association.



Mr SHEHU WUNTI  
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Mr Usman Shehu Wunti, Federal Commissioner for Transport was born on December 1936 at Bauchi in Bauchi State.

He attended Kobi Elementary School from 1942 to 1947 and Bauchi Middle School from 1947 to 1951. Mr Wunti attended the P.W.D. Technical School, Kaduna in 1952, 1955 and 1956 where he did a course in civil engineering. He also trained with the P.E. Consulting Group, U.K. in 1961.

Mr Wunti worked as Technical Assistant with Bauchi Native Authority from 1952 to 1957 and as an Engineering Assistant with the same Authority for the next three years. From 1960 to 1968, he was the Building Inspector for Zaria Township. Later in 1968 Mr Wunti became the Clerk of Works, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, a post he held till 1972 when he was appointed Senior Works Manager with N.N.D.C. (P) Ltd. Kaduna in 1972. He was promoted Chief Works Manager in 1973. In 1976 he was General Manager for Home Developments Ltd., Kaduna. Mr Wunti remained on this post till he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Transport in 1978.

He is a Moslem and he married his wife, Aishatu in December 1957. They have six children.

The countries he has visited include Hong Kong, North Korea and Angola. His hobbies are reading, squash, hockey snooker and billiards.



Alhaji M. D. YUSUF  
*Inspector-General of Police and  
Federal Commissioner for Internal Affairs  
and a member of the Federal Executive Council*



*Asart Falls—One of the tourist attraction spots in the country.*

