

GOWON GRANTED EXECUTIVE PARDON



NIGERIA's war-time Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon has regained his freedom as a citizen.

This was sequel to an Executive pardon granted to the former military head of state by the president, Alhaji Shehu Shagari during his nation-wide broadcast to mark the country's 21 years of nationhood.

by Balafama Banigo

Also granted clemency, were those sentenced to various terms of imprisonment by military tribunal, following their alleged roles in the 1976 abortive coup which saw the debacle of the Murtala Muhammed era.

The president however stated that, those declared wanted by the then military administration would still be made to answer charges in accordance with the laws of the land, though he did not specify those concerned.

Announcing the executive action, Alhaji Shehu explained that his decision had been guided by the wider interest of national unity, and his profound belief in magnanimity as a means of achieving national harmony.

According to the president, the former head of state, Yakubu Gowon will now be free to return to the country, whenever he wishes to do so, without any hindrance from the government.

It will be recalled that Yakubu Gowon came to power in 1966, after the overthrow of the first military leader of the nation, late General J. T. U. Aguiy-Ironsi in a bloody coup.

The climax of that period of uncertainties, was a bloody war, which culminated into the

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worst carnage, human sufferings and the existence of the federation was put on trial.

Under the able and matured leadership of Yakubu Gowon, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, the nation was able to emerge victorious.

During his absence from the country to attend the OAU summit conference in Kampala, Uganda in 1976, his regime was overthrown by his colleagues, who justified their action by stressing the lack of sense of direction and the growing feelings of despair which had unfortunately marked the later part of his brilliant career.

On the news of his overthrow the former head of state diverted his course from Kampala to London, where he was granted political sanctuary by Her Majesty's government in Great Britain.

After his arrival in Britain, in what most political observers described as an odyssey, the former army general, and head of state, resigned from the grandeur of his aristocratic life and took the least expected action of returning to the classroom to study political

science in one of British leading universities outside London.

There, he obtained his first and second degrees in political science.



• GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON

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YOUR STARS TODAY

ACCOUNTS
Opportunities present themselves today for you to set a new course, correct old ones. Supervisors give you the guidelines which you will do well to heed. This is a good day to sort out domestic problems.

PHILES
You may have to take control of your business surroundings to do it. It appears that your wages have been letting your pocket go out of hand.

AIDS
Today will set your social life on a new, probably, wrong, but to be in company with an early relative or friend. If you are moving elsewhere plans for the future check things carefully.

TALUS
You are a lucky person today for the problems of the last few days are over and you are able to see it all. Take stock of what you have achieved over the last year and you will be highly pleased with yourself.

GEMIN
There is an ending indicated in a few days. This could either affect the inside or the outside. Treat your carefully through all misadventure and do not upset anyone for the sake of it.

CANCER
A great opportunity arises for you to make some headway in your career. Only act with both hands and make the most of it. At least efforts are guaranteed a certain degree of success.

LEO
If you have been expecting news from abroad, or have been waiting for a letter for something to be delivered to you, now is the moment when you should see results.

LIBRA
You are in haste this weekend. You catch up on all those small jobs you have been neglecting. Family will want you to get out and about, but you should disregard them.

SCORPIO
Don't allow elderly relatives to make too much trouble for you. They are old-fashioned and may be a source of complaint, but they will be an asset for getting on well with the family.

SAGITTARIUS
Those of you who have made some investments over the year are now in a position to realize the rewards, and this also goes for those who have made a determined effort to improve themselves.

TAURUS
Long and tedious waiting for a decision and future position to work out. Be ready with the news of a decision. Your colleagues will show signs of jubilation for you about your future.

GEMINI
Work colleagues and domestic partners are in a better mood. There is a new mood of optimism and a new sense of direction. Things will be better. Look for a new beginning.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ADVISED

CHAIRMEN and members of the various functional committees in the state have been advised to work together with the various councils to ensure the success of the decentralization policy of the present government.

The advice was given by the state Commissioner for Local Government (Chief) Lt. Col. Ayah while addressing councillors and members of the various functional committees at Saakpenwa, the headquarters of the Tai/Ndoki district in continuation of his tour of the local government units in the state.

The commissioner frowned at instances where conflict of interests occurred between the local government councils and the functional committees.

Chief Ayah remarked that they would be doing the greatest disservice to their people if they failed to work together and set up development projects within their areas of jurisdiction.

BRIEFS FROM THE STATE

IKWERRE

ACTIVITIES at the general hospital, Okomoko Etche in the Ikwerre Local Government area of the Rivers State have been paralysed as the workers embarked on a strike. To fuel action.

They are protesting over non-payment of their salaries and following this development, patients have been forced to discharge themselves from the hospital.

When the Nigerian Tide called at the hospital a young man, Mr. Julius Nwogu, a staff of the Nigerian Glass Company, Port Harcourt, who was involved in a motor accident with a truck, was being treated by the workers.

DEGEMA

THE people of Bakana in the Degema Local Government area of Rivers State will be one hundred years old next December and in order to mark the centenary a number of activities has been fixed up. Tomorrow, October 3 the centenary committee will be launching events to kick-off the celebration. The launching ceremony will feature among others the Kalabari SIBI NANGOLD masquerade, which was last staged 30 years ago.

Distinguished personalities from all walks of life are expected at the launching ceremony, including Federal and State legislators and commissioners.

AHOADA

AN Ahoada based businessman, Udo Obara has appeared before chief magistrate E.B. Barangin Tarah sitting at the Ahoada chief magistrate's court accused of being in unlawful possession of one hundred and one bags of rice.

The accused, the prosecution alleged, had in his possession one hundred and one bags of rice suspected to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained without giving a reasonable account of how they were obtained.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was granted bail in the sum of N1,000.00 and one surety who the court ordered that he must swear an affidavit of livelyhood while the case was adjourned to October 19, 1981 for hearing.

YENAGOA

AN appeal has been made for the equitable distribution of amenities in the Kolokuma/Opokuma district in Yenagoa Local Government of the Rivers State.

In addition, political office holders in the area have been urged to let justice prevail.

The appeal was made by the chairman of the Opokuma Local Government Udon, his Highness, Chief A.E. Ametebob during a press conference.

He was of the view that the aim of the decentralization policy is to bring about rapid development at the local level.

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AN electrical contractor, Charles Nweze (26) and his wife, Gail Nweze (21) both of number 21, Timber Street, Dobu, Port Harcourt have appeared before Chief Magistrate C.K. Mumbo on charges of conspiracy, brewing, entering and stealing.

The prosecution alleged that the couple on September 16, this year at No. 31 Egbo Street, Dobu, conspired among themselves to break and enter into the dwelling house of one Mrs. Evelyn Udego.

Both accused denied the charge and were granted bail in the sum of N2,000.00 each with one surety in the same amount. Hearing in the case is fixed for October 23.

OTAJI AWO FORMED AT ABONNEMA

A youth wing called 'Otaji Awo' has been launched in George's compound of Abonnema. It is formed by progressive sons who have laid down their lives and resources for the development of the compound.

At its inaugural meeting, Mr. Moses Jacob was elected the protem chairman. In his post election speech, the chairman appealed for co-operation and dedication on the part of members and called on pro

gressive sons of the compound to rally round the new society for the good of all.

The following protem officers were also elected: Mr. Emmanuel Oribu, secretary; Mr. Daye Georgewill, treasurer; Mr. Ipabio Oribu, financial secretary; Mr. Nna Shaden, Publicity secretary while the post of ordinary went to Mr. Loko Akpana.

NEPA rides high in Bauchi

THE National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) enjoyed better patronage in Bauchi State throughout the federal election.

Disclosing this in Bauchi at the weekend, NEPA's district manager in Bauchi State Mr. J.O. Alabi, described it as a model state because consumers never waited to be disconnected before settling their bills.

The district manager felt that because of the full co-operation, NEPA enjoyed from its customers in the state, the authority has always responded promptly to the problems of consumers.

He said that this has brought about cordial relationship between NEPA and its customers, as both parties saw themselves as partners in progress.

More than two thousand new consumers have been connected, he said, bringing the consumer population in the state to more than fifteen thousands.

Total cash collected by NEPA in the state within the first half of this year stood at more

than N6 million.

Debts owed by consumers was about N1 million, but it has been observed that consumers response to payment of electricity bill has been very encouraging.

The district manager disclosed that the authority would soon install new accounting equipment to raise the efficiency of accounting services to consumers.

In another development NEPA's director of distribution (North-

West, Mr. D.C. Dim disclosed in Kaduna that consumers in the North-East and North-West directorate were owing N3.2 million as at the first quarter of this year.

He also stated that a programme has been mapped out at a meeting of district managers of the authority in the

Northern zone recently in Kaduna.

The programme include a general reconstruction and reinforcement of distribution lines

construction of additional distribution substations and increasing the capacity of existing ones to cope with the rising demands for power supply in the state.

Mr. Dim stated that the purpose of the various development programme to be executed in the directorate was to eliminate over loading and mitigate fluctuations and thus improve the quality of power supply to consumers.

When completed, the new project would also help the authority cope with rising demands for new connection, he said.

OBITUARY

NATIONAL PARTY OF NIGERIA (NPN) IKWERRE DISTRICT

We announce with regret the death of one of our frontline colleagues and leaders;



CHIEF G. E. IKPOKA

(Chairman KELGA Constituency II)

which had event took place in the Port Harcourt General Hospital on Tuesday 15th September 1981.

Friday 2nd October 1981: Corpses leaving the General Hospital mortuary at 2 pm for the home town Omagwa.

Friday 2nd October, 1981: Christian and traditional wake keeping in his Omagwa residence from 7 pm till dawn.

Saturday 3rd October, 1981: Interment in his compound at 11 am after church service at St. Martin's Anglican Church, Omagwa.

All Party Members in Ikwerre/Etche are invited to be present from the mortuary to the burial.

CHIEF E. A. D. ALIKOR



ALHAJI M. HASSAN
Minister of Power

Babbe wants district

Please kindly allow me a space in your widely read National News Paper to air my views and suggestion on the creation of city, urban and district councils in Rivers State.

I will not hesitate to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to the State's Chief Executive for his enormous efforts in bringing the state to its present stature.

I believe one of the aims of the "Decentralisation Policy" of this administration is to uplift the rural areas of the State.

Therefore, decentralization Policy will be simply defined as "a corner stone for even

development". But I am worried over the none creation of Babbe District which is now over due.

Babbe (an which is in Boni Local Government area) merges with Kenkharu/Babbe District which comprises 32 towns/villages.

As at now the decentralization policy does not require one to travel more than 10 miles (16 km) to his headquarters for any type of business.

Critical example is the October 1 when pupils/students are expected to do their "March-Past" at the headquarters.

Considering the vast population as well as the geographical stand, I strongly advocate that Babbe be given a separate District.

Suanu Lewaga

Give Peremabiri

sch of agric

Kindly permit me to express my views on the issues of the need to establish a School of Agric at Peremabiri.

I appreciate various development plans embarked upon by the present Rivers State Government.

Peremabiri in Boma District in Yenagoa Local Government area (YELGA) having a gigantic Rice Mill which is one of the largest in West Africa.

It is very astonishing

to see 90% of school certificate holders of the area engaging in the teaching profession without given an opportunity to work in this mill.

In order to encourage farming vigorously in the rural areas there is the need for establishing School of Agric at Peremabiri attached to the Peremabiri Rice Project (PRP).

So that the problem of scarcity of food in the riverine areas will be eliminated.

Kulabebe Oraseo Peremabiri

Yenagoa/ road project

MAY I appeal to the state government to commence work on Yenagoa-Ukubie Road.

This road was first initiated by the Diets Spill administration but unfortunately the past two administrations of Lekwot and Saidu, respectively did not see anything good with the project.

Hence they forgot it totally.

But democratically elected government under Governor Melford Okilo allayed our fears and announced the take-off of the road with feasibility studies completed and contract awarded, but yet to take off.

May I remind the state government that the present administration has only two years to go and this time is seemingly very short.

Development projects especially road construction in southern part of the country is carried out in the dry season which is also a short period.

Now if this project is left to start, the party

that will possess power in 1983 may adopt another programmes and policies and may neglect this YELGA road.

Importance of road transportation are numerous and need not be over emphasized particularly when considering the geographical terrain of this area.

The difficulties we have been encountering since time immemorial as a result of no roads are many.

It might be doubtful pointing out that it takes a traveller a whole day from Port Harcourt to villages in Yenagoa Local Government area (YELGA).

Absence of roads in the area has been the cause for the high cost of commodities and transportation.

Once again I appeal to the state government to review these problems and take their plight into consideration.

GODWIN ASAIN Agbori I.

POLITICIANS ARE ADVISED

THE political sickness in the country is caused by power drunk politicians in the country.

They want to get everything at their disposal by organising various forms of unrest in different parts of the country.

This they do to achieve their selfish ends.

They do this with the support and stand of their various political parties.

Most of the politicians are instruments of destruction.

They don't want to see others ascending to their heights.

Every meaningful Nigerian will agree with me that any person or

group of persons cannot progress with such practices.

Let me tell those power drunk politicians that "it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice".

It is due to the political sickness in the country that is causing the present high cost of living to the poor masses.

It has brought inflation, highcost of living, high rentage, medical care, transport and many others.

The Federal Government has been talking about "Green Revolution" which has brought nothing good to the poor.

Both the rich and poor had much to eat during the past military government.

The Nigerian National Supply Company (NNSC) is not living to the expectation of the common man.

Government should

try its best to check the irregularities in the NNSC.

If the government can lift ban on most of the essential commodities so that individuals can import, prices of commodities will go down.

There is money in the country but it is only circulating in the hands of a few highly place people.

The politicians are only trying to shout wolf when there is no wolf.

Government sponsored students abroad are suffering because they have not been sent their scholarship money to their various institutions of learning.

Do you think these students will be pleased with these power drunk politicians?

If the present government can cure the said political sickness there will be peace, unity, and stability in this country.

Worried Citizen Port Harcourt

Radio two: Pride of RS

I should use this chance to say thanks to the Rivers State Government under Chief Melford Okilo's Administration for creating a new Radio Station in the state, and in putting it in to a wave hand, that can be heard even beyond Nigeria.

The Radio Station which goes by the name Radio River Two F.M. Stereo has got all one needs for musical entertainment.

Radio Two has got first class entertainment in music. Not only that, this has got our state beyond doubt that Rivers State is second to none.

Since the inception of this Radio Station, dealers in electronics especially those that deal on Radio sets have made a great market, because nobody wants to be told of F.M. Nobody wants to miss the pleasure of this radio station in music.

From 6.00 a.m. in the morning till about 11.00 p.m. it is music non stop.

Any sort or type of music, F.M. Stereo is at your best services, be it Disco, Reggae, Pop, Funk, High Life or our home beats.

That is the reason for the rush for F.M. Radio.

The radio announcers in the studio cannot be forgotten in this great achievement.

As the announcers are effic. int and sound.

They know what their listeners want, and will surely deliver the goods. Some of the announcers

like, Brighton Sogwe, Kenneth Ekperi, Samuel Iwenna, Jone Eleben, Josephine Iwala, Lulu Bercipki, just to mention a few, have got all we need.

I will also like to suggest that the organisers shift the time Reggae time from 2.30 p.m. (Monday and Tuesday), to a time when people will be at home because 2.00 p.m. is working hours.

All things be equal I must say a more BRAVO.

Long live Rivers State, Long live Radio River Two F.M. Stereo.

K. TEDDYIYKE

Ebete Town

EDUCATE PUBLIC

MAY I use this chance to draw the attention of the state government, hindered by lack of Sabina District funds, I am appealing to Amassome Amatu, Ur the Commissioner, to ban Council to the long Works and transport to existing road between take over the main the two neighbouring towns.

This foot path which municipality between the two towns developed into two towns. While this path is maintained by the two towns with the help of through self help efforts to improve the state without help from the government nor the state government.

Despite the relentless state government to efforts of the two sister do something to alleviate towns in maintaining this the sufferings of the two road, the state and the affected communities. district council have not shown any assistance in this regard.

P&T workers starved

I wish to give my manifold thanks to the Ministry of Communication - Post and Telegraph Department which has made it possible to restore the pre-war Postal Agency services at Eber Omuma Etche.

I thank the Rivers State Government whose moral and financial assistance made it possible to complete the self project.

The Postal Agency was opened last year December 9th 1980 by the Ministry of Communication - Post and Telegraph Department Port Harcourt.

But it is disheartening that workers in Eber Omuma Postal Agency have not received their salaries from the onset.

They are suffering from untold hardship for the non payment of their salaries.

The Postal Agency which situated at Eber, Headquarters of Omuma Urban is serving all communities in the area.

The nearest Postal Agency, Umaturu 25 kilometres away.

Eber and its neighbouring towns and villages in Ikwere Etche L.G.A. have both primary and post primary institutions and government functionaries with civil servants are making proper use of this Agency.

Why then should the workers suffer indefinitely?

A labourer is worthy of his pay.

I therefore sincerely request the authorities concerned to see into the plight of the P&T suffering workers.

N.O. Chighu Eber Omuma

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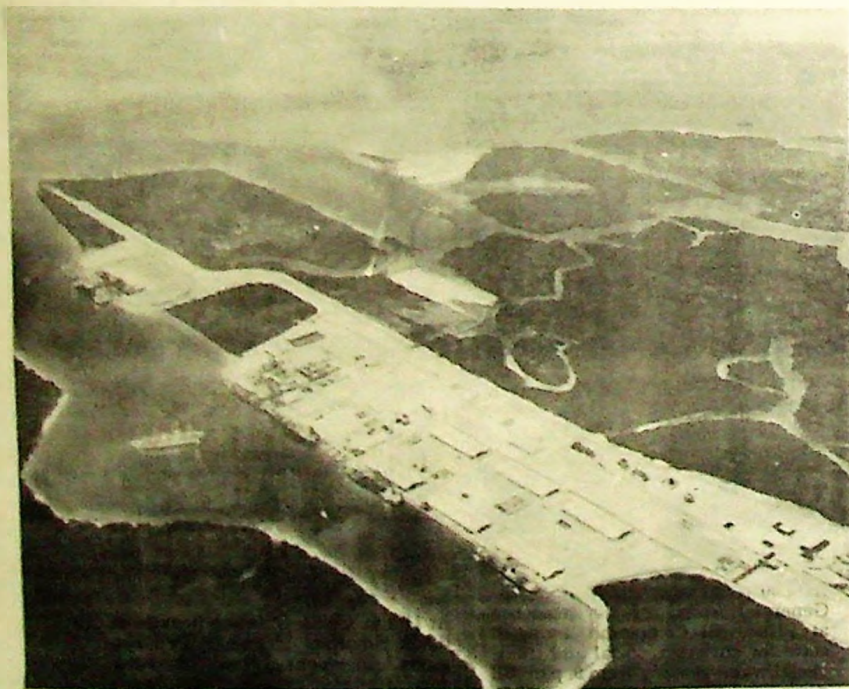
**The Head of State, His Excellency, ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
The Governor of Rivers State, His Excellency, CHIEF MELFORD OKILO,
The Governors of other States and All the People of Nigeria,**

ON THE OCCASION OF

NIGERIA'S 21st INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

*We also use this opportunity to greet the Honourable Minister of Transport—
Alhaji UMARU DIKKO and Our Clients—The Nigerian Ports Authority.*

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OBITUARY

With gratitude to God for a life well spent in the service of the Lord, the Families of King Abbi Amachree, Chief Prince Dick Gogo Amachree, Chief Ojuka Amachree, all of Buguma, Chief Frank Briggs, Chief Bob-Manuel Family of Abonnema and Chief Alagoa, Family of Nembe, announce the death of their daughter, sister, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, grand-mother and great-grand-mother,



PRINCESS LOVE GOGO PRINCEWILL AMACHREE

(Popularly known as KAINÉ (aged 80 years)

who died peacefully in her sleep on 30th August, 1981

She left behind to mourn her death:

Chief Ebenezer Princewill	in-law	Mr Enefaa Princewill	grandson
Chief A. A. Amachree	brother	Miss Ibiye Princewill	grand-daughter
Chief E. G. Princewill	"	Miss Victoria Princewill	grand-daughter
Mr Dan Princewill	"	Mr Sopakriba Princewill	grandson
Madam Mbajee G. Princewill	sister	Miss Tonye Princewill	grand-daughter
Mr Andrew George	son	Mr Ibitoru Princewill	great grandson
Hon Dagogo Princewill	grandson	Mr Tubonimi Young-Arney	great grandson
Mrs Ine Frank-Briggs	grand daughter	Miss Osayeba Okorosa	great grand-daughter
Lt.-Comd. Ibim Princewill	grandson	Mr Ted Princewill	great grandson
Madam Ekineba Young Arney	grand daughter	Master Wanemi Alagoa	great grandson
Mrs M. D. Alagoa	grand-daughter	Master Seki Princewill	great grandson

And a host of other great grandchildren and relations.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 2/10/81

At 4.00 p.m. corpse leaves Buguma General Hospital for her residence at Princewill Compound. Lying in state for christian, social and traditional wake-keeping from 9. p.m. till dawn.

Saturday 3/10/81

At 11 a.m. Commendation Service at the St Saviours African Church, Buguma. Interment follows immediately after service at her residence.

The children of the late Mrs Eva Princewill are calling all members of Ojuka-Amachree Compound in Buguma to come and give the mother of their late sister a befitting burial. Remember you all loved Eva and this is what she would have lived to do; Remember now and honour her to honour her mother.

Thank you all.

**HON DAGOGO PRINCEWILL
LT-COMD IBIM PRINCEWILL
MRS M. D. ALAGOA**
for the families

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With gratitude to God for a life well spent, we announce the transition to the greater beyond of our dearly beloved mother, grandmother and sister



Madam Rosatta N. Nemieboka

(aged 66 years)

who passed away after a brief illness on 26th September 1981.

She is survived by the following:

Mr Cornelious Ngbeke	— brother
Mr Jones Adokiye	— "
Madam Iniworima Alasamunika	— "
Madam Itamuno:baraomi Adokiye	— "
Chief Mark D. Nemieboka	— son

Mrs Esther Owubo Ibisiki	— daughter
Mr Joshua T. Nemieboka	— son
Mrs Edna D. Nemieboka	— daughter-in-law
Mr Fynest I. Nemieboka	— son
Mrs Dorothy T. Nemieboka	— daughter-in-law
Mrs Okweinka F. Nemieboka	— " " "
Miss Naomi Owubo Ibisiki	— grand daughter
Mr Israel Owubo Ibisiki	— " son
Miss Dora Owubo Ibisiki	— " daughter
Master Edward Owubo Ibisiki	— " son
Miss Miebiaye D. Nemieboka	— " daughter
Miss Ibinemba D. Nemieboka	— " " "
Master Atubochin Owubo Ibisiki	— " son
Miss Igbikisika J. Nemieboka	— " daughter
Miss Nyengierefoka Owubo Ibisiki	— " " "
Miss Grace J. Nemieboka	— " " "
Miss Dawaye D. Nemieboka	— " " "
Master Dason D. Nemieboka	— " son
Miss Ndeaseomieye Amiso	— " daughter
Master Iyabuibi F. Nemieboka	— " son
Miss Ibiemie D. Nemieboka	— " daughter
Master Tamunomiesam D. Nemieboka	— " son
Miss Labomieari Amiso	— " daughter
Master Taripakaye F. Nemieboka	— " son
Master Nyengisika J. Nemieboka	— " " "
Master Daso J. Nemieboka	— " " "
Master Tamunosepiriala F. Nemieboka	— " " "
Master Tamunobama J. Nemieboka	— " " "
Miss Ibinemba J. Nemieboka	— " daughter

Mother, God's finger touched you, and you slept. Adieu and rest in perfect peace.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday, 2nd October, 1981. — Body leaves Port Harcourt marguary at 1.00 p.m. to her home-town Ogu in Okrika District. Body lies in state at late Chief Mark Nyengisika Nemieboka's residence. Followed by all-night wake-keeping.

Saturday, 3rd Oct., '81. — Funeral service at 10.00 a.m. at St. Martin's (Anglican) Church Ogu. Body laid to rest immediately after the service.

CHIEF M. D. NEMIEBOKA
for the family.

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...Commissioner for Educa-
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...The site he said,

CHILD care is a complex issue which has been known to keep certain governments in the world for longer terms in office and others thrown out by it.

And so most meaningful governments have often taken child care very seriously and fully integrated policies on it in their programmes.

The topic can be discussed in three broad headings: child health care, child's education, both at school and at home and general care for the less unfortunate ones — the disabled children.

Child health care: The general health care in this country is most pitiful. It is no exaggeration to say that the infant mortality rate is very high here.

Millions of children die every year, almost all of them victims of extreme poverty and preventable malnutrition and diseases caused by inadequate health facility. Thousands of children go blind every year, most of them from the same causes and thousands more become sickly and disabled, again for

would be a school for special education for the handicapped. The committee he said, has Port Harcourt primary school in mind.

For the long-term project, the secretary stated that the IYDP wasn't a thing that will lapse with the 1981. The long-term Committee needs project will be comprehensive.

Finance has been the delaying factor in executing these various projects. Few people have been able to contribute towards the programme. The People's Club of Nigeria donated N2,000, the UBA, N500 and REV C. T. Ozulu N42,000.

The 1980-81 corporis in the state also made a cash donation totalling N500.00 to three charitable organisations in Port Harcourt in respect of this year's IYDP ac-

the same reasons.

A good gauge on how developed a country is using the ratio of doctor to patient. In Nigeria the ratio is not very near what it obtains in any developed country.

There are places in this country where the inhabitants have never known what hospitals are like let alone benefit from them.

In some rural areas mothers still deliver their babies themselves without the help of any medical personnel.

Little wonder why some babies come out deformed or certain parts of their bodies missing because an ignorant mother might possibly have damaged certain organs of their bodies at time of delivery.

There was a case recently of a young mother in a rural area who had her baby in the bush. As the child was born she managed to sever the umbilical cord which joins mother and child.

She did it so badly that some part of the umbil-

cus was damaged.

The child is still living but one wonders how long that will be.

If children's hospitals are positioned at various vantage points I am sure many lives will be saved.

Even where the hospitals exist the doctors are so few and are not fully involved in their jobs consequently children who ought not die often do so.

Child's Education: As regards children's education in this country there has been a great deal of improvement since after the war.

We now have nursery schools spawning in all corners of the country.

There are model and demonstration schools which should reflex their names and of course the run-of-mill type of schools where pupils carry their own desks and benches to school from home.

This regime promised us qualitative education in their campaign speeches or manifesto — alongside the existing Free Primary Education. But as it stands those were mere promises we have to live with.

Very few schools are showered with the right kind of infrastructure that is necessary for qualitative education.

Others lack classrooms and yet those who have classrooms are devoid of the bare essentials of a classroom which should put any child in the right atmosphere for learning.

There are classrooms which are spilling over with children consequently teachers are unable to give adequate guidance a child needs to prop him up for future life.

We are very short of the right cadre of teachers in all the levels of education.

Where we have teachers their salaries are never paid in time hence frustrating the teachers efforts of giving of their best to the children vested in their hands.

Taking the content of materials in the school

syllabus, we find there has been a lot of improvement in that area.

Some primary schools do teach French language, elementary sciences, civics, the native language of those states who want them etc which did not obtain before the war.

Certain states are about introducing agriculture in their school curricula.

BY



NIMI

The Federal Government's policy on higher education is to lean strongly towards technology to aid the country's technocratic development.

To emphasis on this, the government, has created a ministry to take care of science and technology.

There are seven proposed universities in the country and these will be Universities of Science and Technology.

Perhaps one area where government has done little or nothing in their child care programme is in the recreational angle of child development programme.

Various state governments so far have been able to implement this by way of building amusement parks, football fields, swimming pools etc.

Here in the Rivers State our Boro Amusement Park is still in the making.

Children are waiting feverishly to enjoy them selves there in the near future. It is vital for their upbringing.

Child care is a collective responsibility of both parents and teachers.

It is parents' responsibility to bring up their children properly from

the home. This is then carried across to the classrooms.

The molding of a child's character should be a continuous one until the child attains adulthood when the responsibility on the part of parents and teachers will cease.

The child is thus well fortified to face the big wide world on its own.

Whatever upbringing a child has will invariably reflect on how it socializes in the matrix of the society it belongs.

And so government should make life easier for parents by way of giving them employment necessary recreational facilities, good housing etc in order that they can bring up their children properly who would in turn be the parents of tomorrow.

So far much has been done for normal children. This year saw the International Year for the Disabled Persons. (IYDP) and the Federal Government has been girded up by this.

Several governments in the country have launched Rehabilitation centres to cater for these unfortunate members of the society.

The Imo State Government recently made a feat of gathering mad women's children.

These children were wrested from their mothers by social workers and the police.

The government reckons the future lives of such children will be vitiated if they are left to be brought up by their putative insane mothers.

School workshops and several infrastructures to aid the disabled members have been constructed in the country.

Although both the federal and state governments have actually tried in their various efforts to look into the plight of our children, nonetheless they must be reminded of the importance of children.

Without children, the world will have no future — because children are the future.

Isn't it time for our society to eliminate illiteracy and lower standard of living?

Both could be eliminated if we changed our (Continued on page 3)

By



ESTHER OPULAHAN

NIGERIA AT 21

NEEDED: A REASSESSMENT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY

AS NIGERIA celebrates the 21st anniversary of our self-rule, it has become not only necessary but also imperative that we review the position of our country in contemporary international affairs, and to take cue from our experiences during the last three years in the conduct of foreign affairs.

Thus vividly, an objective assessment is intended, with conditional recognition of priority areas in which to implement our foreign objectives.

polices, and evaluate how far particularly our domestic policies appear in consonance with the aspirations and convictions of the masses whose moral support is a necessary ingredient for the pursuit of any effective foreign policy.

A foreign policy intended to exert influence in international circles must be framed with

how foreign policy planners intend to execute our policies abroad, any specific objectives to be pursued must receive the blessing of a consensus of domestic support,

because only with sound home-backing can such policies have weight and exert influence, and thus provide some satisfaction in the form of public

able to take actions that will prove effective in crisis developments.

by

Nendo Gawa

In other words, a good intelligence organisation which would serve as an information bank is long overdue as an instrument for the conduct of a dynamic foreign affairs.

There is no doubt that Nigeria's foreign policy needs dynamism and direction in the 1980s, but this must come only by a prudent applications of the human and material resources at our disposal.

Just like an effective intelligence organisation must be devoid of political infighting, so does the conduct of a

realistic foreign policy need modest partisan influence.

It would be mere illusion to expect that ordinary and persistent pronouncements on international issues can improve upon the country's image, an image that observers perceive to be on a downturn, in spite of our relatively good economic and political situation.

We must be seen to be capable not only of defending ourselves, but where necessary aiding an aggrieved neighbour.

We must strengthen ourselves from super-power impositions. The earlier this country's foreign policy planners and practitioners recognize this necessity, the better for the country's image as a potential

system for the West world power.



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African sub-region is one way of ensuring greater geographic security for the country.

The country must also be prepared, with available resources to take up the leadership role for African states.

At the same time, we must seek to disentangle ourselves from super-power impositions.

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Retired Head of State General Obasanjo addressing the U.N. General Assembly in 1977

It is remarkable that since the inception of the civilian administration, no appreciable deviation has been observed about the conduct of our foreign policy.

But it would appear futile and indeed impracticable and unrealistic to attempt to pursue any foreign policy without the backing of a sound domestic policy.

This is where any assessment of the conduct of Nigeria's foreign affairs must have an analytic look at the systemic structure of our domestic and foreign

recognition of the international balance of power structure, and executives must seek to press the country's position on issues of fundamental importance to our own interests, first and foremost, and as the basis for a contention on foreign policy priorities.

Nigeria, as a principal non-aligned nation, must put herself in a position to play an intermediary role on major issues affecting East-West relations, at the same time it can employ this relatively innocuous position to effect major decisions on issues bothering third world countries, especially in Southern Africa, where we seek a peaceful albeit quick solution to the problems of apartheid and colonialism.

It is acknowledged that contemporary tactical diplomacy requires equally the latest and fastest means of communication, because early information and early warning on issues do lead to better diplomatic stance whenever sudden problems develop.

acquiescence in the conduct of foreign affairs.

This means that at home the public must be actively involved in issues entailing the formulation of our foreign policies; there must be free flow of information which would make it possible for members of the public to participate in debates on fundamental issues in our foreign affairs.

And again, despite our professed commitment in the area of foreign objectives, circumstances and the existing temperature of international relations should make it mandatory to concentrate on certain priority areas, bearing in mind their importance to our own interests, whether political, economic or security.

This implies that the country's foreign policy practitioners must be knowledgeable in their right, of the peculiarities of their areas of operation so that in the process they can evolve an analytic detail of the political, economic and social trends of these specific areas.

This will make it possible

Giant of Africa

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the Western World except West Germany and France) is dominated by conservatives should be tactful and cautious.

It is our duty to discourage African countries who carry favour from those countries for the sake of African Unity and stability.

OPEC:

Continued membership in the Cartel will result in the pursuance of a better price bargaining power. But as that goal has been defeated from recent experiences we can still leave the organisation and bargain our own price in our own way.

East and Western Powers:

Our relationship with the Eastern and Western powers should continue to be mutual respect for each bloc. This should however be more consistent.

We are in a position to manipulate Eastern and Western powers depending on our ability to manipulate Moscow or Washington.

Commonwealth:

Still appearing as the modern British Empire, it is the duty of our policy makers to shift the balance

and loses of our continued membership in the Common wealth.

This is because on the eve of the Royal wedding last July, Nigerian delegates and other African and Asian countries were simply introduced as members of Common wealth Countries by British Journalists.

While Monarchs and other delegates from smaller European countries like Norway and Sweden were conspicuously introduced by ITV journalists.

Non-Aligned:

Since independence in the sixties, Nigeria has stood out for the self-determination of developing countries although strict adherence to principles laid down by the founders (Nehru, Nasser, Tito and Chou Enlai) has been made impossible by Super-power rivalry and economic conditions of member countries.

Policy makers should regularly review our continued membership in the movement.

YEAR OF DISABLED

(Continued from page 9)

Education to oversee the growth of the disabled.

The disabled were not left out in his UPN free education programme. His government also saw that 1981 handicapped were taught culture.

The Kano State wasn't left out in the same exercise. The state's House of Assembly indicated its intention to enact a law for compulsory enrolment of disabled children into institutions of learning in the state.

Individual assistance was also rendered to a disabled dress-maker, all

Mrs Cecilia Ogundiran in Abeokuta. She should

not afford to pursue her trade as a result of her inability. She was also unable to purchase a sewing machine and was presented with a single electric sewing cum-embroidery machine by the state Commissioner for Information, Sports and Social Welfare, Mrs Morenike Onanuga, on behalf of the state government.

It is time for all able-bodied members of our society to join hands and help these unfortunate members of our society. They are part of us after



ABACHA AUDU
Minister for External
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OBITUARY

The Asi family of Okpoma in Brass/Okpoma Urban Council area regrets to announce the death of their head of famil



MR ANDREW S. FELAGHA — ANERI

at the general hospital on Friday 25th September 1981.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 2nd October 1981: Christian Wake keeping at St. John's Church compound, Creek Road, Port Harcourt. 9.00 p.m. to dawn

Saturday 3rd October 1981: Funeral service at St. John's Church, Creek Road, Port Harcourt. At 10.00 a.m. Interment immediately after service at the Port Harcourt cemetery.

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Master Kingsley Ikpo	---	son
Master Ndakuka Ikpo	---	son
Miss Eberachi Ikpo	---	daughter
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Miss Igwechi Ikpo	---	..
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ADOKI — I, formerly known as Miss Rose Adoki, now wish to be known as Mrs Rose Ego Woke. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Schools Directorate and the public should take note. — Mrs Rose Ego Woke.

AMOS — I, formerly known as Vera Amos, henceforth wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Vera Ochi. Former documents remain valid. Perennial section of Rivers State University of Science and Technology Port Harcourt and the general public should please take note. — Mrs Vera Ochi.

MARTIN GILD — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Martina Gild, now wish to be known called and addressed as Uson Emah Iyang Udo. All former documents remain valid. The Principal, Staff and Students of Government Secondary School Borsari should please take note. — Uson Emah Iyang Udo.

EZER — I, formerly known as Ebele Edith Ezer, now wish to be known as Ebele Edith Okator. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. P.M. 8, Nsukka and the general public should please take note. — Ebele Edith Okator.

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NDIGBO — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Mr. Alonzo Ndorbu, now wish to be known and addressed as Mr. Stephen Ndorbu Biele. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Ministry of Local Government, Local Government Service Board, Port Harcourt, the Secretary for Local Government Authority area, the Chairman, Secretary, Councillors and staff of the Nyo-Khama District Council, Tsuba and the general public should please take note. — Stephen Ndorbu Biele.

EMMANUEL — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Mr. Emmanuel Bruce, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Peter Bruce. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Ministry of Information and Public Relations, Government Office and the general public should take note. — Peter Bruce.

WARIBO — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Okelepetrya Waribo, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Okelepetrya Dole Osh. All former documents remain valid. Rivers State College of Education and the general public note. — Mrs Okelepetrya Dole Osh.

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BRIEFS

Leipzig

One hundred thousand books in large print for weak-sighted people have been supplied to readers at home and abroad by the German Central Library for the Blind in Leipzig. The library has been producing such books for ten years. It also has a stock of more than 18,200 titles in braille for lending to blind people.

Geneva

The general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at the week-end adopted a resolution aimed at suspending Israel from the body if it did not accept a U.N. security council resolution concerning security checks by the agency of nuclear installations.

CHILD-CARE POLICIES

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attitudes about how to protect our country and spend our money and energy on providing essential services for children instead of wasteful expensive tours to overseas countries done by some members of this society.

To our governments — if not out of love for children, then out of sheer self-interest and self-preservation, they must change priorities and put first things first — life before death, concern before neglect.

Let us not live on those promises and hope made on campaign platforms. Let us live in reality of adequate measured life and save all the unnecessary deaths and delinquencies of our children who would hold the reins of power tomorrow.

INDONESIA COURTS GERMAN FIRMS FOR JOINT VENTURES

INDONESIA is to set up an investment agency in Frankfurt next month with the aim of persuading German firms to take part in joint ventures.

The move was announced during a visit to Jakarta by the Bonn Minister, Count Lambadort, who was making a tour of Asia.

The agency, the Indonesian Investment

Authority, has drawn up a list of requests for economic co-operation between the two countries.

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The Indonesian Investment Authority in Jakarta presented the German guests with a list of requests for the future economic co-operation between the two countries.

The emphasis in the current five-year plan lies on the development of the metal and mechanical engineering industries, the chemicals and pharmaceuticals industries and of food production.

The Authority's chairman, Suharto, said

that his Authority intended to establish an agency in Frankfurt next month to German companies to enter into joint ventures.

His deputy, Mochtan, acted as a vanguard during a tour of West Germany in the spring when he tried to promote investments in his country.

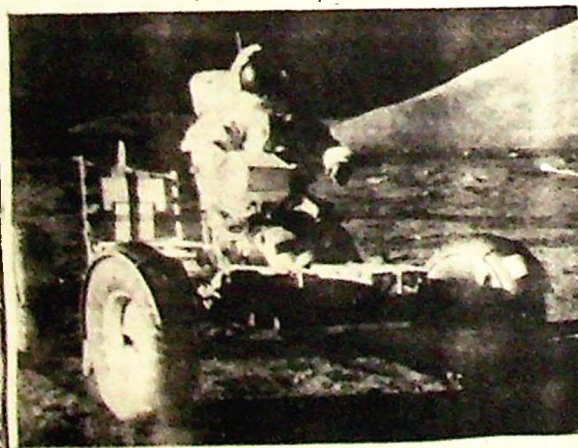
The Authority demonstrated its interest in German investments recently when it hired a German adviser to improve contracts with likely German companies.

Indonesia considers the investment promotion conference which was held in Cologne last May and was organised jointly with the Federation of German Industries a resounding success.

More than 20 concrete plans are said to have been set in motion, and some of them are nearing completion.



PRESIDENT SUHARTO OF INDONESIA



Zambia to receive food aid

Zambia is expected to receive N1,343 million in emergency food aid from the world food programme to help feed the people in its Western Province where there has been an influx of refugees from Angola, the food programme has announced.

The aid, approved by the Director General of the food and agricultural organisation of the United Nations, Mr Edmund Byrne, is

milk powder and edible oil.

A spokesman for the world food programme said that living conditions in the Western Provinces of Zambia had already been disrupted as a result of South African incursions in two of the districts earlier this year.

The arrival of Angolan refugees worsened the situation.

Apollo 17

ROVER TEST - Apollo-17 commander Gene Cernan last drives the lunar rover vehicle at the Teanah-Ultreia landing site on the moon. Equipment later loaded aboard

the battery-powered buggy included a ground-controller television assembly, lunar communications relay unit, Hi-gain and Low-gain antennas, air tool

THE Reagan Administration together with NATO circles has worked out a reserve plan providing for the military occupation of the sovereign Arab State of Saudi Arabia, reported the American ABC television company. Those interventionist designs are to be carried out under the pretext of "giving assistance" in the event of a "sudden attack" or an "internal rebellion."

"If anything like that happens in the future," says the ABC, "US officials plan to transport army units from Meslem states within the first week-first of all from Pakistan, Egypt and Mo-



RONALD REAGAN U.S. PRESIDENT

US aid to Saudis pretentious



KING KHALID OF SAUDI ARABIA

rocco. If this proves not enough, troops from the USA, France, Britain, Italy and possibly West Germany will be used." It is clear from the television company's report that behind this plot against the people of Saudi Arabia are the interests of the American and other western oil monopolies whose multi-billion profits suffered a blow from the revolution in Iran.

US AERONAUTICS INDUSTRY DOING WELL WITHOUT SHUTTLE

The spectacular flight of the space shuttle "Columbia" has left America's air and aeronautics industry cold.

The reason: with the exception of those firms involved in the "Columbia" project not very much in the way of contracts will be forthcoming for the industry as a whole from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and from the shuttle.

In recent years NASA had only a total of 4,100 million Dollars at its disposal for all other projects, as opposed to the some 50,500 million Dollars turnover of the America air and aeronautics industry last year. In other words: "Columbia" last year represented only about two percent, and NASA less than ten percent, of the overall business of the industry.

On the other hand the Pentagon and foreign governments bought up more than 19,000 million Dollars' worth of fighter planes, rockets and other weaponry. The

same figure applies to the transport and passenger airplanes bought by American and foreign airlines.

The business outlook for the industry is considered excellent this year in spite of the weak

economic situation in the U.S. and abroad. This is because the Reagan Administration wants drastically to increase defence spending, while American and foreign airlines need new, fuel-saving airplanes to replace their aging and uneconomical fleets.

The American Air and Aeronautics Industry Association estimates that in the 1980s at least 4,500 transport and passenger planes will have to be removed from service and replaced by new ones worldwide — at a total bill of more than 100,000 million Dollars. New helicopters will add some 10,000 million Dollars to that figure.

OBITUARY

The Kala-Orubo house of Wokoma Polo, Buguma deeply regret to announce the death of their father, uncle, brother and son



MR CHAMBERS DAGOGO BENIBO WOKOMA

which sad event occurred on the 15th of August, 1981. He is survived by a wife, eight children, three grand children and several relatives.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Friday 2nd October, 1981 - 11.30 a.m. body leaves P.H. General Hospital, Mortuary for burial at Anonima Wharf 10.30 a.m. till dawn — Wake keeping at Wokoma compound, Buguma Saturday 3rd October, 1981 — body laid to rest at his residence.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Chief N. B. Wokoma-Horsfall
MR S. A. WOKOMA**

for the family

NNPC FOOTBALL CLUB COMING TOMORROW

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in Port Harcourt will formally launch its football club tomorrow at the Teacher Training College, Rivers State play ground in the morning.

The Deputy Governor, Prince Frank Iko, is expected to be the guest of honour.

Briefing newsmen, the Public Relations Officer, Mr. Francis Ik, said that the formation of the club was a practical demonstration of the Corporation's interest and involvement in the promotion of sports.

Mr. Ik announced that the corporation will take part in this year's Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Sports Festival slated for Lagos in November this year.

According to him, the state branch will slug it out with other states branches in an elimination to decide the final champion for the national

level.

Mr. Ik said that the branch would initially organise four sports — football, squash, and lawn tennis games.

He however, assured that the corporation will engage in other sports in due course.



AFRICA MAY NOT BOYCOTT '84 OLYMPIC GAMES

THE President of the African Association of National Olympic Committees, Mr. Anani Matina of Togo, said in Baden-Baden, that African sports officials

Olympic: World sports leaders refute charges

WORLD sports leaders have refuted charges that the Olympic Games are growing too big but accept the need to control the ceremonial and nationalistic flag-waving in the future.

Representatives of the 700 officials and athletes attending the Olympic Congress entered their third working day with a bid to put the games in proper perspective and to tap the growing commercial resources through television to finance sports throughout the world.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) expects to make 20 million naira from television rights of the Los Angeles summer games in 1984, the Duke of Edinburgh noted on Friday.

These funds are shared among the federations which govern individual sports and the National Olympic Committees which operate in the 149 member countries.

It is no wonder, several speakers said, that more sports and more countries want to join the Olympic Movement.

Tennis and table tennis both have delegates at the congress and hope that new amateur eligibility rules would make it possible for them to go on the Olympic programme, perhaps as soon as in the 1988 games.

"We will not have the John McEnrees and other real professionals, but we will be able to enter really good players," the Secretary of the International Tennis Federation, Mr. David Gray of Britain, said before the first session on Friday.

program itself open without distinction between amateurs and professionals, also hopes to gain Olympic status.

The Chinese Olympic Committee delegate, Mr. He Zhenliang, expressed Peking's ideas on this subject when he noted that some of the most widely practiced sports in the world were now excluded.

Several speakers advocated



**ABRAHAM ORDIA
Africa's Sports Chief**

changes in awards ceremonies, with medals being publicly awarded to the first six in finals rather than only the first three.

East European and African delegates insisted that the use of National flags and anthems during the closing ceremony

was essential.

Mr. Ordia, who was elected to the post of President of the African Association of National Olympic Committees, said that the association would be formed earlier this year to develop a common African line on world and international sport said. It is not our responsibility.

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had decided not to boycott the 1984 Olympic Games and the Commonwealth Games next year over South African Rugby tours of New Zealand and the United States.

Mr. Matina told delegates that his committee discussed the question at a meeting in Baden-Baden, Federal Republic of Germany, in advance of the Olympic Congress, which began last Thursday.

"We were pleased to note that the IOC president, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, made clear that the Olympic world is opposed to South African apartheid and that it would continue to support our fight against racial discrimination," he said.

"There is no question of a boycott at this time. We appreciate that various world sports authorities will fight against racial discrimination. The bid is not in our court now. It is in the court of those who must show us that they are of good faith and will not support the South Africans," he said.

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SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP STARTS IN BORI

THIS year's challenge Cup Competition among post primary institutions in the Bori Local Government area (IBOLGA) has begun.

Competing schools in this season's include GSS Kpor, GSS Bauba, GSS Kaani, GSS Sogho and GSS, Luvimere.

Others are GSS Taabae, GVC Bori and the defending champion SPC Bori.

This year's competition is certainly going to be exciting and somewhat easy going. This is because the traditional host rivals of SPCS and Birata Memorial Grammar School had failed to register for this year's competition.

Presenting the giant gold cup, the donor, Chief F. M. Naabua appealed to participating institutions in the area to extend a high spirit of sportsmanship by being fair, playing in and out of the Kaba.

Chief Naabua congratulated SPC Bori for their success in the previous year and gave them a cash prize of N50.00 for retaining the cup since the past year's competition.

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Tip Top fame Uplanders

YOUNG Football Club, Tip Top from Oshodi: sent the Uplanders Football Club from Aha packing with 1-0 in the present Chief C. U. Ideozu's football competition going on in Ahoada Local Government area last Monday.

The zonal sports officer Mr F. S. Ebeigbo said the only goal was

scored in the first half of the game. In the second half no goal was scored by either side.

Mr Ebeigbo further disclosed the results of the matches already played.

Uplander Football Club Ahoada beat Green Fox of Uta-Ehuda 4-0, Igba by Eni Football Club of Enema beat Greater Tomorrow

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NIGERIAN TIDE

Friday, October 2, 1981



*CHIEF S. NWIKPO
Commissioner for Agriculture

BACK TO LAND PLEA BY SENATOR

SENATOR C. Nuneh, representing Bori, Bonny and Okrika/Ogbia/Tar-Bona senatorial district in the Rivers State has called for a total return to the earth, as the only practical means of revolutionising agriculture in the country.

Senator Nuneh contended that if the current food crusade should be achieved, there was need for the nation to be pragmatic in her implementation of the present Green Revolution scheme.

The senator regretted that large sums of money voted yearly for the food programme, were unfortunately being wasted on the salaries of agricultural technocrats instead of channeling them into more meaningful projects for the farmers.

The bulk of these "white collar" farmers, he sadly noted over saddled themselves with theories of farming which apparently was not the panacea for the nation's deteriorating food situation.

Senator Nuneh explained that what the nation desperately needed was practical farming, adding that the present propaganda-oriented system was not helpful.

He observed that the country was presently passing through another phase of food programme adding that if the mistakes of the past were to be avoided, then there was need for the re-alignment of implementation strategies.



*CHIEF OKILO

CLEMENCY MARKS INDEPENDENCE SHOW

62 prisoners gain freedom

SIXTY-TWO persons serving various terms of imprisonment in the Rivers State have been pardoned by the state governor, Chief Mottled Okoko.

The clemency was part of the activities

by
Thompson Oyato

marking the celebrations of the 21st anniversary of Nigeria's independence, in the state.

The good news was announced at a news conference by the state Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Chief I.A. Idemehi-Brown.

The Attorney General declared that the release of the prisoners had no political motivations and that the governor set the prisoners free by virtue of the powers conferred on him by Section 192 of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The decision, he said was taken after due consultations with the three arms of government as well as recommendation by the prisons authorities, medical advice and a report made by the committee on Privilege of Mercy set up by the government.

Chief Idemehi-Brown expressed satisfaction with the understanding.

sense of mission and patriotism exhibited by both the legislative and judicial arms of the government in the affairs of the state.

He enjoined the released prisoners to live a righteous life and quoted the biblical saying of Jesus Christ: "Go and sin no more."

The Attorney General commended the cordial relationship existing between the three arms of government which he said had strengthened the stability created by the present administration and appealed to mass media organisations not to relent in their efforts to help build a truly united and steadfast society, devoid of bitterness and rancour.

Earlier, the state Special Adviser on Information and Public Relations, Mr. R.T. Furo told newsmen that the state had enjoyed relative peace since the inception of the civil administration because the people have been prepared to work together for the good of all.

Those granted clemency include: Idiols Okoko, John Nwa Abasi, John Okoro,

Uchenna Okasi, Chinyere Amuwa, Bisi Ito, Ogbua Uku and Pigwegha Aburassia. Others are: Sunday Mba, Tony Charles, Innocent John, Friday Ago, Amos Ode, Waseolu Adesola, Sunday Joseph, Umotu Egbuna, Ejikeme Wilcox, Godwin Allison, Peter Iohu and James Nazroma.

Among the freed include: Emaaka Sunday, John Okeke, John Odele, Paul Amalahe, Echi Nwuche, Yawwa Ramoni, Christian Ugwuere, Friday Tom, Udoh Jim, David Joe, Emmanuel Odon and David Nwaka.

Others are: Celestine Ihejika, Chris Dike, Linus Onweche, Uweadegwu Amakiri, Sunday Ike, Samuel Oruko, Aye Baniokoto, Eni, Ebenezer Amadi, Patrick Udo Ogoring.

Govt spends N3.5 million on tech education

The Rivers State Government has so far spent more than N3.5 million for the provision of technical equipments for post-primary technical institutions in the state.

Also under the government's technological development programme, crash training scheme for staff of technical colleges has begun while some of the members of staff are currently pursuing courses in some overseas institutions.

Disclosing these facts, while speaking at the eighth production ceremony of Government Technical College in Port Harcourt on Wednesday the deputy Chief Inspector of Education (technical) in the state Ministry of Education, Mr. V. O. Ezevial-Hait spoke of the government's commitment towards the development of technical education in the state.

He expressed the hope that the government's current efforts in this direction would greatly help in reducing the problem of acute shortage of technical manpower in the state.

The deputy chief inspector pleaded with parents to encourage their children to adopt technical education as a discipline.

Also speaking at the occasion, the guest of honour, Prince T. K. O. Okoroti who is the majority chief whip and the chairman of Education Committee in the state House of Assembly, lamented the over-emphasis on paper qualification and regretted that it has continued to lead to certificate frauds.

The legislator stressed the need for discipline in schools, and appealed to the state government to pay greater attention to the development of technical education in order to enhance the pace of development.

Apollos Chukwu, John Amakiri, Eruce Arunoka, Meeting Anioke, Harrison Harrison, Frank Ikochi and Kitchener Tekummo.

Among them include: Enikel Kiani, Paul Nweke, Friday Udorn, Moses Ubani, Ikalo Ujege, Odon James, Raphael Onyagu, Ogechi Egin, Innocent Nmesara, Ibba Obiri, Pamed Balau, Bassey Akpan, Harriye Jack and Alani Benson.



Rear Admiral A. A. Adumo

NIGERIA HAS NO TERRITORIAL

NIGERIA neither nurses the ambition to expand her territory nor the dream of becoming a global, regional or continental power.

What Nigeria needs now is the security of her borders so that she could live in peace with her neighbours.

This position was re-stated by the nation's Chief Executive, Alhaji Shehu Shagari at a presentation ceremony of new colours to the Nigerian Navy in Lagos.

President Shagari also pointed out that the country would like to be in peace to enable her safeguard her economy and be able to solve her other social problems.

Alhaji Shagari who was dressed in full uniform of Admiral of

AMBITION — SHEHU

the Fleet said he was convinced that the Fleet constituted an effective naval strength for the security of Nigeria in particular and the African continent in general.

He stated that at this stage of Nigeria's political and economic development, the maritime capability of the Navy should be reviewed with all seriousness.

The president said that threats to the security of the country's seaports must be considered as threats to the survival of the nation which the Navy had a duty to protect.

The occasion was part of the activities marking the Navy's 25th anniversary.



*Chief Idemehi-Brown (right) is seen addressing the press conference.