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TOBACCO FIRM MAY LIQUIDATE



Governor Okilo presents a certificate of long service to Mr E.A. Boms.

Reps say no to marriage bill

The House of Representatives has rejected the bill seeking to amend the 1914 marriage act.

According to the sponsors of the bill, Chief Kankara & Bukuru NPP-100, the bill sought to eliminate the stigma which the act attached to marriages in for the

Islamic and customary laws and to treat those marriages as being of equal status with those contracted under the act.

Before the bill was killed, Dr. Okeke, NPP-100, said that if adopted, the bill would encourage polygamy and the perpetual domination of women.

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...#500m loss due to smuggling

SMUGGLING is threatening the very existence of The Nigerian Tobacco Company (NTC).

Within the past few years of business operation, the firm now on the verge of liquidation, lost a total revenue of N500 million while loss in foreign exchange stood at N320 million.

Disclosing this in Port Harcourt last Friday, the company's chairman, Chief J. O. Udoji in a speech at this year's annual long-service award to 24 employees of the company expressed disgust over the adverse effect of smuggling to the company.

He indicated that in 1978 out of the average monthly consumption of 1,200 million cigarettes, local production was 900 million while smuggled cigarettes stood at 300 million.

Today when production had gone up to 1,600 million he said

by Sam Effiong

locally produced cigarettes decreased to 800 million while smuggled cigarettes have gone up from 300 to 800 million.

Smuggled cigarettes, he said, now constitute fifty per cent of total cigarette consumption in the country.

He added that last year, due to poor financial position of the company, about 633 employees of which 234 were from Port Harcourt factory were laid off.

Chief Udoji supported President Shagari's economic measures which he described as "character for self-reliance and self-sufficiency" and appealed to all

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Waziri pulls out of PPA

The leader of the CNPP, Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim has said in Lagos that his party was no more in the Progressive Party Alliance (PPA) or the Progressive Peoples Party.

Alhaji Waziri, who was speaking to newsmen said that he had resigned long ago that the Progressive Alliance could not work.

"After working for two years, I have reversed my stand because the hierarchy of the CNPP, NPP, UPN and the immediate factors of the PPA are incompatible," he said.

The CNPP leader said he discovered during the Maiduguri conference that the party could not work with the other parties in the alliance, he instructed senior Mohammed Goniwe to inform the party of his decision.

He said that he agreed with the statement issued by the secretary general of the CNPP, Dr. Ayo Femi that the PPA would not work. I am against the PPA or PPP or anything you call it," Alhaji Waziri said.

WHAT MAKES A NATION GROW

BY A V-C

THE acting vice-chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Ebegberi Alagoa, has emphasised that the growth of a creative, imaginative and productive population, and not the accumulation of property and money, constituted the development of any nation.

Prof. Alagoa made the remark in Port Harcourt while delivering a lecture titled "The Role of the Arts in the Economic Development of Nigeria", at the current National Festival of Arts and Culture.

He said that development of a nation would not depend on the rise or fall of commodity prices or the boom or glut of an export commodity if such a nation was committed to originally, self-reliance and self-discipline.

Prof. Alagoa said that a proper pursuit of the arts was relevant to a people's general welfare because, according to him, an artistic taste would compel an industrialist to produce high quality goods.

He maintained that when discipline and sensitivity of feeling became

a part of personality and character, leaders of business and industry would also become more decent in their treatment of one another and of their workers.

Professor Alagoa then argued that since the qualities inherent in artistic activities are the qualities that a nation requires to advance and develop, Nigeria should be exposed to formal and informal education in the arts.

As for direct relevance of the arts to general welfare and economic development, Prof. Alagoa cited such areas as environmental (Continued on page 3)



PROF. ALAGOA

FAUSE AND PONDER

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PROBE CONTRACTORS

NOW—Izon youths

WHO week of activities

The World Health Week was recently celebrated at NIFOR in the Local Government area of Bendel State under the chairmanship of the Director of NIFOR, Dr. B. E. Osochi.

At NIFOR, the wife of the Director of NIFOR, Mrs. Osochi (right) presenting a wheelbarrow to Dr. B. E. Osochi (left) who won the first prize in the general cleanliness of NIFOR.

by Churchill William

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In a release issued by the Izon Youths Action League, it pointed out that the present non-chalant attitude of contractors towards projects in

the area, the impact of the present administration may not be felt in the two local government areas.

The league expressed disappointment over the attitude of the contractors and regretted that contractors awarded since 1980 are still in foundation level.

The release signed by the

league director general of the league, Mr. Turpedo Amasagban, pointed out that projects such as teachers training colleges, government secondary schools, cottage hospitals, general hospitals, catering rest houses and secretariat complexes in the area have since been abandoned by the contractors.

The action league said, it considered as a cover up, claiming by some contractors that the state government failed to meet their contractual obligations.

We believe, the statement added, that the contractors have not done any work worth paying any instalment.

Some of the contractors in the Sagbama and Yenagosa local government areas, the release asserted, could not meet their contractual obligations because they had often more than they can drive.

The release added that some of the contractors are money-conscious that their efforts are rather on acquiring quick wealth through any means than in the development of the areas.

It concluded that the Izon Youth Action League has resolved to take drastic action against individual contractors and contracting firms that do not live up to expectation in the Sagbama and Yenagosa local government areas.

Teachers census: Commissioner explains

THE 'Operation know your Teachers' currently going on in Bendel State is aimed at removing the bad eggs in the teaching profession.

The exercise is also to enable the government ascertain the number of working teachers in the state with a view to making arrangement for regular payment of their salaries.

The Bendel State Commissioner for Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Mr. Godwin Ekiyor, said this during a recent inspection of primary and post-primary institutions in Bomadi Local Government area.

Mr. Ekiyor charged teachers in the area to be self-disciplined and knowledgeable in order to enforce discipline in their schools.

We also advised them to avoid acts capable of debasing the teaching profession and to improve the quality of education in their institutions, he declared.

Ministry handles 53 electricity projects

Ministry of Public Utilities Imo State, is presently handling upwards of 53 rural electrification projects to supplement the existing NEPA services in this regards.

Commissioner Dr. Ishmael Anyanigwu made the disclosure in his office at Owerri on Wednesday while briefing newsmen on current activities of his ministry.

He explained that more sources of power supply to the people of the state has been envisaged at Amaraka, Izombe and Ovim respectively.

To this end, he added, more 48 deserving areas have been surveyed pending the awards of contracts, he further stated.

While normal services have already resumed at Izombe and Ovim power stations, the Amaraka power station is yet to be commissioned and when fully operational, he continued, the station would supply light to about thirty more towns and villages in the rural sectors.

Designed to provide all the neighbouring schools, hospitals and industries with light to make rural life worthwhile, its twin sister the 'local electricity board' is charged among others to take charge of all electricity projects.

The ultimate desire of the state government to set up these boards, he further stated, was to enable them to usher in a new era of industrialisation in Imo State.

OPEC TO MEET ON OIL FLOW

A MEETING of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has been scheduled for May 20 in Quito, Ecuador to discuss problems connected with the flow of crude oil on the international market.

Ecuador's minister of Natural Resources, Mr. Eduardo Ortega, was quoted by the El Comercio newspaper as saying that his country would insist on solidarity from other OPEC members to ease the flow of crude in

the international market. Mr. Ortega said OPEC also would discuss methods of distributing technological knowledge among member nations and restructuring OPEC's office of information.

Meanwhile, the 59th meeting of the board of governors of OPEC opened in Vienna yesterday.

The board is expected to consider a draft budget for 1983, various reports — including that of the Economic Commission Board — and administrative matters.

It will work on an agenda for the next OPEC conference taking place in Quito, Ecuador.

The meeting, which is chaired by the Director General of Yyydrocarbons, Mr. Samuel Dossou-Aworet, is expected to last two days. (NANI)



ALHAJI UMARU DIKKO
Minister of Transport

PLO black lists 2 firms

From
Etim Essien, Calabar

The Special Assistant to the President in the Cross River State, Mr. R. S. Orubu has black listed three contracting firms who were handling some of the Federal Government low cost housing projects for lack of progress of work.

The affected firms are Oboji & Sons Engineering Ltd, Work End Engineering Ltd and Colman Construction Company.

The measures was announced by Mr. Orubu during his current inspection tour of Federal Government projects in the State.

The presidential assistant, however, pointed at the carefree attitude of majority of the contractors, adding that their actions were neglecting the intentions of the federal government to provide houses in various communities to her citizens.

In another development, Mr. Orubu gave two other contractors up to the end of May and June to complete their jobs or be given the boots.

At the Federal Government secretariat in the state, Mr. Orubu expressed disappointment at the slow pace with which the project was executed. He urged the contractors to be devoted to the job in order to justify the patronage of the Federal Government on them.

He warned that their contracts would be determined and rewarded to competent contractors if there were no visible marks of improvement.

Other projects inspected by Mr. Orubu include the 30 kilometre Mimosang Road, the Unilag Teaching Hospital and the on-going expansion projects at the Federal Government Girls' College, Calabar.

Oguta lake to be dredged

THE Oguta Lake in Imo State is to be dredged in order to make it navigable up to the sea.

This was announced by the Presidential Assistant, Anambra State, Mr. Collins Obi while addressing Anambra and Imo NPN solidarity rally at the Umashia sports stadium during the weekend.

Mr. Obi stated that the Federal Government has completed arrangements to award the contract to a foreign dredging company.

The presidential assistant who was addressing

a teeming crowd was reacting to what he described as constant cry by the Imo State Government and the NPP that federal presence was not felt in the state enumerated some newly established federal institutions and projects in the state.

Some of them, he said, include the Federal University at Owerri which was established in fulfillment of President Shagari's campaign promise to the state and the Federal Polytechnic, Afioku which was proposed during the army regime but was delayed.

He told them that Igbo in the NPP controlled government in the centre had always believed in attracting more federal projects to their states and more over make sure that the two states have their allocation but the NPP government in power at the state use them on extravagant and lavish entertainments.

Mr. Obi advised the NPP governments of both states to stop expending the good in

tention of the federal government adding that confrontation with the Federal Government cannot help any state government wanting a favour from it.

He urged the Igbo in the NPP who now gang up with other parties (not NPN) in the name of progressives to retrace their steps before they are led to another confused situation.

In his own address, the Presidential Adviser

Professor Godwin Odenigwe, one of the co-ordinators of the NPN solidarity rally urged the Igbo to reject the NPP as a party and embrace the NPN which is the ruling party in Nigeria.

He said that the progressive parties of the FPA or the PPP were all initial party associates and said that who ever told the Igbo that they would fit in well in either of them has got his political mathematics wrong.

Professor Odenigwe then wondered how the Igbo who with his party NPP in three states hopes to rule a senior partner, the UPN and its leadership and join the NPN because the Igbo cannot stand another confusion in Nigeria.

Broadcaster dies in motor accident

Mr. Dandy Nzekor, an actor, radio and television broadcaster, has died.

Dandy, as he was fondly called by his numerous friends and admirers, lost his life in a ghastly motor accident on the Igbu-Owerri road last Sunday night.

Until his untimely death, the late Mr. Dandy Nzekor, aged 45, was the controller of the English Service Programme in the Imo Broadcasting Service (IBS), Owerri.

He hailed from Ngoroma, Owerri, in the former Owerri Local Government area of Imo State.

He is survived by his aged parents, wife and eight children.



Igbos in Cameroun warn

REPORT from news papers and radio reaching Cameroun Republic indicate that some political parties in Nigeria are planning to align to put up a political battle against the NPN come 1983. We have noted the leaders of the PPA say they want to fight feudalism, multi-ministration and North-South dichotomy.

One would like to know how sincere these leaders are over their utterances and their political programme, for the masses of this country.

Igbos in Cameroun seriously suspect that the alliance is not in the interest of Igbos, the unity and solidarity of our country is the symbol and pride of Africa.

There is bound to be serious political clashes between the various PRP, GNPP and NPP

We advise our Eze, Obis, Igbes, chiefs, religious and community leaders to condemn the alliance proposals which has too many ingredients for chaos and instability. Let all Igbos come out with a formula to elect or appoint an acceptable Igbo leader who will live above politics and will not sell his conscience or mortgage his personality for any purpose what so ever.

S. U. Okorog
Nigerian in Cameroun

Express car park

MAY I through this medium commend the Federal Government in constructing express roads in the country to decongest our existing roads.

But it is appalling to observe that of late people have formed the habit of parking their expensive cars indiscriminately along the express road.

How long will it take us to realise the essence of express roads in the society.

Does it mean that we do not know the importance of express roads or what actually have those concerned got in mind before indulging in such free attitude.

It is imperative that express roads were specially designed and constructed to ease traffic flows but the reverse is the case in this state. This is because car owners have started to park their cars

Port Harcourt
Joe Anyama's Journalism is Espionage

FM station

May I through this medium congratulate the entire staff of Radio Rivers Two F.M. Stereo, for their excellence in informing, educating and entertaining the masses in this part of the country.

I join the thousand and one fans who adorn your station as No. One in the country and second to none in the continent.

Your services are really satisfactory.

The activities to mark your anniversary celebrations were topics to write home about.

Furthermore, I adjourn you not to relent in your unique efforts, but be more dedicated.

More grease to your stereo gaugeta.

Cornelius K. Batas
Port Harcourt

This is what we want every well-meaning Nigerian to understand. The civil war has been fought and ended since 1970.

And the interest of every true Nigerian now should have been how to work and bring peace and unity among every Nigerian within the framework of the present political structure.

Good neighbourliness is a credit to states survival.

But for one state to play itself against another is a threat to peace and unity of Nigeria.

The handwriting is now clear on the wall.

And that has given us the cause to wake and check against the forces



Teachers need better deal

For quite some time now teachers strike for the pages of newspapers.

In as much as education continues to be our main features, the welfare of teachers throughout the federation cannot be overemphasized.

Only in very few states have teachers not embarked on industrial action.

This is because those responsible for education in this country are not doing enough for teachers.

Also most of the top government officers could afford to send their children to private schools and so negligence of government-owned schools in Nigeria, so the non-chalance to teachers' salaries.

Teachers normally would not have their salaries until the following month.

I believe no other section of the civil service in Nigeria could be treated thus and get away with it.

Emman. Akains-Jumbo
Kaduna.

REPAIR THIS ROAD

MAY I draw the attention of the Bori Local Government Authority to the fact that the people of Okwali and Umuagbai, Afam, have been neglected in development programmes in the state.

For long the road linking Taabaa to Okwali and Umuagbai, Afam have been in bad condition.

When work was carried out in Winyakama Ke-Khana District (IBOLGA) of the state, linking road from Okwali

of those people whose perpetual interest is to destabilize Rivers State.

For Joe Anyama of the Nigerian Statesman to go about sniffing through the official files of the Rivers State government is no more true and healthy journalism; but is to be treated as official espionage in high places.

We shall be no stone unturned in checking the hatred going on now against Rivers State.

Comrade Peters
Port Harcourt.

NGO NEEDS A P.A.

PLEASE kindly allow me a space in your widely daily newspaper, 'The Nigerian Tide' to express my views over the untold difficulties the people of Ngo, headquarters of the Andoni District in the Bonny Local Government area are encountering in respect of mail.

Some years back, we had Postal Agency which was quite useful even though it did not meet all our needs. We thought, however, that we could continue to manage with the Postal Agency, till such a time, when a full fledged post office would be built, but rather it was later closed down. Does it mean that the people of Andoni in the Bonny Local Government area are not entitled to write and receive letters?

The Government should know the importance of a post office to a community. At the same time, it should also note that the increasing number of

Ministries, Schools, and lots of important private organisations in the area call for a post office. The ministries and other places of work have to receive important and

urgent information from the headquarters.

The young people in the area would also like to apply to higher institutions for admission, workers who have their children, relatives and friends in other places may wish to send them some money by post. All these cannot be done without a post office.

The lack of a post office indeed tells much on the people of the area, therefore, many people of the area have been missing important chances, due to late information.

Come to Polaku /Igbogene Road

I wish to express my views on the continued neglect of Igbogene/Polaku road by the Rivers State government.

This road is one of the most important roads in the Yenagoa Local Government area.

As the governor of the Rivers State is on road project tour, I call on his excellency to come and inspect this road project, so that work would be completed in time so as to alleviate the suffering

MORE MONO PUMPS

MAY I seize this opportunity to commend the Rivers State Government for giving us a mono pump and at the same time I am asking for more of the mono pumps for such thickly populated village with over five thousand men and women and with over seven camps in

cluding Iriebe two, which they call Oyibo. We need them from the only mono pump.

In certain time of the year all the wells get dried up and the whole village find it very difficult to get water from the only mono pump.

It times they light

At present we pay N4 to get to Bonny and post our letters, since it is nearer to us.

The Rivers State government and in particular, the Ministry of Telecommunications should be doing us good by alleviating this suffering and hardship.

However, the Rivers State government may not be aware of the many inconveniences caused by this lack of postal facilities, but I am inclined to believe that government would do us some thing good.

(Iyere C. Oluokunusi
Ngo Town.

people of this area. The people have been paying their taxes and rates regularly. One therefore see no rationale behind the neglect.

I am therefore appealing to the governor and commissioner for works to please come to our aid

TEACHER JUDAH
Gbarin (YELGA)

and sustain serious injuries while some waste the whole day there only to obtain a bucket of water.

I therefore beg the Rivers State Government to do something to arrest this critical situation of the masses here and to save life.

Charles C. Eleta
Port Harcourt

EFFECTS OF SMUGGLING

Continued from page 1

Nigerians irrespective of their status or political persuasion to support the president's action.

The chairman explained that if the position of the company did not improve within the next five years, the management of NIC may be forced to close down one of its factories and lay off workers en masse.

He enjoined law enforcement officers, especially the Customs, the police and officials in economic ministries to rise to the occasion and support the president and the nation stressing that anybody who failed the nation at this critical period, was guilty of economic sabotage.

Speaking shortly after presenting the awards to the governor of Rivers State, Chief Melford Okoi, who was the special guest of honour, urged Nigerian workers to be dedicated and render selfless service to their employers and the nation.

The governor expressed pride and gratitude to the com-

pany for encouraging the workers and appealing to other companies to emulate the good example of the NIC.

Responding on behalf of his colleagues, Mr H. A. Jumbo who had served the company for over 25 years, commended the firm for helping many families in the country.

Mr Jumbo lamented the effect of smuggling on the factories which had resulted in laying off many workers.

Lecture

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sanitation, tourism, manufacturing, advertising as well as technological, architectural and engineering design.

He cited advertising as an example which he described as the art of communicating commercial information, influencing people and promoting goods and services at another specific area in which the arts contribute to economic advancement.

The lecture was chaired by the director general of the National Commission for Museum and Monuments, Dr Ekpo Eyo (D.F.R.).

Also present were state commissioners, members of the House of Representatives and the Rivers State House of Assembly.

The night day Fifth National Festival of Arts and Culture ends in Port Harcourt today.

CLEAN YOUR HOME

Landlady's axe falls on tenants in Bori

THE wrath of a landlady has fallen on two businessmen and their families at No. 3A Zaakpon Road in Bori, headquarters of the Bori Local Government area of the Rivers State.

BY
ROGERS NTOR-UE

The offended landlady in a desperate attempt to forcefully eject the tenants, carefully removed some of the doors and deroofed the four rooms occupied by the businessmen as their residential and business premises.

Narrating her grievances to the NIGERIAN TIDE in Bori, the landlady alleged that her action was necessary because the ejected tenants were indebted to huge sum of money being arrears of house rent and had been making life unbearable for their fellow tenants through gross negligence and misuse of her premises.

They also defied the one month and seven days quit notices served on them before taking the action, she complained.

Earlier in their remarks, both victims of the inferno told me in tears that as a result of the landlady's action, their fate was hanging in a balance as the torrential Bori rain wasted no time in drenching their properties and flooding their rooms.

Meanwhile, one of the victims who is a hotelier alleged that his rooms

were hurgled and properties removed as a result of the doors removed by the angry landlady.

He disclosed that he had already filed a N50,000 suit against the landlady at the Bori High Court.

It would be recalled that the recent action taken by the landlady is the first of its kind to happen in Bori local government area.

Picture right shows the deroofed building with the front door of the hotel removed.



IMO'S EDUCATION SYSTEM RUNS INTO A HITCH

N13.4 million appeal fund launched

THE educational system in Imo State seems to be running into a hitch as a result of non-payment of teachers' salaries accumulating to three months now in the state.

Authoritative sources

in Imo State school system said that schools are now virtually empty as pupils mainly in post primary institutions did not have teachers to teach for the past two months.

Investigations also show that some schools in Imo State have not seen more than a skeletal staff of five teachers since the inception of this school term after the Easter holidays.

A secondary school teacher when contacted expressed disappointment on the way the state government was currently handling its education policies in the state despite huge amounts being collected from parents as school fees.

The source said that the most embarrassing aspect of the situation was that local government areas who favoured the Nigerian Peoples Party in the last election is being favoured in the payment of school fees since it is been paid

according to zones.

Adding to the ugly situation is the fact that the state government has failed to fulfil its promise of offsetting grants owed to teachers in the state for two years.

BY
HAROLD EKEKE



GOV. SAM MBACKWE of Imo State

The state government had earlier prostrated to the teachers early this year in order that they go back to their classes when they threatened to embark on industrial action over the said leave claims.

Meanwhile, as the students in the state prepare for their school certificate examination, the classrooms are virtually empty because of lack of tutors who are said to have gone out to look for alternative jobs in towns.

The source also hinted that the state NUT has been rendered ineffective because of the promising board post which

its top officials have received from the state government.

The state NUT secretary is said to be one of the board members to the Imo hotels, and the state chairman has also been given a top party post because of their various efforts to keep the angry teachers cool despite their agonizing situation.

THE UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Poul Hartling, has in Geneva launched a N13.4 million appeal fund for the resettlement of Ethiopian returnees, according to a statement by the office of the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

The New York correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the appeal is to help hundreds of Ethiopian nationals who fled the country following the overthrow of the late Emperor Haile Selassie, and are now returning home.

The Geneva-based UNHCR said that the fund would also help to offset the cost of transportation of these Ethiopians who might want to return home voluntarily. (NAN).

Orazi youths elect officers

THE Orazi Youth Organisation in Port Harcourt Local Government area has elected new executive members of the organisation.

The organisation elected Mr George Ken Akaninwor as the current chairman while the post of vice chairman went to Mr Napoleon N. Akaninwor.

Also elected as members of the executive were the following: Mr Oghonda Wobo, general secretary; Mr Ibe Wobo — treasurer; Mr Chima L.B. Akaninwor — financial secretary; Mr Alex A

Akaninwor, assistant secretary; Mr Hypoint Ekwutos — Public Relations Officer; Mr Elvis Oghonda — provost; Mr Eric Chubby — assistant provost.

In a brief post election speech, the chairman stressed the need to strengthen unity and co-operation among the people of the area and called for co-operation from members of the organisation and made a cash donation of N1,000.00 to the organisation. The vice chairman, Mr N.N. Akaninwor donated N500.00.

DIRECTOR NUMBERE CHARGES CHRISTIANS

CHRISTIANS have been called upon to rededicate themselves to God through his Son Jesus Christ through which man's desires will be manifested.

The call was made by Apostle G.D. Numbere, director of the Greater Evangelism World Crusade while delivering a sermon in a healing service held recently at 25A Elechi Beach in Port Harcourt.

He said that the communication between man and God had been broken through the iniquities of man and this connection can only be reviewed by the reconciliation of man with God.

Apostle Numbers admonished that man can only inherit the joyful

and infinite life prepared for him by his creator by surrendering his life to God through which he would be saved.

The Apostle further said that one cannot be clothed by self-righteousness pointing out that professing religion without possessing Jesus Christ is like a fig tree that features prominently with beautiful leaves without bearing fruits.

The healing service which attracted many people with diverse problems from all walks of life were urged to believe in the power of God for their healing.

After prayers, Director Numbers admonished the sick who were healed not to boast in their effort to please God but to give Him having been set free by God from the bondage of sin.



SOUVENIR FOR GOV ALLI

THE Governor of Bendel State, Chief (Prof.) Ambrose Alli, was the guest of honour at the recent launching of N200,000

Oria Grammar School fund, in Agbazilo Local Government area.

*Picture left shows

Governor Alli receiving a souvenir from members of the Oria community.



ACQUAIDS

A pleasant start to the working week. Although the day is not particularly active, it is a period for catching up with little jobs that have been hanging at the back of your mind.

PHOSPHORUS

Not a very fast moving day, but a positive and constructive one. You should be able to get through quite a lot of groundwork. Other people will be pleased to help and give you the benefit of their experience.

ARISE

Do not rush your work. There will be no pressure to avoid unforced effort. Intelligent people will be looking for steady effort and the stability to see a task through.

TAURUS

Work must come first. This is a favourable day for furthering career ambitions. The way you are handling your job at the moment is likely to make an excellent impression on the boss.

GEMINI

A somewhat calmer atmosphere should prevail at home. Good day for anything that would need the assistance of your mate or parent. This is an excellent day for all forms of teamwork.

CANCER

If you want to pull any strings, this is the right time for it. Cancers can be very powerful forces behind the scenes today. Make preliminary preparations for operations that you have in mind.

LEO

Do not hesitate. Go ahead with any plans that you had been working on over the weekend. Arguments can be negotiated that will lead to financial benefits.

VIRGO

An excellent day for sorting out minor financial problems connected with the home. Lay your cards on the table. Be frank with loved ones; you feel have been too reticent.

LIBRA

Nice and easy does it. There is no need to rush. If you require advice on how to handle a rather difficult personal problem, turn to an older relative who has considerable experience in such matters.

SCORPIO

More should be spent on a health problem that has not responded to normal methods of treatment. If there is one area of life where you should not shrink, it is your physical well-being.

SAGITTARIUS

Personal judgment is likely to be very good. This may not be the most important day of the month, but you should be able to sum up business situations quite clearly.

CAPRICORN

You should get off on the right foot. You will be pleased that you do not have to rush around. A pleasant evening is in store for Capricorn people.

NYSC scheme yields progress in Ogbia Egbema

The Community Development Assistant in-charge of Ogbia Egbema District in Abia State Local Government area, Mr. Sunday N. Johnson has said that the National Youth Service Corps scheme introduced by the defunct military administration has made a remarkable progress in community development projects in the district.

Mr. Johnson made the remark in his address to Youth Corps members during a farewell party organised by the community. He recalled that in 1976, members of the NYSC deployed to the area worked on the Fuma Civic Centre, the Ogburu-Ibagwa Civic Centre and 1978, Fuma community road project in 1981 and this year 1982 they have worked on the Amah Health Centre.

He commended the Federal Government for introducing the scheme which he said, is designed to cement the unity of this country.

He also commended the corps members for their devotion to duty and sense of belonging, adding that their stay with the Amah community had made an impact on this laudable scheme.

Earlier in their address presented to the youth corps members by the Amah Women Development Association who stated the Health Centre, the people thanked the Rivers State Government for putting the youth corps to Amah and appealing for aid.

by
Josiah Ajie

The community urged them to continue with their honest attitudes, devotion to duty and regard for their subordinates wherever they may be redeployed.

In his own address, the chairman of the occasion, Mr. Emmanuel Odia stated that the NYSC scheme made a landmark in the history of Amah development.

The scheme, Mr. Odia declared, was designed to instill the spirit of industrial consciousness, a sense of devotion, interdependence and service to the nation in order to bring about national unity.

Mr. Odia appealed to other women organisations in the Ogbia Egbema district to emulate the Amah women.

He described Amah as a self-help community and appealed to other communities in the area to emulate the good standard of example set by the community.

Picture above shows the corps members at work at the project site.

TWO years after the Federal Government promised the people of Yenagoa in the Rivers State, that it would rehabilitate the dilapidated Mbua/Yenagoa road, the design work for that project is yet to leave the drawing board.

Commenting on what he described as the "promise that never was," the paramount ruler of Ogboghe in the Yenagoa local government area, Chief Mala Sasame challenged the Federal Government to show any positive proof of its sincere intention to fulfill its promise to his people.

He said Lagos should produce the completed design work on the project, adding that it would amount to an act of bad faith if a particular area of the country should be denied fair attention, when others were having more than their justified share.



Fed Govt urged to fulfil promise on Yenagoa road

Chief Sayeme, a Port Harcourt based lawyer and the deputy legal adviser to the state wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN), narrated how the president, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, had during his visit to the area, pledged his commitment to the reconstruction of the road.

The paramount ruler, talked of the vital strategic importance of the road to the economic life of the people, and regretted that series of representations made on the issue to the federal authorities were not even acknowledged.

He spoke of the untold hardships the people of the area have continued to suffer as a result of poor state of the road, with an appeal that those in Lagos should show a change of heart.

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Alhaji Shehu Shagari

ALLI INSPECTS GUARD OF HONOUR

The Governor of Bendel State, Chief (Prof.) A.F. Alli, recently launched the 1981/82 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Programme in Ozo, Isoko Local Government area.

The chief executive, on the occasion, paid a courtesy call on the Odiun-Ologbu of Odeh.

Here, Governor Alli inspects a guard of honour mounted by the corps.



Kaduna okays 3 new commissioners

THE Kaduna State House of Assembly has approved the appointment of three additional nominees for commissionership presented to it by the state governor, Alhaji Abba Musa Rimi.

With the approval of the three additional nominees, the state now has 14 commissioners.

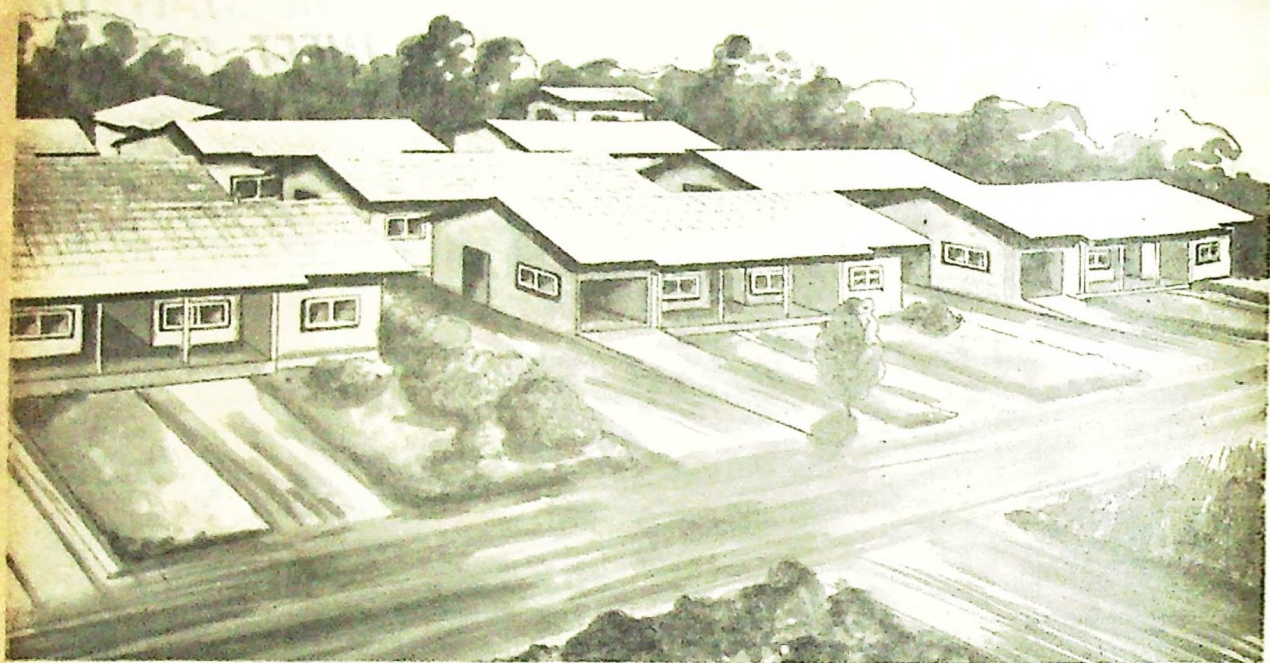
Those whose appointments were approved include Mallam Hawale Bala Kankia, Mallam Aminu Aliyu and Mallam Rilwanu Shehu.

Presenting the report of the Screening Committee on the floor of the House for consideration, the chairman, Alhaji Sule Danjaura said that all the three nominees had satisfied all the constitutional requirements needed for any body to be considered as commissioner.

He however, pointed out that despite the satisfaction of all the requirements by the three nominees, the House was the final authority that can take the final decision on the commissioner nominees during debate.

In another development, the House has also approved the appointment of two advisers to the governor on salary of N14,500 per annum each.

The House, however, rejected the third adviser on the ground that the state has commissioners now in all the ministries, that the governor needed no much advice for the development of the state.



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State creation anomaly to be corrected in future

Bisi calls for unified curriculum

Addressing a workshop of the council of heads of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education. The governor said that such a curriculum must be flexible enough to accommodate the

In an address, the rector of the Ogun State Polytechnic, Dr. Tiamiu Sonola, said that the Federal Government expected Nigerian Polytechnics to operate the new school curriculum in

Hausa moslems accused

He stated that most of the muslims and others of Hausa community had obstructed the lawful administration of the communal property of the muslims of the Eastern Nigeria, now "Anambra State," registered on

He appealed to the police
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Others, however, are not so sure. They say the government could not possibly solve all the problems facing the country.

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NIGERIA

The Nigerian civil war has long been forgotten by most people, but the intrigues behind the tragedy are now surfacing. Prominent politicians in the drama are revealing more details.

Twelve years after the Nigerian civil war, the country's first President, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, has declared that he was fooled by "Biafran" leaders. Mr. Odumegwu Ojukwu, who led the secessionist war.

This came about as a result of a request by the "Biafran" leader, to lobby for the recognition of the 'new country' by member-states of the OAU.

According to Dr. Azikiwe, who was speaking on a Lagos TV programme "Press Conference," Ojukwu's request came at a time when the Federal Government had decided to negotiate with the Biafrans on three conditions, namely: that the Biafrans renounce secession, disarm their soldiers and abide by Section 86 of the 1960 Constitution which stipulated that "No state can secede."

Dr. Azikiwe, who is the Owerri (chief) of Onitsha and leader of the Nigerian Peoples Party (NPP), said Ojukwu agreed to abide by these conditions if Azikiwe could get some OAU countries to recognise the Biafra Republic.

Ojukwu had apparently undertaken to end the war if his state, Biafra, was recognised by some African countries — a task which Dr. Azikiwe undertook. He approached four countries all of which accepted to

recognise Biafra and to sponsor a resolution in the Organisation of African Unity Heads of State conference to recognise the state. The aim of the arrangement was to accord Biafra an

honourable surrender to the Federal Government.

With this in view, the NPP leader continued "I went around and was able to convince the governments of four countries, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Zambia on the issue. These countries agreed to sponsor a motion to

be placed on the agenda of the OAU meeting to take place in Kinshasa

By

Mohammed Affum

then that there is war in Nigeria."

But surprisingly, the former president pointed out, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, then Commissioner for Finance who was present at the OAU meeting, killed the motion before it was debated upon. Angered by the turn-round of events, Ojukwu unilaterally decided to

continue the war.

Dr. Azikiwe said he had no regrets about his role during the war because "as an elder statesman and former president, I had no other option." The NPP leader noted that it was in recognition of his necessary role to keep Nigeria united that he lapsed effectively between the then Lt. Col. Ojukwu and Head of State Yakubu Gowon.

Dr. Azikiwe also gave a clean slate to the leader of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN), Chief Awolowo. "My good

friend Chief Awolowo has been quoted as saying starvation is a weapon of war. Of course, this is a fact in war — diplomacy. Awolowo merely stated the fact that by starving the Ibos of Biafra, the war might thereby be ended earlier and thus saving the lives of the Ibos. He actually wanted the war to end quickly." He added that it was wrong to assert that the UPN chief was an enemy of the Ibos.

During the Biafran

war hundreds of people, mainly children, starved to death following a food blockade by Federal troops. Several relief agencies flew relief supplies to the state.

The NPP leader also used the opportunity to comment on the Progressive Parties Alliance (PPA) saying, "What matters to us most is followership and not leadership as our detractors tend to advocate." With adequate followership, he believed, the alliance would have a sound footing and subsequently produce a leader that would be acceptable to all. Dr. Azikiwe hinted that he was at the moment working on a book about the civil war entitled "Peace Envoys."

The interview is likely to make an impact on the

Ibos who doubt the sincerity of Chief Awolowo whose party, the UPN, the NPP and factions of PRP and GNPP make up the Progressive Parties Alliance which was created recently to form a board opposition front against the ruling parties. He is variously described by the Ibos as a trickster who lured Ojukwu into the secession and advocated strongly that starvation be used as a weapon against the Biafrans during the civil war.

Moreover, Dr. Azikiwe's reminiscences have come at a time when there is a well-directed campaign by the PPA to portray Awolowo to the Ibos as one in whose hands they could place their destiny. For instance during the recent meeting of the Progressive Governors in Enugu, capital of Anambra State, the state-owned "Daily Star" was at pains to correct the view that Awolowo

I was fooled by Ojukwu—Zik



DR ZIK

tricked, the Ibos to secede.

Writing in the special issue of the paper, a political correspondent said: "It is my opinion that those who buy this propaganda are insulting the Ibo people of Nigeria. Any Ibo man or woman who takes the propaganda on its face value is admitting that he or she lacks a grain of intelligence. Are the Ibos so unintelligent that if someone tells them to commit suicide they would do so? I cannot accept this false 'theory' that Awolowo deceived the Ibos to secede after which he abandoned them. The Ibos are among the most intelligent ethnic groups in Nigeria; it is unthinkable for someone to ask them to kill themselves and they do so. Their declaration of Biafra was a rational response to the political situation at that point of time."

On the contention that Awolowo used starvation as an instrument of warfare against the former Biafrans, and that he froze their bank accounts at the end of the civil war, the correspondent wrote:

"With Dr. Azikiwe, the undisputed Ibo leader cunningly and deeply involved in the campaign, it remains to be seen if the Ibos will buy Awolowo."

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ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe, like many other developing countries, has been buffeted by the vagaries of basic commodity price fluctuations. Now a prominent industrialist has warned of economic collapse unless a devaluation is undertaken.

Only an immediate and major devaluation of the Zimbabwe dollar can save mining companies in Zimbabwe from incurring massive losses this year, the chairman of one of the Anglo-American Corporation's Zimbabwe Mining operations has warned. Devaluation would ameliorate the situation by reducing local costs while boosting income through downward currency adjustment.

According to Mr. Carey-Smith, chairman of Bindura Nickel Corporation, about 120 km from Salisbury, the company would show a loss of about \$17.7 million this year because of increases in interest rates, wages and input costs, together with a fall in production. This compares with an after tax and interest profit for the year ended December 1981 of more than \$3.5 million and a profit for the year ended December 1980 of almost \$9.1 million.

Mr. Carey-Smith said the only way of reversing this "disastrous change in fortunes" was an increase in the nickel price, or a "realignment" of the Zimbabwe dollar as against the United States

TANZANIA

MINISTERS responsible for Communications and Transport from Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire and Zambia recently met in Arusha, northern Tanzania, to review implementation of priority projects for the improvement of the Central Corridor Transport system.

This is an ambitious project aimed at improving the region's road and rail communications and waterways, from the port of Dar-es-Salaam to the land-locked neighbouring countries in East and Central Africa.

At a donors' conference in Brussels, Belgium, last February, the project was assured of more funds amounting to \$1.17 billion from nine European countries, Canada and International Banking Institutions.

According to government sources here, the European Economic



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South African mining operations enjoyed an advantage of around 40 per cent over their Zimbabwe counterparts. A devaluation would mean, for Bindura Nickel, the chance to turn a small profit, as opposed to the "appalling" loss, according to Mr Carey-Smith. Other mining operations within the Anglo-American Corporation would similarly benefit. He quoted chrome as an example which, he said, cost about as much to produce in Zimbabwe as it would to import it from Turkey.

In his annual report issued recently, Mr

Carey-Smith said production fell short of budget by about 10 per cent in 1981, and in the first two months of this year by about 25 per cent. This was mainly due to the loss of experienced and skilled personnel who were crucial to the smooth running of the company's plant and machinery.

He said although the production shortfalls were "most disturbing", the company's training schemes were operating well, and that in time, the manpower problem would be overcome. The Bindura Nickel Corporation's four mines produced 7,608 tonnes of nickel.

South Africa

Unjust in South Africa are now turning to black worker does not the church for support in end there. Women, their struggle to foster especially the migrant human dignity among ones, are more subsist under great exploitation by works odds.
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The average workers the Southern African

TRADE UNIONS TURN TO CHURCH

in the country do not Catholic Bishops Con-earn enough to even ference convened its cope with the barest plenary session to necessities of life. On the discuss the escalating average, the national labour problems in wage of a black is \$11 a South Africa, trade union officials partic-ipated to voice their grievances and the prob-lems they encounter to organise workers to secure their rights.

The union officials told the bishops that workers' representatives and prominent trade unions are harassed, benighted, banned or detained by the police. "Genuine workers' grievances are always described as communist motivated", they complained. The officials appealed for church support and suggested that the

always "wrong police and government authorities back the management.

The degradation of the black worker does not tell those in charge of them about the impor-tance of trade unions and their role in South African social welfare.

Of the many unionists picked up by the police early this year, 47 detainees are known to have died while in deten-tion. However, the death

of Dr Neil Aggett, Johannesburg physician and trade unionist, has invited outcries from all quarters of South Africa and beyond. Trade unionists do not believe he committed suicide as alleged by the prison authorities but blame his death on the govern-ment's Section 6 of the Terrorism Act that keeps people on solitary confinement and on the security police who apply them.

Dr Helen Suzman, Member of Parliament for Houghton and sup-



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committee in Emanuel Cathedral that the church was outraged by what the South African government was doing.

Since the death in police custody of Dr Ag-

gett, church leaders have become anxious to visit detainees to give them spiritual comfort. In Durban, permission came recently after mon-ths of largely un-success negotiations with the police authorities. On the other hand, the had and differential

Membership to (DPE) open to all domestic employees aged 15 to 60 who can afford to con-tribute a monthly premium of \$45. Each member receives a membership booklet showing starting date and a certificate reflect-ing amount and interest accumulated.

Co-operation...

Today about 1,300 lves of the Soviet Union maintain per-manent contracts with nearly 1,500 enterprises in the socialist countries. This kind of co-operation helps stimulate exchange



of experience of socialist economic management, create conditions for in-troducing it on a wide scale and using in all the fraternal countries. Photo shows a Soviet - Mongolian team of the walking ex-cavator operating in a coal quarry.

Ethnicity versus nationalism

The significance of ethnicity as the basis of nationalism should at no time and for no reason be over-emphasised nor relegated to the background by any party.

Acculturation as much as should be encouraged for the benefit of greater social intercourse and understanding, should also make for the preservation and promulgation of cultural traits that will reflect and project the national image at the international scene.

Nigerianisation, the post-and anti-colonial policy whose aim is the gradual take-over of the management of affairs of the country by Nigerians after the advent of the much cherished but now apparently neglected independence, does not seem to be having the desired impact on the mentality of the citizens, in view of the prevailing socio-political climate which makes for unity in diversity.

It is necessary for us to remember, though very difficult, and unpardonable a crime, to forget to go back someday to our roots for the purpose of forming a formidable front against any oppression or aggression.

The need for one to have a tap-root identity to stand out of the conglomeration of tribes is also very much appreciated.

MUCH as some organisations in Nigeria imbibe the invaluable services of public relations, one still finds that an appreciable number of them have mistaken notions about it.

One may begin with advertising which some sleepy organisations erroneously conceive as capable of playing the role of public relations because it (advertising) is a form of communication.

While advertising aims at persuading people to buy, it has a mammoth task to make people buy against their wish.

It is one of the functions of public relations to clear this obstacle by creating a situation whereby people are favourably disposed towards the product.

Public relations does this by giving people honest and factual information about the product and getting the people to appreciate the benefits derived from using such products.

A product may be advertised but consumers may be disposed towards it through ignorance or experience. Equipped with honest facts, public relations comes in here to

What leaves one wondering is why some Nigerians who obviously prefer their small tribe in isolation to the rest of the country should turn round, display, a holier than anybody attitude, and with effrontery expect to be known and addressed as nationalists rather than tribalists.

Ethnic loyalty has taken so great a precedence over, and eaten so deep into the marrow of nationalism that it is almost useless to attempt a diagnosis and treatment, not to talk of eradication, of this social malaise which is fast becoming part and parcel of us in spite of the fact that we are no longer youths at twenty-two.

This social malady is not peculiar to Nigeria alone. It is prevalent in all human society, the world over, especially among the developing ones.

A view of the industrialised nations like the United States of America and Britain also reveals stubborn traces of tribal sentiments.

It is a pity that at this stage of our development, personality is still playing a major role in our politics, hence tribes castigate and sometimes even ostracise their sons and daughters for supporting "wrong" political parties.

This brings to mind the multifarious pro-

blems of the Nigerian populace. Public enlightenment campaigns which should have broadened the intellectual horizon of the electorate are ineffective as most of the people though (informer) educated, are ultra-conservative and adamantly so.

By



Tokumbo George

They would die or rig elections to see their own candidates win rather than people from "afar."

During the Murtala/Obasanjo regimes when military governors and administrators were posted indiscriminately regardless of their states or origin, Nigerians felt like blacks in obnoxious apartheid South Africa.

Then with the consent of the military, the people went to the polls in 1979 for an experiment having fumbled and being responsible for the demise of the first Republic which

everybody shrugged off and exonerated himself.

The heart of the matter is that the people's complaint against the military administration would have had credibility and justification if they had a different opinion of the present presidential democracy which they themselves installed without any form of coercion about two years ago.

Does it mean that the people are never satisfied or what?

Political scientists and observers believe that the elite with their dominating status, coupled with multiple interests, are worse offenders.

They brain wash the electorate on what is "good" and what is "bad."

We know of a vociferous minister who is fond of blasting his state government for employing non-indigenes of the state in its civil service.

Critics have different views about this; some say the minister is correct in his action as this does not happen in other states of the federation; while others simply brand him quintessence of tribalism.

This cancer is also present in the Nigerian labour market. A handsome percentage of job opportunities is always reserved in each state for its indigenes.

This particularly af-

fects staff on grade levels one to six; it is interesting to note that this discriminatory and selfish attitude seems to have been endorsed by both the federal and state governments.

The problem now is how to reflect the much talked about federal character in the labour arena, since this selfish measure even goes beyond level seven.

This case can only be solved when both senior and junior applicants, irrespective of their states of origin, can freely apply for and secure jobs anywhere in the country without any strings attached, depending on how qualified they are for the job sought.

In Nigeria today, the simple question: what is your name could give you away at an inter-

view, because you have to explain in detail how you came by the name.

After that, the interviewers would ask if you are from that part of the country associated with the name; and your answer determines your fate.

This is where the Nigerianisation policy is at stake because, you cannot get the job and contribute your little quota to the development of the nation because you are from "There" and not from "Here".

This happens to the advantage of the expatriates who in most cases are more susceptible to neo-colonial and imperialist tendencies.

This makes a mockery of our independence, political and economic emancipation a wild goose chase.



MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations advises about packaging, attractive to and within the means of consumers. Public relations comes in again when the product is made.

By making use of some of its tools such as exhibitions, seminars, demonstrations, works

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visit etc, consumers are honestly made to see that while public relations cut across the whole length of marketing strategy, advertising occupies only a point in it. It is therefore wrong to view advertising as an alternative to public relations.

Another area of concern is the mistaken notion of some organisations who interact with the local community and are still mindful of their image; yet employ a community relations officer but relegate Public Relations to the background.

This is a sad ignorance of the difference between community relations and public relations.

Community relations officer operates on shallow confines while public relations operates on much more wider spheres.

While community relations liaises between an organisation and its immediate community or with areas with whom it operates, public relations goes much further, primarily with the publics of an organisation but does not limit itself to its publics because it believes that in order for an organisation to exist and prosper, the organisation should not restrict itself to its publics only but should aim at spreading its spheres.

While a community relations officer may be popular in and respected by the community, he is definitely not tutored in the principles, practices and complex nature of public relations. One therefore requires no extra-ordinary knowledge to see that community relations is dwarfed by public relations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Differentiating between community relations and public relations brings to mind another erroneous notion that press relations is equal to public relations.

Far from it, Press relations is only an aspect of public relations which tries to earn and retain the confidence of various media such as radio, television, the press etc in the treatment of news about an organisation.

Another area of misconception on the part of some organisations is that with the establishment of their own internal public relations department, they have nothing else to do with outside public relations or consultancies. No department functions effectively in isolation.

An internal public relations may be well equipped but the department may still derive a lot of benefits by associating with or utilising some of the services of a consultancy.

A public relations consultancy is not restricted to a particular client. Its association with various

clients gives it very wide knowledge and experience which may be valuable to individual public relations departments.

Another reason is that an organisation may be engaged in some specialised ad hoc work which may not justify the expansion of its public relations department.

For cost reasons, such services are better undertaken by consultancies. A third point is that the internal public relations officer is a salaried member of his organisation and as such works with enthusiasm and holds loyalty to his employers. He has to do this to earn his pay; but one of the consequences of this enthusiasm and loyalty is that it may unconsciously produce in him a bias in favour of his organisation which may raise the brows of the organisation's publics.

This can be very fatal. A consultancy is not so "chained in" as an organisation's public relations department. It is not so committed one (Continued on Page 11)

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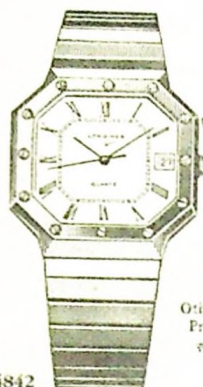
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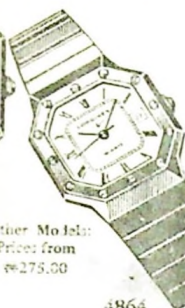
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In painful, but ever treasured and everliving memory
of our irreplaceable husband and father uncle, grand-
father



CHARLES J. FRANCIS ALLAGÔA

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we feel your absence daily this past short and long decade.
But as always, for witnessing tremendous help from God
and mankind and for having our type of families and
friends we will continue to glorify God.

May C. J.'s soul continue to rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by
Felicia Allagôa & children

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Invitation to tender for

- (3) All Quotations for Mobile Boat Radio should, however include the International Marine Safety Frequency.
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- DC Remote Control
- 240 Volts AC and 12 Volts DC Operation
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- High gain Antenna to match Base Station
(ii) 5 number 100ft Triangular Lattice Mast with three main Legs fabricated from galvanised pipes for the Base Station.
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Sports equipment for college

SPORTS lovers in the Rivers State College of Education would soon enjoy a high priority in their sporting activities.

This came as a result of the provision of table tennis equipment by the Managing Director of the Scano Furniture Enterprises Limited Rev. S. C. Nwchukwu and the donation of a giant trophy by Barrister Orabula Adiele to the school.

By
PAUL NKINA

The donations were made to encourage sports in the school and also for the school to produce good talented sports men and women who will in future represent the state and country.

The Managing Director of the company reiterated that his donation of sports equipment to the school is to enable every lover of sports in the school improve his talent.

The head of the department of health and physical education and chairman of sports committee in school Dr. Chu thanked the donor for his contribution to the school.

He stressed that with these equipments the students will be able to measure with other schools in tennis.

He called on the government, organisations both in public and private sectors to assist any school.

Pictured above is the school's PRO Missa Saromayor and ED: Nwale trying the new set.

BADMINTON: NIGERIA

WINS NYERERE'S TROPHY

THE Nigerian women's team at the current third all-Africa badminton championships, in Lagos, has won the Nwalimu Nyerere trophy by defeating their Mozambican

counterparts 3-0 to place first.

Mozambique came third by losing 0-3 to Nigeria and 1-2 to Ghana which placed second.

Promoter postpones title fight

A. U. S. boxing promoter, Mr Bob Arum, has postponed indefinitely the May 24 title bout between the WBA middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, and Thomas Hearns, citing an injury to Hearns' right hand.

"We are awaiting the response to treatment of Hearns' hand before we set a new date," Mr Arum said in a statement from New York.

He said that Hearns was examined by three

physicians in Detroit and they all agreed that he could not resume sparring for at least 30 days.

Hearns and Hagler were scheduled to fight for the middleweight crown at Windsor Arena

THE Kano Commissioner for Land and Survey, Alhaji Wada Abubakar, said in Kano yesterday that the golf course which the government took over from the Kano club would be used by the state investment corporation to build a hotel complex and an amusement park.

Addressing a press conference, the commissioner said that some parts of the land would be allocated to banks.

Alhaji Abubakar, who was reacting to the club's threat to seek legal redress over the revocation of its cer-



GOLF COURSE MAKES WAY FOR HOTEL COMPLEX

tificate of occupancy on the golf course, said that the government was not obliged to provide the club with an alternative

land.

He said that the alternative land offered to the club was subject to review and that the decision by the government to give the club an alternative land was because of the high priority it attached to sporting activities. (NAN)

comprising three singles and two doubles' matches.

The championships end on Friday, and Tanzania is expected to host the 1984 championships. (NAN)

CAN SHE COACH LEAGUE CLUBS NOW?

RECENTLY, 28-year old girl sports instructor Christine Theune-Meyer from Braunweiler near Cologne (Federal Republic of Germany) qualified as a soccer coach with an "A" licence at the Hennes Sports College.

Taking the examination alongside her were two former national league soccer stars - Erwin Kierners - second from the left - (formerly Hamburg).

However, Frau Theune-Meyer was not prepared to say whether she intended to sit in the "ejection seat" of a

coach with one of the country's top teams.

Admittedly, national league coaches are paid very well but like anywhere else in the world, the coach is the first to go should the club lose its goal-scoring touch or experience a series of successive defeats. (Ila)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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appraisal of things.

Another area that worries public relations is the way some organisations handle their relations with their publics. An organisation worth its salt should realise that there must be integration, planning and control of the relations which it has with its numerous publics.

For example, vehicle deliveries, van drivers' uniforms, telephone manners etc are all outward signs of an organisation's existence which should be directed and harmonised by an arm of the organisation (obviously public relations) rather than leave these to the whims of individual departmental or sectional heads.

In a majority of cases, these misconceptions or wrong notions of public relations have their roots in management's ignorance about public relations.

Management of some ill-informed organisations treat public relations as one would

dismiss a persistent nuisance of a street beggar - toss a coin to him, not that one genuinely loves part with the coin but a way of dismissing the beggar.

Likewise, some management treat public relations especially when it comes to budgeting for it. What a demonstration of abysmal ignorance!

Unless management fully appreciates the invaluable services of public relations, understands that public relations should be a part of it and that it should be represented at board meetings to fully acquaint members of relevant and honest facts about its public which the organisation cannot dismiss with abandon, such an organisation would be losing invaluable services.

Unless the organisation's public relations officer is put in the picture of, and is a part of the organisation's thinking and policy, he cannot effectively execute public relations functions.

In the United States of America, for instance, public relations executives are members of boards and in some cases, boards have vice-presidents responsible for public relations.

From Frank Jeffkins, we learn that "management should recognize that public relations is no new fact but something implicit in the proper manage-

ment and conduct of any organisation".

CHARLES IKEM
P.L.O's Office,
Port Harcourt



Monday, May 10, 1982

We stand to gain from OPEC-Agedah



MR HORATIO AGEDAH

GOVT, TEACHERS TALK IT OVER

By
Monday Frank

Negotiations aimed at finding solutions to teachers' grievances have been going on for the past two days in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

Those involved in the negotiation exercise are the state Assembly Standing Committee on Education, the Ministry of Education, the state wing of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) and the chief federal labour officer in the state.

According to a statement in Port Harcourt last Friday and signed by Prince I. K. O. Okorojie, chairman, state House of Assembly Committee on Education and the state Commissioner for Education, Chief J. S. B. Affed-Ofonri said that as a result of the negotiation, an agreement has been reached on a planned programme of implementation of the issues involved.

The statement specifically assured the NUT that union dues

already determined as an issue in dispute would be paid within two weeks.

The programme, according to the statement, would also review the issues of effective management of schools and teachers affairs in the state.

It reassured teachers that the current nominal roll exercise was not intended to impede regular payment of teachers' salaries and that the machinery for implementing other terms of the agreement already reached was still going on and efforts would not be relaxed along that course.

"We therefore appeal to the NUT and the generality of teachers to co-operate with the government and ensure not only the successful conduct of the current West African School Certificate examination but also the recruitment of all teachers to classes", it added.



MR N. A. NGEFA
Rivers NUT chairman

THE chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mr Horatio Agedah has asserted that Nigeria is justified to remain a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"I don't think it would be wise for Nigeria to pack out of OPEC now", he remarked.

Mr Agedah made his feelings known while answering a question by the Cross River State chief executive, Chief (Dr) Clement Isong during a courtesy call.

The chairman disclosed that Nigeria would be placed at a disadvantage if she quits OPEC since the advanced countries would do everything to see that the country's oil was sold at a give-away price.

He said that since OPEC was prepared to back up Nigeria in difficult times, there was no justification quitting.

N1m bank fraud attempt halted

A desperate attempt by some officials of the computer section of a Port Harcourt based commercial bank to defraud their employers of more than N100,000 has been foiled by the bank's vigilant executive.

Meanwhile, crack detectives from the state

Police Command have arrested and detained five officials of the bank for interrogation in connection with the attempt.

Detectives handling the matter have also impounded a number of

documents including ledger books which they are currently studying to enable them determine the correct picture of the crime.

A police source in Port Harcourt yesterday said that the arrested persons had neatly credited the account of a customer with N150,000 belonging to their employers.

Their hopes however, hit the rock when apparently waiting for an opportunity to slip in a cheque to clear the money, a top official of the bank arrived from Lagos on normal routine check of all accounts books.

It was also gathered that during his check, the official discovered a phoney entry of the amount in a customer's ledger and immediately alerted the police.

Following the report, a team of plain-clothes detectives led by a senior police officer were drafted to the bank and in a swift operation, the suspects were arrested and whisked away to the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for questioning.

Detectives now probing the incident kept sealed lips over the names of the arrested persons but simply announced that the suspects have made useful statements.

When contacted, a senior police officer attached to the state CID confirmed the story and gave an assurance that

as soon as police investigations were concluded, the suspects would be charged to court.

NNPC chief in Calabar

Responding, Governor Clement Isong reiterated that the government and people of the state were not happy over the non-inclusion of any citizen of the state in the corporation's board of governors.

He expressed fear over the non execution of the refinery project proposed for the Cross River State.

It was the conviction of Chief Isong that Nigeria could consider backing out of OPEC in order to be free to sell its oil and have enough funds to meet the economic and social needs of the country.

from
Etim Essenam

JIM REWARDS LOYAL STUDENT TEACHERS N100 bonus

THE Anambra State Government will pay N100 each to students of the Women Training College (WTC) Enugu for teaching in primary schools during the industrial action embarked upon by teachers in the state.

Governor Jim Nwobodo gave the hint at the weekend when he paid a visit to the college as part of his five-day official tour of Enugu and old Nkamu Local Government areas of the state.

The governor pointed out that any government that neglected teachers was bound to fail and assured that his government would do all it could to ensure that teachers were given their rightful position in the society.

On the shortage of office accommodation facing the institution, Governor Nwobodo announced that his administration would build one hostel in addition to

the existing ones as well as erect five more houses as teachers quarters.

He promised that water shortage presently affecting the state capital would be minimized as the government has set aside a sum of N42 million for the supply of water in the area.

The governor also promised to provide the college with a water tanker if after the commissioning of the water scheme, they were not benefited.



GOV JIM NWOBODO

tion has continued to increase and requested for the tarring of the road leading to the college and the provision of street lights in the school compound.

by
Joe Nwachukwu

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