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Dockers call off strike NORMAL PORT DUTIES BEGIN

AFTER 24 days of bitter industrial action, during which properties estimated at N.2 million were destroyed and entire ports operations nearly paralysed in Rivers ports, members of the Dockworkers Union of Nigeria, have at last agreed to suspend their strike and return to job.

The decision to suspend the action, came just few hours after the management of the Nigerian Ports Authority had accepted to meet the dockworkers' demands and other related grievances.

Members of the union, resorted to strike action, after their demands for the immediate withdrawal of the NPA 'managing scale' policy which they feared might

lead to enormous loss of jobs, and that over N125 million were were turned down.

by Sam Effiong

A release containing the suspension dated June 2, 1982 and signed by the union's general secretary, Mr. James Abani was circulated to members, and in it, they were ordered to resume normal work at all their areas of operations.

The union in its vote of appreciation, thanked the Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity, Mr. E. C. Osamwura, Minister of Transport, Dr. Umaru Dikko and the National Dock Labour Board (NDLB) for their important role in ending their strike action.

NPA agrees to meet demands

It pledged its preparedness to assist all the government agencies concerned with dockworkers' affairs to formulate a workable policy that would guarantee lasting peace in the nation's sea ports.

Meanwhile, the assistant general secretary of the union in the Rivers State, Mr. Normal Alfred Benson has confirmed the suspension of the industrial action and said the members were looking forward to normal ports activities at the Port Harcourt wharf.

Calling all NPN delegates

With the last count down to the special state congress of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) being held in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State chapter today, delegates have been requested to report at the premises of the State Presidential Palace.

According to a release issued from the state secretariat and signed by its secretary, Mr. P. K. C. Atiwa, the measure is to facilitate speedy accreditation and ensure the commencement of the congress at the scheduled time of 11 a.m.

The release stated that the accreditation exercise would commence at 9 a.m. and end at 10.45 a.m.

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VEE-PEE IN PH

YESTERDAY, the vice-president, Dr. Alex Ekwueme, arrived at the Port Harcourt International Airport, enroute to Owerri, the Ibo State capital for an official visit.

The vice-president was received at the airport by the Rivers State Governor, Chief Nnamdi Okoro, top members of his government, special advisers as well as legislators.

Above, Dr. Ekwueme discusses a point with Chief Okoro at the airport while, left, the vice president receives a bouquet of flowers presented by a teenager as part of the traditional warm reception. Pictures by Chiemeka Umbo

Fed Govt assures support for oil museum

THE Vice-president, Dr. Alex Ekwueme, has pledged the Federal Government's support for the National Oil Museum in recognition of the role which oil had played in national development.

He was speaking when members of the National Oil Museum Appeal Fund Committee called on him at State House.

Dr. Ekwueme noted that since oil provided 75 per cent of the country's foreign exchange, state governments, oil producing companies, oil refining

companies and organisations which provide subsidiary services would be interested in the museum.

The vice president advised the committee to make the suspense of the museum's realisation.

The committee was led by its chairman, Mr. Eneke Diye Soti.

Mrs. Diye Soti had solicited the help of the Federal Government and other bodies, through the launching of a National Oil Museum Appeal Fund.



assurance that the museum would yield some revenue for the government.

The chairman stated that although planned for the museum, needed

hotel facilities, a research centre, library and an exhibition center. She also called for the establishment of a Ministry of Tourism to provide revenue for the government.

PAUSE AND PONDER

Man's success should not be measured by the amount of wealth he has but the amount of service he has rendered to humanity.

OPEC STANCE SAVES N26 BILLION

THE secretary-general of OPEC, Dr Mark Nguema, said in Lagos, that the adamant posture adopted by OPEC member nations towards international pressure to reduce the price of crude oil had saved the organisation more than N26 billion during the present oil glut.

Dr Nguema who was addressing newsmen on arrival at the Murtala Muhammed Airport said that the amount would have been lost if members had agreed to drop the oil price from 34 dollars to 31 dollars per barrel.

The secretary-general who said that the oil situation would improve soon, and that co-operation by OPEC members on oil prices had destroyed the bid by industrialised countries to create a two-tier system whereby they would fix oil prices for OPEC member nations.

MINISTER INSPECTS ANAMCO FACTORY

The new Minister for Industries, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, recently visited Anambra Motor Manufacturing Company Limited ANAMCO, Enugu, as part of his familiarisation tour of his ministry's establishments.

The above picture shows Alhaji Gusau (3rd from left) in the electrical workshop of ANAMCO training centre, listening to an explanation by the training manager, Mr J. Foster (1st, from left).

Others in the picture include the chairman of directors, Mr Joseph Nwankwu (2nd from right), Mrs E.I. Abangwu (3rd from right) and Mr Beresford Davies (4th from right).

POLICE TO CONTINUE PROBE ON N11m TRANSFER

THE Police Commissioner in charge of Force CID Alagbon, Mr N.T. Akagbosun, told the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency in Lagos on Wednesday that he would continue investigations into the alleged illegal transfer of N11 million overseas by the African Continental Bank (ACB).

He was giving evidence before the committee, following an earlier invitation to the inspector-general of Police Mr Sunday Adewusi, to appear before the panel.

Mr Akagbosun said that the case file on the matter showed that Mr Fred Egbe, complained about a fraud involving about N12 million "for goods imported but not received".

He said that investigations into the case had not been closed and that the INTERPOL in Paris

and Brussels had intervened to arrest Mr Costas Kamateros, but that it had not been possible to arrest him.

Asked by Mr Egbe whether the police found out about S.B. Shipping and Trading Agencies Ltd. which was used in the illegal transaction, Mr Akagbosun said that his department could not trace the company's registry index at the companies registrar's office.

Mr Akagbosun told the committee that the case was not reported until when Mr Kamateros had fled the country because "some people had something to hide".

Mr Egbe, however, said that he reported the matter to the former inspector-general of Police, Alhaji M.D. Yusuf, within Minutes of his having knowledge of the matter from Chief Bakare.

RACIST PILOT MISSING

A SOUTH African Air Force pilot has been listed missing after a mission into Southern Angola, against Namibian Nationalist Forces, it was announced in

Pretoria on Wednesday.

A military spokesman declined to state the exact circumstances of the operation or the type of aircraft the pilot, named as Maj. Eugene Kotze, was flying.

The Angolan press last month reported renewed South African bombing missions in the south of the country, where the forces of SWAPO have bases.

SWAPO is fighting South African rule in Namibia.

3,000 LOW COST HOUSES READY FOR USE

The chairman of the Federal Housing Authority, Prince Sultan Adenji Adele said in Lagos that no more federal low cost houses would be built in Lagos State.

He said that the authority had decided to build more low cost houses in other states in the country. The Federal Government had spent a lot of money in building low cost houses in the state.

Suit against NUJ faction adjourned till July 2

HEARING in the suit instituted by Alhaji Bala Adesina and eight others against a faction of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), led by Mr Ralph Igwah, has been adjourned till July 2, following a report that one of the witnesses was involved in an accident.

The witness, Mr Jola Ogunsola, national secretary of the NUJ, was to testify for the plaintiffs.

The counsel for the plaintiffs, Mr Fela

Akinrinsola, told the court when the case was mentioned that following the accident the witness was undergoing treatment at the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Lagos.

He said that the witness was the last for the plaintiffs and might be able to attend the court at the next hearing.

Speaking to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in the court premises, the fourth defendant in the case, Mr Joseph Angulu, said that other defendants were not able to appear in the court.

He said that the court because of the distance from Lagos.

He said that Mr Igwah was unable to attend the proceedings because of flight difficulties which he encountered at the Jos Airport.

Mr Angulu said that the counsel for the defendants, Mr Felix Ogbelaglesi, also failed to appear in court since the case started because he was ill and receiving treatment at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

Tax sought on retail prices

THE Justice and Law Review Committee of the Senate State House of Assembly has tabled before the House, for consideration a bill which would impose a five per cent tax on retail prices of all brands of drinks, tobacco, cigarettes, capers, rugs and jewelry sold in the state.

The bill, designed "Sales Tax Bill" would also impose a two per cent tax on retail prices of motor vehicles, electronic equipment, and cement.

Presenting the bill, the committee chairman, Mr Mike Odozorodun, said that it was designed to help improve the state's financial position.

The bill, when enacted will replace the existing purchase tax law which does not include the taxes now being introduced.

Pilots find Abuja unsafe

THE Aviation Pilots and Flight Engineers Association of Nigeria said in Lagos that its members would not operate flights to Abuja airport until it was satisfactorily proved safe by competent authorities.

OGBEMUDIA SUES FOR N.5m LIBEL

A FURKUK military governor for Model State, Dr. Samuel Ogbemudia has sued the Dupire Publishers Limited of Enugu for N500,000 for alleged libel.

Dr Ogbemudia also sued the editor of the Saturday group of newspapers, Mr Chas. Ekefor, for N500,000 for alleged libel.

In a suit filed at a West High Court by a

senior advocate of Nigeria, Chief Rotimi Williams, the plaintiff prayed the court to award him the amount as damages for libel published by the defendants in the Saturday of May 6, 1982 on page 2, under the caption "The Hypocrisy of Edo-land Chief".

The suit has been fixed for mentioning on June 8, this year.

A statement issued by the association said that the Abuja airport was not safe for flight operations now.

It said that a recent declaration by the Minister of Aviation Mr John Kadiya, that the airport was safe for flight operations was contrary to the report from the captain of the 727 aircraft who conducted last week's test flight to Abuja with the minister and top government officials on board. According to the statement, the captain had briefed the minister about the unsafe condition of the airport, but the minister had refused to accept the report. The captain had then landed at Abuja.

EDITORIAL

JUDICIARY ON TRIAL IN IMO

WHATEVER political strains the NTA Administration in Imo State thinks it is pulling, by encouraging people to demonstrate against a court verdict somebody should remind it urgently that the Nigerian judiciary is constitutionally above politics.

ACCORDING to reports, more than three hundred persons from Owerri Nkwere Local Government Area had staged a demonstration to Government House Owerri protesting against an Owerri High Court judgment on a chieftaincy dispute in the town.

THERE IS so much more than meets the eye in this demonstration that Nigerians should be told of the real motive behind this brazen attempt to muzzle the judiciary in Imo State.

ON THE twenty-first of May this year, the "Tide" carried a front-page report of the judgment given by the Owerri High Court presided over by the Imo State Chief Judge, Mr Justice Chukudi Oputa over an attempt by the Imo Chief Executive to dethrone a traditional ruler Eze S.B.C. Orisakwe as the Ezenwamedu of Owerri Nkwere.

IN HIS judgment, Mr Justice Oputa had pointed out that the Government had not complied with the provision of the Imo State Chieftaincy Law and declared that both his withdrawal of Eze Orisakwe's recognition and recognition of another traditional ruler, Johnson Nzekwe to the disputed throne were null, void and of no effect.

MR JUSTICE Oputa further pointed out that the Ojiafor panel on which Governor Sam Mbakwe based his action "acted

beyond its terms of reference" because it had overstepped the Executive Order of the Commissioner for Chieftaincy Affairs.

THE VERY fact that Governor Sam Mbakwe is himself a lawyer should have shown him that the only way out was to appeal.

INSTEAD, in an odious demonstration of political enmity, he encouraged to protest against the judgment to the detriment of the law.

RATHER THAN scolding the villagers and pointing out the impropriety of their action, Governor Mbakwe has repeatedly commended them and promised to send a delegation to their community to settle their issue amicably.

WHAT political point is Mbakwe trying to make? Has the Highest Court in Imo State not already settled the issue?

IS GOVERNOR Mbakwe trying to tell his people that he has powers to override the judgment of the court?

WHATEVER he thinks he is doing, somebody should call him to order by reminding him that he has no such powers.

THAT HE lost a court case is no reason for him to embarrass the judiciary in the state. Nobody, including Governor Sam Mbakwe and his hirelings are above the laws of the land.

IF HE, cannot accept a court judgment, he has no place in the operations of the Nigerian Constitution.

THE HONOURABLE way is for him to resign and lick his wounds in private.

HIDING UNDER THE CLOAK OF PATRIOTISM

There is every possibility that this piece may cause the resentment of my fellow patriots.

And quite naturally, there are some, after reading it, who would see it as a piece of home truth, told out of patriotic zeal.

For zealotry or seen in the unbridled exercise of sentiments of emotions; not sitting on the fence.

In truth, this treatise has been provoked partially in response to an article titled "The Innovative Riversman", in the public opinion forum of the Nigerian Tide and authored by one who simply goes by the abstraction, WALS.

To be sure, the author made some assertions, which definitely would appeal to the emotions of a cross-section of the Rivers society. But beyond these assertions however, credit should not be given because his claims merely left a white load of questions begging for answers.

Shown of the fact that

the non-availability of a comprehensive anthropological work to published one on the Riversman will certainly handicap any serious-minded person to do anything of worth on him.

The little that is available however, portrays him to be ingenious, creative, outgoing etc. But the same is not different from that of his compatriots.

It remains true that, times without number, the Riversman has been painted and abused by those whose better instincts have been achieved by climbing on our backs.

In buses, taxis, mammy wagons, on the streets, on rooftops, he is denigrated and labelled as indolent sloven, uninteresting and one who lacks the god-head (creativity).

It is equally true that he created the canoe. But the canoe is a common environmental artifact identified with riverine communities throughout the world.

It must be suggested therefore, that whatever the Riversman achieved in the past is perfectly

sociological and anthropological in context. Resting on "has been" like an art or creativity, does not rest on what it has been.

Creativity requires compatibility with environment.

Consciousness then becomes a function of achieving creativity.

Unfortunately, MR WALS did not tell us that the Riversman has done to modernize the canoe.

He rather in insipid simplicity, asks what the manufacturers have produced to equate the canoe — the "River mobile".

And so, one is forced to ask, from this antiquity of a creation to what? Painfully, the answer is: nowhere that provides the Rivers State today, is one of shared interests.

While the indigenes per se, hold the political reins of power, the economy has been abandoned by us and handed over unqualified for, to our compatriots, who we have in our colourful manner, given the appellation, "wretched and scum of the Niger". Politics we all know, is

subservient to economics, a point that has regrettably been lost to the leadership of the state.

While MR WALS does not see anything creative in simply knocking together machine parts, and fixing damaged motor engines, he might as well be informed that many of these people in the "dairy trade" have climbed the survival ladder to social

grazing greatness in the society is too well knowing, to warrant resting it here. Undoubtedly, the place crawls with these self-same enemies of the Riversman.

It is true that there is no love lost between the Riversman MR WALS sought to defend in his treatise, and his hypothetical enemies, for the history of the struggle for Rivers State bears testimony to this assertion.

But how come you portray the feeling of being scorned, only to leave your door too wide open for them to stream in under a largely self-defeating but much vaunted, "open door" policy and legendary hospitality of the Riversman.

Research has shown incontrovertibly that the economy of this state is safely tucked away in the closets of our compatriots.

The transport trade, markets, engineering works, upholstery and what have you, are some of the safe havens of these people, being quarrelled about.

While one may be left to glibly about being scorned, can't a tax

policy be formulated to perfectly and lawfully exploit these avenues, thus enriching the coffers of the government?

Rather than do this, we daily disempower ourselves, polarizing over the influx of these elements.

Looking the insipid premise of MR WALS' article, it must be submitted that, the Riversman is often given to self-delusion.

Or perhaps it is that we as a people, are sometimes unnecessarily and unfoundedly paranoid, a feeling which leads to self-delusion of the unconscious type.

But more often, it is the conscious type that transpires in many a Riversman.

The older generation exhibits the element of fear more than the younger.

This perhaps may be attributed to the bitter struggle for the creation of Rivers State, which consumed a large portion of their personalities.

The leadership is hunted by history.

Indeed, it is a consuming hunt that leaves many things undone.

Is it not time we cast away this "liger mentality"?

Tis, "the rest versus us" syndrome, reminiscent of Peter Bofa's South Africa.

This feeling of being scorned; of being alienated! Great problems abound in this state.

But the one that particularly strikes an observer is the lackadaisical outlook of the younger generation to serious issues of the day.

Port Harcourt, a city of high life, an highlight of the sixties, gains freshness every day.

The new threat is from a different direction.

The disco music blaring out of FM receiver sets these days, is an epitome of some sort.

It's mind-numbing, body-weakening and soul-bewitching effect, certainly has captured the lives of many, like the spirit of a carnival.

I know many would by now cast me away as socially sterile.

Far from it.

The author if most vital, is the youth.

But scratch a big youth today and he or she will tell you, Mr so and so is on.

Can he keep me on? The she often asks.

Our rights, one is afraid to point out, are too much in the skies, leaving the expectations here on mother earth.

It would therefore be simpler to attribute our social failure to some abstract virtues, when the fault indeed is in ourselves.

We have forgotten the basics.

This basic our compatriots have ingeniously exercised from us and we grudge to point out, are too much in the skies, leaving the expectations here on mother earth.

The Rivers State should start finding itself a place in the sun, like its compatriots.

Now is the time!

Samuel Albert Ogunniyi

Port Harcourt.



and financial recognition; contributing to and identifying with community aspirations in their various areas.

Not so however, with our numerous Rivers money bags.

The parameters used in

POLICE BOSS ANGRY WITH BENDEL NURTW

THE Bendel State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Emmanuel Adeleye, in Benin, condemned the attitude of the Benin branch of the National Union of Road Transport Workers for allowing its motor parks to be used as a base for robbers.

Mr. Adeleye said during a meeting held with officials of the union in Benin that members of the union had condoned the activities of under world men.

He said that he had instructed the police to arrest any persons found in such criminal acts.

Mr. Adeleye said that the activities of the under world men in Benin had made travelling in public transport unsafe because some of the drivers were accomplices of the criminals.

He told the members of the union to live up to

expectation, by giving useful information that could lead to the arrest.

The commissioner also said that report reaching him shows that some members of the union at the Ogida, Oke and Uselu motor parks constituted themselves into road traffic wardens.

He said that such people were engaged in stopping vehicles, charging illegal fees and sometimes impounding vehicles.

The president of the branch, Mr. David Innah, said that the current wave of robbers in Benin was perpetuated by criminals who impersonated taxi drivers and robbed their passengers.



PRP WOMEN CONDEMN ROLE OF OLD POLITICIANS

STATES JUDICIARY COMMITTEES INVITED

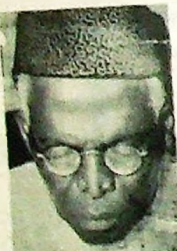
THE National Assembly Committee on judiciary has invited the committees on judiciary of the 18 state Houses of Assembly to a joint meeting to discuss certain amendments to the constitution.

Deciding this at the Senate and House of Representatives joint committee meeting on judiciary in Lagos, the chairman, Senator Michael Anah, said that the meeting which was fixed for July 7 would discuss among other things, the independence of the judiciary.

He said that each House of Assembly was expected to be represented by five representatives.

The Senator said that the joint meeting of July 7 would also discuss a possible amendment of section 256 of the constitution which deals with the tenure of office and pension rights of judicial officers.

Senator Anah also referred to the National Assembly committee which asked that the committee should find the retirement age of judges at 65 as against 60 for other employees. He said that the decision at the meeting was taken by the Senate and the House of Representatives committee on Judiciary and that it was tentative.



CHIEF O. AWOLOWO
UPN Leader



DR. N. AZIKWE
NPP Leader

5 persons docked over death of Customs official

FIVE persons who appeared on Tuesday at the Kaduna Chief Magistrate's Court charged with the murder of a Customs official during a raid on shops suspected to contain contraband goods, were ordered to be remanded in prison custody until June 22.

The accused persons were Joseph Eze, 16, Femi Ekwu, 18, Both Talors, and Sylvester Oyemba, A 27-year-old carpenter.

Others were Saidu Ali, 18, a driver, and Anthony Okafor 21, a trader.

They were alleged to have joined some other persons now at large in stoning and beating a Customs assistant superintendent, Mr. Ishaku Baba Umar, at Lagos Street on May 24, this year.

The prosecution told the court that Mr. Umar died two days later at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Kaduna.

No plea was taken, and acting chief magistrate Saliulahi Comaassie remarked that it would be difficult to determine the actual ages of the accused persons at "this stage of the proceedings" and that he would not "make any different order on the basis of age".

He adjourned further proceedings until June 22.

THE Peoples Redemption Party of Alhaji Aminu Kano, women's wing has condemned the role of the old politicians have been playing in present-day politics in Nigeria.

Speaking to the Nigerian Tide in Benin after her recent election as the Deputy National Secretary of her wing of the party, Mrs Agatha R. Obazee of Benin City said that the so-called fathers of the nation still pretend to wear to toga of holier-than-thou attitude on issues affecting our ailing economy.

These old renegades, Mrs Obazee said, who were in power in pre-independence era and in the first republic, knew what happened to our country's economy before President Shehu Shagari took over the reins of government but due to jealousy coupled with their new role of antagonism and unpatriotic attitude, choose not to speak the gospel truth.

Calling on all Nigerians, to rally round and co-operate with President Shagari, Mrs Obazee asserted that the calamity of the country was not all that flourishing before President Shagari came to power but that as a good statesman and a father, he decided to play it cool and worked relentlessly to boost up the economy until the glit of which the president rightly alerted the nation.

The women's wing, she stated, commands the president for the recent austerity measures

embarked on over the country's economy.

The PRP wing applied to the federal government to make the Green Revolution

from George Kedo Benin City.

Programme workable so that food would be readily available in the markets for all and sundry at cheaper prices.

The wing recommended that smugglers and those trafficking on foreign exchange should be given stern and stiff penalties and that Ngonans with money banked abroad should be ordered to return their ill-gotten money home and such offenders should be punished while expatriates should have an arranged fixed amount to

take out of the country and should be compelled by law to reinvest part of their profits in the country for development purposes.

The women appealed to workers in the country to change their attitude to work and put in their maximum and be painstaking, tolerant and curtail their strike or work to rule actions.

Photo above shows Mrs Agatha R. Obazee, the newly elected National Deputy Secretary of the Alhaji Aminu Kano's PRP Women's Wing being congratulated by the National Assistant Organising Secretary in Benin, Pastor Sam Eju, on the occasion of a buffet dinner party organised in Benin by Mrs Obazee's husband, Prince Victor A. Obazee, a politician, accountant and company director.

LEGALITY OF NPN CONVENTION CHALLENGED

A LEGAL practitioner and member of the NPN, Mr. Ishola Karami Osobu, has filed an application in a Lagos High Court, challenging the legality of the party's convention scheduled for June 12.

Joined in the suit are the National Chairman of the party, Chief Adisa Akinloye, his deputy, Shettima As Mongono, the vice national chairman, Chief Lulu Briggs, the national secretary, Alhaji Suleiman Takuma and his deputy, Dr. Roland Anyanwu.

Mr. Osobu is requesting the court to hold that the defen-

dants cannot summon the special convention of the party on June 12, or any other date except the date fixed for the purpose of nominating a presidential candidate of the party.

The plaintiff claimed that only the national convention of the party held once every year in November had powers to nominate the presidential candidate of the party.

He said that a special national convention of the NPN which could be held at anytime could meet only to discuss special matters, which should be specified in the notice summoning the convention at the request of the national executive council.

Mr. Osobu is also taking the court to restrain the defendants from convening the national convention on June 12, or at any other time for the purpose of nominating a presidential candidate, until the suit was heard and decided.

Mr. Osobu said that he brought the action to establish that the defendants embarrassed and denied him of his rights as a presidential aspirant in the party who was preparing to be nominated in November and not in June.



CHIEF A. M. AKINLOYE
NPN Chairman

Nutritionist wins first place in cooking duel

A NUTRITIONIST, Mrs Justina Anazoniw-Bolio, won the first prize of the Enugu zone in the first national cooking competition in Enugu and received a kenwood chef.

The second prize went to Mr Remingus Eze from Enugu Ezike near Nsukka, Anambra State, while Miss Lilian Efem from Ifeidi in Cross River, came third.

An electric yam-pounder was given to the third place winner while a sewing machine was the prize for the second position.

The menu of the contest was bitter leaf soup and pounded yam.

Earlier at the opening of the competition, the Anambra State Commissioner for Youths and Sports, Mr Thomas Chigbo, called on Nigerian nutritionists and those responsible for the provision of local dishes in hotels, to include non-fat and non-spicy food item in the menu.

He pointed out that most people took to European dishes because of the variety of choice and the flavour and aroma of most foreign foods.

Mr Chigbo believed that Nigerians would love to take native dishes in hotels if these could be provided for all categories of people.

The competition, organised by Times Lasura Services and the NTA was sponsored by Food Snatchers Nigeria Ltd. and will be conducted in three zones, Enugu, Ibadan and Kaduna before the finals in Lagos on June 25.

DON'T BE USED AS INSTRUMENTS --DPO



Alhaji Afiyu Attah
Rivers Police boss

LAW enforcement agents in the Brass Local Government area have been advised not to use themselves to be used as instruments of intimidation and victimization in the discharge of their duties. The advice was given by the Divisional Police Officer in-charge of Brass Local Government area, Mr Michael Sada at a police post at Idema in the Ogbia district.

He talked on the important role the police can play in the maintenance of law and order in any society and

added "you should always maintain the ethics of the police force"

by
Churchill Williams

Mr Sada pointed out that as police officers they have a duty to protect life and property and the restoration of the rights of loyal citizens of

the country.

The divisional police officer said, they should try as much as possible to avoid taking sides in cases before them adding that it is only then that the good image of the Nigeria police will be portrayed.

Mr Sada also told members of the Idema community that the police cannot succeed in the discharge of their duty without the assistance of members of the public.

He therefore called for cordial relationship between members of the public and the police to effect the desired goal.

In his address, the Ode Ema of Idema, Chief F.E.A. Igbonwan thanked both the federal government and the state police command for making it possible for a police post to be established in the Idema community.



Alhaji Shehu Shagari

PRO HARPS ON EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN NA

THE need for even representation of the various states in the Nigerian Army has been stressed.

In a press briefing in the Army Officers Mess, Port Harcourt, the Public Relations Officer of the 2 Amphibious Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Captain Nya I. Nya pointed out that it will not only maintain the federal character of the army but also create employment opportunity.

Captain Nya said the Rivers State have not been able to fill its quota in the Nigerian Army.

He appealed to well meaning citizens to always encourage our youngmen and women to enlist in the army.

The PRO commended the existing relationship between the Rivers State press and army units in the state and called for continued publicity for activities of the Nigerian Army.

Captain Nya pointed

out that it was only then that information on recruitment into the army will be carried to all nooks and corners of the state.

Give Shagari another chance -Dikko

THE Minister of Transport, Dr Umaru Dikko, said in Lagos that he saw no reason why President Shahu Shagari should not be given another chance to serve the people of this country.

The minister, who was answering questions from newsmen shortly after launching a pamphlet on a new National Shipping Policy described President Shagari as a man of the people, who is prepared to serve his people faithfully and

deligently.

Dr Dikko said that Nigeria was not in need of a naïve president because the Nigerian electorate could not be bought over with money.

We are looking for a president for Nigeria not naïve president, he emphasised.

Referring to those he described as minded people, whom he said were fighting to become president, Dr Dikko said that money was not a quality for leadership in the country.

He advised those who were rich to be satisfied with their position in life, adding that when a man refuses to appreciate the role put for him by nature, he has missed his way.

The minister described the fear by the minority group in the NPN as unfounded, saying that every ethnic group in Nigeria taken singly against others put together was a minority.

Commenting on the strike by dockworkers, Dr Dikko said that he believed the workers were being instigated by owners of private jetties.

He however, said the efforts were being made to resolve the dispute between the workers and the Nigerian Ports

Authority.

Dockworkers began a general strike on Thurs day (NAN).

Chief Inspector tours schools

THE Chief Inspector of Education, in charge of the Bonny Local Government area, Mr N.A.J. Wandere is currently on tour of all primary and post-primary institutions in the area.

The tour is aimed at identifying teachers throughout the state in an effort to eliminate fictitious names in payment vouchers.

Addressing the teachers at Ngo in Andoni District of the Bonny Local Government area, the inspector stressed that they would only qualify to remain in the service if they satisfy the requirements of the state's Ministry of Education.

He advised teachers who were absent during the exercise to submit their passport photographs and credentials at Ngon.

In another development, the inspector called on the Parents/Teachers Associations in the area to be conscious of their responsibilities.



AQUARIUS
Do not be impatient. You may be frustrated with the way things have been going for you so far this month, but it would be foolish to criticize your luck.

PISCES
Business will go smoothly enough. In fact, though with variations you can go better than you anticipated. Transactions should be advanced with caution.

ARIES
You will have no difficulty getting family members or friends to agree with your ideas, particularly if a trip would be involved. But problems will begin when you try to deal with people in other cities.

TAURUS
Health problems should be given priority. Do not ignore an ailment that is giving you considerable pain. Make an appointment to see your doctor even if it means that you have to take a long time in the waiting room.

GEMINI
People will be pleasant enough. You will not have any difficulty getting along with close associates. Love ones will not agree with your plans for this evening.

CANCER
Better day for Cancer, who have an opportunity to concentrate on home and family affairs. You may find it difficult to face the outside world. Work that you have to do will be hard to handle.

LEO
Many demands will be made upon you. This is likely to be a busy day and in some ways rather disappointing. Hard as you try, it will be difficult to increase your earnings.

VIRGO
Conditions will be rather pleasing. You will find it difficult to concentrate on your work due to constant interruptions. Domestic affairs are likely to clash with business.

LIBRA
You will feel rather uneasy today, in thought and in action. You may have some temporary difficulties. Do not trust in your luck. Do as this you can to get ahead.

SCORPIO
Somebody sometimes have a strong desire to travel. This desire may be well-nigh impossible to fulfill. People may laugh with you as you are leaving this evening.

SAGITTARIUS
Something that is unexpected, but you could not make a mistake. You will have a lot of things to do this evening. Do not miss any important occasion.

CAPRICORN
The more you try the less progress you make today. You are making. You will have a lot of things to do this evening. Do not miss any important occasion.

NPN youth leader greets new NUJ boss

THE chairman of the National Party of Nigeria, Rivers State Youth Wing, Mr Zee Debekeme has sent a congratulatory message to the newly elected chairman of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, Mr Bobo Brown.



Mr Zee Debekeme

Mr Bobo Brown

He urged the new chairman to bear the burden of leadership of the union with all professional commitment and objectivity to make it worthwhile.

Mr Debekeme reminded him that the NUJ has a great task ahead because of the numerous leadership problems and the need to build the much needed objective journalism in the state.

He thanked members of the union for their cooperation which the National Party of Nigeria enjoys and prayed that it might continue for a long time to come.

Man to
serve 5
years for
stealing

A middle aged man, Urodimma Nwachukwu, alias Jon Elijah who allegedly stole N4,657 at Dutch island near Port Harcourt has been sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour.

The prosecution stated that the accused on August 11, last year at Dutch island, Port Harcourt stole the sum of N4,657 belonging to God-power Okoro.

The accused had earlier denied the charge.

In his judgement, the presiding chief magistrate, Chief H.E. Wahaja said he was satisfied with the prosecution's case and that he had no doubt in his mind that the accused person actually committed the offence.

He described the accused as a selfish man who came from where he did not sow and therefore sentenced him accordingly.

Teachers' institute confirm exam dates

THE National Teachers' Institute, Kaduna has said that the 1982 National Teachers' grade II certificate examinations, at the centrally-set papers, would be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month as originally scheduled.

In a statement in Kaduna, the institute said that English papers I and II would be held on Tuesday, the 8th while Education papers I, II, and III would take place on the 9th.

The Arithmetic I and II papers will also hold on Thursday, the 10th the statement added.

The institute also requested candidates who had not received their numbers to check their postal addresses and their centres. (NAN).

Economic measures deserve support

THE Speaker of the Anambra State House of Assembly, Chief Ifeanyi C. Enechukwu has appealed to all Nigerians, irrespective of tribe, religion or political belief to rally round President Shugu Shagan in his attempt to improve the economy of the nation.

Addressing a press conference at the Durbar Hotel in Kaduna, Chief Ifeanyi Enechukwu commended some members of the House of Representatives who refused to donate some part of their salaries towards the cause of improving the national economy.

He noted that donating 10 per cent of members' salaries as a measure to improve the economy of the country was just like dropping a drop of water in the ocean.

All of us are affected and as elected representatives, we must show our sympathy to the economic effort of Nigeria," he declared.

The speaker however blamed the Federal Government for its inability to effectively manage the economy of the nation.

He alleged that all the Federal Government money at the centre was managed by few persons who in turn, kept the money for their own personal use as contracts were always inflated by 50 per cent.

Chief Enechukwu then called on the National

Assembly to immediately embark on enacting another law to reduce the power given to Mr President and have another look on the award of contracts with a view to checking the abuse in the award of contracts.

He suggested that a task force should be set up by the National Assembly to find out loopholes and have a second look at the people around the president to ensure that they were working hard.

If the advisers to the president were working hard, he should have been warned far ahead before the poor state of the nation's economy, the speaker claimed.

He urged the National

Medical school named after Awolowo

THE College of Medical Sciences of Ogun University will be sited at Ikene, according to a statement issued in Abeokuta on Wednesday.

The statement, by the Ministry of Education, said that the college would be named "Obafemi Awolowo Medical School" in honour of Chief Awolowo, for his contributions to educational development in Nigeria.

The government recently announced the establishment of a four-campus University with headquarters at Ago-Iwoye.

Goods worth N10,000 recovered

STOLEN goods worth about N10,000 have been recovered by police along Stadium Road in Akure, Ondo State.

Some of the goods recovered, now on display at the police station, included electrical fans and appliances,

radio sets, beddings, refrigerators and assorted wearing apparel and car braking equipment.

The police said that the discovery of the goods followed a raid carried out after a tip-off by a "public spirited"

Nigerian.

The police said that three persons were arrested during the raid.

The divisional police officer in charge of the Division, Akure, Mr Joseph Eniola, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that such raids



Chief Ifeanyi Enechukwu



Chief Edwin Umezoke
Speaker of House of Representatives

V-C GIVES RECIPE FOR MANPOWER PROBLEM

THE vice chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Professor Umaru Gomwalk, has suggested the intensification of in-service training in all public establishments, as a means of solving the country's manpower problems.

Prof. Gomwalk made the suggestion in Owerri while exchanging views with members of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies.

He said that not only would in-service staff development produce qualified as well as experienced staff, it was the only measure that could provide immediate solution to the problem of personnel in higher institutions.

Prof. Gomwalk said that higher institutions in the country could not depend solely on other nations to provide them with all the staff they required for their growth.

FEDECO gets set in Anambra

THE Federal Electoral Commissioner in Anambra State, Chief J. R. C. Anyaegbuna, has said that work on the new system of registration should begin as soon as the electoral bill becomes law.

Addressing administrative secretaries of the commission at the opening of a two-day meeting in Enugu, Chief Anyaegbuna stressed the need for a proper study of the mechanics of registration as contained in the electoral bill.

On the revision of voters register, he said that voters previously registered would still go to registration centres to exchange their cards for the new ones with special identification marks.

Chief Anyaegbuna also said that the publicity and public enlightenment committees of FEDECO would be reorganised for the registration exercise.

He reminded the secretaries of the additional problems posed by the creation of new local government areas in various states and urged them to discuss these issues with a view to finding solutions to them.

Provosts warn against too many universities

PROVOSTS degree-awarding colleges of education have asked the Federal Government for a grant of N5 million each to enable the colleges to upgrade and expand their facilities.

They are the Colleges of Education in Uyo, Owerri, Abiraka, Port Harcourt, Ondo, Zaria and Akwa.

In a communique issued at the end of their meeting in Uyo, the Provosts said that the upgrading of selected colleges of Education and Advanced Teachers' Colleges to the status of degree-awarding colleges had added responsibility to such institutions.

It states that the

emerging university colleges of education should not be allowed to perish through the neglect, or apathy of the same Federal Government that established them.

They said that the financial assistance of the government would ensure an adequate production of competent professional teachers for the forth coming new secondary school education system.

The provosts warned against the proliferation of university colleges of education in order not to overstretch the available resources, and recommended a maximum of one university college of education per state.

Judges can now retire after ten yrs

JUDICIAL officers who have served ten years on the Bench may now qualify for full pension, according to a release issued in Lagos.

The release, by the National Assembly, said that the new minimum service period that would qualify judges for full pension was decided by

the National Assembly Joint Committee on Judiciary.

It also stated that the committee resolved, by eight votes to four, to fix the retirement age for judges at 65, as against 60 for other employees.

The joint committee had met to resolve the differences on a bill seeking to amend section 255 of the constitution which states that the pension

payable to a judge who retires at age 65 with less than 15 years service on the Bench would be at a rate pro-rata his number of years on the Bench.

Nwobodo charges women lawyers

The Governor of Anambra, Chief Jan Nwobodo, has urged women lawyers to "look beyond their narrow self interests" and work for the good of humanity.

Speaking last in Enugu at the official launching of the Anambra branch of the International Federation of women lawyers, Governor Nwobodo urged women lawyers to act as a catalyst that could fuse some sanity into the chaotic affairs of the menfolk in human society.

He also noted women's nearness to children and called on them to sponsor legislations aimed at protecting their interests and welfare.

Chief judge of Anambra, Mr Justice Emmanuel Araka, urged the association to adhere to its aims and objectives, which centred around the interests of women and children.

He observed that whereas the Nigerian Bar Association catered for practising lawyers, the federation of women lawyers was meant for all women lawyers irrespective of their positions in the bar, bench or business.

Party gives reason

The National party of Nigeria (NPN), Benue State branch, has given reasons why the state chairman of the party, Mr Tayo Akpatok, and his secretary, Dr Oluji Edejiye were removed from their offices.

Addressing a press conference in Benue, the party chairman, Mr Tayo Akpatok, said that it was the belief of the party that under the unwholesome leadership of Mr Tayo Akpatok, the party was likely to lose the forthcoming local and national elections unless Mr Akpatok was asked or made to vacate the chairmanship of the party, with immediate effect and the party reorganised.

As 1983 draws near, continued Mr Akpatok, it must become obvious that the party must be put in proper shape and form, reorganise its efforts and readiness to face the challenges from the middle and bungling ineptitude of the UPN government.

Referring to allegations made against Mr Akpatok by Chief E. K. Clark in 1981 to the effect that if the party was left by the way, Mr Akpatok and Dr Edejiye were a going, the party was most likely to lose in 1983. Mr Akpatok emphasised that the purpose of the change of leadership of the party in the state was not to satisfy personal ambition of any individual nor was it a one man affair.



MR JUSTICE ARAKA

ECOWAS MEMBERS URGED TO MEET OFTEN

The Sierra Leonean President, Mr Siaka Stevens, has in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, urged ECOWAS member states to convene more frequent meetings to enable them to have adequate time to discuss issues affecting the organisation.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) correspondent in Cotonou reports that President Stevens said that the organisation had made progress within the last one year.

He said that the organisation had adopted an acceptable definition for the organisations citizens to facilitate their free movement within the community.

In addition, he said that a practical agreement on economic co-operation had also been adopted.

Earlier in an address, President Mahebo Kerekou of Benin

Banks told to assist the nation

The chairman of the Gongola wing of the PRP, Alhaji Abubakar Michika, has urged the President to use the existing law to direct all commercial banks to donate 10 per cent of their business and company savings towards rescuing the national economy.

Addressing newsmen in Yola, Alhaji Abubakar also suggested that all state political office holders should forfeit their allowances in addition to donating 10 per cent of their salaries.

He said that through the austerity measures were well intentioned, it would be unfair to deduct the salaries of civil servants. (NAN)

Housing bonanza promise for Imo junior servants

from Ray Eke, Owerri

THE Imo State Commissioner for Housing and Environment, Chief Ralph Ogbuagu Nwabueze, has emphasised the need for providing cheap houses in the state for the low income earners and rural

dwellers who live in rented and thatched buildings.

He assured the people of the state that when the giant housing programme of his ministry started yielding results, a greater majority of people in the urban and rural communities would be adequately housed.

Chief Nwabueze made the promise while briefing newsmen in the office of the Second World Bank Urban Development Project.

The commissioner called on all low-income earners to avail themselves of the opportunity now offered by the World Bank Urban Development Project and become happy

house-owners.

The new scheme, he disclosed, was estimated to cost N46.7 million, adding that the scheme was a joint venture initiated by the World Bank, Federal and Imo State Governments.

The project areas, he pointed out, had been mapped out and altogether 8,100 residential plots would be made available in three cities in the state, including Owerri, Aba/Obioma Ngwa and Umunahia.

The commissioner further said that the project had provision for a limited number of small-scale industrial and commercial plots.

He finally called on low-income earners to go to the nearest local government area headquarters or to the Ministry of Housing and Environment and collect forms free of charge.

YOLA FED POLITECH TO MOVE

The Federal Polytechnic in Yola is to move to Mubi, 185 kilometres from the Gongola capital, in view of the New Federal University of Technology, Yola, a source told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

The source said that the minister of state for education, Alhaji Binyamin Usman, was in Yola where he held a three-day closed-door meeting on the movement with officials of the Federal Polytechnic and the University of Technology for a consensus agreement.

The minister later visited the Federal School of Arts and Science at Mubi to study the facilities available for the Federal Polytechnic.

Non-aligned countries to build N6-7m centre

A centre for Science and Technology for the non-aligned countries is expected to be established in India subject to the adoption of its statutes at a conference to be held in New York.

The statutes will have to be formally ratified and accepted by the signatory states, a spokesman for the Indian government told the parliament.

India has made an initial provision of N6.7 million to meet the expenditure on the centre.

The UN fund for Science and Technology or the UN development programme may be approached for funds after the statutes have been ratified, the spokesman said.

The centre will seek to promote collaboration among scientists and technologists from non-aligned and other third world countries, and regional centres for the transfer and development of technology. (IPS/NAN)

'ONLY POOR MASSES FEEL ECONOMIC BITE'

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

This was part of the resolutions adopted by the association at the end of its convention in Benin last weekend. The students argued that the poor masses now bore the brunt of the economic recession alone.

The association viewed the plight as an imperialist plot by the western powers to sabotage their economy and called on the Nigerian masses to liberate the economy from the dependency on international monopoly capital.

The association said that the case for the creation of states in the country was in intra-class struggle with the aim of creating a petty bourgeoisie for their own exclusive exploitation.

It is the view of the association that the creation of states is not the solution to the problem of the masses in this country, what the masses need essentially is food, shelter, clothing, free health care and free but de-imperialised education, it said.

On the present economic situation, the association condemned in its entirety, the emergency, dictatorial powers given to President Shuguin by the National Assembly.

At the end of the convention, the national

Assembly man withdraws bill

A member of the House of Representatives, Mr Mallo, has withdrawn a private member's bill sponsored by him, and thereby halted further debate on it.

The bill titled Nigerian Television Authority (transfer of ownership) amendment bill sought to amend the Nigerian Television Act, 1977.

It also sought to make state television responsible for broadcasting and to transfer state television to the original founders which comprised Benue Plateau TV (BPTV), Eastern Nigeria Television Service (ENTV), Radio-TV Kaduna (RTK), Western Nigerian Television Service (WNTS).

Last year, the House transferred the bill to its committee on communications, and charged it with the responsibility of making recommendations on the proposals of the bill.

The committee also recommended that all state governments, which wanted to operate television stations, should be given the licence to do so.

It also stated that the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) should not be returned to the original owners.

As soon as the recommendations of the committee were announced, Mr Mallo said if the committee decided that the original founders should be compensated, then there is no need for the bill.

Immediately, the Speaker, Chief Oluwole Okeke, in reporting the progress of the bill, said that the bill was withdrawn under S.49 of the House rules.

This section states that the member in charge of a bill may make a motion without notice for its withdrawal either before the commencement of public sittings, or on the order of the day for any stage of the bill being read. (NAN)

Music

Religious music is fast making a debut on the Nigerian music scene with a flurry of chart-busting and soul-winning albums by Christian throughout the length and breadth of the country.

The response from the public to every new album released, has no doubt spurred many and more to take to this unique way of taking the Gospel into every home and winning those hearts that are penitent.

Although in recent times, there has been a sudden departure from the traditionally calm and serene renditions to the blaring orchestration with the introduction of varying musical instruments and the improvements on the sound quality. One thing is significant. Every other album is divinely blessed and a source of inspiration to every listener.

AWOLOME STUDY GROUP VOL. 1

Albeit some critics from that religious music is going 'rock and roll' to suit the whims and caprices of the changing world.

Nevertheless, there are artists who religiously prefer the traditional organ to the large-mouthed trumpets and didactic instruments in the waxing of Christian records.

The Awolome Study Group, a relatively unknown choral group has blazed the trail by waxing their first album titled "BIEBELE BOSAM" with the sole backing of the organ.

"BIEBELE BOSAM" or Awolome Study Group Vol. 1 is indeed a masterpiece, sure fruit from determination and dedication of the present leaders and members of the group, founded was back 1985 by Bro. Micah Iyasefika of blessed memory.

The first piece titled "Biebele Bosam" from which the album got its title is rendered in the Okrika dialect and the first two lines run thus:

"Biebele Bosam, Mengi ser-oku" which portrays joy, as a flowing river, flowing into every home. The sensation in this piece is immediately followed by other divine appeal from the group saying "Jisos Ihara oki se Ise nwenig" meaning Precious Jesus, take my hands and lead me on.

The other two pieces on this side, also in Okrika dialect are "Nyababo, ibi, yelaye anwo bi-abig" and "Tamuno, Wa Ihara inwa sono, Mi inyo fama areti mi bi" God, we come to thee for protection, in this winding and tiresome journey.

This beautiful album is indeed a bold effort by this group, an exclusively praising and Bible-studying arm of the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Okrika, to counter and check the dangerous spread of immorality from the obscene music of the local musicians and perhaps bring hope and assurance in Christ to every other Okrika man who listens and

receive it's message.

The tracks on the flip-side are equally soul-inspiring.

Significantly, three out of the four tracks are rendered in English to cut across the dialect or language barrier posed by side one.

It is a deliberate attempt to enable other language groups to enjoy the melody of the music and also share the inspirations derived from the wordings of the lines.

It opens with a firm surrendering track "I belong to the King."

It runs through "He cares for you," "Biebele Omie" and ends with a self-examining track (Who would enter the pearly gate) 'Shall you? Shall I?'

In other words, it is a direct appeal to every christian to re-examine and re-dedicate his/herself in his/her aspirations for a place in the heavenly kingdom.

Under the able and dynamic leadership of Bro. D. I. Gogo, who is also the organiser, the

Awolome Study Group has come to prove that with determination and courage, one can attain great heights in whatever endeavour.

This is made manifest in this first album.

The blend of their Angelic voices, the melody in the music and the inspiration drawn from the lines are a rare feat achieved by any known group in contemporary religious music.

With a seasoned organist like Bro. S. Annaboni on the organ, memories of the sensational "Mesic Melodies" of the LUTH come over once again.

"BIEBELE BOSAM" which was launched on Saturday, 29th May, 1982 is a soul-winner anywhere, anytime and it is an album everybody need to add to his collection of religious albums.

While wishing the group to climb greater heights on the music scene, one need advise that serious efforts should also be made to improve the audibility in future recordings.

Jackson Nnamapele



Nancy & Ma

Strip Dancing and Tropical Shows sound strange to most people who have not been opportuned to be exposed to other entertainment shows that abound in the western world.

On the 22nd of May, 1982 a Port Harcourt based entertainment organisation Century 21 blazed the trail in what one could describe as one of the greatest crowd

pullers in the Garden City when Nancy, a lady from Brazil and her troupe of two maidens stormed the Malboro Station Night Club in Port Harcourt.

As early as 9.30 a.m., eager spectators were already waiting at the gate with their tickets.

This writer was not left out as vagrancy burnt on him to have a taste of what strip dancing in such a grand performance meant. Marlboro State, formerly of the Salt and

Time has become a hold name in Port Harcourt. Tastefully furnished, such night shows quickly ready to Nancy and her twerks. I dazling, in winks and walters, look smart as sparrows not left out in the liberation for the waltz night. Bitter took a seat by table who I was mazed and later had his ticket stolen before the show. As gulped their li

Edet Junior's debut elpee

Sanjay, Edet Junior, a 22 year old Industrial Chemistry student in Bonn, West Germany.

this time, from the Cross Rivers State of Nigeria

but elpee 'You are my darling' is a seven track album waxed on ALPHA SOUNDZ was originally mixed on Phonodisk.

Later tapes of the album were taken to the U.S.A. for remixing and polishing.

Well, if you like the music of Boma Ogosi and Chris Okotie, here is an addition to your collection of 'never faded' side one, is especially so.

Also, title track, 'You're my darling' and 'Bomba Uh-lie's live in harmony' are disco hot-cakes anytime, anywhere.

Stanley started playing music right from his secondary school days and played with such groups like the 'Love Band, T.R.

Holidays and travels

LETTER FROM HOLLAND

If you walk about Tinubu Square at lunch time any day and found almost everyone wearing, at the least, three main pieces of clothes, you might wonder whether everyone was going mad.

In Holland, you will find people in January, clothed as described.

They are not mad. That is the way to keep warm.

Mufflers, sweaters and gloves are common sights at shopping centres.

Talking of shopping centres reminds me of the filth and refuse dumps of Diobu.

It must be borne in mind that this is not the first time NTA Port Harcourt is showing obscene pictures on their screen.

We saw worse in the film titled, 'Sarah's Dream'.

After watching these potractions drama at the NTA Channel 10, one kept pondering what sort of reasoning our men have in trying to copy western films.

Instead of imitating wrong things it is better we do not emulate at all.

After all, when the call to switch from western culture to African culture came this was not what those who championed that campaign had in mind.

Victor I. Somari

markets.

At the shopping centres in Hilversum, Rotterdam and Amsterdam, not an open drain or a refuse dump is to be seen, not even at the mid-week open markets.

Hague.

Of course the Dutch have things to throw away.

They put them in neat plastic bags placed at the so-called points for collection by refuse disposers.

The Dutchman's love of flowers is one other thing one cannot help noticing.

In the residential areas, almost every house has a flower garden.

In the congested cities, this is made up for with pot-plants that could be seen through large glass windows.

Night clubs here are much the same as they are in Nigeria.

One striking difference is that in Nigeria we dance to music from live bands and listen to recordings in the home, you dance to music from records and watch live bands.

However, at the bar and jazz cafes, it is the Dutchman's (or woman's) ability (or apparent) to feel completely at home with a stranger that struck me

Excuse my digression and let us return to the subject of bars and music.

Until I had an international encounter with music, I had thought that the statement, "Music is an international language," is a philosopher's figment.

In Laren, a place famous for jazz in Holland, I attended three sessions. I heard phrases of Nigerian music in the drums.

Snatches of Bobby Benson's "Fire fire fire, fire baby" featured in Sonny Rollings' "St. Louis" played at one of the Laren jazz sessions.

In Lagos, we say everywhere is far from everywhere else because of traffic congestion.

In this respect, I would say nowhere is far from anywhere in Holland.

Apart from disciplined road use, Holland has a complex train and bus services, so efficient, you could tell to the minute when the next train or bus arrives there.

For reasons of cost of living, you may well reconsider your holiday in Holland (if you are planning one).

Holland is rated one of the most expensive places to live in Europe.

I do buy a suit and I find that the prices and a tie in paid a suit of the same in Houston, Texas.

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Baye Dibi

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The Solo Artist with Vibes in stock for you.

TV SEX ON OUR SCREENS

It's a common phenomenon that African countries especially Nigeria always witness wrong things in their attempt to imitate western countries.

Typical examples are our media houses.

Take the NTA Port Harcourt for instance, last Thursday, Channel 10 Port Harcourt screened part of a play titled, "The New Tenant".

Naturally there is nothing new with the initial stages of the play but I am very bitter with the

end of that drama.

We were shown a so-called (Boma) and a respectable pretty looking girl (Kofu) making love in the open for all to see.

This is bad for a woman?

I wondered whether the script of that play actually received the approval of the manager/controller of programmes or whoever needs that unit.

Unfortunately that drama coincided with May 27, which was our Children's Day.

I would not like to believe that this drama was specially selected to be presented on the Children's Day Celebrations.

Upon this point in time I was still between curiosity and alarm as to why the filthy aspect of that drama should be shown.

Viewed from any perspective no reason could be seen as to what reason the NTA Port Harcourt wanted our children to derive from the sexual aspect of that drama.

Edited by

Tonye Zighadina

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Came 10.45 p.m. Naficy emerged, a petite lady in her late forties with an air that threw spec-
tators up in frenzy. Clad in an out-fit pierced half way that exposed the red complexion of

off as two other Brazilian female dancers joined.

All eyes focused on the feminine, flexible body, rapt attention as

she sang what could hardly be comprehended ("Call it the Brazilian song").

Music rented the air, and the light control was perfect as couples could be seen holding each other amidst chants for more.

Successive shows and performances came up, lasting for six to seven minutes, and all performed in different styles, that one will never fail to recommend for adults only.

The greatest of them all was the strip show by the youngest of the

Inside the dancing pit of Marlboro Station,

shouting for more, while at the back ground was

I picked up Che
same as Guevara
in 'Urban Guerilla'
on page fifteen.
my stomach revolted.

WATER WORKS:
break them up
STREET LAMPS: show
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ENEMIES: let this
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POETRY

could be kept in that
of a Carriacou.

It kept mouth shut,
and eyes wide open for
more, and bottle filled
with liquor stood motionless on tables,
because the young
maiden dancing in nude
captivated everybody.

Fans complained of
time, which was not sufficient
for them, and should they bother, ex-
ploitation is the order of
the day.

Harold Ekeke

Passivity

VIOLENCE!!
He dreamt of change
call it revolution
for mother Nigeria,
in bits of facts
courage all repeated.

BRIBERY and cor-
ruption!
PILGRIM and
EXTRALISNI and
mystical
ENEMIES of his
knowing?
The man in the street!

The song of innocence

I gain I find in the scorching sun
To make my lot worthwhile
My life is clad in rags
With east-iron courage I struggle in honesty
Summoning all my faculties to work
Yet am soaked in the pool of poverty
Without hope of recovery
Oh! Ayiba, what is my fault?

In purity I worship you
And suck the milk of your divine attribute
To relish the love for my neighbours
From my cradle to time of age
I not one's possession
But as I proceed in faith and honesty
Shadows of oppression and exploitation trail
me about! Oh! Ayiba what is my fault?
I sweat my built castles for the rich
Why control my means to live
And chain my generation in servitude
Do you establish honesty a crime?
What then should society hold me as a person
And leave the dishonest in prosperity
To laud and ridicule me?
Oh! Justice, why blind and deaf?

The looters appear in gold and silver
And the society they footed advance them
But to me I wallow in wretched poverty
Which make men hate me and outcast me
Even those who straggled of reason
With master of the filthy intrigue alien to me
Have lowered to become my lords
Indeed, purity has made me a fool!

I now go alone without kith and kin
In life's roaring tempest
Where destiny leads me I know not
Behold the turbulent waves yet about me
With crushing force of poverty
And the sharp pain of injustice bite harder on me
That am now swallowed in a wave of dilemma
How dangerous and lonely is my journey.
When will my soul-shaking distress
Move you to pity?

When will you see from your majestic throne
How the plunderers suffer my occupation
They have taken my fishing ponds
Leaving me a barren life
With no means to make ends meet
Oh! Destiny, should this be my lot?

Was I created to dwell in eternal bondage?
But Ayiba, you never made it so
For you established human equality from creation
Devoid of man's plunder by man
Why then has society so dehumanized me?
Judge me, Oh! judge me, Ayiba
Whether the fault is in me or in society
But from my deep heart, I am not to blame.

SHELI JOHNSON

Love's long lost and gone

to a more responsible
life.
He recognises his
heavenly duty to salvage
a woman from hopeless
floating.

PASSIVE and
even a technician's
very innocent activist
shows a pot of money
power, promise
more

MANGLED!
in bourgeois dehuman-
ism
So a society in decay
will continue for fifty
years
this nation then, on its
own
will EXPLODE!

Then out of such ashes
like a phoenix may arise
a flock of people two wars
to settle down, I am told
PASSIVITY!

—Prof. B. K. Nallo

In sea of so

You dream of
today's progress
yet you forget that
as there's no time
without today
so is there no
without yesterday

You scheme of
and you neglect
a people without
are a people
goal.

You will build
even skyscrapers to
but for a people
neglect soul
the bottom out of
must fall.

Gift your teeth, if
you must, for in
I am aware, we
many
gates, there can
goal.

You know outga-
cement,
salvage, fertilizer
rice
with so many water
you are using it

In physics, I find
salvage, I find
Yes, with all such
you are using it
found

Idleness

Some might per-
complain as if the wo-
man is a
Nobody owes any-
thing, it's up to e-
individual to set his
standards for himself
herself, and to set his
working hard
creating a solid future

I see more energy, I
and spirit in many
called senior citizen
than in numerous you-
people I've come in con-
tact with

Katharine Hepburn
Sunshine Magazine

But what becomes
the marriage deeper
upon what the wom-
man makes of it.

The institution
marriage has taste
there's no doubt ab-
that.

The moral deciden
of womanhood is a
questionable.

A woman leaves her
husband in bed and sits
in next door to sleep with
another man.

Yes, they say, it is a
driving force of love.
But I tell you, there
nothing like love at
more.

All is a mere song
deceit

That is why when I
sing has been sung, it
sings changes,
Franklin M. Pua
Wheeler

Coachman's Body.

Born 1916 in Berlin, a
committed socialist with

uncompromising
political and aesthetic
ideals; he will be
posthumously awarded

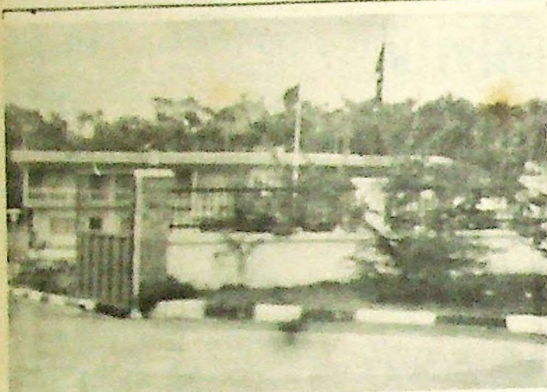
the Buchner Prize of the
German Academy of
Language and Literature
in Darmstadt.



Peter Weiss

— The Marat/Sade playwright, dies at 65.

RISING FORTUNES OF ETITI—LGA



Governor Mbakwe's mini-estate house at Avutu in Etiti Local Government area.

If you think the photograph above represents a palatial mansion, you are right. It is a palatial mansion of more than fifty rooms at Avutu in Etiti Local Government area of Imo State.

If you think that the palace must have cost a steep sum of money, you are right.

Conservative estimates put the cost of construction at N1.3m.

But if you think the palace represents another landmark in the determination of the Imo State Government to provide social amenities for its citizens, you are wrong.

It is Governor Sam Mbakwe's personal house at Avutu in Etiti Local Government area of Imo State.

It is one of the wonders of building construction in this country that work on this colossal establishment took only four months to complete from June to October 1981.

While one does not

quibble with the house, one is constrained to ask how the whole project took off to this most dramatic finish.

Another question is how the Imo Chief executive, in spite of the biting austerity got N1.3 to finish the house in the record time of four months.

This question becomes very pertinent when one considers that many less costly projects in the state have been grounded for lack of funds.

From whatever angle one looks at the issue, Etiti Local Government from where His Excellency Governor Sam Mbakwe hails, has been in excellent social and economic health since their son came to Government House, Owerri.

Apart from being the only local government area with a 'Mini' State House, Etiti has enjoyed a large dose of patronage from the powers that be since 1979.

POULTRY FARM
A poultry farm is now under construction at Avutu estimated at more than N17m.

When completed, the poultry is expected to give employment to indigenous of the state.

This appears to be a cover because as at now, the uncompleted poultry appears to be drawing its staff strength only from Etiti Local Government area.

Already, tongues are wagging as to the real

reasons of the multi-million naira poultry project.

Principal among the areas of discontent is the fact that most highly experienced staff of the state-owned Afrocentric Development Corporation (AADC), Owerri, are not involved in the project.

This becomes more irksome when one considers that most of these staff were the brains behind Dr. M. O. Okpara's Eastern Nigerian Development Corporation.

Some of these staff who have had more than fifteen years experience in Agro-business are languishing in the ill-fated and neglected Imo State Agricultural Development Corporation.

The corporations staff have not been paid for six months while work on the Avutu poultry farm is progressing satisfactorily on all fronts.

The general belief

shared by all except Governor Sam Mbakwe himself, is that just one third of the money invested in the Avutu poultry could go to Imo State Agricultural Development Corporation back on a semi-fostering basis.

IMO STATE UNIVERSITY

When the idea of an Imo State University was mooted, it was expected that the institution would be de-centralised.

Unfortunately, this plan appeared to have been scuttled in the pipeline because all the faculties of the Imo State University, except law are now at Etiti Local Government area.

For example, the law faculty report submitted by a panel appointed by Governor Sam Mbakwe took into the law faculty of the university, it was becoming one that Amaigbo should have a School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

This re-concentration of law is reportedly

dictated by the government.

The net result is that the people of Amaigbo now believe that Mbakwe has introduced a policy of under-rules.

WHO IS EMMANUEL ANYANWU?

This is the question now agitating the minds of many Mbakwe worshippers in Imo State.

And there are many reasons for this question.

First, his construction company Harrel & Sons (Nigeria) Ltd. handles 90 per cent of all the road contracts of the Imo State Government.

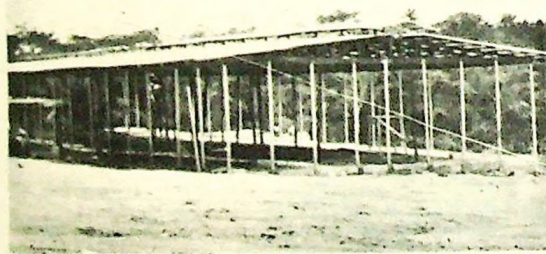
It has also landed a N100 contract for the provision of all the facilities of the Imo State University.

His subsidiary company NAGIL Furniture Company takes charge of more than 75 per cent of furniture supplies to the Imo State Government.

There are strong rumours that Emmanuel Anyanwu is involved in the powers that be in the State.

What these rumours are all revealing is that the next time a local business man is as successful as what Governor Mbakwe will run for the road term.

If he doesn't win, Chief Iwamwu will send him into his shoes on the 'PPP ticket'. Your guess is as good as mine.



The poultry farm at Avutu in Etiti Local Government area.

Britain and Argentina are supposed to be taking place in the United Nations. Pope John Paul II will visit Africa. The Archbishop of Canterbury is, incidentally, but had come to Nigeria in 1982. A note spiritual and ecclesiastical. He is a priest, then, to not spare them — such is the biblical game that is being played in the world. Britain as usual, then his brother Russia (Russia) lying Africa and Britain!

Tomorrow, let us all pray that God changes our problems into prosperity and that teachers be better because we are here in that age of missionaries who taught teachers to expect their reward in heaven.

NO MORE IN HEAVEN
Yesterday, the good missionaries taught us that, and many other good ideas such as 'turn your cheek when a man slaps you on one cheek'.

Today, Nigeria has learnt that that heaven is so far away and that even the worst man is the ground for his feeding, and even his. His Grace Archbishop Runcie says: 'You can not turn the cheek when you are angry, you must settle that on the battle field' — oh how glorious this would be to Jesus we all worship!

THE HISTORIAN

GREETINGS!

Yesterday, May 29, 1982, the Nigerian Tide was very rich indeed. Did you observe it? Let us begin from the back page where N.U.J. members rejoice over Mr. Bobo Brown, Editor, Sunday Record in whose 'Shagan cap' is carried aloft to mark his victory as chairman of the N.U.J. Rivers State.

Yesterday, on August 17, 1979, it was Mr. Wofuro Okparaobi, then Assistant Editor, Nigerian Tide.

Go to page 3 and see what the editorial says about N.U.J. in Rivers State.

You'll observe that the job before Bobo Brown and his team are not light.

Mr. Wofuro Okparaobi ended up in the founding of this temporary Press Centre and it is Bobo's turn to make a permanent one befitting from Centre.

LATE W. OSMA

Yesterday, today and tomorrow

Yesterday, the NUJ was proud of the veteran journalist, Mr. I. W. Osaka, Managing Editor of the Swakwe which he co-ordinated with Chief Editor A. O. Osaka, all journalists in Fort Harcourt knew that old man who would foot any distance to grace every function of the NUJ, but he died in every other person would also die.

To the eternal shame of the NUJ in the last executive of the body, not even a line of these ingenious OBITUARIES was deemed nice for the old man.

Today, I hope the present executive will make sure that such undignified mistakes are not made again — lest the initiative and incentive of belonging to a union such as the press profession be not stifled.

The historian joins the Bobo Tide in wishing the Bobo

Brown executive, the successful and fruitful tenure of office they deserve.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Yesterday, we ended up with this passage: 'Today, the Historian says to all fans, please apply these lessons to Nigeria, pray for our leaders in politics, in religion, in the judiciary, in every sphere of leadership and following and see if God in his mercies will not come down to help salvage the situation in Nigeria.'

Which, then, is a REVOLUTION GOING ON WITH GOD PROCESSING US. DO NOT DESPAIR AND WE SHALL COME OFF THE REVOLUTION GREAT FINANCIAL GIANTS.

Thus, we pray that the trouble between the teachers and the government be resolved before our children at go

to school, farming, hawking, etc. shifting, gambling, drifting more and more into crime and leave a curse on our generation that bred such bad stuff.

And the Historian asks in all solemnity, which of us, big and

small, is not in one way or the other connected with the TEACHING PROFESSION where a mother, a father, a brother, a sister, a son and a daughter is at one time or the other, a grand teacher!

THEY STARVE
Yesterday, a few civil servants with their salaries withheld for one or two months in the name of screening or fishing out ghost names from ministries, corporations, and enterprises.

They starved and they perished, some ran to the extremes of going down going on strike, being locked out, making contradictory statements in the press against one another, management versus workers.

Then imagine teachers whose lot has been a perennial wrangling that end up in no definite strikes which end up in our school children being made scape goats, some parents being made perpetually disturbed

people while some others send their children abroad or pay through the nose to get their children given extra coaching. These things must stop or the soul of teachers — Nigerians too — would rebel and God may not forgive us. Teachers are starving and our state is not generous by making teachers with they had not been teachers and pronounce a curse on us.

Yesterday, we were discussing the Tide of May 29 and Churchill Williams tell us that HEREMABE: RICE SCHEME CAN FEED THE NATION.

Good news indeed, but we have heard this story so often that in these days of austerity, Rivers State should not be feeding the parish if the Heremabe rice scheme has been proposed as first and as seriously as had been the publicity given to it for so long — must Persepolis rice scheme come to feed us when we are all dead and gone or how that we live and breathe?

British, Argentine battle corridors — oh, fun — is it? Today, I place on record a small line that is treated with envy, no, I mean treated with contempt until it takes a whole city!

Assembly poised to clear premises of squatters

ALL unauthorised foreigners and other squatters presently constituting a nuisance to national assembly members in their residential areas are to leave the premises immediately.

This was contained in a report submitted to the House of Representatives by its committee on House Services.

The report is in respect of provision of adequate security for its members' residential quarters and at the National Assembly premises.

The report which was presented by the committee's chairman, Mr D. M. Onwuzulike, also urged members to reduce the employment of foreigners as domestic servants to the barest minimum.

It seeks among other things, to establish check post/reception rooms at all exits to members' residential quarters.

The report also stated that check-posts at the quarters should be manned on a 24-hour bases by policemen and security men.

The report also sought a round the clock patrol of senate quarters to ensure that unauthorised persons do not gain access to their premises.

It requested that all legislators, their families and domestic servants should be issued with identity cards, and it limits the issue of identity cards for domestic servants to four per legislator.

It also provided that identity cards for the domestic staff of employees of the National Assembly who reside within members' residential quarters should be limited to one per employee.

The report further recommended that arrangements should be made to issue identity cards for employees of the National Assembly, and equipped with telephone and other related facilities which would enable the police to be more effective.

Key witness in N2m land deal beaten by CRS MP

A KEY witness in the N2.1 million alleged land compensation fraud in Abak Local Government area in the Cross River State was manhandled by an "honourable" member of the State Assembly at the premises of the Legislature where he was summoned to give evidence before the Probe Committee.

An eye witness account reports that the key witness, Mr Ibe Sampson Umanah who incidentally is the chairman of the Abak Local Government



from Etim Essenam, Calabar

Caretaker Committee was conversing with two Hon members of the legislature when Hon N. A. Bassey who represents Odukpani East Constituency walked in, pushed the council boss in combat ready mode, the report said that Mr Ibe

Umanah was saved from further assault by one of the member, Hon E. A. Egbolie representing Ogoja Urban who was chatting with Mr Umanah before the "Hon member" came with his "show".

The source disclosed that Mr Umanah was accused of "taking in the premises of the Assembly, and with Hon members".

The report added that the council boss was sent infuriated and was angry.

to avenge his assailant but for the quick intervention of Hon Egbolie who has since described the action as "very bushy and dishonourable" adding that any Nigerian was free to converse at any place provided he was not inciting anybody.

Contacted later, Hon Bassey accepted having pushed "the foreign figure" in the Assembly premises.

In another development, Mr Umanah has refused to testify before the Probe Committee unless the chairman of the committee is removed.

"There is that freedom for anyone who lives in Nigeria to object even in the High Court against the presence of a judge in his case, how much more a Nigerian?", the council boss queried.

Award for best pressman won

The Daily Times Staff photographer in Calabar, Mr Michael Folorunso has bagged the highest journalistic award in the Cross River State.

Mr Folorunso won this Year's Beatrice Bassey Award for the best journalist of the year in the state.

The award consists of a trophy donated by Madam Beatrice Bassey and a cash prize of N500.00.

Madam Beatrice Bassey is a woman journalist of high repute.

Here in the picture are Senator Victor Akan who presents Beatrice Bassey's award to Mr Michael Folorunso.



FOR CLEMENT ISONG, Governor, CRS.

Robbers snatch N.028m at wake-keeping

THE former chairman of Anambra/Imo Rivers Basin Development Authority Mr Ferdinand Eke was last weekend robbed at gun point few hours after the burial of his late mother, Mrs Eke.

Cash and property estimated at about N28,000 belonging to both the ex-chairman and his late mother were reported to have been removed by the robbers. The money was said to be the one dropped by sympathisers to the 76-manifest of late Mrs Eke but was not buried along with the woman.

The robbers were said to have turned back later that night and attacked the sympathisers with guns.

When the shooting

From our correspondent

became too much for the sympathisers who kept an all-night wake-keeping, they fled for dear life while the robbers made their way to the well decorated bed from where the dead was removed and searched the entire house and collected over N28,000.

Confirming the story, a senior police officer attached to the Umuchigwa Police Station said that there have been a daily report of armed robbery in the area since the past one week.

He confirmed five people including two women have been arrested and they have made some useful statements.

Also contacted was the traditional ruler in charge of the area, Eze R.O. Okwale who stated that several houses have been raided by these armed robbers. He lamented over the increasing wave of crime in the society and called for police protection.

Contracts embargo in Kwara State soon

THE Kwara State Government will place embargo on the award of contracts as part of austerity measures announced by the state government.

The government also announced a 10 per cent cut in the salaries of all political office holders in the state, while the renovation of residential and official buildings have been cancelled for the rest of this year.

In a statement signed by the secretary to the state government, Abasi Rashied Salimatu, the government said that its cabinet budget implementation committee would, in consultation with the various ministries, review the state's commitments on all on-going projects, with a view to identifying those to be pursued.

Other measures include embargo on the purchase of new office equipment "until further notice", while ministries and parastatals were

ordered to purchase their stationeries for the newly-commissioned Kwara paper converters factory at Erin-Ile.

The government also ordered that no official should use more than one official vehicle, while the amount to be expended on petrol has been put at a maximum of N50.00 per month, per vehicle. Positions in the civil service have been frozen, including those for which interviews had already been held by the Civil Service Commission or departmental advisory committees.

The government also directed that members of staff of its parastatals should no longer attend private hospitals.

It said that appropriate follow-up machinery in the implementation of the austerity measures had been established and warned that any breach of the measures would attract severe disciplinary measures (NAN)

PARTY SCRIBE DENIES N2m BEER MONEY

from Francis Chikoma, Enugu

THE secretary of the Anambra State Wing of the NPN, Chief Frank Olotu, has told an Enugu High Court, presided over by the Chief Justice, Mr Emmanuel Uka that the sum of N2 million being paid to Governor Jim Nwobodo, Onitsha, was never paid to Governor Jim Nwobodo and that the governor was never called upon to give account of his 1979 election expenses to the party.

This was part of Chief Olotu's evidence when cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr Don Egbue in the election charge brought against the editor of the Weekly Trumpet, Mr Bennett Obikwelu, the former acting chairman of the NPP, Mr Vincent Ikechukwu, the "Trumpet" and the Automatic Printing Press Limited, Ibadan by the Anambra State Government.

The second section was contained in Mr Ike-

chukwu's document, "Just before the 1979" and published by the Weekly Trumpet between August 24 and September 7, 1980.

Further cross-examined by Mr Egbue, Chief Olotu denied ever knowing that the sum of N200,000 raised as donations for the purpose of the NPP election campaign in 1979 was handed over to Governor Jim Nwobodo by Senator N.N. Anah.

On the alleged scandalous dealings by the management of the Premier Brewery at Onitsha, Chief Olotu admitted that he queried the former deputy secretary of the NPP, Mr Steve Emenichukwu about the whereabouts of the money raised from the sale of 219,875 cartons of "premier beer" which has been described as "official allocation".

Change of Name

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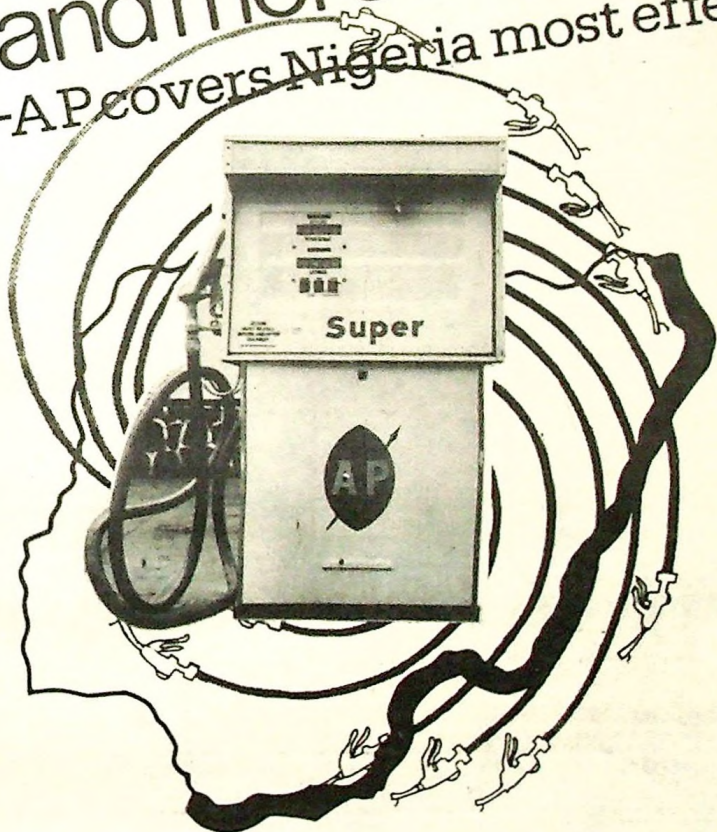
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THIRD WORLD URGED TO INTENSIFY DEV EFFORTS

NEWLY appointed Finance Minister of Sierra Leone, Mr. Jusu Sheriff, said in an interview with *Opera* at the week end that developing countries must intensify their efforts to help themselves.

He said that while poorer countries should take maximum advantage of what they could get from the developed world, "it is only when your helpers know you are self-reliant that they tend to be more willing to assist you."

The minister praised OPEC Fund Assistance as being different from

that of the west which "starts big at the top, but with very little reaching the grassroots."

He said that if the richer nations of the north knew developing countries were prepared to help themselves, they would be more inclined to offer assistance.

He called for a sense of realism on the part of developing countries as "there is no unlimited

donor anywhere."

He named the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and the Arab Bank for economic development in Africa as some of the agencies which were also helping Sierra Leone in development.

He said that his country's main Foreign Exchange Earnings included Diamonds, Gold, Cocoa, Coffee, and Palm Kernel, but noted that with the diamond market in a state of depression, Sierra Leone had experienced foreign exchange difficulty.

Rice, a staple food, had to be imported in large quantity, the minister said and described his country's prospects as "less than happy" in the short run.

BINAISSA PESSIMISTIC ON UGANDA

A FORMER President of Uganda, who is now living in self exile in London, Mr. Godfrey Lukongwa Binassa, alleged in London at the week end that the situation in Uganda "is terrible and worse than under Idi Amin."

In an exclusive interview with a News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) Correspondent, Mr. Binassa said that the Tanzanian President, Dr. Julius Nyerere, was the brain behind all that was happening in Uganda, adding "we are going to fight the Nyerere Obote clique to liberate Uganda from Obote's dictatorship."

He said that the people of Uganda were fighting now because, according to him, "the elections of 1980 were a big fraud perpetrated by Obote, Mwangi and Nyerere, who imposed Obote on Ugandans."

Mr. Binassa said that all the Ugandans in exile in Britain had formed the Ugandan Popular Front, adding that the aim of the front was to dislodge President Obote's government.

When he was asked to comment on the allegations of corruption against him when he was President, Mr. Binassa said that the allegations



DR MILTON OBOTE
Ugandan President

were not substantiated. "The allegations were not proved and I was not charged to court," he said.

Mr. Binassa said that his assets had been frozen in Uganda and that he was detained illegally for seven months on the order of a military commission.

Meanwhile, Uganda's Minister of State for foreign affairs, Dr. Albert Piche Owiny, told NAN in another interview that Mr. Binassa's attack on President Obote's government was "misleading and malicious."

He said that it was an exaggeration to say that there was insecurity in several parts of Uganda, adding that apart from the occasional acts of sabotage by rebel forces, there was peace in Uganda.

A SPECIAL stamp is to be issued by all the 45 Commonwealth countries including Nigeria next year to draw attention to, and provide financial support for its fund for technical co-operation.

The London correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the secretary general of the Commonwealth, Ralph, said on Tuesday that the stamps would bear the Commonwealth symbol and incorporate the words "Commonwealth Day, 14 March 1983."

The stamps would also be issued in ten dependent territories to foster wider awareness of the Commonwealth among its people and to contribute towards the financial stability of the Commonwealth fund for technical co-operation, Mr. Ralph said.

He said that each country besides offering the stamps for sale locally, would donate 23,000 sets to the Commonwealth secretariat which would make them available to subscribers in a limited edition, early next year.

outlet for the Zimbabwean economy.

Mr. Mugabe left Athens on Thursday for the Netherlands, his last stop on a seven-nation European tour which included Italy, Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium and France.

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SPECIAL STAMPS NEXT YEAR

Profits from the sale of the albums would go to the operational reserve of the Commonwealth fund for technical co-operation, which is the multilateral aid agency of the secretariat.

The fund would be spending over N14.7 million this financial year and the income from the sale of the stamps would strengthen its operational reserves, Mr. Ralph said.

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THE leader of the Namibian Nationalist Movement SWAPO, Mr. Sam Nujoma, had a meeting with the United States assistant secretary for African Affairs, Mr. Chester Crocker, in Bonn on Tuesday, a reliable source said on Wednesday.

The meeting, arranged by the Federal Republic of Germany authorities was the first between a representative of SWAPO — the Southwest Africa Peoples Organisation which is fighting the South African administration in Namibia — and a member of the Reagan administration, the sources said.



S. RAMPHAL
Commonwealth Sec-
General

NUJOMA MEETS CROCKER

The meeting was on the programme for Mr. Nujoma's current visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, to which he was invited last week by the foreign minister, Mr. Hans Dietrich Genscher.

The German government hopes that the meeting will advance the current diplomatic moves to achieve an independence settlement for Namibia.

The Federal Republic of Germany is with Britain, Canada, France and the United States, a member of the "contact group" on the territory. Mr. Nujoma also had talks on Tuesday with Mr. Genscher and was to meet members of the Parliament's foreign affairs committee on Wednesday.

BRIEFS

Jerusalem

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Menachem Begin, is in favour of a tripartite summit on negotiations over Palestinian autonomy, to be held in Washington with the American President, Mr. Ronald Reagan, the Egyptian President, Mr. Hosni Mubarak, and himself, it was officially announced in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Addressing a special cabinet meeting devoted to a report from the Defence Minister, Mr. Ariel Sharon, on his recent trip to Washington, Mr. Begin, added, however, that he would agree to discuss the autonomy issue only if Egypt would agree not to boycott Jerusalem as a possible venue for the talks.

Egypt had opposed holding the negotiations in Jerusalem which Israel last year unilaterally declared its capital despite Palestinian opposition.

Riyadh

SAUDI Arabia and South Korea signed an agreement at the weekend under which the Korean will provide technical supervision for construction and maintenance of the Kingdom's Road Network.

South Korean Building Minister, Mr. Kim Jong-Ho left Riyadh on Wednesday after a week-long visit during which he met King Khalid and had talks with senior government minister.

The roads agreement was signed by Mr. Kim and Saudi Communications Minister Mr. Hussein Mansour. Saudi Arabia has plans for a 41,000 kilometre highway network by the end of the 1980s.

Zimbabwe, Greece agree on Namibia

ZIMBABWE and Greece on Tuesday agreed that the world's progressive countries should act for a speedy proclamation of Namibia's independence, the visiting Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Mugabe said in Athens.

Mr. Mugabe told a press conference in Athens that apartheid and the development of southern Africa were other outstanding issues he discussed with the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Andreas Papandriou. The Minister said — including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Lebanon, the Iran-Iraq war and Turkish-Greek relations — was also on the agenda, he said.

Mr. Mugabe's arrival in Athens with a 40-man delegation marked a new Greek overture to Africa, with the signing on Tuesday of an economic and technical co-operation agreement between the two countries.

The Zimbabwean prime minister said that the agreement covered fields such as tourism and regional development, as well as handicrafts — mainly pottery and ceramics — and civil aviation.

Greece has also agreed to contribute to the modernisation of the port of Beira, Mozambique, a vital trade

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The one-time hostile countries restored diplomatic relations ten years ago and in 1978 signed a peace and friendship treaty.

Premier Zhao arrived in Tokyo on Monday for a six-day official visit, leading a high-powered Chinese delegation comprising over 30 senior Chinese officials in-

cluding Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

Mr. Zhao specifically asked the Japanese to help China to modernise existing industrial plants and develop its agriculture, industry and transport sectors.

During his talks with Mr. Suzuki covering major international, regional and bilateral relations,

the Chinese Premier said the two-day economic summit of the major industrialised powers opening in Versailles on June 4 should be able to recognise the importance of solving north-south problems.

Mr. Zhao said that the industrialised countries should help the third world countries to develop their economies in a stable manner, adding that if they fail to help, the Soviet Union would be able to turn the third world into its hunting ground and interfere in their affairs.



Amassoma/Amatolo boxing club appoints boss

The treasurer of the Amassoma/Amatolo chapter of the National Party of Nigeria, Prince Mortimer Odumangbe Eri has been appointed patron of the Amassoma/Amatolo Boxing Club.

The club which is newly formed had Mr. Lucky Agada as its coach.

In a letter of acceptance sent to the club, Prince Eri pointed out that the club will develop boxing talents in the area.

Prince Eri who is also the managing director of the Eri and company, Nigeria Limited, said that as a lover of sports, he had already constructed a boxing ring valued

N1,000 to exhort the boys to a modern boxing standard.

He said the boys already started practice and was optimistic that the club will measure heights with any boxing club in the state.

The patron talked on the need for awareness in the field of boxing and regretted that the boxing game unlike football has not received much encouragement in the rural areas.

He advised members of the club to be determined and to develop their personal traits by learning to develop the spirit of give and take and maintain the attributes of a good sportsman.

The patron promised to assist the club attain national heights in boxing and called on the Rivers State Sports Council to recognize the club.



The State Command of the Nigeria Police Force football players can now smile.

This is because, the team has been awarded two points and two goals following a protest filed in against the Pan African Bank Football Club for holding a non-registered players in both teams encounter on May 29.

But the Port Harcourt and District Amateur Football Association decision did not go without a heated debate from the Pan African Bank representatives.

In a meeting held on Monday May 31, PHOFAFA unanimously agreed that Patrick Beke, the player in question was not duly registered.

According to the chairman of the association, Chief E. T. W. Gudi who presided over the meeting, the player's identity card was not signed and without registration number.

Moreover, the player's two registration forms were not with numbers to show that he was duly registered.

He explained that under normal circumstances, one of the registration forms was submitted to be with the Association for future reference but wondered why both forms were still in the possession of the club.

Chief Gudi then blamed

POLICE GRABS PAB'S POINTS

of the Pan African Bank Football Club for submitting Patrick Beke's registration forms late for official clearance adding that the pan Bank Club could still re-apply for fresh registration for the player.

He then called on the PAB F.C. to take the decision of the association in good faith adding that it was in compliance with the rules and regulations governing the game.

Club captain set to strike

GUESS who is putting in on the brown. Of course it is no other than Chief Alfred Dieter-Spitt, the first military governor of Rivers State, and captain of the Port Harcourt Golf Club.

The occasion was the recently concluded British Caledonia Golf Tournament at the Golf Course, Port Harcourt. It was won by Eddie Peters.

Snap shot by St Luke Kai.

World Cup's first referee

Walter Eschweiler, 46 year old Bonn Foreign Office official, will referee the opening game of the World Cup soccer tournament, Argentina V Belgium in Barcelona.

It can hardly be more demanding than his last the European Cup winners' Cup final between FC Barcelona and Standard Liege, which the Spanish Club won 2-1.

He is one of the game's best refs, says the chairman of the FIFA referees' panel, and was given special permission to be the man in the middle at the cup final.

The other World Cup whistlers have been on ice since mid March.

HERCULEAN TASK BEFORE ENUGU RANGERS TOMORROW

by Inengia Samiari

RANGERS Football Club of Enugu will on Sunday afternoon in Guinea look horns with Kaloum Stars in the second round of the 1982 African Cup of Champions.

In their first leg match played in Enugu two weeks ago both teams played a goalless draw.

The task before Rangers is a herculean one judging from their current form two weeks ago.

The Kaloum Stars also are not push-overs having proved themselves formidable side.

They play a brand new footballing, parading stars players of the Guinean National Team (THE SYLISTARS) which include Papa Camera, Petit Camera who is the mid-field lord.

Rangers should beware of that danger man, the cunningly outside right man. On several occasions he disorganised Rangers defence.

Ageless Skipper Chukwu wasn't on his best form that day. His miss goalkeeper in the name of Mnammed Dabale who stood by his post to save all dangerous moves made by goal-hungry Rangers attackers. Really he was the man of the match.

The Kaloum Stars dominated the mid-field. In fact they controlled that midfield with their

passes which nearly earned them the curtain raser.

It will be proper to suggest that Okafa should take No. 2 position to motivate both offence and attack with Alloy Aregu in the midfield combining beautifully with Emma Osigwe to finish up hit target.

Christian Ogbodo should avoid holding ball too long. He should avoid playing fanciful game and go straight for goals.

Lack of combination and understanding could rob Rangers this match. The Kaloum Stars have

missed goalkeeper in the name of Mnammed Dabale who stood by his post to save all dangerous moves made by goal-hungry Rangers attackers. Really he was the man of the match.

It will be recalled that Rangers were thrown out of this competition by the Hala of Guinea in December 1975, the final stage of the competition played in Lagos.

And in 1971 this same Kaloum Stars gave Rangers a thorough beating before they were eliminated 3-2. So whether, Rangers can turn the table tomorrow is a big question that can be answered after the big game.

... Facing Kaloum Stars in far away Conakry

ZAMBIA PIPS TANZANIA

THE Power Dynamics of Zambia qualified for the third round of the Africa Cup Winners Soccer Cup on penalties yesterday after defeating the Pan African Club of Tanzania 1-0 in a second round, second leg game, Radio Zambia reported.

Pan African Club had

won the first leg 1-0, in Arusha, Tanzania, two weeks ago.

Radio Zambia said that after drawing level on aggregate in the game in the Northern, Zambian City of Ndola, Power Dynamics scored five penalties to Pan Africans four to qualify.



Skipper Chukwu of Rangers F.C.

LEAGUE: OKRIKA CALLS FOR 1982 ENTERIES

ENTRIES are invited from all football clubs within the Okrika District Local Government and of OTEGA for the 1982 League and Challenge Football Championships, scheduled to kick-off on Monday, July 19, 1982.

Registration fee for each championship is five naira (N5.00) payable to the Zonal

Sports Organising Secretary, Zonal Office, Okrika between the hours of 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. each working day.

Entries not received by that Monday (July 19, 1982) must be received, and clubs are therefore advised to come forward and collect their registration forms immediately.



Saturday, June 5, 1982

IMBIBE XTIAN VIRTUES, STUDENTS URGED

STUDENTS in the country have again been reminded, that education without the basic principles of Christian morality, would imperil national values and undermine the hope of winning the war against social ills in the society.

Speaking on the occasion of his visit to the Western Annang Secondary Commercial School

in Ukanafun Local Government area of Cross River State, His Eminence Cardinal Dominic Ekandem, said it would amount to an act of ingratitude, if students failed to appreciate the colossal investments being made on their future by the governments of the federation.

He stressed that students as future leaders should eliminate all elements of anti-Christ in them, and always pursue their studies with greater commitment to the teachings of Christ, in order to derive full benefits from their courses for the good of the nation.

The Cardinal paid glowing tribute to the early missionaries, whom he described as the 'custodians of the country's education', adding that the solid foundation laid by them has continued to sustain the future growth of knowledge in the country, with increasing

awareness of the value of education to national development.

He commended both the states and federal governments for their overzealous devotion, to the development of education in the country, but regretted that the growing incidence of student militancy, which often led to the destruction of school properties, was never an act of good faith, in view of the value of the investments involved.

Mr Nedd Owuru here lays the foundation-stone of the new secondary school at Rumuji.



Constitution in Nigerian languages

THE Nigerian constitution is to be translated into the principal Nigerian languages used for broadcast throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the director general of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), Mr George Bako, when heads of radio stations in the country paid a courtesy call on the governor of the Rivers State, Chief Moford Okilo.

Govt pledges aid for self-help projects

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THE Rivers State Government will continue to aid any community that embarked on viable self-help development project, the Commissioner for Rural Development and Co-operative, Mr Nedd Owuru assured the people of the state recently.

He made the pledge while laying the foundation stone of the N400,000 Rumuji Community Secondary School in Ikwerre District of the Ikwerre/ Etche Local Government area.

Speaking at the colourful ceremony, Mr Owuru said it was the established policy of the administration to ensure that those who showed sincere commitment to the development of their areas were adequately encouraged.

The government, he disclosed was particularly concerned with the even development of the entire state, hence its policy of assisting 'industrious communities' was a very liberal gesture open to all.

He spelt out the possible areas of help by the state administration, which include town halls, health centres, bridges, schools, markets, roads, and other essential needs of the people.

Mr Owuru explained that the government does not only provide financial assistance, but technical and other material aids, vital to the speedy completion of all development schemes.

The government would expect their total

loyalty as well as sincere spirit of devotion to ensure that policies designed to improve the living standard of the masses were enormously appreciated, he told them.

He observed that no community at war with itself, could attain progress, adding that it was of paramount importance that peace and unity should always reign supreme within their area, in order to provide an ideal atmosphere for uninterrupted development.

Mr Owuru assured that his ministry would ensure that the approved matching grant was paid to them as soon as the plan for the school project was approved by the Ministry of Education.

Earlier, the people of the community had in their address of welcome, expressed their profound gratitude to the state government for its even distribution of amenities and said they would always support the good cause of the administration by assisting to achieve its desired goals.

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UN-MARRIED pregnant students in Teachers Training Colleges in Cross River State, will now enjoy the same conditions as their married colleagues, under a new government policy, designed to reduce health hazards among students population in the state.

According to the new policy, described as 'buddy, innovative, un-marrried students who become pregnant in course of their studies, will now be allowed to enjoy maternity leave in accordance with the existing civil service regulations.

In a letter he sent to

Unmarried mothers in TTCs to enjoy maternity leave

the state Assembly, titled 'Withdrawal of Pregnant Women from Institutions of Learning', and signed on his behalf by the secretary to government, the governor, Dr Clement Issong informed the members that his administration was fully committed to arrest the falling standard of education as well as enhance the quality of teacher training colleges.

To achieve these noble objectives, he went on, the student-teachers must be allowed to do the full course during

their training and also participate actively in all the programmes planned for them.

The governor referred to the existing laws, which forbade unmarried student-teachers from becoming pregnant while in school, and those married who became pregnant during their course to withdraw, and to continue after delivery, and said his government was currently studying these

legislations.

On those in schools of nursing and midwifery, he explained that their conducts were regulated by the conditions approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, as well as those applicable to civil servants on in-service training.

He however reminded the Assemblymen that nursing and midwifery were professional courses, controlled and regulated by a national body, adding that any envisaged changes in the existing laws and regulations, must be made in close consultation with the National Assembly.