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LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY GETS BOOST

Higher quality,
cheaper prices

BY AUGUSTUS COOKEY

FIVE more livestock feed mills are to be constructed by the Rivers State Government at strategic points in the state.

This was announced yesterday by the state military governor, Col Zamani Lekwot, while commissioning the N84,000 livestock feed mill at Elingbu, Obio Local Government District area near Port Harcourt.

The governor said the additional feed mills were to maintain a stable balance between quantity demanded and quantity supplied at any given period.

He noted that the construction of the feed mill at Elingbu would provide over four thousand tonnes of a variety of animal feeds to livestock farmers in the state.

Col Lekwot stated that the aim was to further induce this group of farmers to increase their output and relieve the people from the adverse effects of high livestock prices and protein deficiency.

"This is a unique opportunity for these farmers to demonstrate their capabilities now that they are to have comparatively high quality animal feeds at very moderate cost," the governor said.

He expressed the hope that the farmers would play their own part effectively and efficiently and said he hoped they would not disap-

point the government, and meet the need of society as outlined

in the state's programme of development.

Governor Lekwot announced that the livestock feed mill at Elingbu was capable of producing 4700 metric tonnes per annum to assist farmers who specialised in livestock production.

Col Lekwot noted that the common experience of this category of farmers in the state was not only that there was an inadequate supply of livestock feeds at any given time but that even the distribution of this scanty supply was so uncertain that it had become physically impossible

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Socio-economic war for Africa urged

NIGERIA has suggested a new phase in the battle for real independence in Africa.

The new phase is that of political, social and economic transformation and of social changes in Africa's international economic relations.

The Head of State, Lt-General Obasanjo, made the suggestion in a message to the opening session of the conference of heads of state of African governments in Lagos yesterday.

The message was read by the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shobur Yar'Adua.

General Obasanjo had earlier observed that Africa more than the other world regions was faced with a developing crisis of great magnitude.

The head of state called on

African governments to cooperate and make sacrifices towards the development of the continent.

General Obasanjo noted that the political problems of the third world were more or less formally disposed of when most of the countries became independent after the second world war.

He regretted that the political independence was limited in Africa because it was not accompanied by the necessary conditions for real economic independence.

The African representatives were discussing what contribution they could make from the resources of their governments towards the implementation of the programme of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

The programme covers the period 1977 to 1987.

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THE WORLD

Colleges shut down in Mali

THE dispute simmering between high school students and teachers and the Mali government since February took a new turn this week when education Minister Moukoko Sissoko dissolved the National Union of Students movement.

His move coincided with a presidential order to close the capital's secondary schools and teacher training colleges.

Students had stayed away from classes for days, resuming a boycott first launched in February a protest against an education ministry ruling setting "direct and professional" exams as a condition of admission to colleges and institutes of higher education. The student union complained that the system would compromise the prospects advancement of those who failed to pass the exams.

A three-day student "strike" ended on February 19 when a "short and long-term consensus" was agreed on between the union and the deputy leader of Mali's ruling Military National Liberation Committee, Lieutenant-Colonel Amadou Bah, Birra, who is also planning minister.

The closure decree did not stipulate how long the schools would remain shut.

African Hall opened in Washington

AMERICA'S black ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young, opened an African hall at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

The African diplomatic corps and 200 guests wearing traditional dresses attended the ceremony, along with President Jimmy Carter.

The hall consists of two rooms filled with African sculptures and tapestries donated by a massive wooden portal four metres high made from a tree reputed to be 700 years old. Nigerian sculptor Lamide Fakaye has carved in bas-relief on the door scenes of daily life in his home town of Ibadan.

The native art works on display were donated by Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire.

Mr Carter hailed the inauguration of the Africa hall as a "great stride forward in understanding and co-operation".

He told the assemblage: "All of you sense the growing importance of the people who live in Africa. I have been increasingly aware of the threat to world peace if we don't understand their aspirations."

Mr Carter added a quip about Mr Young, who has hit the headlines this year with some controversial remarks about Africa.

"I'm always interested in what Andy Young is going to say," he said.

Getting Spliced



J. O. C. Eporor (Elite)



Lovely Esther Ozams would be Bride to Elite

The Managing Director of Elite Motors & Co Post Harcourt is getting married on 30th April 1977. His Bride to be is lovely Esther next to him, wishing you the best of luck.

Beirut

Fighting has broken out again near the Sabra refugee camp between units of the Arab League Peacekeeping Force and Haddadin Palestinian Guerrilla Groups.

About 50 deaths have been reported since hostilities began last week.

A spokesman for the Pro-Syrian Sabra guerrilla group which is supporting the Peacekeeping Force said they would pursue "cleaning up operations" until the area was "thoroughly cleared" of "economists".

Washington

Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Terence Todman has left discreetly for Havana, apparently to continue negotiations on fishing rights and on the delimitation of territorial waters between the two countries.

But the departure of this high U.S. State department official for Cuba was seen here by many observers as primarily a new step in the normalisation of relations between the two countries, which were broken in 1961.

The departure from Mr Todman from Fort Lauderdale was televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) but the state department has refused to confirm that he has gone to Cuba.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Kingston

The state of emergency proclaimed in Jamaica last June 19 amid serious social unrest and economic difficulties will be ended "soon", Prime Minister Michael Manley said.

He said the security forces had reduced crime and violence to "manageable proportions".

An estimated 200 people are still detained under the emergency which the government said forestalled a foreign-financed destabilisation plot.

Tokyo

Iran will oppose attempts by any nuclear power, including the United States, to "dictate" the nuclear energy policy on the rest of the world, Iranian Atomic Energy Authority President Akbar Eftekhari said in Tokyo.

He urged the need for international arrangements to halt the proliferation of nuclear weapons and control the recycling of spent atomic fuel.

However, he told a news conference leading countries in the nuclear energy field should not be allowed to impose their decisions on the developing nations as a whole.

Rome

The Italian foreign ministry has instructed its embassy in

Warsaw

An unidentified, armed person failed in a bid to board a TU-134 of the Polish Airline before it took off from Cracow for New West Germany, on Sunday Airline said.

Officials said the chartered to carry tourists, left after a 15-minute delay. They gave no other unconfirmed reports. Nuremberg said one was injured.

Seoul

South Korea has decided to provide urgent aid of clothing and medical supplies worth about \$50,000 to Zaire, official South Korean said in Seoul.

The sources said the aid was in response to a request made by the Zaire government when Fokker South Korean Premier Kim Jong Pil visited Kinshasa.

FOREIGNERS MAY QUIT RHODESIA

Switzerland is preparing the groundwork for a repatriation of its 700 nationals in Rhodesia "in the event of civil war breaking out there officials said in Bern.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Swiss nationals were questioned about their intentions in the event of a deterioration of the security situation in Rhodesia and 200 replied that they were ready to leave if things got any worse and "the number could increase".

While it was hoped that a peaceful settlement could be found "we cannot rule out a worsening of the situation", the spokesman said. Swiss authorities had already arranged emergency meeting places and airflights, the spokesman said.

And David Owen, British Foreign Secretary said that chances of a Rhodesian settlement this year are slim, during an interview in the latest edition of Newsweek Magazine.

But he was ready to continue his efforts to reach an agreement, he said, commenting "if you believe in something, you have got to take a calculated risk".

Dr Owen disagreed that Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith was necessarily an obstacle to a settlement. He said that the "front-line" African presidents supporting the nationalist guerrillas had accepted the idea of a conference which they would share. That doesn't mean dealing with Smith. "I've made it clear that a conference doesn't have to mean everybody at the same table, at least in the early

times", Dr Owen said.

In another development, Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda welcomed United States indications that it is willing to participate in new British efforts towards a negotiated handover to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

In a wide-ranging interview published in the liberal and Daily Mail, Mr Kaunda said however that he still regarded war as the only solution, and the latest diplomatic initiative by British Foreign Secretary David Owen as of little consequence.

He nevertheless welcomed United States participation in bringing about a Rhodesian settlement. Britain would not be able to move without this, he added.

Respective US governments have kept out all these years, he said, but now the United States says it is prepared to co-sponsor the conference on Zimbabwe-to-be (Rhodesia). Without fighting though, nothing will move in Rhodesia," the Zambian President said.

Mr Kaunda also strongly criticised white South African leaders for blaming communists for troubles in southern Africa. The real cause was racism, he said.

White governments were doomed and would not last much longer, Zambian leader said.

President Kaunda described the South African sponsored Turnhalle conference on Namibia as a retrogressive step aimed at establishing Bantustans (African tribal homelands) in the territory.

Meanwhile, the Zaire government forces have recaptured the town of Mutshasha in Shaba province, (former Katanga) which was overrun by rebels who had been fighting for the government of President Mobutu Sese Seko.

The recapture of the town, which is some 45 kilometres from the Zambian border, has prompted speculations that northern town Katanga, which also fell to the rebels shortly after the revolt in March, was almost falling into government hands.

Western military experts said the rebels were retreating from their positions without offering any resistance to government advancing troops.

EDITORIAL

ENOUGH OF THIS!

THE cold-blooded murder on Saturday, of a police driver and the wounding of three police detectives at Nwofe, Izzi in the Abakaliki Local Government area of Anambra State presents a new picture in the sordid and complicated history of that part of Nigeria.

THIS is because this brutal act has once more gone a long way to show that in the latter part of the twentieth century, and even with military presence established all over the country, some of our country-men still think they can take the law into their hands in an attempt to escape justice.

ABAKALIKI area of Nigeria has written many dark lines into its scrolls. Except that it is one of the richest food growing areas of the country and that the people are said to be underdeveloped probably because they were slow to embrace Western education as early as other parts of the country, the area has a long history of brutality behind it.

THIS notoriety came into the open in 1958 when the master planner and head of the Odozi Ohodo Society, Chief Nwiboko Obodo was arrested, tried and later hanged after being found guilty of murder and managing an unlawful society.

THIS fate did not deter the people and even as late as 1973, there was another "exercise" at Mkpume Akpatakpa, resulting in the murder of a tax collector.

THE "betrayal" of Chief Nwiboko Obodo seemed to have made the people "wiser" and they now do not have patience with government officials. And last Saturday's incident is more unfortunate! Assistant Police Superintendent Pedro and two corporals were driven to Nwofe to investigate a report of murder.

FOLLOWING the report, the law enforcement officers went to the house of a chief where they were attacked by a matchet-wielding man, leaving detective driver Innocent Ike dead and the three others injured.

THESE policemen were not armed and succeeded in reaching Abakaliki where they sought for and got reinforcement only to return to a deserted village.

THIS incident brings us to the question of arming policemen on duty in areas considered dangerous. We are aware that a citizen should not be harassed by a privileged officer, but nobody, no matter his strength, would like to die. This is where we feel that those police men who went to Nwofe, in view of the history of that area, should have been armed in the first instance. That, in fact, should be the case with all policemen taking on risky assignments.

MEANWHILE, Abakaliki area should be declared a special area and heavily policed, not as a punitive measure, but as a means of checking crime in that part of the country.

TO put the area in control effectively, more police posts should be established throughout that expanse of land. We say, enough of this jungle operations in the interests of peace, law and order.

Give fair share to all

THE Head of State in his reply to the address of the Bonny Local Government Council, said that it was the commitment of the Federal Military Government that no part of the country should be left out in the current development programme, no matter how small and remote the area may be.

That the Federal Military Government set up Local Government Councils in the country to cater for the immediate and remote development problems of their areas of jurisdiction is a welcome exercise.

I would therefore, like to call the attention of the Bonny Local Government Council to ensure as a matter of policy that its plans for projects cater for all the interests of every representative in the general council, which is in accordance with the spirit of the Local Government reforms in the country.

It will not be wise for the present Local Government Councilors to copy the footsteps of the then Eastern Region Local Government by sharing am-

onies, to only the giant in a group.

More vividly, I use this opportunity to enlighten the Bonny Local Government Council that Ibaka and Ogbogbo in the Okrika Local Government District are a separate town of jurisdiction with its representative (Councillor) in the general council.

In the then Eastern Regional Government the deserved rights of these towns were always diverted to the main Okrika claiming that Ibaka, Ogbogbo

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and Ogeloma are all on the same island.

To mention a few things like, pipe borne water, primary schools and electricity were all directed to Okrika main town.

I hereby call the attention of the Chairman of Bonny Local Government Council and the entire members to guard against future occurrence of this nature.

IWERISO OGBOGARA
Port Harcourt

CHECK THIS SITUATION, R.S.T.C.!

ON more than four occasions the drivers of "Water-lines" have sent passengers out of their buses, when they had not even reached their destinations. Of course the passengers had paid their correct fares. The drivers ordered passengers to take other buses to wherever they were going.

On one, among these four occasions, I asked the bus conductor to tell me whether such practice was authorized by the management of the Corporation or it was his (the conductor's), and his driver's desire.

The conductor, who was also not happy with the management's alleged order, did not waste time to disclose to me that the unexpected directive was given by "big men". "If you are also unhappy with the situation,

you can write on it", he added. And this prompted my writing.

My question now is: if this order was actually from the management of the corporation, were they empowered to do so, by the state government? If

the answer is "yes", it means that the government has given mini-bus drivers the power to inflate their fares.

However, I doubt if the answer could be yes, in that for the past few months, the government has battled fruitlessly to curb inflationary trends caused by the "get-rich-quick" mini-bus drivers.

If the answer is "No", the government agency concerned with the corrections of such anomalies, should please probe this Corporation. And these self-styled "big men" should be removed immediately, to bring down to a minimum the sufferings of poor Nigerians who cannot afford to purchase cars.

F. A. O. KOKO
Port Harcourt

BEWARE OF FRAUD

I REFER to the publication made in the Nigerian Tide of April 15, 1977 (pages six and seven), in which the list of houses to be demolished as a result of the road development projects now going on in the state capital were published. While going through this list I came across names as buildings in Ogbuji/Elechi Village and Wonkateli village.

May I through this newspaper inform the public and the Ministry of Lands and Housing in particular, that there are no such villages in Nkpoju-Oroworuko. We have the following villages-- Rumobasiolu, Rumuelochi and Rumuwo-korah villages-- all under one community.

However, Chinda's village near CST is affected in this demolition exercise. And the beneficiaries are Messrs Samuel Chinda, Collins Chinda and brothers.

Any prefix to the aforementioned villages is a misnomer and non-existent. The authorities should beware of attempts to defraud the government. Fraudulent men now operate around the offices responsible for land, looking for whom to devour.

These exploiters could not reach their new found land since they have come by it now that the government is embarking on paving of roads.

What a nice time and favourable tide for their boat!

CHINDA, F.C.
Port Harcourt

Change this pillar-box

IT will not be over-emphasizing the obvious fact that the only post office in Diobu needs seeing into.

I have observed that the "Pillar-Box" that serves the Diobu post office is grossly neglected.

As far as I can see the Pillar Box has been made up of pieces of plank tied together, by means of strings. The planks fall apart as the rope gets weakened, thereby causing a lot of inconveniences to the public.

Letters drop on the floor from the pillar-box after they had been posted, and so are left behind on the floor.

There are numerous complaints about the delay of letters at the Diobu Post Office. Letters which are supposed to be treated with urgency are left

for weeks. Others get lost.

A new and large pillar-box is definitely needed for the Diobu area, to be built in such a way as to measure up to modern standards. There is also a sign-plate practice there. Some people after posting their letters go back to the box to collect their letters back for corrections. This I think is very bad. Therefore call on the authorities of the Post and Telegraphs Department at Port Harcourt to take decisive action to ward off these anomalies.

SHEDC JACKSON
Port Harcourt

Commodity board now takes off

THE Nigerian Produce Marketing Company Limited (NPMCL) and all the states Marketing Boards have been formally dissolved by a Decree just promulgated in Lagos.

Established in their places are seven new Commodity Boards to which certain staff and assets of the dissolved bodies would be transferred.

The new Commodity Boards include the Nigerian Cocoa Board with headquarters in Ibadan; the Nigerian Groundnut Board with headquarters in Kano, the Nigerian Cotton Board with headquarters in Funtua; and the Nigerian Palm Produce Board with headquarters in Calabar.

Others are the Nigerian Rubber Board with headquarters in Benin; the Nigerian Grains Board with headquarters in Minna; and the Nigerian Tuber and Root Crops Board with headquarters in Makurdi.

Among other things, the boards have responsibility to secure favourable arrangements for the purchase of relevant commodity and subsequent sale to meet domestic requirements. They are also responsible for the evacuation to a port of shipment of any surplus to such requirements intend-

ed for export.

Other responsibilities of the boards include to purchase all relevant commodities which conform with the grades and standards of quality prescribed under any enactment.

They will also promote the development and rehabilitation of the producing areas generally, to ensure that adequate supply of fertilizers, improved seedlings and other requisite inputs are made available to promote the benefit and prosperity of the producers.

Star group gets ₦500,000 grant

THE Imo State Government has approved a subvention of ₦500,000 to the Star Printing and Publishing Company (S.P.P.C.), printers of the Daily Star and Weekly Star in Enugu.

The chairman of the board of directors of the company, Mr S. O. Mbakwe disclosed this to newsmen after a meeting between the directors of the company and the Military Governor of Imo State, Commander G. N. Kanu at Government House, Owerri.

Mr Mbakwe thanked the Imo State government for the subvention and further appealed to both Imo and Anambra States' governments for another ₦2 million grants to enable the company clear the heavy financial problems it inherited from the former administration of the Reveille Printing and Publishing Company Limited during Asikiz's regime. He hinted that S.P.P.C.

would soon embark on plans to produce exercise books in commercial quantity so as to meet the great demand for the UPE books.

Earlier, the Anambra State government had also made a subvention of ₦500,000 to the company in addition to the ₦60,000 grants to enable it pay the Chilsom award to its workers.

2 Soldiers earn honour

Two soldiers have been awarded the National Distinguished Service Medal for their initiative and exceptional bravery at the risk of their lives.

Presenting the medals to the two soldiers in his office, on behalf of the Chief of Army Staff Lt General T. Y. Danjuma, the Adjutant General of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier A.S. Wali said, "The Nigerian Army is proud of you

you."

"I hope that you will live up to the standard commensurate with the honour bestowed on you.

It will be recalled that one of the soldiers, 63 NA/2421 WO II Sunday Oduwale of the military hospital Lagos on January 9, 1973, displayed his military skill under gun point and saved ₦8,950 from an armed robber while the other 63 NA/15911 Cpl Aiyai Erobayi of Ordnance Depot, Ibadan, who was on traffic duty at Ibadan on October 22, 1975 arrested a stolen car and its crew under a heavy gun fire without counting the cost to his life.

Brigadier Wali urged other soldiers to emulate the sense of service and courage of the recipients.

Here below, the Adjutant General shakes hands with one of the soldiers while another soldier (centre) looks on.



Lazy contractor loses ₦33,000 job

A CONTRACT worth ₦33,000 for the construction of senior staff quarters at Agbani, in Nkanu Local Government Authority area of Anambra State, has been revoked by the State's Military Governor, Col John Atom Kpera.

The cancellation followed an unscheduled visit to the project site at Agbani by the governor, who found that work on the project was stagnant because the contractor was not at the site.

Governor Kpera warned that his government would no longer condone the delay of projects by "lazy contractors" and alternatively transferred the construction of the project to another contractor who was engaged in the building of the community town hall who he praised for his efforts to meet government's deadline.

Although the governor did not say anything about the recovery of the mobilisation fund paid to the contractor, it is believed that the state government would handle the issue.

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Mystery deaths puzzle police

The police in Enugu are faced with the mystery of dead bodies found in public places in the capital of Anambra State.

At least, there were at the time of this report, two dead bodies still lying at public places. One is at Chadeber Street, while the other was a woman's body, directly opposite the Central Police Station, Enugu.

The dead body lying at Chadeber, was that of a man found in a pool of blood with his arms and some other personal effects, including two pipes and a packet of cigarette lighter around with a deep cut to his head.

Although the death appeared to be like that of a motor accident but the traffic policeman who conducted the investigation at the time said he was going back to the station to report the case to the CSD.

He however said that he did not believe that the incident was caused by a motor accident.

The correspondent who investigated the circumstances of the mysterious deaths in public places, also gathered that the decomposed body still lying opposite the Central Police Station, a few yards from the University Teaching Hospital was that of a newly married woman.

Total production of decongestants foreseen

THE Head of the Federal Ministry of Health, Dr. Husaini Abdulkadir, has given the assurance that the Sea ports of Warri and Sapele will be fully developed to solve the problems of the complex.

Commodore Abdulkadir gave the assurance in a speech in Port Harcourt City when the Director of Oil, Mr. Charles Leona, called on him.

He explained that the new development would also facilitate the transportation of goods further north, the state itself has network of roads.

He disclosed that Warri road would be developed to be a direct way to facilitate flow of traffic.

Replying, Mr. Conynian said that on a study tour to the port with a view to improving the services of the Shipping Line of Bendel State.

Mr Leona commended the Military Governor for planning to develop berthing facilities at the port complex and his company was to establish refrigerated houses in Lagos.

He also disclosed that his company would send seven lighters to order to facilitate loading of ships and urged the government to adopt transport container carriage.



Church gets generator

AN electrically generating plant has been installed at the St. John's Church, Ogbakiri in the Rivers State. It was dedicated by the people of the area.

During the commissioning ceremony, the bishop of the Niger Delta Diocese, the Right Rev. Y. A. Fubara said the donation was an expression of their gratitude to God for all that He has done for them.

The bishop urged them not to relent their efforts in promoting the image of the church in the area. Several church dignitaries attended the ceremony under Venerable S. Y. Chugwe, Canon T. T. Green, Rev. S. D. J. Manilla, Rev. J. Helenwa and Rev. G. A. Adh. Others are Rev. J. Amah, W. D. Ideozu, Chief M. E.

Worukwo, Mr. G. B. Emejiri, Mr. E. E. Asuru, Mr. I. J. Orlu, Mr. S. H. Nwerekwa and Prince W. Obiri.

THE chairman of the London-based Commonwealth Press Union, Mr. Clement Jones has been visiting the Rivers State. While at Port Harcourt, Mr. Jones called on the Rivers State Commissioner for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. D. J. L. Nwabani.

With Mr. Jones, extreme right, photo left, is the general manager of the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation, Mr. D. U. Anucha, second from left, and Mr. P. Okeke, director of information.

At the Cultural Centre right, Mr. Jones admires works of art at the gallery.

Press Union boss here

Women society celebrates

THE Port Harcourt branch of the Women's Corona Society during the week organised an international night at the Masonic hall, Port Harcourt.

The occasion featured several activities including fashion parade by models and many designed costumes from all over the world were on display.

A Port Harcourt designer, Mrs. Nemi Thom-Manuel and a model Miss Megan Eke-Spiff also participated.

Picture shows a young girl displaying her country's costume while others look on with admiration.



PCB devises new strategy

THE Price Control Board in the Rivers State has stepped up an operation to ensure strict compliance with price control regulations in the state.

Under a new system, the board is planning to introduce a two "shift duty" system for effective operation.

Speaking to the Nigerian Tide in Port Harcourt, an official of the board said the new measure was sequel to series of reports from members of the public that some traders in the state were in the habit of opening their retail shops in the evenings to exploit the market.

The official claimed that the board had therefore decided to post price control inspectors on two shifts of day and night duties.

from Sam Effiong

Asked why only the poor traders were those being arrested, the official said the arrest affected only those found violating the price control edict. Efforts, he added were also being made to arrest all those who infringed the law, including wholesalers and retailers.

Duty for metric body

MEMBERS of the Rivers State Metric Committee have been advised to insture effective enlightenment campaign on the change over from Imperial to Metric system.

The call was made by the acting secretary for the Local Government District, Mr. M. S. K. Jackson. The committee called him in his office. Mr Jackson pointed out that sports and personnel difficulties might hinder the campaign work in the district.

He assured them of his assured co-operation and assistance throughout their work in the area.

Earlier, members of the committee had briefed the secretary on the benefits of change over.

12 pupils win scholarship awards

THE (R.P.O.) Branch of Ogbakiri, a cultural organisation of the state, has awarded twelve scholarships to deserving children of the area who are post primary institutions for the current academic session.

The award was made public by the branch at a meeting presided over by the chairman of the award committee of the organisation, Mr. J. O. Elenwa. He said the exercise should be a continuous one.

The students are Samuel Dike, Baptist School, Port Harcourt; Dennis Nwoka, Baptist School, Port Harcourt; Yena, Baptist School, Port Harcourt; Yena, Baptist School, Port Harcourt.

Others are, Nnoku Wabata, Government Secondary School, Okarki; Nnodi Ogburne, Baptist High School, Port Harcourt; and Chika D. Ekeji, Government Secondary School, Okporowo, Ogbakiri.

Others are, Basil C. Onyegbule, Okrika Grammar School; Anelo Oshuo, County Grammar School, Ikwerre Ekpe; Innocent Wodu, Government Secondary School, Abuja; and Samuel Achinko, St. Aquinas Secondary School, Elele; Hellen Orji, Government Secondary School, Jorikarama and Chert Okwerre, St. Aquinas Secondary School, Elele.

JUDGE SHOWS CONCERN OVER BAD DRIVING

A SENIOR magistrate in Port Harcourt, Mr O. Opene has frowned at the disorderly manner some government drivers ply on the highways.

He observed that it was contributing to road accidents and destruction of both life and property.

Mr Opene made the remark while delivering judgment in a case of dangerous driving against Mr Chamberlain Datubo-Brown.

The 21-year-old driver was alleged to have driven a government-owned vehicle along Emekuku Street in Diobu on April 4, 1977, in a dangerous manner and collided with another vehicle.

Datubo-Brown who pleaded guilty to the charge was later fined N150 or in the alternative to serve six months

term jail with hard labour.

In the same court, a Briton, Mr Geoffrey Sheridau was fined N150 or to serve six months in jail for violating traffic laws.

Sheridau, quantity surveyor with Micheletti Nigeria Limited, Port Harcourt was said to have driven his vehicle dangerously along Amagbo Road in Diobu on April 23, 1977, and also collided with another vehicle.

He pleaded guilty to the charge.



Doctor in court for murder



Group Captain Jibrin

A private medical practitioner, Dr Edwin Ndukwe of 10 Old Market Road, Owerri, has appeared before the Owerri chief magistrate court, charged with murder.

Dr Ndukwe is alleged to have on March 9, 1977, at No. 10 Old Market Road, Owerri, unlawfully killed one Miss Emelia Alozie, a petrol sales girl by performing abortion on her.

private and government hospitals in Owerri was paralysed because all the members of the Owerri Medical Association were in court to hear the charges against and defence of their professional colleague.

Brigadier Joe Garba receives august visitor

The Commissioner of External Affairs, Brigadier Joseph Garba received in his office the personal emissary of the British Prime Minister, Lord Thompson. Picture shows Brigadier Garba (on right) discussing with Lord Thompson.

Emir lauds local govt reforms

THE Emir of Zaria and also the president of the Zaria Emirate Council, Alhaji Shahu Idris has reiterated his constant support for the local government reforms which ensures progress.

7 federal depts for secretariat

THE Emir of Zaria, Lt-General Obasanjo has directed that seven federal ministries should now occupy the 12-storey secretariat complex at Ikeja, almost ready for occupation.

General Obasanjo gave the directive when he inspected the new residential complex and the Lagos Inner Ring Road project under construction.

The chief resident architect, Mr R. P. Santos, said that the building should be ready by the end of May, this year.

The secretariat has a total office area of 254,720 square feet, four conference rooms located on four different floors.

It also has five elevators located on five different floors. Other facilities in the secretariat include a canteen, a library and a recreation area.

Welcoming the Kaduna State Military Governor, Group Captain Jibrin to the emirate council chamber in Zaria, Alhaji Shahu Idris maintained that it was his desire to take necessary steps to bring unity among the two councils in the emirate in order to make life better for the people in the area and to enhance mutual co-existence.

He said in both the traditional and local government councils were still in their early stages, they were bound to encounter some problems in carrying out their administrative functions.

Brigadier General Jibrin outlined the importance of district and village heads in the local government reforms.

He emphasized that they were expected to work hard with the newly elected local government council for the overall development of the emirate.

Group Captain Jibrin warned the local government secretaries not to take the law into their hands in running the affairs of the emirate. He pointed out that they were not to be away empowered to employ and discipline any district or village head.

Governor Jibrin noted that such duties were solely the responsibility of the emirate council.

No plea was taken. The defence counsel, Barrister Ighekwe requested the court to grant bail to the accused.

The prosecuting state counsel, Mr S. O. Ekeji, did not oppose bail but prayed for long adjournment to

from Francis Chioma

enable the police to complete their investigation.

The presiding chief magistrate, Mr R. C. Nzenibe granted bail to the accused doctor in the sum of N500 with one surety in the same amount.

The case was adjourned till May 20, 1977 for plea and hearing.

It was gathered that medical treatment in both

Jos museum marks silver jubilee

A NUMBER of events has been arranged by the Department of Antiquities to mark 25 years of the establishment of the National Museum, Jos, which comes up this month.

The activities include two symposia on 'Traditional Nigerian Architecture' and 'Museum and the Nigerian Society'.

Three Nigerian University Departments of Architecture, Zaria, Lagos and Nsukka are taking part in the symposia.

The Federal Commissioner for Information Mr Ayo Ogunlade, is expected to declare open the

symposia.

Another important event to mark the occasion will be an exhibition of traditional Nigerian architecture. Katsina Palace which has been reproduced on the grounds of the National Museum, Jos, as the National Museum of Traditional Nigerian Architecture which is under construction.

The exhibition is expected to be opened by the Military Governor of Plateau State, Group Captain Dan Suleiman.

Abraka students decry hotel project

THE Students' Union of the College of Education, Abraka in Bendel State has in a letter to the

project

state Military Governor, Commander MUSA Abdulkadir, protested over the government's proposed N16 million hotel complex.

In its protest letter signed by the president, Mr J. M. Uzonioko and its secretary, Mr G. O. Akasagou, the union stated that the state, at present is not economically viable enough to undertake such a luxurious project because of our stringent financial resources.

It added that compared with other states or departments in the state, the state was not a prime candidate for such a project.

The union stated that the huge sum of money could be usefully employed on technological, educational and other schemes more beneficial to the masses.

The students' union were enough to develop Benin City which could be developed to higher standard with less sum of money.



Commander M. Abdulkadir

PROBE IS ORDERED

**Dismay over
army barracks
building
projects**

A BOARD of inquiry is to be set up to probe the quality of work done by one of the construction companies handling army barracks building projects in Ibadan.

Giving the order after inspecting the barrack project, the Quartermaster-General of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier Olu Bajowa also directed the panel to find out among other things, if there was any collusion between some military personnel and the contractor.

It should also find out if the contractor had been paid in excess for the job done, and if so steps should be taken to recover the excess.

And at another site, a fine of

N500 per week was imposed on Simfo Construction Company by the permanent secretary, Federal Ministry of Defence, Mr Festus Adesanya for failing to hand over the first batch of 50 buildings as stipulated in the construction agreement on schedule.

He said the contractor would continue to pay the amount every week until he completed the job.

If the second batch of 50 buildings were not completed by the end of June this year, another penalty would be imposed.

The managing director of the construction firm was later ordered to report to the office of the permanent secretary in Lagos.

Ogbaku postal agency opens

THE people of Ogbaku in Mbarisi (Badagry Local Government Authority Area of Ibadan State) have been advised to make good use of their newly built Postal Agency.

The advice was given at Ogbaku during the ceremony marking the official opening of the postal agency by the head postmaster in charge of Owerri, Mr Nnadi.

The postal agency was built and financed by the Ogbaku Native Teachers' Union led by late Mr I. I. Anyanwu.

The head postmaster commented the efforts of the community particularly the Ogbaku Native Teachers' Union for her laudable venture which had made it possible for the people now to transact postal business in their own town.

Mr Nnadi expressed the hope that in few years time the postal agency would be converted into a full fledged post office.

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Livestock experts hail OFN

The Nigerian Association of Livestock Technologists has pledged its full support for the "Operation Feed the Nation programme" (OFN).

The pledge was made at a two-day meeting of the association just ended in Vom, near Jos, Benue State.

The association described the O. F. N. programme as a step in the right direction towards achieving self-sufficiency in food production.

It also appealed to the government to expand and improve livestock industry in Nigeria.

Members of the association are principally engaged in livestock farming.

THAT DEAD OF INFLATION

Wherever two people are gathered whether they be house-wives, men or even school-age children their common topic is inflation.

Inflation which is a nation-wide phenomenon has now become a strangle hold on our lives.

What really is inflation, we may ask?

There is a simple way of recognising this. The "chop money" cannot buy as much any more.

So we have to cut down on certain items or sometimes drop them completely.

Another way out will be to do some extra jobs in order to buy the same amount as we did before.

To the ordinary man inflation means the Naira in his pocket is less than a Naira even before he spends it.

Of course everybody is affected by inflation although this varies according to ones spending and earning power.

By and large those at the lower end of the ladder are the worse hit.

Whatever we buy costs more so do our house rents.

Last week in our local market, the medium sized parrot which I normally buy for N11 now has rocketed to N22 — a jump of 100 per cent within few days, whilst a cup of garri now costs 10k.

And to think this is just the first quarter of the year, one wonders if one can cope with the current wave of continual price increases to the end of the year.

The next question that comes to mind is what really causes inflation?

Our economic experts may have their pet theories on the cause of inflation but to my mind the attitudes of people have a lot to do with inflation.

Firstly, there are the "get-rich-quick" type of people who would hoard goods hence causing temporary or artificial scarcities.

by

NIMI THOM-MANUEL

Later this lot will release the goods in drips and drabs and costing them as high as they could.

Another cause of inflation is when the demand literally is greater than the supplies can cope.

This is more so with imported goods such as sugar, oil, where some of us do not have them in our supermarkets.

Inflation could also mean some imported goods are completely banned because there are no good substitutes for such commodities.

People, therefore get goods by force and pay a heavy charge for them.

There are many causes of this awesome inflation but how can we do it in good time if we don't all get down to it.

There are sure ways of combating or at least alleviating it.



A complete innovation in the embroidery scene. This is a two-piece attire. It comprises a wrapper and a cap. The cap has an umbrella shape and is heavily embroidered around the neck and at the hem.

The wrapper itself is an "adire" cloth. This is a one size outfit. Most elegant.

SUGAR DAUGHTERS ARE OPPORTUNISTS

FOR a long time now, young girls have come under constant criticism — Reason: Their affairs with the "sugar daddies".

The main reason for this craze is the insatiable desire for money by girls for the fine things of life.

Properly said, contributes in no small measure towards this tendency.

Who is a sugar daddy? My answer is that he is that pot-bellied old man with lots of money to throw about, darning here and there after young girls who could be his daughters.

He is devoid of manners. He has no scruples. This is the type of man, many girls go after.

He works in the office, the banks, the secretaries and so on go on with the married "sugar daddies" in order to live a life of plenty.

In most cases there is nothing like love between the two parties.

This sugar daddy craze is fast becoming a fashion in most post-primary institutions.

No girl would want to be left out. These self-seeking, get-rich-quick girls would want to be fully involved.

But most of the sugar daddy addicts are to be found in the higher institutions of learning.

They set the example and the pace for the younger ones to follow.

In any community where the sugar daughters are found, people around them are bound to feel their weight.

But their greatest assumed asset is over confidence, which boomerangs to their destruction.

Like always, the sugar daughters never like to go down alone. They always would want some one to take the rap for their actions.

The tendency is that they subtly influence the fickle-minded girls.

Come to think of it, most of these sugar daughters are mere opportunists.

They deceive the sugar daddies with their make-believe love, when it is actually their purse, they are really after.

The young unmarried men that hang around are merely tolerated because they are potential husbands.

But should these young inexperienced men raise a voice of protest against

these daughters of Eve, they (the young men) are shown the way out as quickly as possible for being so daring.

So the sugar daddy racket continues.

In higher institutions these sugar daughters make life impossible for others outside their circle.

These others are normally referred to as "Men Amaka" and other such tairats.

Talk to Mr X or Mr Y, the sugar daddy gives more than enough details to last you a life time.

by

Patricia Ahanotu

Mention Messrs A.B.C. down to Z and they supply the full dossier on them.

The sugar daddy knows everything about everyman. And in this way, they impress on the unprincipled, innocent and unsuspecting young girls around them.

Where such girls fall without reaching the heights those pace-setters have attained, the result could be disastrous.

The unfortunate thing about this episode is that all efforts to change these

daughters of Eve have failed.

All the cartoons in the school magazines, all the little talks and all the cat-calls have failed to change them.

Many of these girls develop tough skin against such measures and instead of showing signs of remorse, they put on such effish gears to confound even their admirers.

The sugar daughters not only corrupt people around them but also bring unhappiness to many others.

For instance, the unfortunate family of the sugar daddy suffers from neglect, his children suffer, his wife suffers and complains but all to no purpose.

Then the inevitable happens — a broken home.

The sugar daddy looks back at her achievement and laughs.

But just a moment. Who says the sugar daddy should be hanged by his ties?

He is a force to reckon with. He plays a great part in the education of young stars.

Take the case of a girl whose parents could not train her beyond elementary six.

As the first born of six children in the family, a lot depended on her.

To make both ends meet,

Miss X got herself a sugar daddy.

In addition to sponsoring her through secondary school and the University, the sugar daddy indirectly catered for her family.

In this way the sugar daddies can be helpful.

But all told, there are more disadvantages than gains in the venture.

To curb this cancer-worm in our society, both the government, parents, teachers, women organisations, churches and what have you, should join forces.

Education should be free at all levels. School authorities should insist on modest dressing in school.

Even in higher institutions some measures could be introduced to check wasteful students wear.

Parents should take more interest in the affairs of their daughters and question them when they see that they bring home more items than they took away to school.

But above all, sugar daughters and the would-be should do a re-thinking in their own interest.

How-be-it, it is the duty of us all, sugar daddies, daughters and all the young and young at heart to belt up and rid our society of this ill.

I am sure we will succeed.

RS AT MATTERS AT HOME

CRIP

April 1977 before another supply, only encourages inflation.

A good market research would definitely enable us know the quantity of milk consumed per month so that orders would be placed accordingly.

Hence the problem of scarcity and with it inflation will be solved once and for all.

When first the Operation Feed the Nation programme came up a year ago, it was heralded as the answer to our inflation problem.

I suppose it will be unfair to expect too much of the project for such a short period.

Nonetheless government should focus its attention more on the farmers and the production of those essential food stuffs like yam, maize, rice etc not on beer, sugar or milk since the latter goods are luxury foods which are not consumed by a great majority of the masses.

I believe by subsidising large scale farmers and complete agrarian revolution will undoubtedly yield a good dividend.

Next we need good transport system and good roads, all these go to cut the cost of food.

Large storage systems are also essential, these will enable us have a continuous supply of our essential food stuffs, not the seasonal way we have always had it.

With a bit of luck we can sit back and feed fat!



Osoyiodun Amosheri 2nd birthday.



Prince Eatsubo on his birthday.



Queen Dapo on her birthday.

Edited by



NIMI THOM-MANUEL

OFN NEWS

POULTRY FARMING (PART TWO)

HAVING introduced various systems of Poultry keeping to you I will now talk to you about Poultry Management.

If your choice is the deep litter system it then means that your birds will be under complete confinement in which case you will have to provide a good house to keep your birds.

It is very important that the house you provide allows for sufficient space for your birds.

As a beginner lets say you intend to keep 100 birds from a day old to the first you sell them out as old spent layers.

Your young chicks as they are received from the incubator require as much care as your babies in the home. They require warmth, food, water and veterinary care.

So before you receive your chicks you need a house with good equipment. A house 4m x 7m will house 100 birds conveniently from day old to the time you sell them out as old layers. For your chicks you will require a hover 71 cm x 71 cm under which you will place a lantern to give them warmth. A hover is something like a small wooden box having short legs with one

bag cut into pieces nailed from the sides of the box to the ground. When the weather is cold outside, your birds will run into the hover for warmth. If the hover is too hot for them they will run out so all you do is to lower the light of the lantern to reduce the heat. It is also important that you get wood chips from a carpenter, shred and spread on the floor. This will keep the place warm and tidy.

On the first day you receive your chicks, all the containers you need are clean sheets of paper on which you spread the poultry feed and very shallow containers for drinking water. Small flat plates will do. It is also very important that the drinking containers at this stage should be shallow basins. If they are deep your chicks may get drowned.

One of the fears people interested in poultry keeping have always entertained has been the incidence of poultry diseases that might kill off all their birds.

Poultry diseases are no longer a problem.

All you need to do is to report to the Veterinary staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resource immediately you receive your chicks.

They will start treating your birds against poultry diseases. Your 100 chicks will require about 9 bags of feed from Day Old to 8 weeks of age.

BY G. B. PRINCEWILL

Why vultures live in the tree

ONCE upon a time, there lived the sun and the earth. They were good friends. They paid visits to each other.

A fine came when a quarrel broke out between them. The sun decided to live on its own as well as the earth.

The sun refused to send down the rain. The earth became dry and hard.

People could not farm again. There was no water on earth and people were dying in their thousands everyday.

The inhabitants of the earth went to the goddess of earth to appeal to the sun on their behalf to send down rain so that they would not all die.

The goddess thought about this for a long time because she did not want to go and beg the sun for reconciliation.

At last, she decided to send the vulture to the sun. The goddess of earth asked the vulture to tell the sun to send down rain to earth so that her people would not die.

She told the vulture to try to convince the sun and soften her mind so that she would yield to their request.

The vulture went to the sun and told her all that the goddess of earth had said.

The mind of the sun became softened. She agreed to send down rain to earth.

The sun wrapped the rain and gave the parcel to the vulture. The vulture went away with the parcel.

As the vulture was going his nails pierced the parcel and the rain started falling heavily.

The vulture flew to a tree because he was cold and could not deliver his message.

This is why up till this day, the vulture lives in the tree.

by Kate Nwidobie

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP/TAPE
05.44	National Anthem	RSP/DISC
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP/LIVE
05.50	MORNING PRAYERS	RSP/TAPE
06.00	News at Dawn	NP
06.03	Wake Up	"
06.07	From the Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Music at Dawn (Comm)	RSP/CGR
06.30	State News Summary in English	RSP/LIVE
06.35	FAF	RSP/TAPE
06.40	OFN JINGLE	RSP/TAPE
06.45	Personal paid announcement (Comm)	RSP/LIVE
06.55	Wake UP	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	Nigeria in the 80s	"
07.15	Mid Week Treat	RSP/CGR
08.00	News on the hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries in Edo, Efik, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A date with 815	RSP/CGR
08.45	Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries in Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Mixed Grill (Comm)	RSP/CGR
10.00	The news	NP
10.10	Network programme promotion	"
10.15	Educational Service	"
10.30	Educational Service	"
10.45	Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	Educational Service	"
11.18	Educational Service	"
11.33	Educational Service	"
11.48	Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	Educational Service	NP
12.18	Educational Service	NP
12.30	Atuko Taru (Ikwerre Magazine).	RSP/TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	Editorials	NP
13.15	Juke Box (Comm)	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Juke Box (Comm)	NP
14.30	Izon Otu Ifie	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	African music on records	RSP/CGR
15.30	State news in English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP/LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News talk (Repl. 1919 Hours)	"
16.15	Educational Service	NP
16.30	Educational Service	NP
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State news in Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
17.20	Anugeru	RSP/TAPE
17.25	FAF	RSP/TAPE
17.30	LET'S DISCUSS	RSP/TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Nigeria in the eighties	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Window on the world/world of Black people	RSP/LIVE
18.40	Mbekulemi	RSP/LIVE
19.00	The news	NP
19.10	News Talk (from 1610)	"
19.15	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
19.40	OFN Jingle & programme highlights	RSP/TAPE
19.45	Radio Doctor	RSP/TAPE
20.00	State News in English	RSP/LIVE
21.10	State News Summaries in Ikwerre, Kalabari, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
20.30	Ama Mic Mic Ye	RSP/TAPE
21.00	Nigerian Newsreel	NP
21.10	Interlude	"
21.15	Sports Special	NP
21.30	Features	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	Weather News	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
23.00	News on the hour	NP
23.03	Announcers choice	RSP/LIVE
23.13	Evening Worship	NP
23.23	Serenade	RSP/LIVE
00.00	News at midnight	NP
00.05	Close down Pledge and National Anthem	RSP/LIVE

Consider hens that lay golden eggs

I EXPRESS my sincere gratitude to Mr Fetepigi for his forthrightness as expressed in his Mid-Week article on "Revenue Allocation Formula" in the Nigerian Tide of Thursday March 17, 1977.

We of the oil producing area have suffered, not in silence, for representatives from the area have been crying for help, but the majority of people in authority in Nigeria felt we were shouting "wolf" where there was no danger.

Let me take the Bomu oilfield as an example of the sufferings of the oil producing area. Everybody of note in this country will still remember what happened at Dere (Bomu oil area) soon after the civil war. There was nothing that sustains a community life in the area that was not destroyed in the oil blow out — farmlands, fishing industry, streams, markets, living homes etc.

At a time it was extremely difficult to get even a cup of water to drink. All the streams in the area were covered with oil which was rushing like 'flow tide' covering every available space in sea, river and land. From the sky fallen sand stones as black as coal made it impossible to collect even rain water from the roof. It was even impossible to walk about wearing decent clothes, not to talk of spreading one outside. And when the slight land tremor and the angry fire flames made living in the area impossible.

Many families abandoned their homes for nearby villages and some went to Port Harcourt. The population of Dere alone, the centre of the trouble, is 17,000 (1973 Census) and there are several other towns around which were also affected. From many parts of the globe experts were flown in to arrest the situation.

Many well meaning Nigerians including the then Military Governor of the Rivers State and his commissioners paid an official visit to the scene of the incident. And, when you remember that Shell-BP has oil wells right in the heart of towns and villages, you will understand that we are in real danger.

We do not know what explanations the Ministry of Agriculture has today for what I may describe (for lack of expression) as yam-tuber-disease in farms around oil locations in Bomu. It is now almost a fruitless effort to cultivate yams in the area. Whole tubers are eaten up by some city yellow substances before the yam is ready for harvest. This is the very area that in the past fooded Bori market with cheap yams.

During the civil war, we in Bomu oil area (especially the people of Dere) suffered greatly from air raids which were later told were aimed at making it impossible for Biafrans to continue the production of oil. Whole families and buildings were wiped out in the exercise that continued for months before Ogoni was liberated. Till date there had been no compensation whatever for these losses.

Such an area was not therefore considered for amenities. Nor has the creation of the Rivers State improved the situation. What development plans has the government made for the Bomu oil area? Is it the provision of pipe borne water, light, the building of secondary schools, roads, the siting

Says Dekor S. Naam

It is unfortunate that in Nigeria oil has been found mainly in minority areas. During the civilian era the electoral votes from these areas mattered little to a political party. The party in power could afford to ignore the lone vote the former Ogoni Division had in the Federal House or the two in the Regional assembly.

of industry, employment etc? Our own industry is the oil gas that is burning day in day out. The Health Centre at Dere was built out of community efforts. It has not even been possible to convince the government to open a secondary school built by the Dere community. The best the government could do was to open a Trade School temporarily on the site for the past three years running.

Now that the permanent site of the Trade School at Bori is ready, what is the government doing about the site? Is it to leave it to fall into

disuse? And oil field that was producing half the oil and is still oil producing country today.

Yet, there in this Ogoni where industrial development being forced people even are no lands accommodate development of Nigeria 'magnanimous use the Naira the country the sufferings producing areas



COL. MOHAMMED NUHARI
Federal Commissioner for Petroleum Resources

to ensure maintenance of the Affairs.

The territory colonised by France in 1962 still has to go, besides its ability.

Djibouti, with nomadic population and agriculture and industry relies on Somalia and Ethiopia for water.

Even if the date of its independence on June 27 becomes a reality, the tiny map of Africa will depend on its neighbours for its existence. It will lead to chaos and independence.

Unless the African Union special committee on Djibouti decision in this year are heeded to by members following the organisation's Action Plan to support the existence as a state in June.

Of course removal of the naval base in Djibouti for keeping eyes on Somalia is a serious consideration in the area.

DJIBOUTI: WHAT FUTURE AFTER INDEPENDENCE?

ON June 27 this year, the French territory of Affars and Issas (TFAI) also known as Djibouti, sandwiched between Ethiopia and Somalia will gain its political freedom from France.

Everything is now set for election and independence referendum on May 8, this year. There are some 230,000 voters. There will be 65 seats in the new Chamber of Deputies. There will be a constitution and cluster of political parties, liberation fronts and guerrilla group, backed by Ethiopia and Somalia.

Asks Ipalibo Botoye

The independence struggle in the territory reached a critical stage in February 1975 when one of nationalist groups, the Front for the Liberation of the Somalia Coast (FLCS) kidnapped some French school children and held them hostage in return for immediate independence. Following negotiations, Paris agreed to arrange talks for independence based on three conditions.

Firstly, the independence for the territory must be respected by both Somalia and Ethiopia. Secondly, there must be a cessation of French troops permanently stationed in the territory. Thirdly, the new regime

after independence must be acceptable to the local minorities.

This was the base to the talks in Paris in 1975 to straighten the road to independence for the territory. France has firmly stood on these conditions till this day. And it is under these conditions that Djibouti will wear its independence garment in June.

The question then comes: what will be the future of Djibouti when France quits? The French government has again caused the troubles peculiar to all colonialists when they are about quitting African soil.

In 1967, the French government installed a leader from the minority Affars, Mr Ali Ref as the colony's Chief Minister and also stage-managed

a referendum which purportedly returned a verdict of continued French rule.

Then last year, Paris executive in the person of Olivier Stirn, the Secretary of State for Overseas Territories, abandoned his support for Ali Ref and his Affars-dominated Union National pour l'Independence, allowing other groups to form their political institutions. The result of this is the birth of political parties, liberation move-

ments and guerrilla groups.

The Issas parties, the Somali Coast Liberation Front (FLCS) and the Ligue Populaire African del'Independence, led by Hassan Gourzi, want the votes to be counted together, so that there will be more Issas than Affars.

The Movement de Liberation de Djibouti (MLD) and the Movement Populaire de Liberation (MPL) all Affars-dominated want constituencies, so as



Change of Union's Name

This is to inform the general public and the citizens of Ogonokon in particular, that the Union formerly known and addressed as Ogonokon Youth League has been changed to Edogh Okon. All documents bearing the former name remain valid.

A. MICHAEL
GENERAL SECRETARY

NUT Executive Meeting

There will be a very important executive meeting of the Nigeria Union of Teachers on Saturday 30th April, 1977 at St. Mary's State School, Port Harcourt, at 10.00 a.m. prompt.

Matters to discuss will include:

1. Latest on the Duty Post allowance and position of Auxiliary Teachers in the State.
2. Visit of the National President Chief A. A. O. Ezenwa to the state on the 19th - 21st of May, 1977.

All Chairmen and Secretaries of branches, Chairman and Secretary of Principals and NCF Associations should try to be in attendance at this crucial meeting.

S. D. Amamina
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THE MANAGEMENT

GOV SEES PROJECTS



COLONEL Zaman Lekwot, Military Governor of the Rivers State on Monday visited community projects in which some Youth Corps members are now engaged in their community development work. **At Rumupirikom near Port Harcourt, above, the governor (arrowed), visited the road project where he addressed the women.**



HE also visited Rukpoku where a water project is under construction.

Above, the governor met members of the National Youth Service Corps working at the site and below, he sees the men at work at the site.

Cheers for Corpsmen



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Governor wants press team work

THE Bendel State military governor, Commodore Husaini Abdullahi, has appealed to the people of the state to sink their differences and unite together to enable them fight for the overall progress of the state.

Commodore Abdullahi made the call in his office when the executive members of the state branch of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) called on him at Government House, Benin City.

He said that the state had a major role to play in the development of the country because of its vast natural resources, great manpower and excellent location.

He explained that the plan of the present administration augurs well for the people of the state and called on them to give absolute backing to government in order to achieve the desired progress.

On press and government relations, Commodore Abdullahi assured that his administration would continue to take the N.U.J. into confidence by creating a favourable atmosphere for the union to enable it carry out its obligations to the government and people of the state.

On the NUJ's request for the government to appoint public relations officers to its Statutory Boards, corporations and companies in order to facilitate the flow of information, the military governor promised to look into the matter.

He urged members of the press to always cross check their facts with

his commissioner for Information, Social Development and Sports in order to arrive at accurate and objective reporting.

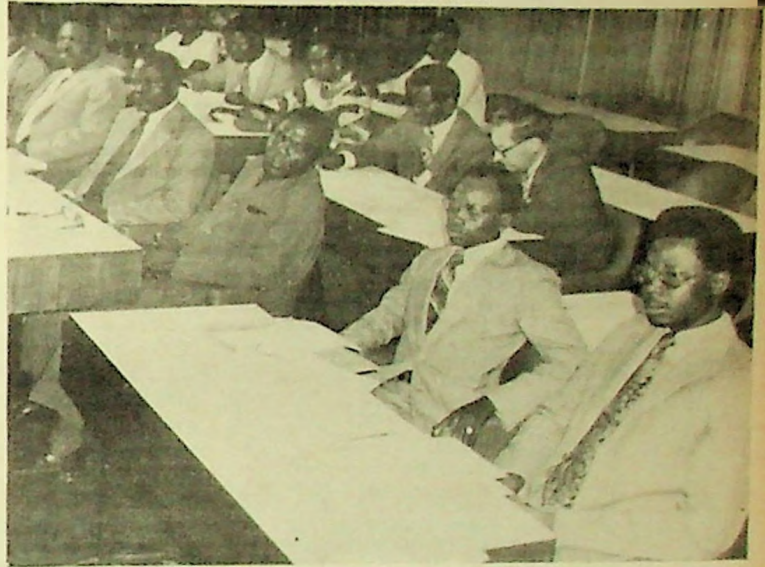
Earlier, the president of

the state branch of NUJ, Mr Valentine Osula had thanked the government for the assistance the union had received for the construction of the Press Centre.

Trade fair advisory board set up

THE Nigerian Trade Fair Advisory Board has been inaugurated in Lagos.

Picture shows a cross-section of the participants at the inaugural meeting held at the National Theatre, Iganmu.



Importers warned

IMPORTERS have again been advised to obtain import licence in respect of restricted items BEFORE placing orders abroad for them.

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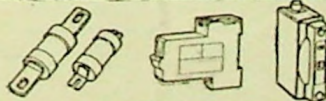
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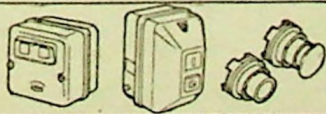
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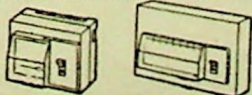
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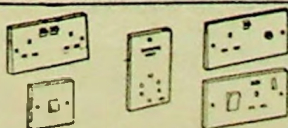
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Maidoh panel submits report to Abdullahi

THE military governor of Bendel State, Commodore Husaini Abdullahi, has declared that his administration will not punish anyone without giving him an ample opportunity to defend himself against allegations of wrongdoings.

Commodore Abdullahi made this declaration in Benin City while receiving the report of the Maidoh Assets Verification Panel set up by the state government to investigate the assets of some former public officers.

He said that the essence of setting up the probe was to give every citizen involved the opportunity to explain his role, particularly those who claimed to have been deprived of the privilege of a fair hearing.

He commended members of the panel for their success in the arduous task in spite of initial constraints and delaying tactics adopted by some of the subjects.

Commodore Abdullahi described the great volume of the report produced within a record time as a testimony of the tireless efforts of each member of the panel adding that the report would be carefully studied before a decision was taken.

Traditional ruler advises Egbemas

THE people of Egbema in Ogbia/Egbema district have been urged to desist from acts which could lead to breach of peace in the area.

They have also been reminded that Federal Government's decision on the boundary adjustment was final.

The warning was given by the chairman of Ogbia/Egbema district, Chief J. N. A. Nwachuku at a meeting with the people in Egbema.

Chief Nwachuku appealed to chiefs and youths of the area to sink their differences to enable them work for a better mutual relationship.

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2. Particular attention is drawn to the Deepner Rocks in the Bonny River. Most areas have been previously dredged hence the present proposed dredging of them is necessitated by siltation.

3. Full details of areas to be dredged, estimated quantities of spoil to be removed and charts of the areas are obtainable from the Chief Harbour Master at the cost of N2.00 per copy.

4. Official Tender Forms are obtainable from the Chief Harbour Master, Nigerian Ports Authority, 26-28 Marina, Private Mail Bag 12588, Lagos, after the payment of a non-refundable deposit of N200.00 to the Authority's Cashier, Accounts Department, Apapa Quay. Tender forms are also obtainable from Nigerian Ports Authority's Representative, Manfield House, 3rd Floor, Room 34-37th, 376-379 Strand, London, W.C.2, after the payment of the equivalent of N200.00.

5. The period of the contract for the Maintenance Dredging proposed will be for two years.

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OBITUARY

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Mrs Oriji Tasie Amadi

Miss Oroma Tasie Amadi

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

FRIDAY 25/4/77. Corpse leaves Port Harcourt Mortuary for Isiooko for all night xian wake-keeping.

SATURDAY 30/4/77. Memorial Services at St. Peter's Church, Isiooko and Interment follows at Maxwell Tasie's Compound Adanta, Isiooko.

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selected. If they continue with these daily practices, the period of camping will be cut short."

The director, who had

a strong hope for his contingent's performances in this year's national sports festival, said, "We are going with the bests to Kaduna and we'll come back with high honours."

Four nations for B'ball tourney

NIGERIA is to participate in this year's inter-city quadrangular basketball competition beginning in Accra, Ghana from May 17 to 21.

Disclosing this to newsmen in Lagos over the weekend, a competent source close to the National Sports Commission said that four countries — Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Benin are taking part in the tournament.

—Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory left Lagos for Accra on Sunday, comprises twelve men, five women and four officials. They are expected back on May 23.

The officials are: Ganiyu Otenigbada, Alabi Adelanwa,

J. A. Odulaja and the team manager G. Anani.

Those selected for the men's competition are: Bala Usman, Emmanuel Anani, Simon Plachiero, Alex Gudan, Stephen Ushe, Amuda Salami, Sunday Osagiede, George Berefore, Tari Feh, William Evin and Henry Adogbe.

CORRADO STORMS ON

Corrado Barazzutti reached the final of the world championship Tennis (WCT) tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina when he scored a surprise 6-3, 6-0 victory over his compatriot Adriano Panatta.

Barazzutti will play American Eddie Dibbs who beat Australian John Alexander 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 in the other semi-final. Panatta and Barazzutti reach the double final when they beat Australians Tony Roche and Ross Case 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. They play Australian Ken Rosewall and Tom Okker of the Netherlands in the final.



The thinkers game

SO much of football is a battle of wits. It is indeed an intelligent man's game. This implies that, whatever you do or intend to do, on or off the field, must be backed by intelligent approach.

Now, how do you get yourself prepared for the next match as far as the player you expect to be marking you is concerned. Say, for example, you are playing Rangers International of Enugu, and being a central striker, your immediate opponent may be Nigeria's "golden boy" Christian Chukwu. You might have played against him several times before, and during your recent encounter, he really played you out of the game. You remember, he is a solid and self-confident defender, quick in the tackle, and very ferocious for that matter.

TACTICAL APPROACH

AS you prepare for the match (a national league match perhaps), you must make sure you are in bed early for at least three evenings before the game. Before you drop off to sleep, you think about the strengths and weakness of the man who will be keeping a special eye on you. Perhaps you recall that he is right-footed; if you can, then you must try to take him on his left side. You wonder how you can get more space. It might be necessary to go deep into your own half. That should catch him in mist's. Should he follow or let you go?

It is important that, you do your home-work before the vital occasion. Most players start thinking about next opponents on the day before the match and that may be enough. By the time you run on to the field you have got the man you are playing well weighed up.

Yes, we mentioned Christian Chukwu earlier on as your potential opponent. He has added another bright feather to his name, "the attacking flair of a Beckenbauer". He is now a stopper, a mid-field forger and creator of chances, and lethal finisher all rolled into one splendid footballer.

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He dispossesses you, and starts an attack, and backing it up to its final stages. How do you stop him doing that? It is dangerous to allow him play the role of an extra attacker. If you want, you have to train hard to be able to contest every inch of the ground with him and if possible to subdue him.

The tremendous demands of the occasion and maybe your inability to fulfil that required role may make you feel nervous and ill at ease. Now this is a question of confidence. You know the possibilities and limitations to which you are subject. You have to develop a big heart, a heart as big as the size of your head, and damn it all. After all, it is only a game.

Some players have big match temperament, the bigger the occasion the better they love it. This is what you must always try to do, and you will never get butterflies inside your lungs. It pays good dividends, if all members of your team should meet to have a concentrated assessment of the other team, based on reports on how they play at home and away. If the players are well known, your coach will give you a quick run-down of every player: pointing out their weakness and strengths.

CONCENTRATED ATTACK

Perhaps, the goalkeeper is weak in the air. He does not like being challenged when he is taking high crosses. So, whenever high crosses are on the way, someone with a brave heart, should challenge him, and other sharper partners must be ready to pick up the crumbs.

You need not spend many hours in such discussions. Half of an hour or forty-five minutes will be enough to arrive at something concrete.

It is important to be a thinker, re-examining every aspect of the game, before and after your normal training session and matches, if you want to be great in modern football.

All great players are thinkers. You must be constantly examining your own game: the way you are giving; the way you should be playing. You are only as good as your last match, and try always to fashion out ways of improving yourself.

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THE Rivers State Government is determined to complete all projects being handed at Ndoni by the Bendel State Government before the area was merged with the Rivers State.

Already, the state Military Governor, Colonel Zamani Lekwot has contacted the Bendel State Government for an assessment of such uncompleted projects to enable him direct action.

These facts were made public yesterday by the state Commissioner for Information and Broadcasting, Mr D. L. J. Nwibani during a visit to Ndoni in continuation of his familiarisation tour of the newly merged areas with the Rivers State.

Mr Nwibani assured the people that the government was determined to see that some basic amenities were provided in the area.

He advised them to be involved in communal projects which would attract government attention.

Mr Nwibani also assured them that the government would soon establish an information centre in the area. Earlier, in an address of welcome, the people

commended the efforts of the government to ensure an even development of all areas.

They urged the government to facilitate the completion of most of the projects abandoned in the area by the Bendel State Government as a result of the merger.

These uncompleted projects, they said, included rural electrification of the area, water supply and a tourist centre.



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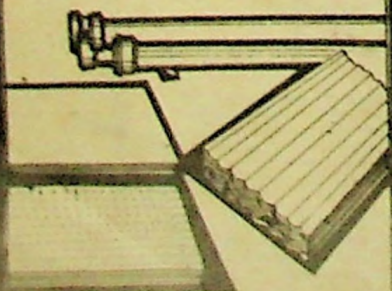
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This was announced in Ibadan by the Chief Justice of the Federation, Sir Danley Alexander, while replying to the welcome address by the Oyo State Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, Mr Akio-Olofin, at the opening of a session of the Supreme Court.

The chief justice pointed out that the Supreme Court "has been concentrating on wiping out criminal appeals from the high courts off our plates," adding that this had been done in the

northern and eastern divisions of the court.

He stressed that the abolition of the Western State Court of Appeal had created a vacuum in the administration of justice in the area but assured that both the Federal Military Government and the Judicial Advisory Commission were making active efforts to fill the gap.

Sir DANLEY added that the delay in the establishment of the appeal court which were already functioning in some other parts of the country, in Ibadan was due to lack of accommodation for the purpose. He said

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