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MUSLIMS PRAY FOR ALLAH'S GUIDANCE

The occasion of the Eid El-Kabir celebrations in the country has been used to pray to Allah to guide and leaders a series of vision and courage with which to pilot the ship of state through stormy and rough weather.

This request was made by the Chief Imam in Port Harcourt, Alhaji Aminu Sale while conducting prayers to mark the ceremony.

He called on Muslims to reflect on their past deeds and rededicate their lives to the service of Allah.

In his goodwill message to Muslims in the state, the Chief Imam of Yusufa Central Mosque, Alhaji A. R. Ankwo, commended Muslims of the importance of the festival which was a practical testimony of total submission to Allah.

He recalled that Prophet Ibrahim was a beloved servant of Allah who fulfilled his promise with his Lord and was honoured and elevated before the credit was returned to his descendants.

The same success, the Imam expanded, awaited all Muslims if they could emulate Ibrahim's submission to Allah.

Alhaji Ankwo went on to say that any religious servant could not enjoy the wealth of his master, hence the devil was in perpetual pursuit.

He implored all Muslims to be law-abiding and especially Muslims should identify themselves with their religion and assist the nation of the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

The celebrated Imam concluded his sermon peaceful and mood in prayer.

was calm and relaxed.

The usual traffic bottlenecks were virtually nonexistent as many worshippers travelled to their homes early to mark the occasion with their families.

And in Lagos, Muslims have been urged to live in accordance with the teachings of Islam and not to defraud the nation for personal gain.

The Chief Imam of Lagos, Alhaji Lodi Abrahim gave the advice

in the guidance praying ground. He said there was an apparent rush by many Muslims to amass wealth by "hook or crook."

The Chief Imam noted that many would not hesitate to kill to make money and warned that such wealth, when acquired, was not blessed by Allah because it was blood money.

He said that each year, Nigerians received the same warning, but regretted that there was no marked change in their living style.

President Shereef Fagade and Governor Lateef Jakande of Lagos State were among the worshippers at the praying ground.



MP complains of sabotage over dev projects

A member of the Rivers State House of Assembly, Chief S. A. Ogunwumi (NPN) Opobu, has accused members of other political parties of sabotaging the execution of development projects in his constituency.

Speaking to members of the press in Port Harcourt on Thursday, Chief Ogunwumi said that these persons in Opobo district of the Bonny local government area, had teamed up to politicise the issue of providing land for government projects.

Chief Ogunwumi referred to some members of these parties who decided to compromise from providing land for the construction of the state government's new low cost housing units in the area.

He further accused the

agents of destroying part of the Opobo-Kalabaria bridge, now under construction, adding that workers at the site have been beaten up and shipped from working, while materials valued at thousands of naira have

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Eid-El-Kabir celebration



•Below, Muslims worship at one of the many praying grounds in Port Harcourt while top, the prayers having been concluded, the celebrants switch over to the traditional ram slaughtering which marks the Sadaqa almsgiving. Picture by M.D. Egebe.

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Pollution bill at Assembly

A bill seeking to minimise the environmental pollution in the Rivers State has been tabled before the state House of Assembly.

The bill which was sponsored by the majority leader, Chief A. D. Williams Jumbo, seeks to protect the environment by regulating the disposal of injurious waste.

It underwent the first reading last Wednesday.

Speaking during a motion for adjournment, the deputy majority leader, Mr B. Wike noted that the acute water shortage in Port Harcourt was becoming unbearable.

He said that the practice of supply of water in tankers has not helped in any way, because according to him, the operators of the facilities were discriminatory.

Mr Wike appealed to the Ministry of Electricity and Water Supply to stop the malpractices.

PAUSE AND PONDER

Prayer that craves a particular commodity or anything less than the good of all is vicious.

It is all praise for parasitologists



DR. J. USUA

Journalists launch own journal

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) has launched its official organ, 'The Journalist'.

The magazine was launched in Lagos by the former State Governor.

Professor Akpan, who presided on the occasion, said that it was only when the Nigerian press is monopolised towards national issues, as distinct from sectional interest that it will be seen as a strong and viable press, respected and feared.

Mr. Adegogo Jaja, the Daily Times managing director, who was the

from Emmanson Uwa

The Cross River State Governor, Chief (Dr. Clement) Iyia, has commended members of the Nigerian Society for Parasitology for venturing to solve the parasitological problems of the nation.

He also praised them for choosing this year to study the problems of food production in the country and for showing anxiety in the health and wealth of the country especially at this time when diseases seem to threaten livestock, crops and human existence.

The governor made the commendations in his opening address delivered, on his behalf, by the state Commissioner for Health, Professor (Chief) J. R. Ana, at the society's 5th annual conference held at the Calabar University campus recently.

He pointed out that Nigerians would continue to be victims of deadly diseases such as malaria and worm infestation if the specialists failed to

take seriously the challenge posed before them.

Chief Iyia observed that parasitic infection had posed a great setback to the livestock industry in the country to the extent that meat production capacity was greatly hampered thereby causing the national government about \$44 million annually to combat the same disease called 'Kala'.

He declared that crops destroyed by parasites in the country every year were estimated at over one thousand million naira.

Concern in livestock problem

Governor Iyia, however, expressed his confidence that the menace of parasites was not insurmountable to the great scientists especially now that the governments of the country were actively sharing

in their efforts. The theme of this year's conference was 'parasites and food production in Nigeria'. The society's member journal chief, Joseph A. Elechi, was later qualified by the state Commissioner for Education, Dr. Effanga Jones Usia.



PROF. J. K. ANA



5-year suit ends in favour of Chief Jack

the Rivers State.

The Chief of the House, Chief George Ezekiel Hart was seeking absolute custody of his late father's property

which two others, Mr. James Ogbodu Ezekiel Hart and a lady, Miss Stella Benoni Ezekiel Hart strongly disputed.

The two disputants claimed that, the Chief of the House was not entitled to the keys of the Ogbuwan, all the properties of the late chief, personal and real, landed properties at Oyigbo, Kom-Kom, Azuma and B. Deme.

But in his judgment, the presiding judge, Mr. Justice B. B. Peppie gave judgment in favour of Chief George Ezekiel Hart and directed that all the properties of the late chief should be entrusted

ted with Chief George Ezekiel Hart.

The court also awarded cost totalling N1,000 against Mr. J. O. Ezekiel Hart, and Miss

Ezekiel Hart. In the picture, Chief Ezekiel Hart is cheered by members of the House soon after the judgment.



Mr. Graham Douglas
R.S. Chief Judge

N.1m spent on water in Eleme

The Rivers State Government has spent the sum of N131,000.55 for water and power supply in Eleme Urban Council in the Orisk, Oyigbo, Tai, Eleme Local Government area.

These facts were disclosed by the chairman of the Eleme Urban Electricity and Water Supply Committee, Mr. O. C. Akw, while briefing newsmen in his office at Ebubu.

Mr. Akw stated that pipe borne water has been installed at Agboncha, Akade and Ogale in Eleme, while work on the supply of water at Aketo and Aketa was in progress.

The chairman further declared that water has also been supplied to the Catering Rest House in the area, adding that plans are underway to supply pipe borne water to Akpeti, Ebubu, Edo, Isoporo and Ome.



GOV. OYEOLA
of Oyo State

Bank boss commends co-op society

THE Ife-Ikole Oluwa Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society at the Iroko Farm Settlement near Oyo has been commended for embarking on large scale food production.

The commendation was made by the outgoing manager, United Bank for Africa, Ibadan, Mr. A. O. Oyebola, while speaking at the special meeting of the society held at the farm settlement.

Mr. Oyebola pointed out that it was the encouraging performances of the society which

qualified it for the recent loan of N200,000 by the United Bank for Africa after it had earlier paid up before the scheduled time, the previous N100,000 loan.



GOV. OYEOLA
of Oyo State

Church leaders charged with theft

Two church leaders in the Epe-Alesha district have appeared before the Yenagoa Chief Magistrate court for stealing.

The accused persons, Emmanuel Tai, 42, who is a catechist in the church and Job Epen, were alleged to have stolen on the 20th of September 1981 at Igboigbo village in the Yenagoa magisterial district stolen one bunch of pinstriped N10 property of one Elizabeth George.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charge and were granted bail in the sum of N400 with one surety each. Hearing in case has been adjourned to October 20, 1981.

Community pledges support to Govt

The Olofin community in Epe district of the Orisk, Oyo Local Government area has pledged its support to the Rivers State Government in her efforts to improve the life of rural dwellers.

The pledge was contained in a welcome address made by a spokesman of the community, at a reception organised in honour of Mr. Reginald Nwabueke, who was recently sworn in as a commissioner in the state.

They expressed gratitude to the state government for approving the construction of roads in the area and appealed for quick take-off of the project.

The community further appealed for the improvement of the health care delivery in the area and urged the state government to upgrade their secondary school to a comprehensive status.

Replying, Mr. Nwabueke re-emphasised government's determination to make its impact felt in every part of the state.

He said that the present ill-organisation, with its economic implications in the health sector, was a major impediment to the development of the state.

The deputy speaker of the state House of Assembly, Mr. D. U. Anucha was among the personalities that attended the

EDITORIAL

EAGLES OF HOPE, IT'S YOUR DAY

AS NIGERIA'S GREEN EAGLES enter the main bowl of the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos at exactly 4 p.m. today, the hopes and pride of a nation will focus on football. Along with the eleven soccer ambassadors will go the dream of the world's largest Black Nation, the dream of arriving on the world soccer scene as Africa's flag-bearers in World Cup 1982, otherwise known as Espana '82.

MUCH TRAINING has gone into preparations for this golden day for the Golden Eagles of Nigeria. Our soccer ambassadors have been exposed to different climatic and psychological conditions for this Golden day.

THAT'S WHY the Nigerian Tide joins the 80 million Nigerians in praying the Golden Eagles to give us this day! We are not interested in who is fielded, so long as the team understands the need

to give us goals and give us this day. To Spain we must go, in Madrid we must be in 1982. Oh Eagles of hope the entire nation hangs its hope on you.

THE SOCCER MATHEMATICS of Odegbami and the excellent composure and organisational ability of chairman Christian Chukwu should be brought into play every second of the ninety-minute duration of today's match. We want nothing short of the powerful soccer brew that cooked the Algerians in the final of the African Cup of Nations competition last year. Oh yes, we know that the Eagles can make it!

A DECISIVE VICTORY today will go a long way in influencing the out-come of the October 30 second leg encounter in Algiers, Algeria. Oh yes, we know Odegbami and his men can do it. They know how much prestige is at stake.

WE COMMEND THE Nigerian Foot-

ball Association for drastically reducing air and rail fares for fans travelling to Lagos from other parts of the country. The shouts of a soccer-crazy nation and the shots of a determined Green Eagles squad will definitely combine to give us the day.

WHO ARE THE ALGERIANS in the field of soccer anyway. Records show that Nigeria has done more in soccer since 1975 at both club and national levels in Africa. Since 1973, the Eagles have locked horns with their Algerian opponents three times. The Eagles drew the first, lost the second and spanked them 3-0 in the third encounter in Lagos last year. With honours almost even, to beat the Algerians today is therefore a task that must be done!

IN THIS CONNECTION, we appeal to the National Electric Power Authority to ensure that there is no interruption in electricity supply especially between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. today all over the country to enable all those not at the National Stadium to equally share the joys of victory with their fellow country-men. The television stations should on their part be alive to their responsibility on this crucial day by ensuring hitch-free screening of the match.

AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIP

Sir — The State Governor's announcement that all Rivers State indigenes who gained admission into institutions of higher learning are automatically eligible for the state government's scholarship award came as a great relief to most Rivers State students, who had resigned their garbful employments, to fulfill their yearnings for higher education and enlightenment. And also to help boost the level of manpower development in the state.

The Governor identified financial constraints as the bottleneck that hinders Rivers State students from contributing towards economic emancipation of the state.

I am now calling on the governor of the state, His Excellency, Chief Melford Okilo to use his good offices and wade into this matter.

It is an anathema and anachronistic to note that we who are crying for unfair and unjust treatment on the Federal Government's Revenue allocation policy should now turn back and mete

such inhuman and unjust treatment to our fellow Rivers men.

The session is almost coming to end. Many Rivers State students both within and outside the state in institutions of higher learning have received their grants. But students in the institutions of the governor's brain child have not

CREATE AN URBAN

Sir, the Rivers State Government should be commended for its decentralisation policy which is second to none in this great country — Nigeria, aimed at equitable distribution of amenities in the state.

Ataba is presently in Andoni District of Bonny Local Government area (OLGA) of the state.

Government functionaries who have so far visited Andoni can agree with me that Andoni is so densely populated and large in size with Ataba occupying the western riverine area and very far from the district headquarters, Ngor and other important towns in Andoni.

Ataba shares common boundaries with Bonny of the South-West, Okrika on its North-West and Ogoni on its North,



received anything.
A. R. Fekumo
UNITECH

while the Atlantic ocean forms the Southern boundary.

Ataba has 25 villages with Ataba town as headquarters.

It should be noted that Ataba has been one of the then four development areas in Andoni before its transfer from Cross River State to Rivers State in 1976.

For purposes of better understanding of the facts stipulated above and realising the importance of the people of Andoni as a whole, it is good to state that the people and the Andoni Council of Chiefs in their general meeting held at Ngor on 7th of December, 1980 pleaded with the state government to carve an urban status for Ataba.

F. M. FRANK

Ataba

ARREST OUR ROAD PROBLEM

Sir — the people of Okotima are suffering from road maintenance problem. I express my profound gratitude to the dynamic governor Chief Melford Okilo in his effectiveness on the introduction of decentralization policy which

is merit of villages in the state to fight for projects and also an example to our sister states. I wish to remind the state government to come and aid the people of Okotima to find ways to stop the problem engulfing the people of Okotima.

Four civil servants were posted to clean the road leading to Okotima but later three out of the four people were transferred and only

a single person is now clearing the road which is about four kilometres and, due to loneliness, the road had been filled with graves.

We are so fortunate that no body has been assailed by any dangerous snake and, since these people were transferred, no body has been sent to replace them.

The authorities concerned should answer

whether the transfer and replacement of people have

been abolished by the government.

Jonathan Izon
Okotima

NO WATER IN D/LINE

I wish to remind the authorities concerned with the supply of drinking water (pipe borne) Headquarters

Sir, to be faithful with what one is trying to observe with the so called politicians. One can only assume that the politicians are trying to mislead by the nose.

Abua by night is comprising of four clans, namely Otahab clan, Oshiden clan, Emughan clan and Ogbu Aduan clan. With these you can agree with the statement that the district headquarters is not in any town in Abua, because the four clans made up the central Abua.

A particular town should be mentioned in Abua as the district headquarters to avoid misunderstanding for the interest of the government and the public in general. For example, Epile/Atissa District headquarters is Famgbe.

MR M. G. ORUBIA

Ogbokoma-Abua

water about the suffering of people who live around Osheto, Bekwede Ogbu (formerly Igbo-kwuli), Ine Obasi, Mbonu etc. streets of the D/Line area of Port Harcourt.

The fact is that the inhabitants of these areas have never had their water taps flowing since the construction of our new express road.

Not even a drop of water had flowed from

these taps since the construction.

I am sure, we all (including the authorities concerned) know that the importance of water to life can never be over-emphasised.

So, please, the authorities concerned, include these our brothers and sisters from this untold and unannounced hardship.

KINGSLEY PHODES
OKOROAFOR
Port Harcourt.



RURAL DEV COURSE HELD

A week-long refresher course organised by the South-West zonal office of the Federal Department of Rural Development was recently held at the Rural Development Training Centre, Benin City.

Composite picture (above) shows the Federal Minister, Chief Olu Awotewe, addressing the participants.



DR J. WAYAS
Senate President

Revenue bill was rushed into law — EX-CHAIRMAN

PRESIDENT Shehu Shagari's assent to the revenue bill, has been described as a deliberate political manoeuvre to deprive the oil producing areas of their fair share of the country's revenue. This observation was

made by the former chairman of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in Sagbama Local Government area of Rivers State, Mr Kimi Timi Kia at the Port Harcourt airport.

The former chairman remarked that the conspiracy by the major tribes to pass the bill the way they did was not an accident but a deliberate act of suppression.

He commended the

supreme court for its demonstrated determination to uphold justice fairplay in the country.

Mr Kia believed that the judgment on the revenue allocation matter would re-strengthen the trust the country had in the supreme court as the highest place for dispensing redress.

Nation-wide fertility survey embarked upon

The National Population Commission, has in collaboration with the

World fertility survey, embarked upon a fertility survey in some areas of each state of the federation.

A statement issued by the commissioner for population commission in the Rivers State, Mr

F.A. Amunge, said that the aim of the survey was to make provision for reliable and scientific information on levels of fertility in Nigeria, to obtain information on fertility differentials amongst the various sub-populations in Nigeria.

The survey is also aimed at obtaining information on the knowledge, attitude and practice of contraception in the country, to provide standardised and inter-

nationally comparable data on Nigerian fertility, and to provide information that will help government develop a comprehensive population policy for Nigeria.

The commissioner, appealed to the public to answer questions that will be put to them by interviewers, adding, "the

success of the survey in the Rivers State, depended on the co-operation received from the public."



MR DANIEL UGWU
Minister of Health

Mass staff exodus in Benue

AT LEAST 12 top senior staff of the Information Directorate of the Office of the Governor, in Benue State had resigned their appointments within three months as a result of poor staff welfare handling.

Most of the officers who resigned, said they did so because of frustration as a result of lack of promotional prospects and training opportunities.

This was contained in a statement by the NUJ Chapter in the Benue Information Directorate

received to the report of a meeting between the officers of the chapel and management.

According to the statement, the chapel expressed their utter disappointment over what they described as "gross negative attitude towards staff welfare" in the directorate.

Presenting the report of the meeting between representatives of the NUJ chapters and the

management of the information Directorate, earlier, Chief Eje Agbo, chairman of the chapel spoke of flowery promises by the Director of Information, Mr Dan Agbese and Mr John A. Samba, Chief Information Officer to members of the chapel.

According to Chief Eje Agbo, there was bright

future for the directorate staff, adding that conscious efforts were being made to improve the service conditions of the staff.

He announced that a meeting was in the offing between the chapel's executive and the permanent secretary in the ministry with a view to ironing out certain points of disagreement.

But in the boss of the directorate's information centre, he however, warned staff against

truancy and other forms of misconduct.

Members of the chapel later adopted a vote of confidence in the chapel's executive and urged them not to relent in their effort to protect the rights of journalists working with the directorate, in the interest of productivity.



GOV APERAKU
of Benue State



MR E. UME-EZEOKE
Speaker, House of Representatives

YOUR STAR TODAY

AQUARIUS

Don't allow other people to speak for you today. Make your voice heard in any discussion that takes place in your working environment. There is nothing to be gained by taking a back seat.

PISCES

A quiet day for all evening activities, much enjoyment will be obtained from physical sports. There is also a quieter way of spending their leisure time could be in a spot of self-improvement.

ARIES

Your emotions will not be easily aroused today and although you may have just met an interesting member of the opposite sex, who has shown a willingness to become your partner, you will not be that impressed.

TAURUS

Any invitations accepted to day will turn out to be extraordinarily expensive, however, you cannot get out of a certain function because you are one of the main guests.

GEMINI

Today you are in an optimistic frame of mind, more like a Gemini than you have been for some time. Friends and friends are quick to notice the change in you and will show their pleasure in no uncertain terms.

CANCER

Get out and about today, but only to those places with which you are familiar, getting off the beaten track will serve no useful purpose. Don't take the word of strangers today.

LEO

Working conditions improve today, and much progress will be made. Don't take other colleagues for granted, as they will be willing to cooperate.

VIRGO

Much of interest is going on around you today, although you will not be at the centre of things. Be content to enjoy life from the sidelines.

LIBRA

If you keep your head today, you could use a little money for a speculative venture. Housewives out shopping could just find the bargain they are looking for.

SCORPIO

Opportunities arise for you and the family to catch up on many a neglected household chore. Put as much time aside as possible for hobby pursuits.

SAGITTARIUS

There is a golden opportunity for you to raise your standard of living today, due to a financial gain. Friends advice on this matter should be ignored. This is a day to follow your own intuition.

CAPRICORN

Friends let you down rather suddenly today, especially where weekend arrangements are concerned. Check all planned trips as disappointments and financial losses are indicated.



Briefing the field assistants

The Rivers State Directorate of Information and Public Relations is currently undertaking an induction course for the newly recruited information field assistants at the Ministry of Information, Port Harcourt. Photograph shows Mr. Albert Alak, right, executive director of Radio Rivers delivering a lecture at the course.

COUNCILLORS URGED TO SATISFY NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

by Churchill Williams

Councillors, chairmen and members of functional committees in the eight local government units of Yenagoa Local Government Authority have been advised to ensure that their actions reflected on the priority needs, yearnings and aspirations of the people they were appointed to serve.

ARMY STAFF RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

A certificate of proficiency was recently presented to a staff of the 2 Amphibious Brigade, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt. Mr. Dule J. Akpan on completion of a year and four months course on film making.

In the picture, the executive director of Radio Rivers (in French suit) presents the certificate to the recipient.



The charge was made by the chairman of the Yenagoa Local Government Authority, Chief William Sokare who is now touring the local government area to assess progress made by the committees.

He said political appointees in the area should make sacrifices and be able to face problems and challenges.

Absolute sense of co-operation and effective team work would go a long way in ensuring meaningful results for the people, he declared.

At Ikenbiri, the Boma district headquarters, the chairman commended the council for the remarkable progress made within its short life span.

He said both the council and the committees should redouble their efforts to improve the

social and economic status of the district.



CHIEF EVANS AWOALA
Rivers State Commissioner for Education

Chairman sad over road project

The chairman of Works and Transport Committee for Bakana Urban Council in Degema Local Government area, Mr. Joshua Fubara Davies, has expressed dissatisfaction over the abandonment of the Isaka Bakana Tombia road project.

Mr. Davies who was briefing newsmen on his

committee's achievements in his office, indicated that letters which have been sent to the contracting firm handling the project have not received any attention.

The chairman however expressed delight that the N172.321 Secretariat Complex for the council is nearing completion, adding that his committee would soon commence ferry services in the area.

He appealed to the state government to link Ogorogwala and Bakana with a bridge to improve the economic life of the people.

Mr. Davies then announced that his committee would embark on the construction of new roads, culverts and drainage systems during the next dry season.

In another development, the chairman of the Bakana Urban Council, Mr. O. T. Brade announced that the census of disabled persons in the area has been completed and appealed to the federal and state governments for assistance.

He urged the state government to establish an Old People's Home handicraft centre and a day-care centre to alleviate the problems of the disabled in the area.

Community embarks on UPE project

The Oloko Community in Tai Nocki District Council of the Orlaiki Tai Nocki Local Government area, has embarked on the construction of a U.P.E. model primary school estimated at the cost of N80,000

through communal effort.

This was disclosed by the zonal inspector for education in the district, Chief D. J. K. Kumba, while performing the foundation laying ceremony in the area.

Chief Kumba commended the Oloko community for embarking on such gigantic project and urged them to work hard for the rapid development of the area.

Earlier the community, stated that the sum of N20,000 has been earmarked for the phase 1 of the building.

They appealed to the Rivers State government for aid to enable them complete the project.

STUDY GROUP WANTS OJUKWU PARDONED



21st INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY AT DEGEMA

Thousands of people turned up despite the heavy down pour that nearly marred the nation's 21st independence anniversary celebration in the Degema Local Government area of Rivers State.

The anniversary celebration which was held at the government field Degema, the headquarters of the local government area, took off with the formal playing of the National Anthem and the reading of the Governor's address by the chairman of DELGA, Chief Princew

DEGEMA

who also took the salute. Activities marking the occasion featured march past in slow and quick time by the Nigerian legion, school children, students and youth organisations.

Other activities featured were cultural dances and acrobatic displays. Personalities at the occasion included traditional rulers, legislators, the GLO of DELGA, Mr. B. Iyalla, and the magistrate of Degema court, senior

magistrate E. N. T. Ebete and government functionaries.

The Government Teacher Training College Degema, the Community Secondary School Ido and the Government Girls Secondary School Obu-Ama, came first, second and third, respectively in marching.

The Community Secondary School Ido, Government Girls Secondary School Obu-Ama and the Community Secondary School Krakrama came first, second and third respectively in appearance.

For the primary schools, State School III Degema, State School II Ido and Model Primary School Degema came first, second and third respectively in both marching and appearance.

The Arogu dancing group left above is seen entertaining spectators on the occasion. Photograph below shows a section of dignitaries who watched the ceremony, while Chief Princew, in the opposite photograph, delivers the governor's message.



AN APPEAL has gone out to the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari to complete his independent "act of grace" by granting his executive pardon to Odumegwu Ojukwu and the remaining group of citizens involved in the 1976 abortive coup.

In an open letter to the president, copies of which were distributed to newsmen in Aba, the leader of the Igbo Study Group in Aba, Mr. M. O. B. Ohunta appealed to the president to place Ojukwu on the same footing with his colleague, Yakubu Gowon. The Igbo Study Group believed that the decision on Yakubu Gowon was not designed to score a political point for the purpose of promoting a particular party in a certain area but to promote national

From Theo Ebob

solidarity.

They called for the same treatment to be extended to Emeka Odumegwu Ojukwu, to break, finally, any feelings of estrangement that might still linger in any quarter.

The group also pointed out the Ojukwu did not, single-handedly start the Nigerian civil

Other Nigerians prosecuted it zealously, the group claimed.

According to the Mr Ohunta, Ojukwu has suffered deprivations and indignity of exile in the past eleven years while all others who took part in the same war went free and were now helping to build the nation in various capacities.



*ALHAJI SHAGARI



*O. OJUKWU

NPN women wing kicks against teachers' transfer

The Imo State women's wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) has reacted to the alleged mass transfer of teachers suspected to have NPN sympathy in the state.

In a resolution unanimously adopted at its emergency meeting and released to the press in Owerri, the NPN women's wing condemned the mass transfer of teachers away from their local government areas "with the negative consequences of family separation". It urged the

NPP government of the state to "submerge, for once, its political ambitions in favour of the welfare of families it claims to protect and rule."

The resolution, signed by Mrs. A. I. Dike and Mrs. Celine Nwabubu, chairman and publicity secretary, respectively, reminded Governor Samuel Mbakwe and his government that the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria "guarantees the

citizens of this country freedom to hold and impart any ideas, political or otherwise," and that the Imo State administration must not pretend not to know this.

The women urged the state government to halt the current separation of families "in this most trying period of life in the state in the guise of legitimate transfers," and to erase the idea that all the citizens of Imo State must hold only ideas favourable to the "webbing NPP government" of the state.

Speaking to newsmen later, the publicity secretary, Mrs. Celine Nwabubu, called on Nigerian women to get themselves more deeply involved in the politics of the nation now and make effort to vote themselves into power.

She announced her wing's plan to launch what she called "political awareness crusade" in Imo State in order to ensure victories for the National Party of Nigeria in any future elections in the state.

MANAGER CLEARED OF ASSAULT CHARGE

The manager of Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt, Mr. Francis Mbemere who had been standing trial in a case of wilful and unlawful damage and unlawful assault has been discharged and acquitted on technical grounds.

The prosecution had earlier alleged that the accused, on February 20 this year at No. 7 Item Street, D/Line assaulted Bofu Iyemo by dragging, slapping and pushing her down. It was also alleged that the accused wilfully and unlawfully damaged a lady's handbag valued N40 property of Bofu Iyemo.

It was further alleged that the accused, on the same date at No. 11 Mbomo Street D/Line unlawfully assaulted Bofu Iyemo.

Three witnesses testified for the prosecution, but the complainant did not give evidence. It is a subsidiary counsel for the defence, Mr. G. Graham Douglas contended that accused has earlier been charged in FRC 4442/81 for a similar offence.

He said at a stage, "the particular charge was withdrawn, not amended, and substituted with a fresh charge (FRC 4442/81) in which the prosecution was not called upon to establish case against."

He contended that by the error of omission the court had no means of knowing what assault the prosecution suffered. It was not enough for the few independent witnesses to tell a tale which could best be told by the principal witness, he said.

He noted that the court, not being indisposed by reason cannot presume - so alone act on facts not before it.

In his ruling, the trial judge respectfully stated he was not

Wokekoro charged for stealing

An eighteen-year-old boy, **Obi Wokekoro**, 65 Ogbunabali Street, Diobu, Port Harcourt has appeared before chief magistrate H. F. Wabara for allegedly stealing a 1500 Volkswagen beetle car.

The prosecution said that the accused, on September this year, at 65 Ogbunabali Street, Diobu, stole a Volkswagen beetle car with registration number RV 175 P valued N4,000 property of Benson Obi.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge and bail was granted him in the sum of N1,000 with a surety in the same amount.

In his testimony, Benson Obi, a Port Harcourt based contractor told the court that he was sleeping in his house when at about 2.30 a.m. his landford woke him up and asked him about his car which was no longer where he parked it before he went to bed.

Mr. Obi said he then came out and saw his premises surrounded by several policemen and some curious neighbours.

The car was no longer where he parked it.

Mr. Obi further stated that he went into his room and brought the ignition key to his car and also identified as particular the police recovered from his car before the incident to the Olu Obaigbo police station where he told them police that he did not give his ignition key to the accused, **Obi Wokekoro** who allegedly stole the car.

He also told the court that he was surprised when a key was found in the car which worked his car ignition and also opened the boot.

The hearing continues

Elders, chiefs bound to keep peace

By Soye Itiye

To keep three persons, including chiefs and elders of Ke in the Degema Local Government area of the Rivers State were last Friday discharged and acquitted by a Degema senior magistrate, Mr. E. N. T. Ebeto in the Degema magistrate court.

They were however ordered to keep the peace in Ke town for a period of one year in the sum of N400 each.

They were also to be taken on bail.

The accused persons who had been standing trial were alleged to have, between the months of January and December 1980, at Ke town in Degema, conspired to commit a misdemeanour by accusing persons, including the Amadabo of Ke, Chief Omoni Cooky,

with having the power of witchcraft.

Those involved were **Perseus Imona Binyi**, **Sunday Benbo**, **Ngozo Owutu**, who were sentenced for six months in alternative to pay a fine of N200.

Jonathan Abraham Orge alias **Abankwo Philip Benbo**, **Nwoke David**, **Taylor Ele**, **Offi Alabiyi**, **Kelly Obene**, **Obiodun Okubo**, **Gogo Alaiho**, **George Benbo**, **Iboroma Ebin**, **Johnny Asobari**, **Gilson Douglas**, **Tom Obu Pokubio**, **Higness Orukio**, and **Justina Benbo**.

Others were **Ikeomasoma Offi**, **Kiki Tanah**, **Ilimina Asobari**, **Kiota Benbo**, **Benbo Alexander** and **Okarima Alexander**.

In his judgment, magistrate Ebeto stated that the prosecution had not made its case beyond reasonable doubt. But he found the third accused, guilty for accepting to have called the first prosecution witness, **Chief Cooky** a wizard during cross examination by prosecuting sergeant **Basil Nwosu**.

DRIVER NOW IN FOR SIX MONTHS

A professional driver, **Fred Okechukwu** has been sentenced to a fine of N100 or in the alternative to go to prison for six months.

This was the sentence of Chief Magistrate, **Mrs Elizabeth K. Membre** after finding the accused guilty.

The prosecution alleged that the accused on February 25, this year at

about 8.30 hours along **Garrison/Trans Amadi road**, Port Harcourt being the driver in charge of commercial vehicle of registration number **RV 6412 PB** failed to obey a hand signal of police constable **Lekion Nworde**.

The prosecution also alleged that the accused drove the said vehicle without a driving licence, without a vehicle licence, without certificate of insurance and road worthiness.

The prosecution also stated that the accused failed to wear driver's badge.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charges.

In the same court **Blessing Horsfall**, 121 was cautioned and discharged.

The prosecution said that the accused, on August 11, this year, opposite No. 3, **Greer road**, Port Harcourt abandoned **Iminabo Dimabo Briggs**, a male child under the age of seven months in the bush.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge.



Communities donate N10 000

COMMUNITIES in **Ken Khana/Babbe** district of the **Bori Local Government** area have made a donation of **N10,000.00** and a piece of land to enable the council build a sub-treasury at **Baen**.

This was disclosed by the chairman of the **Co-ordination Committee** for the District, **Mr. Dinkpa Nee** in his office when some traditional rulers paid him a visit.

He expressed gratitude towards the gesture as this would quicken payments of staff salaries in the area.

THALES LODGE AMORC DONATE BLOOD

AS part of their contribution towards easing the sufferings of mankind in our hospitals due to shortage of blood for transfusion, the voluntary **Blood Donor Club Thales Lodge** of the **AMORC** organisation in Port Harcourt recently went to the State Blood Bank to donate blood.

In his address, a director in the **Blood Bank Directorate**, **Mr. I. A. Choko** thanked the donors for their humanitarian gesture.

He expressed the hope that other organisations

will copy their good example in easing the problem of blood shortage in the state hospitals and clinics.

Commenting, a chancellor of the lodge said that in two years, the price of blood has risen from **N35** per pint to **N60.00** this he described as the "exploitation of the sick" and pledged that it has to be stopped in the community through voluntary donation of blood.

"If the commercial donors can donate again and again, my organisation

do not see any reason why healthy young adults and older people even, cannot come forward to donate for at least twice a year voluntarily," he argued.

The lodge chancellor

Also on the occasion, the **Chief Blood Donor Organiser**, **Mrs Matilda Bob-Manuel** advised the public to discard all rumours about blood transfusion and willingly donate.

maintained that before ever blood is taken from a prospective donor, the person is tested to ascertain whether he/she has enough quantity if it is found that there is enough, we then take a unit but where the person has not got enough we do not take.

"We even give the person tablets to help get more blood" she explained.

Photograph above show two donors at the blood bank laboratory.

By Dinkpa Alikot

maintained that sickness is not respecter of persons, hence people should see blood donation as saving for emergency hence his organisation was contributing its

She identified some of the blood banks problem to be selfishness on the part of some members of the public who contend that they have not got enough to give out. Mrs. Bob-Manuel

DEDICATED TO LESLIE SPIFF

This is dedicated to Mr Patrick Tunimolola Leslie Spiff. Dedicated to Leslie because he had been part and parcel of Tide-Reviews from its early days. Together we dominated the column under the supervision of Mr Kwaku Jofia "PLAIN TALK" some four years ago. And in recent times (at least before the fateful day of September 20 in London) had remained a very close associate to Tide Reviews, mentally and physically.

Infant "Leslie" (as this disappointed scribe used to call him) was not only a friend at College, and a colleague on the Tide but, also a "friend of the Tide". Some Positive Writer he was.

Leslie to close associates and those interested in the pen and paper fraternity was noted for his repository, and the most reputed of his works in recent times was his authentic effort to make sense out of a nonsense situation.

The "nonsense" situation in question here was the abandoned property palava. To my mind, it was a nonsense crying of wolf where there was none. And Leslie's repartee to that situation was a reminder (with regards) to "Uncle Sam let sleeping dogs lie".

"Is this" you might ask, "a political forum" and expect a No for an answer. But a quick reminder here says, the marriage between Art and Politics is a marriage which history has not been able to divorce.

However, this is dedicated to Leslie and all that has been done here is just a reference to his work.

About his death, hackneyed versions of the story said "he was knocked down by a white taxi" others say, "it was a foggy morning in London so he crashed".

That was precisely two weeks after he'd told me "Samba, I'm off to New York. I'll be in touch".

Which ever version of the story that is correct, God grant him peace eternal.

About his skill in creative writing, I have no better word to describe him than his own work. "THE LEGACY OF JIMI HENDRIX" which reads "The only man who could play the guitar to the tune of the wind. The man who played the guitar like no one else

has ever played it, chewing it, rubbing it, plucking it and letting it sing in its own, super special way. The man who carried himself the name of wild man of Pop.

That was James Marshall Hendrix known to many of his admirers as Jimi Hendrix. Born in Seattle Washington on Nov. 27 1942 to a Cherokee Indian mother and a black gardener - James Allen Hendrix.

At the age of ten Jimi's "groovy" mother died leaving him to his self employed, very rigorous father.

Jimi was really never let into school and once said that "After I learned" how to read and write I figured there wasn't much more they could tell me, because I was more interested in the next world than this one because I didn't like very much the way this one is".

So at the age of fifteen Jimi was sent packing from school for holding the hands of a white chick. What an offence! And as Jimi later put it, "The very teacher was simply jealous".

And so from then Jimi devoted more of his time to his first love which was the guitar. The fact that he was left handed gave him a flair - a sort of stylishness. And as he learned to play in his own special way the still told guitar became eventually his medium of communication.

The legacy of Jimi Hendrix remains a mystery.

For even in the sixties he was playing real hard rock music; that was ahead of his time. His gypsy way of dressing came into vogue years after his death.

Today, years after his death, his records still sell like hot cake and his powers decorate every discotheque be it in the Caribbean, Europe, America or Africa.

Just last year an album of his appeared in the US

charts which really moved the music industry. It was titled "Crash Landing" and it re-established the fate of Jimi Hendrix as one of the most energetic and important influences in the music of the past decade, the pop star who revolutionised pop music in the way that has never been equalled.

Between 1964 and 1965 after he had been discharged from the air born division for serious injuries he suffered while paratrooping, he toured extensively with a variety



Mr. Leslie Spiff... God grant him peace eternal of acts.

By the time he joined King Curtis in 1965 he had worked with notable names like Ike and Tina Turner, Little Richard,

Joey Dee, Jackie Wilson, James Brown, Wilson Pickett, B.B. King, the Jolly Brothers and Curtis Knight and the Squires.

In 1965 however, he formed his own band and named it the Flames and by 1966 they had started hitting the time light. The group however had a short spell and by late 1966 two young men Mitch Mitchell and Noel Redding for drums and bass respectively teamed up with Jimi Hendrix to form the Jimi Hendrix experience.

It was the first music trio with an Afro pop music that really shook the wide world with such instant hits like "Hey Joe" and Purple Haze.

By 1968 however, the legendary Jimi who predicted his death three years before time, had started showing signs of wanting to record with a new set of musicians. So at the Fillmore East concert in New York, Jimi performed with Buddy Miles on drums and Billy Cox on bass. They went by the name the Band of the Gypsies. A live recording of this concert is available on Polydor label. The band of the Gypsies did not however undertake a tour together.

On September 18, 1970 this super confused musician who preferred listening to bluesy records but played wild rock was found slumped dead in his girl friend's apartment. Leslie.

Some powerful writer he was. In his London Lewisham pad he had once told me, "Rasta Kham fight no war" at another time writing about entertainers and rock adherents he wrote "We have refused to accept the fact that you don't just stand aloof and expect to see changes. We still nurse dreams of living in the age of miracles when manna fell from heaven. We failed to grasp the fact that in this super-some age you have to face the stark realities and live with the bitter truth." Some philosopher that was.

And with this quote from Leslie, I dedicate this product of my brain-child to him.

With a sound of music celebrating.
This state of grace yesterday.
Writing and smiling the other day.

So I've down below mother earth to day.

This life,
A blunder bush
Peace Eternal, God grant you
Adieu Leslie Stan.



Montage:



UNCLE SAM'S

At the end of the R
will I find you

or
Will you be there
at the end of the st
still true

At the end
of the arde
will you be waiting to

if
I find you thereafter
behind the dark clouds

Culture scope

Legends still linger

in the old town of Bodo. The fact that all dead Amanyanabo of Chiefs passed through Bodo town to the Bodo Nondo.

There are still permeating traditions that Chiefs Wakama and Daniel Kallo passed through this gate way to the Great Beyond with their trains of servants and stewards carrying drinks, manillas, and properties in Charms, in their might and majesty.

And so up till date, some parents hold some caution for their children who may later during the mid-day hours, for then, they believed the dead passed through the town to the spirit kingdom (Bodo Nondo) at such hours of the day. And in true fashion,

BURIAL OF CHIEFS IN OK

they have tamed their minds to be hospitable to any strange face that might meet them unawares.

Often the death of an Amanyanabo was believed to be announced by a weird bird "Obiegama" in Bodo before the relations actually hand out the actual obituary. This sacred bird sang often near the mid night.

Obiegama fisan, Amanyanabo fisan Iyereti. The Announcement: It was usually the son or relation that succeeded to fetch the "head" for the departed father that often became heir or took the youngest slave wife to wife as his price for doing so well. On his arrival from this hunt, the hopes for a befitting burial became apparent. Usually "the head" was immediately placed before the corpse and

rites begin in earnest. The Ikere drums were assembled, and the first round of sounding the death knell began late in the mid-night when all humans had taken their rest. It will be abrupt and stopped.

This will inevitably call out all the veterans and the chiefs who may pick the message from the talking drums that A MIGHTY MAN had left.

The drums often beat, "YE SISAM" — There is rain GBOBO/BORO/BO SO SAM — The mighty is gone. It then called his drum names — his war characteristics or valour. The drumming will not be continuous, but intermittently. The veterans, on arrival, bemoaned the calamity in deep sighs and retire backwards. That is, they enter facewards but move out backwards.

Each returned to his shrine, daubs his left eye in white chalk (Toru) wore an eagle feather stucked-war-cap, and carried a staff, with which they returned to the Amanyanabo's palace to keep the first vigil.

Usually, if the son or the heir fetched "the Mgbem" it was eaten that early morning hours before the final cock-crows. They drank gleaming the last shots on the threshold before the deceased. At the mgbem were live, it was slaughtered and the blood spill on the dead.

Only the most senior chiefs or veterans, perhaps with the highest number of wars or captures entered into the jamb. The tombs often admitted one or two per-

by Chief A. Ibu



With love from Germany



In a major police operation throughout West Germany earlier this year, right-wing extremist literature was seized. The French and German titled books in the above photograph proclaim "the lie about Auschwitz" and "there were no gas chambers". A doff Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" ("My struggle") appears on the right.

still on my side, for better and for worse

Then

Will I be sure
you will be there
at the end of the Rivers

A. Inko-Dokuba

"removed" before burial.

On the seventh day, the Nkere drum was placed at the door post of the deceased. As it was beaten, each member dressed in Ninko, with cap with the eagle feather, came out to dance removing the last medicine or charm from the deceased. It was believed that before he became a chief or an Amanyanabo, he must order for the 'Opu Sekeni'.

Within these six days, have armed himself with all sorts of charms for defence in war and against witchcraft. Wrestlers too arm themselves with such charms and medicines to be effective and powerful.

It was after these seven-day rites that the corpse would be allowed to be seen or other funeral rites performed. A live white cock, with

an Edelebo (sweet sam) tucked with an eagle feather would be pinned at the entrance.

Perhaps, the tradition of laying the body of an Amanyanabo on the bare floor took its rise from the very fact that the corpse must have reached an advanced stage of decay, and so the only convenient posture was to lay it on the ground and each coat (human) blood was spilled on it. The corpse was then abandoned in the tomb, the entrance securely closed.

In the olden days when a chief died, the body was washed, prepared and first decorated with palm wood (Awu) and kept for days. But if he had been "a veteran" on a brave man, the "Odo" power was strewn over the hair, and lines made on the hand, and with a live cock tied on the right hand.

(To be continued)

Preservation of arts and crafts (2)

Here, is the concluding part of Shedue Okpara's preservation of Arts and Crafts. Please read on.

In another development, the Abu Textile Mill Limited is to be expanded to enable it have a printing and dyeing department, in addition to spinning and weaving of grey cloth.

There is a little spinning and weaving business in Kerya which uses nothing but vegetable dyes on its products like, floor mats, table mats, etc. It gets the dyes from forest plants gathered by an old Keryan, Gathaga Gathaga.

Gathaga's knowledge of the plants that yield the dyes is known nowadays to very few Keryans indeed. It is believed that he learned all about them from his parents and grandparents, who used the dyes for colouring baskets and for the handles of knives and spears.

Wood carving is another form of artistic expression introduced by the forest people of Nigeria. In many parts of Nigeria, wood carvers have been flourishing since time immemorial, making figures for shrines, for portraiture, for masks, for representation of the spirits of fields, forest, streams, earth, sea, sky, water, fire and thunder.

The traditions of these old carvers remain in many villages where their successors provide the community with its shrines and ornaments to this day. Many carved works can be seen in the National and other subordinate museums and galleries. Most carved

works are made from hardwoods which are not easily deteriorated.

Such crafts as can, raffia and grass-weaving, baskets, fish traps, traditional farming equipment, traditional canoe and other indigenous traditional arts and crafts of the country are practised mainly in localities, where the necessary raw materials are available.

For example, a large part of the Northern area of the country is covered by Savannah grassland and the availability of different kinds of grass and palm leaves have therefore, resulted in the crafts of grassweaving. Variety of handicrafts are produced from beautifully plaited mats, boxes, hats, and rain coats to bags, table mats and trays.

In Nigeria, the practising of craftsmanship was seen as a part-time occupation, particularly during the dry season to supplement earnings, but recent developments in the country have proved that several of people take weaving for a living now, though their products are regarded as mainly decorative.

Cane and raffia are employed in producing a number of handicrafts mostly in the Cross River State of the country, where both raw materials are found in abundant quantities. Craft is so widely practised in this part of the country that every Ibibio village has its own pool of cane and raffia craftsmen.

Observation has pro-

ved that the love of Nigerians for home-made products has kept the cane and raffia industries going and new demands are being made by innovative craftsmen among the cane workers.

Dyeing and hair plaiting are old branches of arts and crafts popularly formed in the Yoruba land. There are two main types of dyeing known as 'Eleso' and 'Adire Eleko'. The former involves various styles of adornment, galleys and stitching on the cloth before immersion in the dye vat, of which the latter is a method in the form of batik.

Hair plaiting as derived from craftsmanship is highly practised by Nigerian women all over the country. Although hair plaiting looks simple it is delicate because the plaiter must be as firm as she is gentle when braiding or by using the black thread to tie strands of hair patterns and designs required on their heads. There are numerous patterns and styles available in hair plaiting.

Hair plaiting as a craft will never die in Nigeria, considering the fact that most Nigerian women, like their counterparts all over the world consider their hair as their growing glory.

In the bid to preserve our arts and crafts, craftsmen and artists form themselves into craft and art co-operative societies or companies and seek for aid from the state and Federal Governments. They also market their products. While some of the artists and craftsmen



still work in their homes and send their products to the society's show-rooms, where buyers can inspect and place orders, a good number now work in groups in common workshops.

In many parts of the world today, samples of the art and craft of Nigeria adorn museums, galleries and private homes. In Europe and America in particular, there are thousands of these pieces and many of them are carried away by collectors and critical administrators. Nowadays more and more orders are being placed from overseas for these crafts.

It is believed that the federal and state Governments should continue to show keen interest in the development of the arts and crafts industries in the country, as a source of employment and a means of developing aptitude, and give every possible assistance to the industries.

Governments should encourage the formation of co-operative societies and provide money and materials for the erection of buildings for the display of art objects.

It is also requested that government co-operative officers should be visiting the societies regularly to advise on the best ways of increasing production and help to arrange exhibition both in Nigeria and abroad. THE END

Dr Alex at the Arts Council

Dr John A. Alexander from the Department of Archaeology, University of Birmingham, has had the Bronze Object found by the Rivers Niger Council for Arts and Culture had been one of the most interesting objects he had seen.

Dr Alexander was commenting on the bronze object discovered by the Arts Council at Ogha recently, when he visited the Council last weekend.

He said that it was a reflection of the projects of the organisation and an interesting archaeological remain of the Rivers people. Dr Alexander expressed his pleasure during the visit to the Council at seeing other interesting works of art.

In his reply, the Director of the Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture, Mr. Preye Okon, thanked Dr Alexander for finding time to visit the Council and also for the things he had said about the Council.



Photo shows from left to right: Dr Nwanne Nzewunwa, Dr John Alexander, Prof. E. J. Alagoo and Mr. Preye Okon, Director of the Arts Council inspecting the bronze find at Ogha.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and of the University of Port Harcourt, Dr Nwanne Nzewunwa, both court.

THE SUPREME COURT REVENUE ALLOCATION JUDGMENT

LAST week's Supreme Court judgment on the 1981 Revenue Allocation Act was by all indications, a major victory for Democracy in the second Republic.

This victory is so significant that it will be necessary to look at its impact on Constitutional and social development in Nigeria.

First, it is the clearest abolition of the Federal Government from interference in the judiciary since the return to civil rule.

Since its decision upholding the presidency of Alhaji Shehu Shagari in the 1979 General Elections, the Nigerian legal system, especially the Supreme Court has been subjected to a series of damaging insinuations, especially from the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN).

That's why it is by no means insignificant that

such a major suit against the federal government, by, of all people, a UPN governor was upheld by the same supreme court.

While not many people are particularly impressed by the sudden about turn of the UPN regarding its conduct of the supreme court, the nation was particularly gratified that we have men in the supreme court who do not employ

Against the allegations of brazen muzzling of judicial procedure by politicians in power, the average Nigerian now cherishes with renewed hope his faith in the judiciary as the final arbiter of the nation's constitution.

That doubts about the integrity of the judiciary have been dispelled and Nigerians are now convinced that we are

ment indicate that many people now know that the judiciary is performing its functions creditably within the checks and balances of the presidential system of administration.

That's why I think the biggest victory should be claimed by the president not, the UPN or the Bendel State governor. I wonder if the UPN would still be ready to

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FAIR

WITH BOMA EREKOSIMA



VICTORY FOR THE PRESIDENCY

vestments as an instrument of legal policy.

Now many Nigerians have a clearer appreciation of the complex role of the judiciary in the affairs of this nation.

establishing a democratic system which will stand the test of time.

Opinion from members of the public since the historic judgment

accept the head of Mr Justice Atande Fatai Williams which it has been clamouring for since the advent of the second republic.

Another major victory of the judgment is that it has punctured the hot air balloon of legal immunity claimed by some legislators in the country.

Since the operation of this system, the public

has been reminded in many subtle ways that our legislatures both State and Federal have the final say in the law making process.

Some legislators have even gone as far as telling Nigerians to their face that their laws cannot be challenged in any court of law.

With this judgment, we hope these overzealous lawmakers are now sober enough to understand the need for

restraint and thorough examination of national issues.

The Olympian stance to such functions, we hope, will now give way to a more objective down-to-earth approach

to law making.

Unfortunately, it seems some governments have not learnt the lessons of the historic judgment.

According to reports, the governor of Ogun State, Mr Bisi Onabanjo is now advocating a return to the obnoxious Abayide revenue allocation formula.

The judgment of the Supreme Court was not against the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Act of 1981, but against the manner in which it was handled.

It's high time some of our leaders began to understand that a return to the chaos of yesterday is not the best answer to the problems of tomorrow.



This Nigeria!! Is this not the same UPN that abused the same supreme court over its presidential judgment after the 1979 elections?

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Enter Rip Van Winkle

GREETINGS!

Call me Rip Van Winkle, you may be quite right.

Thank God and all the deities that be, for sparing me to serve again with the PEN that weapon that is still mightier than the sword, maybe, the atomic, napalm or the death-

excluding BOMBS civilized people spend so much money on, when all around is poverty and hunger!

Do you know that well-meaning people yesterday, dreaded the pen; today, dread the pen and tomorrow would still dread the

pen? Do you know that many people give advice, warnings, predictions, entertainments, good ideas with the pen?

Do you know that a good deal give troubles to both themselves and to others with the pen?

EXPLANATIONS

What is the pen?

There is not much difference between the pen and the tongue — the good and bad servant — dependent on how used.

Just as the tongue needs a bridle sometimes, so also does the pen need some bridle or restraint.

Just as the tongue could cause tears and sorrows and could also soothe pains, so also could the pen cause tears and sorrows and solace.

Rip Van Winkle is a fictional ne'er-do-well in the Catskill mountains of New York State in colonial days who slept for 20 years, as portrayed in a story of THE SKETCH BOOK (1820) by

Washington Irving (1859 Am writer), someone not alert to current conditions (some Rip Van Winkles in an obscure corner, who has read nothing for four years — Manchester Guardian Weekly).

This is the description of Rip Van Winkle as recorded in the Webster's third new International Dictionary (unabridged) at page 1960.

CONCLUSION

With the above explanations about the Pen and Rip Van Winkle — a living modern one for that matter — you know what to expect from this column, yesterday, today and tomorrow!

There will be sermons; there will be stories; there will be letters; there will be advice; there will be reminders; there will be predictions; there will be questions; there will be answers and many other items. But, with a big B: there will Never Be, Repeat, Never Be Foul Language!

Every Saturday, you could have this column to tone you up for the week.

GREETINGS! Bye for now, HISTORIAN!

Lawmakers to enjoy full benefits in CRS



COL AYAH
Rivers State Commissioner for Local Government

MEMBERS of the Cross River State House of Assembly are soon to be provided with legislative aides and other facilities enjoyed by other legislators in the country, and this have been provided for in the 1982 draft estimates.

The Speaker of the

Assembly, Hon Christopher Udomesiet made known these facts at the opening ceremony of its third session on Monday.

Otu-Ekong Udomesiet therefore urged members not to lose sight of their accountability to their constituencies, reminding them that "to whom much is given much is always expected."

He appealed to the law-makers to resume the race with the same enthusiasm they had exhibited and to take prompt actions on matters referred to the various committees, notwithstanding the handicap posed by the absence of legal draftsmen.

Chief Udomesiet also appealed to the members to re-consider and accept to abide by the practices and ethics of the Presidential system of government by holding committee meetings in the morning to enable them protect the interest of their constituencies during deliberations at Assembly in the afternoon.

He disclosed that Select Committee would meet soon to make proposals to the Assembly on the appointment of chairman and members of the various committees.

Membership of these committees, he added,

would be strictly on merit, taking into consideration each member's total contributions, commitments, interest and attendance in the previous committee assignments.

He explained that if need be, steps would be taken to review the present conditions governing the payment of committee allowance if there was no noticeable change of heart towards



***CHIEF C. UDOMESIET**

chronic absenteeism by members.

Referring to the executive and the judicial branches of the government, he expressed the hope that the existing spirit of co-operation and mutual respect would continue.

STUDENTS CONDEMN RICE SALE

The Emago Students Union in the Emago/Aurito urban council area in the Ahoada Local Government area of the Rivers State has described as naked deprivation, oppression and exploitation the sale of over 75 per cent of the Presidential Task Force rice allocated to their community.

In a statement issued in Port Harcourt, and signed by Mr. Simon O. Arlus and Mr. Joshua O. Enene, chairman and secretary respectively of the union, the students lamented that out of 670 bags of rice allocated to the Emago community, over 500 bags were sold out to outsiders while only 138 bags were brought forward for sale to the community.

The students noted that the poor publicity over the sale of rice in the area notwithstanding the quantity brought out for sale to the rural populace were bought and paid for in less than 14 hours and appealed to the state government to call to order all those who denied the community of their quota of rice.

Petition writers in Amassoma warned

The Ibenawari of Ogbom Clan Chief J. A. Ere has warned against frivolous petitions in the Amassoma/Amatolo urban council area.

Speaking as guest of honour during the launching ceremony of two speed boats bought by the Amassoma/Amatolo urban council for transport purposes, the traditional ruler pointed out that tribal sentiments nursed for one another will be anemical to the rapid development of the area.

Reiterating the decentralization policy of the Chief Okilo's administration, Chief Ere said constructive criticisms would be most welcomed, but that frivolous petitions wrote on sentiments will not do us good.

He therefore urged aggrieved persons in the area to obtain redress before flooding the Gov-

ernor's Office and the state Assembly with trumped reports.

Chief J. A. Ere stated that no council could conveniently exist without generating revenue and called on the taxable adults to always pay their taxes, rates and other forms of fees to enable the council achieve desired objectives.

In his response, the chairman of the Amassoma/Amatolo urban council, Mr. Firstman Zibs thanked invited guests for taking pains to attend the occasion.

He said his council was aware that transportation was a major problem facing the scattered communities in the riverine areas of the state, hence the council had made the provision of transport boats a top priority in order to reduce transport difficulty.

Taxi driver charged for car theft

A taxi driver from Kabagha village in Khana, Bori Local Government area, Baki

Nwanke, 28, has appeared before a Port Harcourt chief magistrate's court on a charge of stealing a motor car.

Baki Nwanke was alleged by the prosecution to have on August 5, 1981 at No. 32 St Andrew Street, Rumuokan

Obio, stolen one 404 Peugeot car with registration number RA 7173, valued N3,458 belonging to the employer, Mr. Sunday Umoh.

The accused denied the charge and was granted bail in the sum of N1,000 with one surety in the same amount.

The court further ordered that the surety should swear to an affidavit of means to be approved by the court.

Hearing in the case is fixed for October 28, 1981.

ELELE NPN ELECTS OFFICERS

The Youth wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) Elele district chapter in Ikwerre/Etche Local Government area has elected its officers to run the affairs of the party in the district.

Those elected include M. T. O. Nwanke as youth leader, chairman, Mr. Benweh I. Amadi, Vice Chairman, Mr. A. E. Ogbu, Secretary and Mr. Ihuat, Assistant Secretary. Others are Mr. Friday Ukei, Treasurer; Mr. Boniface E. Wosa, Financial Secretary; Mr.

Alexander W. Okesh as publicity secretary goes to Mr. Israel C. Igwe.

In his post election speech, the district chairman Mr. T. O. Nwanke thanked the youths for the confidence reposed in him and promised to live up to expectation.

Furthermore, he appealed for co-operation and pointed out that the task before the youths in Elele district was to enlighten the masses on the programmes of the government of National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in the state which aimed at developing the rural community.

Finally, he promised to work within the confines of the NPN party constitution.

Manager bags AMIBR certificate

Mr. Odoe Gboel, Public Relations Manager, Hoxicon, was one of those who received the Associate Membership (AMIBR) of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations at the launching of the NIRC Constitution at the Olympia Hotel, Port Harcourt.

Photo shows Chief Bob Ogbuagu, NIPR chairman, presenting the AMIBR certificate to Mr. Gboel.

Nigeria to conserve #1 million

Nigeria is expected to conserve one million naira of foreign exchange when food production begins at the Federal Institute of Industrial Research, Owerri, for the manufacture of industrial yeast from sugar-cane waste.

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According to the publication in Nigerian Tide of 26/9/81, page 12, contained **INDIA OGBO**, **AGE GRADE**, **OGBO**, **EGREMA ALGA**, **we the INDIA OGBO AGE GRADE OF IGIBURU** in **OGBOALAND** made up of 12 villages do hereby refute the said publication and should be regarded by the general public especially the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Lagos as null and void.

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Members of the public are hereby informed that the Rumunchenanwu family has customary right occupancy over all that piece or parcel of land situate or lying opposite the Zoo along the East/West Road measuring about two hectares in size.

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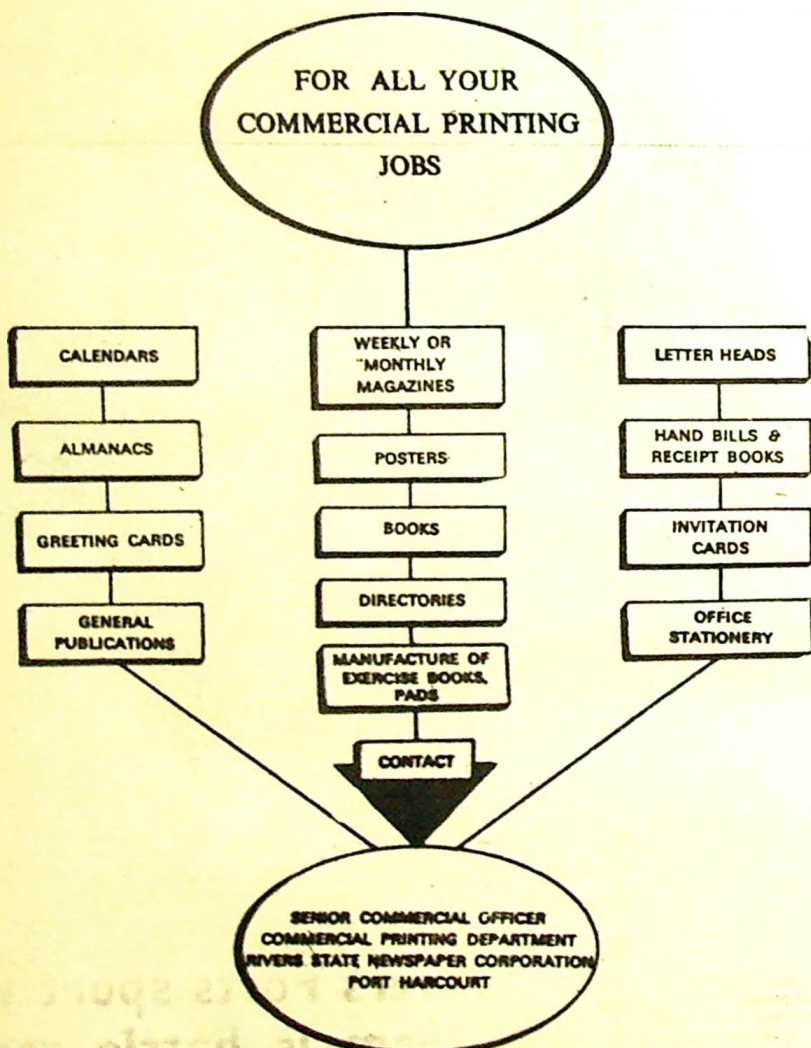
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Okwechime says the team is battle ready

FROM PETER DUBA

THE Green Eagles are fully prepared for their first leg World Cup Qualifying match against the Algerian national side today.

The chairman of the Nigerian Football Association, Col Mike Okwechime made this known during the week.

The NFA boss was briefing the Acting Administrator for Social Development, Youths, Sports and Culture, Wharri Bello Maitama Yusuf, during a visit to the Eagles Trade Fair Complex Camp for pre-match talk.

Col Okwechime also disclosed that contrary to the wide spread assumption, the team's recent playing tour of some African and Euro-

pean countries was undertaken at an cost whatever to enter the national Sports Commission in NFA.

Alhaji Maitama Yusuf, in his speech, relapsed the national side, "the flying Green Eagles" whose flight to

Spain is pre destined.

He enjoined the team to go all out for complete victory today as sports had become a powerful weapon of international politics.

The Acting minister also reminded them that they would be projecting the nation's image of Black Africa's most populous country by ensuring that they qualified to play, come Spain.

Christ an "Chairman" Chuku, the recalled former skipper of the team, assured the minister and the nation of Eagles preparedness for today's encounter.

He said that the Algerians are "customers" and that they are not afraid of them.



SEGUN ODEGBAMI

Today is Eagles' day of destiny

by Abu Long-Joha

YES. Today is October 10, 1981. The D-Day.

The day all Nigerians have been eagerly waiting for to come. It has come at last. This Saturday. This day of destiny for the national football team — the Green Eagles.

Day of Destiny? Yes. For today will determine what the Eagles will be tomorrow and beyond. Today has a lot in stock for Nigeria in Africa's footballing.

After today Nigeria will be able to confirm her class as Africa's soccer lord. The second leg encounter in Algeria not withstanding. How?

Today Nigeria is taking on Algeria in the first leg crucial encounter of the World Cup elimination (African zone) match at the main bowl of the National Stadium in Lagos for that matter.

It is a big test of all the odds you can think of and for the Green Eagles who will be donning the nation's colourful jersey, this afternoon, today is the climax of about six months intensive training.

Battle-ready, the team is and must tell the Algerians that to toy

with this country Nigeria, the African giant is to play with fire.

For sure the Algerians know this, remember Africa Cup of Nations, Cup final in Lagos last year. They had a taste of what it takes to play against this great country.

ALL is now set for the 1981 NFA Local Ports Authority Sports Association (PASA) week which begins on Monday October 12, 1981.

Series of activities will feature during the week. They include football matches for the Port Manager's Cup, Boxing, Lawn and Table Tennis.

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Harp Lager golf attracts top seeds

by Johnson Royonda

THIS year's Harp Lager Pro AM Golf championship due to be held at the Benin Golf course on October 17 and 18 is said to have attracted large entries from all over the federation.

A statement from the sponsors, Guinness (Nigeria) Limited in Benin said that all the leading Nigerian professionals had entered for the competition while entries from amateur golfers had been received

from Ikoru, Port Harcourt, Ikeria, Benin, Enugu and Ibadan.

According to the statement, the winner of the professional championship would receive a cash

prize of N1,000 plus the Harp Lager Trophy. The total cash prize to be won is put at N5,000 and

this in addition to numerous prizes like the Harp map and golf equipment.

Among the star professionals who have already entered for the championship are the reigning champion Mr. Tunde Oluwalade.

Other seasoned professionals golfers expected to take part in the competition are Mr. Patrick Okpoma of Port Harcourt.

Also taking part are Mr. James Oduyemi and Juma Kuti who was runner-up, Nigeria Close 1971 and Mr. P. Akinkunle of Ikoru, Lagos.

The Harp Lager Pro AM Golf championship starts seven days ago.

Bendel Insurance to be probed

THE Bendel Football Association has decided to probe the Bendel Insurance Football Club of Benin for losing the Challenge Cup final this year.

Announcing the decision at a Press Conference in Benin, the chairman of the Bendel Football Association, Major J. E. Oduyemi said that as the performance and discipline of the club has declined, there was the need to bring the club and make its standards as all its competitors.

According to the chairman, the club's standard will include the management of the club and its financial state of the club of the World Bank, which is a condition for the club to be a member of the club and to be a member of the club.

The club is to appoint a board of directors to manage the club and to be responsible for the poor performance and other alleged acts of indiscipline and to recommend steps that will enhance the administration of the club and the general development of sports in the state.

The panel is made up of the State Vice Chairman of the Bendel Football Association, Prince Eyo Akpan, as Chairman, Mr. R. E. M. Oduyemi, Engineer Dr. Adu, Mr. Tunde Oluwalade and Dr. Eyo Adu.

Wolkswagen coy insures them all

MEMBERS of the Green Eagles playing in the World Cup elimination match against Algeria have been insured for forty thousand naira (40,000) each by the Volkswagen (Nig) Limited.

A statement issued in Lagos by the company said that twenty thousand naira (N20,000) would be paid for accidental death occurring within three months from today when the first leg of the match is being played.

The remaining twenty thousand naira (N20,000) would be paid on accident during the period.

Payment of benefits under the insurance cover is however, retreated to circumstances occurring as a result of "violent, accidental, external and visible means" while on the football pitch.

The circumstances include riot, strike and all commotion that may arise during these matches.

A spokesman for the company, Mr. Doctor Ofori, said that gesture was to encourage the Green Eagles to qualify for the final of the World Cup in Spain next year.

He said the company would like to join other Nigerians in offering a support to the team men only to meet Algeria but since no other ports in Nigeria to



CHRISTIAN CHUKWU

Rivers Ports sport week team is battle ready

Basketball, Swimming and Badminton competitions. Activities during the week will be rounded off in Port Harcourt with the Miss NFA Rivers Ports Contest scheduled to take place on Saturday night October 17, 1981 at the NFA Anchorage.

PASA week is an annual event celebrated at all the major ports in the country. On November 15, 1981 participants from the various ports will converge in Lagos Headquarters to vie for honours at an All Ports Games taking place there to mark the end of this year's sporting events. The overall Beauty Queen will also be selected in Lagos out of the successful ones from the respective ports.

An association contest has presented a Volkswagen car for the prospective winner of the Miss NFA Rivers Ports Contest.

NIGERIAN TIDE

Saturday, October 10, 1981

Company submits profit to govt

THE Metallomatic Nigeria Limited, Port Harcourt has presented a cheque for N190,371 to the Rivers State Government.

It is part of the profit made by the company during the 1980 business year.

The cheque was presented to the chairman of the Board of Directors of the company, Mr B.A. Ndumu.

Receiving the cheque on behalf of the government, the State Commissioner for Finance, Chief Charles Amobi, extended the state government's appreciation to the company.

In the picture, Chief Amobi (left) receives the cheque from the chairman while the company's acting deputy chairman of the technical partners looks on. Photograph by Clement Iumba.



ANAMBRA CREATES NEW LOCAL GOVT UNITS

THE Anambra State Government has created 31 new local government authorities in the state.

This is in addition to the existing 23 local government areas, thus bringing the number to 54.

Announcing this at a press conference at Government House, the state governor, Chief Jim Nwobodo said the bill for the new local governments would be sent to the state House of Assembly for confirmation.

It was the Assembly, he said, that has the constitutional powers to create new local governments in any state.

Chief Nwobodo also announced the inauguration of a 60-member state council of chiefs with Igwe Osita of Enugu-Ukwu as president.

The governor stated that every new local government in the state has a chief in the state council of chiefs.

He named Chief Emeka Nnaji of Amagunze Awkuanaw, Enugu as the only chief who would traditionally accompany him to the National Council of States in Lagos in place of the Obi of Onitsha, Ofala Okagbue.

Chief Nwobodo stated that before the creation of the new local governments and the appointments of the members of the council of chiefs, there were consultations with the chiefs and

leaders of thought in the various communities, members of the national and state assemblies, top party functionaries, commissioners and interested groups.

He stated that there was an honest exchange of views and opinions and the spirit of "give and take".

Chief Nwobodo advised those who had not got what they wanted in the new local government set-up to accept what have been done in good spirit.



CHIEF JIM NWOBODO

Rivers Govt makes fast progress

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The Rivers State is not lagging behind any of the states of the federation in the area of development.

The state under the administration of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN), as a matter of fact, has remarkably recorded enormous successes than most of the other states.

These assertions were made in Port Harcourt by the state treasurer of the NPN, Chief O.N. Nnamdi who is also the Apiti of Rumuogba in Port Harcourt local government area.

Chief Nnamdi was reacting to claims by those who described as "disgruntled elements" that the state govern-

ment has not achieved anything since its inception two years ago.

He argued that despite the financial constraints of all the governments in the country, the state's administration under Chief Melford Okilo was pursuing with vigour its last seven programmes for the massive benefit of all the people of the state irrespective of political affiliation.

The treasurer pointed out that the government has extended health care delivery to the rural population while electricity and water which he said, were the exclusive preserve of city



CHIEF O.N. NNAMDI.

SAYS NPN

STATE TREASURER

Workers are today being employed by all and sundry with ease.

On transportation, Chief Nnamdi contended that all the roads neglected by previous administrations were being reactivated, and that canals were being built and modernised to facilitate movement in the riverine areas of the state.

He also faulted on the perennial problems of erosion in the state and directed those pointing accusing fingers at the state government to take a trip to Woji town, Okrika and Buguma and see the extent of reclamation that had been done and secured. He said the government from the western regional government to military administration in the country had ever thought of helping the Rivers people.



CHIEF S.A. OPUOSUNU

MP complains of sabotage

Continued from page 1
also been a man.

Chief Opuosunu regretted that in other parts of the state, people blamed for government development projects, but in Okoboko the execution of such projects were being undermined by some unscrupulous persons in order to discredit the NPN administration in 1983.