NIGERIAN TIDE

Vol. 7 No. 1,074 Thursday, January 5, 1978 10k

Army denies story

The Army Headquarters in Lagos has denied newspaper publications on the "promotion of some senior officers".

In a statement, the adjutant-general of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier A. S. Wali, described the publications which appeared in two Ibadan-based newspapers as "false, misleading and a calculated attempt to cause confusion".

He added that a thorough check from the Government Printers had shown that no gazette publication as reported by the newspapers was ever issued.

NOW AVAILABLE

German Wheat Flour

Dealers should please contact:

NARUMAL & SONS (NIGERIA) LIMITED

5 Njemanze Street,
P.O. Box 820
Port Harcourt
Tel 21591
Telex 61156

BIG HAUL

Police recover 14 stolen vehicles in snap check

From our crime reporters

THE Police in Enugu, Anambra State capital, have recovered twelve stolen cars in a check conducted during the New Year holidays. They were among the 23 vehicles reported stolen last September.

The check was conducted as people were returning to the state capital after the holidays from various points of the state.

This caused a heavy traffic jam, but it paid off handsomely all the same, for not only traffic offenders were held, but some suspicious characters were picked for thorough investigation.

A statement by the police public relations department said there were indications that the cars were stolen with master keys.



CMR SAM IGBE
Commissioner of Police, Anambra State

The statement further observed that some vehicle owners were hiring them out to thieves for their operations, and advised that employers of drivers should always check their identities with their known relations.

The Police in Lagos have also recovered two stolen cars in two separate operations during which three arrests were made.

Socialite

In another development, the Police in Port Harcourt announced the recovery of a colour television set believed to have been abandoned at the Aba—Ogoja Street junction near the Holy Rosary School by thieves.

The set bears registration number 5053 LA HBN and the owner has been requested to report at the Diobu police station.

A woman described as a socialite is also helping the Port Harcourt police over an alleged dumping of one Alhaji Audu Mato of 65 Bonny Street, at NP.526

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

PORT HARCOURT

Notice of Disconnection of Electricity supply in BONNY TOWN

The National Electric Power Authority wish to inform all the Electricity consumers in Bonny town that mass disconnection of consumers' premises whose accounts are still in arrears up to November, 1977 will commence as from Monday, 9th January, 1978 untill further notice.

Consumers who have not settled their electricity bills are requested to do so at our cash offices so as to avoid the embarrassment of disconnection.

All legitimate NEPA staff engaged in the disconnection exercise will carry their identity cards.

V. C. Okoye
Ag. District Manager
NEPA, Port Harcourt.

Airways probe to go on—CHAIRMAN

THE recent purge at the Nigeria Airways will not disrupt the proceedings of the Industrial Arbitration Tribunal over the dispute between the Nigeria Airways Association of Aircraft Engineers and Technologists (NAAAET) and the management.

The chairman of the tribunal, Mr Ovuacia Efueye, confirmed this in his office in Lagos.

He said the dismissals of some of the executive members of the association who had been testifying at the tribunal would not affect the settlement of the dispute.

He stated that Mr Kayode Mohammed, the president of the association, and the secretary, Mr Felix Oyewusi, who were affected by the purge, would be required to give evidence and those subpoenaed would also appear before the tribunal.

Asked if the counsel for the management would not view any evidence given by sacked members of the association as an act of sabotage, he said this would not be so and there would not be any reason for the counsel to look at things that way.

Mr Efueye stressed that since the former executive members of the association were citizens of this country, they could be called upon to help clarify issues that affected the nation.

Hearing of the case will come up today.

Today's Church and society

'SERMONS ALONE CAN'T SAVE MAN'

...Says a Rev Bishop

A PRESBYTERIAN priest, Bishop Ochu Mbila has said that rhetoric sermons on Sundays were not enough for salvation.

Christian churches, he advised, should embark on welfare schemes to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, aged and destitutes of the community.

Reverend Mbila was preaching a sermon at a thanksgiving service organised by the Ohafia Presbyterian Parish to mark the 20 years of service by Elders of the church in the parish.

He declared that the Church was not only a place to sit and pray, sing and deliver sweet sermons. It should among other things, train men and women to serve humanity and promote humanitarian works.

With the government take over of schools and hospitals, he said, churches should involve themselves in other schemes and cater for the aged, the motherless and handicapped people.

It would be wrong, he said, for members who served the church from their youth to suffer when they became physically weak with age.

The Church should help them in their old age. At the end of the celebration, 31 elders of the church including three women were awarded certificates of honour for their faithful and long service to the Presbyterian Church in Ohafia.

Among them were, Elder Ukpona Kalu, Elder David Kalu and Uduma Eke who had served the church as elders for 60, 59, and 57 years respectively.

'No more mushroom unions'

The approval by the Federal Military Government of 70 industrial unions for the whole country is designed to eliminate mushroom trade unions and enable them become viable labour movements.

This statement was made in Ibadan by Mr J. A. Olarewaju, secretary in the Oyo State Ministry of Establishments and Training on behalf of Alhaji Dili Oyekanmi, the commissioner, during the launching of the state's branch of the Technical Workers Union of Nigeria.

He expressed the hope that various unions in Nigeria would co-operate to ensure the success of government efforts to achieve orderly development of the unions and provide industrial harmony.

Alhaji Oyekanmi urged the new unions to regard as paramount, the promotion and general improvement of the economic and social well-being of its members.

To this end, he said, the union should involve itself in the settlement of disputes among its members and between employers and its members.

Fire at Uyo brewery

AN outbreak of fire which would have wrecked the Cross River State Brewery at Uyo was at the weekend tamed.

The fire was alleged to have started from one of the engines in the factory in the early hours of last Friday during production.

Reports said that before the squad of the fire fighters in Uyo could arrive at the scene to extinguish the fire, the workers had already put it off.

Our correspondent in Uyo, reports that there was no serious destruction or loss of life during the incident.

Agreement renewed

THE Federal Military Government has approved the renewal of the agreement under which Shell Curacao processes Nigerian crude oil abroad for use within the country.

The old agreement with the company expired last September.

A Cabinet Office announcement in Lagos said the measure was in furtherance of government's determination to ensure adequate supply of petroleum within the country, pending the coming on stream of the Warri and Kaduna refineries.

The announcement added that the government had also approved a similar agreement with BP/Total.

Special transport service for top men shelved

THE transport service placed at the disposal of officers attending duties in Ogun State from Oyo State will be withdrawn on February 1, 1978.

This is because those who were to benefit from the service had abused the opportunity.

Addressing a Christmas party for senior public officers of Ogun State at Abeokuta, the secretary to the government and head of service, Mr A. A. K. Dogun said the service had been abused in many respects. It could have been withdrawn since October last year, but for the appeals.

Government have been made to understand that accomodation was still not available for many officers in Abeokuta.

He said it was obvious that those who had been shutting between Ibadan and Abeokuta had not taken positive steps to secure suitable accommodation within the state capital.

Introduced two months ago following the creation of Ogun State the service was meant to convey workers from Ibadan to Abeokuta at the rate of 40k instead of N2 charged by private transport operators.

Mr Dogun pointed out that the Ogun State government was not a charitable organisation and could not be expected to run the Abeokuta — Ibadan transport service indefinitely.

SMG calls for sacrifice

The head of service further told the large gathering: "I wish to emphasise that this is our state and we have to make sacrifices to ensure that it thrives.

"If missionaries of old who were foreigners could make sacrifices for the development of our own country, at a time there were no infrastructures, there is no justifiable basis whatsoever for some of the indigenes of our state feeling reluctant to make the necesary sacrifices which are required for the development of this young state".

Remembrance service

A memorial service was recently held in Qua Iboe Church Afia Nait II in Etinan local government authority area in honour of the late Mr Dan Akpan Eking who died on 28 October, 1968. Until his death, Mr Akpan Eking was a cashier with the ministry of local government at Ulu Etim Ekpo, Abak.

He left to mourn his death a wife, eight children and many grandchildren.

In the picture are (right to left) Mr Albert Dan Eking senior son (Electrical Engineer Shell-BP Port Harcourt), Mrs Eno A. D Eking nursing sister Port Harcourt, Mrs Comfort O Umoh staff nurse Ikot Ekpene General Hospital, Mrs Akon Dan Eking (the widow) and (extreme left) the Rev. J. Udoka who preached the sermon.



EDITORIAL

COMING OUT OF THE CLOUDS

SO, THE Federal Military Government is now to drop vainglorious and money-spinning projects and settle for essential and practical everyday needs of the people? This is a laudable decision. The only pity is that it is belated, for the Military has less than two years before handing over to the politicians. An operation of this nature, which will inevitably mean abandoning projects, pruning overhead expenses and such like measures, should have been handled by those who have no stake in electioneering politics.

MANY people in and outside this country have for long felt that the approach to national development does not seem to reflect in a significant way the basic needs of the people. They have wondered if we were not investing so much of our petronaira in pretentious projects and less in social and educational development. It would appear now that they have very good reasons for their doubts.

THERE is no better example of this tendency than the present muddle in our educational policy. Last year, a reduction in the fees in post-primary institutions was announced. Hostel fees in the universities were pegged and tuition declared free. This year, boarding fees in secondary schools have gone up, and hostel fees in the universities are probably going to be substantially increased. The Universal Primary Education Scheme, originally conceived to be free, may not be so after all, although it is expected to become compulsory this year.

WITHIN recent times electricity charges have gone up. So have rail and road transport fares. Cost of living is still rising at an unbearable rate. And, of course, there is always one excuse for all this: inflation or such economic mumbo-jumbo. But the plain fact is that it is the clearly extravagant spending by the Establishment that creates and sustains inflation.

AMIDST this obviously bad planning, for that is what it is, the people are constantly being asked to go austere and to eschew ostentation in order to save the economy. They are being told to develop self-discipline in order to build a virile and self-reliant nation. All this is not wholly irrelevant. But to it must be added the simple philosophy that well-fed, well-educated and well-dressed people are better instruments for disciplined society and national development than starved, half-educated and diseased people.

NOW that we are coming out of the clouds that have for long befogged our planning, we hope that our leaders will also realise that fair and moral phrases, though good in themselves, are not really a substitute for a practical and realistic approach to government.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

PAY SALARIES PROMPTLY

The monthly delay in payment of salaries and leave allowances in the Rivers State Ministry of Health is now a matter of great concern.

In all these unpleasant happenings, the ordinary civil servant knows one thing — that each ministry receives adequate sums of money as part of the government's annual budget, to take care of salaries etc.

There is therefore no reason why civil servants should always be subjected to the rude shock of having to wait indefinitely for their salaries.

The high cost of living in this country makes it very necessary that in order to alleviate the sufferings of the low-income group of civil servants, salaries are paid bi-monthly and on the respective pay days.

INIOMO UDAGINA
Abonda.

NO, NOT THESE HIGHER INSTITUTIONS

My attention was drawn to a letter written by one Mr. P.H. Alabosive which was published in the Nigerian Tide of November 24, 1977.

Mr Alabosive wrote that the Rivers State Government Transport Corporation's buses (Waterlines) are hired by higher institutions and some companies such as Michelin.

The higher institutions mentioned are College of Education, University of Port Harcourt, and College of Science and Technology all in Port Harcourt.

To an extent I share the views of the writer because the companies hiring these Rivers State Government buses are capable of buying theirs. And more over, the "Waterlines" meant for the suffering masses are just too few.

Of course, while I am partially on the side of Mr. Alabosive, I must also not fail to point out to him that he should not be too outspoken on any subject he has no substantial knowledge of.

These higher institutions categorically mentioned in his article have their own buses. They do not hire Transport Corporation buses, rather some passengers at times mistake these buses for the "Waterline" buses we are very familiar with.

ABERE ALBERT-KALIO
Port Harcourt.

EXTEND YOUR SERVICES

IN commenting on the services rendered by the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), I will like to relay my experience during my visit to Yenagoa Local Government area in October last year.

I tuned to the NBC, Port Harcourt but all I received was noise. At first I blamed my radio set, but I later discovered that it was a general problem. People in Yenagoa do not receive the NBC.

Obviously this should not be the case. Steps should be taken to improve on the services of the NBC. This could be done by installing more powerful transmitters or by establishing sub-stations at the Yenagoa, Brass and Sagbama Local Government areas.

ABERESIGIMO GBETA
Calabar.

Deliver the goods

I beg to appeal to the Ahoada Local Government Authority (ALGA) to see to the maintenance of the road linking Ahoada to Obite.

Appointing councillors should lead to improved services in the local government authority areas and divisions. And such services should be as widely spread out as possible.

One should therefore think that an appeal of this kind is called for. Perhaps the councillors in ALGA should press the Rivers State Government to enable them deliver the goods.

JUSTICE EDEGBE
Ezema.

Assembly controversy: Is the press perfect?

To err, they say, is human. This is obviously true and he who errs and does not know that he errs is a fool while he who errs and knows that he errs is a wise man.

I want to know whether the press can err. And if it errs, who criticises it? The drama going on now between the Constituent Assembly and the press, particularly the Daily Times may do this country no good. The Daily Times had said in its defense in its issue of December 15, 1977 that "when government errs we criticise it. When elected officials err we also criticise them. And for this we owe no apology to anyone or any institution".

A criticism is either constructive or destructive. Is the Daily Times above error? Is the press perfect? I want to know who criticises the press.

A. E. ISIP.
Lagos

Printers devil!

Please erase that Printers' Devil that made you write in the second paragraph of the TRIBUTE TO TWO GREAT CHIEFS in the Nigerian Tide of December 31, 1977: "... pre deceased him on 16, 1977" It should be "JUNE 16, 1977." Thanks indeed for the correction.

S. SIMBI WELLINGTON
Port Harcourt.

We need development

Frankly speaking the Rivers State Government has done a lot to enhance the development of the state. New roads are constructed daily, Modern hospitals and schools also crop up to promote social development.

But certain areas like Ogbakiri has not fully benefited from these projects, although we all pay our taxes annually.

I think we have a right to protest that modern road construction be given to this town.

The major need is good road. Obviously the government has the means.

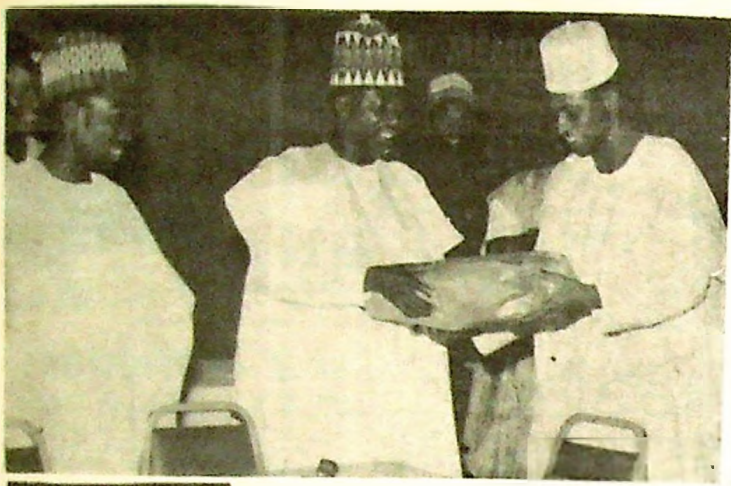
ALBERT NCHEBROS
Okporowo

Watch it!

I should use this opportunity to warn parents and guardians who allow their children to sell foodstuff at road-sides to stop this habit.

We have witnessed enough of fatal accidents involving such children.

TOBIAS MADUBUSO
Port Harcourt.



OUTGOING PERMSEC HONOURED

A send-off party was arranged at the Durbar Hotel by the Kaduna State government in honour of Alhaji Aliyu Mohammed, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Economic Planning who has been seconded to the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Lagos as Chief Immigration officer.

Here, Alhaji Mohammed (second from right) receives a gift from the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Alhaji Maccido Dalhat while others look on.

Big challenge to principals

The Sokoto State Commissioner for Education, Malam Lawal Mohammed Bungudu has called on principals of post-primary institutions in the state to set up a committee in which teachers will be members to work out what he called "a professional code of conduct" for all teachers in the state.

This, he said, would serve as a guideline for maintaining discipline among teachers in the state.

Addressing the opening session of the conference of principals in Sokoto, Malam Lawal said already a committee had been set up to study and report on major causes of indiscipline and lack of motivation among students in various educational institutions of the state.

He expressed concern over what he called "lack of purpose and commitment among some teachers". Malam Bungudu lamented that in spite of the efforts of the inspectorate division of his ministry, good teaching methods were not developed.

In addition, he said, records were neither kept, nor were extra curricular activities carried out by some teachers.

The commissioner called on the principals to redouble their efforts and be inspecting classes to make sure that teachers were doing a worthwhile job with the boys and girls entrusted to them.

His ministry, he said, was doing its best to see that all post-primary institutions of the state were equipped with good essential facilities for the well being of the students.

He expressed concern over shortage of teachers in the institutions. The situation had resulted to pupils being left without tutors for some periods, thus their morale and sense of purpose were being affected, he stated.

The Ministry of Education, he said, was doing its best to redress this imbalance of staffing. The only short term solution was to recruit teachers from overseas.

The commissioner then appealed to the Federal Public Service Commission for assistance.

Malam Lawal said there were more than 300,000 pupils in primary schools in the state at the moment.

This marked an increase of about 200 per cent as compared with 1973 when the figure was 114,000 pupils.

About 9,000 were enrolled in post-primary institutions this year, representing an increase of 100 per cent when compared with 4,600 students in 1973.

Teacher training population rose from 3,500 in 1975 to 16,000 in 1977. He said that teachers' colleges had been in a steady increase from 3,500 in 1973 to 16,000 students this year.

Leaders urged to intensify campaigns towards elections

The Emir of Daura, Alhaji Muhammadu Bashar has called on community heads in his emirate to intensify campaigns to educate communities within their locations on the significance of the forthcoming registration of voters the general elections scheduled to try on January 14.

Alhaji Bashar made the appeal at Baure when he undertook a campaign tour of his emirate.

He stressed that all persons of 18 years of age were eligible and should be registered.

The Emir noted that the registration exercise had nothing to do with taxation.

He further appealed to the people of Daura abroad to come home and register in order to promote the emirate.

Tighten recruitment procedure plea

The Kaduna Committee on the mum Use of Resources has ca the Federal and governments to up the country's ment procedures and federal levels.

The audit ment, the co also suggested, be encouraged veral abuse of funds, rather content itself with bution measures abuse.

The committee set up by the State Government lowing a letter Head of State, L ant-General O Obasanjo. The H State, in the letter ted that the adopt a policy mum utilisation of commodities.

The Kaduna government, in ting the committee ged it to discern of ensuring optimum utilization of ma so that a ministry plus manpower be deployed to areas.

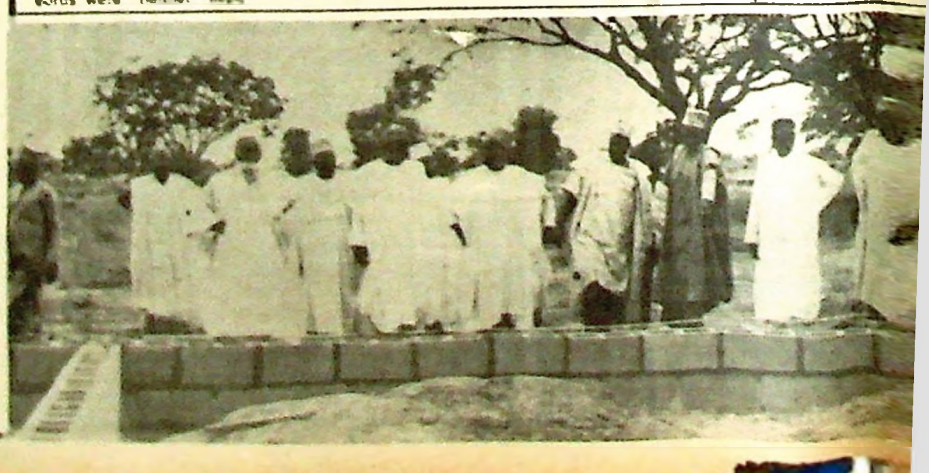
A Ministry of mation statement duna said the state vernment had the committee's mendations.

Some of the mendations are: all government should be made aware of govern objectives through provision of standardized booklets and publication of a service magazine, as periodic mental meetings.

Commissioner inspects project

The Kaduna State Commissioner for Information, Malam Dan' Azumi Kudaru was in Saminaka local government area in continuation of his tour of establishments under his ministry.

Pictured is Malam Kudaru (fifth from right) accompanied by his permanent secretary, Alhaji Muhammadu Ibrahim (fourth from right) and other local government officials being shown the administrative block of the Catering Rest House in Saminaka by the cultural officer of the state Alhaji Umaru Dembo.



Rise in prices of bread is unjustified

Says bakers body in P.H.

The Rivers State Bakers Association has called on all local bakers in the state to bring forth their grievances for examination and possibly, for solution.

Unless this step is taken, nobody should blame the association, because there is a flour distribution system with the Port Harcourt Flour Mill, which the association wants bakers to follow.

A spokesman for the association said the recent increase in the price of bread was unjustified.

But he hoped that it was temporary because of the Christmas.

The situation should end as soon as Christmas was over, he stressed.

by
INENGESIA SOALARI

He blamed some bakers who styled themselves "ordinary men" who would not obey or abide by the distribution system.

Their stand, appeared to be notorious and giving them chance would lead to great losses by flour manufacturers, he added.

The spokesman also blamed shortage of flour on power failure.

This had made it possible for the flour mill to meet the demand of bread consumers.

Our correspondent reports that price of a loaf of bread rose by about 20 per cent during the Christmas, especially in Port Harcourt.



₦15,000 raied for dev projects

THE people of Ogbolomabiri in Nembe, Brass local government area realised N15,1677.55 on the spot, during the second launching of their ₦2000,000 development fund.

This amount represents a droop of 17.6 per cent over the previous year's figure of N17,850.04 raised by the community.

Addressing the community on the occasion, the chairman, Chief Kombo Egbeta said self-help projects had always given impetus to government development efforts.

Chief Egbeta pointed out that unity among members of a community was highly inseparable from self-help development planning.

He therefore called on the people of Nembe in general to rededicate themselves to strenger bonds of unity and mutual understanding in the search for their common goals.

The chairman also expressed heartitude for the amount of patronage and support the traditional rulers of Nembe showed at the town's develop-ment.

Sea foods goes to Uyo

Winners of the Niger Sea Foods Factor of the Year' Cup for 1977, Messes Alboo Stores in Uyo in the Cross River State have been promised a very stiff competition in 1978. The challenge was expressed by other factors of the company during their annual family Christmas party in Port Harcourt.

The factors came from the four Eastern states.

Addressing members of staff, invitees, factors, agents and their families the director (operations), Mr Alaye Eremie, expressed the appreciation of the management of the company for the invaluable contributions which they were making towards the progress of Niger Sea Foods Limited.

He announced that plans were already at advanced stage for the increase in the cold storage facilities of the company in the four areas.

By April, he said, the facilities would reach 5,000 tonnes from the present 4,715 tonnes. Of this figure, Port Harcourt and Calabar together share 3,325 tonnes.

The director also stated that a pension scheme for the staff would be introduced this year as incentive to employees apart from other fringe benefits they would enjoy.

Here the factor of the year trophy is being presented to the Uyo factor, which won it twice in succession.



Superlative display by kidy

CHRISTMAS is the period when kids go really gay.

And no one can beat the treat performed by pupils of the Port Harcourt Primary School when they staged a Christmas carol. Pictured left.

And what a fantastic display of exuberance the kid actors showed.

Ofuan sets up panel for progress

A six-member development planning committee has been inaugurated at Ofuan in Operoma district of Yenagoa Local Government Authority area.

The new body, with Mr Lucky Dein as president is to formulate strategy for the launching of a development scheme for the community in April.

Speaking during the occasion, Mr Dein said the development of any community was a joint responsibility of both the people and the government.

He explained that this dual responsibility involved the community undertaking self-help projects to subsidise government efforts, adding that where the community failed to do its share, development would not go on as desired.

Mr Dein called on members of the committee to ensure success for the development programme.

In appreciation of the inauguration and the proposed launching of the development programme, the sum of ₦2,455 was raised to enable the committee discharge its assignment.

Skypower saves you ₦210.00

Lagos-London return*

LAGOS - LONDON	excursion fare	N390.00	Normal fare N600.00 - you save N210.00
LAGOS - ROME	excursion fare	N353.00	Normal fare N543.00 - you save N190.00
LAGOS - AMSTERDAM	excursion fare	N390.00	Normal fare N600.00 - you save N210.00
KANO - LONDON	excursion fare	N343.00	Normal fare N527.00 - you save N184.00
KANO - ROME	excursion fare	N313.50	Normal fare N482.00 - you save N168.50
KANO - AMSTERDAM	excursion fare	N343.00	Normal fare N527.00 - you save N184.00

* Conditions

Minimum stay 14 days, maximum stay 35 days. One stop-over allowed in Europe excluding point of turn-round. Not applicable during the month of June and July only. These savings are also applicable to other points from Nigeria. For further details please contact Nigeria Airways Booking Officer or our Travel Agents.
Note: This fare is subject to change without notice.

NIGERIA AIRWAYS

THE WORLD

Latest from M-East

ARAFAT TO EXECUTE 34 'COLLABORATORS'

FUND aids 23 nations in 1977 .

The African Development Fund based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, has provided 360 million dollars for 80 projects in 28 countries, FAD headquarters reported in a review of operations in 1977.

New ventures in the past year took 141 million dollars. The fund, set up in November 1972, but not operational until 1974, works with the African Development Bank to help member states with economic and social development and to promote co-operation and inter-state trade.

Fund contributors are, the bank and 19 other industrial and oil-producing countries in Europe, North and South America, the Middle East and Asia.

The fund offers more favourable terms than the bank — no interest is charged and loans are repayable over 40 years after a 10-year grace period.

Subscriptions to the fund since it was set up stand at 432 million dollars.

Hold it, plead Arab dignitaries

ARAB dignitaries in the occupied West Bank have called on Yasser Arafat to suspend an alleged decision to execute 34 people accused of collaborating with the Israeli authorities, following Monday's killing of a Hebron City Government official, the daily Al Arab reported in Doha, Qatar yesterday.

Quoting Palestinian sources, the newspaper said West Bank dignitaries close to the Fatah guerrillas which Mr Arafat leads, had acted at the request of West Bank Arabs named on a Fatah death list.

Al Arab said these dignitaries had pledged to "stop collaborating with the enemy and to support Palestinian action in the occupied territories".

The victim of Monday's killing was Bajis Jabari, 34, who had taken a stand in support of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace moves, with Israel.

Mr Jabari, a relative of former Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jabari went to Egypt a few days ago with a delegation of Arab moderates from the West Bank.

Mr Jabari was shot while hosting near Hebron an Israeli newspaper said.

On December 26, a high ranking West Bank official Hamdi Kadi was murdered in Ramallah.

He had earlier expressed support for West Bank autonomy as proposed by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Mr Kadi had ignored warning not to "collaborate with the enemy."

BRIEFS

Hong Kong

A national conference on overseas Chinese will be held in Peking shortly to look into the problems facing tens of millions of Chinese abroad, China's domestic news agency reported.

It said that a preparatory session on the subject was held in Peking recently.

Khartoum

SUDANESE President Gaafar Nimeiry, accompanied by visiting President Mohamed Said Barre of Somalia, delivered his bitterest attack yet on the Soviet Union in a speech yesterday at Dongola, Northern Sudan.

The speech, marking the 22nd anniversary of Sudan's independence was broadcast over the national radio.

Rabat

LARGE Soviet delegation is due here shortly to finalise details of a 2,000 million dollar contract to work phosphate deposits at Meskala, near Marrakesh.

The 30-year contract, termed the "deal of the century" by King Hassan, involves starting production during the next eight to ten years.

Dar es Salam

TANZANIA'S Ministry of National Culture and Youth is compiling a list of works of art alleged to have been taken out of the country by "colonialists or explorers," it was announced here.

A spokesman for the committee in charge of the research, Amiel Vuturi, said it would enable the government to lodge claims with the various authorities now in possession of the articles.

Havana

Frank Emmlych, an American serving a 50-year espionage sentence here, has been released and flown to the United States via Canada.

His liberation had been announced in December, but was not carried out at once because the prisoner was ill, authorities said.

Buenos Aires

About 100 relatives of Argentines who have been arrested or kidnapped for political reasons attended a "day of peace" mass at the Cathedral here on New Year Day.

The theme of the observance was "no violence, yes to peace".

Santiago

President Augusto Pinochet has confirmed his determination to go ahead with the plebiscite he has called for, despite opposition inside his ruling junta and from the Chilean hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

In the regime's first resort to the electorate since it seized power in 1973, voters will be summoned to say "yes" or "no" to the "legitimacy" of Gen. Pinochet's rule.

London

Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said in an interview in the Guardian that "flagrant bias" of the United States in favour of Israel was endangering American interests in the Middle East.

He warned that "nobody can say farewell to the PLO without jeopardising his own interests" since the PLO "is the basic factor in the Middle East equation".

Manila

Philippine troopers have staged a dawn assault on a holdup gang's hideout in Mandaue City, central Philippines, killing four gangsters, but four of their own officers were wounded.

Military authorities said two other gang members were wounded in the clash at the foot of a bridge in the eastern coastal city on Cebu Island, 570 kilometres (350 miles) southeast of here.

One of the slain gangsters was a woman.

Maputo

Mozambique has nationalised all private banks in the country except one.

Decrees issued here also announced the establishment of a people's development bank a state credit institution absorbing all the private finance houses.

Cairo

THE role of the United States in the Middle East is to exert pressure on Israel, especially on the Palestinian issue which is at the heart of the region's problems, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in a Mexican television interview broadcast prior to President Jimmy Carter's brief visit to Egypt on Wednesday.



●PRESIDENT SENGHOR

Big test awaits Senghor Feb 26

SENEGAL'S opposition Democratic Party (PDS) will field candidates in every constituency in next month's four-tier elections, secretary-general Abdoulaye Wade announced in Dakar after the party's second congress.

It will be the first time in 14 years that the ruling Socialist Party (PS) of President Leopold Senghor has had to contest seats against opposition candidates.

The PDS decided last week that Mr Wade himself would stand against Mr Senghor in the presidential election on February 26. Mr Senghor has been head of state for the past 17 years.

Legislative, urban and rural elections are also scheduled.

The PDS, formed in 1974 is one of Senegal's three legal parties allowed under a "Tripartite" system introduced in 1976. The third grouping, the African Independence Party (PAI), has still to decide whether to contest the February polls.

Mr Senghor's party is officially termed "socialist" under the tripartite system the PAI "marxist", and PDS "liberal", though delegates at the congress preferred to label the PDS as a "labour" party.

NETO'S NEW MESSAGE TO ANGOLANS

AGRICULTURE is to be Angola's prime task this year, President Agostinho Neto said in Luanda in a New Year message.

The country should not have to import foodstuffs when it could produce enough on its own to meet internal consumption, he said.

Mr Neto, stressing the need for national unity as a condition of progress, said that tribal, racial, regional and group "frontiers" were not yet totally obliterated.

Particular attention would be paid to existing or potential divisive tendencies, he said.

Class confrontation was inevitable, but would be handled at the level of ideas and debate to avoid any physical ruptures. Literacy campaigns and training of middle-grade personnel would be stepped up to ensure economic and social development, Mr Neto promised.

Pope Paul's 1978 message

TO the world and humanity we once more dare to address the meek and solemn world: Peace. This word oppresses us and exalts us. It is not ours; it comes down from the Invisible Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven. We perceive its prophetic transcendence, which is not extinguished by our humble repetition of it "Peace on earth to those on whom God's favour rests" (Lk.2:14). Yes, we repeat: Peace must be! Peace is possible!

This is the proclamation; this is the new, the ever new and great announcement; this is the Gospel, which also at the dawn of the new cycle of time, the year of grace 1978, we must proclaim for all people: Peace is the gift offered to all people, which they can and must accept, and place at the summit of their lives, of their programmes, of their hopes and of their happiness.

Peace, let us repeat at once, is not a purely ideal dream, nor is it an attractive but fruitless and unattainable utopia. It is, and must be, a reality — a dynamic reality and one to be generated at every state of civilization, like the bread on which we live, the fruit of the earth and of divine providence but also the product of human work.

In the same way Peace is not a state of public indifference in which those who enjoy it are dispensed from every care and defended from all disturbance and can permit themselves a stable and tranquil bliss savouring more of inertia and hedonism than of vigilant and diligent virtue.

Peace is an equilibrium that is based on motion and continually gives forth energy of spirit and action; it is intelligent and living courage.

We therefore beseech also on the threshold of this new year 1978, all men and women of good will, the leaders of the collective conduct of the life of society, politicians, thinkers, publishers, artists, those who mould public opinion, the teachers in the schools, the teachers of art of prayer, the great planners and operators of the world arms market — we beseech all of them to begin once more to reflect with generous honesty on Peace in the world today!

It seems to us that two main phenomena claim the attention of all of us in the evaluation of Peace itself.



DR KURK WALDHEIM
UN Secretary-General

The first phenomenon is magnificently positive, and is constituted by the developing progress of Peace. It is an idea that is gaining prestige in the conscience of humanity; it advances, and precedes and accompanies, the idea of progress, which is the idea of the unity of the human race.

The history of our time — let it be said for its glory — is studded with the flowers of a splendid documentation in favour of Peace, one that has been carefully thought out, debated, organized, celebrated and defended. Helsinki teaches this.

And these hopes are confirmed by the next Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation, devoted to the problem of disarmament, and also by the numerous efforts of both great and humble workers for peace.

No one today dares to defend as principles of well-being and of glory deliberate programmes of murderous strife between men, that is, programmes of war.

Even where the community expressions of legitimate national interest supported by motives that seem to coincide with the prevailing reasons of law, do not succeed in affirming themselves through war as a means of solution, one still has confidence that there can be avoided the desperate recourse to the use of arms, which today as never before is insanely murderous and destructive.

But now the conscience of the world is horrified by the hypothesis that our Peace is nothing but a truce and that an uncontrollable conflagration can be suddenly unleashed.

We would like to be able to dispel this threatening and terrible nightmare by proclaiming at the top of our voice the absurdity of modern war and the absolute necessity of Peace — Peace not founded on the power of arms that today are endowed with an infernal destructive capacity (let us recall the tragedy of Japan), nor founded on the structural violence of some political regimes, but founded on the patient, rational and loyal method of justice and freedom, such as the great international institutions of today are promoting and defending.

We trust that the magisterial teachings of our great predecessors Pius XII and John XXIII will continue to inspire on this fundamental

NO YES

WHY EXECUTIVE PRESIDENCY

BY the recommendation for an executive president for the nation, the CDC intends to introduce an innovation into our political system. Especially, this recommendation generated a heated debate which augurs well for the healthy political development of the nation.

Before I go further, I have to register my support for an executive president. It may be necessary, for purposes of good argument, to consider the views of opponents of the recommendation.

During the debates a lot of knowledgeable people disapproved of the executive presidency on the ground that it might breed a potential dictator and despot. They had argued that the Nigerian populace is not politically ripe to afford the glamour of an executive parliament with the wide powers the CDC had recommended. Some of the critics out of sheer sentiments, had only said that the recommendation was "Too American," i.e.

by AMABIPI MARTINS

In any case, it is also necessary to restate the CDC. In simple language, the CDC had recommended an executive president who may be the head of the executive arm of government. He may be responsible for the day to day running of the business of government with a cabinet independently picked by him from outside the legislature. He may not be a member of the legislature nor take part in its deliberations, but will present government policies to the legislature for scrutiny.

From that background let us look at the criticisms levelled against the system.

Indeed, the advent of the military regime (as we had the parliamentary system of government in which the Prime Minister, who was a member of parliament, and being the leader of the majority party in parliament, heads the government. We also had a ceremonial president who had no executives authority. The Prime Minister under the 1960 and 1963 constitutions was performing the executive functions of government with a cabinet of ministers who were also members of the majority party in parliament.



Chief Rotimi Williams
CDC Chairman

In essence, therefore, the Prime Minister under the constitutions was performing the duties being recommended by the CDC for the executive president, the difference being in name only.

The principle of the separation of powers was not rigidly followed in the parliamentary system as in the presidential system. The Prime Minister apart from being the head of the executive was also an influential member of the legislature, taking part in its deliberations, whereas the executive president is neither a member of the legislature nor takes part in its deliberations. He performs the purely functional duty of assenting bills to become laws.

It is clear that the legislature is not infected nor influenced by the executive in its role to make laws and at the same time oversee the activities of the executive arm of government. This is not possible in the parliamentary system.

The system of election and control of power by the political parties also come into play. In the parliamentary system, the Prime Minister, though head of government, was elected into the legislature as a representative of a constituency. He was not elected by the mass of the people to be head of government. He was the head of government by virtue of the fact that his party constituted the majority party in the legislature and by the exclusive choice of the legislative members of the majority party. His ministers were exclusively picked from the party in power to the exclusion of others. Therefore, the government could not be said to be democratic.

On the contrary, the executive president (with the vice-president) being recommended, is being elected on universal adult suffrage. The whole country is just a constituency for his election. Though the candidates may be presented by their respective political parties, the elected candidate may not entirely depend on the fortunes of his party to be head of government. His charisma and personality might contribute for his appeal to the greater majority of the electorate of this country. His ministers are responsible to him, so they do not require to be elected or be members of political parties.

Strictly, therefore, the executive president is to carry out the business of government within the confines of the laws of the land enacted by the legislature and adjudicated by the judiciary. The executive president cannot do what the legislature does not authorise him to do, nor refuse to comply with the constitutional interpretations of the judiciary. Since the executive president does not escape the checks of the other arms of government, he cannot be said to be dictatorial or despotic.

Critics of the executive



Mr Justice Udo Udoma
CA Chairman

presidency are confounded by the myriads of offices under him. They forget that most of the authorities of these offices are delegated to some other functionaries of the state. The president, apart from the appointment and dismissal of members (which are in any case confirmable by the legislature) of some of these offices, cannot personally take part in their deliberations.

To argue that Nigerians are not politically enlightened and ripe for an executive president is as good as arguing that Nigeria is not ripe to have a constitution.

Out of sympathy one might concede the argument that some of the critics of the system are opposed to it because it is an innovation from our traditional system. The human relustance for change had bred in them the fear of the unknown, which is greater than the fear of the known. This had possibly made

VIOLENCE O PEACE

is expressed it could be called criminal, but the manifestations which for some time and in some circumstances it has been employing require a proper analysis, and this is extremely involved and difficult.

This violence derives from a decay of the moral conscience which is not trained and not helped, and which is usually permeated with a social pessimism that has extinguished in the spirit the taste for and the commitment to honesty professed for its own sake, as well as what is most beautiful and most happy in the human heart: love — true, noble and faithful love.

Often the psychology of violence takes its origin from the depraved root of deliberate revenge, and thence of an unsatisfied justice steeped in bitter and selfish thoughts, potentially undirected and unrestrained towards any aim. What is possible takes the place of what is honest; the only restraint is the fear of incurring some public or private sanction. Hence the habitual attitude of this violence is one of hidden action and of cowardly and treacherous acts that repay (the violence with successful impunity.

Violence is not courage. It is the explosion of a blind energy that degrades (the person who gives in to it), lowering him from the rational level to the level of passion. And even when violence preserves a certain mastery of itself, it looks for ignoble ways of overpassing itself: insidious attacks, surprise physical supremacy over a weaker and perhaps defenceless adversary. It takes advantage of his surprise and terror and of its own madness; and if this is the relationship between the two contenders, which is (the more despicable?

As regards an aspect of violence that has been made into a system "for settling accounts" does not (this violence have recourse to contemptible forms of hatred, rancour and enmity which imperil society and blame the community in which they decompose the very sentiments of humanity that form the primary and essential fabric of any society — family, tribe, community or whatever it may be?

Violence is antisocial by reason of the very methods that allow it to be organized into group complicity which a conspiracy of silence forms the binding element and the protective shield. A dishonouring loss of honour gives it a negative of conscience.

And this is one of the most portentous, widespread (evils of the true social disease, a distortion which (clothes with secrecy and



POPE PAUL VI

with the threat of pitiless revenge certain associated forms of collective selfishness.

Violence distrusts normal legal processes and is always clever at evading the observance of those processes, by devising, almost by force of circumstances, criminal undertakings that sometimes degenerate into acts of pitiless terrorism, the final result of a wrong choice of road and the cause of deplorable forms of repression.

Violence leads to revolution, and revolution to the loss of freedom. The social axis around which violence conducts its own fateful development is wrong. Once having exploded as a reaction of force, at times not lacking in a logical impulse, violence concludes its cycle against itself and against the motives that provoked its intervention.

Perhaps it is appropriate to recall Christ's lapidary phrase: "for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Mt. 26:52). Let us remember therefore violence is not courage. Violence does not ennoble the man who has recourse to it.

In this Message of Peace we are speaking about violence as the antagonistic term of Peace, and we have not spoken about war. War still deserves our condemnation, even though today it is being rejected ever more widely against it a praiseworthy and ever more authoritative effort is being made, both socially and politically. Another reason is that war is being kept in check by the formidable nature of its own arms which it would immediately have at its disposal in the extremely tragic eventuality that it should break out.

Fear, which is common to all peoples, and to the strongest ones especially, holds in check the eventuality that war might turn into a cosmic conflagration. And fear, which is more an imagined restraint than a real one, is accompanied, as we have said, by a lofty and rational effort being made at the highest political levels — an effort which must tend not so much towards balancing the forces of the possible contenders as towards showing the supreme irrationality of war, and at the same time towards establishing relationships between Peoples which are ever more interdependent, with ultimate solidarity and ever more friendly and human. God grant that it be so.

But we cannot shut our eyes to the sad reality of partial war, both because it is still raging in certain regions and because psychologically it is not at all excluded in the uncertain possibility of contemporary history. Our war against war has not yet been won, and our "yes" to Peace is rather something wished for than something real; for in many geographical and political situations, which have not yet been settled in just and peaceful solutions, the possibility of future conflicts remains endemic. Our love for Peace must remain on guard; other prospects too, besides that of a new war, oblige us to consider and avail Peace even outside the trenches.

And in fact we must defend Peace today under what we could call its metaphysical aspect. This aspect is prior to and higher than the historical and contingent aspect of military exactions and of the external tranquillities ordered. We wish to consider the cause of Peace as it is reflected in that of human life. Our "yes" to Peace becomes one into a "yes" to Life.

Peace must be brought not only to the battlefields but wherever human existence is carried on. There is — indeed there must be — also a Peace

(Continued on page 10)

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP/TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP/LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers:	RSP/TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.07	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Cream)	RSP/CGR
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP/LIVE
06.35	OBN Jingle	RSP/TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Cream)	RSP/LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You	"
07.20	Early Morning Request	RSP/LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ebk, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With BJS	RSP/CGR
08.45	Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.00	Music Rendezvous (Cream)	RSP/CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Newsreel Programme Promotion	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Kumoni Ernest Ifie (Kulchuna Mag. prog.)	RSP/TAPE
	Kirike Chiri (Okrika Mag. Programme)	
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
13.30	Juke Box	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Home maker's special	"
14.30	Iron Out The	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Music from other States (Cream)	RSP/CGR
15.30	State News in English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP/LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Information Bureau	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Ebk and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Cream)	"
17.30	Let's discuss (Rest. Wed 1730 hours)	"
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and you The next step	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Tari Piri	RSP/LIVE
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP/LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	In My Days	"
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP/LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ikwerre, Kalabari, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
20.30	Agric Quarter Hour	RSP/TAPE
20.45	Meditation	NP
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Gods of our Fathers	"
21.20	Interlude	"
21.30	Femine World	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Talk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the Rivers State	RSP/TAPE/CGR
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My favourite	NP
23.13	Evening Worship (Igbo)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP/LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP/TAPE

NTV CHANNEL 10 PH

THURSDAY

7.30	World News
7.45	Papers Today
8.05	Variety
9.00	Network News
9.30	Platform
10.30	Thriller
11.15	News Summary

Marketing for non-business institutions (PART THREE)

by Adaiyi R. Lolomari

Finally, in passing I will like to introduce the concept of conformity in social behaviour. Conformity is one of the significant characteristics of consumer behaviour. It refers to the implicit agreement on consumer values or group patterns of behaviour. Since the end of the Nigerian civil war, there has been a dynamic shift in our society in other directions and movement from rural areas to urban centres. Nigerians are constantly seeking direction from people with whom they are in direct contact or those known indirectly through friends and class media. Other directedness, sometimes referred to as behaving like the "Joneses," partially explains behavioural conformity. This need for approval from others is a motivating force in people.

Institutional programmes, and promotional activities in particular, become more concerned with affecting group influentials and leaders, and with understanding groups and their values, to shape the direction of consumers. Easy examples abound. The Head of State is seen riding in a Ben or Peugeot car. The Governors are seen chairing bodies for OFN programmes.

Some other useful motivation models advanced in social sciences include the Marshallian model stressing economic motivations, the pavlovian learning model, the Freudian psychoanalytic model and the Veblenian social psychological model.

Marshallian Economic model holds that purchasing decisions are the result of largely "rational" and economic considerations. This is the traditional views of classical and neo-classical economists. For marketing purposes this is absurd because individuals do not act as economic calculating machines in making exchange decisions. Why do you spend half an hour in Hotel Presidential when the same meal at Abonnema Wharf will cost you less.

The Pavlovian stimulus-response model is based on the four central concepts: drive, cue, response and reinforcement. To these you may add extinction, forgetting, generalization and discrimination.

The Freudian model divides human psyche into three component parts: id, ego and superego. For marketers this implies that products have economic as well as symbolic attributes. The Mercedes is a car but it also gives the connotation of affluence to the owner. James Bavlon in elaborating on Freud's model has distinguished the psychogenic needs as affectionate needs, ego-bolstering needs and ego-defensive needs. The last is essential to protecting and maintaining the personality, as in avoiding the risk of being a farmer or fisherman.

The Veblenian model sees man as a social animal, conforming to the general norms and norms of his larger culture and to the more specific standards of the subcultures and social class to which his life is interwoven. His wants and behaviour are largely conditioned by his present group membership and the group memberships to which he aspires. What would be your reaction if you see the Chief Justice eat at the corner food canteen?

Having said all these and if you are still with me let us turn now to examine our subject matter: Marketing for Non-business Institutions.

by Adaiyi R. Lolomari

The similarities between the marketing of commercial products or services and the marketing of other things—ideas, organisations, governments, causes, persons, places, churches, Cultural Events are too striking to be ignored. All institutions have "customers" and "products." They all face the task of managing exchange processes. They all are engaged in furthering (advancing the cause of) something.

Marketing can turn out to be just as useful in the creation of interest, desire, attention and adoption of social goods or ideas as it is in the sale of private goods. Examples abound. "Road Safety Programmes" are marketed, "Voter Registration Programmes" are marketed. Churches are marketed the military is marketed, the NEPA, the Post Office and Telephone Exchange are not only marketed but are also trying to improve their image, politicians must sell themselves to voters, banks must sell their services and chiefs must sell themselves to their subjects.

Operation Feed the Nation (OFN), UPE etc all government programmes designed to build mass acceptance of a change in behaviour, faces its biggest hurdle in trying to gain public acceptance.

The basic thesis of this article is that the marketing concept can be applied in a diffused environment even as complicated an activity as OFN, UPE, Churches, and support for liberation

It is the attempt to maintain, or alter or behaviour towards or cause, independence sponsoring organisation

Social-cause marketing the attempt to gain tion and support for cause, such as Voter Registration, OFN or UPE. tion marketing can be as those activities

by an organisation to maintain, or alter and/or behaviour of audiences toward the sation as a whole in stimulate exchange. lic Relations" (more immediately recognize definition and that relations are synonymous fact, organisation is the modern term for traditional term of public ations.

Nigerian organisations to move toward a orientation because tation does not provide tal answer for desired maximization in an pid technological change, intense mobile income and highly tuned and social marketing of cations many ways, although fferences are often diffused and unapprec

Many social advert promotional campaign cause of the tendency sponsors to assign to ising and promotion mary if not the role in accomplishing objectives. This ignores marketing truism that marketing objectives the coordination of motional mix with duct and service mix distribution mix. You short-change the mix.

Promotion can be ed meaningfully only of its effect on the aspects of the marke As in all decisions, nent in concerted mixing the returns sources expended tion of promotion and marketing effort, a weak area in or programme the country.

To bring these points let us examine the well-known government projects that remained ineffective when ing orientation is

Human nee

OFN major problem it is reverting its a set of product needs instead of trying terprets and serve evolving human needs organizers thought that powered campaign for duction of more food appreciated by ability mobilized production sectors to seek to idea through all means "full" assessment of through the needs the product is to the of noting the desire of needs and value creating in efforts tising them.

Instead of defining

Pope Paul's 1978 message

(Continued from page 9)

that not only protects this continent from the threats of the weapons of war but also protects life in each nation against every peril, every malfortune, every insidious attack.

We could talk for a long time on this subject, but at the present moment our points of reference are firm and well determined. In the fabric of our civilization there exists a class of learned, valiant and good hearted persons who have made the science and art of medicine their vocation and profession. They are the Doctors and those who study and work with them and under their direction for the sake of the existence and welfare of humanity. However and gratitude to these wise and generous guardians of human life.

As ministers of Religion, we look on this very elect category of persons, devoted to the physical and mental health of mankind, with great admiration, with great gratitude and with great trust.

In many ways, physical health, the healing of sickness, the easing of pain, the energy of development and work, the duration of temporal existence, and even a great part of moral life depend on the wisdom and care of these protectors, defenders and friends of humanity.

We are close to them and, as far as we can, uphold their toil, their honour and their spirit. We hope to have them in solidarity with us in affirming and in defending human life itself can be jeopardized by deliberate and evil designs of the human will.

In one "yes" to Peace there rings out a "yes" to life. Human life is united from the moment it comes into existence. The law "Thou shalt not kill" presents this impenetrable obstacle of human life with transcendent severity. This is the principle



LEONID BREZH of USSR

that governs not religious matters with regard to the human being. We are confident that we have as an ally the humanity of medicine.

We have no less trust in the ministry that has given rise to human life, the ministry of parenthood, in the first place that of motherhood. How delicate, how tender, how affectionate and how strong our words become! Over this kind of nascent life Peace spreads its first preventive shield. It is a shield endowed with the solemn protection but a shield of defence and love.

Accordingly, we cannot fail to disapprove of each and every offence against nascent life, and we must appeal to every Authority, and to everyone who has due competence, to work for the prohibition of procured abortion and for its remedy. The mother's womb and the child's cradle are the first barriers that not only prevent Peace as well as Life but also build Peace (cf. Pt 12: 3 ff).

The one who chooses Peace in opposition to war and to violence automatically chooses Life and assumes humanity in its profound immortal demands, and thus in the meaning of this Message that we are again sending with humility and profound conviction to those responsible for Peace on earth and to all our Brothers in the world.

But we must add a word for all the children. With regard to violence they are the most vulnerable sector of society, but they are likewise the hope of a better tomorrow. Through some kind and thoughtful intermediary may our Message reach them too.

Let us explain why. First because in the Message of Peace of previous years we have pointed out that we do not speak in our own name only but in the name of Christ, who is "the Prince of Peace" in the world (Is 9:6) and who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matt 5:9). We believe that, without the direction and assistance of Christ, true permanent and worthwhile Peace is not possible.

We also consider that the peace of Christ does not weaken people, does not make them timid and victims of others' arrogance, but rather renders them capable of struggling for justice and of setting very many questions with the generosity, indeed the genius of love.

Harmful vanity

The second reason. You children are often led to quarrel. Remember, it is a harmful vanity to want to appear stronger than your brethren and sisters and friends by quarrelling, fighting, and giving way to anger and revenge. Everybody does it, you answer. No, it is wrong, we say to you. If you want to be strong, be so in spirit and in behaviour. Learn to control yourselves, learn how to forgive and gradually make friends again with those who have offended you. In this only you will really be Christians.

Do not lose courage. Do not be proud, comparing yourself with others all of your own age, with people from different social backgrounds or with



President Jimmy Carter of USA

people of different nations. Do not act out of selfish motives, out of contempt or—we repeat—out of revenge.

The third reason, we think that when you grow up, you must make a change in the way today's world thinks and acts, a world in which everybody is always ready to be different, to separate himself or herself from others and to fight them. Are we not all brothers and sisters? And are not all the nations obliged to get on well together and to create Peace?

You children of the new age must get used to loving everybody by giving to our society the appearance of a community which is more noble, more honest, more unified. Do you really want to be human beings and not wolves? Do you really want to have the merit and the joy of doing what is right, of helping those in need, and of being able to do good works with the sole reward of a good conscience? Well then, remember the words which Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, the night before his Passion. He said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13: 34—35).

Dear children, we greet you and we bless you. The Pope send a kiss to violence. You to Peace.

Bombshell over UPE programme

THE people of Bidawa in Daura Local Government area of Kaduna State have been ordered to either send their children to school or quit the area immediately.

The order was given by the Emir of Daura Alhaji Muhammadu Bashar following complaints from both the district head of Zango and the village head of Rogogo that the people had bluntly refused to enrol their children in the newly established schools in their villages.

The Emir emphasised that it was the responsibility of all parents to see their children attending schools and ensure the success of UPE scheme in the area.

He warned that "You either send your children to school or you leave my emirate".

Alhaji Muhammadu was accompanied to the area by the district head of Zango, Supervisory Councillor for Health and other councillors.

EMIR THRAETENS QUIT ORDER

COUNCIL DONATES TO ARTS FESTIVAL

A sum of N200 has been donated by the Saminaka local government council to the Kurama annual festival of arts and cultural dances to improve its activities.

Making the donation in Garun Kurama while addressing the people, the chairman of Saminaka local government council, Mallam Tanimu Tanko pointed out that Kurama communities were the only largest tribe and the leading cultural group in the area.

He appealed to district and village heads to co-operate with the organisers of the fesival so that it would further strengthen their unity and cultural activities.

Mallam Tanimu however, reminded the people about the importance of the forthcoming registration of voters for the 1979 general elections in the country.

He said people of 18 years and above were eligible to register and vote except lunatics.

He advised people in the area to send their children to school in order to benefit from the U.P.E. scheme, now being widely embraced in the country.

Two new principals appointed

THE Oyo State government has approved the appointment of principals of both the Oyo State College of Education, Ilesha, and the state College of Arts and Science, Ile-Ife.

They are Dr. S. F. Daramola for the College of Education and Chief O. Akinola for the College of Arts and Science.

The appointments were contained in an official statement issued by the state's Ministry of Education in Ibadan.

Until their appointment, Dr Daramola was a research fellow at the Institute of Education, University of Ibadan, while Chief Akinola was the principal of the Baptist High School, Iwo.

Their appointments according to the statement, took effect from December 15, last year.

Both colleges are expected to take off on temporary sites at Ilesha and Ile-Ife sometime this month.

Campaign launched in Tai/Eleme

The publicity campaign for the registration of voters in preparation for the 1979 general elections has been launched in Tai / Eleme district of Bori Local Government area.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, the chairman of Bori Local Government Council, Mr. P.B. Akere described the registration of voters as a significant exercise in the life of every Nigerian towards successful return of the country to civil rule in 1979.

Mr. Akere charged the publicity campaign committee, chiefs, and community leaders in the district to explore every available means to educate the people in the area in order to ensure that every one up to 18 years of age and above were registered so as to participate fully in choosing their leader during the civilian government.

He said the Federal Electoral Commission has employed 16 supervisory assistant registration officers to take charge of registration areas, while 98 assistant registration officers would be sent to different areas to do the actual registration.

He appealed for co-operation and maximum support in order to make the exercise a success.

SALES OF GOVT CARS CONTINUE

About 400 Federal Government vehicles above 2,000 CC will be sold by public auction on January 13th and 14th, 1978 at the National Art Theatre, in Lagos.

The vehicles are available for inspection at the National Art Theatre, Iganmu between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. any working day until January 12, 1978.

An official announcement on Lagos said successful bidders would be required to pay in cash on the spot while the vehicles concerned must be removed from the car park within 24 hours of purchase.

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the coolness of the weather due to harmattan, many consumers have found it unnecessary to switch-on their air conditioners and this has enabled NEPA to supply power to many more residential consumers.

IN FACT, WITH ONE SMALL (2-HP) AIR-CONDITIONER SWITCHED OFF, NEPA CAN SUPPLY 37 ADDITIONAL (40-WATT) ELECTRIC BULBS.

So, please help NEPA supply power to more consumers by switching off your air-conditioner.

28/12/77

ALHAJI SANUSI O. OLAGUNJU
Ag. Manager, Public Relations Dept.

PESOWAY CONTEST CLUB
JANUARY ISSUE

10 CORRECT N1,000.00 1ST PRIZE
9 CORRECT N500.00 2ND PRIZE
8 CORRECT N300.00 3RD PRIZE
7 CORRECT N200.00 4TH PRIZE
6 CORRECT N100.00 5TH PRIZE

* CLOSING DATE
* 31ST JAN. 1978
* RESULT DATE
* 3RD FEBRUARY 1978
* (NIGERIAN HERALD)
* FEE PER ENTRY - 50K

"THE FREAKERS SHARE PRIZES" Additional Entries on plain papers are allowed at 5/- each. Winning entries must agree with correct clue with the PESOWAY CONTEST CLUB result. Make out and keep duplicate copy for your result checking. Winners are promptly paid by post on this monthly contest. Late and scratched entries are now allowed. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope for your neat time forms and result.

THIS CONTEST IS BOUND IN HONOUR ONLY AND THE JUDGES' RESULT IS FINAL.

NO	CLUE	FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS ONLY
1.	TOWN	O R - -
2.	NAME	W I L - - - -
3.	PRODUCT	- - - - E R
4.	NATION	C H I - -
5.	NAME	M A - - -
6.	CREATURE	D O -
7.	LANGUAGE	- - - - I S H
8.	SOCCER TEAM	- - - H A M
9.	CONTAINER	B - - -
10.	OCCUPATION	- - - - E R

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Address entries and postal orders To:—
P. C. C.
P.O. Box 422
Benin City.

DECEMBER ISSUE RESULT

NAME JOSEPH 2) PRODUCT—HAMMER 3) TOWN—SOKOTO 4) NATION—ICELAND 5) STUDY—ASTROLOGY 6) NAME—MAOMI 7) CONTAINER—BUCKET 8) SOCCER TEAM—ROTHERHAM 9) INSTRUMENT—SAXOPHONE 10) OCCUPATION—ARCHER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!

CINEMA TONIGHT

PLAZA CINEMA

Premiere tonight at 8.30 p.m.

"KHAAN DOST" (U)

A brand new Indian film. An outstanding emotional drama full of action romance and enchanting songs. It's a story of the world's strangest friendship. Starring Shatrughan Sinha, Raj Kapoor and new Girl Mithu Mukarji.

Admission: 80k and 50k

Classified Adverts

Change of Name

OSUAGWU — I formerly known and called Chigozie Osuagwu, now wish to be known and addressed as Chidozie Osuagwu. All documents bearing my former name remain valid Rivers State Ministry of Education, Principal, Government Secondary School, Abua Odual and general public. Please take note. Chidozie Osuagwu.

JACOB — I formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Chinyere Jacob, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Chinyere Uye Ali. documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Health, the General Hospital Bori and the general public to note. Please, Mrs Chinyere Uye.

ONWUANAKU — I, formerly known and addressed as Grace Onwuanaku, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Gladys E. Amadi. All documents bearing my former name remain valid Rivers State Ministry of Education, principal, Etche Girls Secondary School, Umuchi, and the general public to note. Mrs Gladys E. Amadi.

SATURDAY — I, formerly known and addressed as Chukuemeka Ebirah Saturday, now wish to be known and called Onyema B. Moses. Meanwhile former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Principal, GTTC Rabbe BOLOA Schools Management Committee and the general public to note. Onyema B. Moses

EREKOSIMA — I, formerly known and called Miss Daisy Erekosima, now wish to be known and called Mrs Daisy Sunday Biki West. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. The principal, Federal Government Teachers' Training College, Degema, Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board and the general public take note. Daisy S. B. West.

EWA — I, formerly known and called as Miss Cybill S. Ewa, now wish to be known and called as Mrs Cybill E. Kanbi. Ministry of Education, PGTTC, Degema and the general public should take note. All former documents bearing my name remain valid. Mrs Cybill E. Kanbi.

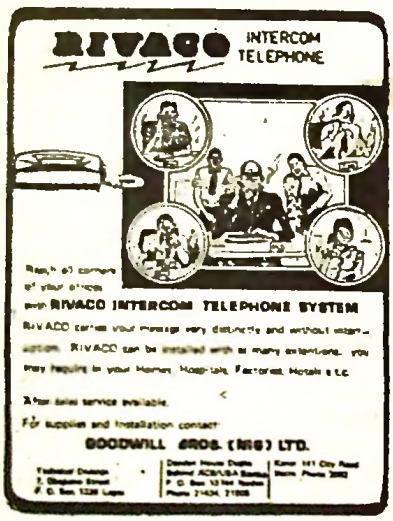
NTAACHIA — I, formerly known as Francis Nkaagh and now wish to be called as Mkpike Francis Mpeazor. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Principal of Rivers National Grammar School should please take note. Mpeazor.

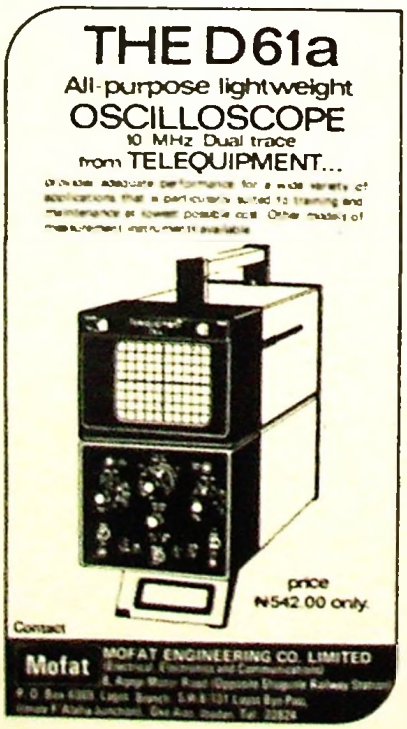
Wimpey-Brown & Root (Nigeria) Limited

VACANCIES

Experienced Cargo Handling Supervisors are urgently required. Interested persons should apply not later than 15th January, 1978 to—

THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER,
WIMPEY-BROWN & ROOT (NIG.) LTD.,
P. O. BOX 619,
PORT HARCOURT.





VACANCY

Confidential Secretary (Male/Female)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY in a fast growing engineering industry.

Qualifications And Experience:

Applicants should have sound educational background and must have successfully completed recognised secretarial training courses in shorthand and typewriting (160/50) or (120/50) w. p. m. respectively with a minimum of two years post qualification experience.

Condition Of Service:

Salary is negotiable but will be based on qualification and experience. Fringe benefits include Car Loan, Car Basic Allowance, Rent Allowance, Contributory Pension Scheme etc.

Method Of Application:

A hand-written application stating qualification, experience and age should be addressed to:

THE PERSONNEL MANAGER,
Nigeria Engineering Works Limited.
P. O. Box 519
Port Harcourt.

to reach him not later than 16th January, 1978.

WANTED URGENTLY

PRODUCTION WORKERS:

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

First School Leaving Certificate. Applicants with the Trade Test in different fields preferrably Welding, Fitting, Spray Painting. Painting, Cabinet Making, Plumbing and Fabrication may be considered.

SALARY:

Very Attractive.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Intending applicants should call at Plot 49 Trans-Amadi Industrial Layout, Port Harcourt on Friday 6th January, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. prompt.



IN MEMORIAM

In loving and affectionate memory of our dearly beloved mother and grandmother.



MADAM ANNE REUBEN STANDFAST JACK
alias "Trust Nobody"

who passed into transition on the 5th of January 1974 and was laid to rest in the Lord on Sunday, 13th January 1974.

Mother, you left us when we still needed your motherly care. Your duty as a mother can never be substituted. But your good name and kindness to all are being remembered and cherished by us.

MAY YOUR SOUL CONTINUE TO REST IN PERFECT PEACE.

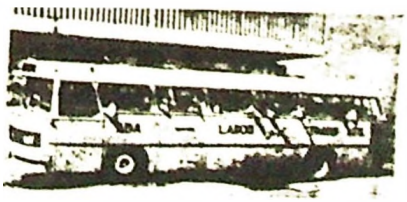
Iseye Douglas
for the entire children.

ABA — LAGOS PROMOTER TRANSPORT SERVICE LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE:

17 PARK ROAD, P. M. B. 1366,
PHONE 568, TELEX 63117,
A B A.

Staff Vacancies



MERCEDES BENZ LUXURY BUS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the undermentioned vacancies :—

(a) **Stenographer** :— Candidates should be experienced and capable of working on his own.

(b) **Mechanics**: Candidates should be capable of servicing Mercedes Benz Engines.

(c) **Auto Electricians**: Experience necessary.

(d) **Conductors**: Minimum of Elementary 6 (six) certificate is required.

(e) **Vulcanizer**: Candidate should be capable of servicing Heavy Truck Tyres.

Salary: Salaries in all are attractive but negotiable.

Method of Application: Applications should be hand written and submitted in person to the 'Area Manager', Aba — Lagos Promoter Transport Service Limited, 17, Park Road Aba to reach him not later than 15th January 1978.

MANAGEMENT.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the untimely death of



MRS. MARY Abia—BASSEY

aged thirty-seven (37) years at Uboro—ORON, on 30th December, 1977.

She left behind her Father, Mother, husband and the following seven children:-

1. Nyong Abia-Bassey—University of Ibadan.
2. Abia Abia-Bassey—Federal Government College, Warri.
3. Bassey Abia-Bassey—Federal Government College, Warri.
4. Iquo Dorothy Abia Bassey—Mary Hanney Secondary School, Oron.
5. Koko Abia-Bassey—Mary Hanney Secondary School, Oron.
6. Okon Abia-Bassey—Jnr.—Port Harcourt Primary School, Port Harcourt.
7. Eno Obong Abia Bassey—Sea Bed Nursery School, Port Harcourt.

Burial takes place at 4 p.m. on Saturday 7th January, 1978 at Uboro, ORON.

Memorial Service at Methodist Church, Uboro, ORON at 10 a.m. on Sunday 8th January, 1978.

OKON ABIA BASSEY (Husband),
Traffic Manager,
Nigerian Ports Authority,
Port Harcourt.

WONDERFULL WEEK

Our Pools Service Wk 23

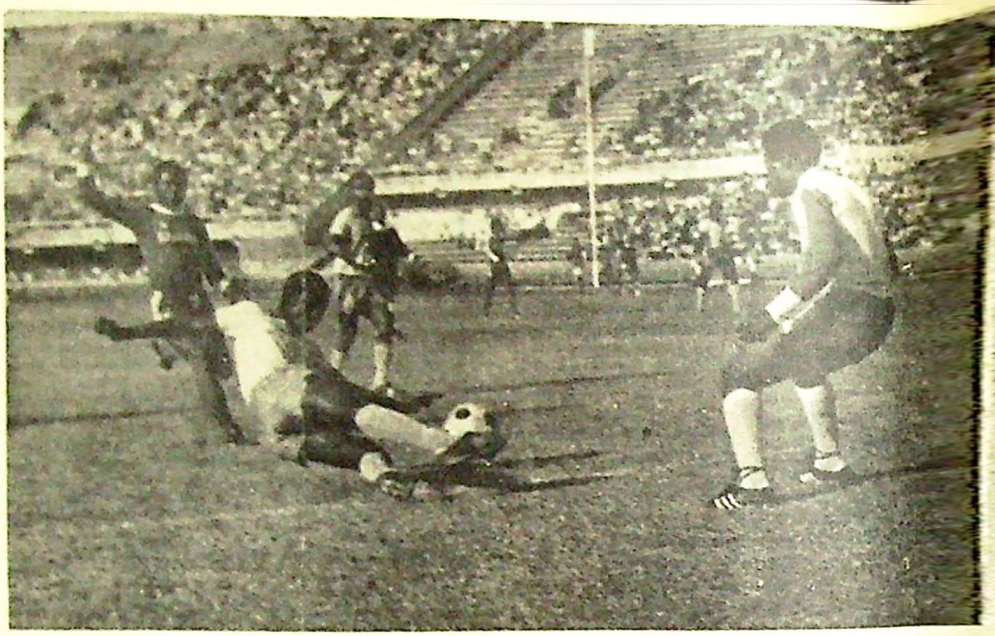
Free gifts

6 xxx

12 xxx

9 xxx

SURE!



Rocky Naps

This is week 23. I have already said in my forecasts that, I will give you 3 sure numbers, and the numbers will be very wonderful.

Therefore, this week will be too good for punters and forecaststers as well. Nap the following numbers and have your draws for the New Year.

3xxxxxxCBK Free Gift.
6 xxxxxxxxCBK Surprise Draw. 12 xxxxxxCBK Must Draw.

I will never fail in my duty to be sure that the 3 mentioned numbers draw as predicted.

Please bet them and perm them with the following pair, 9.15 is one must. Always bet and perm my numbers for a teal thing. Rocky vrs 3 xxxxxxxxCBK

King of draws

As this is 3rd F.A. Cup week, I believe there will be something for the punters this week. Always try the following draws, and do not fail napping them and perming them with the pairs as prescribed.

For week 23, Bet and Nap the numbers 18 xxxxx xx and 43 xxxxxx. These are well forcast numbers that may not fail supplying you the best 3 numbers. This pair 19.39 is automatic for one draw or two. Kings vrs 39 xxxxxxxCBK.

SPECIAL DRAWS BY MACLEE

You can't have 3 draws every week, but just wait to see a wonderful performance before week 25.

It can happen this week, but it will be known before the numbers are disposed of.

Yes for your week 23, the 3rd F.A. Cup, something very great will come out this week. Remember what took place in my column in week 20, the second F.A. Cup.

Week 23:— Nap the following numbers and bet them without waste of time, the following numbers.

6 xxxxCBK, 12 xxxCBK, 21 xxxCBK. Those are your 3 draws. I am the only man in Nigeria, who understands F.A. Cup draws. Come or write for your draws, and I will give you without failure 3 unfailing numbers. Sure 15,35.

Stephen Bergs

Numbers 19 xxx, 21 xxx, 50 xxx, are for your 3 draws this week, and xxxx you can also arrange your thing, as there will be numerous draws this week on the Coupon.

The 3 advertised numbers are very good for fix odds.

The following arranged lines are for your 2 sure lines of correct 3 draws.

A	B	C	D
6	9	12	43
21	3	28	50
40	44	15	41

These x 12 numbers (must) certainly draw at least 6 numbers. Group them together and perm heavily, after you have already betted A-C at 50k each. Your next free betting will be in week 25. Watch me very keenly for your best 3 draws. Pair 3.6

Bob de Bankers

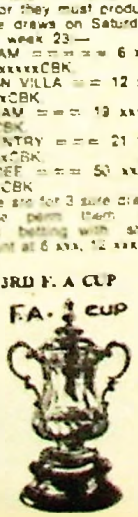
As this is our 3rd Cup week, the following teams will provide 3 good draws for you this week. Therefore, bank on these numbers and bet them very well for they must produce 3 sure draws on Saturday.

For week 23—

FULHAM = = = = = 6 xxx xxxxxxxxxCBK.
ASTON VILLA = = 12 xxx xxxxxCBK.
OLDHAM = = = 19 xxxxx xxxxCBK.
COVENTRY = = = 21 xxx xxxxxxCBK.
DUNDEE = = = 50 xxxxx xxxxxCBK.

These are for 3 sure draws. Please perm them and avoid betting with small amount at 6 xxx, 12 xxx, 21 xxxx.

3RD F. A CUP



Formula three

ENFIELD	3	xxxxCBK
FULHAM	6	xxxxxx
NOTTSCO	9	000000000
ASTON VILLA	12	111111111
SOUTHAMPTON	15	222222222
OLDHAM	19	xxxxxx
COVENTRY	21	CHIEF AS
BRISTOLR	23	MUST DRAW
BARTON R	41	TO DRAW
ABERDEEN	43	A NAP
HIBERNIANN	50	SURPRISE
DUNDEE		DRAW



WORK BEGINS SOON ON PORT HARCOURT STADIUM OMPLEX

...Commissioner now speaks out

...ks all going to be smiles ...ports lovers in the Rivers ...ays work on the proposed ...modern stadium complex in Port Harcourt, takes ...n this new year.

...ecisely, construction work ...s first at the start of the financial year.

...ring Tidesport was the ...missioner for Works and ...ings in the Rivers State, ...D. H. S. Souza-Okpara ...his office recently.

—by

...eingisa Somiari

...e commissioner fired ...-blank that the major ...es like traffic hold-ups ...been taken into considera...in the construction of the ...lex.

...addition, he went on, ...on the site would be done ...ts for six months before ...andled work would com...

...e the commissioner said, ...enable the sports council ...n the actual and befitting ...ectural design of the com... ...comprising four entr... ...s into the complex.

...ara also disclosed that ...on the civic centre which ...serve as a supplementary ...ng ground to the stadium ...lex will be completed be...fore August this year.

Commenting on the delapidated Liberation Stadium, the commissioner said that part of the parcel would be used as a green belt (motor parks which will constitute playgrounds for lawn tennis, basketball children's playground and a road linking the Port Harcourt Primary School, while part of it will be acquired by the State Fire Service for expansion purposes.



PRINCE B. O. L. AKIRI
Chairman, Rivers State Sports Council. ... No slow job on the project!



THE conversion of the Hamburg (1.8 million inhabitants) Volkspark Station is almost complete. Internal work (changing rooms, VIP lounges and sanitary works) has been finished. The stadium can hold 60,600 spectators.

...wing Jets bomb Strikers 4-1

...E Flying Jets Football ...m of Ogbogoro has again ...ed their talk. Before a ...d of about 3,000 spectators ...day whipped the Strikers ...ball Club of Rumuosi 4—1 ...ir play ground.

...e started at exactly ...m, as the victors took ...kick-off and immediately ...d their opponents into ...own half. For about ten ...es of play the Ogbogoro ...were in control of the ...

...in a quick flash, the Strikers ...gained control of the ball and immediately zoomed into their opponents' half. Their efforts yielded dividend in the 15th minute when they found the net for a certain goal.

Five minutes after this goal saw the Ogbogoro boys with an equalizer. Ramming the goal was striker Stephen Worlu. The first half ended 3—1.

At the resumption of play both teams struggled for ball possession, but it was the Ogbogoro boys who gained the upper hand as they pressurised and forced their opponents from their own half. And after some few minutes they got their fourth goal.

With this goal the home team became more aggressive in their attacking at each player Crownwel Chukwu fed his boys for more goals but for the Strikers goalie the story would have been a different one. And of course he received the crowd's ovation for a work well done.

Earlier the Flying Jets of Ogbogoro had humiliated the Lecturers FC of Rumuigbo in a 4—1 way defeat.



...URE shows Flying Jets Football club of Ogbogoro ... they need the assistance ...NEFA, P. Harcourt.

PARKER WRESTLING CUP: IBO EMERGES CHAMPION

THE Otuan wrestling king popularly known as Ibo has won the Parker Cup in the Yenagoa local government area.

Over 200 wrestling champions including Gbasebokiduo of Peremabiri, Aberewai and many others contested for the cup.

Prizes ranging from N300, N200 and N100 were given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best wrestlers.

The donor of the cup, Chief D. P. Osumawei said while addresing the crowd before the wrestling that his aim of providing the cup and N600 for winners was to encourage wrestling in the area.

Chief Osumawei stated that he was a wrestling organiser in the area and that if wrestling is left dead in the area "we have lost part of our culture."

He appealed to contestants to devote more time to wrestling so as to be able to contest at the state level.

The donor commended the efforts of the Rivers State Sports Council and appealed to it to provide sports equipment to help them improve their talents.

Earlier, the chairman of the occasion who also is the information officer incharge of Yenagoa local government area, Chief Abule, thanked the donor of the cup for his kind gesture.

Chief Abule said that it was a way of reviving wrestling in the Oporoma district.

He called on youths to take interest in the trophy provided as a challenge for wrestling.

Cardiff message to Pools Week 23

STORY from Cardiff Message, Week 23 Happy New Year all Nigel No. 14,23, and 44 for one draw must check me again next week, perm 4, 14, 24, 34, 44.

Tide footballers meet

MEMBERS of the Tide Football team will meet today, Thursday, January 5, at the premises of the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation, 4 Ikwerre Road, Port Harcourt.

The welfare of players is among subjects to be discussed, an official of the team said.

Time of meeting is 4.30 p.m. prompt.

Get registered for 1979 General Elections, It is your right!

NIGERIAN TIDE

Thursday, January 5, 1978

NUJ crisis may go to court

MEMBERS of the Nigerian Union of Journalists now want to go to court to resolve their leadership crisis.

The decision was taken at the Kaduna Council meeting of the union, where it was learned that Mr Michael Asajo, who was elected president at a rival conference at Benin, capital of Bendel State, is to be accorded formal recognition in Lagos.

The Kaduna [illegible] tends to challenge [illegible] lity of Mr Asa[illegible] and has asked [illegible] Military Gover[illegible] withhold its rec[illegible] nition until the [illegible] issue has been [illegible]

Hovercraft drama

PASSENGERS on board the newly acquired hovercraft were stranded in mid-sea along Tombia, Bogumo creek, due to excess loading.

The situation was saved when five passengers, later transferred into a speed-boat.

Background to the hitch was a drama between an official and five female passengers, who were said to have been put on board after the captain had announced that the vessel was already full.

Milk quiz at NPA

THE Police in Port Harcourt are investigating how 500 cartons of Peak milk belonging to the National Supply Company disappeared from the warehouse of the Nigerian Ports Authority, it was learnt yesterday.

FAKE TEACHERS IN TROUBLE

MORE than 200 graduate teachers serving with the Rivers State Government will now be required to show their certificates to the state's educational authorities, under what the state's Ministry of Education described as "Operation Show Your Certificates for Graduate Teachers", the state Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West, announced in Port Harcourt.

Under the exercise which is to start shortly, all graduate teachers in the state are to deposit a photo-copy of their educational qualifications with the ministry.

The commissioner said that the exercise was designed to check academic frauds among graduate teachers.

He noted that past experience in the ministry had shown that some graduate teachers had cheated the state government by making false claims of their educational qualifications.

When confronted, the commissioner added, some would say that their certificates were either destroyed or burnt during the last civil war.

He warned that the ministry would no longer accept such excuses, adding that by the end of the first quarter of the year, all graduate teachers must have deposited photo-copies of their educational credentials with the ministry.

The commissioner hinted that there were suspected cases of fake graduates in the employment of the state government, and that the only way to detect them was by demanding educational qualifications.

Professor David-West announced that the exercise would be carried out by a combined team of officials from the ministry and other educational bodies in the state.

He said that the ministry was determined to clear the state's educational system of all undesirable [illegible] its teaching service [illegible] to a more impro[illegible] of education.

Professor Da[illegible] warned that any [illegible] chers found to ha[illegible] during the exer[illegible] be severely dealt [illegible]

On the overall [illegible] of the ministry's [illegible] ments during the [illegible] he noted with [illegible] more that 90 per [illegible] educational prog[illegible] implemented.

He said that the [illegible] had already mapped [illegible] strategies for the [illegible] and that people of [illegible] would see great [illegible] ment in the state's [illegible] development.



Prof. Tam David[illegible]

Ministy wants papers

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of our beloved father and uncle in the name of

†

Mr. Israel Legbara Nna
aged 55 years.

Whose death occurred on Thursday, 29th December 1977 at the General Hospital, Bori.

Burial will take place on Thursday, 5th January 1978 at his home town, Bomu Gokana, BOLGA by 2 p.m. precisely. All sympathisers and well wishers are invited.

Sgd. Ezikiel Nna — *Son*
Francis Bien — *Nephew*

Zimbabwean forces raid tourist hotel

Zimbabwean nationalist forces attacked one of Rhodesia's most popular tourist resorts, Leopard Rock, in the Vumba Mountains near the Mozambique border, it was reported in Salisbury.

Extent of the damage to the Leopard Rock Hotel — a French chateau-style building, owned by one of Rhodesia's original pioneer families, has not yet been ascertained.

It was not known how many people were in the hotel but it has been full over the Christmas holidays.

According to reports, Ian Smith's security forces are combing the area which lies less than 10 kilometres (six miles) west of the Mozambique border.

The nationalist forces led by Robert Mugabe, co-leader with Joshua Nkomo of the "Patriotic Front" of Zimbabwe, are known to be based in Mozambique along the border.

The attack is the first in the New Year on a tourist resort and the first ever of its kind on a hotel near the border with Mozambique.

Tourist resorts near the Victoria Falls on the north-western border with Zambia were repeatedly attacked at the end of 1977.

Student killed

A FINAL [illegible] of the Baptist [illegible] School, Port [illegible] Ngojbo Smith, [illegible] reported dead [illegible] ing attacked by [illegible] known person [illegible] Year's eve at [illegible] in the Rivers State.

It is understood [illegible] the police have [illegible] some arrests.

Printed by the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation, 4 Douglas Road, Port Harcourt, PMB 5072 Phone 21770 Telex 6166.