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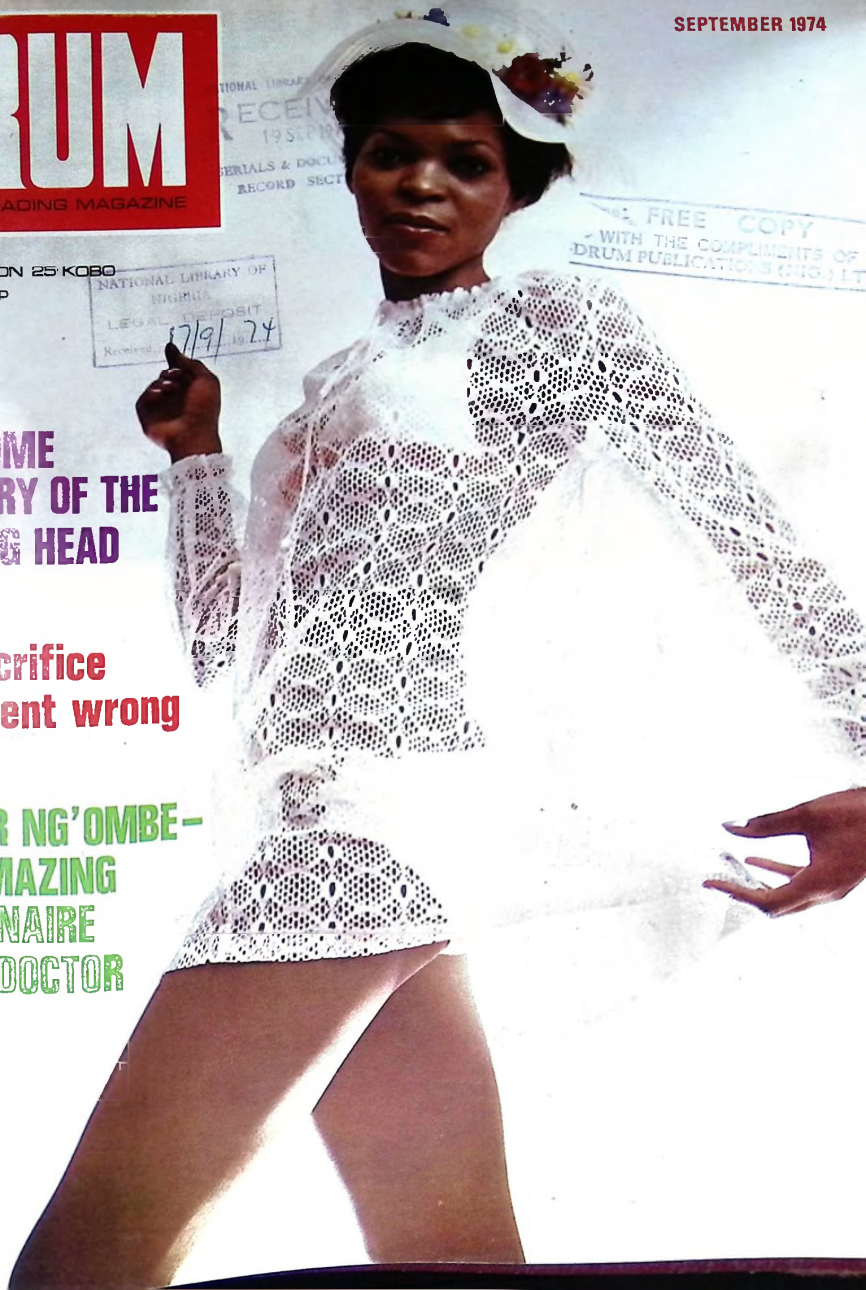
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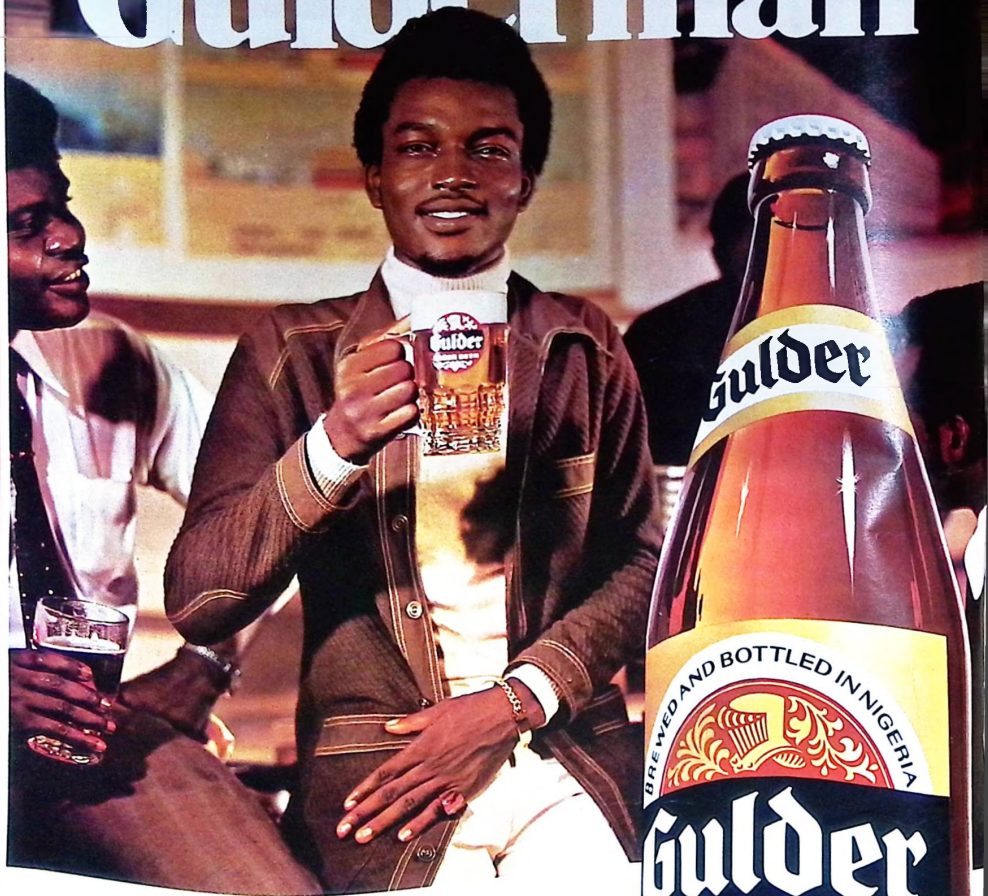
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The Press and you

THERE is one fact, so simple yet so fundamental: give our Nigerian people the truth and they will make sound and healthy judgment for themselves.

As a consequence the first act of dictatorship must be to take control of the various media, or terrify them or close the media down so that the truth may be withdrawn from the people. Dictatorship, like corruption, must hide the factors from the people and continuously deceive them if dictatorship or corruption is to survive. This is what the American Watergate trial is about.

The sacred duty of the Press is to give the truth to the public.

The public, in order to be free and responsible citizens to fulfil their social obligations and enjoy their rights, must be kept informed. They must be given the facts, fully and promptly.

The average citizen cannot spare the time or the money to look at everything for himself. The newspaperman does therefore on behalf of everyone. The newspaperman is the eyes and the ears of the people; he must serve the people; he must tell people what is being done in their name.

When a reporter is going about his lawful business lawfully and is beaten up by the authorities, it is the public that is beaten up. When an editor is

thrown into goal without trial while going about his lawful business lawfully, it is the public that is being abused as well as the editor. Be in no doubt about this.

Without an opposition, the American economist Galbraith said, "Every government would look better and be worse. The function of the Press is to give facts and to comment upon those facts. Such comments may be popular or unpopular with the authorities. But what is important is that it should be intelligent and pertinent and throw light upon the subject."

In 1969, a book was published entitled: Nigerian Press Law, edited by Professor Taslim Olawale Elias, who was then Federal Attorney-General. This great scholar has since risen to greater eminence. He is now Chief Justice of the Federation of Nigeria. The Press is powerful, it can sway opinion and arouse passions and if it is irresponsible conducted, it can misinform and destroy the character of virtuous citizens. And so civilised societies have built up legislation to protect citizens from irresponsible and inaccurate reporting. This book is an excellent guide to these laws. The laws are tough and punitive as this book shows.

Newspapermen and the public, whose eyes and ears newspapermen are, have a right to demand in their turn from the authorities that the law be observed and that newspapermen be free to follow their so-necessary profession under the law.

The law, said the English chief justice Coker, is there to protect not only the people from the rulers but the rulers from the

people. The Press has the same dual function as the law. A free and strong Press is the great popular educator of society.

Nigeria is the giant of Africa, the tenth most populous state in the world, about to be the world's fifth largest producer of oil. Nigeria is not a banana Republic.

It is therefore reasonable to demand that the quality of our government be equal to our high position, and that journalists, who are professionals and entitled to the same respect as lawyers, doctors, teachers and officers, should be conceded this respect.

In 'Nigerian Press Law', a very useful book, Chief Tony Enahoro is quoted delivering himself of two picturesque passages.

Two ailments

In his capacity as Federal Commissioner for Information and Labour on the occasion of the launching of a (now defunct) magazine in the Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos on January 5, 1968, Chief Enahoro said: "The Nigerian Press in recent years has seemed to me to be suffering from two ailments. One is lack of men of stature. The Press is in need of leaders. It is in need of crusaders. It is in need of trenchant pens. It is in need of able, readable, courageous writers. Where are the big names to make an impact on the reading public? Where are the pungent editorials? Where are the Ernest Kollis and the Herbert Macaulays of today? Where are the masters of prose, the ace reporters, the great commentators? If the Nigerian press is to regain the confidence, respect and following of the

public, it must produce men of stature. It cannot afford to have too many small men in big boots.

"The second ailment is lack of the vision to recognise danger and the courage to oppose wrong. The Nigerian Press can inspire no confidence, no respect and no following if its role in nation-building is that of sycophants, guilty of unquestioning deferential support for rulers, guilty of flamboyant praise for mediocrity, guilty of popularizing excesses and impropriety, afraid to pronounce against wrong and guilty of a craven desire to bat on any winning side. Better technical standards and employment conditions — and these have improved phenomenally since my time — can achieve little if those standards which depend on the initiative and productivity of journalists continue to fall."

Great journalists, like great newspapermen, take years to develop and mature. If journalists risk prison, should they speak the truth and risk being flogged if they comment reasonably? There will come a time when there will be no great journalists — after all, there is a limit to every man's capacity for heroism.

Herbert Macaulay and Ernest Kollis were great and courageous journalists under the cursed system of colonialism. Is it not the case that the treatment of journalists and of dissident opinion was more civilised, more intelligent, more mature and more tolerant under colonial rule than under this military government?

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Yorubaland in the 18th Century

PILGRIM Books of Lagos have just republished a book which should be of interest to all Nigerians at a time when the topics for debate country-wide are African culture, the creation of states, ethnic origins of heads of African states. The book, entitled *Yoruba Speaking Peoples of the Slave Coast of West Africa*, was written by Lt.-Col. Ellis. 1st Battalion West Indian Regiment. He also wrote "The Twi Speaking People of the Gold Coast," "Ewe Speaking of the Peoples of the Slave Coast," and "A History of the Gold Coast of West Africa."

In this wide-ranging book

Col. Ellis covers such topics as the in-dwelling spirits in the souls of men, laws and customs, languages, gods, ceremonies of



birth, marriage and death, the historical origin of Lagos.

Although the geographical references in the book differ from the modern-place names, it is still possible to recognise some of them. The enduring value of this book, however, lies in the cultural aspects which

deal with Yoruba gods, legends, folklore, religion and customs.

The appendix deals with a comparison of the languages of the Twi, Ewe and Yoruba people.

We are now approaching the Black Arts Festival and the value of works like Col. Ellis's are now manifesting themselves. Every ethnic group in this country requires detailed study of its origin, ancestry, history, etc., by learned Nigerians. If we have truly emerged from our colonial past it is necessary that our own professors, anthropologists and scholars should make available to us their own studies in the fields.

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Within hours of the corpse of a woman being left at the mortuary of the Government general hospital in Lagos, the head was severed from the body. Two men were accused of the crime but were set free after a sensational trial. The missing head, proved to have been separated from its body by a trained and skilful hand, was never recovered. Prince Kunle Akisemoyin takes up the weird and gruesome story.

THE HEADLESS CORPSE ... Trial Begins Today, ran a newspaper headline. It was a sensational case. That anyone could show such utter disrespect for the dead as to cut off its head, shocked the conscience of the people of Nigeria. Against this background was set the trial in Lagos of George Gay and Frank Ajayi. The year was 1947.

The trial had all the ingredients of a first class drama. There was a corpse. There was the missing head belonging to it. There were the two young suspects. To defend them were two brilliant lawyers. To prosecute them was an equally

brilliant lawyer. The trial judge was no other person than the Chief Justice.

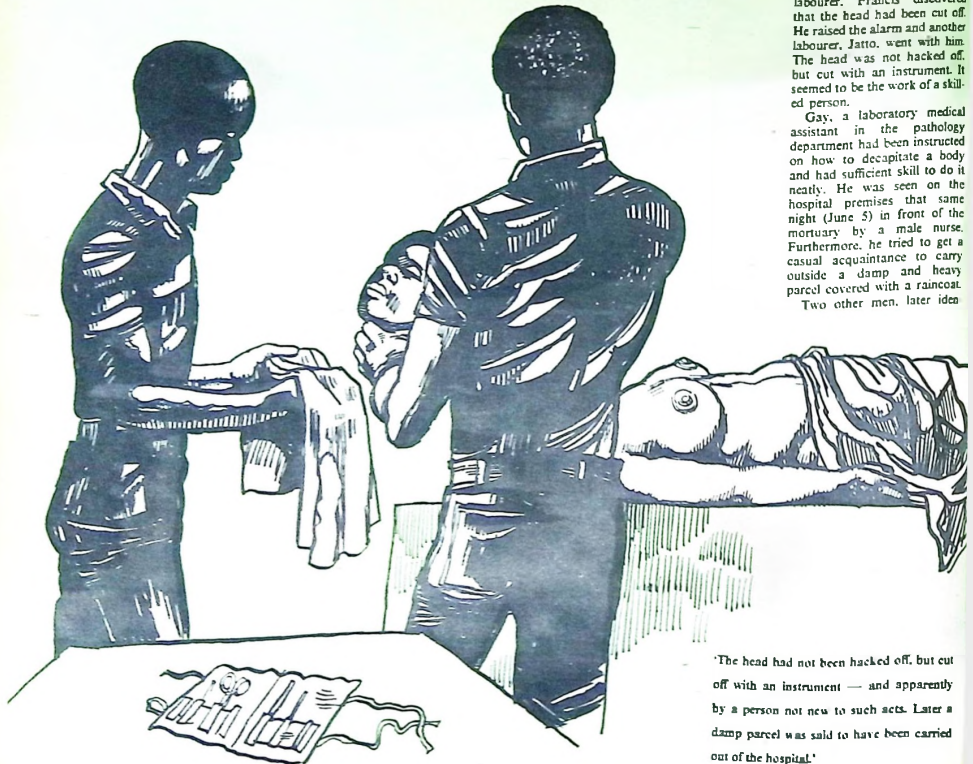
So the crowd flocked to the assizes held at the supreme court — dominating Tinubu Square. The court was packed almost to suffocation. In hushed silence the judge, Mr. Justice Butler Lloyd, took his seat. The jury was empanelled. Then the two young men in the dock stood to attention, swayed and subdued while the charge was read to them in a toneless voice. They pleaded 'Not Guilty' on all the five counts.

There was a hushed sigh — a sigh of expectation, perhaps of sympathy for the accused men.

but decidedly of relish at the impending legal battle — when the prosecutor, Mr. C. N. Scrim Pollard, rose to speak. Firstly, he explained to the jury that George had been charged with being in possession of a human head; and that Ajayi having assisted Gay in getting an ingredient necessary for witchcraft or juju, they were both in possession of a human head and, consequently, would be guilty of the same offence.

Then he outlined the case against the accused men, which briefly was as follows. On May 27 a patient, Aminotu, was admitted to the hospital. She died at 6.30 in the morning of June 4. The body was then taken to the mortuary and put in an ice box — awaiting burial. About midnight on June 5, a hospital labourer — Francis discovered that the head had been cut off. He raised the alarm and another labourer, Jatto, went with him. The head was not hacked off, but cut with an instrument. It seemed to be the work of a skilled person.

Gay, a laboratory medical assistant in the pathology department had been instructed on how to decapitate a body and had sufficient skill to do it neatly. He was seen on the hospital premises that same night (June 5) in front of the mortuary by a male nurse. Furthermore, he tried to get a casual acquaintance to carry outside a damp and heavy parcel covered with a raincoat. Two other men, later iden-



'The head had not been hacked off, but cut off with an instrument — and apparently by a person not new to such acts. Later a damp parcel was said to have been carried out of the hospital.'

lified as Ligali (who took no part in the exploit) and Ajayi were seen in the hospital grounds. When Gay's house was searched nothing was found; a second visit produced a mat and a raincoat, broken boards and two knives, all blood-stained and found under his grandmother's bed.

Ajayi had been heard to say that his father wanted to get him endowed with witchcraft or juju which needed a particular ingredient. Altogether, there were 29 prosecution witnesses of which 13 were material ones. The chief prosecution witness was one Salvador who claimed to be a friend of the accused men. What he had to say, if proved beyond beyond any reasonable doubt, would spell ruin to Ajayi and Gay. The case against Gay was strong but his counsel, Mr. Adedapo Kayode, put up a brilliant defence, as too did Ajayi's counsel Mr. Abayomi.

The first set of witnesses that were called established who the corpse was and the discovery of its missing head. However, a witness called John who testified that he was present when the headless body was being photographed, was cross-examined by Mr. Kayode with some startling results.

Q. Were you recently convicted of possessing a human skull?

A. Yes.

Q. Since this case was started?

A. Yes.

some doubts that had been created.

Q. How long have you been working at the African Hospital?

A. Nine years.

Q. And did you always keep *gari* in the yard?

A. I have a box in the yard.

Q. How long were you in the hospital grounds?

A. I didn't stop. Just took my *gari* and left.

'I suggest you have no desire to work'

Salvador was then put in the witness box. His evidence was that in May he was present when Gay and Ajayi were discussing ways and means of making money and they expressed the desire of becoming endowed with witchcraft. They mentioned the particular thing necessary, but he couldn't say what it was because they spoke in Fanti, a language he didn't understand. Furthermore, he saw the two men on the evening of June 5 and they told him they were going to the African Hospital and finally, he saw Ajayi at Aro station and he told him he had got the particular thing necessary to become endowed with witchcraft.

How would this stand the withering effect of skillful cross-examination? When Mr. Kayode rose there was a slight commotion in the gallery which was promptly silenced.

Q. In whose company did you travel to Aro?

A. Agbabiaka's.

Q. Who paid for your ticket?

A. Agbabiaka.

(Agbabiaka was a Sergeant in the Police Force.)

Q. Where did you meet Gay and Ajayi on the night of June 5?

A. At Campos Square.

Q. Why didn't you go with them?

A. Gay asked me to wait for him. He owed me some money and I thought he might pay me.

The judge then asked: When did you hear about the missing head?

A. When I returned from Abekuta.

Q. Did you go to the police station?

A. I was taken there and questioned by the police that I was with Gay on June 5. I made a statement in writing.

Mr. Kayode sat down and for the first time Mr. Abayomi got up. He adjusted his gown and stroked his wig.

Q. When did you know of this case?

A. I didn't know of it till July 9.

Q. Are you a hanger-on of Agbabiaka?

A. I am not.

Q. Are you not wearing his coat?

A. I am.

Q. I suggest to you you have no desire to work.

A. I wish to work at the railways.

Q. Are you working now?

A. No.

The next witness was Leonard who testified that Gay asked him to carry out a damp, heavy parcel wrapped with a raincoat. He was asked:

Q. Where did you and your friend part?

A. In front of the eye-room facing the female dressing room.

Q. How did you know the parcel was heavy?

A. I tried it in my hands.

Q. Did you see anyone as you left?

A. The man in white brushed past me.

Mr. Abayomi had only one question to ask Leonard.

Q. When you passed the man in white, where was the parcel?

A. At his feet.

Ezri, Leonard's friend, was called next. He testified that he heard Gay's voice calling Leonard. Next witness, Oluremi, was a dispenser at the hospital and he testified he saw neither Gay nor Ajayi at the hospital that night nor did he give any medicine to Gay. He was followed by the gatekeeper, Bashorun, who testified he saw both Gay and Ajayi on the night of June 5.

A male nurse, Nicodemus, and a nurse, Henrietta testified that they saw Gay at the hospital on the night in question; another nurse, Felicia and the telephone operator, Anthony testified they did not see Gay. The next witness was a pathologist, Dr. Davidson, who said he saw the decapitated body and that the operation was neatly done by, in his opinion, someone with a certain amount of anatomical knowledge. He thought Gay was sufficiently skilled to have removed the head. To an intent court, Mr. Kayode rose to cross-examine him.

Q. Is it not a fact that on June 7 there was an instrument missing?

A. One decapitation knife was missing.

Q. Where was the knife kept?

A. On the shelf.

Q. I believe this knife was specially made and very sharp.

A. Yes.

Q. Since you have been in your department have you practised cutting off a head?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it usual to sever the head from the body?

A. Most unusual.

Q. Look at this nasty old knife. Is this the one you use at the mortuary?

(He was handed one of the knives found at Gay's house.)

A. No.

The foreman of the jury then asked:

Q. We want to know if any of the clerks can have access to the mortuary after business hours?

A. The key is always kept with the senior nurse on duty.

The Government analyst, Mr. Southall, then gave evidence. He admitted that the blood stains he examined may have been human blood. The tests he carried out were not conclusive. Furthermore, he admitted, on cross-examination that he could only give an opinion as to the origin of the blood stains. That concluded the case for the prosecution.

Bloodstains 'from my dead father'

When Mr. Kayode, in defence of Gay, called Gay as the first witness there was a stir in the gallery as the spectators craned their necks forward to watch the young man being solemnly led to the witness box. His evidence was that he went to the African Hospital (now the General Hospital, Lagos) on the night of June 5 to see a disjunct of June 5 to see a disjunct pender friend who he thought was on duty. It turned out he was not, so he left. He got there at 9.10 p.m. and left three minutes later. The gateman, Bashorun, gave him permission to go in. The bloodstained cushion and mat were removed from his parents' room. His father suffered from and died of a carbuncle in March that year and the bloodstains may have been drops from the carbuncle. That was all he knew.

He was then subjected to a strenuous cross-examination.

Q. How old are you?

A. Twenty-five.

Q. How long have you known Ajayi?

A. Most of my life.

Q. He is your friend?

A. Yes.

There was a sigh from the spectators at this incriminating statement. Briefly, the statement was that in the presence of a mutual friend called Mills, Gay had expressed the desire to be endowed with the type of witchcraft known as OSO and that Ajayi had offered to help him. Mills later told Ajayi that Gay had given a human head to one Verrissimo to carry out the necessities. Gay denied every item of the statement without hesitation.

The next two witnesses called, Santos, a friend of Gay's father, and Edward, brother-in-law of Gay's father, testified that they saw the corpse of Gay's father on the mat on the ground with the head on a pillow or cushion. There was bleeding from the mouth, they said, and both the mat and the cushion were those in court. Then it was the turn of the defence to spring a surprise. Mr. Kayode put Salagbemi, Edward's daughter, in the witness box and she testified that the raincoat alleged to be Gay's was hers and that the blood stain on it was hers. She had sat on it on one occasion only to discover on getting up that she was menstruating. Mr. Pollard was not prepared to let her off so easily.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any children?

A. I have no children.

Q. Do you menstruate regularly?

A. I have no regular date for menstruation.

If she had made the fatal mistake of saying 'Yes' to the last question her evidence would have been torn to shreds and rendered utterly worthless. That closed the defence case for Gay. Ajayi was then put in the witness box. In his evidence he said it was true he did take part in a conversation when Gay expressed the desire to dabble in witchcraft and that he offered to help him, but it was all in fun. He denied seeing Gay on the night of June 5 or going to the hospital. He then raised a complete defence alibi, and claimed that the statement he gave to the police was not voluntary. Mr. Pollard was certainly not prepared to let him get away with that.

Q. Did you go to the police station?

A. The police came for me. Sergeant Agbabiaka was carrying a double-barrelled gun. They said Gay had given the

"The world is over-populated. By 1975 the population figure will rise to four billion. There is an energy crisis, food shortage, inflation, etc., etc. . . ."

This is the theory of the super-powers who advocate birth control—in Africa and in the other "under-developed" Third World countries.

And like the fools we are, we listen. We comply. We proceed to castrate our men and to sterilize our women. We forget that we have our own life-style. Unhappily we are selling off our identity all the time and now we are neither "African" nor "Western."

Still more convincing is the argument about family planning. Each man and woman must produce just one boy and one girl. Each boy and each girl produced by each African and his wife must be trained in the best universities and must end up Ph.Ds with hands that must never be soiled by engine oil or dirtied by humus. Again we comply. We "plan" our families.

That word "planning" has a magic ring to it. It implies responsible thinking and responsible action with predictable results. In a "planned" family everything works according to plan. The planners become God with the power of life and death. Look at the propaganda. Each time you see an African family depicted in advertisements there is one man and one woman, one boy and one girl. This incredible picture is the ideal we are expected to achieve.

Bid to rescue black culture

How did Africa come to be involved in planning its own extinction? The answer is, in the same way that Africa rejected producing its own natural food by farming its fertile land, but imports rice and other foods from Europe. Africa abandoned its own culture and tradition—until it realised its own folly and now we are mounting a big and expensive come-back operation to rescue black culture during arts festivals only. Perhaps birth control is also part of the new culture.

It actually was part of ancient African culture. On the whole there were large families in Africa before the coming of the super-powers, but the size of the family was limited naturally—by marriage, in the prime of manhood—not before, by breast feeding the baby nine to ten months, not by using inned "natural" mother's milk, by the absence of promiscuity in sex matters, and by natural selection.

Deformed children were cast aside in the land. Weak children were not nurtured in oxygen tents or provided with artificial



Ekwensi

TO HELL WITH BIRTH CONTROL

limbs so as to grow up an embarrassment to the parents and to society.

If Africa has any disease today it is not overpopulation. The 'world' may have that disease but Africa is not part of that 'world'. The late Mbonu Ujike used to say that if his father had not been a polygamist, he would never have been born. This is not to advocate polygamy but to say that no one can predict how one child may alter the history of a whole nation. We must remember this as we 'control birth' and 'plan families': Africa needs all her manpower.

Nigeria is about four times the size of Britain, with practically the same population. What are we planning to do with all this empty land? Lagos is congested, Ibadan is over-populated, Oba is overcrowded, so is Kano, so is Benin, but what about Usonigbo or Anchau, or Nkwelle, to mention a few remote Nigerian villages? And what about the land in between?

The truth is that much of Africa is actually under-populated. Try and check the countries by area and by population figure and you will agree that what we need more urgently is social and economic planning: control of our resources. Birth control and family planning are distractions from the big issues of today.

Give the villages more amenities—electric light and power, pipe-borne water, schools, maternity wards,

clinics, medical doctors, not retired nurses—give the men more jobs, establish more industries, show us how to use the million acres of empty land, teach us not to flee from our villages only to flood the cities, and the problem of family planning or birth control will cease to blackmail us.

We Africans used to have a social responsibility which began with a closely knit family. We used to laugh with surprise at Europeans who did not marry at all, or who—when they married—selfishly produced two, at most three, children. Today we do not laugh so loud because we have become imitators of what we were ridiculing. I suppose we can be said to have 'developed.'

Do we have anything that someone else will imitate so as to develop? What about our complete oneness with nature. The quality that breeds our male and female athletes? Are we not even losing that? In a country where so many went about naked a few decades ago sex shows and pornography are becoming commercial propositions.

Away with birth control, family planning in the Africa of today. Let us resist being led away from nature. For nature is the ally of Africa and nature is Africa's contribution to a confused and artificial world that has forgotten how to laugh and thrives on violence and destruction.

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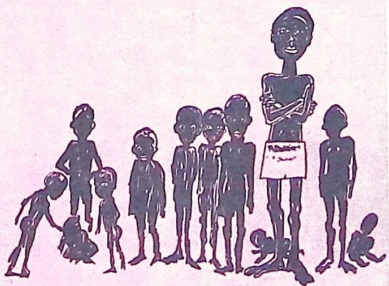
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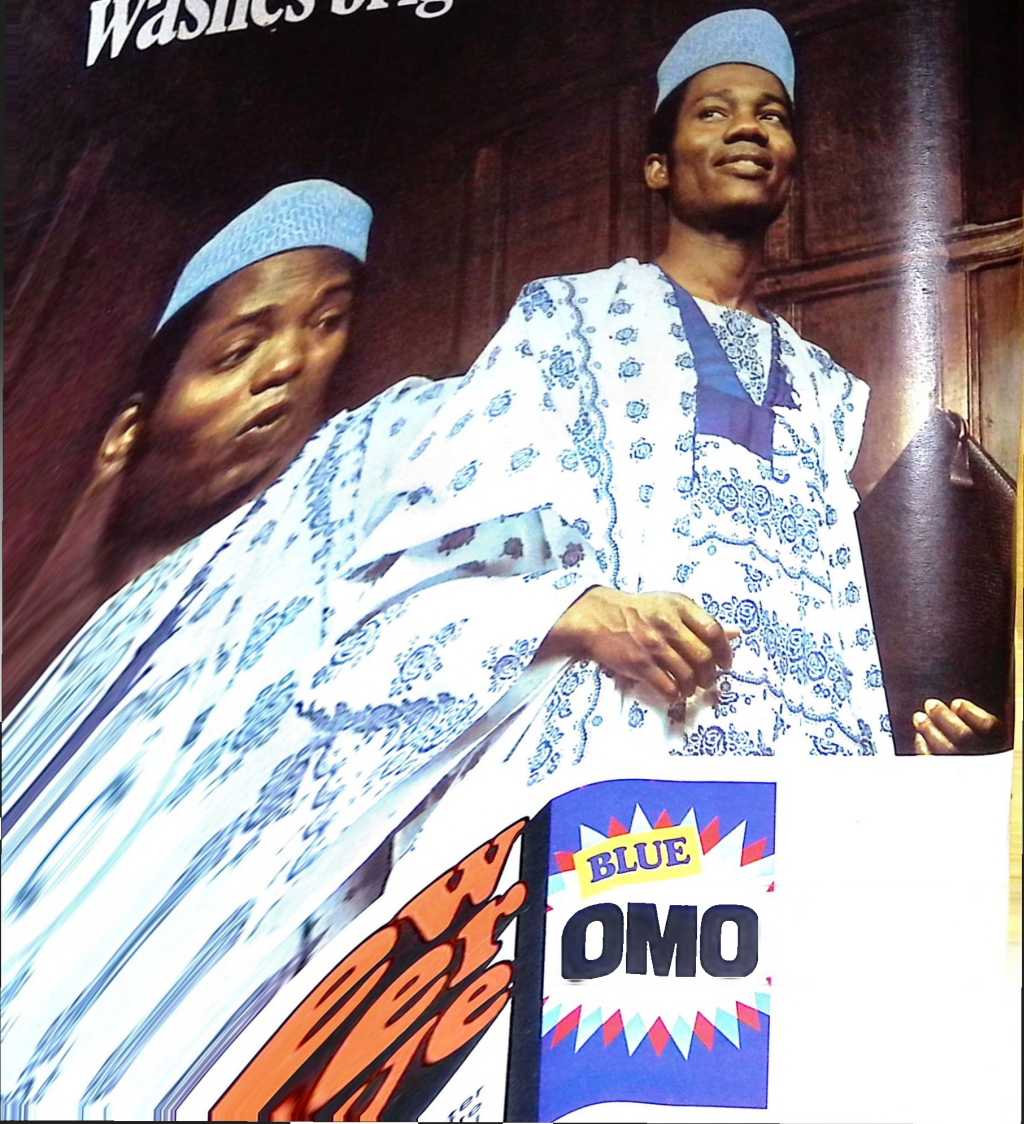


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UNTIL a few years back Zambian women would only wear the African hair-do at home; now the mini-skirted glamour girls of Zambia are gradually changing the trend, and can be seen showing off their beautiful African hair styles in every town and city.

Miss Christine Chilepa, co-owner of Dorchriss hair plaiting house, whose salon plays African tunes as customers wait to have their hair plaited, told me that her salon has had a fantastic response from the fashion conscious members of the public.

Her five hairdressers handle more than 30 customers a day. The process of plaiting hair in the most stylistic manner takes time — 20 to 30 minutes in some cases — and Miss Chilepa is planning to increase the number of hairdressers within the foreseeable future.

Opened in February this year, Dorchriss operates six days a week except Mondays. From 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. is the usual routine, but at month's end, they are open until 9 p.m., for that is when most customers have money.

Choice of 22 styles

Dorchriss plaiting house is merely one of many such places in Zambia, but in Lusaka, Dorchriss is among the favourite plaiting salons, with customers having a choice of 22 styles. Fees range from K1.50 to K3.50.

Miss Monde Lishomwa, a Lusaka model who goes to a plaiting salon to have her hair done, said: "Hair plaiting is just a fashion. It has come and it will go, just like hot pants."

However, Miss Christine Chilepa who runs Dorchriss with her sister Dorothy, maintains that "the Zambian woman has now fully realised that a good amount of beauty lies in her hair. The styles are too irresistible."

It is interesting to note what impact this new craze has made.

Mrs. L. Austin, manageress of Lusaka's famous Margot Boutique stated recently that the sales of Afro wigs has gone down considerably in the past few months compared to a few years back when wigs used to sell like hot cakes.

Miss Margaret Mwiya, a regular policeman and commented: "Though wigs are becoming still in fashion, hair plaiting is far superior, you look African."



"Girls are tired of wigs and want to try something new," says Mrs. Anna Chipimo, director of Moye Ltd., one of the pioneers in the hair plaiting business.

Hair plaiting 'salons' are found everywhere, from stalls at the markets to air conditioned

premises with wall to wall mirrors along Lusaka's Cairo Road — not to mention hairdressers who have set up shop under the shady trees in certain residential areas.

Says a young Lusaka secretary: "Hair plaiting is as old as the world and it has never

died out, and shall never die as long as there are Blacks." Another girl I interviewed said: "Africans in America are plaiting their hair because their ancestors over here did it and they (Afro Americans) must not think that they've started a cultural revolution."

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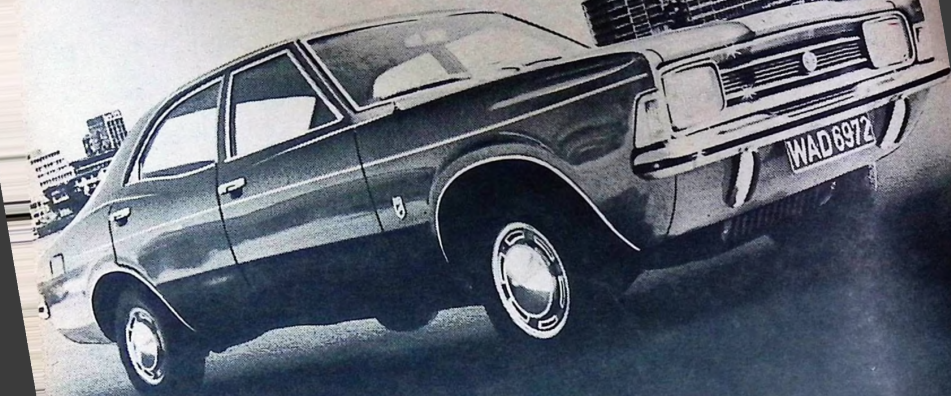


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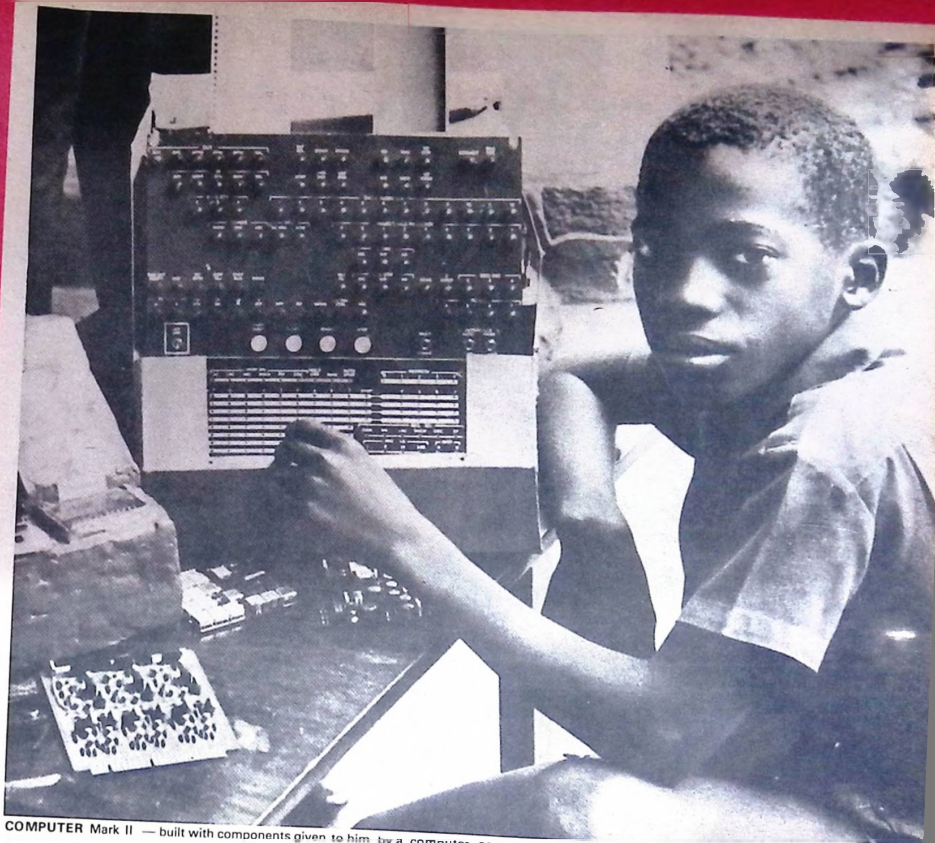
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COMPUTER BOY SHOCKS THE EXPERTS

WHILE his school contemporaries kicked their home-made footballs round township streets in Zambia, 14-year-old Francisco Chirundo was busy looking for old bits of electrical wire for his spare-time hobby. The result? A home-designed, home-built computer that has earned him a place if not in the hearts of the usually hard-bitten businessmen of the computer industry.

Francisco's first computer which stunned the experts by the ingenuity of its design, was made from scraps of wire, old batteries and — believe it or not — clay, dug up and shaped by Francisco to house his electrical brain.

It was a rudimentary

computer which, when fed with one question and five answers, would pick the correct answer. Francisco made his computer last year when he was still 13. He had started his scientific career at the tender age of seven when he made, again from scraps of this and that, a torch and a fan.

But the computer won Francisco considerable acclaim in Zambia and his achievement was brought to the ears of computer experts in the country who dubbed his invention "the Chirundo series."

So impressed was the management of the giant International Computers Company that they decided to

present the science worthy boy with computer equipment worth K2,600 (about £1,300) to help him progress in his hobby. "Such talent should not be wasted," enthused a company representative who handed over the equipment to a delighted Francisco.

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Adegoke Adelabu LION OF THE WEST

FIFTEEN years after the tragic death of Alhaji Adegoke Adelabu, his home and grave at Oke Oluokun in Ibadan are still the mecca of his thousands of political followers. Known as "The Lion of the West" by political fanatics of the banned NCNC, the late Adelabu's memory is revered particularly at Ibadan, where he was born.

The deep feeling of Ibadan's residents is summed up in what a taxi driver told me recently: "Ibadan will never have a stronger and more universally loved son-of-the-soil than 'Penkelemes' (Adelabu)." Such is the high esteem in which he is held by Ibadan people that the first secondary school scholarship ever to be given by Ibadan City Council was awarded to his eldest son, Adejare.

But it is not only Ibadan people who miss this popular politician and minister, who introduced colour and humour into the politics of his time. One man in Kaduna said that he doubted if the Yorubas could ever again produce a political human dynamo.

The late Adegoke Adelabu was born in 1915, to Muslim middle-class parents at Oke-Oluokun, Ibadan. His father was Sanusi Ashiyambi Adeyeye Adelabu and his mother Awujola Anke. He attended schools at St. David's CMS Elementary School, Kudeti, Ibadan; the Government College, also at Ibadan; and the Old Yaba Higher College in Lagos. He had a brilliant career as a student.

Alhaji Adelaba was a man who believed in one Nigeria. He once said about Nigeria's unity: "Tribes must die, ethnic groupings fade away, and sectional interests be submerged and sacrificed, in order that a nation vigorous, virile, and transcendental may arise."

When he died in a tragic motor accident in March 1958, at the height of his political glory, many of his supporters in the NCNC suspected the circumstances of his death, especially as the accident occurred in what his political supporters preferred to refer to as "enemy territory."

His supporters rioted. Some people believed to be his opponents, were lynched; others were maimed during the riot

He was a tiny man of about five feet six inches tall, but he played the role of a giant in the fight for Nigerian freedom. At his graveside, many of his fellow Nigerians vowed to take care of his family, especially the 15 children he left behind. DRUM's Investigators travelled to the Oke-Oluokun residence of the late Alhaji Ghadamosi Adegoke Adelabu to find out how his family is faring 15 years after the author of "Political Harakiri" died so tragically in a motor accident in March 1958.

which occurred shortly after his burial.

At his grave side, political associates vowed to uphold his ideas. Some promised to educate his numerous children, and most (but not all, according to the head of the family) have honoured their promises.

The late Alhaji Adelabu was in the forefront of the political crusade to reinstate the late Alhaji Adeyemi, who was removed as Alafin of Oyo and exiled to Lagos by the then civilian government of the old Western region. The present Alafin of Oyo is the eldest surviving son of the banished Alafin, and he was quick to come to the aid of the Adelabu family in appreciation of the fight put up by the late Alhaji Adelabu in favour of his father in the fifties.

A cousin of the deceased, Alhaji Badamosi Adeyemi, said: "The irony is that after Adelabu's death help came from quarters where it was least expected. His party associates outside his own Yoruba tribe have been very faithful to their ideal."

The political life of the late Alhaji Adelabu was very stormy. He was a dogged fighter. Starting in 1947, when he paid a fee of two Naira and ten kobo into the NCNC London Delegation fund, his rise to the party's hierarchy was meteoric. At the time of his death in 1958 he was leader of NCNC OP position in the Western House of Assembly.

He was founder and President of the Moholaj Grand Alliance Party, which aligned with the NCNC. Moholaje, literally translated means: "Do not ruin greatness."

Adelabu's political philosophy was unique. He once wrote: "Politically, as a West African, in 1952, I am radical socialist and a fanatical nationalist. This means that in other circumstances, I would be other things. If I were an Englishman, I would be a conservative; if French, a Gaullist; if Russian, a Communist; if Indian, on the left wing of the Congress Party; if German, Nazi; if North American, incurable capitalist; and if South African, a racial bigot. His views on issues like



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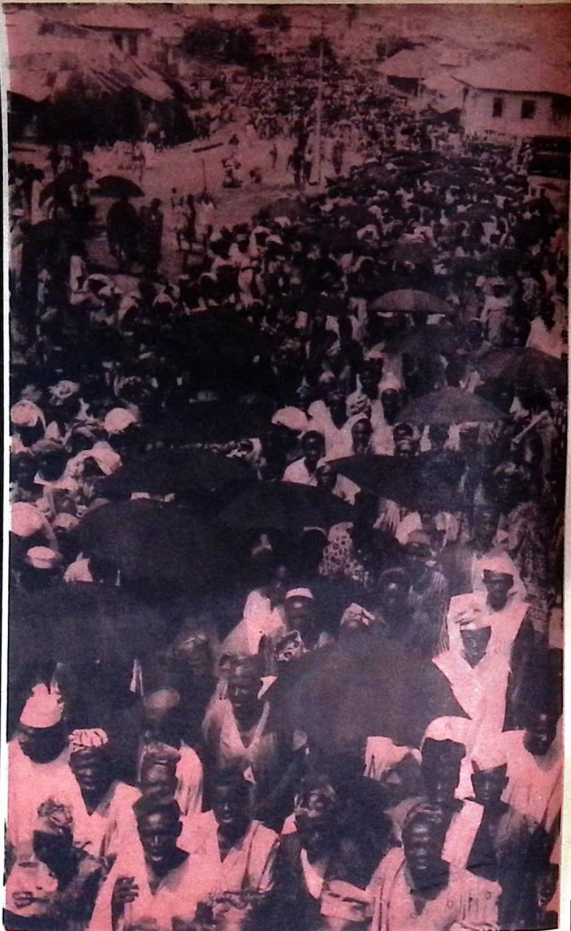
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HUGE following for the late Adegoke Adelabu at his home in Ibadan.

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education revealed him as a man of the people. He proposed for example to abolish preferential treatment in education based on the differences in economic status of parents. He wanted careers open to all talents. As he said: "I want opportunity based on merit."

Equally, he believed the advancement of agriculture required trained agriculturists to use their hands as well as sitting in offices giving instruction.

"They should not be merely sitting all day at office desks turning out an incredible amount of paper work," he said.

Differences of opinion

On many occasions he harassed the Action Group governing party of the then Western region. He hardly ever saw eye to eye with them. But unfortunately for him, he was not able to convince voters outside Ibadan parliamentary constituencies that his brand of politics was better than that of Chief Awolowo's Action Group.

His sharp tongue and dislike of rulers in the West at that time brought him in conflict with the law on several occasions; but Alhaji Adelabu always emerged unscathed. He once engaged a British Queen's Counsel, Mr. Dingle Foot, to argue his appeal on a contempt of court charge at the High Court of Western Nigeria. A two-month jail term passed on him earlier by an Ibadan Magistrate's Court was quashed.

He was also a great orator, able to hold sway in Nigerian politics for several years, despite the fact that Ibadan City

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Haven for political supporters

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was the seat of the Action Group, the then governing body of Western region. Even at a time when all other parliamentarians from Ibadan Division teamed up with the Action Group in government, Alhaji Adelabu remained loyal to the NCNC and turned away from the attractions of being a Cabinet Minister in the government.

A flamboyant politician, when in 1951 he became Federal Minister of Social Services, the exclusively reserved areas of Ikoyi where he had his official residence became a haven for his political supporters, drummers and praise singers. He was the first person to give a typical Nigerian party — drums and all — at Ikoyi.

He stated firmly that expatriates who felt the place had become too noisy were free to move out. But many expatriates admired his originality, and enjoyed his sense of humour.

Praise singers

Whenever Adelabu went out or travelled home to Ibadan, drummers and praise singers always accompanied him. More than that, when he once went to Broadcasting House at Ibadan to broadcast his party's political manifesto, he refused to leave his drummers behind.

For a politician to be a crowd puller in Nigeria he needed to be very generous with his money, his food and his time. The late Adegoke Adelabu certainly knew the ropes. Hundreds of people fed fat on him every day. "As a result," said a family spokesman "the late 'Lion of the West' had no time to think about saving for the morrow."

At a time when parliamentarians and ministers were often accused of corrupt practices, the late Adelabu was said to have spent all his salary as a legislator on feeding the masses. A former political supporter put it this way: "He who pays the piper, they say, may also dictate the tune. Some of us made life hard for the political opponents of Alhaji Adelabu, to the joy of Adelabu and the NCNC itself. We never regretted our association with him."

As a man of the people, he often dined and dined with low-class people at market places, parks and local restaurants where some clerks would not accept to drink ordinary water. He once wrote: "Those who will help the poor and comfort the



FIVE-WIFE line-up of the late Adegoke Adelabu is (left to right) Taibatu, Ayisatu, Jejelola — the most senior wife — Adedjoja and Kosenatu. In the background is the grave of their late husband.



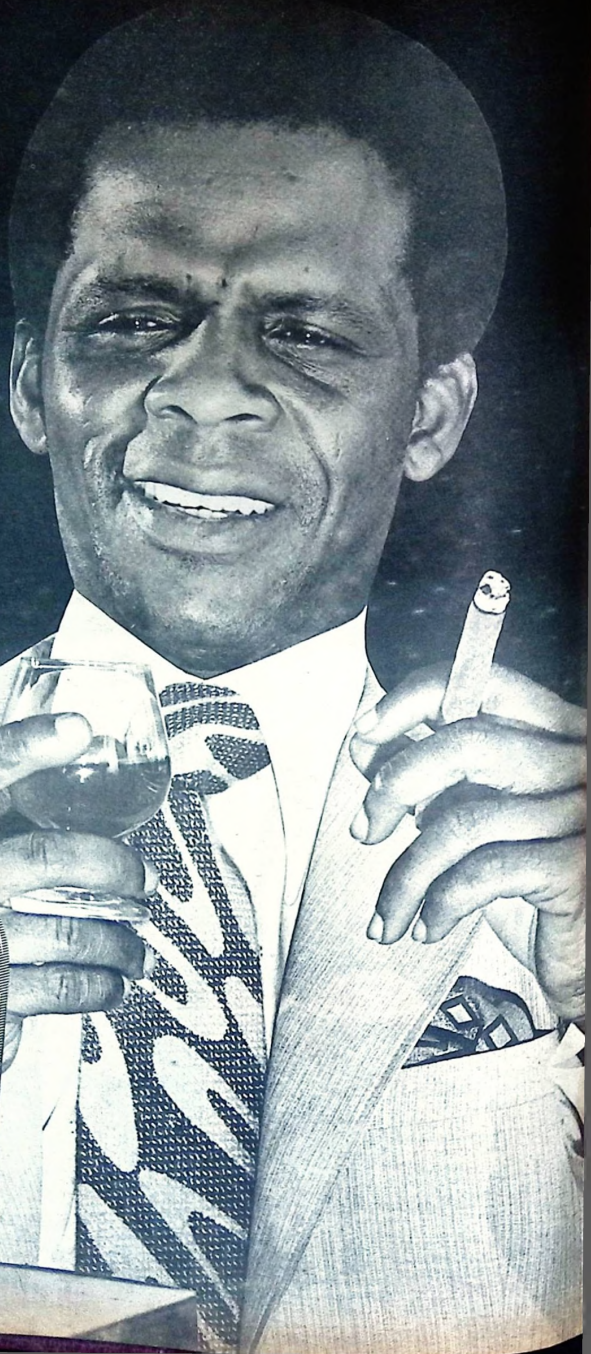
CHAIN-SMOKER Adelabu was rarely seen without a cigarette in his hand. Here he is pictured lighting a new stick from another.

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The Brandy of Napoleon



Philosophy of live and let live

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stricken must go out and live among them. They must share the homes of the poor, eat their food, drink their water, think their thoughts, dream their dreams and share their hopes. It is then, gradually, by example, by imitation, by comparison and by contrast, that they will truly lead them to see that they have been groping in the dark. The response will be wonderful. The effect will be magical."

Mr. Sadiku Adedapo, a cousin of Alhaji Adedabu said "Adegoke Adedabu's philosophy of life was live and let live. He cared for all people, both young and old. As a result, he had little time to care for himself and his own family."

At Ibadan he built a house of one storey which his Oke-Oluokun residence, but the building now needs urgent repairs. On the floor of the verandah of the building is an inscription in Yoruba that runs: "Adelabu Adegoke; he is not taller than an outstretched hand. But he is a big fish that disturbs the mighty ocean."

Still devoted

The personality of Adedabu was such that 15 years after his death, nine of his many wives still remained devoted to him. A spokesman for the family said: "Adelabu had ten wives betrothed to him but there were numbers of other women given to him as gifts by Ibadan people at the height of his political glory."

His first 10 wives had 15 children between them: six boys and nine girls. One of the girls at the family home at Oke-Oluokun is Dadebo Adedabu, aged 17. She said of her father: "I did not know very much of him; I was too young when he died. But the way people talk about him makes me believe that my father was great." Dadebo is a student of Ladigbolu Grammar School.

Another of Adedabu's sons, Adejare, aged 16, said of his father: "I would love to be as great as my father. People talk favourably of him all the time. Why did he have to die so soon?" And yet another Adeboyesa, aged 17, said: "I am happy to be one of the children of such a great man in Nigerian public life. I shall live to cherish his name."

Adelabu knew the people of Ibadan intimately: he knew their religions, their social beliefs, and their prejudices, and he built his emotional speeches on these. His death robbed Ibadan of one of her cleverest, most articulate and most colourful politicians.



SURVIVING children of late Adegoke Adedabu include (left to right) Adebovega, Dadebo and Adejare, students at secondary schools in Nigeria at the expense of friends of their late father. The girl, Dadebo, is a student of Ladigbolu grammar school, Oyo, on a scholarship awarded her by the present Ajafo of Oyo, His Highness, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi.



SADIKU Adedapo Adedabu who keeps the fort at Oke-Oluokun compound of Adedabu, at his cousin's grave.



DRUM's Adeniyi Ibitoye at the burial ground talks to the head of Adedabu's family, Alhaji Bademosi Adekolu Adeyemi.

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MAY 21—
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AUGUST 21—
SEPTEMBER 20

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LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 21—
OCTOBER 20

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 21—
NOVEMBER 20

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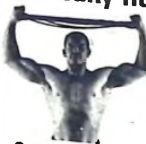
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DECEMBER 20

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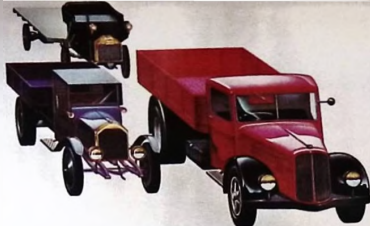
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DESPITE nearly 70 years of British colonialism in East Africa and nearly 60 years of Christian missionary work the problems of witchcraft and superstition still reign supreme. Despite ten years of independence in Kenya, many apparently educated Africans — men and women seen in the cities and towns in modern suits and all sorts of western paraphernalia — hold witchcraft and witchdoctors in the highest dread.

One well educated friend will never cross a river simply because he met a dead dog on the road! Witchcraft and witchdoctors holds sway among all African tribes, particularly among the people of the Kenya coast the Kamba people of Eastern Province, the Luo and the Abaluyia of Nyanza and Western Provinces and the Iteso people of Busia district.

The feeling that one has been bewitched can drive even the most sophisticated Oxford-educated Ghanaian to consult a juju man Africans claim that Western medicine cannot cure a person hit by witchcraft.

In my own Luo community fantastic feats are claimed by witchdoctors and medicine men. I was told of women who are capable of bewitching people (especially young children) by simply looking at them! By looking at a child for five minutes a witch is capable of planting anything in the child's stomach ranging from a frog, a snake, a bead, bones or stones.

Unbelievable? But they do believe it — and herein I come to the essence of my story. Witchdoctors are known to carry a lot of influence with some of our politicians. At the coast the famous Kajiwa is believed to have a lot of influence over some politicians. Many were said to consult him before running for elections!

And in Western Province we have heard of "rainmakers" who threaten that unless a certain candidate is elected to Parliament there will be no rain in Kenya for a decade! Superstition? But they believe them! Some of our town dwellers like Malimoto believe that if one eats bacon, sausages, lobster and prawns they cannot be bewitched! They claim with pride that anyone who has eaten the white man's food cannot be affected by witchcraft but at the same time they kneel down before the witchdoctors as soon as they leave Nairobi.

I have seen a highly educated African — a graduate of an American seat of high learning — spending 4,000 shillings on a witchdoctor simply because he wanted to win over a woman who had refused to marry him! I have also seen many educated men and women consulting witchdoctors and being given certain herbs and roots to consume so that they can protect



The witchdoctor ordered the frog to leave my brother's stomach . . .

ME AND THE WITCHDOCTOR

themselves from the charms and spells cast over them by their opponents or jealous relatives. There are also witchdoctors who claim they are quite capable of giving us charms that can help one get promotion or a pay rise! If this were true, the problem of unemployment could have been minimised long ago!

What I cannot understand is how a witchdoctor's charm can create a job or even give a school leaver experience needed to carry out some work. Be that as it may, most Africans strongly believe in witchcraft and the power of the juju men. Malimoto is no exception. After all I was born in a society that is ridden with the fear of the occult, fear of ancestral spirits, fear of the unknown.

So, dear readers, to get back to my story, I went on leave and as soon as I reached home I was told that one of my brothers had been bewitched by a bad woman in the village — the woman with the "evil eye" had planted a frog in my brother's tummy and that this frog croaks continuously during the night! I examined my brother and I concluded like every educated man or woman would have done, that he was



suffering from acute constipation. But poor man, they would not take him to hospital.

I was told to wait for the night when they claimed that the frog inside my brother would croak. I waited with all imaginable suspense for the night. It had rained heavily that evening. Frogs were croaking in ponds nearby, birds too were chirping on the trees but I could hear little noise emanating from my brother's inside apart from occasional breaking of wind.

Everyone in the room maintained that I must be deaf if I could not hear the frog croaking inside my brother's tummy. I was outnumbered. Everyone in the house swore they heard the frog — even my aged father swore by the God of Africa! So I gave in and believed there must be a frog inside my brother. Believe it or not, reader,

the next day a prominent witchdoctor was duly summoned to our homestead. He came with all his stock-in-trade — the oldest paraphernalia — beads, human skulls, all sorts of fetishes, hyena skin head-gear. He was looking awe-inspiring.

As he approached the main gate he spat and muttered something to the effect that there was a devil hiding in our there was a devil hiding in our bull before he could drive out the devil from our village! I stood there dumbfounded. Poor Malimoto, I have never seen a devil, so what could I say?

My apparently constipated brother was brought before the witchdoctor. Various mumbos were placed on his head jumbo between tummy and an bulging tummy and an empty pot was placed before him. The witchdoctor invoked all his ancestors and ordered the frog to get out of my brother's stomach! We all waited in suspense. The pot was turned upside down and when it was opened half an hour later out came a frog. The next day my brother said he was feeling well, but I was not convinced!

Was the frog placed inside the pot by the witchdoctor when he went to open the pot? I thought so.

When I was at home I challenged a woman reputed to have an "evil eye" to cast a spell on me if she had the power. She told me she could only cast a spell on me while I am eating and that I must not have prior knowledge of her intentions! So now we know, or cannot be bewitched if one knows a witch.

Recently I went to consult a famous witchdoctor in my area. I said I wanted his help in getting a job. He was reputed to have all sorts of charms that can mesmerise a mellow the heart of even the most stubborn employer. He was also said to have placed more than 100 people in jobs and secured promotion for another 100.

So I was elated. Here is a chance, Malimoto, I said myself, of becoming the permanent secretary to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting so that I can introduce highly needed reforms. All I need is a charm to mesmerise the Government that I am the best man for the job. There is no advantage that the interview would not last long as

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My plan

beat the wise men

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charm would have captivated all those clever men in the cabinet. So I said I will try this witchdoctor. I will give him 400 shillings if he can make me land this job.

Armed with my cash I stepped into his home. He was squatting on a home-made stool sipping a local brew and waiting for business. Having stated the purpose of my visit, the "wise men" began to deliver a long speech which was supposed to be my "history." First he consulted his beads, his oracle, I suppose.

Then he began: "I can see that you are the only son of your father and mother. I can also see clearly that you are a university graduate. You are not married yet. You were working for the Government but you lost your job after punching your head of department on the nose because of a quarrel over a woman.

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"I can also see that you are a very gentle person who is not apt to lose his temper unless you are severely provoked. You are also a very proud person with a huge bank balance. You run two cars — all latest models and have three large homes. Your problem is women. They like you too much so keep out of their way.

"As for getting this important job all you have to do is throw a big party for all the Cabinet ministers in one of your mansions in Nairobi, entertain them — entertain them lavishly, crack jokes with them and let them dance with your girl friends. During the cocktail party clink your glass with them and assure them that cocktails will be a regular feature in your house as soon as you get the new post. Tell them that you will ensure that only ministerial speeches will be read over the radio and that only their faces will be shown on the country's television.

"I am sure you will get this job, young man. Although you have very little experience in journalism you can always pick this up from your juniors. Now where is the 400 shillings?"

I stood up, looked him straight in the face and began to address him. Fortunately for me I was accompanied by five friends and six relatives.

I said: "You are a liar, the greatest liar I have ever met. You are a liar and rascal. First I am not the only son of my father and mother. We are three sons. You hear, three sons although I am the eldest. I am also not a university graduate. I am a self-educated, self-made man. You are right that I worked at one time with the government but I did not lose my job because I punched my head of department on the nose because of a woman. It was another man.

"I do drink much, although I don't smoke and have no time for women. I am already married with two kids and not unmarried as you falsely suggest. My father is still alive and kicking although my mother kicked the bucket 20 years ago. You are very wrong when you say that I am a gentle person who is not apt to lose my temper unless severely provoked. In fact I lost my temper long ago, just when you began your stupid lies."

When this cunning witchdoctor realised that his tricks had been discovered, he started to apologise asking us to leave quietly without spoiling his trade. So, dear readers if you want the truth, do not visit witchdoctors who know you or your parents. They can easily make up a very believable story about you even if they have not seen you.

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Prior to this epoch-making economic breakthrough, the indigenes of Nigeria, then a British dependency, completely lacked the devoted services of any bank since the existing financial institutions were all owned by the colonial masters. Thus the native-born workers, businessmen, farmers, artisans and petty traders were denied the paternalistic buttress offered by unexploitive banking.

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With this need at the back of their minds the pioneers established its first branch outside Lagos, in Kano in 1943, following a year later with a branch each at Agege and Ibadan.

Little by little, that humble start has grown from strength to strength until today when it boasts 56 branches in Nigeria, including one in London. The network is the widest spread of a Nigerian banks, covering ten of the 1 states of the Federation.

However, the picture is not as ros as it may look. When on May 14 1971, the Pan African Bank was officially declared open at its Liberation Drive Headquarters, Port Harcourt, the number of indigenous bank in Nigeria came to 10.

What has prompted the sprout up of these banks at such pace? Is that the subsequent one is established due to the failures of the existing banks? Or is it that the prevail banks have become so well-ground that it would be reasonable to embark on another experiment?

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that indigenous banks have become too many for them to be able to effectively challenge the supremacy of the foreign banks. It would not be all that proper for a bank to be incepted because of the inadequacies of its senior indigenous counterparts. For one, what the owners of most of these new banks should have done is to contact the management of these new banks should have done is to contact the management of existing indigenous banks with a view to joining them with additional capital as well as new blood.

On the other hand, it cannot be con-

fidently deposed that the prevailing banks had found their feet so soundly that new ventures would be proper. Almost all the indigenous banks go from crisis to crisis, although they somehow manage to increase their strength! But is this strength strong enough? Would many of these banks not have grown into giant stature if not for crisis?

Of about 16 banks operating in Nigeria, not less than ten are indigenous. But they control less than 20 per cent of commercial banking activities in the country!

Many of the reasons for this sour trend are not far to seek. Others lurk in

Chief Adebayo Doherty, also a founder member of the National Bank of Nigeria Limited.



dark corners and cannot be blamed on the banks as such.

Customers repose little or no confidence in any business organisation which lacks enough dedicated personnel. While some of our bankers are wholly devoted to their career and can compare favourably with any others the world over, it cannot be said that many indigenous bank staff regard their work as purely of pecuniary benefit to themselves and not a way of offering much-needed services to the public.

It will be wrong to say that the various indigenous banks are not doing a lot to train their staff, especially as there are numerous staff training schools, manned by qualified instructors. The problem, however, is that when compared with the foreign banks, their staff are said to have trouble in handling the complex technical aspects of the profession.

Most of the indigenous banks cannot properly finance foreign business either owing to the non-availability of personnel who have mastered the complexities of foreign trade, or due to the absence of effective contacts with the financial centres of the world.

The loan policies of our financial institutions are usually geared towards aiding the local businessman, petty traders and others. But the headache here is that these policies have been too good for much tangible benefit to come out of them. Aiding of Nigerian businessmen has been carried to the bankruptcy-prone border of credit indulgence.

Many Nigerians who are given loans in lumps, easily use them for consumptive purposes rather than commercial. The over-altruistic banks thereby over-lend!

Concerning foreign trade, at least two indigenous banks can be said to understand the intricacies of that field as well as maintain sound representation abroad. Why then do the expatriate banks still command the foreign aspect of banking? It has been alleged that Nigerian importers, exporters, distributors and manufacturers are usually mere agents of foreign businessmen. These alien tycoons dictate to their Nigerian representatives the bankers of their choice which instinctively turn out to be expatriate banks.

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The problems of local banks do not end there. Even when certain patriotic Nigerian tycoons stuck to indigenous banks in international transactions these banks are said to need the recommendation of their foreign counterparts before their letters of credit could be accepted!

What is more, wealthy and middle-class Nigerians save in, and keep current accounts with, foreign banks even though they run to indigenous banks in time of need!

In fact, many governments, statutory agencies and other Nigerian institutions are known to have patronized expatriate financial institutions while neglecting the indigenous banks.

What is to done? The Federal Government has offered N50 million loan to indigenous commercial banks. While this is encouraging; it is not enough. From all indications, one cannot state categorically that the grant has substantially rectified the incapacitation of indigenous banks.

"Trade, not aid" is a favourite slogan of developing countries. The same thing can be said of our indigenous banks. They require fairness in competition with foreign banks. The situation whereby western industrialists pressurize their Nigerian agents to bank with expatriate banks should be regulated, if possible by decree. Indeed, it is high time these foreign banks are barred from specific aspects of the profession, say, like handling international transactions.

All companies registered with the Federal Ministry of Trade and of In-

dustrial should be made to conduct at least 50 per cent of their transactions through indigenous banks.

Again, the proposed bankruptcy decree should be fortified against circumvention by unscrupulous people. It should be able to effectively protect the banks against fraudulent customers.

The banks should be assisted in the intensification of their staff training programme. There is nothing wrong with establishing a College of Banking by the Federal Military Government to where the various banks can send their personnel for training. The proliferation of Staff Training Schools by the various banks is good only up to a point, for specialization is bound to suffer.

Happily, the University of Lagos has begun a 3-year degree course with special reference to banking since October 1973. Although it began with an intake of 32 students, the Chairman of the University's Department of Finance, Professor Vunankwo, has assured the nation that it will soon be expanded and that products of the course will not be mere theorists, but practical experts who will be able to channel their knowledge towards the improvement of banking services to the public.

Dr. Isong, Governor of the Central Bank, has always lamented the absence of integrity in Nigerian banking business. Speaking at a dinner party in Lagos on December 14 last year, he wondered why after many years of banking, Nigeria still lacked eminent bankers who can conduct banking with unquestionable integrity.

While the Institute of Bankers continues to try to improve the image of the profession, the Governor of the Central Bank should play his part by advising the Federal Government to modify the relevant code in order to make the conviction of fraudulent bank officials less difficult.

The prospect of 7 out of every 10 accountants accused of fraud being released because of unnecessary legal technicalities encourages illicit practices.

Every citizen should turn a new leaf in his or her attitude to Nigerian banks. The fact is that low wage earners form the bulk of the indigenous banks' customers while our top executives, businessmen and other well-placed professionals patronize only expatriate financial institutions. This is mainly responsible for the wide-margins in foreign banks' profits at the end of every financial year as compared with those of Nigerian banks. An end should be put to the unpatriotic inclination of Nigerians.

Finally, it should be brought home to the indigenous commercial banks that a good portion of their fortunes or misfortunes lie in their own laps. Commercial banks should review their loan policies with a view to plugging loop-holes. They should also continue to search for new ways of attracting customers and making them stay.

In closing, it must be emphasized that the purpose of this article is to shed light on the problems of indigenous banks and what can be done to remove them. It is not to say that our commercial banks do not have achievements to their credit. For the best way of helping to consolidate their hold on the economy of Nigeria is not

just to sing their praises and make them over-confident but to jolt them to the realities of their tight-rope walking.

Certainly, our banks have aroused 'banking awareness' in numerous citizens in a way no expatriate bank could. The banks' owners as well as the various state governments as well as the Federal Savings Bank allow very small amount as first deposit by way of giving many a poor citizen the opportunity of enjoying banking services.

It is common knowledge that Nigerian businessmen have unrivalled privileges in the way of credit facilities by indigenous banks and, while there are some who mis-use loans, it can be safely asserted that many flourishing businesses today owe their strength to the assistance of indigenous banks.

These banks are, the National Bank of Nigeria, the Co-operative Bank of Western Nigeria and the Wema Bank Limited, all of which are owned by the Western State Government; the African Continental Bank and Co-operative Bank of Eastern Nigeria which are owned by East Central State Government; the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank, The Federal Savings Bank, the Nigerian Bank for Commerce and the Post Office Savings Department, which are controlled by the Federal Government; the Mercantile Bank Limited, owned by the South Eastern States; the Pan African Bank which is the property of Rivers State; the New Nigerian Bank Limited, owned by the Mid West Government and the Bank of the North which is jointly owned by a foreign consortium and the Northern States Interim Common Services Agency.

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New trends in office equipment

In the past, wide-side carpenters, operating from makeshift sheds and shelters were called in to build desks, chairs and shelves for office use. Those days are long gone and forgotten in Nigeria. Nigerian officials and businessmen have since seen the need to avail themselves of modern and up-to-date office equipment.

As recently as 1960, the year of Nigeria's independence, typewriters used to be aristocratic office equipment, but today, other electronic labour-saving devices abound alongside the age old typewriter.

To cope with the complexities of modern living, it is impractical to tax the human brain with each and every necessary calculation that keeps modern life going. The invention of calculating machines has guaranteed accuracy in accounting. In Nigeria today, there is a wide range to choose from. There is the OLYMPIA CP 141 calculator from the world-famous Olympia international family of office equipment, marketed by the U.T.C. (Nig) Ltd. Its makers justifiably term it "the most advanced printing calculator in its category." A twelve-digit calculator, the special features of the CPI 41 include an Automatic percentage finding key and a Register Change to recall the last entry and change factors when dealing with fractions. In addition to its normal multiplication, division, adding and subtracting functions, it has a ten-decimal fixing position, a round-up key and a non-add figure.

Equally good are the REMINGTON electronic calculators sold by C.S.S. (Nig) Ltd.; the FACIT series of calculators handled by Kolynson Company Ltd.; and the ETR 21 & 22 marketed by Rapid Reprographic Services

Ltd. There is also the VICTOR 1900 series of printing calculators marketed by Atlas Nigeria Ltd. The makers of the VICTOR are however one jump ahead with the Scientific / Engineering Model 1800 which does logarithms and trigonometry in addition to its other special mathematical functions.

Typewriters are not the simple one function machines they used to be. The Nigerian market can boast of the most modern and sophisticated typewriting machines ever devised. The makes and range are almost limitless.

IBM takes pride of place in the variety of models available and also in the advanced development of the typewriter to perform an increasing number of functions. There is the IBM Doric Type recommended for applications; the Secretarial Code 026 whose well-defined characters are ideally suited for typing clear legible stencils; the Arcadia Code 079 for all-purpose use; the Modern Code 032 or Executive typewriter; the Patron Code 092 for that look of individuality; and the Bold Face I Code 016 which is favoured by printers for text copy. In all there are at present eighteen different models.

To cap an impressive array of the most sought-after typewriters, IBM now brought into the Nigerian market the Memory Typewriter. The outstanding feature of the memory typewriter is its storage system of fifty individual tracks. Each track holds up to four thousand characters. As the typewriter is used, the typewritten material is recorded in the storage system which retains the typed work for as long as it needs to be stored. At the press of a button, the stored work can be played out on the typewriter at machine speed.

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Another milestone in typing is the introduction of the Variatyper Light Touch Composecote. It is produced by the Addressograph Multigraph Corporation of New Jersey, U.S.A., and sold in Nigeria by Atlas (Nig.) Ltd. The Variatyper produces professional quality type with virtually no limitation as to style. It can be programmed to produce material in a full range of types from 1-point to 18 points. The

Variatyper photo copying machine which can be used with the Variatyper provides hundreds of additional type styles from 10 to 84 points. A combination of both can therefore produce newspaper-like prints of various typefaces and sizes without the need to resort to different machines as in orthodox printing.

Photostat machines have been with us for some time. For all their usefulness however, the frustrations attendant upon the photostating of several copies of a document are well-known. Researchers have, however, not been idle and have now come up with different makes of multiple-photo copiers.

There are the Saxon range of copying machines which make up to a hundred copies of any

document for a continuous run of less than seven minutes; it is marketed by Copierbiz Limited. More advanced is the A.B. Dick Copier / Offset Mastermaker 675, which copies colour printing, writing or drawing from all types of originals, transparencies, single sheets or three-dimensional objects. It could be set to produce from one to twenty copies or for continuous copying.

It is sold by Reprographic Services Ltd. Olympia International's most recent contribution to photocopying is the OMEGA 203 Flat Bed Copier stocked by G.B.O. BEAM. A compact desk-top unit, it embodies features needed to produce fast, clear copies and it copies books, documents and three dimensional objects. As

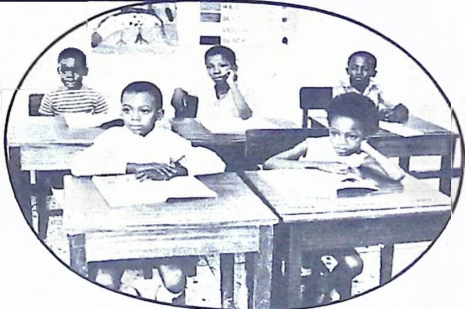
with other brands of copiers, Omega 203 can be pre-set to produce from one to 19 copies. It also copies books without damaging their binding.

In the manufacture of office accessories for the keeping of records, emphasis is being placed on conservation of space. Filing cabinets are getting smaller but are so designed that there is no resultant loss of efficiency or increase in labour.

Metal Furniture (Nig.) Ltd., has worked out a series of systems to go with the modern office. Its range of products include card index cabinets with up to twelve trays. There are also plan cabinets with deep or shallow drawers and suspended filing cabinets. The filing

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Chief Omshula suggests that the National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (NICON) should render every possible assistance to indigenous insurance companies, in the same way as the Central Bank of Nigeria assists commercial banks.

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cabinets come in various sizes ranging from two to four-tier cabinets.

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Nigerian pioneer bankers

THERE are about 16 banks in Nigeria and ten of them are indigenous.

A direct insight into banking in this country will, however, reveal that the few expatriate banks — Standard Bank, Barclays Bank, United Bank for Africa, International Bank of West Africa, Bank of America and to a lesser degree, Bank of India as well as the Arab Bank control between them over 80 per cent of the over-all commercial banking activities.

The Federal Military Government decided in 1973 to acquire considerable shares in the three front-line foreign-owned banks in Nigeria. The three giant banks are: the United Bank for Africa, Barclays Bank and the Standard Bank.

The Federal Military Government acquired 37.9 per cent of the United Bank for Africa's (UBA) shares, while the Nigerian shareholders control about 11.1 per cent of these shares. Thus the total percentage of shares which have gone into Nigerian hands is 49 per cent, leaving the expatriate shareholders with a controlling 51 per cent.

While the fact that the foreign owners predominate over both the Nigerian Government and the associating individuals is a source of agitation to some Nigerians, it is true that the Federal Government is one of the single largest shareholders in the company.

The participating foreign banks are the Bankers Trust Company of New York, the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro of Italy, the Monte dei Paschi di Siena, also of Italy, as well as the major foreign owner, the Banque Nationale de Paris.

Barclays Bank had 40 per cent of its shares taken over by the Federal Military Government while the Nigerian shareholders control about 9 per cent in the nature of 6 million ordinary shares at N1 each. This leaves the expatriate with a controlling share of 51 per cent.

The Federal Military Government also obtained 38 million from the Standard Bank with Nigerian individuals owning about 3.9 million ordinary shares which amount to 9.2 per cent of the company's total shares. Again, the Standard Bank's expatriate owners continue to enjoy controlling shares of 51 per cent.

Thus, all the three foreign banks are basically expatriate even though the Federal Government has entered into co-ownership in their respect.

The next item which may be said to have brought the Federal Government closer to the banks is the vexed subject of loans to Nigerians.

Hitherto, the foreign banks were accused of favouring their people both inside and outside the country in the granting of advances. Now, the loan policies of these banks are constantly checked in order to ascertain that they are in line with the government's guidelines.

And so, in order not to run into accusation of grudging loyalty to the Nigerian government, the various expatriate banks try to clearly surpass the Central Bank guideline requirements!

For example, the total loans and advances of the Standard Bank suddenly increased at the end of the last financial year by 38 per cent to N161 million. Not less than N83 million of this figure has been granted to over 13,000 Nigerian individuals and enterprises. This represents 51 per cent of the bank's lending portfolio.

The United Bank for Africa gives between 50 and 52 per cent of its loans to Nigerians and gives expert advice to indigenous loan takers on how best to utilize their advances.

Similarly 52 per cent of the Barclays Bank loans and 45 per cent of Arab Bank's credit are believed to enter the indigenous sector every year.

A hitch, however, arises in the banks' granting of loans. Most of those who enjoy any substantial portion of their credit facilities are wealthy Nigerians who have ingratiated themselves with directors and top executives of these banks. This habit has the feed back of further widening the existing gap between the rich and the poor.

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Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, who when he was premier of the former Eastern Region of Nigeria, played a leading role in the establishment of the African Continental Bank. The Bank is now owned by the three Eastern States: River, East Central, and Eastern.

few Nigerianised posts are said to lose the administrative powers usually attached to them when they were manned by expatriates. Foreign banks have been accused of importing less qualified foreigners under the guise of "experts to boss their more qualified and experienced Nigerians".

The Federal Government has made known her intention to deal sternly with cases where any foreign banks fail to fully Nigerianise and has deplored

the "window-dressing" nature of some Nigerianised posts as earlier pointed out.

The foreign banks counter by saying that they are fully Nigerianised. They claim that their boards have many Nigerian members. For example, the Barclays Bank point out that its Chairman is now a Nigerian, Alhaji Musa Daggash while there are eight other sons of the soil as directors, Mr. J. O. Olajide, Alhaji Shehu Mulami, Chief M. A. Majekodunmi,

Messrs. C. E. Eneuwosu, H. A. Ejueyitiche, G. I. Anyia, O. I. Akinkugbe as well as F. B. Cardoso. The Barclays Bank boasts that the percentage of her indigenous workers is 98 with only few expatriate managers. Of her 75 branches, 6 sub-branches and 8 agencies, over 60 per cent are manned by Nigerians.

The Standard Bank points out that her Chairman is a son of the soil, Alhaji Ahmadu Coomassie, its Company Secretary, Mr. R. O. Afuwage, the Legal Adviser, Mr. A. B. Giwa, the Agricultural Adviser, Dr. J. N. Abaelu, and a host of others. The Nigerian directors are Mallam Coomassie, Mr. J. K. Aghaje, Mr. I. O. Akpata, Alhaji Dantata, Mr. B. A. Ehizuenlen, Chief Henry Fa-

jemiokun, Mr. S. O. Falae and Alhaji Ibrahim Yakubu.

The United Bank for Africa is of the opinion that she can be proud of the fact that there are only 36 expatriate as against 267 Nigerian Officers of whom over 50 hold managerial positions in the company. The Chairman is now Mr. A. E. Howson-Wright. Other Nigerian directors are Chief Bassey Ikpeme, Mr. Gumbio, Alhaji Yakubu Wanka, Messrs Bassey Ehim and Gilbert Obatoyinbo.

The Federal Government should think of having controlling shares in all of these three foreign-owned banks while obtaining shares in the Bank of America, the Bank of India, the Arab Bank and the International Bank of West

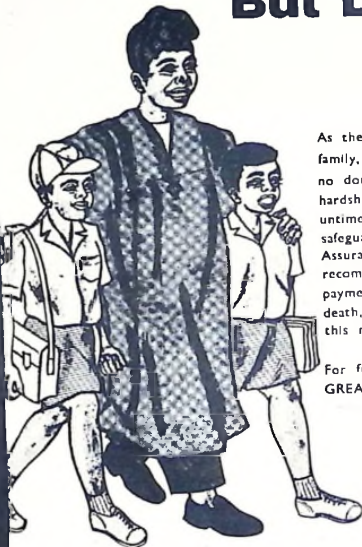
Africa, all of which have been spared so far.

The government should also raise the minimum percentage of loans which the expatriate banks must give to Nigerians from 40 to 50 per cent. This will take care of the fact that both the Arab Bank and the Bank of India at present give out only about 45 per cent of their loans to Nigerians.

Nigerianisation still looks as if it has not taken off. Of all the banks, no Nigerian is a Managing Director. All the Chairmen appear to be addressing the General Meetings at the end of every financial year.

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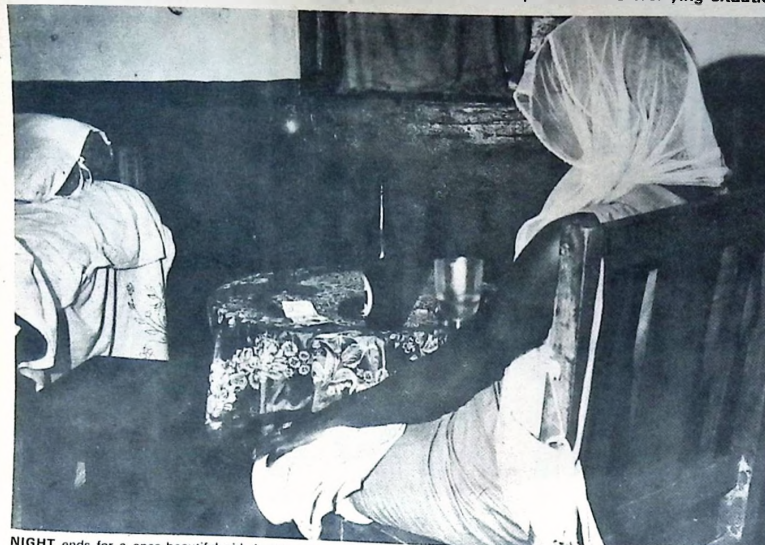
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GIRLS ON THE GAME

The increase in prostitution is causing headaches among police and civil leaders in Zambia's capital. Girls are flooding into the bars and dives of the city looking for the easy life. Soon they turn into hardened prostitutes. CYRUS SIKAZWE reports on the worrying situation.

with the Government. It should be pointed out, however, that there are hundreds of Zambian girls employed by the Government. Only a handful supplement their incomes this way.



NIGHT ends for a once-beautiful girl. A note and a few coins, a bare room and a dream of what might have happened.

THE world's "oldest profession" is attracting a lot of new recruits in Lusaka, capital city of Zambia, one of Africa's richest countries.

Like a strong magnet the city draws thousands of rural dwellers towards it every year. They lack everything—food, money, decent clothing, education and employment. Nevertheless, they are convinced they will eventually "make it" in the big time city.

Most of them fail miserably. Many of the men are rounded-up and sent back to the countryside and told to farm.

But others, — young, fresh and sexually attractive girls — hang around Lusaka, convinced that all they need is a "lucky break" or a chance meeting with the "right person to get to the top."

A few drinks, a few laughs and a young girl soon finds herself tucked up in a cheap hotel lying next to a man old enough to be her father.

And that needs to happen only a few times and the girl is well on the way to

becoming a prostitute. Although a campaign was launched to call a halt to girls walking unaccompanied around the streets late at night, it seems to have failed. The "good time girls" are back in force.

And the whole thing is worrying Zambia's senior citizens who are concerned about the girls and the country's reputation overseas.



I LOVE you darling, the girl says. But in the morning the romance has come to an end.

They have two types that there are two types of prostitutes, divided more by "class" than by looks or age. The "upper class" girls

have a little education; but they are in rather boring clerical jobs and they don't earn much money.

They hang around hotels which are patronised by wealthy Africans and Europeans.

The "lower class" girls are strictly for the kerbside or for the "Congo" style bars which are mushrooming around the outskirts of Lusaka.

Rosemary (not her real name) is a girl who could be slotted into the upper class bracket. She is a mother of two lovely children — both of them illegitimate. She works but doesn't earn enough to pay for which she considers to be the "luxuries" of life.

"When I had just completed my Form Two in Kitwe, the father of my first baby, who was my boyfriend when I was at school, promised to marry me now that I had left school and he was working." Rosemary told DRUM.

She believed her boyfriend. But as soon as she told him that she was pregnant, the boy lost interest in

her. "My parents took him to court and he paid a fine for damages but he refused to marry me."

When the baby was born, her parents told her that she would have to start working and support the child herself, since they had to look after her six younger brothers and sisters. She enrolled as a student typist at a private college in Kitwe.

She failed to find work in her home town and decided to try her luck in Lusaka. She was employed by the Government and for a time stayed away from men. But competition from the capital's girls for material wealth forced her to start looking for a future husband.

"A highly-paid civil servant asked me to marry him, but he did not tell me that he was already married. I only found out this when I was already pregnant with my second baby," she said.

This was the beginning of Rosemary's part-time career as a "lady of the night." And she claims that she only embarked on this kind of life because of her low salary



GOOD-TIME girl offers a customer her favours. But her trim figure won't last for long.

One man has already taken steps to "redeem" these "fallen women." He is the Director of Zambia's Social Services, Mr. Bemwela Lulatali. His department is spending K80,000 to build a hostel for such girls in Kitwe, on the Copperbelt. "These girls become delinquents because they have nowhere to live. Were they to be provided with homes their habits would change," he told DRUM.

Meanwhile, the police are doing their level best to clean up Lusaka—however long it takes them.

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DOG THAT LDN'T DIE

in the value of Ibadan's annual sacrifice to
orried. This year the sacrifice went wrong, in
townspeople of future peace and prosperity.
still roll in for the priests of the sacrifice.



Adabi, in white scarf and dress, holds her symbolic doll-staff
to receive the customary materials for the annual sacrifice.



heavy load as he prepares to sit down
return he receives gifts from the
for his prayers at
traditional ruler.

IN the Atipako masquerade of
Ibadan, a dog is decapitated with a
cutlass as a sacrifice to Ogun, the god
of iron. If the head is not removed in
one clean blow, the god may not
respond.

That is what is worrying the
followers of Atipako right now, for at
this year's sacrifice, the man with the
cutlass muffed it and the dog's head
failed to roll.

Does that mean the iron god will fail
to come up with the customary promise
of peace and prosperity for the people
and their traditional ruler, the Oba?
Maybe — but the rules do not allow a
second sacrifice.

Atipako is the most fervently follow-
ed of the traditional Egungun or mas-
querade festivals of Ibadan, capital of
Nigeria's Western State and the biggest
city in black Africa in terms of popula-
tion. The festival's bloody history goes
back little more than 150 years and it is
still associated with the Alapini family
who founded it.

In Nigerian traditional life, many
festivals are celebrated with gusto.
State governments allow them as long
as they are not repugnant to the law.
The present law, that is, for the
Atipako masquerade is led by a grisly
relic of murder, three human skulls
whose original owners lost out in a bat-
tle of magic.

Back in the mid-19th century, the
Alapini family began Atipako in Oyo
Ile, which was ruled by Alafio, the
political head of the Yorubas. There are
two living descendants of the family,
Majolagbe Abebi, the masquerade's
chief priestess, who leads the Egungun
in procession with a symbolically car-
ved doll-staff, and Priest Olatunji
Akanji.

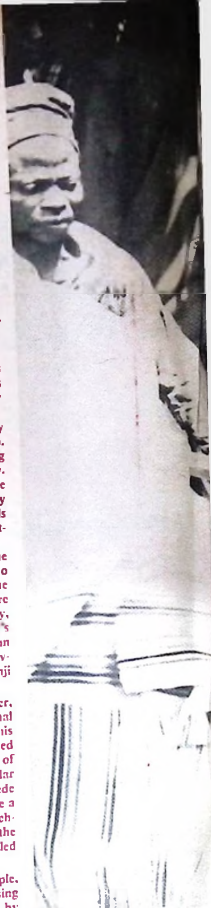
The chief priestess claims her father,
Gbedegbede Atipako, was the original
masker. When inter-tribal war tore his
home town to pieces, Gbedegbede fled
Oyo to settle in Ibadan. At the time of
his arrival, there was a lack of popular
masquerades, so Gbedegbede
Atipako's annual appearance became a
gala occasion. The old Atipako reach-
ed the pinnacle of popularity when the
then traditional ruler of Ibadan called
on Gbedegbede for help.

Apparently a diabolical couple,
Yemoru and Apatemata, were causing
deaths among the people of Ibadan by
sucking their blood through charmed
wooden spoons. Gbedegbede was able,
through his own more powerfully
charmed spoons, to kill the couple by
sucking their blood in return.
Gbedegbede also killed a Fulani (one of
Arabs) who challenged his authority in
public. As a result Atipako was
declared head of all the masquerades.

And the skulls of its three victims
were preserved for celebrations at the
subsequent Atipakos.

The festival went ahead with all its
customary pomp this year, despite the
cupal masquerade. Its position as prin-
cipal and unchallenged and the leader of the
festival received his usual annual gifts
from the traditional local ruler, Oba
Atipako's usual prayers were offered
for peace, prosperity and mutual un-
derstanding among the townspeople.

It is a year to the next festival and it
will be interesting to see what happens
between now and then.



WORRIED look from onlooker



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appeasement being carried
out by Madam Abebi is to lick
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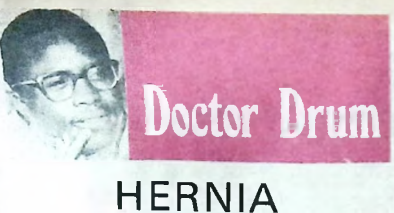
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HERNIA or rupture is a common complaint all over the world including Africa. To understand a hernia one has to visualize the tummy as a suitcase packed with intestines and other organs.

The wall of the tummy is composed of skin and muscles and these form the suitcase. This is filled by the intestines, small and large, liver, spleen, in women uterus, ovaries and tubes, etc. Imagine the lining of a suitcase being torn and the contents coming out through the lining and staying inside the outer shell of the suitcase. If there is a weakening of the tummy wall the intestines will come out of the cavity and lie just under the skin. A hernia has then occurred. From the cradle to the grave it seems the abdominal contents ceaselessly strive to escape from their confinement within the abdomen.

Nature has provided many potential exits in the tummy wall and it is through these weak points that hernia occurs.



Doctor Drum HERNIA

The other cause of hernia is a constant rise of pressure built up in the tummy. This occurs at straining on passing water or passing motion.

Thus constant constipation or obstruction to the flow of urine may predispose to the occurrence of hernia. The same situation arises with coughing, heavy weight lifting and pregnancy. The increased abdominal pressure in these situations takes advantage of the weak points in the tummy wall and results in a hernia.

As age advances and corpulence is acquired, the vitality of the abdominal musculature which stands guard over the weak points becomes less efficient and results in hernia. Sometimes after an operation on the tummy, the resulting scar acts as a weak point and forms a site for hernia.

The two common hernias seen in our countries are umbilical and inguinal.

Umbilical hernia is the one which is present in the navel. Either a child is born with it or

it seems to occur soon after birth. This is due to weakness of that point or due to infection of some sort, or a defect in the closure of the navel which normally occurs after birth.

In these cases the baby has got a bulge in the umbilicus usually the size of a lemon. This bulge disappears when the baby is lying and becomes obvious when he is sitting or standing, more so when he is coughing or sitting on the potty.

Most of these hernias fortunately seem to close up by themselves. This is proved by the fact that one sees so many babies with a bulge in the navel, who seem to reach adulthood without treatment and the bulge disappears. In very few cases some treatment is necessary.

The old fashioned treatment of putting a coin on the navel and then putting a tight bandage does help closure. These days effective strapping also gives the same good results. Very seldom an operation is necessary.

Inguinal hernia is more a hernia of adults and occurs in the groin. A patient with this hernia

complains of a lump in the groin. This is more obvious when he is standing and coughing and might disappear when he lies down. There is usually no pain. This particular hernia is not definitely self-curing and does need treatment.

The treatment for this hernia as said before must be surgery. The operation involves putting the contents back in the cavity of the tummy and repairing the weakness in the wall. It is a very straight-forward operation which usually takes about half to three quarters of an hour and entails hospitalization for about a week.

In good surgical hands there is a very low rate of recurrence. The alternative to an operation is a special belt known as a truss. This really is not a cure but when worn stops the hernia contents coming out.

It is only used when the patient refuses an operation or is unfit to undergo an operation. With advances in anaesthesia and surgical technique there is hardly anybody who is not fit to undergo a straight-forward operation.

stimulating the right parts of your anatomy.

Blood problem

I am in a state of confusion because of my blood group. Many people have told me that people with Group A can have blue babies, if they get married to people with other blood groups. Is this true? How can one change one's blood? Does it mean that two people who get married must have the same blood group?

Ade, Nigeria.

Our blood groups are mainly four — A, B, AB and O. Any of these can marry without any troubles. All the above mentioned blood groups have got another factor which is known as Rh. It is this which creates problems. If Rh negative woman marries Rh positive man the child born is not a blue baby but can be deeply jaundiced. This is, however, not fatal any more because the baby can have its blood evacuated and fresh blood transfused. Fortunately there is a small minority of Rh negative women so the problem does not arise very often. It is however a risk a couple is taking if an Rh negative woman marries a Rh positive man.

Tapeworm

After a reasonable period of treatment for the cure of tapeworm, I find that the trouble still persists. The case now is that the worms keep forming and with faces when I go to the toilet. Does it mean that the illness cannot be cured?

A.R. Zansibar.

Tapeworm is sometimes difficult to eradicate and when there are recurrences as in your case, the possibility of worm forming a cyst usually in the liver cannot be ruled out. Under such circumstances, worms mature at intervals, and are passed in faeces. Repeated stool tests after treatment should show whether you are free of these worms. Where cysts have been formed, surgical removal is the only answer.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Bleeding gums

Whenever I brush my teeth in the morning I find that my gums start bleeding. Doctor please help me. Gephth, Tanzania.

I think you are suffering from either Vitamin C deficiency or infection of your gums. First try having vitamin C in the way of green fruits and vegetables. If that does not help, you might need a dental opinion.

Blocked tubes

I am a 24 year old woman and I have been told that both my tubes are blocked. X-ray was done and this does not show any "spill." What can I do? Mary, Nigeria.

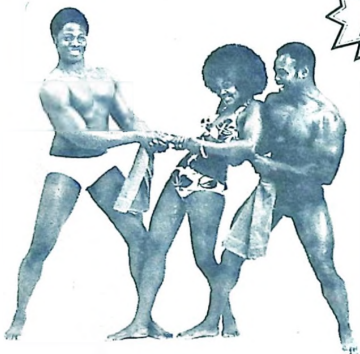
Newer operations to reform tubes that have been blocked are being done with greater success. I suggest that you go to the gynaecology unit at your nearest hospital to obtain help.

No sex urge

I am married with three children. Ever since I got married, I have never had any sexual desire. It seems that there is something wrong with my sexual organs. Can you please advise me as to what treatment I should take? Mrs. B. Lagos.

I do not think you need any medical treatment. My advice is that you and your husband, should read some literature on the art of making love. There are certain things that your husband must learn to arouse your desire by

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Dear Dolly



I want to teach him a lesson

I fell in love with a girl of about my age, 19. Her parents were against my association with their daughter. Now they have given her hand to another young man in marriage. What bothers me is that people continue to associate the girl with me whereas I never took her to bed when we were friends. Her husband insulted me because he saw one of my letters to the girl. I can never forget this insult in my life and I want to teach this man a lesson. Please advise me. **Tableson, Kwara.**

I would not advise you to fight with your rival. Try to forget the insult he has passed on you, but make sure you have no more dealings with the girl. Ignore what people say about you and the girl, too.

Should I send this useless girl back home?

I am 22. I love a girl of 17 who is in form two in a secondary school. Without consulting me, my parents married an illiterate girl for me. Besides being illiterate, she does not know how to cook. My girl friend has not known what has happened. I have decided to send this useless girl back to her parents since it is my girl friend I wish to marry at the end of her course. **Mira, Nairobi.**

You ought to have rejected this girl the very day she was brought to you if you did not want her. It would be unfair if you send her away after you've taken her to bed. Come to think of it, how are you sure your student girl friend will marry you after her studies?

I think she's got another man in mind

I am 15 and my psychodeic girl friend is 14. She adored me to have another girl friend. I am inclined to think that she has got another boy friend. I would like to leave her. Please advise me. **Ebere, Nigeria.**

If you feel like leaving her, do so. Candidly speaking, I cannot think of what she had behind her mind when she suggested that you look for another girl.

Parents say we are related to each other

My girl friend and I are very much in love. People say we are related and our parents even confirm this but my girl says that she cannot do without me. Do you advise that we put a stop to our affair? **Matthew, Zambia.**

If your parents say you are related, I am afraid you will have to end the affair now.

I'm so confused about these two girls

When I was an apprentice I had a girl friend I would have liked to marry. She went to Lagos and married another man. When I saw her, she asked me not to marry and that she would marry me since I told my people that they raised serious objection. This girl is very faithful to me. Another girl is expecting my baby. I am so confused I do not know which of these girls to marry. Please help me. **Ides, K.**

I wonder how a girl who left you to marry another man can be described as faithful. Honestly I would not advise you to marry her. You should marry the pregnant girl instead since you have promised her marriage and she is carrying your baby.

Mother told me to remain a virgin

He is 25 while I am 18 and in form five. My mother usually tells me to remain a virgin until I am married but I have had sex with my boy friend twice and I have not conceived. Do you think I am still a virgin? **Sam, Kenya.**

Do you think she is deceiving me?

I am 19. My girl friend is in a commercial school. I love her very dearly and I am sure she too loves me. What disturbs my mind is the rumour I heard about her and my intimate friend. I have questioned her and she denied that she had anything to do with him. She said that the only mistake him for my sake. She said that she had stopped being on good terms with the boy. People still tell me that they see them together. I do not like to lose the friendship of the boy. Do I then sack my girl. Please help. **James, Zambia.**

Just keep your eyes open and if you find that she is deceiving you, you should drop both her and the boy. If you retain the boy, you will continue to lose your girl friends to him.

She is afraid of her elder brother

I am 22 and she is 23. She has four children and she is divorced from her husband. I asked her for sex but she said that she is afraid of her elder brother who warned her not to get pregnant without getting married. Please tell me what to do. **S. Tuga, Oshankpe.**

If you are prepared to marry her and be the father of her four children? If not, what will you do if you impregnate her? These are the questions you should ask yourself before you get involved.

This girl always steals my boyfriends

I am 16. I have a classmate who always snatches my boy friends from me. This is the third time she has done this to me. She is now trying to snatch my present boy friend with whom I have been in love for the past four years. Please your help is needed. **Schoolgirl, Nairobi.**

Try to discover what she has that attracts boys to her. On the other hand, your boys whom she has snatched were not in love with you or else they would not have left you, no matter what the other girl had.

I am so sad and lonely without him

My husband and I lived happily and we were blessed with a child. Unfortunately he died. I do not miss him. I would like to get married but I do not know whether to marry one of his brothers so as to be able to control my late husband's affair because he was a rich man. I am 24. **Confused, Aguta.**

If your custom allows any of your brothers-in-law to inherit you and if you feel like settling with one of them, do so. If on the other hand, you want to settle down with somebody else, you should discuss the matter with your late husband's family before you take the plunge. Honestly, I feel you are too young to remain a widow.

Should I go on with this double-dealer?

I am 17. I fell in love with my boy friend two years ago. It happened that this same boy fell in love with another girl friend of mine. This girl turned round and accused my friend of being a double-dealer. We nearly fought. I then went and reported to my boy friend who settled the matter for us. Dolly kindly advise me whether to leave matter to his. **Beth, Ghana.**

I would advise you to leave him because a boy who falls in love with the friend of his girl friend is not worth continuing with. Do not for any reason fight over him because no man is worth fighting for.

I want to have this lovely girl of ten

I am a 21-year-old teacher in a village near Abokuta. I am in love with one of my pupils and I would like to see her because at her age she cannot conceive. She is ten. Your advice is needed very urgently. **Bayo, Abokuta.**

For God's sake and for your own, leave the poor child alone. Does it mean that there are no bigger girls in your village? Why don't you marry and stop having criminal thoughts in your head?

Worried about my girl's 'big man' friend

I am 25 and deeply in love with a beautiful girl of 18 who I intended to marry but I am having a second thought because whenever I visited her, I used to meet her with a man. The worst thing she did to me was to walk me out of her room one day because she said that she was expecting a big man. The next morning, she came and apologised to me. Kindly tell me what to do with her. **G.S., Kenya.**

You would be very mean and foolish to continue with her.

He has something in stock for me

He is 19 while I am 16. We love each other very dearly. My problem is he wants to take me to bed and when I refuse he tells me that he has something in stock for me. Please tell me how I can make him tell me the thing he has in stock for me. **Mary, Zambia.**

I can tell you what he has in stock for you — unwanted pregnancy and heartbreak.

I want to marry, but I have no dowry

I am 24. I am very anxious to marry but I have no money to pay as the dowry. I am now in love with a girl I would like to marry. Please help me. **A.S., Tanzania.**

Try and work hard for the dowry.

Is it good to have a boy friend?

I am 16 and in a secondary school. I have no boy friend. My friends advise me to have one so that I may have somebody to marry in future. My parents on the other hand have warned me I cannot having a boy friend. Please advise me before it is too late. **Aina, B.E.**

There is no guarantee that the boy friend you find will be the one who will marry you. I quite understand your parents' fear but it is quite normal for a girl of your age to have a boy friend.

She won't allow me to touch her breasts

I am 22 and she is 19. She is very sexy and fantastic in bed. She has good breasts but she does not allow me to play with them. Please advise me. We love each other very much. **Pepi, Kaduna.**

Try to find out why she does not like to play with her breasts.

I want to keep my virginity intact

I am 15 and still a virgin. I am in love with a boy who is three years older than I. My problem is he always wants to sex me and when I refuse he grows annoyed. Please advise me because I want to keep my virginity until I am married. **Anti-sex, Mombasa.**

Leave your boy rather than lose your virginity.

My girl is being deceitful to me?

I have just discovered that my girl has been taking me for a ride. Some weeks ago when I asked her for sex she refused. She said that she was ill. When I wer



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back in the evening to see her, I met another boy there. Do you advise that I leave her? Double S, Warri.

If you loved her enough, you would not contemplate leaving her just because you met another man with her. After all, you did not meet them having sex. The girl has probably spelt you by not refusing you sex and now that she has refused, once, you want to leave her. Leave her because you are not worthy of her. She will surely get a better person than you.

She won't allow me to enjoy her

I am 21 and my fiance is also 21. When I ask her for sex she tells me that she is a virgin and as such I should wait until we are married. I told her that she should allow me to verify her claim of being a virgin but she will not. I cannot understand why a virgin fuss after all we are going to be married soon. Please help for I really want to enjoy her. Tunde, Lagos.

I agree with your fiance that you should wait until you are married but if you want to be sure that she is a virgin you can take her to a medical doctor.

I am anxious to carry his child

I am 18 and I am in love with a boy of 21. I love him so much that I told him that I would pay the dowry if he ever wished to marry me. But I heard rumours that there was another girl he was keen on. When I asked him he did not deny it. He even mentioned the name of the girl and that he would marry her. I am heart-broken. Dolly do you advise that I force him to go to bed with me so as to be pregnant. At least if he will not

marry me, his baby by me will be my consolation. What do you say? M.E., Kaduna.

That won't do. Leave him and wait for a man who will love and marry you. Carrying the child of somebody you know won't marry you will be a burden to you and of course you won't be happy and besides it won't be easy for you to get a sincere man to settle with.

It will break my heart to lose her

I am 25 and a student in a secondary school. I love a beautiful girl who also loves me very dearly and says that she will die if I ever disappoint her. My father wrote to me of recent to say that I would have to leave school and trade. He also said that he would marry me a wife. I am worried about my lover who loves me more than words can say. I will appreciate your advice. Owasutuwa, Aba.

It is a pity you have to leave school prematurely. Explain things to your girl and if you really love her you will resist all attempts to impose a wife on you.

They think my tribe is inferior

She is 16 while I am 18. We love each other very dearly. We do not belong to the same tribe. I put her in the family way and when her parents found out my tribe, they were annoyed with the girl. Does it mean that their tribe is superior to mine? Rolling, Gusau.

No. It is just that people like their children to marry from their homelands. Do not be discouraged. Take care of the girl and if you really love each other things will work out well.

Change of attitude makes me worried

She is 19 and I am 21. We love each other very dearly and we hope to get married as soon as possible. We are not in the same town but we write to each other regularly. It happened that I heard some rumours about her and I wrote to enquire from her. The way she reacted showed that she was innocent. I then wrote

to apologise to her but her attitude since then changed. I would not like to lose this girl so please advise me. Joyboy, Kampala.

Perhaps your letter to her was harsh because she did not behave to you as before. I will advise you to be patient and give her time to get over the shock with your letter might have given her.

This girl is a money monger

I am 20. I love a girl with all my heart although friends warned me not to befriend her because she is a money monger. She said that I should give her money and I told her that I had none. Since then she does not talk to me. I wrote her several letters but did not reply. Do you think that she loves me? Lateef, Yaba.

No!

When is it safe for us to have sex?

My girl and I are of the same age, 18. We love each other very dearly and we will like to have sex. I have a problem that I do not know when is the best time to have it so as not to have an unwanted pregnancy. Please advise us. We are both students. G.A., Kenya.

It would be better for you to wait until you finish your studies and get married, but if you cannot wait a safer method of contraception than the 'safe' pill

She turns down my request for sex

I am 24 in love with a class three girl of 19. She is not at all about herself and she showed me that she loves me. When I ask her for sex she refuses. Please tell me what to do. John, Tanzania. This girl is only in form three and she is being teased by refusing to go to bed with you. If you want sex you will have to look elsewhere.

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