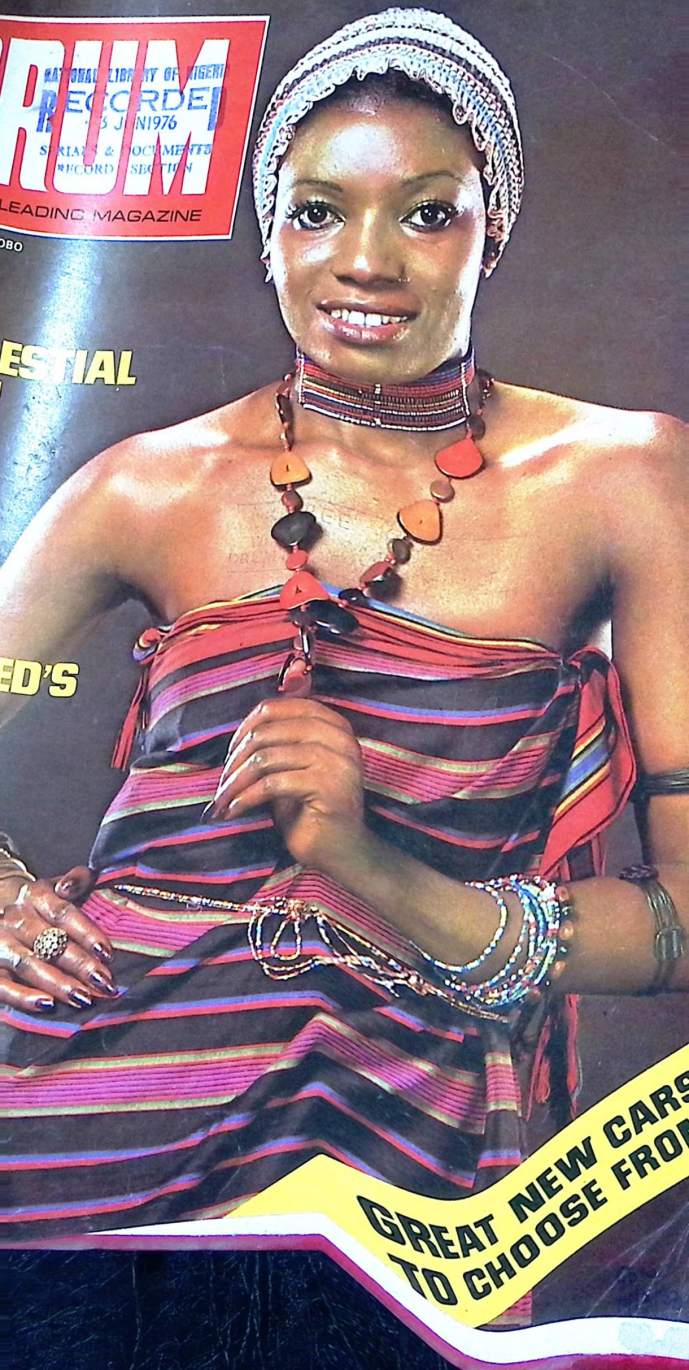


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JANUARY 13, 1976 will be remembered as the darkest day in the history of Nigeria. That was the day the life of Nigeria was dashed to the ground and was almost extinguished. It was the day Nigeria's brave and fearless forward looking, fearless and powerful Head of State was assassinated on his way to work. That was the day life in Nigeria came to a standstill. Murtala Muhammed was not privileged to see the late General Murtala Muhammed in person, yet I can confidently say that he was the "God Sent" of this nation, the friend of the poor and lover of all things that are honest. The fact that he refused to ride in motorcades like his predecessor in office is enough testimony of his fearlessness and his readiness to serve his country till death. It was he who decongested the port with such briskness that it seemed there had never been any congestion there. It was he who took care of the chaotic traffic situation in Lagos. It was he who shook up the civil service of this nation and infused new blood into it. It was he who arranged for chilled meat from overseas when there was a scarcity of meat. A host of other things he did. In those short but wonderful 200 days, he erased the horror of the nine long years of Gowon's rule. Indeed, he was a man of the people. To think that he is dead is almost unbelievable; but we are faced with the bitter truth. This nation was thrown once again into chaos on that fateful morning, when the nervous and croaky voice of errand-boy Dimka announced the overthrow of Gen. Muhammed's government. At first, it seemed a joke but it soon became too real. There was pandemonium as the news spread even before it was officially announced on the Saturday. When I heard the official confirmation of the assassination on the radio that Saturday afternoon, tears ran down my cheeks. I was not crying only because he had died so prematurely, nor only because of his family and personal friends or his aged mother. My tears were for the nation. By his

LETTERS

death, I knew that the hands of the clock had been turned backwards by the act of some misguided elements in uniform. Gen. Muhammed was indeed a man of the people. Though dead, his spirit goes marching on. This is reflected in the maiden speech of the new Head of State, Lt.-Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, who has pledged to continue the march from where his predecessor left off. I wish Lt.-Gen. Obasanjo and his colleagues courage, wisdom and most of all, God's guidance in the task ahead.

Gbemi Olatunji, Lagos

Gbemi's letter reflects the thoughts of thousands of Nigerians. DRUM publishes a cross section of all the letters we have received on the assassination and its repercussions. — Editor.

PERHAPS IT would not be demanding too much to suggest that a bullet-proof car be provided for future Nigerian leaders, military or civilian. I am making this suggestion in view of the savage manner in which Dimka and his fellow assassins murdered our former Head of State, Gen. Muhammed.

By providing our leaders with such a car, the risk of assassination may be reduced. Nigeria has the money to pay for such an extra.

Ola Omaghomi, Warri

I WANT to congratulate loyal Nigerian soldiers for putting down Dimka's rebellion against the State. The whole country was disturbed at hearing that unintelligent broadcast made by Dimka after he committed the murder which God Almighty will punish him and his fellow assassins and collaborators.

The swiftness with which Dimka and his men were put to shame by loyal members of the Armed Forces was remarkable. I also congratulate the

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Why not wait until the Federal Military Government publishes the report of the inquiry into the abortive coup before you start jumping to conclusions? — Editor

Unemployment and crime

THE MILITARY regime should look more closely into the question of unemployment. It appears that it is lack of work that leads many people to indulge in crimes and evil practices. If people are gainfully employed, there will be less crime in the country.

Nwabundo, Aba

Encouragement for farmers

THE PAY rise resulting from the recommendations of the Udeji Award has indisputably lured many farmers into the employment fold. As a result, many promising farms have become neglected or abandoned.

The prices of food commodities continue to soar, and the threat of famine stares the country in the face. And yet people keep on breeding.

I am scared to think of the likely disasters that must lie ahead.

I appeal to the Federal Military Government to do everything in its power to lure Nigerians back to the farm. Farming should be made attractive and lucrative.

Sunday O. Kwelie, Diebu, Port Harcourt

Abortion controversy

I READ with interest the DRUM of December 1975, especially the article on abortion. To my greatest surprise all those whom you interviewed support this criminal action and are even ready to fight for its legalisation.

Since the floor is open for everybody to put his or her view on this subject, I must say my own bit. I don't think this is all right. I am one of the religious bigots or whatever your interviewees may call it. One thing these children aborted have their own lives to live, just as every one of us.

A book *The Bible and Modern Medicine* says "The viable embryo is the beginning of a human individual, and therefore destroying it is a violation of the sixth commandment" (1963 ed., page 176). Properly viewed, the fruit of a womb is a blessing from God (Lev. 29:9; Psalm 127:3). We should not fight, if need be, to combat the evils of abortion instead of supporting any move to legalise it.

Joshua Olawole Oluakanmi, Mushin, Lagos

Neglected again?

I DON'T think it will be good if we, the workers, who have worked at the site of the Art Festival Village or the low-income housing project along Badagry Road, are neglected when the time comes to allocate the houses.

If I am called upon to explain my ailment, I am ready to do so. It will be good if the sharing of these low income houses can be done on a family basis so that all qualified workers can benefit from it. Favouritism should not be brought into the matter.

Godwin Ocheil Omalike, Iganmu, Lagos

What do the Art Festival authorities have to say about this suggestion? — Editor.

Corruption and the future

THE NEWLY created states will soon be taking off the ground. They ought to, if they are to justify the objective for creating them. One should thank God for giving Nigeria a dedicated leadership. In fact, one would have thought that Gen. Gowon ought to have created more states before he left the political scene.

However, the new states deserve the support and encouragement of all Nigerians. In fact, they can develop their agriculture to enable them to serve some of our needs. And the new states should not allow corruption to grow in their private sectors.

Oluayemisi Roberts, Lagos

Enugu, where art thou?

PLEASE: COULD you let me have the address of Enugu Rangers International Football Club? I will be looking forward to seeing it in DRUM.

Ummaru Kyahno Azumi, Sokoto

You can reach Enugu Rangers International through the Anambra State Sports Council, Enugu. — Editor.

Journalism as a career

WHOULD YOU let me have the addresses of colleges where journalism is taught? I am interested in becoming a journalist.

Augustine Heri Jerumeh, Igarra, The University of Nigeria, Nsukka, runs a three-year degree programme in mass communication. So also does the University of Lagos Institute of Mass Communication. The Nigerian Institute of Journalism, Lagos, runs a two-year diploma course in Journalism. So take your choice. — Editor.

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Healing the wounds

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I am aware that the public has no confidence in Lt. Gen. Obasanjo. He should not let us down.

Johnson Fom, Jos

Nigeria and Chile

THE CIA was involved in other bloody coups in many other parts of the world. It is a abortive coup smells of CIA involvement. Whenever there is confusion, there must be CIA. Why?

Nigerian authorities should warn all foreigners in this country and detain any American or African found to be a CIA collaborator should be shot.

Betty Adam, Lagos

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FOUNDER of the Celestial Church, Pastor Samuel Balyewu Gochoffa (above — right) with his 'Supreme Evangelist' Alexander Abiodun Bada.

NIGERIA recently became aware of a new religious sect when the Celestial Church was mentioned at the trial of ex-Lagos socialite, Mama Iyabo Olorunkoya, in London. Miss Olorunkoya was jailed for smuggling 'Indian hemp' into England.

It was alleged that Miss Olorunkoya had consulted a branch of the church in Lagos.

DRUM took a look at the new sect: **TURN OVER** for **DRUM's** account of the church which claims the fantastic power of reviving the dead.

Church claims power to wake the dead



FEMALE CHOIR members of the Celestial Church at Makoko lead the prayers with spirited harmony. Members congregate and worship together two days a week.

testimonies to this.

"One of the most wonderful things about the church is the christening of a child. The child — if a male — is carried by a prophet; if female, by a prophetess. The prophet or prophetess later goes into the spirit and the angels give the names of the child." A member-parent, on his own, gives any name to his child but through the word of God.

A spokesman of the church said: "The church has 100 branches in Nigeria and about 219 in Dahomey. The figures are for those in Togo, Ghana and Senegal are unknown. There are branches in London and New York. The members are usually found holding highly responsible offices. Makoko branch founded in 1952, has a membership of more than 5,000. Attendance every Sunday fluctuates between 3,000 and 4,000. An annual pilgrimage is made to Porto Novo by members, even those from Europe and America. The pilgrimage takes place usually at Christmas."

Members of the church, as a rule, must neither drink alcohol nor smoke. Also they must neither gamble nor commit adultery. One church elder and that any member of the Celestial Church who commits adultery ends up in pain until he or she confesses under a spiritual spell.

The Celestial Church claims further to have the power to save people facing trial in court from conviction, provided they are innocent of the charge against them; the power to make childless women have children, and to bring good luck to people.

The Supreme Evangelist, Alexander Abiodun Bada, said in reply to a question: "We do

TWO who were cured Mrs. Durogbola Ajayi (LEFT) tells an audience of her two-year stomach ailment which disappeared after worship, and (RIGHT) Mr. James Ogundele, who claimed to have been blind and partially paralysed and who said at a service he could see and walk a bit.



chocolate coloured snake came to him. "I was not scared. The snake positioned himself as if it was getting ready to bite me. But suddenly, it lowered its head, turned round and glided away. Next came a peacock. It displayed its full plume with great arrogance. Next came a white-haired monkey with two teeth only. The monkey said, 'Luli, Luli, Luli.' I could not make head or tail of what it said. The monkey then spoke and explained that 'Luli' means 'Grace of God.' Again, I went down on my knees and prayed," the carpenter said.

Pastor Oschoffa claimed to have stayed in Wedo forest for three months, during which he witnessed a number of weird scenes every day. "I lived," his story went on, "on honey and water which God always provided." He said that angels visited him and he conversed with them.

After his sojourn in the forest, he said, he met a crowd of mourners conveying a coffin. He was told that the corpse was that of a young man. He asked the mourners to open the coffin. This they did and he prayed in a loud voice. The dead, he claimed, came back to life and rose out of the coffin, to loud shouts of "Halleluyah!"

The mourners and passing spectators followed the carpenter to his home. A man who stole some of the soup prepared for the carpenter's welcome developed a pain in his stomach. The pain, so said the Pastor founder, persisted until the man confessed.

Pastor Oschoffa also recalled how he got his early messages from God. One woman who had fallen into a trance, he said, brought him the following message from God: "I want to send you to the world. Many people claim to be Christians, but when they have trouble they run to the devil and his agents. When such people die, they cannot see the glory of Heaven and of Jesus Christ. You will perform many miracles in my name. These miracles will testify to that I, the Lord, sent you."

The Celestial Church sets aside two days a week — Wednesday and Friday — for its members to congregate and

lagoon. I went into the forest to get ebony wood. Then suddenly there was an eclipse of the sun. I looked up and thought that it was about to rain. I saw the sun quarrelling with the moon and daylight became night."

Pastor Oschoffa, a former member of the Methodist Church, further claimed that as the "fight" between the two heavenly bodies raged, he knelt down and prayed. As he stood up and sat down, he added, a

THE FOUNDER OF the Celestial Church, Pastor Samuel Baiyewu Oschoffa, was a carpenter who lived in Porto Novo in the Republic of Nigeria's next-door neighbour. He claims to have brought back to life 11 people who had actually died. He also claims to possess the power to heal the lame, the blind, the deaf, the claims also that his church wins of about 20 converts daily in each of its many branches throughout West Africa.

Known in Yoruba as "Ijo Mmo Ti Kristi Lati Orun Wa" (Holy Church of Christ that descended from Heaven"), the headquarters of the church in the village of Makoko, at Yaba on the water-logged mainland of Lagos.

Recalling how he came to found the church, Pastor Oschoffa said "It all happened in Wedo forest. I had been ferried across Porto Novo

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PASTOR Samuel Baiyewu Oschoffa, founder of the new sect, speaks at an open-air service at the Rowe Park, Yaba.

viewed her, she said yes. She did not know how she died. She had been ill, sick with cholera. She did not know the whole story. "Now I have five children," she said. "I would have been forgotten long ago."

A man, Leone, now a superior senior leader of the church, had been confined in the house of a Dahomean god for three months. When he came out of it, "no one could look at my eyeballs. They were so red. Anything I said came to pass, but it was the work of Satan whom my people served then. Later, I fell ill and they said I died — prematurely."

"My people said someone suggested my being taken to Oschoffa, the man who wakes the dead. After a long argument, they agreed and my corpse was carried to him, although it had been completed arrangements for my burial. I must have been dead for two days when I woke up."

There is also the story of Adam Fenuke and Gunguge, both of Dahomey, whom God is said to have raised from death to life after Oschoffa's prayers.

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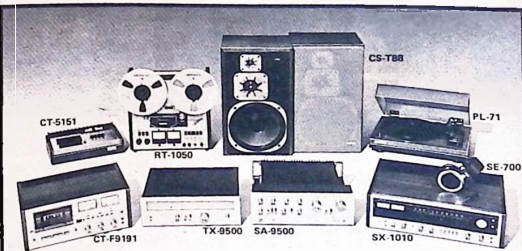
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AT MY AGE, and with the marks which the strains and stresses of life have left on me, it never occurred to me that I could still attract any man enough to make him go to the extent of raping me.

But it happened — on December 30, 1975, a market day for the people of Eke and Okigwe. I had walked down from my home to the bush to fetch some medicinal leaves which I wanted to sell at the market. The herbs could have fetched me about 25 kobo, a sum that will strike some people as very small. But to me, a mother without a husband or breadwinner to look up to, no amount of money is too small.

As I was busy plucking the medicinal leaves, two strong hands gripped my waist. The hands — like those of a professional wrestler — flung me to the muddy ground.

I realised that the strong hands belonged to a man, and it quickly occurred to me that the man wanted to rape me. I struggled to set myself free, but I was not strong enough to prevent the forced sex with the desperate stranger. But I put up as much resistance as my ageing strength would permit.

The man hooked my throat with my wrapper, and made it impossible for me to shout for help. I had to gasp for breath, and I became suffocated and helpless. The man had sex with me as if he had not slept near a woman for many years. He turned deaf ears to my offer to give him money if he spared me the most awful defilement.

He pushed my face to an angle that made it difficult for me to look at his face. This was to prevent me from identifying him after the act. But I managed to see his face enough to allow me to point to him later.

By the time the man finished with me I was badly hurt, and mid-way between life and death. The man ran away half naked.

In the manhunt that followed

The shock which Miss Agnes Okamadiri, aged 60 felt after she had been raped by a sex-starved prisoner is still with her. Miss Okamadiri told DRUM her sordid and brutal experience.



MISS Okamadiri, the widow of a sex-starved escapee prisoner, points to the spot where she was raped. With her a 15-year-old child.

my lodging of a complaint to the police, the rapist was arrested. He was busy cleaning up his mud-plastered body in a stream not far from where he raped me, when the police pounced on him. It later turned out that the man was an escaped prisoner. I was admitted for treatment at the general hospital, Okigwe. I was discharged on January 7 this year, nine days after I was raped.

I wish to express my gratitude to Dr. S. K. Nwagoro, who treated me like a mother throughout the period I spent at the hospital. My thanks also go to the nursing

staff and all the people who were kind to me. The big brother of the police in my area, John Isigba (Deputy Superintendent), assured me that my complaint would be thoroughly investigated, and that I would not go unpunished by law.

But whether or not the punishment, I am grateful to God that the man did not rape me after he had raped me. I even to imagine the plight of Maria, my only child (age 15 years) if I had lost my life in the rape or after the forced

SIXTY-YEAR-OLD Miss Agnes Okamadiri tells her grim experience to DRUM



Ali and his women

continued

introduce Veronica as his wife, then it was wrong and he should be ashamed of himself. I can forgive people so long as they don't go on repeating the same wrongs too often.

"I've never seen him having any kind of intimate anything with Veronica. I've only seen him with Veronica and you can't assume or accuse him of anything because of that. He appreciates women and he's obviously made mistakes with women, but that's his problem, isn't it?"

"Whatever happens, there's something about him that I love. I guess there's something he loves about me. I'll always be in love with him."

However many women Muhammad Ali has made "mistakes" with, certainly the "sexiest" is one description he cannot add to his other efflorescent images of himself. If it was, it would be disputed by several women who encountered Muhammad in his younger days. There was the famous Puerto Rican prostitute, for instance, who came to Ali's trainers protesting that she had not been paid for her favours for Ali and his manager Herbert Muhammad.

"They found me around 10.30 p.m. and said they wanted beautiful girls," she recalls. "We went to different bars and hotels but were out of luck. So I agreed to take on the two of them. The champion was first. He was good. Not a *super hombre* in bed but pretty good. Then came his manager. Wow, was he big! He was some salami."

Ali's boyhood experiences with women would have earned him lower marks than that, however. He was eight the day

he and his pals were peep through a window at a couple undressing. Just before dawn revealed all — oh! — the old man turned off the lights. "She that made me mad!" says Ali.

His heart drummed like all Africa the first time he kissed a girl. He was in his teens. The kiss seemed to last whole minute. He felt dizzy with excitement — and, one moment, fainted when he came



ALI — The kiss seemed to last a whole minute. He fainted

round he told the anxious girl: "Oh, I jes' passed out!" and he ran all the 13 miles home.

"Man, people looked at me. I was some crazy nut," he says. In his recently published autobiography *The Greatest My Own Story*, he tells of his first sexual experience with black prostitute and reveals he had no idea what exactly was supposed to do or be. "Man, I was just going up and down, up and down, and I was saying, 'Hurry up, hurry up, haven't you finished yet?'"

THE famous Ali lip is buttoned for once as the champion visits the Presidential Palace in Manila with Veronica Porsche (ABOVE). Ali presents a different picture as the family man (BELOW) with his wife Belinda (LEFT) and as the serious father of one of his daughters.



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FORMER model Sonji Ray, seen with Ali (LEFT), was not a good Muslim — according to the champ. So he dropped her. Before his fight with Joe Frazier in Manila, Ali saw a lot of pretty Jayne Kennedy (ABOVE), from Los Angeles.

It was, he admits, terrified of his earlier years. But he once evidently inherited his father's passion for women. He goes around the block four times a day to see a pretty girl, "He can't drive the street without looking at her."

Dough Muhammad admits that before he joined the Black Muslim religion he had dated women black and white. He preaches violently against any union of black and white. Everything with common sense wants to be with its own, he says. "Tigers with tigers, red with red ants and green with green ants. I don't want no blue-eyed children."

As for his excuse for flirting with women all over the globe, he has said that "my natural love is for non-white women because we want to hug them all time."

Let "beautiful" was hardly the word he used to describe the women in Zaire. When he spoke of sexual deprivation during his time in the "Rumble in the Jungle," he compared the physical attributes of African women unfavourably with those at home. "They ain't got that hair on their head," he said, "and their faces ain't pretty. Maybe you need a white

daddy some place in there to get it right."

It was a joke but hardly the kind expected from the man so many have heard echoing the dictum *Black is Beautiful*.

Be that as it may, whether black or white, women must always maintain a position of total subservience towards men, as far as Ali is concerned. He says in mock sympathy of women libbers: "Ah guess ah know the kind of things they don't like. Things like *History*. Women think it should be called *Herstory*. Man, I guess they should let men and women use the same public toilets. Amen — I mean, *A women*."

If you've enjoyed reading about Muhammad Ali and the girls in his life, look out for next month's **DRUM**, in which Dillibe Onyeama continues his story of the man they call "The People's Champ." What does the future hold for Ali? Will the crowds always flock round him? Is his ego over-inflated? Find out next month. **DON'T MISS IT!**



visit to Nigeria, Ali ran to form by making friends with some of the local girls.

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Agony of the mourning mother

NO ONE person can claim greater agony over the death of the late Nigerian Head of State than Hajiv Ramatu Muhammed, mother of General Murtala Muhammed. DRUM's picture tribute (RIGHT) shows the bereaved mother absorbed in prayer. The inset picture shows the chief Imam of the Kano Central mosque, Alhaji Dalhatu, leading a congregation in prayer over the corpse of the late General

THE EMIR of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero (ABOVE), welcomes the Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army, Lt-General Danjuma, at Kano Airport when the body of General Murtala Muhammed was flown to his home city for burial. THE Military Governor of Kano State, Lt-Col Sami Bello (LEFT), flanked on his right by the Emir of Kano and a senior Army Officer and, on his left, by Major General Hassan Katsina, awaits the arrival of the corpse of General Muhammed from Lagos.

DRUM photo tribute to Gen. Muhammed

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Full speed ahead on giant steel project

WORK on the Ajaokuta steel complex, the biggest industrial development project ever undertaken in Nigeria, is going according to schedule.

Doubts may have been created by recent press reports about the role of the Russian technical advisers to the Federal Military Government, and indeed the willingness of the staff of the Steel Authority to execute the project.

But the Federal Ministry of Industries and the Nigerian Steel Development Authority are in close and continuous touch with the Soviet authorities and the Govern-

ment is satisfied that there is no reason to believe that any tactics are being employed by anyone to delay the implementation of the project.

It was in November 1970 that the Federal Military Government entered into an agreement with the U.S.S.R. for the exploration of iron ore and coking coal over a very wide area of this country.

The availability of both iron ore around the Okene area of Kwara State and coking coal in Lafia area of Plateau State was established in 1974 and the next decision to be taken was where to locate the steel complex.

In order to speed up the project, the decision to locate the mill at the general area of Ajaokuta was taken by the Federal Military Government in May 1974, and after further surveys to find the most suitable spot, agreements were signed in August 1975 with the U.S.S.R. for the detailed design of the steel complex.

The railway authorities have already publicly invited proposals for the construction of a railway line from Oturkpo to Ajaokuta which will bring in the coal from Lafia, and the Federal Ministry of Works is designing a dual carriage road

to Ajaokuta.

Representatives of the Kwara State Government have assured the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Industries that their plans to provide schools, clinics and a co-operative shop at Ajaokuta are well in hand.

The Inland Water Ways Division of the Federal Ministry of Transport is working out plans for improving the navigability of the River Niger up to Ajaokuta and the building of river ports for transportation to and from the factory.

Arrangements are also going on to start up the mining of iron ore, coal and the other associated minerals. All these will take time to materialise, as heavy civil engineering works are involved, heavy machinery and equipment have to be designed, procured and installed, and a whole city built and supplied with everything from scratch in a virgin area.

The man looking for record stars

THERE are more than 20 music recording companies in Nigeria, and almost two-thirds of them are indigenous industries. One of the leading Nigeria-based recording companies, Ibukun Orisun Iye Recording Company, has at its head a dynamic young Nigerian director, Mr. M. Ola Kazim.

He told DRUM: "Our main plan for the year is to scout for Nigeria's hidden talents in music and culture to boost our record market. We must conduct market research to find out how we can improve our sales and how to satisfy our heterogeneous audience."

Ibukun Orisun Iye has already discovered a 14-year-old student from Oyo State and recorded his "Ewi", Yoruba poetry, while Prince Adekunle, one of Ibukun Orisun Iye's principal artistes, is planning a new release for July.

The recording business in Nigeria is so far very encouraging. Said Mr. Kazim, "It could be better if new talents could be found, polished and spotlighted by the media. It will result in a boom for all, both in terms of naira and enjoyment."



Mr. M. Ola Kazim

More business news on next page

Bank offer

...will soon purchase 40 per cent of the equity shares of Arab Bank (Nig.) when all arrangements connected with the sale of the shares are completed.

...of the Arab Bank Group. Mr. Mojeed attributed delay to the fact that the bank has not yet received the necessary approvals from the relevant authorities.

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...shares to the growth of the bank. He said the bank had completed the sale of the shares before now.

Cost for coal

...Nigerian coal industry may once again compare with other industries when the new coal is resuscitated. The cost of coal has been estimated at N8 million per ton. The Government has allocated N12 million for the development of the country's coal industry.

New branch

...NEW branch of the bank has been opened in the industrial estate near Ikeja. The branch, which cost N75,000 to complete, was opened on the 1st of August. Arab Bank's new branch in Nigeria has a total of 112 million.

Profits up

...THE New Nigeria Bank recorded a net annual profit of N1,873,696, an increase of 122.81 per cent over that of 1974.

Blueprint plan

...SUNLIF Nigeria Ltd. proposes to build a N3 million tyre industry in Ibadan, capital of Oyo State, which should go into production by 1978. It will employ about 150 people.

Huge river scheme

...THE Federal Government has allocated N30 million for the development of the Mada River basin in the Benue State.

This was announced by the Federal Commissioner for Natural Resources, Prof. I. U. W. Okigbo, while receiving the full feasibility report on the Mada River from the chief consultant, Shawmont and Kenting Earth Sciences Nigeria Limited, Mr. H. W. D. Armstrong. He said that design and construction of dams and irrigation schemes on the Mada River would proceed without delay. The Commissioner said that

Huge river scheme

his Ministry had commissioned similar studies of all Nigeria's major river basins so that comprehensive development plans could be drawn up for irrigation, hydro-electric power generation, fish production and urban and rural water supplies in all the river basins throughout the country.

He gave an assurance that his Ministry would co-operate with the State governments and other Federal ministries and their agencies in the implementation of the policy of comprehensive development of the river basins.

THE WINEY MA

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ANGOLA is merely the excuse being used by those, who cannot reconcile themselves to the momentous victories of the forces of African nationalism, to assert their neo-colonialist ambitions in the continent.

Angola merely provides the occasion to recreate the 19th century partition of Africa into spheres of influence where the predominant consideration will be the interests of the big powers without any consideration for the inalienable rights of the African.

Let us therefore make no mistake about the problem which confronts us. It is not the question of a simple disagreeing or a simple solution in the African tradition. Rather it is a much deeper danger of extra-African powers, in collusion with the inhuman and obnoxious apartheid regime in Pretoria, trying to frustrate the will of a people who, having sustained a heroic struggle

ONE OF the reasons given for the abortive coup in February was that the Federal Military Government was going 'communist' and that the coup was 'intended to re-establish the policy of non-alignment'. In January — at the special OAU conference in Addis Ababa — the late General Murtala Ramat Muhammed made a strong appeal for the recognition of the MPLA in Angola. Exactly 33 days after that historic speech, General Muhammed was assassinated in Lagos.

Was this a coincidence?

ORUM here publishes major extracts from the address and leaves readers to judge for themselves the nature of Nigeria's foreign policy, as rejuvenated by the courage, firmness and dynamism of General Muhammed.

against a most brutal colonialist repression, are on the threshold of a glorious dawn of national self-determination. If the neo-colonialists succeed in Angola, then our hopes for Southern Africa will have been dashed.

The history of modern Africa is replete with shameless exploitation, brutalisation, repression and downright denial of the humanity of the Africans. Side

by side with colonialism has developed that unique doctrine of apartheid. As the forces of African nationalism began their assault on the bastions of colonialism in Northern, Western and Eastern Africa, the forces of exploitation turned west and more on Southern Africa to make a last-ditch stand. An imaginary line —

the so-called "Wind of Change" — would not be permitted to blow — was drawn to be sustained by the unholy alliance of the Pretoria-Lisbon-Salisbury axis. For years the OAU called the attention of the international community to the role of this axis in provoking a potential racial war in Southern Africa which would affect the peace and security of the entire continent.

We called attention to the diabolical role of apartheid. The whole rationale behind this doctrine, which the United Nations has aptly condemned as a crime against humanity, is the perpetual subjugation of the African in order to create a paradise on earth for the whites.

When I contemplate the evils of apartheid, my heart bleeds and I am sure the heart of every true-blooded African bleeds. When we talk of these evils we are assured of the "sympathy" of the Western countries, but when we call for sanctions to end this shame of Western civilisation, suddenly the glitter of gold in the form of high dividends becomes more convincing than the lives, the liberty and the well being of Africans.

The Western Powers have bluntly refused to take any positive action, either in the form of military moves or economic sanctions, which will dissuade the regime in Pretoria from pursuing its criminal policy. Rather they are encouraged to persist, through increased investment, military



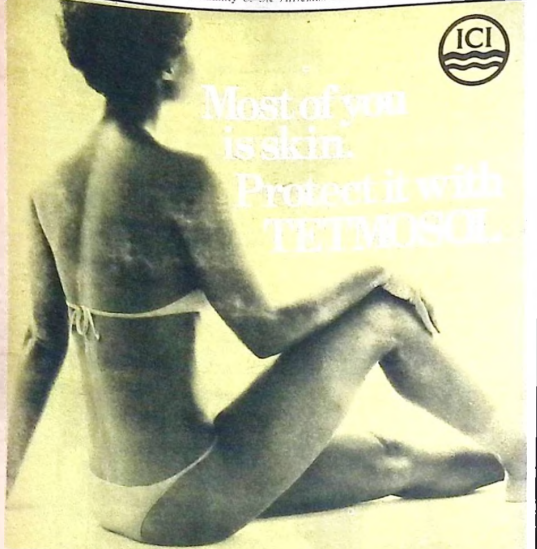
THE LATE General Muhammed, with his famous pipe in one hand and walking-stick in the other, stands outside the OAU Conference Hall in Addis Ababa with other members of the Nigerian delegation.

collaboration and other forms of co-operation. Little wonder therefore that the apartheid regime became so emboldened as to embark on foreign adventures outside its immediate confines of its territory.

So long as the fascist regime in Portugal was able to withstand the onslaught of nationalist forces in Mozambique and Angola, so long did the apartheid regime and its economic backers feel secure. Their glory, the peoples of Guinea Bissau under the PAIGC, the people of Mozambique under FRELIMO, and the people of Angola under its most active of the fighters forces, the MPLA, waged a determined struggle which ended in the collapse of the regime in Lisbon. Thus, not only were the Africans in the Portuguese territories liberated, but through the sacrifice of the African freedom fighters, the metropolitan Portuguese was liberated.

We cannot pretend that we are unaware of the machinations and conspiracies against our continent not just by the racists of Southern Africa but even by those who pretend to be the friends of the continent, but whose sole interest is in what they can get out of us. Now is a unique time to re-assess who the true friends of Africa are.

Naturally, because of its strategic importance in the South Atlantic, because of its natural resources and because of the strength and dynamism of the MPLA, Angola has become an area of great interest. There are those countries, including South Africa, and obviously the United States, who are frightened at the emergence of a truly national government which will insist on the sovereign rights of Angola to control both its territory and the sea appertaining thereto. The hope of a foreign base



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A CHILD DIES WITH THE REST

WAR KNOWS neither mercy nor distinction: this pile of bodies (ABOVE), including those of a child and a white mercenary, was left abandoned in a street of Sozairo, renamed San Antonio do Zaire, in Northern Angola. They were shot resisting an MPLA attack. Documents showed the mercenary was British.



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THIS MAN (LEFT) got away. Baker (sometimes called Barker), a British mercenary who escaped the "Cullin massacre," he swam across the Zaire River and was then picked up by MPLA troops. He first claimed he was a journalist, working for the London *Daily Mirror*, but subsequently admitted he had been recruited by someone whom he described as a CIA agent in London.

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'It is ourselves' — the words of an African poet yearning for the freedom of his country. Now the poet has become his country's president. DRUM looks at the faces of war-torn Angola, specially at Dr. Neto (right).



THE POET PRESIDENT

ANTONIO Agostinho Neto was born in 1922 in the village of Luanda, in the Icolo e Bengo region of about 60km. from His father was a priest and, like his movement. After secondary school in Neto worked in one of professions then open to nursing.

Neto studied to study medicine. He set aside part of his income for several years with these savings left all in 1947.

Neto became involved in activity and expression for the first time in 1951 when caught signatures for the

World Peace Conference in Stockholm. After his release, Neto became the representative of the youth of the Portuguese colonies in a Portuguese youth movement. It was during a student meeting with workers and peasants present that the PIDE arrested him a second time. Imprisoned in February 1955, he was not released again until June 1957.

At the time of his imprisonment, a pamphlet of his poems appeared. His poems, already well-known, described the bitter living conditions of the Angolan people and the poet's fervent belief in the future.

In December 1956 several

patriotic movements in Angola joined up to form the MPLA, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, the movement which was to launch the armed struggle against the obstinate and fascist Portugal.

In 1958 Agostinho Neto graduated as a doctor and got married the same day his course ended. He returned to his country with his wife, Maria Eugénia, and his young son in 1959 and took up the leadership of MPLA inside Angolan territory, practising medicine among his compatriots.

On 8 June 1960, the director of the PIDE personally arrested

Neto in his Luanda surgery. What followed was typical of the brutality practised by the Portuguese. A peaceful demonstration in the village where Neto was born was met with police bullets. Thirty dead and 200 wounded was the result of what came to be known as the Massacre of Icolo e Bengo.

Fearing the possible consequences of his remaining in Angola, even as a prisoner, the colonialists transferred Neto to a prison in Lisbon and later sent him to Cape Verde.

Neto was again arrested and imprisoned in October 1961.

MPLA launched a prolonged campaign for his freedom and

in 1962 he was released but forced to remain in Portugal. Shortly afterwards Neto secretly left Portugal and arrived in Leopoldville (Kinshasa) where the MPLA had its external headquarters at the time. In December 1962 he was elected president of MPLA.

For the next 13 years Dr. Neto alternated between organising the MPLA army in and around Angola and visiting political meetings in African capitals and overseas.

It has been a long battle, but the recognition of the MPLA as the government of Angola is a lasting tribute to Dr. Neto's perseverance and strength.

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Young Sina

IF YOU are a music fan and you know your way around Lagos, chances are that you will have seen and heard Young Sina Adekunle, the guitar maestro. He began his music career at the tender age of 12. Now, at 20, Sina (at work, right), has added some juice to the juju music of Prince General Adekunle and his Supersonic Sounds.

Sina's role in the new album just released by Supersonic is unique. He displayed his best in guitar work in the album and is ably backed up by the Prince as vocalist.

This new number, titled *Owo Niyi Omo Nide*, fits into all occasions. The songs are suitably prepared or written for child naming, children's birthday parties and other important events. There are many other qualities that can only be detected when one listens to the new album.

The group has another new one still in the making. It is to be released before June. So let's keep our fingers crossed.



Music all the way

JOHN NGWU is a disc jockey on Radio Nigeria. His friends call him John Dee Jay. When he sits at the control console in the NBC Studio and talks into the velocity microphone, all ears turn towards him.

"It's music all the way," says John Dee Jay (below). His fans listening at home agree. They dance and twist, and join the chorus until Dee Jay closes the show with his usual: "Well, well I know you have been doing your thing all the time. I bid you good-bye till next week, when I shall come round again to wake you up!"

DRUM went to find out what John's fans think about him. One fan said: "John's control of the studio situation is just great. He talks to

an unseen audience as if he is in the same room with them."

A lady fan said: "His voice is very romantic and I cannot help but fall for him." One more opinion and we are there: "I am for John Dee Jay any day. Give me John and I am all right for the whole week."

These views sum up the personality of John Ngwu, the golden voice of Radio Nigeria. He is just one reason for Nigeria's pride in broadcasting.



IBADAN SWINGS

IBADAN IS a place to visit at weekends. It is a swinging city, but you have got to know your way to the spots which have a delightful fragrance and a groovy aroma of their own.

I was in Ibadan recently, and I have enough evidence to say that Ibadan swings at night.

Take a drive to Safari Night Club at Mokola, but do not make the mistake of being but not make the mistake of being unaccompanied. I was unaccompanied to Safari and I had a nery night. Things were happening around me and I had to drink off my feelings at night.

Safari is a club where everything happens

fast. Music is heavy under colourful lights, fashionable kids gather, sit on the carpet, loiter about inside and outside the club kissing and dancing. They are all lively people. The men there are the lions of Safari, and their female partners are winners any day.

Safari is now a meeting place for undergraduates of the University of Ibadan and the Ibadan Polytechnic.

When the DJ spins *Party Time*, from the Fatback album *Raising Hell*, the Safari floor is alive with disco cats. It makes Ibadan swing at night.

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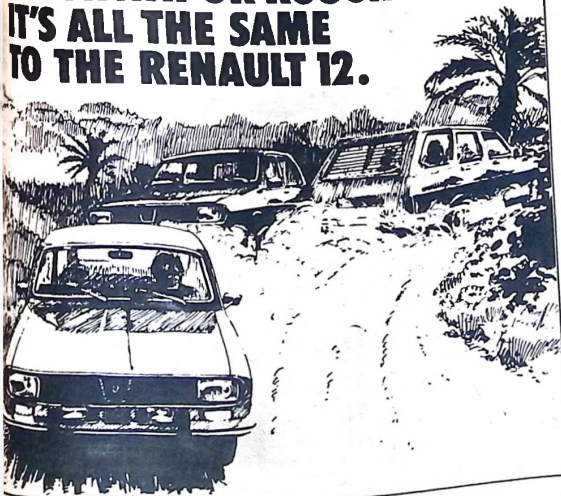
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The government signed industrial agreements with many international motor manufacturers to set up motor industries in the country.

Today we are living witnesses of the Peugeot car factory, Kaduna, the Volkswagen factory at Badagry Road, Lagos, and many other assembly plants are yet to be set up. To create market awareness of Nigeria's motor industry, several motor exhibitions have been held in Lagos, Kaduna, Ibadan and Enugu.

With the creation of more states in Nigeria, it is hoped that more motor shows will be organised.

Meanwhile, the Daily Times of Nigeria organised the 1976 Motor Show, featuring two-wheeled vehicles and boats. A total of 19 companies took part in the motor show. The great response of motor dealers to a call for participation in the motor show can be explained by the importance people attach to transport.

Transportation is an important aspect of communication. There are many types of transport but road transport is easily accessible, cheap and popular. You will find a great choice of vehicles on the following pages.

The new breed

ALFA Romeo, Pacer and Matador are among the few cars which could charm the new breed of fashion conscious pacesetters.

THE Pacer X, a car for the trend-setter (RIGHT)



THE impressive look of Alfa Romeo (LEFT).



FRONT view of the elegant Matador, a prestige American product (RIGHT)

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DAIHATSU has a mini look but its performance is as impressive as that of some much bigger popular cars. The Mini Daihatsu (pictured, right) performs like a lion, in fact.

The secret of this mini model is the strength of its engine. Solidly built and expected to last for years of hard treatment on the road, the Daihatsu engine is the car's greatest asset. But the whole car is very solidly built.



MORE THAN JUST A CAR

There are more than 30 models of Mercedes-Benz cars in the world market today.

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Ninety years ago Mercedes-Benz made the world's first car. But that first pioneer Mercedes was quite different in style, grace, and durability from its twentieth-century descendant.

With every one of its products, Mercedes-Benz likes to reach technical perfection. In keeping with the Mercedes tradition of mechanical diagnosis, the local dealer in Nigeria, Levens Motors, keep hundreds of service centres in Nigeria for the benefit of Mercedes owners.

Let's look at a few of the models in the family. One instantly thinks of the middle-upper class Mercedes 200, 200D, 240D, 230 and 250. When as one goes up the social ladder, one also begins to think of the coupes in the Mercedes family — sleek beauties like the 280 SLC and 350 SLC.

But this list of classy cars would be incomplete without

mentioning the ones at the very top of the range. Here you find the much-talked-of Mercedes-Benz 350 SEL, 450 SEL, 450 SLC and the king of them all, the Mercedes 600.

It's their classy look that makes Mercedes-Benz cars unique in motoring.



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THE name WAATECO is written big and bold along Apapa Road, Lagos, Okebota Road, Ibadan, and at many state capitals throughout Nigeria.

This is an indigenous Nigerian company that has successfully made its presence felt in the motor industry.

WAATECO specialises in the sale and service of Russian-made cars and trucks. One of its popular brands is Lada — well built cars, compact and yet roomy.

The researchers did a good job when they arrived at this unique specification: they had middle-class people in mind.

One thing that is special about WAATECO is the after-sales service which customers are offered.

Another top class car marketed by WAATECO is the push looking Volga. This has earned the name of the 'Russian Mercedes', combining durability with elegance.

The picture (above, left) shows some of the products handled by WAATECO.

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THE Volkswagen Beetle made an incredible impact in the world car market. Here in Nigeria it has become famous everywhere for its durability and economy.

But the Beetle is not the only car in the Volkswagen group. Apart from the Beetles 1200, 1300, and 1500, there are others in the family. The new RIO, the VW Safari, the Passat LS, and the Audi 100 LS, to mention just some of them.

The newest addition to the Volkswagen family is the Audi 100 CD. The designers borrowed the letters "CD" from the term word "Crest Diplomatique" and truly the 100 CD is fit for a diplomat.

It is solid, and contains many accessories that will appeal to all with a taste for beauty and comfort.

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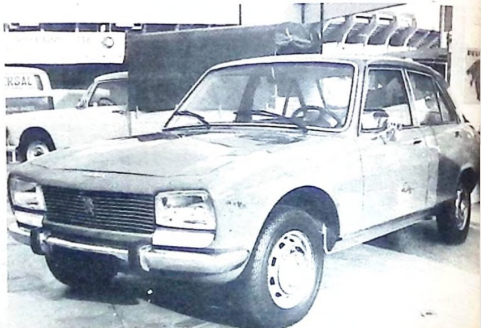
Here's Peugeot power

THE latest addition to the Peugeot family, the 604, is set to make its appearance in Nigeria before long. Meanwhile the other models still enjoy great popularity, and the assembly plant at Kaduna has helped cut the long waiting lists for 504s and 404s.

ABOVE: The handy-sized Peugeot 304 has a strong appeal among women.

RIGHT: Speed and durability made the 404 tops in the popularity stakes.

BELOW: The elegant 504 has a classy, stylish look.



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Venus Motors at Surulere, Phoenix Motors at Oyingbo, WAAATECO Motors at Apapa Road, Volkswagen Nigeria Ltd. and Niger Motors, to name

a few, are popular dealers in strong and reliable trucks and buses.

And, with universal primary education planned to start soon, buses will be required in large numbers to convey pupils to school.

Marketing of goods, as well as carrying traders and travellers, will require more sophisticated buses for regular journeys. DRUM foresees a boom in the truck and buses market in the near future.

THESE two buses (below) are unique for passenger services.

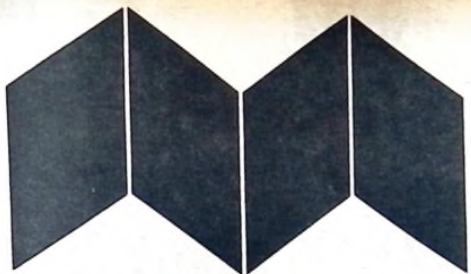


SOME of the trucks and medium-sized buses (below) sold by WAAATECO.

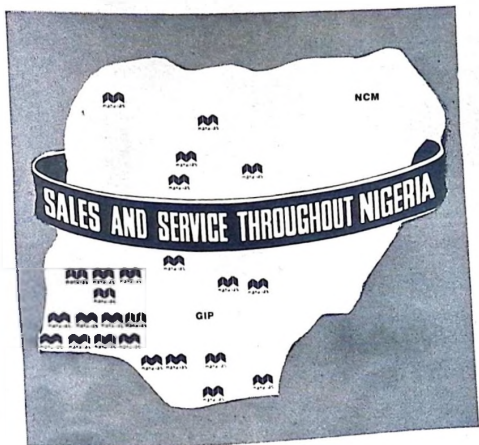


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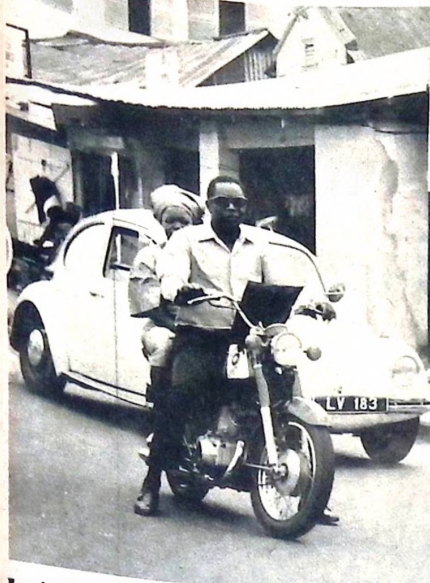
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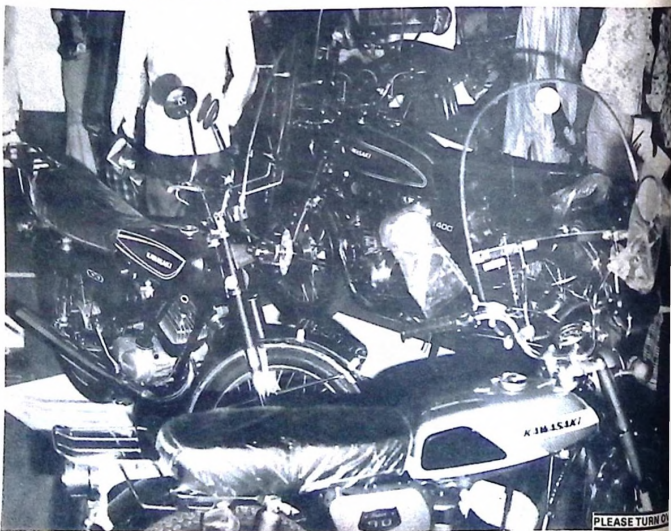
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The more powerful Model 6904 is primarily designed for double line operation with a pulley block. When used as such it pulls wheeled loads up to 9000 lb on 5 per cent gradients, or 4600 lb on 20 per cent gradients. It has a vertical lifting power of 1500 lb and weighs 25 lb. When used for single-line operation, these loads must be reduced by about 25 per cent. It is supplied with a 25 ft electrical

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wiring harness, 45 ft of aircraft cable and a 1/2-ton pulley block. Both winches incorporate circuit breakers which interrupt the electricity supply if the

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Price of conscience is still high

BANDIET: Seven years in a South African prison, by Hugh Lewin (Penguin).

WHEN THE OAU countries band together against apartheid South Africa, many Africans and other people in the world far away from the hell understand do not seem to Africa's bitterness against a regime which thrives on the blood, sweat and diamonds of the black man.

Read Hugh Lewin's book *Bandiet* (Afrikaans for prisoner) and you will cease to wonder why any person or any country with a conscience can not tolerate the continued existence of the regime.

Lewin spent seven years in jail in South Africa as a political prisoner. He makes no ringing self confessed. His crime was that for the slightest suspicion of working against the regime, 90 days under the Suppression of Communism Act or the South African Sabotage Act. During that period victims can be brutally handled, made to confess, "tried" and sentenced. Lewin was sitting in his office one day when two Special Branch men appeared and arrested him. He was 24 years old at that time. He was not to see the light of day again until he was 31.

During that time he suffered hardships, but kept his sanity and strangely enough, furthered his education.

He learnt a lot about sur-

Books

vival "One thing you have to do is strike a balance between beating the system and it beating you. One of the fundamental laws of prison - you never get the same chance twice," he says.

This story of how he graduated from detainee to a prisoner awaiting trial to full prisoner is told in the manner of Kafka or Koestler: the Secret Service, grueling interrogations, hunger, torture, beatings, mysterious movements in the night, and inverted human beings whose sadism is totally animal.

It is said that South Africa's fear of Communist influences led her into the Angolan war. Having read this book, it is not difficult to conclude that South Africa went into the war out of fear for her own survival.

The Secret Police are ruthless in their vigilance. So much so that anything at all which poses a threat to apartheid is pursued with the desperation of a drowning man.

Black or white, there is no place for "enemies" of South Africa. The blacks are on Robben Island, the whites in Pretoria.

What black man embraces Communism in all its

ramifications? Precious few. Lewin's style of writing is smooth, simple and devoid of bitterness. But his is a damning indictment of a society based on the denial of human equality.

Cyprian Ekwensi

Diary of a prostitute

THE FLESH, by Jacinta Mote (Comb Books).

THIS IS an enthralling, thought-provoking book produced from a prostitute's diary. It is intended for sociologists and community development workers and should not really be sold to young people, as the publisher might have wished.

It is a good thing that Jacinta Mote has tried to show why many women are lured into prostitution.

The publisher says this is a true story, which has taken a long time to complete. However, the author's age leaves the reader to doubt that she could possess all that experience.

The author shows that many women are lured into prostitution through family problems. She herself was thrown out of her home by her father when he married again after her mother's death.

Mote comes to town hoping to get a job. She finds humiliation and disappointment wherever she goes. At every office she writes to find employment, bosses demand sex from her. All she gets are false promises.

She tells a sad story of how prostitutes live, although they may look beautiful and seem to enjoy life, they drink too much. They have problems keeping their children, and many of them suffer from malnutrition. Mote says her children became "almost 'hunger proof'" because no one had time to find sufficient food for them.

She shows that a woman can not survive without a man's help, and says that if possible all women should get married to get rid of prostitution.

This is one of the best books with a purpose published by Comb Books, who publish popular little books such as *Ugita for Human Consumption*, *My dear Bottle and After 4.30*, which are read under desks in schools and offices and discussed in low voices.

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Beautiful ripples

RIPPLES IN THE POOL, by Rebeka Njau (TransAfrica Publishers).

THIS BOOK reads so smoothly that its beautifully interwoven episodes portray serious messages for its readers. It is an artistic piece of literature presented with vivacity. Its English is superb and simple. It is a novella of outstanding quality which has succeeded in revealing some sociological maladies prevailing in today's Kenya society.

Two major characters in the story are Selina and Gikere. Selina is a strange character whose upbringing and pattern of life is full of unhappiness. Whoever came close to her was affected by her unhappiness, some tragically so. Two minor characters, Gaciru and Karuga, fell prey to Selina's devil hands.

A whore, Selina decided to settle down and lead a decent life with a good husband. With her persuasive language she captures Gikere's heart.

Gikere, moved with sentimental expressions for Selina, tells another character, Sophia: "I know you'll think I'm crazy to hear me say this, but I want a home and a woman to care for me. A decent woman, not the type that just wants a good time. I want a woman who will take me for what I am."

"Selina, fed up with getting involved with permanent secretaries and directors of public institutions, says: 'I want a real companion myself, a real friend who will not desert me when I'm old and full of wrinkles on my face.' This sense of insecurity is portrayed throughout the narrative, not only in the Selina character but in all the characters. Are we living in a world of insecurity? This is the impression a reader gets by reading Rebeka Njau's beautiful work. It appears she is in a world of grab. Rebeka Njau emerges as an articulate, forceful, penetrating writer with the ability to observe.

Faraj Dumila

Funky-African-soul-jazz . . . the new sound!

and Heron & Brian
South Africa to South
Carolina

GIL SCOTT-HERON group is probably the most original phenomenon that has appeared on the jazz scene in recent years. No black group has had so much effusive praise in the music press on both sides of the Atlantic.

The *Chang* went to their performance on tour in London to judge for **DRUM BEAT** what the group's music confirmed the press reports.

Their music is an eclectic mixture of Latin funk, African beat and a soul background laced with political poetry. If you are not indigestible, the chat *Novel Soul* will explain it. What kind of musical background did you have?

GIL SCOTT-HERON: I taught myself how to play the piano as a child. From there I progressed to other instruments.



NOVEL SOUL from America: poet and novelist and group leader, Gil Scott-Heron (above).

DRUM: What is your source of creative inspiration? Did you at any time in life have a dominant experience which has influenced your playing?

The instruments are *single*. The *Drum* and *Caribbean Festival* are really exciting and capture enthusiasm from the start.

A major fault with many groups is their tendency for long, extremely boring instrumental numbers. Here is the exception — with a terrific sound.

DONALD BYRD

Places and Spaces (Blue Note). Known as the "Father of Disco Soul", Donald Byrd started out as a trumpet player and played with all the leading jazz groups of the 40s and 50s. Now he has turned to funk and soul and has made many good albums in this field. The opening track of this one, *Change* (makes you want to hustle), shows his knowledge of the disc soul sound; it has been released as a single. The title track has a nice riding sound with a smooth soul feel. The whole album is in this style and makes for easy listening.

★ ★ ★

- ★ Rubbish
- ★★ Fair
- ★★★ Good
- ★★★★ Very Good
- ★★★★★ Superb

GIL SCOTT-HERON: Not in particular. I would say that it came naturally. You see I absorbed a lot of Latin rhythms from the Hispanic districts of New York. I practically learnt to play drums from the streets in the evenings people used to gather together and jam.

WILLIAMS (drummer): We really taught ourselves how to play most instruments and we are still learning and experimenting.

DRUM: Your music is unique partly because you preach a political message. What do you think of the "love and sex" theme of contemporary music?
Smiles all round.

GROUP: There is a lot of love in our message. *We kept on rambling.*

DRUM: What do you think of the black musicians like James Brown and Jimmy Hendrix?

WILLIAMS (drummer): Of course most musicians have an effect on us. In particular after listening to Hendrix I redoubled my efforts in my personal style.

DRUM: Have you made any tentative plans for an African tour?

GROUP: If anyone makes the arrangements, we would certainly love to go. But there are no concrete offers yet.

For the record, the Gil Scott-Heron group comprises Gil Scott-Heron and his long-time collaborator, Brian Jackson, and a rhythm section — the Midnight Band. The 45-year-old group, Gil Scott-Heron, was born in Chicago and brought up by his grandmother in Tennessee. As a child he wrote detective stories and poetry. By the time he was 19 he had published his first novel. He now has two novels and a He now writes of verse to his credit.

volume of verse to his credit. During the pen a rather restrictive medium of communication, he turned to music. An MA from Princeton University, he combines the life of a professional musician with a lectureship in Creative Writing at Washington's Federal City College.

During his undergraduate studies at Pennsylvania's Lincoln University, Gil met his musical collaborator Brian Jackson, another versatile musician. Gil and Brian recorded their first four albums with small American companies but have switched to the larger Asta label for the last two albums. *First Minute of a New*



Day and From South Africa in South Carolina.

Everybody in the group plays almost every instrument. Gil and Jackson are on vocals, keyboard and synthesizer. West African audiences will be thrilled by the genuine sound of a Yoruba talking drum emanating from an American group.

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PHILIP WHITNEY
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This is the first album for five years from the 34-year-old African singer. In the 60s Philip Whitney was a big star with plenty of hit singles. Although his remarkable voice is still the same, the feel, and the musical sound are very different. The maturity and relaxation that this is a great album, not only for original Piney fans, but also because of songs in good taste, a very nice Philip Whitney sound. Tracks *Oceans* and *You are*.

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OTUN. Elder Oso, I salute you both. I thank you both for honouring our village by promptly answering my informal call. We all know under the tooth of the cobra is never seen. Also when the arrogant white birds decide to descend on us and even eat that the god of rain is already raining on us.

So it is that my impromptu summons on you tonight is not without a cause. It is a cause that has disturbed me for three days and three nights. My wives have suffered the displeasure of meals; my children have been showered with a series of and my own sound sleep has degenerated into dozes.

Since my forefathers have been ruling over Jokoje since the founding of the village, there Our calmness has been a source of envy to neighbouring villages

Whenever anybody had a problem, they would say 'Go to Tisha' or 'Go to a Tisha's boy'. Now Tisha, they said, had killed the sacred bird. DRUM short story by Kayode Ogunmoyela.

and it has earned us their respect. This is why, up till today, a daughter each of Gbanja and Roko villages is sent annually to Jokoje to become my wife.

However, we cannot talk of the calmness of Jokoje without mentioning the various crops of Ouns and Osis the village has been blessed with. Their cooperation with my forefathers was the secret behind Jokoje's good image. And these were your own forefathers! Great men, may their souls rest peacefully. But, like father like son, I believe that their good virtues of wisdom and fair play are borne also by you.

This is why we have been able to carry on smoothly so far. And this is why tonight I have called on you to share in

my agony and to deliberate with me on an issue that could be explosive; an affair that could completely mar the success we have achieved so far and leave us condemned men in the annals of history.

Yes, elders of Jokoje, my co-learners, danger is brewing and disaster is looming. We all know now that the silent drum has been sounding for eight days. Many times before the drum has had to sound its mirth dull days, when it would snatch away its victim and both would go into welcome silence. The matter is now different and the price at stake is much higher. Before, we did not know the victims until they were silenced; but on this occasion, we knew the culprit even before the drum started sounding. He has been

going about boasting of the way he committed the most abominable sin of the land. We all know that the bird of death which flies only at night is born of the spirit of our gods. This is why it is sacred and held in reverence.

Tisha has shot and eaten a bird of death! In addition, he has been lecturing the whole village on the nourishing value of the bird and calling on all our sons and daughters to dissociate themselves from what he labels "useless traditions".

Tisha is a very influential man in our society. His words are bound to enjoy the attention of our people and poison their minds. If the people decide to follow him, then we are done. The gods will rain their wrath on us and we and our posterity will be doomed.

But, if Tisha dies, who will teach our children to walk, to write and to speak like the white man? Who will teach us how to plant yams that will grow like babies? Gentlemen, Tisha's obliteration would leave us a vacuum too large to fill. His death would be an irreparable loss.

That is why, three days ago, I summoned Tisha to the palace. I talked to him at length and finally persuaded him to offer the necessary sacrifice to appease the gods and avert a disastrous death.

— *What then, Chief, is your worry? This means that Tisha will live and the gods will still be happy with us.*

Be patient, Otun. I am yet to finish. You should know that the salt which embitters the soup is the last grain that is added. Listen to my story. Yes, I spoke to Tisha as I would to my son and I persuaded him to appease the gods tomorrow since it is the ninth and final day. He agreed and promised to purchase all the necessities before this evening.

But, in return, Tisha made a statement to me. When a man praises me, I regard it as a glory for my people. On the other hand, when he insults me, I look at it as contempt for me, for you and for all the people of Jokoje. Tisha's words were heavy; they shook me and left me agape. My state of mind has since been in sixes and sevens. As I did not know what to say, I ordered him to present himself here tonight and again make his submissions before us all.

TISHA was the corrupted form of "Teacher". It was the name by which everybody knew the village's first white black man. Despite

the fact that he was a son of Jokoje, nobody knew the teacher's name and so they all called him Tisha.

About 30 years back, when the first white men visited Jokoje, they grew to like a small boy who would follow them about. When they were about to leave, they announced their intention of taking the small boy with them for proper training. The villagers, of course, knew a meant the end of the boy and as they were all against the plan, more so as the boy was the only surviving child of his aged parents. But who would be the cat? Who dared challenge the white man's decision? They all wept with the boy's parents as he departed.

But just over 30 years ago, when nobody was even thinking about him, the boy reappeared. He had grown up and had been completely transformed into a white black man!

He was given a hearty welcome. He could now walk and talk like the white man and he dressed with a rope tied round his belly and stockings climbing up nearly to his thighs. He was completely an embodiment of all that the people cherished in the white man.

That was more than six years ago. Oh yes, the first set of pupils he trained in the six-year school which he had immediately set up on his return, graduated just a few months ago. Four in number, they were the learned youths of the village. They were deemed to have made great names for their families. Their fathers could now walk with raised shoulders and could talk and be listened to in the village. They were fathers who gave birth to learned sons!

"Did we not advise you to give your son to Tisha? Yes, we who ours are now," they would boast to their friends.

"Oh yes, I was foolish, thought I needed the boy on the farm and, of course, I did not want him to grow up large have since realised my folly, have two boys with Tisha now!"

The four boys assumed Tisha in the training of the older young ones and also played the role of the village's letter writers.

"Please beg your Tisha's help to help me write a short letter a father would be pleading.

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Night Bird

The boys and Tisha
the village's counsel-
When anybody had a
it was always "Go to
" or "Go to a Tisha's boy".
Tisha was therefore the most
man in Jokoje.
for eight days now, queer
had been happening.
had engaged himself in a

house-to-house campaign. And
the silent drum had been sound-
ing on Tisha!

THE CHIEF and Elders of
Jokoje, I greet you. I pray
that the spirits of your
ancestors may feed you with
enough wisdom to rule over

your people. On the order of the
Chief, I am here. The Chief has
already given me audience
alone but he also wants me to
make my message known to
a man: to fear only my con-
science and to proclaim
whatever I stand for loudly in
the face of all odds. So is it that
tonight you will be entertained

with a summary of all the points
I have in mind. I have to be
brief because I still have some
work to do in preparation for
tomorrow morning's sacrifice.

My fathers, I speak before
you without any feeling of
remorse. This is because I am
convinced that what I am doing
is right. I speak to you now as a
man who, after much toil, has
achieved success.

I returned to Jokoje about six
years ago. Since that very time,
I have been convinced that
many things are wrong with
what we term our traditional
beliefs. I have not kicked
against them before now simply

because I have not been able to
come by the points with which
to support myself. But now
things are different. I have my
solid proofs and the secret of
the imposed traditional beliefs
on our people is now at my
mercy.

Six years ago, I started a
research on the subject. Not un-
til eight days ago was I able to
obtain the final proof I had so
long clamoured for. Elders of
my village, it is true that I did
go about telling how I killed an
owl and how I devoured it. It is

PLEASE TURN OVER

The Night Bird

true that I let the people know that the drum was sounding on me.

Yes, it was necessary. It was the climax of a research that has taken me so many years. It is true that the Chief spoke to me and that I agreed to offer the sacrifice. It is not because I do not want to die yet. I am aware that failure to offer a sacrifice would leave me a dead man tomorrow night. I have therefore bought the essentials for the sacrifice.

The minor article I hope to collect as soon as I take leave of you. However, I have informed the Chief of my intention to perform the ceremony before all the people of Jokoje. It will be a pleasure to talk to them all and let them share in my startling discoveries. True, I have found out that what constitutes our traditional beliefs is no more than a series of superstitious enforcements spread by some peopled to attain. The leader of these people is here now.

— Tisha, who is this leader?

— Tell us his name now.
— Quiet. Ouf! Our role here tonight is to listen. We are going to talk when the Chief says so.

— Thank you, Otun. I only got annoyed. This boy is very rude. Let him continue talking.

In fact, I have nearly finished. Maybe you indeed think that I killed and ate an owl. This is where your miscalculation lies. The bird in question is now lying safe and sound in a cage at my house. I only falsely made people believe that I had killed and eaten it! I hope that you now see that, if this drum were genuine, it could not have been beating on me for an owl. I did not kill.

It is the general belief also that the drum is beaten by spirits and that no man has ever seen it. Lies, all lies! I have seen the drum with my two naked eyes and I now know who beats it. A human being stays by it both night and day!

Tomorrow morning, when all the people are gathered, I shall offer the sacrifice. I shall go on to release the owl from my cage and reveal my startling discoveries. Then all those behind these dark practices will be publicly exposed and disgraced.

THE MORNING of the ninth day arrived just like any other morning. But unlike others, the second crowing of the cock met the villagers at home when it was supposed to greet them on their way to the farms. Everybody stood up in response to it. To sleep after the second crowing was to bring bad luck on your family.

The sky was very clear now. People were able to see themselves distinctly. This was the time all villagers were asked to report at the village square. Rumours had it that Tisha was going to deliver an address, that Tisha had found the secret of the drum!

But wait! There seemed to be a faint sound. Oh yes, three more repetitions of the familiar village crier's gong. The sound completely broke the seemingly impenetrable silence of the morning as it set villagers in motion, running helter-skelter to position themselves at vantage points to hear the Chief's message.

"The Chief greets you. He has asked me to congratulate you. He says you should all congratulate yourselves. A great storm has been gathering over us for some days. But now the gods have again smiled on us. The storm has subsided and the cloud is now clear. The spirits of our ancestors are again happy with us. After all, who are we, people of flesh, to fight with spirits? Who are we to incur the anger of gods? It is therefore meet that we should always allow the gods to do their wishes so that they can be happy with us and come to our rescue in times of danger. The Chief asks you to go now peacefully and happily to your farms. The affair, which is to take place at the village square, is already solved.

"You must have noticed that the drum has stopped beating. It should be a relief to us all. The wishes of our ancestors have been satisfied. We shall now again stay in peace. No doubt we all loved Tisha but, alas, he was a man wanted by the gods. So it is that, as the drum has stopped sounding, it has drawn Tisha into a state of all-time silence; into an everlasting oblivion. The Chief greets you."

The villagers dispersed quietly. So the drum had finally caught up with Tisha! But was it not strange that the drum did not beat on till the night before finally doing away with him, as was usual? Well, the drum is mighty. It would take some time for a man so bravely to rise up against it as Tisha had done.

So it was that, until today, the mystery of Jokoje has remained undiscovered.



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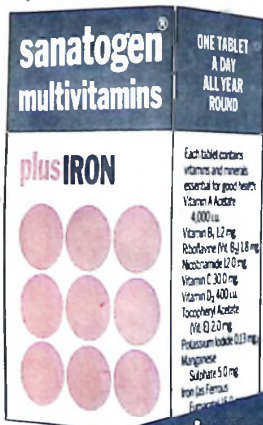
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YOUR STARS THIS MONTH



Aries
Mar 21-Apr 20

OH, READER! This month the beneficial planet Jupiter moves into a fresh sign of the zodiac bringing a year's steady progress and expansion for those born under Taurus. Afflictions to Venus mean that for most all matters will not proceed too smoothly in the early part of the month. But on the whole a pleasant month with a few nice surprises. A trend to expansion mainly with regard to finance or possessions will be noticed by those for whom this is their birth day month.



Taurus
Apr 21-May 20

Love: you will feel the urge to expand and make changes in your love life but new romances started in the first half of the month could run into difficulty. Money: lending or borrowing is not under favourable stars during the first half of the month but past efforts could well bring an increase in salary about now.



Gemini
May 21-Jun 20

Personal projects are accentuated for you this month. Try to arrange to begin important affairs on the 13th or 14th. Love: a good month — new friendships are made. Surprise round the 18th/22nd. Money: control tendency to overspend on pleasure. Don't run risks in first half of month.



Cancer
Jun 21-Jul 20

Outstanding plans and projects are accentuated this week. Try to start new projects on the 15th or 16th. Love: a surprise meeting from someone you have not seen for a long while is possible. Domestic harmony is threatened during second week. Money: not too good.



Leo
Jul 21-Aug 20

Matters involving friends are accentuated this month. Try to arrange to begin important projects on the 17th/18th. Love: socially a very busy month. A loved one's luck could be to your benefit too. Money: considerable expenditure is possible through entertaining and visiting friends.



Virgo
Aug 21-Sept 20

Matters concerning work and social standing come up for attention this month. Round the 19th/20th is a good time to begin important projects. Love: an important social contact could be made this month. Money: tendency to overspend entertaining in first week.



Libra
Sept 21-Oct 20

If any important moves or projects are contemplated for a week try to arrange them begin on the 25th. Love: put against a possible sudden quarrel during the first week. Love affairs move more smoothly in last weeks of month.



Scorpio
Oct 21-Nov 20

Relations with others are stressed in importance this month. Arrange important matters on the 26th/28th. Love: for you it is a good and lucky month matters regarding the affects Partnerships of any kind possible.



Sagittarius
Nov 21-Dec 20

Matters to do with work or business are important this month. Arrange important matters for the 1st/3rd or 29th/30th. Love: harmony at home could be started during the first half of the month. The second half of the month is stable. Money: some change could lead to a definite improvement of future fortune.



Capricorn
Dec 21-Jan 20

Matters regarding children's affairs and amusements come for attention this month. Arrange important matters for the 1st/3rd. Love: for you, too a good time in love matters. For some a new love could enter your about now.



Aquarius
Jan 21-Feb 20

Domestic matters come up for attention this month. An important project should be arranged round the 6th/8th. Love: you need careful handling during first half of the month and estrangements are possible then.



Pisces
Feb 21-Mar 20

A good month for several of journeys are necessary or involving neighbours or relatives come up for attention. Start projects on 9th/10th. Domestic problems involving neighbours could arise during first half of the month and a quarrel settled one.

Should I leave her?

I am 18. I fell in love with a girl who informed me that she was my younger brother's girlfriend but that they had parted. I asked my brother, who confirmed they love her. I love this girl very much and I would not like to leave her. Your advice is needed before I run mad. **Achison, Kaduna, Nigeria**
I would not advise you to have a girl your own younger brother has once befriended. Leave her now and look for another girl.

I wanted to beat her up

I am a handsome boy. I fell in love with a 16-year-old girl. Six months after we started our affair I discovered that she was more interested in my best friend. I was so disappointed that I nearly beat her up but for some friends who intervened. Dolly, please advise me. **Sandy, Benin City**
Why beat her up? Is she your property? My advice is that you either leave her or try to win her back, but if I believe, I would leave her to her own treacherous

My girl's qualifications

I am 20 and I have no girlfriend. The problem is I have not yet got a girl with the qualifications I want. She should be beautiful and smart. Please help me. **T.S., Iwo**
There is nothing bad in looking for specific qualities in a girl you wish to go steady with. My advice is that you keep on looking for your kind of girl, but remember that neither academic qualifications nor physical beauty — on their own — necessarily make a person attractive.

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I'm 27, but afraid of pregnancy

I am 27. I am a worker. I detest having girlfriends because of fear of pregnancy. At my age I feel I am getting old. Kindly advise me before it is too late. **Joshua, Yaba**
I agree that, at 27, you are ripe for marriage. Try to get yourself a girlfriend whom you may eventually marry. And ask your doctor about contraception.

Can I force her to marry me?

I am 19. I have fallen in love with a girl of 16 whom I would like to marry. The problem is she does not accept my proposal. Please tell me what to do to make her marry me. **Aremu, Aazre**
It is annoying the way some of you boys like to force yourselves on girls. The girl has rejected you. Why don't you leave her alone and look for another girl?

I wanted to leave her

Last December I approached a girl whom I met in my home town. Since I returned to Lagos I have written her five letters with only one reply. I want to leave her but my friends advise me to keep on trying. What do you say, Dolly?
Majaro, Lagos
I would not advise you to keep on wasting your time with a girl who does not seem to be interested in you.

I'm 20, poor and a virgin

I am a poor illiterate girl. I am 20 and still a virgin. I do not have a boyfriend. It is not that men have not approached me, but I do not like those who have come to me. I feel I am getting old and I am worried. Please help me before it is too late. **1j sji, Benin City**
You are not old and you shouldn't think that you are unlucky because you haven't got your type of man. Be patient. Do not lose your virtue because you are anxious to get a boyfriend. Your type of man will soon come along.

Their laughter turns me on

I am a boy in a secondary school, aged about 18. He pleases with this problem: when I see any woman or girl laughing at me, I automatically get my attention attracted towards her. This has affected my learning very much for whenever I feel in need of a mate, always go out in search of one. So I need your advice. **P. C. M., Kimalawa**
Laughter is hardly a sexual stimulant so I am surprised at your reaction. Self-control is something which can be practised and I advise you to start practising it now. As for sexual desires, these can always be controlled by other healthy outdoor pursuits. **foathill.**

The girls turn me down

I am 18. I am friendly with girls. My problem is how to get a girlfriend. When I approach any of the girls they play with, they turn me down. What am I to do? **Daddy Bob, Port Harcourt**
Try to approach girls outside this circle of girls you play with. These ones are not interested in the type of association you want.

No girlfriends but lots of sex

I am 18. I am a student. I have no girlfriend. I go to hotels to enjoy myself with prostitutes. I find this cheaper than keeping a girlfriend. Do you advise that I face my studies and forget my urge for sex? **Odinpa, Kaduna**
Getting involved with prostitutes is not a good life for a student. I would advise you to face your studies, and exercise some self-control and befriend decent girls.

I want a wife, please

I am a 30-year-old trader. I am also a bachelor. I need much want a wife. She could be from any part of the country. Please help me. My address is 2 Labaco Street, Ikeja
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