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Well said, Brigadier

SOME TIME ago, Nigeria's Chief of Staff Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shehu Yar'Adua, told Nigerian journalists that the Federal Government had the right to belong to it.

Some Nigerians, particularly journalists, saw this brigadier as unstatesmanlike and felt that it showed that the Nigerian press is not free.

Well, they are all entitled to their opinions. But I see the brigadier's statement as a Brigadier Yar'Adua was honest one not to be hypocritical. He knew what the position is as far as Government-owned newspapers are concerned, and he told the journalists so.

If he had wanted to be like other hypocrites, he would have told them he would like the Nigerian press to be free and that the Federal Government had no ambition to control the Government-owned newspapers. Those who cherish news and liberty would have hailed the brigadier.

But now that he has been courageous enough to say that if you pay the piper, you have the right to dictate the tune, he is bold.

If the Government did not want to control the newspapers, why did it bring Dr. Dele Cole, a senior civil servant from the Cabinet Office.

But for some months now, especially in Bendel State where motorcycles are widely used, some motorcyclists hang their helmets by the sides of their machines instead of wearing them. And those who wear their own do not put them on properly. Is the crash helmet meant for decoration?

The Government should do something about re-enforcing the law on crash helmets. The helmets are not for cosmetic use, and the law should be carried out to the letter.

Joel Ughelli.

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The FESTAC village is now open for Lagos workers to occupy and many workers have moved into the flats allocated to them. But the first things that ought to be provided at the village are absent. For example there is no health centre, no chemists' shop, no market, no schools, and no recreational grounds.

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Balogun, Lagos.

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There have been many cases of patients returning home after three days without a doctor attending to them. It is the duty of the government to provide a hospital and its workers and it is the duty of the workers to carry out their duties. I appeal to the hospital workers to change their attitude to work.

Alex Oni, Umuhia.

House rents: the way out

THERE are so many practical solutions to the problem of house rents in this country. One such step is that which the Federal Government has taken already — the introduction of the Federal housing scheme. This should weaken the landlords.

Another step is to control the increasing costs of building materials, which is the reason landlords give for rocketing rents.

The third step is for the Federal Government to introduce a system whereby all workers are paid a housing allowance. For example in Kano, about 89 per cent of



to head the Daily Times? Why was there a disagreement between Dr Cole and two who should vet editorial materials?

The position is plain, and the brigadier thought that it was better to tell the truth. The brigadier must be congratulated rather than condemned for his courageous statement.

Sam Aghaye, Okitipupa.

Make proper use of crash helmets

I WAS happy when some time ago the Government ordered that all motorcyclists were to wear crash helmets, because I think that would reduce death on our roads.

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tenants are workers and a good number of them earn below N60 a month.

How can someone with this meagre amount pay his rent, whether it is dictated by edict or that of the landlords?

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The same is true of many of our public institutions. They need a change of heart as workers.—Editor.

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Ceiling price for brides

PLEASE allow me space to make this humble appeal. It has been observed that despite repeated appeals and mounting public outcry against high bride prices in the Imo and Anambra States of Nigeria, the governments of these states have glossed over the bride price situation.

It may be that some parents who are guilty of this social crime, and who are in the cabinets of the governments concerned, are helping to undermine and hog down any attempts by the authorities to stamp out the high bride price.

In any event, I wish to use this column to appeal to Governor Col. John Atou Kperu, of Anambra, and Commander Godwin Kano, of Imo, to cease to ignore the pressing needs of the people. They

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should fix the bride price in their respective states at N60 without further delay. Basil Anazo Modular, Lagos.

Up-date farming methods

IT is a well-known fact that from a technological view-

point farming methods in Nigeria are primitive. That is why, despite the fact that about 60 per cent of the country's working population is engaged in farming, their production is so low that in the last financial year the country spent an estimated N200 million on importing food items.

Given the primitive level of farming methods in this country, the appeal to literate young men to become farmers

continues to fall on deaf ears. This is because anybody who can help it wants no part of drudgery that goes along with farming in Nigeria today.

We have had too much talk and paper plans about mechanising farming methods should quickly be translated into practice. But where are the implements and other mechanical aids which are expected to take the boredom out of farming and to increase the farmers' productivity?

We should divert a major portion of our efforts and financial resources to bringing about a revolution in farming methods.

Regrettably, some state governments find it easier to build studios and ultra-modern hotel complexes than to make consistent efforts to improve farming methods.

It is obvious that improved farming methods benefit the entire population but only a handful of super-rich tycoons and foreigners patronise our international hotels.

We should shelve plans to build ultra-modern hotels and divert available funds and efforts to mechanised farming throughout Nigeria.

Frank O'Flahide, Njikola.
Good, indeed. Over to the Nigerian authorities — Editor.

How to combat food shortages

FOOD shortages should be seen as a challenge to every Nigerian and not only to government.

All educational institutions, right from the elementary school class, should make agricultural science compulsory. Farm settlements should be encouraged. School certificate, G.C.E. and degree holders should be encouraged as farm settlers.

The establishment of fertiliser industries is vital and the government should establish fertiliser stores in every state of the Federation. Many schools of agriculture, responsible for the production of manpower should be established in every state.

This would certainly assist the efforts, including Operation Feed the Nation, aimed at solving the food shortage. Akende Aderinwale, Ibadan.

Benefits from FESTAC

ACCORDING to Mr. Aigbogu's article in the June edition of DRUM, FESTAC was of no importance to the country. He has forgotten that without FESTAC the federal housing resettlement at Amwo (the FESTAC village) would have been completed.

FESTAC brought black people together. FESTAC even provoked the system. Even and Odd numbers that seems to be a fair solution to our traffic problem in Lagos. The national theatre, where our culture can be displayed, Europe. Yet we do not have enough for our domestic use.

The Government appears to err over this disturbing situation. The Federal Government should do everything possible to put an end to this problem in the interests of our national economy.

(Maikata) Ibrahim Hassan Rafindadi, Katsina.
Good point. I think the Nigerian Government has taken measures to improve the situation — Editor.



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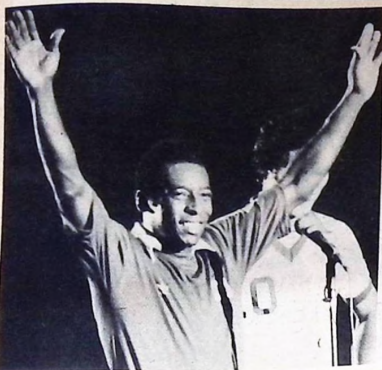
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ABOVE: World heavy-weight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, jokingly shapes up to Earnie Shavers (right), before their title fight in New York. The fight itself was less amusing for the champ, who looked tired after being taken the full 15 rounds.



LEFT: Pelé, goodbye! That's what the world was saying last month as the soccer star called it a day.

BELOW: Men at the centre of the Zimbabwe settlement moves — co-leader of the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo, meets Britain's Foreign Secretary, David Owen, at the United Nations, watched (centre) by the US ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young.



ABOVE: The Federal Commissioner for Information, Mr Ayo Ogunlade (right), briefs members of the press and departmental sectional heads of the Ministry at the National Theatre in Lagos. Centre is the Federal Director of Information, Mr L. Scott-Emukpor, and on the extreme left is the Acting Government Printer, Mr Chistol.



ABOVE: Oba Adesoji Aderemi, the Oni of Ife, admires pamphlet presented to him by the Director of the United Information Centre in Lagos, Mr Pen Malafa, during courtesy visit to the Oba's palace.

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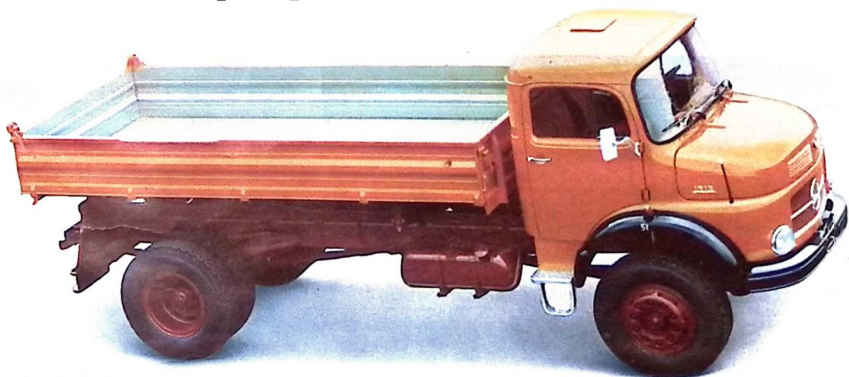
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● Mr Aka-Bashorun . . . "No opportunity to learn"

● Mr Eze . . . "there be peace"

BY 1979, military rule in Nigeria is due to end. It will have been a long and eventful journey since January 15, 1966, when the first shot was fired. It will have been a reign interrupted by coups and counter coups.

According to the programme set up by the present administration, by October, 1979, Nigerians will be free to choose who should rule them. To this end, the Federal Military Government has ordered full civilian rule in all Local Government areas throughout the Federation, a new constitution has been drafted and a Constituent Assembly is to ratify the constitution has also been set up.

By 1979, Nigerians will have been ruled by soldiers for 13 years. During this period they have had many experiences. Some have been pleasant, others unpleasant.

Now that Nigerians are preparing for civil rule, what do they think of the prospect? Are they ready for civilian rule? Do they believe the elections will be free? What are their fears about civil rule? What suggestions do they have for the military men before they hand over power?

These and numerous other questions are occupying the minds of most Nigerians. DRUM's reporters and cameramen went out to talk to the people.

DR ONUORA NWUNELI, senior lecturer in mass communication, University of Lagos. "I do not think that we have learnt very much from our post-independence experience. We managed to put an end to the civil war, but some or most of the problems such as corruption, discipline and lack of sophistication that led to the civil war are still very much with us.

"The last civilian and military regimes have been unable to tackle effectively these problems because they have failed to approach the problems from a scientific point of view.

"For example, we have had many commissions of inquiry into corrupt practices among members of the previous regimes; the Appa Quays cement blockade and now the one billion naira Foreign Exchange scandal. Most of these

Nigeria is heading for civilian rule by 1979. In this special DRUM probe, the people give their opinion of the past 11 years and of their hopes for the future.

inquiries spent time in asking about WHAT was done, and not WHY it was done.

"The WHY approach is a much more serious, rigorous and sophisticated technique to problem solution compared to the WHAT approach. This involves engaging the best minds among our social scientists to investigate the problems in question from an attitudinal and behavioural perspective. They should ask questions such as: why would an average Nigerian want to cheat? Why do Nigerians have a non-chalant attitude to work?"

"It is only when we understand why a Nigerian behaves the way he does that we can find solutions that could deal effectively with the problems more sustainably. Yet at present our main approach to problem solution is coercion. Coercion might work to a degree, but it is incapable of completely solving any of the problems it is meant to solve.

"It is unfortunate that Nigeria has spent billions of dollars on technological transfer, without allocating a few naira towards preparing the minds of its citizens for adjusting to a more disciplined level in a modern nation state. If our past and present experience is anything to go by, one is forced to predict a bleak future in Nigeria.

"Come 1979, and it still be with us. But it is not too late yet for the government to start commissioning our best students to assist with hope that our problems in the future will be better informed. Until then we can only hope and pray for a better tomorrow."

MR ALAO A BASHORUN, lawyer. "A subject everybody has with objectivity. I believe military administration not given the people opportunity to learn a lot from events of the past.

"Since the military takeover it has clamped a state of emergency on the country as a result it has made it possible for new political ideas to germinate and circulate. Hence the military (albeit not by design) has placed stamp of authority on the brand of politics in the country. The most fortunate development is the approach to a return to civil rule.

"The use of electoral college to elect members into the constituent assembly is a system of control introduced by the military for the politics of the future. It is a system that is room for large-scale corruption by 'favoured' candidates who have been privileged to amass sufficient wealth with which they can bribe their way through.

"It explains why there was corruption today in Nigeria than before. All the social ills which were not known even in the civil regime are now with us. Nineteen seventy-nine to me is only the beginning of a struggle for real democracy."

MR NDIUKA EZE, lawyer

"The military programme of the return to civil rule in 1979 is quite commendable. I have nothing against it. This indication by the military shows gladden the heart of every Nigerian. Politicians should sincerely commit themselves to the realities of the interest of the people of this country when they take over the reins of Government.

"The Nigeria police should guard against any act of violence in the election campaign. Any person or group of persons who should look at power as mere trust and not as personal property.

"It is by so doing that peace and stability can be ensured in the management of the affairs of this country. When we see the opposition of today as illegitimate alternative rule for tomorrow, there can be peace. In a society as diverse as ours, there is bound to be

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diversity of ideas. And for life to be stimulating, there should necessarily be a decent struggle for supremacy and public acceptance, for this contemplates ideas and values. "I wish the people of Nigeria a prosperous future and happy return to constitutional government."

MR KUNLE OLASEOPA, public relations consultant and broadcaster: "The destiny of this country is in the hands of every Nigerian, be he soldier or civilian. Remove the soldier's uniform and you discover just another Nigerian."

"People cannot be terrorised into behaving well. Besides, the army does not have the cure for our ills. Who is better than who, the soldier or the civilian?" "I don't believe that one set of people could correct the other. Either men in uniform or men in agbada, come 1979, I want to see a complete change of attitude from our rulers. I want people who can rule selflessly and honestly."

MR CAXTON DANJUMA MAITOZO, civil servant: "1979 is a good enough time for the army to hand over power to civilians. We had civil rule with loopholes in it and the army had to take over. But then politics is a matter of trial."

"It is a pity that the only standard is force. They like to be ruled by force. If we can change our attitude and we don't allow ourselves to be pushed, then with all sincerity, I say we are ready for civil rule. The soldiers are not perfect. Because they wear uniform does not mean that they are not Nigerians. We all, soldiers and civilians, need a complete change of attitude."

MALAM AMINU BALMALE, university student: "There is a general political emancipation throughout the country. We are less tribe-conscious because more and more Nigerians are now taking up jobs all over the country."

"However, and very sadly too, there was more pronounced corruption in high places with the result that the man in the street had no confidence in his leaders."

"But by and large, I think the soldiers have had their time. They should hand over in



● Mr Duru . . . "a complete disappointment"

1979 as they promised. Few Nigerian politicians and electorates have learnt their lessons. We cannot expect 100 per cent perfection. It is not possible in any society. Give the civilians a chance."

MISS ADUKE ARIGBEDE, school teacher: "Army rule is not normal in a free country like ours, we should have a democratically elected parliament. Soldiers are for protecting the country from external aggression. "Civilians should be allowed to rule in 1979 as the military authorities have promised. I think we have learnt our lessons, and that previous experiences will not be repeated."

MISS BOIA AJAYI, catering assistant: "In fairness to the soldiers, they did a good job during the Nigerian civil war. But for them, this country would have been torn asunder. But in fairness to the Nigerian public, too, 13 years of army rule can be boring."

"It is not a normal life, having soldiers around. Before



● Mrs Are . . . "politicians were heartless"

1966, some of us had never seen a soldier before. They were usually in their barracks.

"But nowadays soldiers litter the whole place. I think our civil leaders have learnt a lot of lessons, and that by 1979 they would rule better. The army should hand over as promised."

MR AKUJOBI DURU, public relations and marketing officer: "I have to congratulate the Federal Military Government for the effort being made to rectify some ills in the country."

"Before we return to civilian rule, the Federal Military Government should make sure that the old politicians do not come back. This is because their last attempt at ruling was a complete disappointment. Again, the Federal Military Government should promulgate a decree that will make our system of election free and fair."

"I believe that we have learnt our lessons from past experiences. The civilians will now take a cue from the pre-1966 experiences and take care



● Chief Ogunde . . . "welcome change"

of the loopholes which brought the army to power. If this is done, then we can be sure that 1979 will usher in a new government in Nigeria."

MRS AYOKA ARE, receptionist: "Each time I look back at the last civilian rule, it brings back bad memories. I am afraid I would not like to therefore I think the soldiers should stay on."

"The most important thing is that the people want whoever is ruling to provide and with the things they need, and I think the army boys have tried in this respect. There is the Universal Free Primary Education, street lights, road construction, the National Stadium and the National Theatre, to mention a few. The politicians were brutal, only made life comfortable for their relations at the expense of other Nigerians. They were selfish."

"Any ruler who cannot put the people first must not be



● Mr Emeka . . . "mon man first"

allowed to rule. The p should not learnt their

CHIEF OGUNDE, dramatist: "I am looking forward to 1 great expectations. It will cause it appears in soldiers have stayed t office. I think the civi learnt a lot of lessor and large, a dem elected parliament than military rule. I the civilians a chance."

MR MARIERE, artist: "Civil rule, a by the authorities, in 1979, I will only civilian rulers shot left on their own. TI be some military guard against corruption and n tration. Military r lightened some Nig many of them are conscious of their civilians should be the common r whatever decisions to take."

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GHANA should return to constitutional rule by July 1, 1979 — by which time the country would have gone through eight years of military administration under General Kuku Acheampong.

When the Supreme Military Council (SMC) ousted the government of Dr K. A. Busia in January 1972, its reason was to try to halt the reportedly widespread political corruption of that regime.

The SMC, consequently assumed office and made no bones about the magnitude of the problems facing the country. It did not promise a quick return to civilian rule.

What the SMC had told the Ghanaian people was that they (the military) would return to barracks after ensuring a sound foundation for the country's economic growth.

Many things have happened since Colonel Acheampong (his rank at the time of the coup) took power, and some of these events have some bearing, even if remotely, on the government's decision to return Ghana to constitutional rule.

One must recall that in September 1976 the Ghana Bar Association called on the SMC to take immediate steps to return the country to civilian rule not later than this year.

The association, aware of the government's aim to put the economy on a sound foundation before handing over to a civilian government, said "It is our considered view that the inherent right of the people to representative government cannot depend on the economic situation of the country at any particular time."

Among other things, the association urged the government to set up a committee to formulate proposals for a constitution. It called for the abolition of military tribunals in the country, saying that the tribunal's activities and views were contrary to the convention on human rights, the rule of law, and natural justice.

But then General Acheampong said a hasty return to civilian rule could be chaotic, since it would affect adversely the order and systematic programme for that vital exercise. He reiterated his assurance to his people that the SMC did not intend to remain in power indefinitely, and urged the people to co-operate when the time came for the return of the country to constitutional government.

It soon became evident that many people regarded demands by the Ghana Bar Association (GBA) as an affront to the government. Others viewed the government's reaction as an indication of big-heartedness and a demonstration of tolerance. One African intimated to me that he was shocked by the GBA's demands, but not surprised by the SMC's reaction.

The SMC soon came out with a suggestion for a form of administration it christened

"Union Government" — a party administration would embrace the full spectrum of the population, including the military and police.

This, it is hoped, should an insurance against any further attempts to overthrow the administration by military coup.

Stressing the need for proposed form of government, the SMC on various occasions drew the attention of the Ghanaian public to almost irreparable harm party politics have caused the country and its people since independence in 1957.

The government appears to be of the opinion that party politics is not only alien to Ghanaian concept of government and, therefore, totally unsuitable to the Ghanaian way of life. The government, therefore, calls for the rejection of party politics in its entirety.

Perhaps nothing could be further from the truth as stands. After all, as though happened only yesterday many Ghanaians still react with deep indignation to the ruthless, brutish victimisation of political opponents; the bombings, maiming and other numerous political atrocities and the military coups and attempted coups of yesterday.

But what is this new thing called Union Government? Will it not involve politicians? Can Ghana achieve any meaningful progress under an untried system of administration? Would a Union Government provide the lasting panacea for the country's wounds?

Perhaps it is too early to answer these questions. But one thing is certain: past experience appears to have taught the Ghanaian people the absurdity of politicians cajoling the electorate into voting for political parties instead of capable personalities to represent them in Parliament.

Because of the peculiar



AD-HOC committee chair man Dr Koranteng-Addo Attorney-General and Justice Commissioner.

Ghana awaits the big clean-up

political campaigns of those by-gone years many incapable men found their way into parliament only to serve the voting interests of their parties. They never contributed to debates, either because they were uninformed or they could hardly express themselves intelligently. So they became "yes-men".

The SMC believes that under a Union Government all the best brains would be marshalled for the general good rather than for the good of only those who belong to the only political party.

It appears to hold the view that under a Union Government everybody, particularly those in parliament, will be a check on everybody else, and that in such a state bribery and corruption, divisiveness, favouritism and nepotism would become things of the past.

The call for Union Government became more vociferous with the appointment of a special ad-hoc committee under the chairmanship of the Attorney-General Dr Koranteng-Commissarion. Dr Koranteng-Commissarion will be a member of the Addo, to collate views on the new proposal to determine how best the new system could meet the aspirations of the Ghanaian public.

That appointment was also seen by many observers as an indication of the SMC's desire that Ghana should not again be run by politicians.

Then members of Ghana's professional bodies' association took a step that nearly plunged the country into chaos — they decided to withdraw their services from their clients and from the public. Championing the cause were the country's lawyers who were later joined by doctors in government practice, engineers, pharmacists and others.



THIS woman was one of many people who presented their views on the Union Government plan.

However, the holding of that exercise was later officially explained as "normal" to protect government property and to afford protection to any medical personnel who might be willing to return to work in defiance of the strike call by the professional bodies' association.

In its stolid stand against the demands by the professional bodies' association, the SMC vehemently maintained that no government, however "magnanimous" and considerate, would shun its responsibility to its people.

The period of confrontation and confusion passed without any serious hitch, thanks to the good sense and mature statemanship of both the SMC and the executive of the PBA; the latter had heeded the former's call for a dialogue and had called on its membership to return to work.

On its part the government had also promised "no victimisation" to the striking professionals, notably the doctors, and it kept its word.

On July 1, 1977, General Acheampong formally an-

Earlier there was student unrest at the country's three universities. At one stage the universities were closed and students redeployed on agricultural projects. The students had demonstrated against rising food costs, caused by two years of rain failure.

Added to the crops failure was the effect of world-wide inflation. However, through the intervention of several Ghanaian personalities, the SMC later ordered the reopening of the universities, but the students refused to return.

The Government blamed "outside forces" for trying to disrupt the SMC's programme for a peaceful and orderly return of the country to constitutional rule, and it urged the Ghanaian public to be on their guard against "the enemies of the revolution."

As the political atmosphere became tense the government ordered all military to report to their units. A military exercise staged on the grounds of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital at Accra resulted in some doctors vacating their residences.

nounced the SMC's plans for the return of the country to constitutional rule, and barely two weeks later, on July 13, 1977, the programme for the exercise was released and the appointment was announced of Mr Justice I. K. Abban, a High Court judge, as electoral commissioner.

Among other things the programme called for the compilation of voters' registers, appointment of constitutional commission, and, finally, the induction into office of the new government in 1979.

After 20 years of political in-

MEMBERS of your group called on Gen Acheampong (CENTRE) show support for his plans

dependence — a period marked with memories of political instability, hatred at administrative, economic and military management, and military coups — the administrators that Ghanaians need today must insulate itself from the abuses and vices of the past.

A Union or Nation Government will in its hardly provide the answers Ghana's problems.

After all, it is men and women who created Ghana's problems. It is men who must resolve those problems, and they must be men of strong will. Men who must resist the temptations of high office.

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Oscar Kpicombor, 20, Lagos, Nigeria, wants girls to hold me down and I was on eight. All the neighbours had gathered and were shouting advice to the olola and jeering at me for lacking courage. In the struggle the olola accidentally cut the wrong sector which has left me mutilated. It is a nightmare that still remains with me today.



Fran P. Hosken, 42, Lagos, Nigeria, is the editor of Women's International Network News, visited major African countries collecting information on girls' circumcision. Her report is of major importance for never before has such a detailed study been carried out on this problem.



Eloha Kpirono, 30, Lagos, Nigeria, is a nurse. She is a member of the Nigeria Nurses Association and is a member of the Nigeria Nurses Association. She is a member of the Nigeria Nurses Association and is a member of the Nigeria Nurses Association.

positive that her daughters will never be circumcised. "It took five years to hold me down and I was on eight. All the neighbours had gathered and were shouting advice to the olola and jeering at me for lacking courage. In the struggle the olola accidentally cut the wrong sector which has left me mutilated. It is a nightmare that still remains with me today."

Details of the harrowing experiences endured by girls would be a book but every African family knows them. Every family should be made aware of the dangers of circumcision to the health and lives of their daughters.

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Who is responsible for making sure the message reaches even family? You, women's organisations, hospitals, health centres, communities of health, our churches and mosques. Let us all mount a campaign against the evil that impairs the health of our women and puts their lives in danger, as well as their babies' lives.

Sayings of the wise

In a crowd of thieves one cannot afford to be a saint
W Okello, Mbale

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Mark Njoku, Moshu

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Oyo on the way

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The State is battling against soaring house rents and traffic congestion in most of the cities but a Rent Act and traffic lights have helped.



● **TOP LEFT:** Oyo State Governor, Brigadier David Jemibewon, switches on the traffic lights in Ibadan.

● **TOP RIGHT:** Dr. O. Seriki (left), chairman of the Oluyole Cheshire Home's admission committee, explains some points to Mr. M. S. Adigun, Permanent Secretary at the Local Government Ministry.

● **ABOVE:** Brigadier Jemibewon inspects a guard of honour at the passing out parade for the Nation Youth Service Corps at Liberty Stadium.

BELOW: The Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Dr. J. Atanda, presenting the instrument of office to Oba Amos Eniola, the Onipe of Idere.



● **LEFT ABOVE:** A book on Ibadan soccer was launched in Ibadan recently. Here, Brigadier Jemibewon (left), Mr. S. O. Akinwumi, N.F.A. vice-chairman, and the author, Chief Lekan Salami (right) discuss the book.



● **LEFT MIDDLE:** Brigadier Jemibewon makes his contribution at a fund-raising ceremony for the 3rd National Sports Festival and 1st West African Sports Festival.

● **LEFT BELOW:** The wife of the Oyo Governor, Mrs. C. A. Jemibewon, presents graduation certificates at the School of Nursing, Eleyele.



SUPER SPORT



ABOVE: The football final between Imo and Kaduna.
 ABOVE, RIGHT: Ester Duaka of Anambra, Clara Osikwueleh of Bendel and Imelda Mbaneme of Anambra — medal winners in the discus competition.
 RIGHT: Ogiefa Shaft of Bendel State taking a judo gold medal over A. Agada of Plateau State.



IT WAS action all the way when scofes of boys and girls from every state in the Nigerian federation converged on Kaduna for the Third National Sports Festival — an event which transcended its origins to become a concrete symbol of Nigerian unity. The lively spirit of "Kaduna 77" is captured in these DRUM pictures.

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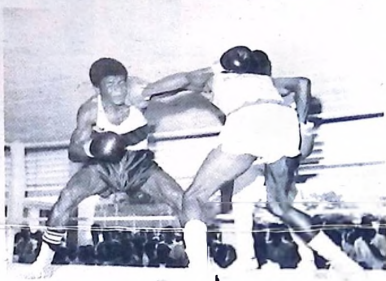
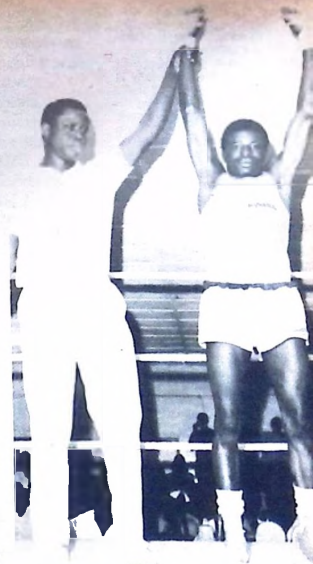
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(ABOVE) Begun Balogun of Ondo State with his gold and silver athletics medals.

TOP LEFT: Imo State notch their first a final goal against Kaduna.
LEFT: B. Nkupine of Anambra State on receiving end from gold winner T. Nalagun Kwara State.
ABOVE: Nalagun takes the title.

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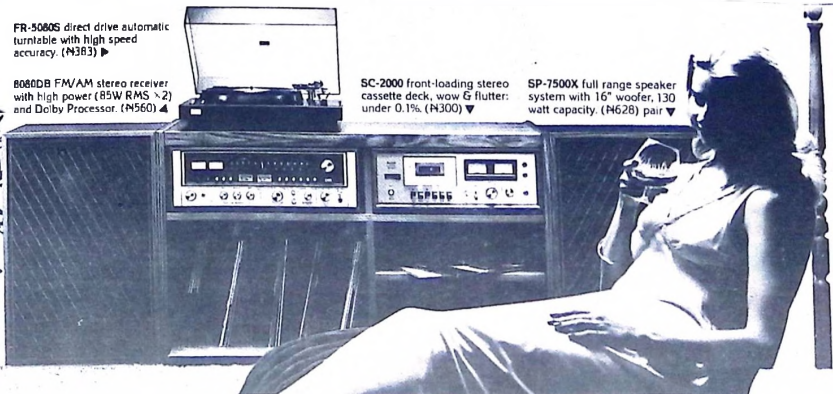
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AND three friends on our way to Canada, were arrested on January 6, 1976 at Entebbe International Airport at around 11 a.m. We were still in the transit lounge when three officers of the State Research Bureau approached us and asked us where we were going. Later, they told us to follow them into their office at Entebbe. They questioned us about what we were going to do in Canada. We told them we were students and we had acquired scholarships from friends in Canada. They told us that we were not allowed to go out of the country. Later we were taken, with our faces covered, by some other State Research officers to their headquarters in Kampala. When we reached the headquarters we were taken underground and they started beating us. They applied lighted cigars to our fingers. We yelled, but they continued beating us and asked us where we were going. We explained that we were going away to study. We showed them the documents we had.

After beating us for about three hours and questioning us, my friend George Nsubuga mentioned that we acquired scholarships through sponsors from abroad. When they heard the word abroad they started beating us and poured urine on our faces. Nsubuga and Mike Sebiriambi started bleeding from their noses and ears. When Nsubuga asked for water an officer gave him urine. The following morning at around ten the condition of my two friends was deteriorating and they seemed near death. At around 11 a.m. the commanding officer, Colonel Francis Itabuka, came into our underground cells on his routine check. When he saw Sebiriambi and Nsubuga in a pool of blood he told the officers who were on duty to remove the two.

'The body of an elderly European lady was brought in...'

THE death of Dora Bloch (BELOW) — which Amin denied — caused an international furor.



Thousands of Ugandans have died in detention camps since Idi Amin took power in 1971. John Sekabira spent 14 months in various prisons in Uganda. In this exclusive interview, he tells of his torments and of the days he was near to death.

After taking away my friends he ordered that I be taken to another cell where I found different people being tortured. They were being beaten up with batons and they were using some electrical shocks on them. One woman of the State Research Bureau approached me and asked me whether I had ever seen her. I said I had never seen her anywhere. She asked me whether I had taken tea. I said I had not taken tea. I expected her to give me tea but instead they started whipping me with a pipe. For four days at the State Research headquarters a number of people were brought — some died and some were taken to other detention camps. After staying at the State Research headquarters for one month the commanding officer ordered that I be taken to Luzira detention camp.

I arrived at Luzira on February 5, 1976. In the detention camp the inmates asked me if I had been interrogated by the Naguru Police Safety Unit — Amin's killing unit. I told them I had not. They told me if I had seen the unit I would also have died like my friends.

At the detention camp, officers from the State Research Bureau came every morning and interrogated people. In the camp, I met men such as Semei Nyanzi, former chairman of the Uganda Development Corporation (UDC). They used to collect him every morning and take him to his black suit, and take him to his office under heavy escort. I also met William Sewawa, former chairman of the Foreign News Agency (Uganda branch) and a cousin of the late King, Sir Edward Mutesa. Tucker Lwanga of Uganda Television, Colonel Saleman, former manager of the Uganda Transport Company, Mulanti of the Uganda Development Corporation and Mubiru, former chief accountant of Uganda Development Corporation.

Many of the detainees had lost their hearing as a result of beatings. Colonel Saleman's wife and a child died in a motor accident at Kitale, about a few miles from the detention camp when they were on their way home after visiting him. He was allowed to attend

the funeral. Beatings had made Mr. William Sewawa look much older than his 33 years, also met Robert Wabwire, an Air Force captain who was alleged to have been found in the company of some American tourists in a hotel in Kampala. One of his eyes was removed during interrogation. He appealed to Amin for mercy but did not receive a reply.

On April 2, 1976, after spending three months in the detention camp, the State Research Officer came and put some framed charges to me. Instead of taking me to court I said that I could be able to defend myself. I was taken to a room next to that of the officer in charge of the detention camp. I was surprised when a signed commitment warrant in my name, sentencing me to 21 months imprisonment, was produced.

I asked one of the officers if that was the new system of sending people into prison. He told me, "You were lucky. The order was to finish you. Go and serve that, maybe you may come back alive." The day they come back alive. I had been told me that I had been convicted to 21 months I was taken to Murchison Bay Prison, a few yards from the Luzira detention camp.

At Murchison prison officers immediately started beating me. I was told to strip. After making a list of my belongings and writing down my names, the prison officers asked me if I wanted to appeal. When I said "yes" the State

I WAS IN AMIN'S DEATH CAMP



Research officers who were still around told the prison officers that I was not allowed to appeal to the court. They told them what I was doing, I told them that I was a student they told me that during my working at the printing workshop.

About two months later I heard inmates talking about the space surrounding the prison fence. It was reserved for the burial of people killed by security officers.

One morning, early, the corporal warden in charge of my ward, C2, told us that there was a shooting at around 11 a.m. four military came to the printing workshop with machine guns. The principal officer who told that they wanted ten prisoners for an urgent job. I was one of

the ten. We were taken to a military Land Rover and I was shocked to see in it 12 people, all badly beaten and obviously dying. Some had their hands chopped off. Others were wearing military uniforms of the Uganda Air Force. The driver started the engine and we drove for a few yards. We were told to start digging graves for the bodies. The whole area was full of skulls and human bones, many of them newly buried. After digging two big graves we were told to start putting the bodies in. Nine of the people were dead but three were still alive. One of them was asked for water — instead he was bayoneted. After covering the bodies with soil, I asked the military officers whom the people had done. They told me that they were thieves.

For our own packet of cigarettes, not even two days had passed before the military police came

IN A dramatic display of bad temper, Colonel Mali-ya-mungu broke the peaceful atmosphere at Kaphorwa when he shot dead an unidentified askari who had staggered into the bar where the colonel was drinking. He later apologised to the women in his company, terming the incident unfortunate. Later he kicked another drunk soldier in the ribs, accusing him of insolence.

Two weeks later I learned that a friend, Mr Alois Monya, had been gunned down by Ugandan army officers at Namuyundi Market across the Kenya-Uganda border. The friend had accompanied me to Busia to buy the "black market" Uganda coffee.

Colonel Mali-ya-mungu (God's property), or otherwise known as Isak Lugonzo, strikes observers of Idi Amin's Uganda as the Field Marshal's power-base and the most likely man to assume powers if there was a vacuum.

He combines ruthlessness and courage "to fan off" those who try to block his rise. This true disciple of the teachings of Professor Idi Amin told me that he has turned down Cabinet posts to remain in the barracks, ostensibly organising "machinations" of the rule of the gun that keeps Amin at the helm.

I spent a week tailing the Colonel using the name Totino Lubuni, a Kara Pokot tribesman and pretending to be a link-man in the coffee smuggling near the Kenya-Uganda border. "You know what, I have often been tipped as the likely man to succeed the Field

Marshal, simply because I can boast as one of his loyal officers who carry his orders to precision." Colonel Mali-ya-mungu told a group of women at Kaphorwa in Sebei District of Eastern Uganda.

The women began to relax as he assured them in fluent Kiswahili that he believed that their business pursuits in Uganda would be rewarding but cautioned them not to become involved in coffee smuggling. "By depriving Uganda of one of her foreign exchange earners, you will be committing treason," he added.

Asked what he would do if he found himself in Idi Amin's shoes, the Colonel replied: "Just wear them and not glance around. I would continue to propagate his teachings and live and let live."

As the drinking went on a woman asked him whether he was a relative of the President. "No, I'm no relative to him," he said. "The only thing is that when there is light at his command Post residence, I get into, stand to attention and salute and he gives me orders. So you see I'm just as loyal a soldier as soldiers come."

He was asked who in the Army was responsible for liquidating undesirable people. "We in the Uganda Government don't eliminate people. People disappear yes, because some run away from debtors

Seven deadly days with the mad Colonel

COLONEL MALI-YA-MUNGU is one of Uganda's most dreaded soldiers: a trigger-happy officer in the notorious Mairi Mechanised Regiment, he boasts of having killed thousands of Idi Amin's enemies. The mad Colonel spent a week at the Kenya border township of Kaphorwa where he took a consignment of Uganda coffee to sell for Kenya currency. DRUM correspondent, Joe Getheuer, spent a week with the Colonel using an assumed Turkana name.

while others abscond after hitting big money now that our economy is foreigners-free. Those who disappear don't want to share 'their fortunes' with the rest of us... I personally don't like them... Colonel Mali-ya-mungu is known to like hard drinking and smoking. He told me he inherited these traits from "one of my godfathers who really of my welfare... looks after my health... Pressed to name him he said only that people in the know should know who that god-father is.

A drunk soldier stormed into the hooch den we were in and on seeing the dreaded colonel he stormed out but before he could disappear, one of Mali-ya-mungu's aides grabbed him and brought him before the "one man tribunal". Sentence was pronounced —

kick in the ribs for being insolently drunk.

The colonel is in constant touch with Amin even when "roaming" all over the country. He telephoned the President at a number that houses a motor spare parts outfit in Kampala and had a 17-minute talk. The colonel told us that "he was receiving orders on an undisclosed assignment" and went out without paying the bill — only to return carrying a machine gun in a gunny bag.

Sources close to the colonel said that he started the idea of recruiting only very black people from the small tribes of Kakwa, Lugbara and Nubians in the Ugandan Forces for what he called authenticity in the Armed Forces.

He is an unpleasant man to meet at clove quarters.



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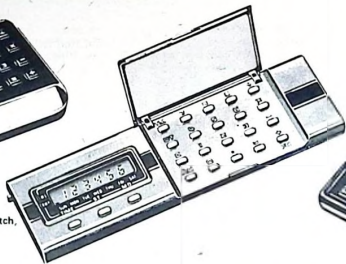
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When Elvis Presley died in August, an era of black and white contemporary music died with him. Here DRUM's Alistair Abrahams pays a farewell tribute to the king of rock 'n' roll, and assesses his significance for Africa.

THE KING IS DEAD



THE last show: an overweight Elvis at his last American performance earlier this year. He died fighting to get fit.

NO OTHER artist has had so profound an effect on modern society as Elvis Presley — the "White Nigger" who ruled rock 'n' roll for over two decades. His popularity was bound by age, creed, or colour, and he was celebrated from Tokyo to Tennessee, from Memphis to Mombasa. In Africa he enjoyed a popularity that no other white entertainer has ever known. For no other entertainer has done more to promote the black sound.

The key force in Presley's singing was that he presented black music in the acceptable form of a white skin. Other black entertainers, such as Little Richard, sang with the same type of music — and with equal talent — but racism in America was strong and had not yet started. Presley was quick to exploit the sexually aggressive and energetic dance style that had been the exclusive preserve of black entertainers. His exuberance soon earned him the tag "Elvis the Pelvis" and in certain states of him dancing were shot only be shown if they were shot from the waist up. But such a concession for a black entertainer who danced in the same way.

Presley's musical origins and influences were deeply imbedded in the black ghettos of America. His music was therefore readily acceptable to the peoples of Africa, and the therefore massive popularity all over the continent. But Presley's precise influence of Afro-rock master leader Osibisa. Presley's popularity he was not relevant to the African tainer called Kwame Nkrumah who used to imitate Elvis presley. He had mastered the way he held his guitar, shook his legs, and gyrated his hips

As a result this guy was very popular because Elvis was popular at the time. But I feel that Little Richard and James Brown had more influence on the younger generation than Elvis did.

Whatever the arguments, Elvis Aaron Presley has done more for black music than any other white entertainer, producer, or company director, and without him the black music scene would be totally different today.

Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935 to Vernon and Gladys Presley. His father was a subsistence farm worker and like most white children from the south Elvis had a strict religious upbringing. He absorbed his musical influences from gospel preachers and the blues and country records he heard played on the radio.

His musical career began when he cut a birthday disc, in a record booth for his mother, Sam Philips, the manager of Sun Records, got to hear the disc and immediately signed Presley up.

Elvis's first five records for Sun established him as a local star, but the most significant event in his early career was the sale of his contract to RCA for \$35,000. That was the bargain buy of the decade for the deal included several unissued versions of rock and blues songs cut by Presley — *Lawdy Miss Clawdy*, *Shake Rattle 'N' Roll*, *Money Honey*,

and *Tutti Frutti* among others. Interestingly most of these songs were hits by Little Richard.

Elvis's RCA debut, *Heartbreak Hotel*, roomed up the charts in 1956 and the Presley steamroller began to roll, flattening all in its way.

Thanks to Presley's success R&B records were played more and more by radio stations which exposed great black artists to a wider market. This was very significant for entertainers such as Chuck Berry and Ray Charles, who now began to receive the respect and attention that their talents deserved.

Presley was more than just an entertainer. He symbolised the spirit of youthful rebellion at a time when Europe and America needed a distraction from the memories of a crippling war. Most Western powers were just recovering from post-war recession and Elvis timed his ascent perfectly.

He became a household word on both sides of the Atlantic. And as the colonial influence was still very strong in Africa, it was to prove very significant in establishing his popularity there.

His rule as the king of rock 'n' roll lasted for 20 years and included countless record hits, a host of films, although most were second-rate, a broken marriage, untold riches, and

the sort of world-wide fame that drove him to retreat more and more to the privacy of Graceland, his vast mansion in Memphis.

In later years there were stories of drugs, of over-eating, of destructive and wild living. But his talent shone through in his records and in his American concert tours, and convinced the world that all was well. Until that August evening when the news was sent round the world — Elvis was dead.

The news took all by surprise but the response was swift. Every radio played Elvis records. As I write he is number one in the British hit parade and he occupies five other places in the top 30.

Within hours of the news of his death thousands lined the route to his home in order to catch a glimpse of their idol's coffin. Many who were interviewed felt that they just wanted to be associated with the star in any way.

Shops selling Elvis souvenirs and mementos were swamped with customers, and Elvis fan clubs reported mass turn-outs at rallies and conventions in his honour.

The American President, Jimmy Carter, paid tribute to the star, and his death even provoked an editorial in the Russian newspaper *Pravda*.

At the time of his death there were several books out on Presley — by his former

bodyguards, known as Memphis Mafia. They spoke of Presley's rapid decline a put on weight and lived constant fear for his life. He was then driven to drugs as his said that there is not a which he did not try.

"He takes drugs to sleep takes drugs to wake. He takes drugs to go to the toilet," commented one former bodyguard.

Presley, who had a constant battle against his weight in and out of hospitals of last five years. He he overwhelming fear and the love brand of Cadillacs to doctors and who tended him.

When he died many that it was as a result of overdose, but an autopsy firmed that it was from attack. Presley, who preparing for an African tour, was fighting to get

After a strenuous 14-hour flight he went off to rest. When he did not get up for an hour friends find him.

When they discovered he was in a coma, and they revive him failed. So the life of a man who was in his time and who I more to publicise had than generations had the past.

World leaders unite against apartheid

LEADERS from all over the world gathered in Lagos this year in a new attempt to tackle Africa's worst evil: apartheid. Nigeria is wholly committed to seeking an end to minority rule in South Africa and by hosting the World Conference on Action against Apartheid hoped to spearhead a fresh onslaught on the iniquitous system.

The response was considerable and the delegations were high-powered. Three of the speakers were African Foreign Ministers — those of Ghana, Mozambique and Gabon. Others were the Norwegian Prime Minister, the President of the International Defence and Aid Fund, the Belgian Foreign Minister and the former United Nations High Commissioner for Namibia. Mr Andrew Young, the United States envoy to the United States, the former Swedish premier, Mr Olof Palme, and the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo who received a standing ovation — also addressed the meeting.

About 25 Heads of States sent messages of solidarity. They included President Ahmed Toure of Guinea, General Ignatius Acheampong of Ghana, Colonel Amin of Mali and Major-Moussa of Mali and Major-General Mohammed Barre of Somalia. Messages also came from Ethiopia, Haiti, the German Democratic Republic, Bulgaria, Yemen, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Turkey and from many other countries. As well as the organisations, such as the Palestinian Liberation Movement and the Socialist International.

Most of the messages described apartheid and other forms of racial discrimination as violations of basic human rights. They pointed out that adherence to the discriminatory policy on race was not only immoral, but also a grave danger to international peace.

A working group of the Commission on Human Rights investigating torture and police prisoners in South Africa was set up. In a report presented by Mr Felix Ermacora, the Austrian parliamentarian, the group reached the conclusion that the uprising in Soweto in June, 1976 was not a result of a spontaneous event, but a result of the apartheid system as a whole.

Estimates of those killed, Mr Ermacora disclosed, ran as high as 2,160. The South African police used firearms

When leading figures from all over the world put the spotlight on apartheid, OLASEINDE LAWSON (right) was there for DRUM.



without warning, tortured and ill-treated detained prisoners and there were deaths under suspicious circumstances. These acts showed apartheid in action.

The former Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Palme, who is the Vice-President of the Socialist International, said apartheid was a unique and extreme form of human evil.

The liberation of South Africa would be primarily the task of Africans themselves, but the international community could make a decisive contribution if only the necessary political will could be mobilised.

Dealing with steps being taken in his country to end

apartheid, he said the export of capital to South Africa and Namibia had been prohibited.

The Swedish Government was initiating discussions with companies having subsidiaries in other countries investing in South Africa for the purposes of reaching agreement on how restrictions should be applied.

The Chairman of the Nigerian National Committee on the dissemination of the evils of apartheid, Mr S. G. Ikoku, emphasised that the struggle against apartheid had become a war of national liberation.

Mr Ikoku suggested that the declaration to be adopted by the World Conference should make this clear, adding that

such a declaration should be endorsed by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. He also expressed concern at the reported acquisition of the nuclear weapon power by the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Mr Andrew Young commended Nigeria for her continuing commitment to the total liberation of Africa. He described Nigeria as a new power to be reckoned with and he greatly admired the country exercising its influence with restraint and a sense of responsibility.

Mr Young reiterated his government's commitment to the transformation of South Africa through majority rule, but he added that he did not believe in violence in achieving this.

Most of the speakers called for tougher economic sanctions against the Pretoria regime. They maintained that more resolutions could not achieve the aim of the conference unless they were matched with concerted political action.

They condemned those western industrialised nations who professed to be Africa's Friends, but at the same time sold arms to South Africa to sustain its regime.



NIGERIA's Head of State, Lt-Gen Obasanjo.



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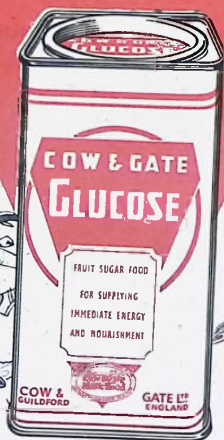


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SOUTH AFRICANS MOURN FOR STEVEN BIKO



DEFIANCE as Biko's coffin is carried (ABOVE) to the grave in King Williams Town, East Cape — and (BELOW) at the Johannesburg memorial.

STEVEN BIKO was only 30 years old when, in September, he died while in police custody in South Africa. He was the twentieth black South African to die in detention within a year. Although he was so young, Biko was recognised as the leader of the new surge of black consciousness which is sweeping through the land of apartheid. DRUM reports.

STEVEN BIKO was born in King Williams Town, South Africa, in 1948 and after matriculating he went to Natal University where he started to study medicine in 1966. In 1968, he was the founder and first president of the South African Students' Organisation (SASO) and at the end of his third year at the university he was expelled and not allowed to return.

Undaunted, Biko formed the Black Community Programmes in Durban where he worked until his banning in 1973, when he was ordered to be restricted to the district of King Williams Town. In 1976, the Black People's Convention (BPC) elected him their Honorary President.

In 1971 Steve married his wife, Ntsipi, and they had two sons — Nkomozi, seven, and Samora, two.

Biko was constantly harassed by the security police and during 1976 he was detained for 101 days. In 1977 he was charged for several "security" offences such as "breaking his banning order" and "obstructing the ends of



LEFT: Biko with youngest son, Samora. Face of grief at funeral service.

justice." But Biko was never convicted by any court and his arrest was well known that this was a source of pique to the Security Police.

On August 18 Biko was arrested, allegedly for breaking his banning order, by being outside the district of King Williams Town. He was held in Port Elizabeth, then in Pretoria, where he died on September 12.

Biko was a true leader of his people and a true fighter for liberation. Despite all the efforts of the South African authorities, he and his fellow workers in the various black consciousness organisations carried on regardless.

A few weeks before his death, Biko phoned friends in

Europe and told of his latest arrest. He said "They are really desperate to get me" and he laughed.

The following tribute — made by Majakathata Mokoena of the Soweto Student's Representatives Council, at a memorial service in London's St. Paul's Cathedral, who sums up the feelings of mourning South Africans.

"We pay tribute to our murdered brother and leader, Bantu Steve Biko. We also mourn the deaths of our brothers who died the same way as he did.

"The white minority racist regime of South Africa murdered the father of black consciousness thinking that the

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Dr Adeleye, who was reviewing his Ministry's efforts towards the establishment of an iron and steel industry in the country, said that both plants were expected to begin production in 1981, with an initial output of a million metric tons of steel.

The Commissioner also revealed that negotiations with the contractors for the erection and commissioning of the three rolling mills, including the Ajaokuta project, had reached an advanced stage. Each mill would have an initial capacity of 210,000 metric tons of rolled products using billets from the gaseous direct-reduction programme. The expansion programme would increase production capacity of each mill to 420,000 metric tons annually, and in the third stage to 720,000 metric tons.

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Forging trade links

LINKS are improving between Nigeria and Japan. At left, the Japanese Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr H. Tanaka, presents his credentials to the Head of State, Lieutenant-General Sir Abacha Obasanjo, at his Dodan Barrecks residence.

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A welcome for EEC Money

Flow of foreign investment into Nigeria is being emphasised by the Federal Commissioner for Trade, Mr M. Shuwa.

Major-General Shuwa said that the net investment in the country had increased to a record of \$1.2 billion in 1976, a 10 per cent increase on 1975.

was falling. Nigeria wanted more investment from EEC countries.

The little investment that had gone into non-traditional productive services, commercial and distributive sectors of the economy and into the assembling and finishing industries. These, however, did not significantly transform the economy or change the structure of trade.

Major-General Shuwa emphasised that Nigeria wanted her trade to be, not only in

primary commodities, but also in manufactures, facilitated by the participation of foreign capital in joint ventures and technical transfers and by between Nigeria and EEC.

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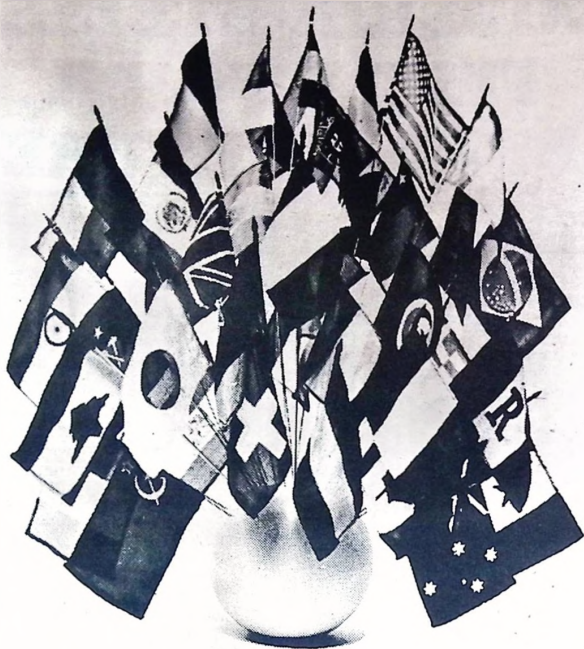
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NIGERIA and the Republic of Benin are planning a joint cement project. The Federal Commissioner for Industries, Dr R. A. Adeleye, said in Lagos that

the estimated output of the plant would be 500,000 tons a year. When the project was completed, the plant's output would help further in meeting the country's demand for cement.

Dr Adeleye said that the total output envisaged from the three cement factories under construction at Shagamu, Ashaka and Yandev, when they went into production late next year, would be about 2,300,000 tons a year.

There were plans to increase the total output by the addition of more kilns to the existing plants.

Also, Dr Adeleye said, the five existing cement factories in the country at Ewekoro, Nkalagu, Ukpilla, Sokoto and Calabar were being re-activated and expanded.

The projected total demand for cement in 1978 was about 6,325,000 metric tons a year.

He explained that when the present expansion going on in the existing plants had been completed and the new ones became fully operational by 1980, local production of cement was expected to increase from 1,550,000 metric tons a year to about 5,240,000 tons a year, leaving a short-fall of about 1,085,000 metric tons which had to be met by importation.

LET'S BUY OUR OWN GOODS

The Federal Commissioner, Dr R. A. Adeleye, has criticised the attitude of many Nigerians to locally produced goods.

He cited the examples of locally brewed beer, cement, the *Bacilla* sugar and the wax textile prints as being as good as and sometimes better than their imported equivalents. Nigerians should shake off the colonial mentality of accepting that imported goods were better.

This idea was not peculiar to Nigerians alone — the world over, people tended to be exotic in their choices.

Dr Adeleye said that the Nigerian Standard Organisation was set up to ensure quality control of locally manufactured goods. Standards and, given the right encouragement, Nigerian manufactured goods would eventually lead in the world market.

Makurdi launches fish project

Accelerated Fish Production Project has been launched in Makurdi, capital of Benue State.

The project is one of several to mobilise the fishing population to increase domestic production by using modern technology.

The fishermen a package deal, including the provision of river-worthy boats, outdoor engines and modern nets.

Also introduced are better methods of fish-serving and marketing of fish.

Mr. Mafeni, Federal Commissioner, said the need for fishermen to derive themselves into co-operative groups so they could bring maximum benefits from the Federal

Government's assistance scheme.

The Commissioner revealed that all the equipment handed over at the launching was subsidised by the Federal Government — fishermen would have to pay only 50 per cent of the cost.

Mr. Mafeni noted that the potential for marine, brackish and fresh water fishing in Nigeria was good, provided that, in the spirit of Operation Feed the Nation, all hands were on deck to usher in the desired self-sufficiency in fish.

To this end, efforts were being made to combat the present acute shortage of trained manpower in the fisheries industry.



The United Nations view

The United Nations takes a keen interest in Nigerian health. ABOVE, Nigeria's Federal Health Commissioner, Dr Peter Ogbang (RIGHT), and Health Ministry Permanent Secretary, Mr S. A. Musa, listen to Dr J. Mahler, World Health Organisation director-general.

Fertiliser use is growing

SIGNIFICANT reversals in world fertiliser use and trade took place in 1975-76, the Food and Agriculture Organisation reports.

Fertiliser use increased by nearly 10 per cent, after declining the previous season. Notable increases in use occurred in the United States, the Soviet Union, Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India.

Exports, the most reliable measure of world fertiliser trade, dropped 11 per cent in 1975-76. Even so, combined fertiliser exports of 22.4 million tons of nitrogen, potash and phosphate represented about a quarter of the world supply.

IRAQ SIGNS AIR AGREEMENT

AN AIR agreement with the Republic of Iraq has been approved by the Federal Executive Council.

Under the agreement, the designated airline of Nigeria will operate between Lagos and Kano and Baghdad, with technical stop-overs in Beirut, Cairo and Damascus.

The designated airline of Iraq will be able to operate between Baghdad and Kano or port in Nigeria, with intermediate technical stop-overs in Jeddah, Khartoum and N'djamena.

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Charlie, as he cheerfully introduces himself, has always been business-minded. Last year, he set up his own company, CLT Models, named from his initials of Charles Lawrence Trace, "to make

some pocket money."

Making miniature railway accessories such as scenery, bridges, stations and coaches had been a hobby of his since he was 12, and with a school friend, Graham Kanger, he set up business in a workshop in his parents' garden in Gomshall, Surrey, in southern England.

With advice from his businessman-father, he registered the company for the standard £1 fee and set up a board with his mother as chairperson. The company began with £100 earned by Charlie's

working in his holidays as a labourer.

CLT Models showed its products at an international trade fair in Guildford near Charlie's home. Foreign buyers were impressed by the quality of the hand-made accessories, and Charlie took orders worth £120.

He began advertising in hobby magazines at home and overseas. Orders poured in, mainly from collectors, and he now exports to Sweden, Canada, the United States and West Germany. And like other exporters, he has his eyes on the rich Middle East market.

As well as individual

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THE PRIMARY objective of the Lagos International Trade Fair is to develop the Nigerian economy through trade. The aims of the Lagos Fair are therefore:

- To promote Nigeria's export trade by establishing new markets and widening existing ones.
- To tell others of the potential in the Nigerian economy, especially in the fields of industrial and technological development.

- To provide a forum where businessmen, industrialists and other experts will discuss and exchange ideas on the latest technological and scientific discoveries. Such an exchange will help in the quicker transfer of technology.
- To promote intra-African and more important, trade economic co-operation and integration among members of the Economic Community of West

- African States. ECOWAS is a West African economic group established in 1975, by 15 West African countries, of which Nigeria is a member. The headquarters is in Lagos.
- To create an awareness of tourist potentialities in Nigeria.
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THE Federal Pavilion at the Lagos Fair.

THE LAGOS FAIR is being held in a new complex of 12 pavilions with a total area of 74,181 sq. m. of covered exhibition space. In addition, there are 600,000 sq. m. of uncovered space for the construction of exhibitors' pavilions, open-air displays, and demonstrations of mechanical equipment.

The Fair organisers intend to provide a full range of facilities to help exhibitors and business visitors to get the most out of their participation. These include:

Accommodation: Exhibitors and buyers will receive priority when making hotel reservations. Additional accommodation will be available in the motel at the Fairground.

Business days: The Fair will be open on Mondays and Fridays for business visitors only.

Communications: International postal telephone and telex services will be available. **Conferences:** Technical symposiums will be held on industrial development. Conference halls and a cinema are available to exhibitors.

Customs: The Fair site will be a Customs bonded area. Goods re-exported after the Fair will not be subject to duty.

First Aid: There is an on-site medical centre that will be in operation throughout the Fair.

Restaurants: Full catering facilities are available. **Security:** The Fairground is under constant security control.

At present, petroleum

Some facts about the Nigerian economy:

provides 93 per cent of Nigeria's exports, 92 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings, and about half of the Gross Domestic Product. GDP is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 9.5 per cent. The increase will be generated by planned development expenditure of N42,000 million (about US \$66,800 million) between 1975-1980, two-thirds of which will come from the public sector.

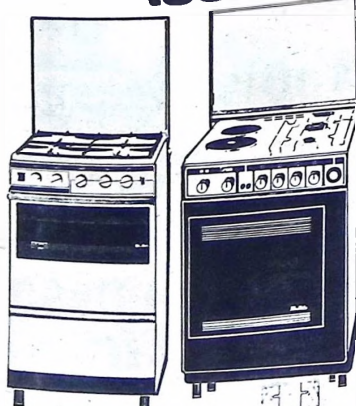
The major objectives of the current 1975-1980 development plan include:

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AS THE stable was being cleared and dusted for the International Trade Fair in Lagos, some Nigerians started grumbling.

They were grumbling because the Fair was, to them, another prestige show. They wondered why Nigeria, with enormous domestic responsibilities crying for attention every day, should start the year 1977 with an expensive culture jamboree (FESTAC) and end it with another ostentatious exhibition.

There were also two other important events between FESTAC and the trade fair. The money committed to these events would, they argued, be better spent on some of the pressing problems at home.

Activities relating to industrialisation are as important to a developing country as rain is essential to young crops.

A nation like Nigeria, which is on the threshold of industrialisation, cannot shut its gates to a trade exhibition. In fact, it can be argued that if those who were sceptical about the Fair had even a hazy knowledge of its advantages to the host country, they would have



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wished it was held before FESTAC.

But what is a trade fair? Call it a gathering, an exhibition, at a chosen centre, of products, goods, and varied sorts of technological equipment that have gone through the complex processes of manufacture in hard-to-describe industrial homes.

It is also a gathering of manufacturers, entrepreneurs, industrialists, technologists, small-scale and big-time busi-

nessmen, all at hand to demonstrate, introduce and advertise their products.

It is the most fertile venue to make new friends in business, strike bargains, as well as buy and sell. The show itself has come a long way and the preparations have somehow escaped the full glare of the media. This is unlike many other smaller events held in Nigeria recently. However, the Lagos Fair has not come a day too soon.

The road to free business enterprise between Nigerian and foreign business interests has neither been smooth nor wide enough. Most of the imports are ordered directly by the Government, mainly through the National Supply Company. It is not easy for the average businessman to make contacts abroad.

That is why in Nigeria, little is known about the latest products in the markets of countries, mostly in the Eastern bloc.

Nigeria's External Affairs Commissioner, Brigadier Joseph Garba, highlighted this fact after his tour of some East European countries.

He said on his return that most of these countries were way ahead of some Western countries. It is therefore expected that many agreements worth millions of naira will be made as participants come up with their latest products, models and designs.

It is also expected that all this exchange will affect, favourably, the balance of trade between Nigeria and foreign countries.

The exhibition will provide opportunities for interested people to see goods and products, and to expose them to some services which they can use.

The unique part of the exhibition is the ease with which business deals can be contracted. Negotiations which on private grounds would involve travelling, exchange of visits and the attendant expenses and formalities, will be finalised at a stroke at the exhibition site.

As new lines of interpersonal communications in business among participants from various countries are opened, knowledge and ideas will be exchanged.

It would not be surprising therefore if, shortly after the exhibition, big agreements are

reached in such areas as manufacturing industries.

On the home front, the grass might open up a good opportunity for Nigerians to think ahead of what preparations to make in industrial concerns in readiness for the steel mill now under construction.

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THE FIRST Lagos International Trade Fair is not the first exhibition of its kind Nigeria has organised. In 1958 the Federal Government recognised the need to expand the scope of Nigeria's trade and organised the Made in Nigeria Exhibition. The success of that exhibition inspired the Federal Government and the then regional governments to organise the Nigeria Exhibition in October, 1960, as part of the celebrations marking Nigeria's independence.

Many exhibitors from within and outside the country took part. As a result of its success, the Federal Government staged the first Nigeria International Trade Fair in 1962. This was held on Victoria Island, Lagos, at the same venue as the 1960 Nigeria Exhibition, between October 27 and November 18, 1962.

The 1962 Fair was an important landmark in the development of Nigeria's trade relationships with the outside world. A large number of foreign governments took part. With the success of the 1962 Fair and the desire of the Federal Military Government to expand Nigeria's trade and industry, the Government decided that a permanent trade fair complex should be constructed for the regular staging of such events.

The forthcoming International Trade Fair is, therefore, not the first. It is being called the first because it is the first to be staged under the name Lagos International Trade Fair, which is being registered with the International Union of Fairs.

The Nigerian Trade Fair complex, where it will be held, covers an area of about 305 hectares.

At present, there are 12 ultra-modern exhibition halls covering a total exhibition area of about 74,200 sq. m. Adjoining the halls are open areas with a total exhibition space of about 605,000 sq. m.

This is one of the biggest single exhibition complexes in the world. In addition to the exhibition halls, the complex has an administrative building which contains the secretariat for the Fair, an auditorium about 500 and a business centre with a seating capacity for

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70 people. Seminars and conferences can be held here.

The complex also has telecommunications and telefacilities, a banking zone, police and customs posts, clinic and pharmacy, nine restaurants and many cocktail bars.

There is a Festival Square

where ceremonies and sporting activities can be held. The housing and recreational zone of the complex has a motel with one hundred self-contained one-bedroom flats, an artificial lake and a park restaurant.

The First Lagos International Trade Fair is being organised on the basis of official and business participation. This arrangement parallels the construction of the exhibition halls which are divided among Nigerian official participation, Nigerian business participation, and foreign official and business participation.

The Fair will last 15 days. All are welcome but Mondays and Fridays have been set aside for business visitors to the Fair. Only businessmen will be allowed to visit the exhibition pavilions on these days.



THE Director of the Fair, Mr Olufemi Akande, explains the masterplan of the grounds.

As of Friday, August 26, 1977, more than 40 countries had confirmed their intention to take part.

These are the Netherlands, Britain, Hungary, West Germany, France, People's

Republic of China, Italy, Austria, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Switzerland, USA, Canada, Korea.

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companies have also reserved exhibition places. These include UAC of Nigeria, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), NITECO, UTC, Volkswagen of Nigeria, Peugeot Automobile, Nigeria, among others.

The forthcoming Fair will certainly demonstrate that it is not correct to say that developing countries have nothing to gain from organising trade fairs because such fairs only help to promote the products of industrialised countries.

At a time when production techniques change frequently, it is necessary to keep abreast with the latest if we are to modernise our production and refine our materials. The most appropriate place for conducting such business is at trade fairs and exhibitions.

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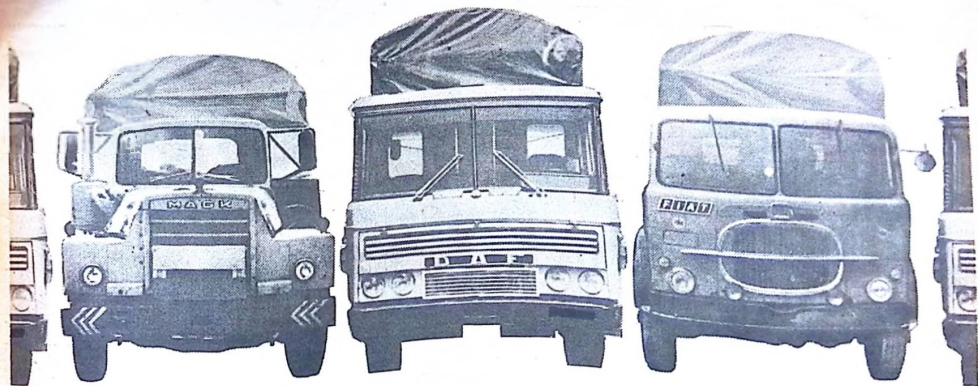
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This permission is normally given for a period of three months within which it will be the responsibility of the

employer to ensure that all the necessary prerequisites for granting a residence permit are met.

Various actions, such as vetting qualifications of the employee to ensure that he is qualified for the job, are taken. His security status, using agencies, is also scrutinised. The moment the employee's stay is regularised, he is given a residence permit for the period of his contract.

If the quota is, however, valid for more than two years, the residence permit is restricted to two years, subject, of course, to further renewal.

It is the responsibility of the Immigration Department to ensure that while the expatriate is living in Nigeria he does not break the laws of the country.

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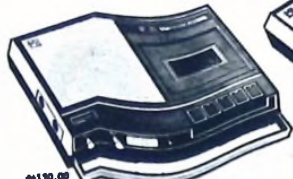


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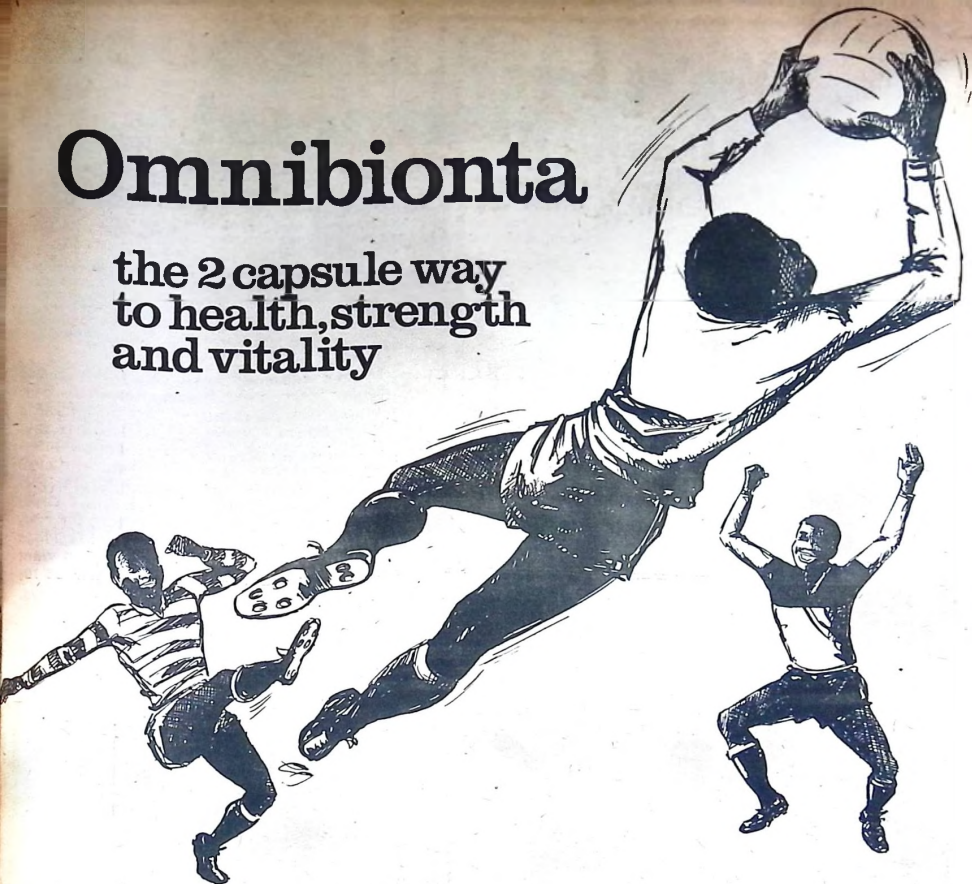
MORE than 200 Nigerian companies have reserved exhibition sites at the Fair. And if the success of the first Nigeria International Trade Fair in 1962 is anything to go by, the first Lagos International Trade Fair will result in even better business for the exhibitors. Pictured below are some of the "street people" who will also be visiting the Fair, to enjoy some of its many social facilities during the 15 days. For those who want to do strict business, the Fair will be reserved for them on Mondays and Fridays.



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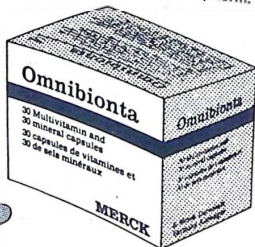


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ABOVE: De Petraco salesgirls in the spare parts and accessory department of the company.

BELOW: Mr David Akara Peterside, chairman and managing director of De Petraco of Nigeria Limited.



It's the boom business!

THE LAGOS International Trade Fair will display the skill and development which Nigerians have acquired in every aspect of business. De Petraco of Nigeria Limited is one such indigenous company known for quality in the supply of electronics and electrical equipment. DRUM looks at the go-ahead company.



THE BUSINESS of electronics — which Nigerians imported from other countries — has today secured an enviable position in the economic growth of Nigeria. The people of this country are certainly the heaviest consumers of electronics in Africa.

The high demand for all things electronic made many business-minded Nigerians abandon their jobs and plunge into the trade. One such Nigerian is Mr David Akara Peterside, who relinquished his position as a senior sales assistant in the United African Company Pan Electric to form his own company in 1966.

With a working capital of N2,000, David plunged into the business of electronics. He had a good knowledge of electronics and electrical goods, an area where his former employers had acted as

pioneers in Nigeria. Initially he had no two other people on the staff of his company, then known as Peterside Trading Company. Three years later the company was incorporated into a limited liability company. Today there are over one hundred Nigerians and one expatriate on the staff of De Petraco Limited.

De Petraco Nigeria Limited was started as a trading company with some 20 basics of electronics such as radios and record players.

The company has no partnership but it enjoys the services of business associates which it represents in Nigeria as a sole agent.

The company today enjoys a yearly turnover of N3 million as against only N4,000 in 1966. For the past year the company

has imported goods worth more than half a million naira.

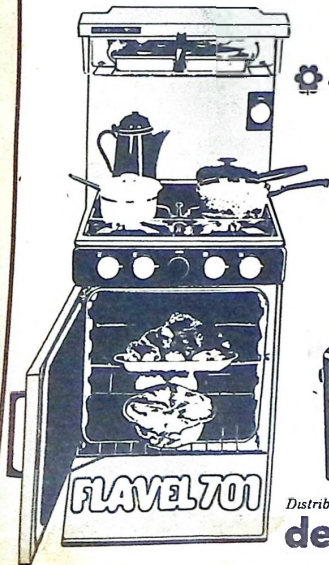
The company has branches in Surulere, Aba and Port Harcourt, and is contemplating opening up branches in the north.

The company also intends concentrating on marketing and wholesaling domestic appliances. Its range of goods includes reel-to-reel tapes, cassettes, refrigerators, gas and electric coolers and stereo-decks.

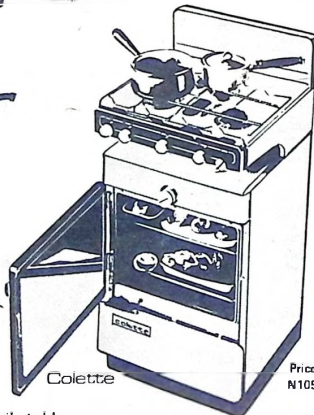
Mr Peterside, who is chairman and managing director of De Petraco, said that his company was born out of his desire to be independent in order to become more useful to his people and Nigerians in general. His aim is to set up an institution from which his fellow countrymen and women could benefit and thus cement his name in the economic history of Nigeria.

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ERIA AIRWAYS, present fleet of 23 aircraft, is one of the most advanced airlines in the world.

The airline — which is operated by using small aircraft such as Doves, DC3s and Piper Cubes when Nigeria Airways was fully established in 1962 — now has in its fleet Boeing 27s and 28s, Boeing 727s and the prestigious DC10s. On August 17, 1977, the airline delivered yet another aircraft, its first Boeing 727, from the aircraft's factory in Seattle, USA.

The expansion and modernisation exercise is a consistent policy of the airline, culminating by the end of the year with the delivery of three additional aircraft — another Boeing 727, one Boeing 707 and another DC10 — will be completed.

Nigeria Airways is among the few airlines that has attained a record of fatal accident-free flights. This feat is made possible because the airline authorities insist that the best available pilots and servicing crews are recruited.

To supplement this effort, a continuous training

programme to up-date the skills of servicing personnel and to make them acquire new skills in their various trades and professions is in force.

As concrete proof of the authorities' determination to place the airline in the first class category, the Federal Government has budgeted a staggering sum of N500 million in its current development plan to develop the nation's airports.

To maintain efficiency and proper supervision of these airports, the Government has also set up the Nigeria Airport Authority, a body which is now being charged with the responsibility of running, maintaining and developing the nation's airports to the best international standards.

Meanwhile, construction work is at an advanced stage to turn the Murtala Muhammed International Airport at Ikeja into a first-class airport equipped to handle about 2.5 million passengers annually after its completion in 1980.

In the service of Nigeria Airways are to be found well-disciplined, polite and polished cabin crews, providing our passengers with a comfortable, pleasant and refreshing experience of Nigeria's hospitality while on board any of the nation's airliners.

In due course it is envisaged that the routes covered by Nigeria's airliners will be nationwide in scope. At present the activities of the airline stretch across about 50 different cities scattered in different parts of the world, particularly in Africa, Europe and North America, where the airline carries the nation's ensign with pride.

There is a pool arrangement with reputable airlines like Lufthansa, Pan American, Sabena, British Caledonian and Middle East Airlines through which important cities in other continents are reached.

The airline is definitely poised for a greater future and, for the first time, a dynamic and successful Nigerian professional commercial pilot, Captain P. M. Thalhal, is at the helm of affairs as the airline's chief executive. He is supported by an excellent management team.

As a professional pilot, with vast experience about the intricate problems of civil aviation, Captain Thalhal is ideally suited to carry the rest of the staff with him in his bid to put the airline on a sound footing.

Nigeria Airways leads the way in Africa

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MR JAMES OSHI, chairman of the board of directors of Nigerian Airways Ltd.



CAPTAIN PAUL THALHAL, professional at the head of a dynamic team.

I'm the February girl



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PLEASE TURN OVER

Out in front with recorders

BASF has factories in many countries and manufactures numerous products ranging from petro-chemicals to musical equipment. The name BASF is perhaps best known for electronic products and the vast BASF technology and experience is now available in Nigeria through the distribution network of GICEN Electronics Limited.

BASF produced the first magnetic tape 41 years ago and, maintaining its lead today, it is natural that the

company should enter in the manufacture of musical equipment to match its record in magnetic tape production.

BASF tape recorders, radio recorders, compact cassettes and cassette tape-decks are elegant in design and technically of the first order. They have been recognised to be so by leading authorities in electronics throughout the world.

GICEN Electronics also distribute UHER tape recorders. UHER manufactures first-class machines and its 4000

series are standard make for radio and television reporters all over the world. GICEN Electronics Limited, sole distributors of the products, maintains not only an efficient distribution network throughout Nigeria but also accompanies efficient after-sales service. A 30-month guarantee accompanies all the machines, during which period any fault or defect is free of charge. There is a country-wide facility to supply quick and efficient service to customers.

There are over 120 different types of reel-to-reel tapes available from BASF. It means that all classes of users are catered for. The tapes are renowned all over the world and are made with the best quality and durability. As the greatest step forward in compact cassettes has not been made available to customers: the chromium dioxide tape, with maximum output and minimum noise. BASF video cassettes are suitable for both colour and black and white recording. This product, apart from its domestic use, is especially useful to schools and colleges for visual education.

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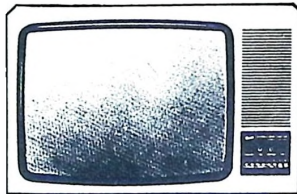
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it to a party or picnic, use it to dictate letters in your office, anything that takes your fancy. The versatile CC9202 is very slim, but contains an extra large speaker and plays as an amplifier for full, rich & accurate sound.

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It has a flat control volume and recordings and built-in mixer unit, so you can mix recording through special second recording level assembly. A monitor switch lets you overhear radio recordings. Recordings stop automatically when the cassette is full, and the cassette is automatically ejected. An indicator checks recording level and power, and there's a reverse button on the indicator.



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ABOVE: Jobi salesgirl demonstrates a stereo player

BELOW: Jobi technician at work in the assembly plant



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ONE OF the foremost indigenous electronics companies in Nigeria is Jobi Electronic Industries. A company which has now developed into a fully fledged electronic industry. The company, situated on the Agege Motor Road, Mushin, now deals in varied electronic equipment and components. It stocks radio transistors, radiograms, stereo players, refrigerators, coolers, pressing irons, table and standing fans, and cookers.

The after-sales service of the company has made the company particularly popular. Spare parts and other electrical appliances are also available.



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Young confidence

HARDLY a year ago, two young men decided that they were not prepared to serve any other master but themselves. They were confident they were not being adequately rewarded for the amount of energy they expended for their employers.

So they left their jobs and started the DAT advertising agency. Now DAT has become a big name in the advertising industry and, although young, DAT is backed by the experience of these men.

They are Joseph Funsho Aladese, managing director, and Samuel Ojo Adediji, media/production director. For several years Funsho worked for the *Nigerian Tide* as a sales representative and later for Mark Press.

Talking about their young agency, Funsho said: "I knew Sam for a long time, but all along we found that we had common interests. I had been working hard since I left the Federal Ministry of Labour and until I went to *Nigerian Tide*."

"My employers used to commend me, but I was not adequately remunerated, so I decided I was going to slave for myself rather than for other people. I spoke to my partner

Sam and he agreed. That was how DAT was born.

"It is rough now, but we are not doing badly. Within one year our accounts rose to over N250,000. We have big expansion plans."

Soft-spoken Samuel Adediji was a media assistant with MAC advertising and he also held a similar position with Mark Press, where he rose to the position of media supervisor. He left Mark Press to join hands in establishing DAT.

Mr Adediji said confidently: "Most agencies make promises which they cannot fulfil. We believe that promises don't sell products, but experience and professionalism do. Our satisfaction is that the products we have promoted so far sell like hot cakes and our clients don't regret coming to us."

The agency's products at present are mostly pharmaceutical and electronics.



Samuel Ojo Adediji, media/production director, DAT advertising agency.

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Power tools go on parade

BLACK & DECKER (Nigeria) Ltd, the multi-leaders in portable electric power tools, will be exhibiting a wide range of high quality, heavy-duty, industrial purpose power tools at the Lagos Trade Fair.

Visitors to the fair will have an opportunity of seeing the HM series of pistol grip and the HG range of end-hammer heavy duty drills and hammer drills available in chuck sizes of 8mm-16mm.

Both the HM and HG ranges of drills feature single and two-speed operations and, like other Black & Decker industrial tools, possess exceptional performance characteristics making them ideal for use in the construction and building industries.

Also displayed on the company's 50-square-metre stand will be the HD2000 range of industrial circular saws, the recently introduced GD 4000 units, HD angle grinders and a range of McCulloch petrol-engined chain saws and generators.



Joseph Funsho Aladese, managing director, DAT advertising agency.

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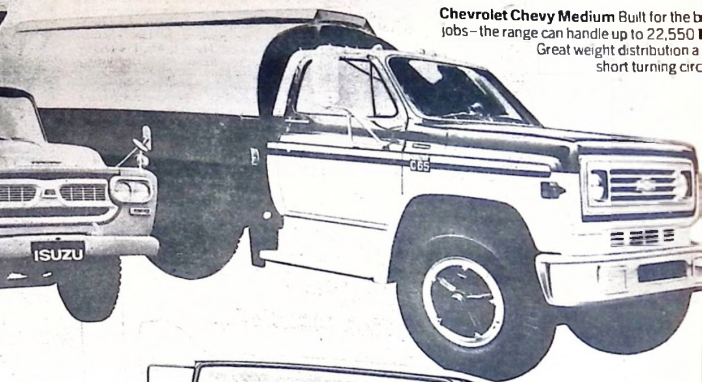


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Dear MATCHMAKER,

I read your column "Lonely Hearts" in the famous magazine DRUM and decided to write for help. I hope you can solve my problem.

I am a factory worker of 23 and not married, but will do so in two to three years time if you can help me get the girl of my dreams. I am not ugly nor too handsome but reasonably good, kind and quiet, about 5ft 6in. in height and somewhat dark in complexion. My hobbies are soccer, music, dancing and movies.

I want a girl who will love me. She must be about 17 to 21 with Modern II or primary six certificate. She must be polite and obedient. I will be happy if she understands the Ghanaian language, but this is not necessary. I will be grateful if you help me succeed. Thanks.
Fred, c/o Matchmaker

LONELY HEARTS

Matchmaker

Everybody passes through lonely times. Most people find happiness when they meet a partner with whom they will spend the rest of their lives. But for some, the magic spark of compatibility doesn't occur. For these people, DRUM publishes this column. Our MATCHMAKER will help you find a match if you want. Write to Lonely Hearts, DRUM Publications (Nigeria) Ltd., PMB 2128, Lagos, Nigeria. You won't regret the few minutes you spend writing to MATCHMAKER.

Humble

Dear MATCHMAKER,

I would be very grateful if you could kindly help me get a girl to marry. I am seriously looking for a Christian girl for a wife. I am a working class Nigerian of 25 years of age.

The girl must have elementary six certificate, or even be a degree holder. She must be gentle and have the fear of God. She must be

honest and prepared to live a humble life. Not a divorcee nor a mother.

She could be from either Bendel or Anambra States. Any girl who satisfies these conditions should contact me through Matchmaker.
Abraham, c/o Matchmaker

Presentable

Dear MATCHMAKER,
I am a lad of 24, and after a

bit of running around, have now decided that it is about time I got married. I must confess that I have met a lot of girls in my life, but I have not met the kind of girl my parents would approve of as they insist that I marry a girl from Bendel State, where I come from.

The girl I am looking for must not be too beautiful because I do not go for good looks in girls. She must, however, be presentable. She must

not be the flat girl. She must be a State and be able to write good English between 18 and 20. If you are like me, have been in town for, why don't you line through "Lonely Hearts" Bachelor Boy, c/o Matchmaker

Black

Dear MATCHMAKER,

I read that you hearts to find a girl who is am a chronic back II teacher, and a complexion.

I am badly in need who is educable mannered, responsible, tolerant. She must like myself. Her qualification must be III and maximum grade II teacher's certificate. Mohammed, c/o Matchmaker

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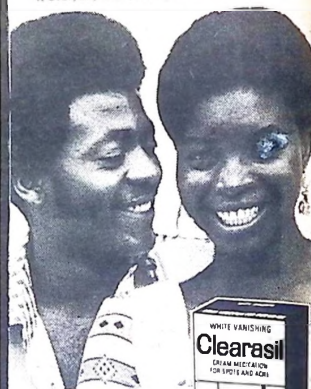
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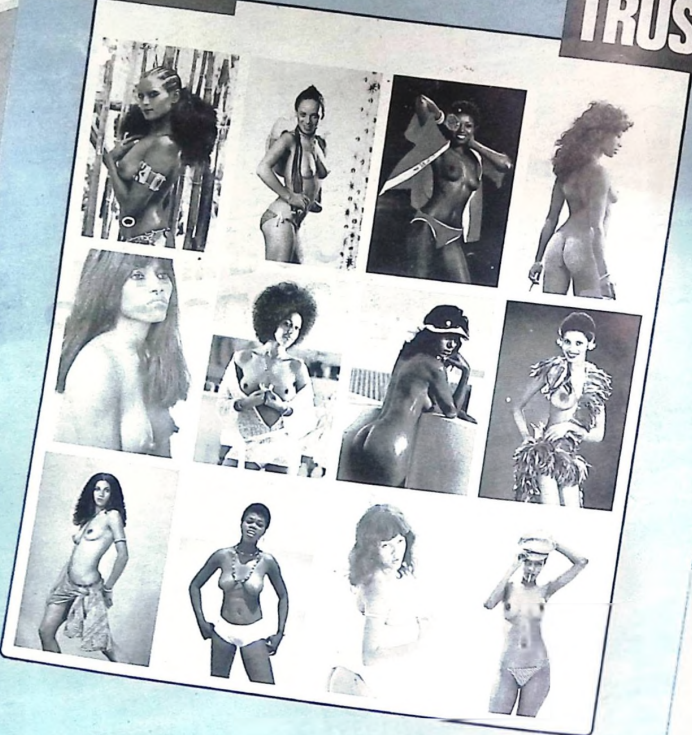
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oo dry

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Winnipeg, Man.

It is likely that at the hysterectomy it was necessary to remove the ovaries. The ovaries produce lubricating fluid during intercourse. If the ovaries are removed, the lubricating fluid is no longer produced and that causes the dryness. You are complaining of dryness in many lubricants on the market, which you and your wife have used, and I am sure a chemist can help you.

growth fear

I am 20 and my problem is that I don't want to grow fat and huge. I am already 117cm tall. In my childhood lessons I learnt that overproduction of the secretion of the pituitary gland can make a man as big as an ape. Doctor, I wonder if I am over-producing hormones?

It is feeling is that now you will stop growing in height and I'm afraid I do not a height which is normal. I do not think that you are suffering from the disease known as gigantism, which you described in your letter.

asthma

I have a brother at home who has suffered from asthma since 1966. He has visited special doctors, but had no cure. Whenever he gets an attack he is given an injection which temporarily helps him. My brother is for the name of a doctor, for a medicine, which can completely cure my brother.

London, Ibadan

I am afraid that we have no effective cure for asthma. My advice however, is that you take him to a physician at a provincial hospital who can thoroughly investigate the cause of his asthma. There are some cases which can be eradicated, thus curing the disease. However, there are other cases which we cannot cure. Sometimes the severity of the condition can be eased by moving to other towns.

shamed

I find that my right testicle is lying in my groin. I am very ashamed of my appearance. Another thing is that I am not circumcised. Do you think that the operation for my testicle and circumcision can be done together?

Lagos

Bring your case over to the clinic brought into the scrotum as an operation as soon as possible. Circumcision can be done at the same time.

daughters

I am a 34-year-old married man with two children, all of them daughters. What should I do so my wife can get a son?

Winnipeg, Accra

Still do not know the technique of predetermining the sex of child.

UNLIKE most mammals, whose backs in the form of an arch resting on four limbs, man's spine is vertical and looks like a gentle "S" on two limbs. The human spine, therefore, carries almost all the weight of the head, neck, trunk and arms.

There are so many causes of backache that to understand them it is important to know what a human back is made of and what can go wrong with its structure. In addition to being solid to support our weight, the back must also be agile for all our movements. To achieve these two rather contradictory aims, the backbone consists of 33 small bones called vertebrae, which give support and mobility.

Each vertebra is separated from the next by a buffer cushion-like structure we call a disc. The discs and vertebrae are kept together and helped to move by about 400 different muscles and scores of ligaments.

Man, however, has to pay a price for his dignified and erect position. The price is backache. Any or all the structures of bone, disc, muscle or ligament may cause pain, but pain in the back is often the worst. In some countries, it is responsible for more lost working hours than the common cold. Women are believed to suffer most from this malady.

Doctor Drum



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High price of being upright!

In only ten per cent of the cases of backache do doctors find a cause that can be rectified, but with new investigations, causes in more than 90 per cent of the problems are better understood. The causes may be in one of the vertebrae or in the discs. The former is easily identified on X-ray and the latter spotted on examination without difficulty. There are now special X-rays known as myelograms which can identify

disc protrusions: here a radio-opaque dye is put in the back and the X-rays are taken. In these cases, patients can be treated as out-patients.

In other cases, the cause of the pain may be in the muscles or ligaments and these causes are difficult to define and treat.

The onset and relief of backache is unpredictable, which makes the theories about its causes and cures so dubious. Only some people can date the pain to a particular episode

when the back was misused, such as in twisting, stooping or even just pushing and pulling.

Understandably, there are as many forms of treatment as there are types of backache and their mode of benefit is as varied. The treatment itself varies from pills, injections, corsets, exercises and sleeping on hard boards, to massage, heat, freezing, traction and manipulation.

Some of us believe that these treatments cause more back problems than they cure! If anyone reading this column is looking for a panacea for backache, please give up. The more the causes of backache are understood, the more the treatments are available. In patients with disc trouble and serious symptoms, an operation can be done in which the disc can be removed. In some cases, the cause is in the vertebrae — in which case, the fusion of the adjoining vertebra can be done.

Whatever the causes, the results are as all backache sufferers will testify — are very painful. The cost of man being upright is certainly high.

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Much has been said about venereal disease. What I would like to know, Doctor, is how did it start? I think anyone can have it without having had sexual relations with the affected person. Stanley, Nairobi

You are right in saying that nobody is sure how venereal disease started. It has even been mentioned in medical history books that Christopher Columbus introduced syphilis from Europe into America. But the only way to get this disease is by sexual contact with an affected person.

Period pains

I get quite a bit of pain in my lower abdomen and in my lower back during my periods. Please help me. Winnie, Dodoma.

A certain amount of pain is quite common with periods and I suggest you use minor pain-killing drugs.

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YOU & YOUR STARS

Scorpio
 Oct. 21 - Nov. 20

Your long memory serves you well
 this month. Something comes into
 your mind from long ago and helps
 you to achieve an ambition. Love
 will surprise yourself by acting out
 of character where romance is
 concerned. Many of you will be
 amazed to hear your dearest
 marriage. Money is being
 promised to be given but will
 keep you short of cash.

Sagittarius
 Nov. 21 - Dec. 21

It seems you have been aiming
 high enough in the past. Someone
 in authority is likely to offer you
 more than you bargained for, so
 grab your chances. Love you could
 be happy with any one of several
 attractive members of the other sex
 who surround you. The trouble is
 that they are all there at once.
 Money, future prospects are
 excellent, but you are hard put to
 meet your present commitments.
 Health power and vitality are yours

Capricorn
 Dec. 21 - Jan. 20

You are beginning to recover from a
 severe blow. You ought now to see a
 way to turn your misfortunes to good
 account and end up the winner.
 Love: A sunny period for those relationships
 which mean so much to you.
 A good understanding with a
 good friend of the opposite sex.
 Money a loss you feared has not
 happened and prospects are set fair.
 Health take more rest

Aquarius
 Jan. 21 - Feb. 20

You have the chance to make
 amends to someone you wronged in
 the past. This will relieve your mind
 and also bring definite advantages
 your way. Love you are in no mood
 to deal with others save; but your
 love life does seem to give them
 plenty to discuss. More discretion
 would be wise. Money a sudden
 piece of luck, perhaps through a tax
 rebate or insurance policy. Health
 extra alertness needed

Pisces
 Feb. 21 - March 20

A time to choose words carefully,
 specially when you have to write a
 letter to someone you do not know
 well. Expect an exciting invitation.
 Love one relationship is fading from
 your life, but a new interest will
 absorb you so completely that you
 will hardly notice the changeover.
 Money you are tempted to borrow
 more than you could easily repay back.
 Health your feet may suffer.

Aries
 March 21 - April 20

A time to break away from worn-out
 ideas and ties which hold you back.
 An older person of the opposite sex
 will help you begin to see yourself in
 a different light. Love try counting
 ten before you say anything at all,
 and a cherished relationship will
 have a better chance of surviving if
 you are not in the habit of giving
 presents, now would be a good time
 to change your ways. Money
 speculation brings luck, whether on
 a small or large scale. Health: do not
 neglect protective clothing.

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Taurus
 April 21 - May 20

News of births in the
 circle will bring some
 celebrations. An older relative
 force advice on you, but you
 keep to your plans. Love you
 now in matters of the heart,
 your feelings known to
 admit even if you re-
 late from outsiders. Money
 afford a loan that will be
 missing from your
 (Time Health order)

Gemini
 May 21 - June 20

You have a request to
 someone in authority. Call
 thoughts first and be sure
 what you want to say. This
 good chance will be used.
 receive a flattering message
 you will not be able to resist
 shine more than usual. Use
 company of the opposite sex
 social occasions will be
 enjoyable. Money be careful
 pay out more than you should
 you go bargain hunting!
 sound sleep eludes you.

Cancer
 June 21 - July 20

You have an unadvertised
 which is why a partner's
 changes upset and alarms
 your practical side naturally.
 Love a new friendship with
 one born under Pisces of the
 could bring pleasure and
 into your life for a long time.
 Money a relative you have
 the past now rewards you
 money gift. Health a peck

Leo
 July 21 - Aug. 20

A new project begun now will
 every chance of success later
 year. Dealings with a young
 in your circle need attention.
 Love a new relationship with
 stranger and find temporary
 in his or her company.
 romance is to quite another
 now. Money you cannot
 tendency to over spend.
 tiredness will cause you to feel

Virgo
 Aug. 21 - Sept. 20

A friend or neighbour will
 help in composing an im-
 letter. Someone you used to
 comes back into your life.
 advantages. Love you could
 to be more generous to a
 whose company you really
 Your seeming coolness can
 resources you should feel
 tendency to over spend.
 due to excess worry.

Libra
 Sept. 21 - Oct. 20

Extra responsibility comes your
 soon, either at work or at
 Many of you are likely to
 additions to your families in
 future. Love a serious
 with a loved one is over-
 what is in your mind with
 diplomacy, or a breach will
 Money you are faced with
 extra expenses to do with
 property. Health: slow down!

Dear Dolly

Wants leave

Both unhappy

WE ARE both students. We have been in love since 1975 because of 3 times while I go to their house with her. A friend of mine who lives in the same house with me. At the moment the same girl she says I should help me. Dolly. Shall I force her to leave her?

Young Benin
I love her. Peter, she is only being shy. She knows she does not misbehave when you are in her house so do not worry you, but with her alone in your own house it is dangerous. I don't blame her either. She is young to be forced to bed. Allow your love to be the most decent manner and when you are of age these things will come to you naturally.

Will I ever find a wife?

IT IS 26 but have no wife. All the girls I approach refuse my wife because I am a messenger and earn only a month. Please help me find a wife from any corner of the world.

Bendel State
I believe you are unable to get a wife because you are a messenger. As a messenger you can still get a wife but across your loved one.

He walked out of my life

HE IS in love with a girl aged 14. After three months of affair she disappeared out of my life. I am perplexed and enlighten me. Dolly.

In, Omu-Aran
I for her and find out why she backed out. As for I think she is too young to know her own mind. It is likely she wishes to face her studies.

Want both sexes girls

AT 14 There are two girls who live near me. I love in very much. I do not know how to get them without objection from their parents. Please help. Dolly.

Arko, Ashanti
You are 14 I take it that the girls should be one or two younger. I feel you are too young to have friends in the sense you have in mind. Face your life means while.

In desperate for girlfriend

AT 23 and yet I have no girlfriend. I tried to love girls but was still at my home town but did not succeed. That I am in Lagos I still find it difficult to get a girlfriend. Do you think I will ever get one?

Arlik, Anthony Village
I don't think it is too late to get a girlfriend of your size if only you have a little more patience. If you then try to approach girls, I advise you to move first to your mother who have girlfriends and from there you learn to talk to girls of your age group. But if you need to marry the right type of girl, you should be full aware you set about it.

Married woman loves me the eye

HE IS about 24 and married while I am 23. We do not talk to each other but I am surprised that when she sees me she looks at me. Can you tell me what is on her mind?

Lagos
I wish I could but you see I am not a mind-reader. I did advise you not to worry about her. She is married. Leave her with her thoughts.

I didn't know she was married

SHE IS 21 while I am 20. She told me that she was married after we had moved together for six months. When I asked her why she did not let me know this earlier, she told me that she feared that I would leave her. What am I to do, Dolly?

Mighty, Calabar

Leave her now that you know. You are partly to blame for what happened. You ought to have asked her when you met whether she was married or not. You were lucky you were not caught by her husband.

Why won't they let me marry him?

I AM a beautiful girl of 15 and very much in love with a driver. We intend to get married but my father and other members of the family object. My father withdrew me from school because of my love for this boy. Help me, Dolly.

Bisi, Ibadan

You were a fool to sacrifice your studies for the love of a man. You are only 15 and you have many years ahead. Why are you so anxious to get married now? Oh, no, I feel very sorry for you. Go on your knees before your father and beg him to send you back to school. Advise your lover boy to wait.

Help me find a Yoruba wife

I AM a 25-year-old, earning a reasonable salary. I need a wife whether literate or illiterate. She should be a Yoruba.

S. A. Taninmowo, Yaba

Try our Matchmaker column, friend.

Just seeing me annoys her

WE ARE both 19. We used to love each other very much but I do not know what on her mind of late. She grows angry whenever she sees me. Please help me.

James, Enugu

Try to find out from her what is wrong and put things right.

I love him, but marriage is out

I AM 17 and in form three. The man I am in love with is 22. He has told me of his intention to marry me, but I am not interested. He gives me money voluntarily. I know he loves me very much but I do not want to marry him.

Help me, Dolly

Mudage, Lagos
The poor boy wants you so much. Have you made your stand known to him? If not, do so and he can decide what to do next.

Her parents have come in our way

I AM a 17-year-old student in love with a 15-year-old girl. We met in 1974. Her parents punish her because of me. They have even warned me not to write her or else they will report me to my parents. Please help me, Dolly, before it is too late.

S.K., Zaria

I would advise you to take the advice of her parents and leave her to face her studies. You, too, should face your studies.

She won't keep her promises

I AM 17 and deeply in love with a girl of the same age. Whenever she makes a promise to visit me she does not keep it. When I ask her for sex she refuses. She gives me the impression that she loves me and cannot do without me. Please, Dolly, help me.

Striker, Ikot Ekpene

Her reason for not visiting you is very obvious. She does not want to mix love with sex. She is being sensible and you at your age, cannot maintain a family should your girl become pregnant. Try to be sensible too.

She's marrying someone else

I AM 25. I fell in love with a girl when we were both in the same school. I informed my father that I wanted to marry her, and he assured me of every assistance. To my

surprise when I paid a visit to my girl, she informed me that she was getting married to another man. I had sex with her several times when we were friends but I never proposed marriage to her. I am heart-broken so please save me. Dolly.

Sunny, Ajeunle

You girl must be kept in suspense. Since you did not propose marriage to her and she wanted to settle down she had to do what she felt was right. You have yourself to blame for this. My advice is that you forget about her and look for another girl.

She two-timed, but I still love her

I WENT to a party with my girlfriend. As people were dancing she sneaked out with a boy. When she returned I warned her. She did so a second time and I was angry. To my surprise she has not visited me since that day. I still love her and I want her back.

Anifowese, Ikogosi Ekiti

What for? A girl who would disregard you and sneak out with another boy under your nose is not worth bothering about. Forget her and get another girl.

Write if you want to marry me

I AM young and handsome. I am 19. I am interested in befriending a girl from Imo, Anambra and Bendel States. She should possess at least the Modern Three certificate. Any interested girl should enclose a copy of a recent photograph and contact me at the address below: **Ilesanmi Azaka, Harboni Limited, Bag 1366, Ilorin Girls, the letter above speaks for itself. Are you interested?**

She knowingly arouses me

THERE is a lady with whom I work. I do not want to befriend her so that we may not lose our jobs. On Saturday, which is our day off, we sometimes come to clear up work. What this lady does is to lie on the sofa in the office exposing her pants. I feel aroused when this happens. When I ask for sex she refuses.

Mafafar, Lagos

She is a hypocrite. She is tempting you but I advise you to ignore her. She is cheap and besides the office is not ideal for what she has in mind.

She doesn't want marriage

I AM 20. I am in love with a girl of the same age. She satisfies me in every way but the problem is she refuses to go to bed with me. She always tells me that we cannot get married. Please tell me what to do about her. Dolly.

Tayo, Ife-Ife

She is honest enough to tell you your position in her life. She wants to keep herself for her sex. I suppose, I would suggest you forget about having sex with her and enjoy your friendship with her.

I'm afraid she may get pregnant

SHE IS 16 while I am 17. We have gone to bed several times but I want to stop because I am afraid she will become pregnant. My girl does not agree with me. What do you say, Dolly?

Joseph, Mushin

You should stop forthwith or else you and the girl will live to regret. At 17 you are not yet ripe for fatherhood. If your girl continues to pester you, leave her.

Should I leave him or continue?

I AM a girl of 19 and madly in love with a handsome man of 28 who loves me dearly. My problem is that he has got a child from a woman who is living with him. Because of this, marrying each other will not be possible. This happened before he knew me. Do you advise me to hang on to him despite the fact that he is partially married? Or do I leave him and look for someone who is single to marry?

Okunwor, Lagos

My dear girl, it will do you more good than harm to leave this man alone and look for your own man with whom you can make a home. Though the truth often sounds bitter, I am sure you will discover it soon.

PLEASE TURN OVER

Dear Dolly

He is a miser

I AM 20 while my boyfriend is 24. We started this friendship a year ago and he has never given me anything. What we do each other, he asks a favour. I will marry him or not and I always tell him to give me time to think it over. He has been known by every individual in my family and vice versa. I love him wholeheartedly but he is a miser and I cannot cope with such a person. Please, Dolly, tell me what to do.
Billie, Ibadan

I wonder why you think he is a miser because he has not given you anything since you started your friendship. Perhaps he is only putting you to test, and I can see you failing such a test already. If it is money or presents you want and not love, then leave him — and let's hope you'll find your kind of man.

Has she charmed me?

I HAD a girl whom I promised to marry in future. Later on she misbehaved and I dropped her. Formerly, whenever I approached any girl she would agree without hesitation, but I have noticed that since I dropped this girl no girl has listened to me or agreed to be my girlfriend. Do you think she has charmed me? Please help.
Jacob, Lagos

I don't believe the girl has charmed you so that you won't get another girl. What is probably happening is that perhaps you didn't give your former girlfriend any chance to change her attitude, and as such the other girls are afraid of meeting with the same fate.

Will sex make me weak?

I AM a boy of 18. I have to have sex more than anything else and I used to do it about three times in a week with my girl. What frightens me now is that my friend has told me that if I should continue like that, I will soon become thin and weak, and that when I get married I

you will be able to have children. Please, Dolly, help me but let it be too late.
Ike, Lagos

I may might have heard of weak effects of overindulgence in sex. If as 18 you engage in the sexual game three times a week (three times in a week) you are about 25 — 30, you may be strong, and this would tell on your health. My advice to you is that if you cannot do without it try to cut down the number of times you do it.

Is she serious?

I AM 15 and in form two in a secondary school. I am deeply in love with a girl of 14 who is still at primary school. She told me that she loves me but after two weeks I saw her with another boy. The next day I went to her house and she refused to play with me. I asked her if she still loved me and she said yes. I also asked her who will be her future husband but she said she doesn't know. Is she serious at all? Please, Dolly, help me.
Damon, Chori

At 15 it would do you more good to face your studies than to fool around with girls.

Should I stay or go away?

I AM 26 and married to a man of 35 since 1963. We have six children but one of them died some time ago, leaving two boys and three girls. The problem now is that my husband doesn't want to see me any more because of a woman who has five children by another man. The woman had formerly been writing him but she is now expecting a baby for my husband and he has never mentioned anything about her to me. A friend of mine also told me that the woman is making some native medicine to drive me out of my matrimonial home. Should I stay or go away. Dolly! Please advise me.
Warrior M. Kaduna

Are you sure you are not the one who is driving your husband out of your life out of sheer jealousy? If I were you, I wouldn't think of leaving my husband. Rather, you should search yourself properly, see where the fault lies and make amends. I am sure if you have the right approach, you will win your man back. As for your gossiping friend, I advise you not to listen to her — she might even be the brain behind the whole show.

Should I do it?

I AM 35 and married with five children. I will be away from my wife for some time next week because of visiting the Ibadan school of my wife because they are intimate friends. Any time she calls I will try to come and live with me at the moment that I will be absent. I don't want to be absent from my children almost for 10 days. Dolly, should I do it?
Omolade, Ibadan

It is very strange of you to ask such a question. You should try to do it. In the meantime, stop this woman from coming.

Her parents confused her

I AM 25, an honest girl in form two, who loves an old man and a bad character. I am very much confused because of the money I am getting from the old man. My parents need my help. I have loved and asked her to go to a festival. She is now 80 living with nothing less than N2,000 in her pocket but she despises I love her much. What shall I do?
Chief Power, Port Harcourt

It appears your girl's parents are the Shylock in the girl's too seems unable to stand on her own legs. A sum of N2,000 is far beyond reasonable as a bride and if my guess is right they are only using that to try you over. If the girl still loves you, I think she is able to talk her parents into something more reasonable. I think you will have to forget her and look for another girl.

I am still a virgin at 18

I AM a boy of 18 and still a virgin. Some girls who I don't know, have told me that I should have sex. Some of my friends have told me that I should now it will affect my health in future. Dolly, advise me before it is too late.
Okechuku, Lagos

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