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53 STOOLS ACCORDED RECOGNITION

Family, village heads are out

Register for all

FIFTY-THREE chieftaincy stools have been accorded official government recognition in the Rivers State, it has been announced. The announcement is contained in the Rivers State Government conclusions on the report of the Chieftaincy Committee appointed under Professor Tekena N. Tamuno to enquire into the classification of chiefs and identification of clans in the state, published in Port Harcourt yesterday.

The report stated that the government had decided to accord due recognition to traditional chieftaincy stools at a level compatible with modern democratic government.

It said "as much as possible, traditional rulers will be allowed adequate scope and facilities for the performance of their legitimate traditional role in the community."

The government said it would not normally intervene in the selection of individuals for chieftaincy stools unless there was a threat to law and order.

"Whenever government is satisfied that a traditional chieftaincy stool of adequate prestige and importance exists, government may accord recognition to such a chieftaincy stool.

"It will be the duty of the chieftaincy community concerned to select a suitable prospective incumbent, through appropriate additional processes.

"Government may, if satisfied with the incumbent and his mode of selection, accord it recognition," it said.

Based on the report of the chieftaincy committee, the government had decided to accord official recognition to the chieftaincy stool it had in schedule one of the report.

The report recommended that any chieftaincy community aggrieved by the omission of its chieftaincy stool from the schedule should submit a written representation to government within 28 days from the



PROF. TAMUNO

date of publication of the report.

It said representations in respect of village or family heads would not be entertained as government is not interested in traditional chieftaincy stools having substantial jurisdiction, command and authority, prestige, and it emphasized that the recognition of native recognition

now accorded by government pertains to chieftaincy stools only, not to any individuals who might be occupying or aspiring to occupy particular stools.

Chiefdom communities would be later called upon to indicate their existing or proposed incumbents, for the stool heads of

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Imo state gives N10,000 to scouts

THE Government of Imo State has granted N10,000 to the State branch of the Boy Scout Movement to enable it send a contingent to a summer holiday in Jos, Plateau State, later this month.

The Military Government of Imo State, Lt. Colonel (Retd.) N. Kwas, disclosed this when four officials of the state branch of the Boy Scout Movement called on him at Government House, Owerri.

Governor Kwas commended the officials of the state branch of the movement being represented in the Jos summer holiday, and expressed the stability of his government to provide enough money as requested by the scout masters.

"I leave with you not a message of dependency but one of hope, to make the most of what you have, knowing fully, that the position will improve," the governor assured.

Earlier the state Scout Commissioner, Barrister Gboshi Okoro had informed the governor that his branch wanted to send 250 scouts to the summer holiday and needed N24,000 to



Barrister Okoro described scouting as an important organisation for character building and the upbringing of youths as good citizens. The state commissioner for Local Government and Social Development, Rev. Fr. (Dr) Ignace Anziru was present at the meeting. Other members of the delegation were the provincial scout commissioner, Lt. Owerri, Mr. N. A. Ugoruogu, the district commissioner, Lt. Mwanji, Mr. R. O. C. Anziru and the commissioner for Training, State headquarters, Mr. S. S. Anziru.

Quicker justice assured

The Oyo State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. S. A. Oloko, has reaffirmed the government's determination to bring justice to the doorstep of the people of the state and to make the judicial process both quicker and less expensive.

Mr. Oloko gave the assurance at Koro Akala, in Imba north division of Oyo state, during the inauguration and presentation of warrants establishing the new State's summary court in the town.

The commissioner said that the government of Oyo State would preserve and develop the state's summary courts which, he noted, was an important feature of our cultural heritage.

He added that the practical value of our summary courts as a convenient and speedy forum was unimpaired.

"Although," he declared, "State Courts are at the lowest rank of the ladder in our judiciary, the quality of justice which they dispense must not be underrated."

EMBARGO ON STOCKFISH BITES

from Ray Eke

SEVERAL thousand bills of stockfish valued at N16 million are said to be lying at the various ports in Nigeria unexported from a number of weeks, following the new Federal Military Government's order on the imposition of the commodity into its country.

Disclosing this at a news conference in Abuja, Imo State, Chief Nwagwu Kalu, president of the Imo, Anambra, Rivers and Cross River States branch of the Nigerian Stockfish Importers' Association, said that the ship owners had already warned his members throughout the country that "due to the recent government's announcement" their vessels would not be able to discharge their cargoes.

He said letters addressed to members of the association late last month by ship owners had also threatened that if the customs authorities do not give the vessels permission to berth

and discharge their cargoes within 15 days, they would return to port of loading with their cargoes."

In a six-page memorandum submitted to the Federal Commissioner for Trade, the association urged the government to permit the discharge of the stockfish which had already arrived at wharves as well as the shipment of those for which irrevocable letters of credit had been established before the effective date on which the ban came into force.

The memo argued that stockfish contracts not covered by letters of credit at the date of government prohibition would not be affected by the restriction.

"But already established irrevocable letters of credit prior to the prohibition cannot be so treated or disregarded under international trade and bank regulations."

Nigerian importers of the fish were bound to be thrown into financial catastrophe if the N16,000,000 worth of goods were not released or allowed to discharge since it is highly perishable and prone to pilferage, the association pleaded.

While the association does not seek confrontation with the authorities, it said the memo, it was nevertheless "a very strong plea for government to implement goods we imported legally" and millions of Nigerian consumers would also be hit by the loss.

It ended by appealing to the Federal Commissioner for Trade and his permanent secretary to seek urgent steps to have our boats by releasing our cargoes of stockfish at the various ports.

Signatories to the memorandum were Alhaji M. Ade Kai

some national president of the N.S.I.A., Mr. Ras A. Jimale, national secretary, Chief Adediji Misigbegbo, Chief Alhaji Lamidi Ogbata for Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Ondo and Kwara States, and the Alao Oshin Mr. S. A. Imudua and Chief Olu Kulu Oshin for Imo, Rivers, Cross River and Anambra States.

Two metre cassava harvested

A CASSAVA tuber measuring 2.1 metres (7ft) was recently harvested by an Uduhu-Uduhu farmer, Mr. Patrick Iwegin, living at J. Mission Road, Ogwashi-Uku.

Photo shows the farmer (centre) holding the tuber and the resident for the division, Mr. M. U. Okitipki (2nd right) in suit, also holding the tuber while others look on.

FARMERS FORM PRIMARY BODY

ALL the various farmers organisations, some humanitarian and voluntary agencies in Bendel State have united to form a FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY.

Those involved in the unification include the Bendel Rubber Farmers' Association, Bendel Farmers Union, the Association of Major Farmers, the Benin Rubber Producers' Cooperatives and Marketing Union Limited.

According to a release from the Farmers Council, signed by its public relations officer, Mr. O. Kofi Rest, the various organisations would now work in close association with the National Federation From Hunger Campaign and the State branch of the Union of Ex-servicemen under an apex body known as "The Bendel Farmers Council."

The release stated that the merger was concluded at a consultative assembly of leaders and top executives of the various bodies with officials of the state Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Benin City last week.

Addressing the consultative assembly earlier, the state chief agricultural officer, Mr. C. O. Olanrewaju, expressed optimism with the unification of all the various farmers' organisations into a single body, the farmers could now speak with the voice

for their common interests. He pledged the full support of his ministry. For this new body and assured the farmers of the full co-operation in their endeavour to improve and accelerate agriculture in the state.

Dissident quits

THE Soviet dissident writer and historian Andrei Amalnik has been forced to leave his native country the Soviet Union, after having spent many years in confinement.

He has arrived together with his wife Gijzel at the Amsterdam airport, Schiphol, in the Netherlands.

They will stay in the Netherlands for some time and then probably leave for the USA.

Their departure from the Soviet Union was delayed because Mr. Amalnik had not met governmentally high officials in any official capacity. He has published a book, "The Road to Nowhere," which is a collection of his political and literary views.



Scouts get bicycles

THE presentation of 10 Kishida bicycles to the State branch of the Boy Scout Movement Nigeria, located in the District Commission of the State, was held at the Government House, Owerri, on August 5, 1976. The bicycles were presented to the scouts by the State Commissioner for Local Government and Social Development, Rev. Fr. (Dr) Ignace Anziru.

MOBIL DENIES ALL

The Mobil Oil Corporation said the investigation was substantially completed. Mobil has been investigating allegations that some of the independent contractors who were engaged to provide services to the corporation were involved in a scheme to defraud the company.

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EDITORIAL

The way out of corruption

It is with a high sense of patriotism that we of the Nigerian Tide lament what might be described as the ever-occurring cases of fraud, abuse of office and all other vices in our national life, despite the determined efforts of the present regime to keep society clean.

WHO to blame for this sad state of affairs is a question that could generate an unnecessary debate which would lead us nowhere. But as far as we are concerned, the fault is not with the government, neither is it primarily with Nigerians, but with the country's socio-economic system which looks at the individual's success in terms of wealth (whether ill-gotten or not) thereby reprimanding other fine and admirable qualities like integrity, honesty and efficiency to enthroned mediocrity and fraud.

EVERY day brings to us shocking stories of this or that fraud in one organisation or the other. It is either a deal in cement or foreign exchange, or an outright looting of public funds which we have come to call embezzlement.

ALL these continue to happen in the face of the grinding axe against corruption which the government has so courageously employed in its bid to wipe, or at least, minimize this evil.

A SOCIOLOGICAL analysis of the root causes of corruption in the society clearly shows that the cankerworm will not be removed from our body politic until we set Nigeria on a new set of values which emphasize less of wealth acquired by the individual as a mark of importance than service to the nation.

NIGERIA today needs men of ideas and honesty whose services she desperately requires in tackling her developmental problems. But she can only discover such talents when the right respect is accorded to these qualities.

THIS naturally brings us to the controversial question of which ideology for the nation?

WITHOUT necessarily paring the government into handing down a particular ideology for the country, (as it has always emphasized that it does not see itself in a position to do this) it is our sincere opinion that the government's efforts in the fight against most of our social ills will yield better results if such efforts are based on a motivating set of values whose uncompromising force vis-a-vis corruption will have compelling constraints on the individual's prurient for accumulating wealth.

INDEED the time has come for us to take a more objective look at this social problem in order to tackle it more meaningfully.

CHIEFTAINCY RECOGNITION

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Government will, as public interest would demand, from awarding recognition to incumbents in accordance with the relevant laws."

Government, it said, would also examine a number of chiefs which would be sought by the relevant State or by themselves.

Following is the full report. By a letter dated 10th June, 1975, the former secretary to the Military Government (Chief W. I. Tiamiyu) acting on the direction of the ex-Military Governor, Alfred Pappawire Dike (S.B.), appointed a committee comprising Professors L. S. Tiamiyu and E. J. Akpan to enquire into the Classification of Chiefs and Elaboration of Chieftaincy in the Rivers State with the following terms of reference:

(a) For the study on the Classification of Chiefs.

(b) To Ascertain:

(i) The structure and operation of each type of the Rivers State. (ii) The areas of the various towns in which such chieftaincies exercise authority.

(c) The status and functions of such chieftaincies in the areas of authority.

(d) The traditional method of selection of incumbents to such chieftaincies in its area of operation.

(e) To identify the class and traditional systems of chieftaincies in the Rivers State. (f) To investigate such chieftaincies if not materially available in the various Intelligence Reports and memoranda mentioned in the Report of the Chieftaincy Committee.

(g) To advise on:

(i) A system of classification of chiefs in the Rivers State. (ii) A system and procedure for the recognition of chiefs.

(h) For the study of class.

(i) To arrive at a functional definition of the word class that would be of a general acceptance and application within the State.

(j) To identify and name clans on the basis of the definition in (i) above.

(k) To recommend on what place should be given to the clan in the administrative set-up.

On 15th August, 1975, by direction of His Excellency the Military Governor of the Rivers State, Colonel Zamani Leiswot, Dr. J. O. J. Nwala and E. O. Nwator were appointed into the same committee, which became made up as follows:

(a) Professor T. N. Tiamiyu, Chairman, (b) Professor E. J. Akpan, member, (c) Dr. E. O. Nwator, member, (d) Dr. E. O. Nwator, member, (e) Mr. D. Gember, 1975 the Committee submitted its report to His Excellency the Military Governor, Colonel Zamani Leiswot.

Government has given very careful consideration to the comments and recommendations in the report and has reached definite conclusions as indicated below.

CHIEFTAINCY

1. Definition

The committee defines a chief as "The holder of a traditional title which has implications of the exercise of authority or influence over other persons."

The committee prefers to use the actual traditional title instead of the English word "Chief", whenever the traditional

title is known.

2. History

The committee observed that "There are a galaxy of Chieftaincies whose incumbents claim ancestry from founders families. The foundation stories for nearly every community are suspect, they have been tailored and retold over a long time to suit changing political requirements." Documentation of Chieftaincy institutions is inadequate for the entire Rivers State. "The intelligence reports produced by colonial governments since the late 1950s though useful in some respects were not uniformly comprehensive nor generally accurate."

"The accounts we got from oral and other testimony, especially emphasized that Chieftaincy institutions pre-dated colonial times. Consequently, recent collected oral tradition as it affected Chieftaincy institution, has in some cases telescoped events and put traditional colouring on developments of fairly recent origin. Moreover, the 'titles' held by some Nigerian Presidents of Colonial Native Courts were sometimes mixed in with more humble traditional antecedents. The apex of Chieftaincy was in fact formerly high in these communities before and during the colonial era."

"The attempt made by the Government of the former Eastern Region, from 1956, to establish a House of Chiefs received much public interest in chieftaincy matters. The parallel development of partisan politics in the same Region complicated issues in the selection and recognition of chiefs."

"Heads, succession disputes and the flooding of the chieftaincy market with cheap products have characterised developments in the 1960s and 1970s. There was thus much concern in some quarters, over measures to give the chieftaincy institution traditional underpinning."

3. Functions

The committee has stated "In pre-colonial times, a chief was selected by his people, served his people and lived with his people. It is not easy to define precisely the various functions of those who, in pre-colonial times, served as leaders in their respective communities. There was however no doubt that such leaders dealt with matters concerning the peace, judicial, economic and social well being of their various units."

The committee noted, "Chieftaincy systems within the Rivers State are well stratified. For example, there are certain chieftaincies that are associated with family groups, and compounds. These types of chieftaincies represent the lowest step in the chieftaincy hierarchy of the Rivers State. Next, up the hierarchy are those chieftaincies that operate within large populous centres sometimes described as towns, or what may be rightly termed village-groups. These 'chiefdoms' rank higher than the family, house compound or quarter 'chiefdoms' in that they encompass large populations. At the top of the hierarchy are those chiefdoms which operate over wider spatial units within which are found towns or village-groups, family villages, compounds, families and wards. These 'chiefdoms' are in most cases, contemporaneous with what are described within the Rivers State as city-states and 'clans'."

"Yet there was no replica in this part of Nigeria of the Sokoto Caliphate, nor of the Oyo Empire type, nor of the Benin Kingdom category. The

big chiefs here were historically heads of smaller principalities and communities." "The mode of selection of chiefs varied from one unit to another. In some parts of the State, the hereditary type of chieftaincy prevails while in other parts the system of selecting incumbents is elective."

Particularly among people who attained chiefly status in the last decades, there was a tendency to frown on tradition and prescriptive rights as major factors in the classification and grading of a chief. They tended to regard achievement and service to the community as more credible basis for determining the class and grade of a chief.

It was concluded that the population attached to each chieftaincy within the Rivers State it will be possible using population figures, to determine the degree of responsibility each chief exercises. It can be argued that the chief who presides over a community of 50,000 persons has more responsibility than a chief who presides over a community of 500. We admit that there are problems in using population figures exclusively in a meaningful system of classifying and grading chieftaincies. Even so, population size can, in theory, be used as a means of classifying and grading chieftaincies in the Rivers State."

4. Balance of evidence

The balance of the evidence submitted to our Committee favoured the restoration of chieftaincy institutions in their pristine purity. But how pure, how natural, could the chieftaincy institution of any community be in the light of epoch-making development far more than a century in this part of Nigeria?"

5. Recommendations

The committee recommends as follows:

(a) There shall be two categories of Chiefs - Graded and Ungraded. The Graded Chiefs are the incumbents of the 53 (fifty-three) Chieftaincies listed in Table 2 of this Report. Incumbents of all the other Chieftaincies identified in Table 1 of this Report shall be Ungraded Chiefs.

(b) Among Graded Chiefs, there shall be three or four classes. Government should decide whether the number of classes should be three or four (See Tables 3 and 4).

(c) Government should accord formal recognition only to the Graded Chiefs.

(d) There is need for Government decision on whether or not to issue Declarations should be part of the machinery for acceding formal recognition to the Graded Chiefs.

(e) Government shall compile and publish a Register of the incumbents of the chieftaincies identified in Table 1 of this Report. This Register shall contain data of the installation and by whom, their correct local title and spheres of jurisdiction. The Register should be revised annually.

(f) Government recognition of the class of Graded Chiefs should be symbolised by appropriate staff of office, emblems and publication in the Gazette. (g) Government before it awards recognition, should first seek the views of the community concerned. We, however, re-emphasize that Government is the best judge of interest of State. Government should consider setting up an appropriate machinery concerning the awarding or withdrawal of recognition.

6. Conclusions

(a) Chieftaincy Status: Government has decided to accord the recognition to traditional chieftaincies at a level comparable with modern Governmental Government.

"As much as possible, traditional titles will be allowed wherever viable, and facilities for the performance of their important traditional role in the community."

(To be continued)

V-C calls for more agric schools

THE vice-chancellor of the University of Ife, Professor Ojuntun Abovade, has declared that it would be impossible to produce the necessary manpower for the third National Development Plan's agricultural programmes unless the existing schools of agriculture were expanded and new ones established.

Professor Abovade disclosed this in an address read on his behalf by the institution's dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor A. A. Ademola, at the graduation ceremony of the Schools of Agriculture and Animal Health in Ibadan.

The vice-chancellor stated that evidence had shown that shortage of medium and high level agricultural

manpower was a major constraint on the execution of the agricultural programmes in the second National Development Plan.

He said that the Ibadan Agricultural Institute, being managed by the University of Ife, had planned to expand its student intake and increase its research as a means of combating the shortage of essential agricultural manpower in the country.

Professor Abovade disclosed that his university has planned a serious development of its out-stations as a strategy because it was impossible for it to expand the Ibadan Moss Plantations Agricultural Centre on account of land shortage.

The out-stations, he said, were Ilesha, Ilera and Iashola where he explained, the institute would maintain and operate experimental research stations in the different ecological zones.

EX - TREASURER IN COURT ON THEFT CHARGE

A retired treasurer with the Bendu Divisional Council in Iru State, Mr Okorie Dike has appeared before an Umashi's high court on four-count charge of forgery and stealing.

He was alleged to have on or about December 31, 1973 stolen the sum of N2,315.40 property of the Bendu Divisional Council.

Prosecuting state counsel, Mr Ekwuoma told the court that the accused forged a payment voucher No. 58 of December 31, 1973 purporting it to be an acknowledgement of the payment of N2,315.40 by him to the senior divisional officer, Bendu, Mr John N. Opara.

The court was told that the fraud was uncovered by a successor to the accused, Mr Amakamata who drew the attention of the divisional officer to the amount made to him as an advance for the purchase of materials for the 1973 Independence celebrations, and also for the purchase of a Land Rover for the council.

The advance was shown as having been paid to the divisional officer by cash in payment voucher No. 40 of December 31, 1973, according to the prosecution.

Mr Opara in his evidence in court denied receiving the amount.

He said he only signed and received payment of N60 and

N110 in two vouchers in connection with the 1973 independence celebrations in Bendu.

He also denied having at any time entered into negotiation with any motor firm for supply of a Land Rover during the time the accused was in

office. Witness explained that he knew of N4,500 approved in the Bendu Divisional Council 1973/74 estimate by the Divisional Administration Department, Enugu for purchase of a Land Rover but added that Enugu issued special instruction that no vehicle should be purchased until a go-ahead order was given. Hearing continues.

Sketch board of directors sacked

THE State Implementation Committee for Oyo, Ondo, and Ogun States has dissolved the board of directors of the Sketch Publishing Company.

In a release issued in Ibadan, the secretariat of the committee stated that a new board of directors was being constituted to ensure suitable representation of the three states.

The release explained that a decision to dissolve the board was taken at a meeting of the committee held on July 16. It added that letters had accordingly been served on all members of the board including its chairman.

The secretariat pointed out that no single military governor or government of one of the three states could unilaterally act on any matter which was the joint responsibility of the three states.

The secretariat therefore, observed that it was unfair for any particular governor to be blamed.

It also stated that no responsible government would summarily sack a board of directors without

first investigating causes of personality clashes or allegations of impropriety.

Concern over land take-over

ABOUT 50,000 persons may be rendered homeless in Onitsha Urban Division of Anambra State when the state government eventually acquires the Okpoko layout for industrial establishments.

The Okpoko layout was initially for the siting of iron and steel industry now to be built at Apokuta in Kwara State.

The Anambra State Commissioner for Works and Housing, Mr B. C. Okwu re-

iterated the state government's intention to acquire the layout for industrial purposes to officials of the Ministry of Lands and Survey, Onitsha during his visit to that office.

The Nigerian Tide recalls that soon after the civil war, many families moved into the layout and created thousands of concrete buildings which government officials later described as 'filigree structures'.

It is also gathered that several petitions have been sent to authorities in Enugu urging them to drop any plan to map out the area as an industrial layout.



MEMBERSHIP OF ITF RISES

A TOTAL of 49 new membership representatives have so far been recorded by the management of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) in Abuja. This brings its membership toll to 22.

Out of this number, Iru-Akoko State have 11, the Cross River State 15 and the Rivers State 35.

Discussing this at a cocktail party arranged in honour of the visiting director of the ITF, Alfred M. Dakin, in Abuja, the area officer of the ITF in Abuja, Mr Oliver C. N. Ibe, said that it was the prime thrust of his establishment to improve the quality of industrial and managerial staff in the country for improved skills in production and managerial dis-

tributions by any participating bodies in the training of their staff, locally or overseas.

The incentives were to induce industrialists and establishments in the country to have properly trained personnel. No fee was charged.

Note From S'Leone

THE Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo, received a special message from President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone. The message was delivered by that country's Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Hon. S. A. J. Pratt.

General Olusegun Obasanjo met discussions with Hon. Pratt at Ibadan Barracks.

ALAFIN ENTERTAINS VISITORS

A GROUP of participants at the international conference on Yoruba civilization which ended recently at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, was last Sunday accorded a reception by the Alafin of Oyo, Oba Alhaji Lamidi Adesokun III, at the Garden Hall of his palace in Oyo.

Addressing the group, Oba Alafin briefly mentioned how the great Oyo empire was founded by the great Oyo emperor who founded the empire in 1075. He said that the Oyo empire was founded by the great Oyo emperor who founded the empire in 1075. He said that the Oyo empire was founded by the great Oyo emperor who founded the empire in 1075.

successful work. He added that administrative weakness and Yoruba migration were other causes responsible for its fall.

Answering a question on what could be done to preserve the institution of alafinship, Oba Adesokun informed the visitors that the institution had always been sacredly preserved in Oyo.

Names of past Alafins were recited in chronological order of their reigns by one of Alafin's hereditary advisers. The hereditary homage was paid to the Alafin by the Oyo people. The Oyo people are known as 'Alafin's' and the Oyo people are known as 'Alafin's' and the Oyo people are known as 'Alafin's'.

Even growth for all areas

THE military governor of Iru State, Lt. Commander G. N. Kanu has assured the people of Oyo in Ukeja Division of the state that his government is looking desperately into the various needs of its communities according to its policy of even development.

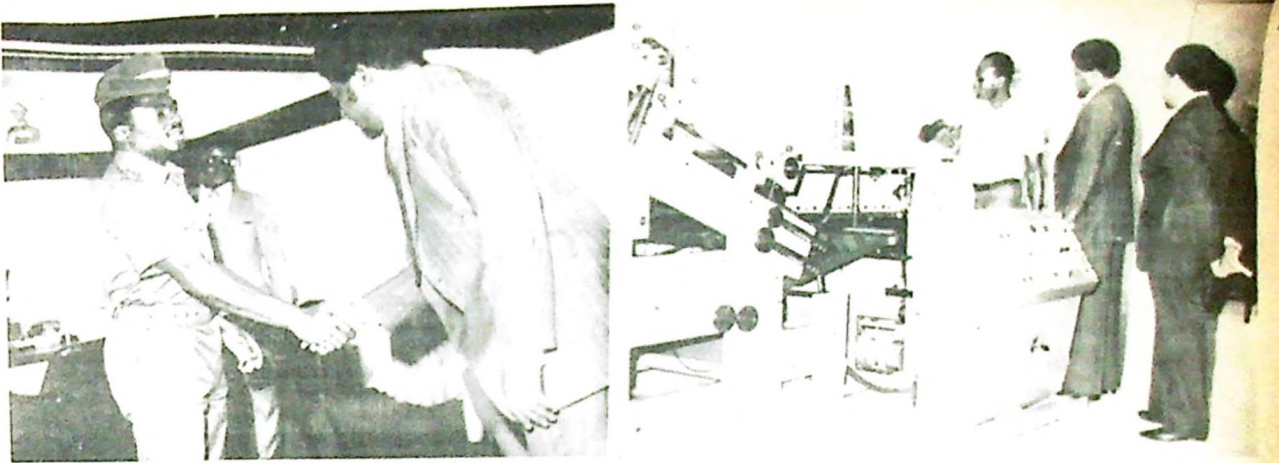
Governor Kanu gave the assurance to a delegation of Oyo people that called on him at the Government House, Owerri.

Appealing to communities in the state to live at peace with their neighbours, the governor said that it was only through peace that the government could achieve whatever it planned to do.

He told the delegation that the final objective of his government was to provide water to all communities.

He directed them to submit either to the state Ministry of Works or the Water Board documents in connection with any money they had already deposited for water supply. He added that no deposit would be lost by any community.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Dr. J. Wa. Igwe, on behalf of the people of Oyo, had requested for good roads, piped-borne water supply, a hospital and electricity among other things.



Volunteers redeployed

ABOUT 150 student volunteers on operation feed the nation (OFN), deployed at the Elele oil palm estate of the Rivers State have been withdrawn and some re-assigned to other agricultural establishments.

The action followed the visit to the estate by the chairman of the Rivers State Committee on OFN, Dr N. G. Isirimah. Dr Isirimah observed that the work so far done by the volunteers on the estate did not justify the cost of their deployment.

If the situation was left to continue it would affect the smooth running of teaching. He pointed out that student volunteers should work to justify their presence.

ILLEGAL MAKING OF CHIEFS IS DEBASING

THE divisional officer for Bori, Mr P. R. Uku has issued stern warning to kingmakers in the division to abstain from making illegal installation of a person as chief when such a person is not due for chieftaincy title.

"Such a silly act does not only account for disrespect to the sacred institution of chieftaincy but is also a deliberate act of sowing confusion in the community," he stressed.

Mr Uku gave the warning in his office while receiving a formal delegation from the Babbe Council of Chiefs for the installation of their Chibama ruler this month.

The divisional officer explained that while every effort was being made by the state government to regularise and give fair treatment to chiefs in the state, it was regrettable for the people of the state particularly

those who are "chief conscious" to cooperate.

Mr Uku expressed dissatisfaction over the persistence of illicit king making exercise by some groups of irresponsible elements in the state.

He emphasised that nomination or installation of person or persons as chiefs should not remain to be a unanimous decision of everybody connected with such affairs.

Mr Uku went further to expound that illegal chieftaincy installation be it ordinary selection or installation or otherwise was indeed contrary to the principles of the present military government of Nigeria.

He told the people of the division particularly those in the habit of making someone chief for the purpose of feigning that his administration will never entertain any ill-motivated activity from any quarter in the area adding that any one found abetting or encouraging others to make unqualified person chief when in fact he or she does not merit it would be brought to book.

The divisional officer urged the Babbe people to make sure the installation was in conformity with the wishes of the Babbe Council of Chiefs else they should discard the plan.

Bendel press boss calls on governor

THE administrator of the Bendel State Newspaper Corporation, Mr L. K. Odjugo on Thursday paid a courtesy call on the Rivers State Military Governor, Col. Zannam Laskwari at Government House, Port Harcourt.

The administrator also visited the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation.

Above left, Governor Laskwari welcomes Administrator Odjugo at Government House and right Mr Odjugo second from right, with the acting general manager of the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation, Mr M. Bara Hatt are in the workshop of the Newspaper Corporation, where the administrator saw some of the corporation's machines at work.



MR TONS Fetepigi, a news editor of the Nigerian Tide, Port Harcourt was recently married to Miss Ann (nee Awaki) of the Rivers State Education Board. A party was organised at the couple's residence at 32, Captain Amaraolu Street to mark the occasion attended by social elites and dignitaries from all walks of life. Picture shows the father of the bridegroom, Mr Ihongha Fetepigi and his wife Mrs M. Fetepigi (first and second from right) at the party. The couple is seen first and second from right.

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Research farm for Rivers State

AN experimental farm which is aimed at acquainting farmers with planting methods, use of fertiliser and other chemicals would be established in the Igbama Division of the Rivers State.

This was decided at Gombe by the chairman of the Rivers State Committee on Operation Feed the Nation, Mr N. G. Isirimah, while holding discussions with some members of Ogbia Divisional Counciling on OFN.

Dr Isirimah mentioned that when chemicals were wrongly applied, they would be more harmful to crops.

The establishment of the experimental farm would tackle the problem of wrong use of chemicals, to some extent, he said.

Speaking on the need for the project, the chairman appealed to members of the divisional committee to negotiate with individuals concerned.

He said that the farmers were expected to arrive in the state, which would be distributed to the divisions on the basis of demand.

He further disclosed that corn, tomatoes and pepper seedlings would be distributed. These materials, he said, when distributed to the divisions would be sold at subsidised prices to individual farmers who would be distributed free to schools having farms.

The chairman urged the committee members to provide adequate storage facilities for seedling, because the Federal Military Government spent much in procuring the materials.

Dr Isirimah said that the participants might not give subsidy in cash because such an idea was not in vogue in purchasing agricultural materials which only those who are participating in farm work would benefit from.

He advised the committee members to send progress reports on the OFN to the state government so that the state would enable the state committee to make the necessary arrangements.

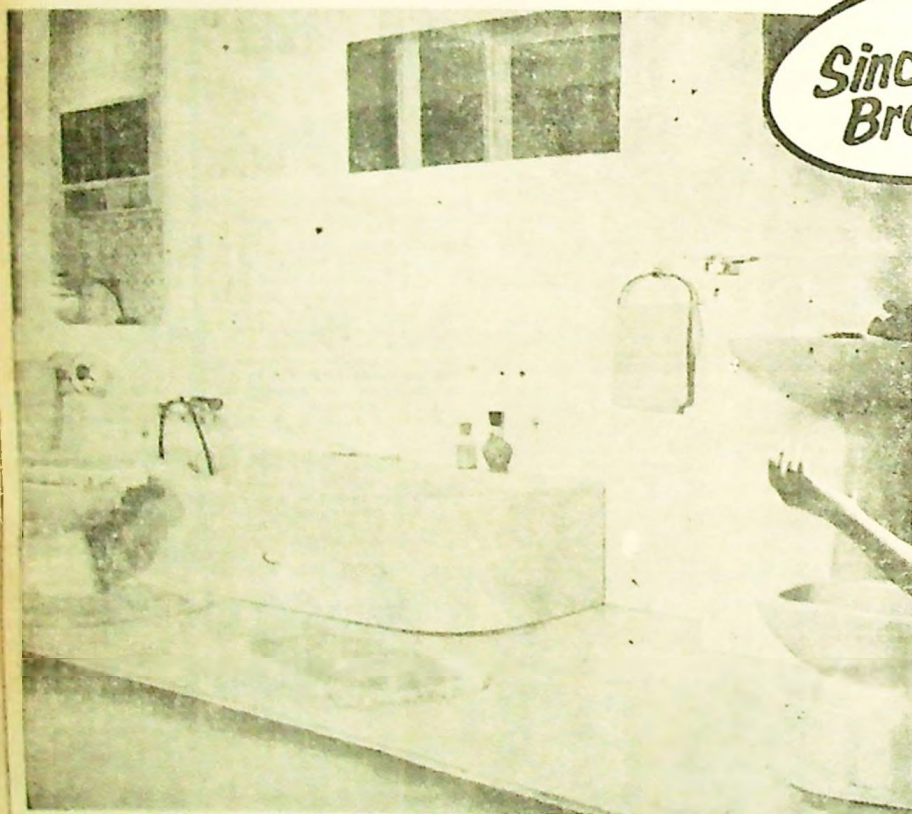
He suggested that state committee should be made, which would serve as basis for an attending regional committee.

The state committee would have no choice of work. He said the state committee should be fully involved in any agricultural work.

They should be given a special agreement which would occupy them throughout working hours.

Dr Isirimah also revealed that individuals could deploy OFN voluntarily on their private farms if they paid \$20.00 monthly to the government.

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First scout jamboree for Aug 28

THE first All-Africa Scout Jamboree will begin on August 28 through September 7, 1976.

In a bulletin issued by the organizers it was stated that the campsite will be Shere Hill, Jos. Shere Hill is the training centre for the citizenship and leadership 'Man O' War of Nigeria, situated eight kilometres north east of Jos, the Plateau State capital.

Over 6,000 participants are expected to attend the conference. The bulletin further disclosed that the jamboree camp will be composed of 10 sub-camps with a sub-camp chief and staff assisted by a ASSISTANT sub-camp chiefs from other African countries.

The camp fee is N30. The announcement also hinted that the third Africa Scout conference would be held in Lagos immediately after the jamboree.

Giant hatchery may bring down egg cost

MORE than N100,000 is to be spent on the building of the first hatchery factory in the Rivers State, as one of the measures being taken to ensure the overall success of the operation led the nation programme (ON) in the state.

The hatchery factory which is to be sited few kilometres outside Port Harcourt, is to go into production within six next few months, and it will cover a space of five acres of land with a breeder farm, to be jointly financed by the Agricultural Development Bank, (ADB) and a Port Harcourt based agrie company, the Delta Feeds Ltd.

The state's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources will provide the technical and expert services.

Announcing this in Port Harcourt, the managing director of the company, Mr C. F. Douglas said, already machines for the proposed factory had arrived in the state and land for the project acquired. Construction work on the site commences next month, he added.

The managing director ex-

plained that the introduction of chicks from overseas to form the initial stock for the breeder farm.

On the general farming programme of the state, the managing director called for more assistance to farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture, as a source of encouragement to local farmers.

He suggested the organisation of periodic seminars and conferences for farmers to enable them get acquainted with modern farming techniques.

He said the ON is to be a total success in the State.

ABA POST OFFICE SCHEME GROUNDS

THE proposed second post office project for Aba in Imo State which was to be established at Ogbor Hill at the outskirts of Aba may not after all be carried out.

Reason: The owner of the land has refused to give up the parcel of land on which the project is to be erected unless full compensation was paid to him for the land.

These facts were made known at Enugu to the Military Governor for Anambra State, Col John Adem Kpera by the territorial controller of the Post and Telecommunication in Enugu, Mr P. C. Uchiduno when the military governor

visited the offices of the P and T as part of his tour of some federal establishments in Enugu.

Mr Uchiduno disclosed that the negotiation for the acquisition of the land between the owner and the Federal Ministry of Land and Survey had dragged for almost four years and there was still no sign of any progress.

He disclosed that the automatic exchange now under construction in Enugu cannot take off in September as scheduled because the building was yet not ready. The controller however promised that the project would be completed between March and April next year.

Church starts pentecostal meeting

THE August 1976 Pentecostal assembly of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for the Rivers State area opened yesterday at 125 Aggrey Road, Port Harcourt.

The assembly which will last 22 days is attended by all members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the state.

About 20,000 members

are participating in the Pentecostal.

Disclosing these facts in Port Harcourt, the leader's representative for the state, Brother T. J. Wakama said that members of the public were free to attend, adding that the poor and needy would receive succour, the physically and spiritually afflicted would be healed by the Word of God and pra-

yers for the peaceful co-existence of mankind would be offered.

Delegates are from Ymca, Ywca, Ahoada, Brass, Ogoni, Ogbia, Isikpo and throughout Port Harcourt.

ALIEN BEGGARS TO EXIT SOON

SOON alien beggars will no longer be found on Nigerian streets. This is as a result of a new formula currently being worked upon by the federal government.

According to reliable sources close to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Lagos the first step of the exercise involves obtaining a correct figure of the actual number of alien beggars in the country.

These figures would then be traced out through the affected countries' diplomatic missions in Nigeria to their home governments for speedy action.

Although the correct figures are yet to be made available, the source added that out of countries affected, Niger has the largest number followed by Chad Republic.

It would be recalled that, among other things, a recent talk between the Nigerian Head of State, Lt. General Olusegun Obasanjo and the Nigeri counterpart, Lt. Col. Sani Kountche on certain aspects of beggars' problem.



New rates on land out

NIGERIA has been divided into four zones for the purpose of payment of a compensation on lands compulsorily acquired by Federal or state governments.

The maximum rates of compensation payable per hectare, according to Decree 53 (Public Land Acquisition Miscellaneous Provisions) Decree 1976 released in Lagos are as follows:

ZONE A: Metro-politan Lagos (former Federal Territory), N2,500; ZONE B: Lagos State, urban (non metro-politan) Lagos, N1,500; (a) State capitals N2,750; (b) industrial and commercial urban centres N2,750; ZONE C: other urban and semi-urban centres - N1,500; ZONE D: All other areas - N1,250.

The rates of compensation fixed by the government did not include compensation payable in respect of building or structures on land.

Areas not mentioned in the Zones would have their rates of compensation computed as accord-

ance with local customs, and the land tenure applicable to the state.

The new decree which repeals the State Lands (Compensation) Decree of 1966 provides a new basis for the assessment of compensation in respect of land compulsorily acquired for public purposes of the Federation or a state.

The decree also provides for the establishment of land tribunals in every state of the Federation, each consisting of a judge of the high court or of the Federal Revenue Court with assistance.

Each lands tribunal will have all powers of a high court in respect of all land matters, hear and determine any question relating to ownership of any land compulsorily acquired by the government.

It will also determine the amount of compensation payable in respect of such acquisition and the persons entitled to such compensation.

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has launched the maiden issue of a newsletter, a quarterly which covers the activities in the NAF since last year. After this the newsletter will be published quarterly.

In addition a bi-weekly magazine to be christened 'The Aviator' will be due for release before the next quarter of the year.

Speaking at the impressive launching ceremony on behalf of the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Commodore John A. Aduke, the director of personnel and administration, Group Captain H. A. Oluwalade, introduced the CAS who all contained in the foreword of the newsletter, that its publication opens up a long

NAF launch quarterly newsletter

over due avenue for keeping all officers and men of the NAF abreast of the daily events in the NAF.

He noted that the publication will also serve as a timely medium of informing the public of the various occurrences in the NAF.

These above shows officers and men of the NAF at the launching ceremony which took place at the NAF headquarters, Ministry of Defence, Lagos.

African Affairs

LAST week, Egypt and Sudan signed what they called a mutual defence agreement. Under the pact, both countries agreed to treat any armed attack against one as an attack on the other.

Egypt's friendship with Sudan, which resulted in the signing of this agreement was made after the recent abortive coup against President Ishtar Nimeri. The Sudanese leader had accused Libya of being the brain behind the recent attempted coup in his country.

As a result, Sudan broke off diplomatic relations with Libya and ordered all Libyans to quit the country.

This situation gave Egypt an ample opportunity to lobby for more friends so as to render Libya isolated diplomatically.

In the past two years of an relationship between Cairo and Tripoli has fallen to its lowest point, especially after Egypt had signed an interim peace accord with Israel.

President Anwar Sadat had earlier accused the Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi of trying to overthrow his administration. So when President Nimeri implicated Gaddafi in the recent

ouster the aftermath of the abortive coup in Khartoum. It is against this background that one could view the Egyptian-Sudanese "mutual defence agreement"

in spite of or embarrass Libya? Will the pact stand the test of time?

One problem facing the Arabs today is their inability to unite. It is this lack of unity that has given the

other, are at their lowest ebb; the Palestinians now do not see eye to eye with the Syrians; the Lebanese are killing themselves.

Are these already existing troubles not enough for Arab States to advise themselves and try to put their house in order?

The attempted coup in Sudan was an unfortunate event. Many lives have gone in the process. President Nimeri accused Gaddafi of financing it. Gaddafi denied the accusation. Would it not be in the interest of Arab unity if Sadat or any Arab leaders had intervened tactfully to resolve the misunderstanding between Khartoum and Tripoli?

In my mind, a disguised conspiracy against Libya could only help to push Gaddafi into dubious deeds that might prove very catastrophic to all in that region of the world.

Before I am misunderstood I would like to make it clear that I am not writing in defence of Gaddafi. For example, I did not admire the Libyan leader when he openly declared support for the rebels who attempted to overthrow King Hassan of Morocco a few years ago.

But the point I am trying to make is that Arab states must learn to solve their problems whenever they emerge, instead of trying to incite the warring factions against each other.

Is it not this very Gaddafi who helped to re-instate President Nimeri after his government was toppled and he himself held a prisoner for four days in 1971?

If after the 1971 incident which made Nimeri to describe Gaddafi as a "true brother" the relations between Libya and Sudan became strained, then something had gone wrong somewhere, and this is what Sadat could have tried to find out, instead of rushing to sign the so-called "mutual defence agreement" to spite Libya.

Nature has provided Egypt with the qualities and distinctions which obligate her to take up the task of leadership in the awakening of Arab nationalism. And President Sadat, as the head of this great nation, must try to live up to expectations by always acting as a peace maker and not as a trouble-shooter.

EGYPT-SUDAN PACT AND ARAB UNITY

military uprising in Sudan, Sadat did not hesitate to capitalise on the situation,

and Saudi Arabia to disavow it. Was the agreement motivated by the genuine desire

Or was it contracted to Israel's military advantage over them.



The trio when the going was good. From left to right: President Sadat of Egypt; President Nimeri of the Sudan; and Libya's Gaddafi. What does the new Egypt-Sudan agreement hold out for each of them?

He called a meeting of the two countries to unite in matters of defence?



LONDON British medical experts are predicting that the country's 90 degree heat-wave summer will be followed in nine month's time by a dramatic fall in the number of babies born.

The unusually hot weather, it seems, is making the British male too tired to make love. A clinical psychologist from Guy's Hospital in London, Maurice Yaffe, says that although men still feel sexy in the heat, in Britain's non-air-conditioned bedrooms they do not have the energy to do anything about it.

And that could mean frustration for British women, because, says the expert, the high temperatures make them feel more than usually sexy.

The reverse of the present situation — power blackouts in mid-winter, hating central heating and television — have in the past in Britain and the United States resulted in a mini "baby boom" nine months later.

ROME A Jesuit priest in Sardinia the island off the "toe" of Italy, has been given a suspended jail sentence by magistrates for putting a curse on a policeman who gave him a parking ticket.

Father Antonio Ferrarolo paid his parking fine with a money order on which he wrote: "Two thousand euros to the unfriendly policeman."

The priest might have been forgiven his anger, but the policeman concerned is now hobbling around on crutches — he fell and fractured his leg just after the fine, with its curse, arrived at the police station.

A SNAKE THAT WAS NO CHARMER
BONN Her husband's decision to sell their car to buy two iguanas, a King python, and a crocodile may not have pleased her, but Mrs. Weidmann is not alone.

FUNNY WORLD

Her patience reached its limit, however, when Walter insisted that the python would have to share their bed at night because he was worried that it was cold. Now Walter and his python have the bed to themselves. Iris has left.

IS FOR A PINT OF BEER

LONDON Beer drinkers traditionally grumble at their glasses at the cost of beer, but a pint sold recently at Ascut in southern England must be the most expensive ever — it cost £36, and people were rivaling each other to buy it.

The beer was rather special, though. It was a pint bottle of Bass brewed over 100 years ago in 1863, and it was on sale at an auction.

Another bottle of Bass, brewed in 1869, was sold for £32.

PUPIL POWER?

VIENNA A special lesson given by Austrian alpin wrestler Heinz Lufner to 13-year-old schoolboys in Vienna ended earlier than expected. It lasted just 30 minutes, in fact, because that was when one of the boys, showing an iron lock hold the wrestler had, pushed him, broke Heinz's arm.

RAILRACE STRESS

NEW YORK Researchers at Brooklyn College in New York have been experimenting on rats to see the effect of rush hour travel on commuters in crowded trains and subways.

The rats, which are used in experiments because their reactions are often similar to those of humans, were subjected to two simulated rush hour commutes. The first was a 10-minute ride on the subway, and the second was a 10-minute ride on the bus.

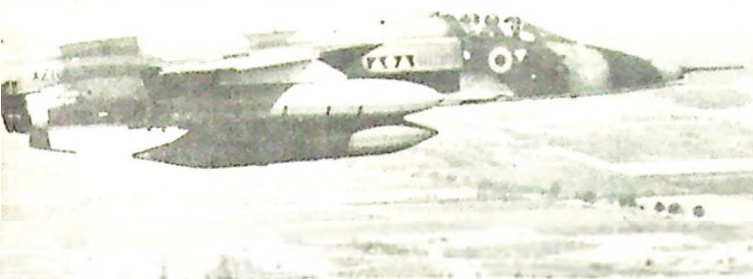
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JAGUARS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY



reconnaissance pod, the first RAF Jaguar aircraft to be given the primary task of photographic reconnaissance. Two Jaguar squadrons are to concentrate on aerial photography, the first of these being formed in West Germany. The pod has a roll stabilisation and Infra-Red Lin scan (IRLS) in addition to forward looking and fan beam photographic frame is marked with latitude and longitude fed in from the navigation and weapons aiming system. It was the first collaborative combat aircraft to enter service, with a total requirement of 400 for the RAF. The front and centre fuselage is made by Dassault-Breguet in France, while the British Aircraft Corporation made the rear fuselage, tailplane and wings. The pod can operate from short, semi-prepared or grass runways, and has a range of up to 2900 miles. Weapon systems are controlled by digital computer.

Some convention for renegotiation

After the coming into force of the wide ranging economic treaty with the countries from Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America (known as ACP countries, and the African, Caribbean and Latin American Economic Community (ECC)), the ACP countries have achieved a remarkable success in their EEC partners to agree to an agreement on the renegotiation of sections of the convention. The ACP countries want the scheme expanded to include more commodities, such as beef and sugar. The convention was originally scheduled to last five years, with renegotiation starting towards the end of that period. But under the new agreement reached between the ACP and the EEC countries, renegotiation of what has been called "the problem

sections" would start this September or October and should be over by the end of the year. The decision to renegotiate now was taken by ministers of the ACP countries and those of the EEC at a meeting in Brussels recently. It was the first such meeting to be held since the treaty came into force last April, after it had been ratified by the 55 signatory countries. When the convention was signed in February 1975 in Lome, capital of Togo, it was hailed as an historic achievement, creating a new kind of trade and aid relationship between developed and developing countries, shorn of the neo-colonial connotations of the two Yaounde Conventions which it superseded. The Stabex scheme was especially praised as an entirely new principle in the history of relations between industrial and non-industrial countries. Its greatest merit is that by guaranteeing stabilisation of export receipts, it effectively halts the deterioration of rates of exchange, which had been of particular concern to countries dependent on one or two export crops. Contrary to what might be supposed, the decision to re-examine key sections of the convention so soon after its coming into force is not an indication that the convention is proving unworkable or that any of the signatories is having second thoughts about its desirability.

Indeed, the Lome Convention is still regarded as the most significant step forward in the continuing effort to find an impartial

improved. And much of the talk would be centred on that, rather than on changing or modifying the basic agreements.

The ACP countries have already taken steps to put their own house in order by establishing a secretariat in Brussels with the experienced Malian economist, Mr. Tieoule Konate as full time secretary-general, and M. Garrington, a Trinidadian economist, as deputy secretary-general. The secretariat, which is not provided for in the Lome Convention, will be concerned with the day-to-day economic relations between the ACP and the EEC countries. It will also prepare regular briefs and statistics for ACP ambassadors in Europe and for member governments.

Another issue that is certain to be discussed is the complaint by the ACP countries that their EEC partners do not consult them before taking decisions which affect their trade and monetary interests.

The ACP countries are unhappy about being in the dark over such conferences as the summit meeting of seven western industrial powers held in Puerto Rico last June, at the instance of the United States President, Mr. Ford, and the earlier one convened by President Giscard d'Estaing of France.

The feeling is that as such conferences are aimed at finding solutions to world economic problems, the EEC has an obligation to consult its ACP partners, even if only as a mark of courtesy.

by
Sam Uba



President Eyadéma of Togo

balance in the trading relationship between industrialized countries and those providing the vital raw materials that keep the factories moving.

However, it has become clear that the administrative machinery for implementing the terms of the convention needs to be

NBC programme

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem	RSP TAPE
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06.00	News At Dawn	NP
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06.07	From The Nigerian Editorials	NP
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06.30	State News Summary in English	RSP LIVE
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06.45	Personal Paid Announcement	RSP LIVE
06.55	Wake Up	NP
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07.10	Your Government And You	NP
07.15	Let's Go Farming	NP
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08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ebi, Efulful And Hausa	NP
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14.45	News In Edo, Ebi And Efulful	NP
15.00	News On The Hour	NP
15.03	Police Calling	RSP TAPE
15.30	The State News In English, Iwerre And Katsari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk	NP
16.15	News In Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
16.30	Sports Pavilion	NP
18.30	Weekend Greetings	RSP LIVE
19.00	The News	NP
19.10	News Talk (From 16.10 Hours)	NP
19.15	News In Kanuri, Tiv And Yoruba	NP
19.30	Women Magazine	RSP TAPE
20.00	State News In English, Khama and Kolokoma	RSP LIVE
20.30	Boards — Label (Gokoma Magazine) on 14th E-cere Khama (Khama Magazine)	RSP TAPE
21.00	What The People Say	NP
21.10	Interlude	NP
21.15	Saturday Jazz Session	RSP LIVE
22.00	The News	NP
22.10	Weather News	NP
22.15	Evening Worship (Kolokoma) — PH	NP
22.30	Black And African Celebrities	NP
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
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00.00	News Summary At Midnight	NP
00.05	Good Night	RSP

A LOT of things have happened since we met last. My *Dear Man* now is how to begin to explain my inability to, for the past two weeks, chronicle matters weekly as they arise from Saturday to Friday, four times a month, forty-eight times a year and as the arithmetic goes on until 1979 when half of Nigeria, might head for permanent settlement on Mars in order to be free from empty electioneering promises.

Yes. To discuss matters as they arise was a self-imposed duty and to say it loud, a demonstration in support of the advent of Ramadan to the Nigerian political scene, which period, coincidentally, ushered the one and only Belinda Tarpaka into my life. So until inside our top side down, no going back. But since we met last, a lot of things have happened!

Like this friend of mine who is in the city of Port Harcourt on rainy season holidays of summer in England, it is rainy season in Nigeria, so let's hear less about summer in Nigeria! However, three days ago Port Harcourt was rain free and the sun was hot enough to tally with the Lugardian description of tropical Africa — that at times, due to excessive heat, our brains stopped functioning.

True or false? I leave this question to our learned professors to answer.

It was on this hot day, coming back to my story, that Mr Man from England appeared within my office vicinity, dressed in four piece suit (a mohair overall) went round his three piece suit. Recognising him, I came out of my car for the black man's "brother" greeting which I love.

We chatted briefly and he explained London was a good and refreshing city. He came to Nigeria two days to the day we met. He could have come to see me immediately rather than a letter.

Matters Arising

WITH BEREPELE DAVIS

SINCE WE MET LAST

he could not reconcile with the weather. It's damn hot here and to prove he is using cocoa here, he substituted his coat and I saw that his inner clothing were dead soaked. So not, yet in four piece suit! Eight piece suit could have been better.

Then I asked myself, could this happen in this era when sophisticated and educated young Nigerians go about in T-shirts?

Nigeria is too hot for my friend from England, yet have you some Australian blankets for a new piece of suit for him?

From my mail bag

Dear Sir,

How do I address you? "Matters Arising" or what? Well, since courtesy is no crime, kindly permit me to use your name—Mr Davies.

I've been following your column in the "Tide" all the time; had always enjoyed its flavour, vigour, beauty and the frankness. A recent drama I watched has prompted me to write you.

You mightn't have known some of the things going on in our country. And I won't blame you, 'cos it's one horn of oxen is expected to know every

thing under the sun. You might be disposed perhaps to know what I'm to talk, sure! Yes, I'm tempted to say that this bit could be my own contribution to your store of matters that arise in our society.

You remember, Jesus said that if you serve Him with all your heart and strength, so shall His Father who is in Heaven bless you with all His heart and might. But from the look of things, obviously this advice holds no water in our midst. And so I'll limit my experience to how a presented self otherwise such a letter could jolly well touch other areas of life.

Do you think that when you serve with all your heart, work with such confidence that your destiny seems doomed without a boss, that you may've been lured into ridicule, that undue advantage could have been taken about your sycrancy and that there's always the other side to the coin?

Or do you agree that the pranks that may append your versatility, drive initiative and all that, might in your absence or in the very private life of a boss, have some effects on you as you go along on the road? And believe me, this experience you'll live not to

know except, perhaps, by a stroke of luck!

Well, whether you agree with me or not, the ensuing drama which I personally watched would serve well, in making your right footing.

Mr Adoloye was going home from the film the other night and stopped by a sideway shop to 'organise' a stick of cigarette. After paying for it he asked for a match with which to light the cigar. There was a delay on the part of the seller and steps to improvise if there was none, were not taken.

Unexpectedly, a voice roared from behind the counter, a voice that was unconnected with the sale and purchase exercise. It was a female voice — Miss Fatima — who by my estimation had clocked 32 years. The voice said "Make this boy no abuse me because there is no matches to light him cigarette." "A stupid labourer to Mr."

How surprising! Is the adage "the customer is always right" any longer standard? I asked myself, while watching the buyers' reaction. But a mild heart mirrored instead. The buyer exhibited qualities of restraint that struck me hollow.

"Madam, what hard lan-



guage have I used that calls for all this? I stammered, with a disposition commensurate with my nerves. His inquiry ceased again as I bet you, only a patient Job could've endured!

"Yes, you're a labourer and will always be, the mistress stressed. "You come here, wait for me not say that now," she added.

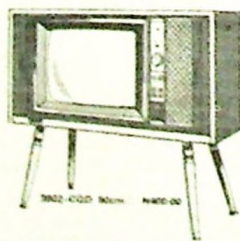
Adoloye became tongue-tied for a few moments and then said "Yes I'm a labourer, but I'm better off than a parading mistress with copulation as a bread winner." And this sent her mad. The queen couldn't bear. She lost temper, rushed after the customer with stones and water combination. But the customer left for his destination untrifled.

Now Mr Davies, what's your opinion of this incident? Had Fatima any previous knowledge of Adoloye's official data? Even so, how? Again, is Adoloye really the labourer of Mr X or are they co-workers of the same establishment? Your guess might be as good as mine but perhaps the extent of man's egocentricity could be the next test for social scientists. Do you think so? Sincerely yours, Anlem Okeke.

Dear Anselm,

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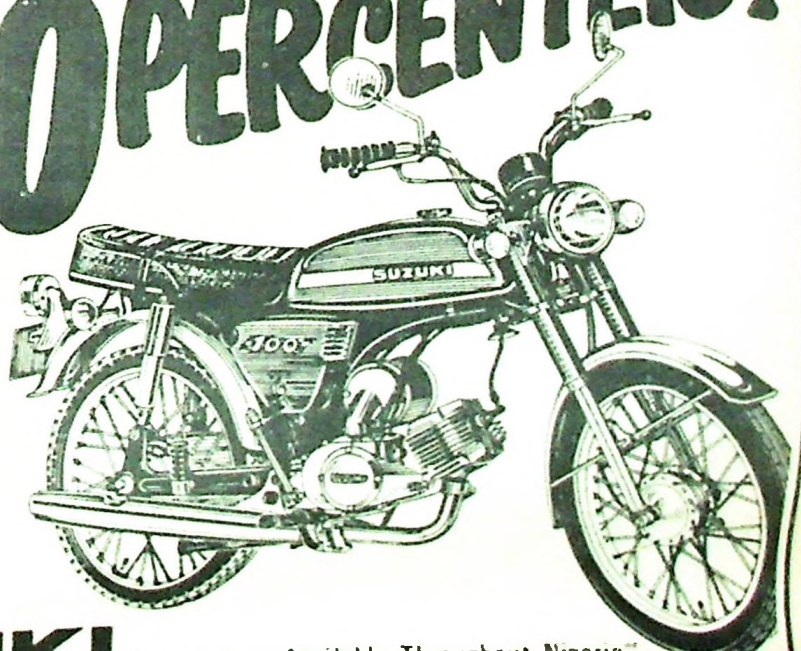


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It has come to our knowledge that some persons or individuals are now planning the whole land of Rumueme in the name of Rivers State Government for the purpose which we do not know.

We are reliably informed that the persons or group of persons are using the said plan to borrow money from the Bank or settle their overdraft in the Banks.

We hereby inform the Government, Commercial Banks, Government owned banks not to accept any plan for Rumueme land in that the land is not communal land, but owned by individual families.

Also we are this opportunity to appeal to the land owner not to approve of any land on which thorough investigation has not been made or conducted.

We expect that adequate notices should be given to various land owners before Government makes use of such land.

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On behalf of Rumueme.

Resident leads raid



AN INTENSIVE rates and tax drive has begun throughout Western Ukhobu division of Bendel state.

The resident for the division, Mr. A. S. Iriah, is personally leading the drive.

In a statement issued at Okeresoke, Mr Iriah said his decision to lead the tax drive was a demonstration of his dissatisfaction with what he called "disturbing low level of rates and taxes so far collected in the area".

He further stated that the move would dispel the false

BID TO RAISE REVENUE

rumour that rates and taxes had been abolished with the introduction of matching grants under the development administration system.

In this regard, Mr Iriah said it had become necessary to insist on the people that unless they paid their rates and taxes, there would be no matching grants and development of the division would be impeded.

Seminar on industrial scheme

The Nigeria Institute of management (NIM), held a seminar on the prospects and problems of the industrialisation scheme at Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Photo shows a cross section of participants at the seminar.

Farmer set free

AN UMUAHIA magistrate, Mr Robert I. Iwe has advised the police to approach their duties with dedication and impartiality. "No matter who is involved in a criminal case, the police should discharge their duties without favour or hindrance," he further advised.

The magistrate issued the advice while discharging a 28-year-old farmer, Isaac Iribe of Anawani, Oboro's quarters in Ikwalama near Umuahia charged with assaulting one Reverend Father, Michael Opara on July 27, 1976 for want of prosecution.

After listening to the story of the accused person which was confirmed by the investigating police constable, Magistrate Iwe ordered for a re-investigation of the case and to charge all who were involved in the matter.

The reverend father allegedly assaulted by the accused man was absent from court.

In his story, the farmer told the court that he was kept in the police custody for six days without bail.

He denied slapping the reverend father and stated that he was beaten up by members of the church at the instance of the priest.

Mr Iribe told the court that the priest called him a mad man when he came to the church premises.

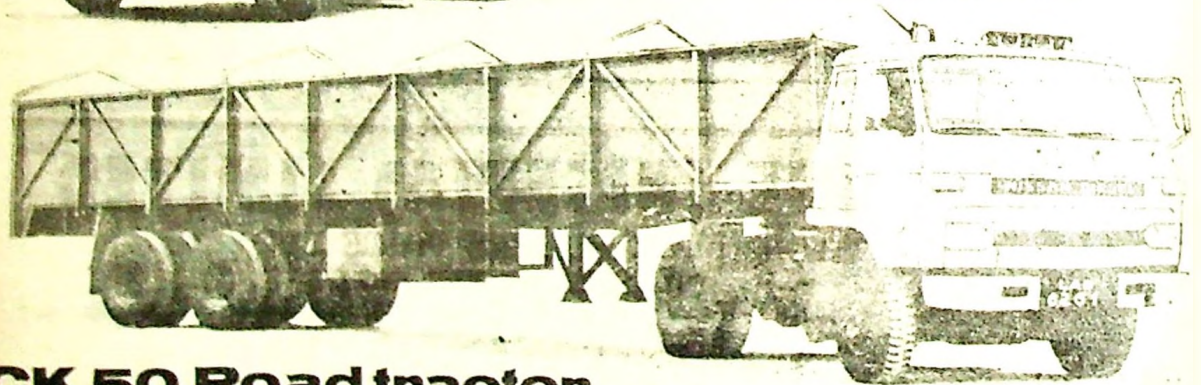
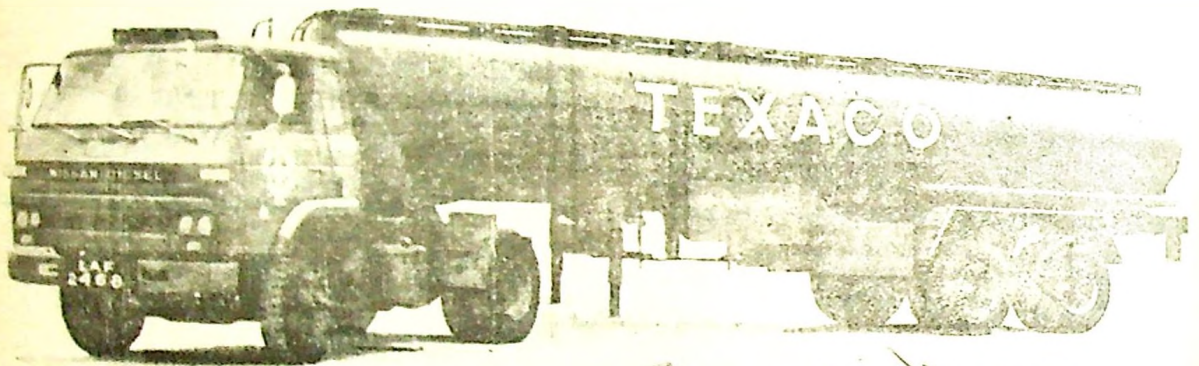
As he was explaining to him that he was not mad, the priest according to him, ordered members of his church to force him out of the premises.

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TIDE SPORT

World cup elimination

NIGERIA TO MEET SIERRA LEONE ON OCT 16

The first leg of the World Cup Elimination Series between Nigeria and Sierra Leone national team will come up in Lagos on October 16.

The second leg of the source said, will come up in Lagos on October 30. It would be recalled that the International Football Federation (FIFA) had directed that all the first-round matches should be played before October 31.



CHRISTIAN CHUKU English Captain

4 clubs opt for Challenge Cup

RECORDS entry of into the 1976/77 Challenge Cup competition has been recorded in Rivers State.

NTC, NPA, Progress and Nicada "Shooting Stars". Other clubs in the list are Buguma Strikers, Omoku Champion Club, Waterlins, P & T, Second Generation, Ministry of Works, and Oke Rangers.

According to the Rivers State Football Association scribe, Mr. I. O. Atakpa, some of the clubs have not yet sent in their players' registration forms while those received are being processed for immediate dispatch to the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) in Lagos.

of another first round encounter between Zaïre and Central African Republic, the source added.

The competition which is divided into three groups is aimed at choosing Africa's representative for the World Cup contest in Argentina.

In Group B with Nigeria are Congo, Cameroun, Mauritania, Upper Volta, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Zaïre and Central African Republic.

Group A comprises Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, Togo, Ghana and Guinea.

Countries in Group A are Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Malawi.

KANO HAS LOFTY PLANS FOR SPORTS

TELEU Shehu Minjibir has been appointed full-time chairman of the Kano State Council following the upgrading of most to a full-time appointment.

At this appointment, Alhaji Saehu was re-elected chairman of the council. It was announced by the state Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information Ibrahim El-Yakub while addressing a conference in Kano.

amid the decision to make the post of the Council Chairman a full-time appointment to bring up the state in line with the field of sports.

and the government had realised that to achieve this objective, standards are improved.

Members of the council are, Alhaji Saehu, Alhaji Saka Bakin Zuwo, Alhaji Adamu, Alhaji M. T. Waziri, Alhaji Hassan Haruna.

newly created Ministry of Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, the Sports Council whose duty it is to promote amateur sports in the state had still not been established by an edict in line with other states.

The report says the Sports Council caters for only the state's sports associations and not associations or clubs.

Also contained in the report is the provisional breakdown of the money allocated to the associations in this fiscal year.

In the provisional breakdown, purchasing of general equipment for sports topped the list with an allocation of 50,000 naira followed by football associations with 15,000 naira while administrative areas of the state combined were allocated 14,000 naira.

Athletics association and schools sports have an allocation of 10,000 naira each.

Boxing, hockey, swimming and volleyball associations were each allocated 5,000 naira.

A vote of 6,000 naira has been given to the basketball association. Other allocations made are as follows: lawn tennis association, 1,000 naira; cycling, 1,000 naira; cricket, 1,000 naira; table tennis, 1,000 naira; Squash, 1,000 naira; badminton, 1,000 naira; Squash, 1,000 naira; football and horse racing, 2,000 naira each; while table tennis, swimming and tennis associations were each allocated 1,000 naira.

UNDERSTANDING SOCCER WITH SINCLAIR



TACTICAL FORMATIONS

Mr. Sinclair Burt has used this to explain the difference between Direct and Indirect free-kicks and also to indicate how players would be arranged in the various modern formations such as 4-2-4, 4-3-3, 4-4-2 and 1-3-3-3.

Now here are the answers: I had already in some of my articles, treated direct and indirect kicks sometimes ago, but to satisfy your request for more elucidation, let me reiterate, as follows:

When a defending player commits any of the Nine Penal offences, the referee will award a direct-kick to the opposing side. If it is committed within the penalty area, a penalty-kick will be awarded. It is called a direct-kick, because the person taking the kick can score straight from the kick.

When a player commits any of the five technical offences anywhere in the field, the referee will award an 'Indirect' free-kick to the opposing side. The player taking the kick cannot score direct from the kick. The ball has to be touched by a second person either his team mate or one of the opponents around, before it can be accepted as a goal, if the whole ball went over the goal line, in between the goal posts and under the cross bar, for want of space, I have elected not to include the nine penal offences and the five technical offences.

Your other question is about the various formations which are in vogue in the modern game.

As you can observe, the position of the goalkeeper remains constant and therefore is never mentioned in the various formations.

Start your formation from the defenders nearest to the goal.

In 4-2-4, we have 4 players at the rear, whose primary duty is to safeguard the goal from being threatened. Attacking responsibility is a secondary consideration.

We have two mid-field players, one of whom must possess good defensive qualities.

The other one, a withdrawn forward, so designed, for reasons of his creative, or constructive ability.

Then, we have the four front runners, two wingers and two central strikers, whose primary duty is to score goals.

A team adopting the 4-3-3 formation, aims at strengthening the mid-field, by withdrawing one more striker from among the four, forwards.

This system virtually lacks an orthodox winger. Your team must be technically advanced and tactically knowledgeable to be able to meet the requirements of this system. Any of the Rear-defenders must be ready to break off into an attacking advance down the wing, while one of his team-mates covers his position, in case the attack suddenly breaks down.

The 4-4-2 system is purely a defensive one, suitable for a team not willing to take risks.

You can see, there are 4 players at the back line, 4 in the middle and only two real strikers who may be clever and fast to snatch surprise and lucky goals. The defence — seen that Italians, are the high priests of this tactical negatvity. If you are playing against a strong side, use this system. You will not lose heavily.

In the 1-3-3-3, you have one player deployed in a sweeper who marks nobody, but provides cover near the area of action. The other players in the team may carry out various functions, depending upon the amount of running they can do, their level of technique, and their tactical knowledge.

Indeed the individual qualities possessed by the players, will determine the functional aspect of their play.

The way they stand on the field, may differ from team to team, but the diagram shown, is just one version of the 1-3-3-3 formation. The whole nine players except the sweeper must attack and defend as a unit. If you like, six players may be committed to attack and fall back in defence. With the advance 3 teams, systems don't matter much, because the players have developed a very wide knowledge of the principles of attack and defence, so much so that they know exactly where to be during the various stages of the game.

One thing you must remember is that, as the game progresses, several systems intermix, as they develop from one to another.

Players are not stuck arranged in diagram positions. They are bound to move according to the situation of the game as dictated by the movement of the attacking players, and the position the ball is at a particular time.



Saturday, August 7, 1976

Guests panic

VERY Important personalities and top government officials in the Rivers State Government lost their composure yesterday at the graduation ceremony of the School of Nursing and took to their heels in panic when an explosion occurred at the venue of the ceremony.

The guests, including the 200 graduating nurses were listening to the principal of the school, Miss Toby reading her report on the progress of the school when suddenly there was an explosion.

The bewildered guests abandoned their seats in panic and rushed out of the hall through the gathering smoke caused by the explosion which was followed by sparks said to have been caused by a faulty electrical connection.

But before the fire brigade was called in fifteen minutes later, things had been put under control.

MATHS CONFAB

THE Mathematical Association of Nigeria will be holding its 14th Annual Conference at the College of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, starting tomorrow, Sunday to August 12, 1976.

Registration starts at 12 noon at the College campus. The conference will be formally opened by the Rivers State Governor, Col Zamani Lekwet on Monday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m.

The keynote address will be delivered by Chief J. Udon and Professor M. D. Chikoko.

The important themes of the Conference are "Mathematics in management and productivity" and "Modern Versus Traditional Mathematics".

LATE CLASSIFIED Change of Name

AWAKI - I. Generally known and addressed as Mrs. Ann Awaki. Address: 10, New York, Port Harcourt. All enquiries regarding the above should be sent to the Registrar, Rivers State, Victoria Road, Port Harcourt, and the general public, Mrs. Ann Awaki, Port Harcourt.

Measles threat at Izzi

AN outbreak of measles has been reported in Izzi Division of Anambra State, by the health superintendent for the division, Mr C. N. Chukwu.

Mr Chukwu said that

no case of death had so far been reported to his office as a result of the outbreak.

Already, a team of health officials from Abakaliki, led by the senior inspector, Field

Medical, Mr L. D. A. Oddih has been drafted to Izzi for anti-measles inoculation.

More than 400 people were recently inoculated at the divisional headquarters, Iboko by the health team officials.

NURSING NEEDS LEADERSHIP

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Health Dr I. A. Obuzo, has stressed the need for strong leadership in the nursing profession in the country.

Commissioner Obuzo made the call in Fort Harcourt yesterday after presenting certificates and medals at the first graduation ceremony of the School of Nursing, Port Harcourt.

He told graduands of the school, which was established in 1970, that the need to re-examine the teaching profession in the country was now greater than ever before because of the phenomenal changes in our times, not only in technology, but in the nursing profession as well.

Dr Obuzo said, if the country was to meet the challenges of the modern world, greater emphasis must be placed on the teaching of the subject matter of nursing itself.

He called on those responsible for the training of nurses in the country to re-define the type of curriculum useful for the needs of the modern Nigerian nurses.

In her own report on the progress of the school since its establishment, the principal of the school, Miss L. S. Toby recounted several problems facing the school including accommodation and lack of teaching facilities.

She reminded the commissioner that as a result of these the school would have a shortfall of 90 trained nurses in June 1977.

With the gigantic health programme of the Third Development Plan period, the health care coverage in the state will still be poor if the major constraint, like the non-availability of nursing manpower was not tackled urgently, she remarked.

Miss Toby further disclosed that the school, although in existence since 1970 had not been granted full approval by the nursing council of Nigeria.

Obuzo

at graduation ceremony



Picture shows Dr I. A. Obuzo decorating one of the nurses, Miss Charity Jumbo Nwankwo with the gold medal for the Best Performance award.

UPE: KANU GIVES STERN WARNING

ANY divisional school management board in Iwo State, whose Iwo Central Primary school building projects are not completed by August 15, should consider itself dissolved by August 20.

This order was issued by Governor Nduburu Kanu during an unscheduled inspection tour of UPE

a two-hour journey through bad road to verify a statement made to him by a building contractor, that work was being held up on one of the school buildings in the area because he had not been issued an approval certificate.

At the end of a 35-kilometre drive, Governor Kanu found the officer who was alleged to have held up the certificate and ordered him

to issue it to the contractor within 24 hours.

Governor Kanu, said he was disappointed at the state of affairs in a number of primary schools in the area, particularly two which still had scars of the last civil war.

The governor then advised one of the principals of the schools to bring to his attention the notice of the state School's Management Board.

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