

# FG GIVES N5m LOAN TO FARMERS

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FARMERS in the Rivers State will now smile. This is because, the Niger Delta Basin Development Authority has completed plans to grant loans to deserving farmers in the state under the Federal Government's N5 million on-lending scheme for farmers.

Announcing this in Port Harcourt on Wednesday at the opening of the second meeting of the Loans Disbursement Committee. The Authority's general manager, Engr Samuel Horsfall, disclosed that a loans unit has been set up and that the appropriate forms for the lending exercise are now ready.

He has therefore, advised farmers to apply for the loan in order to enable them acquire the necessary financial assistance to improve their production and ease the current acute food shortage.

On the role of the department in the loans

scheme, the general manager explained that his organisation would only serve as guarantors, while the lending would be made by the Nigerian Agricultural and Cooperative Bank Limited.

Engr. Horsfall however, reminded intending applicants that the on-lending scheme was not a mere grant to farmers and added that the ability to pay back was a major determining factor in receiving money under the scheme.

He talked of the great emphasis the Federal Government placed on the recovery of the money lent out from the fund, and reiterated the determination of the department to comply with this.

The general manager



• Chief S.B. Nwipko  
Commissioner for  
Agriculture

Request  
forms  
now  
ready

scope of the primary duty of the committee, which he said was to compile and maintain an accurate and comprehensive list as well as dossier of needy farmers in the state.

The committee, he further explained, would also work out acceptable conditions under which the fund would be mutually disbursed among the would-be beneficiaries.



• ALHAJI IBRAHIM GUSAU  
Minister of Agriculture

It would as well prepare a loan recovery system, which would aim at minimizing the rate of defaulters and remain as a permanent check and balance for future borrowers.

## TASK FORCE TEAM NAMED

The Rivers State Governor, Chief Melford Okigbo has announced the appointment of a seven-man Task Force on Government Properties Review Committee.

A Government House statement issued in Port Harcourt on Wednesday and signed by the chief executive, named the Commissioner for Housing and Environment as the chairman of the committee.

Other members include Messrs I. J. T. Olorun: W. S. Adajabeng, principal estate manager; Victor Akujuru; Selwyn Okibio; Jones Oyakima and Bar.

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## PAUSE AND PONDER

If you have not known the unknown, then you have not known anything.



## Nchia General Hospital commissioned

Speculations pedalled by people that the Nchia General Hospital in OTEIGA of the Rivers State had been abandoned was proved false when that hospital was officially opened last Monday.

The hospital which was abandoned by past governments in the state, was renovated by the present administration with over two hundred thousand naira.

Speaking at the occasion, the director of medical services in the state, Dr. Beregha commended the chairman of the health management committee in the area Mr. Cyril O. J. Mosa.

Dr. Beregha then urged the people to make the best use of the opportunity offered them by the government.

He also thanked the community for donating such an area of land for development project and urged them to continue to donate land any time the government called on them.

Also speaking at the occasion, His Royal Highness, the Unshin Eke, Chief Nge O. Nge, lauded the Rivers State Government in its efforts to bring health services to the rural areas. He then wished the doctor to live up to expectation as to retain the confidence reposed in him by his people.



MRS. N. DRAGE  
Rivers Commissioner for Health

## COMMITTEE SYSTEM EVEN DEV

Mr. C. J. Ayabowei, representing constituency 3, Yenagoe Local Government area in the Rivers State House of Assembly has stated that the committee system of administration embarked upon by the present government was to bring about a total and balanced development in all the nooks and corners of the state.

Addressing chairman and members of the various functional com-

mittees and boards in the Oporoma district, the Assemblyman explained that the committees should therefore make concerted efforts to implement and effect completion of any project within its area of operation.

Hon. Ayabowei who was in the area to make an appraisal of the progress so far made in the district since the incep-

# BENDEL LEGISLATOR PLEADS WITH OKILO

A member of Bendel State House of Assembly has strongly appealed to the Governor of Rivers State, Chief Melford Okilo to extend his hand of fellowship and brotherliness to the laws in Bomadi and Burutu Local Government areas of Bendel State.

Making the appeal at an exclusive interview with the *Nigerian Tide*, Mr. D. O. Edonkumoh, NPN Bomadi South, said that the cultural, historical and environmental ties that bind the laws together would remain irrespec-

tive of the state they find themselves.

The social and economic life in the two local government areas he continued was degenerating and retreating in what he called a progressive state.

Mr. Edonkumoh said that the laws in Bendel State were dejected seeing the rapid developments going on in areas merged with the Rivers State.

Mr. Edonkumoh then declared, "I have the mandate of my people to invite you to come to our aid and save us from sinking in the face of the heavy storm of neglect in the sea of oppression we are subjected to in Bendel State."

He explained that the appeal was prompted by the fact that the Bendel State Government had persistently extended its administration to the Isoko villages that were

by the virtue of the 1976 boundary adjustment merged with the Rivers State.

In the same way, Mr. Edonkumoh wanted the Rivers State Government to extend its rural development scheme through the Niger Delta River Basin Development Authority to the Igbo towns and villages still in Bendel State.



CHIEF MELFORD OKILO

## Minister, WAEC boss to face House of Reps

The House of Representatives has ordered the Minister of Education and the Senior Deputy Registrar of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Mr. Esezor to appear before its committee on education, on November 3, 1981. They are to explain before the education committee the statement credited to Mr. Esezor as published in Sunday Times of October 25, 1981.

It could be recalled that on October 21, 1981 the House of Representatives passed a resolution to extend the entry

## Women's wing opens NPN secretariat

The Bendel NPN Women Wing opened their secretariat in Benin.

Photo shows the chairman at the occasion, Chief G. O. Igbiniedion, second to the centre, the women leader, Chief Francis Afegeba, sitting second to their treasurer, Madam Comfort Ogbage at the extreme right while the publicity secretary Mrs. R. Ewome is seen making some announcement.

Photo by Isaac Tom.

## N4.5m ARTS COUNCIL CONTRACTS AWARDED

The sum of N4.5 million contract has been awarded by the Benue State Government for the construction of the Benue State Cultural Centre.

This was announced by the Benue State Governor, Mr. Aper Aku, when he declared open the arts gallery of the Benue State Council for Arts and Culture.

Governor Aku said that when the complex was completed, the gallery as well as other arts council establishments would be accommodated.

Mr. Aku further explained that the government would ensure that Benue State was fully represented at the National Festival of Arts and Culture to be held in Benue State Council for Arts and Culture to host a State Festival of Arts and Culture later this year.

The governor thanked the director of Arts and Culture, Dr. I. Hagher, for his initiative and courage.

Earlier, in his speech the director, Dr. Iorwuesha Hagher, appealed to the government to release money to enable the state attend the National Festival of Arts coming up in December this year.

Dr. Hagher expressed appreciation to Governor Aku for demonstrating interest in the activities and existence of the council in the state and promised to do everything within his capability to justify the continual existence of the council.





# EDITORIAL

## GETTING CHOKED

WITH THE RETURN to democratic civilian government and the existence of the rule of law, Nigeria has proved a fertile ground for aliens to thrive, irrespective of their contribution to the economy.

POSSESSED WITH THE erroneous belief that the country has so much wealth to share among its citizens and well-wishers, several aliens fail to resist the desire to live in Nigeria and share out of that wealth. Many find their way into the country illegally by flouting all the known immigration formalities.

OUR VERY LIBERAL immigration policy makes their continued stay possible even after they had been

found out as illegal immigrants. This category of immigrants do not contribute one kobo to the economy, rather, they exploit and abuse our hospitality and cause us great anxiety over our immigration policy.

THIS ANXIETY has deepened following the recent statement by the Minister for Internal Affairs, Professor Iya Abubakar, revealing that the country was in a fix over how to deal with the problem of illegal immigrants especially those from ECOWAS nations.

WE AGREE WITH the minister that sweeping these illegal aliens out of the country once and for all, would not be in the best interests of the country. But

we think the Ministry of Internal Affairs owes the nation the sacred responsibility of keeping undesirable persons out of Nigeria.

IN EVERY COUNTRY under the immigration laws, certain category of persons, are termed "excusable aliens" or prohibited aliens."

GENERALLY, PROSTITUTES, aliens convicted or involved in moral turpitude or members of subversive organisations, fall under this category.

THE IMMIGRATION LAWS of each country proscribe the entry of such persons. If by any chance such prohibited persons enter a country they are deported outright.

ECOWAS OR NOT, we think Nigeria should not let such undesirable persons into our society. The lofty reasons for which Nigeria appended her signature to the ECOWAS Treaty, are in danger of being overshadowed by criminals, prostitutes and beggars taking advantage of the free movement provision of the regional economic grouping.

IN THE MEANTIME, the establishment of border guards to patrol areas beyond the established entry points should receive more urgent attention.

## GIVE OUT NEPA

Sir, please permit me to make a comment about our National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) as the saying goes, too much of everything is bad especially, that of NEPA, is the worst.

Everybody in this country is aware the way the NEPA people switch our light off and on it is high time they stopped it.

On the 3rd and 4th of this month, they announced of power interruption on specific hours because of major connection at Adam Power Station but up till time of writing they are fond of taking light any how. As a result they have caused the death of many innocent people and have lost property indirectly.

The Federal Government should give out our sick baby to foreigners as was done to the Airways and Railway Corporation recently.

It is very shameful to call Nigeria a great country while she could not provide constant light for her citizens.

What pains me most the electricity bills which is always high. Perhaps consumers would start taking NEPA to court. So that it would understand its functions to the public.

They should be ashamed of themselves each time they announce over the air for mass

Whom are they going to mass disconnect again for this frequent power interruption? Their inefficiency had made some members of the public to resist payment. We are tired of NEPA for taking us for a ride. The public out cry on NEPA should not go in vain and we should not receive their slap on our faces again.

Jonathan P. Davies

Port Harcourt.

## AILING WAEC

It is very disheartening to know that the W.A.E.C. is unable to conduct the W.A.S.C. G.C.E. ordinary and advanced levels to the expectation of the nation.

The reason is not far fetched. This inefficiency of the board to carry out their obligation could be attributed to the irresponsibility on the part of the so-called officials of the board.

Furthermore, the board complains about leakages and malpractices every year when it is approaching the exam period of May/June. May I know whether students are the sole cause of exam leakages or the so called almighty expo gang? I don't blame the innocent students rather the off-



Board. It is the legitimate right of the board to safeguard the necessary security against any cheating but they use their powers to seize the compulsory subjects to the detriment of the innocent students.

The W.A.E.C. Board should know that many of the students are being sponsored by poor parents and those parents whose occupation is fishing or farming suffer most when these results are cancelled.

My thanks go to the governor of the Rivers State, Chief Melford Okilo for his interesting statement in your paper on 15th October 1981 headlined "Decentralise the W.A.S.C. Board."

Really if this should be done on state basis and certificate issued, recognised throughout West Africa, then the question of exam leakages and other cases of malpractices will be reduced to minimum.

Mark Simon Sagbo's  
Ondawa Town.

## Cleaning Port Harcourt

It is very unpleasant to observe that Port Harcourt City Council has absolutely relaxed over their sole responsibility. First and foremost, I appreciate you delegate pressmen to operate in every nook and corner in Port Harcourt, more especially Mike I. Dobiu market and examine the ugly situation prevailing there.

At this juncture, one begins to contemplate on the idea of handing over responsibility of City Council to Arela, who has taken the responsibility of cleaning refuse.

The adverse effect of this laxity and uncooperative attitude on the part of the authority concerned has caused most of the motorable streets

to be no longer in use due to refuse which has accumulated for long.

In view of the aforementioned, I therefore, plead with the Rivers State Government, Port Harcourt City Council and Honourable members of House of Assembly to please expedite action and investigate the true position of this deplorable condition, and effect necessary correction in order to save the lives of inhabitants in Port Harcourt, and make Port Harcourt what it used to be by keeping the city clean in the same manner as other cities in the federation.

Ogburne Tony E.

## Increase aid allowance

The move by the Okilo administration in the Rivers State to award automatic scholarships to her students studying in Nigeria at all level is encouraging and will enhance the upliftment of educational standard in the state.

But following recent happenings, one question readily comes into my mind: how reliable and effective is the automatic scholarship? One thinks this money is being paid to students immediately they are admitted into the university or at the end of the first semester so that their (students) problems will be

reverse is the case.

Recent publications in some of our daily newspapers have shown that while some institutions of higher learning have introduced the payment of accommodation fees (that was not the case before) others have increased lodging fees. A case in point is the Rivers State owned University of Science and Technology. In this institution, hostel accommodation which used to be free can now be got only by the payment of the sum of N80.00.

There is also a 100% increase in the lodging fee. A meal which used to cost 50k, giving a total of N100.00 per month.

## TASK FORCE

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Rister L. E. Adoku.

According to the statement, the commissioner has been directed to work out details for the payment of non-government officials who are members, adding that such would depend on the membership status of either full or part-time and the Government House should be advised on the findings.

The chairman was further directed to meet with members of the committee in order to sort out the details of its functions.

now N1.00 which gives a total of N90.00 per month. I am sure that these are unexpected developments. I am particularly surprised how many of us indigenes, that wish to study there can pay this sum of money N90.00 every month excluding books.

I will therefore suggest to the authorities that they should ensure that a student's academic programme is not disrupted because of lack of funds.

The scholarship money should be increased and paid in the beginning or end of every session.

I therefore call on the authorities concerned to reconsider this plan of action if they want to make library in the Rivers State.

Elewasi Nkomo  
Enugu.





## HOUSING CHAIRMEN CALL ON OBA

DELEGATES to a two-day conference of Chairmen of Housing Corporations from five U.P.N. controlled states who held a conference in Benin recently, paid a courtesy call on the Oba N'Oba Erediauwa.

Photograph above shows the Chairman of the Bendel Development and Property Authority (B.D.P.A.), Mr J.B. Ibuduch delivering a speech during the call.

## Panel on education services set up

THE Federal Government has set up a panel to consider an alternative way of improving educational services in the country.

An official of the Federal Ministry of Education told our staff reporter in Lagos last Monday that the panel will hold its inaugural meeting on Friday this week.

The official explained that the panel was set up in view of the rapid expansion and increase in educational facilities.

It also followed the relatively decrease in government revenue in general and the proportion going to education in particular.

He remarked that since the launching of the U.P.E. in 1976 the funding of education at

# Chiefs protest over recognition

THE Traditional Rulers' Council in the Cross River State has been taken to task over the alleged recognition accorded a chief in Mkpat Enin Local Government area in the state by the government.

The Chief, Raphael Atsha was said to have been issued with a certificate of recognition which sparked off row in the area.

Consequently, a delegation of traditional rulers from a body known as the "Supreme

Council of Chiefs" led by Chief Imo-Ita, stormed the press centre to announce their protest over the recognition.

Addressing the news conference, the Council of Chiefs explained that there was a serious rift over the chieftaincy title between chiefs Raphael Atsha and Akpan Adisha in Asong village of the local government area.

The supreme council of chiefs said that it was surprised to hear the recognition of the said chief, even when the dispute over the stool was not yet resolved.

The council observed that the recognition exercise which was triggered off by the Traditional Rulers' Council in the former Ikot Abasi did not augur well for the newly created local

government area.

The chiefs maintained that in order to build the new local government area on the foundation of peace and unity, the Traditional Rulers' Council of Ikot Abasi should have resolved the matter first before recommending any person to the government for recognition.

They accused the Ikot Abasi traditional rulers' council of incompetence, biased and sabotage on the affairs of the new local government area.

They recalled that in 1977 when the village wanted to raise funds for the building of a secondary school, Chief Atsha allegedly organised thugs "to thwart the good intentions" of the people and even instituted a suit claiming

## Language workshop opened

THE Bendel State Governor, Professor Ambrose Alli, has stated that the provision of free text books and materials on the major indigenous languages in the state, was part of the free education policy of his government.

This was made known in Benin recently in an address delivered on behalf of the governor by the Bendel State Commissioner for Education, Dr R.A. Momoh, at a workshop organised for Edo language primary school teachers in Oredo, Ovia and Orhionmwon Local Government areas, during which two books in Edo were launched.

The governor enjoined all other language groups in the state to emulate the worthwhile efforts of the Benin Welfare Association in propagating indigenous

languages in the state.

The Oba of Benin, Ono N'Oba Erediauwa, as the chief launcher of the books, commended the efforts of the Edo language committee in its publication of Edo books.

He advised the committee to ensure that Edo language was not destroyed through the use of wrong orthography.

Earlier in an address, Justice I.O. Aluyi, who was chairman on the occasion, observed that a major problem in teaching Edo language was the lack of suitable materials and text books for use in schools.

## COUNCIL RECEIVES RICE IN NEMBE

A total of 2,668 bags of rice out of the 3,106 bags allocated to Nembe district of the Braks Local Government area have in fact been collected and sold to the public at subsidized rate.

Disclosing this at Nembe, a Councilor in the district, Chief A. Z. Ala Dede, explained that more 436 bags were still outstanding for the council to collect from the Pabod Suppliers.

Chief Ala Dede commended the federal and state governments for their effort in providing food for the masses, adding that the allocation of rice

to the various council units for sale to the public at subsidized prices had greatly reduced the high cost of the commodity in the state.

The councilor disclosed that this council has embarked on several viable projects in the area to make life more meaningful for the people.

This, he said, include the provision of a regular ferry transport service from Nembe to Port Harcourt, commercial transport services from Nembe to Quana, construction of culverts, roads, bridges and jetties in various towns and villages in the area.



DR CLEMENT ISONG  
of Cross River State

## CAUSES OF DELAY ON PROJECTS OUTLINED

THE major factors delaying the execution of government projects in the Bonny Local Government area have been outlined. These include, transport difficulties, uncompromising attitude of some communities and non-payment of contractors by the State Government.

This is contained in a paper titled "Government Project Implementation in Bonny Local Government area", presented by the chairman of the Andoni District Co-ordination Committee, Mr S.B. Ogbologbo during a seminar organised for functional committees in the Local Government area at Ngbo.

Mr Ogbologbo indicated that the peculiar geographical terrain of the area makes transportation of materials to the project sites most difficult.

In another development functional committees and boards in

the Bonny Local Government area have been called upon to embrace the austerity measures laid down by the Federal Government.

The call was made by the Governor's Liaison Officer for the Bonny Local Government area, Mr I.T.O. Jaja, while addressing participants at the seminar.

Mr Jaja urged them to execute development projects according to their priority since the government was operating under a tight economy.

The Governor's Liaison Officer advised them to always give maximum co-operation to their various co-ordination committees, adding that the committees should also seek advice from the Administrative Officers in order to make the decentralisation policy a success.



MR. C. A. IBAMBOYE  
Minister of Education  
A Ministry of Education



## YOUR STARS TODAY

### AQUARIUS

A decision you made sometime ago will backfire on you today and you'll be left to pick up — the pieces. This could either be in your professional life or your personal.

SCORPIO  
You will only get out of today what you put into it, but the chances are that you'll decide that, as it is the end of the week, you can afford to waste a bit of time.

ARIES  
Partners could be rather aggressive today and you will be shocked at their vehemence. Try to be tactful when attempting to make them see your point of view.

TAURUS  
There is a chance for you to increase your income yet again. A hobby you have been supporting for sometime turns into a financial viable proposition, if you need backing for this venture approach a superior who will be willing to lend an ear at least.

GEMINI  
This is a day when excessive eating and drinking could play havoc with those delicate nerves of yours. If you overdo the aforementioned, you will not be fit for much today.

CANCER  
You seem to have got the bit between your teeth again today, once more you are sobbing through work. Well someone possessed. The evening you will find that partners are standing in the way of planned entertainment so you'd better check.

LEO  
You should take a long hard look at your career ambitions today. You need to be absolutely certain of your direction before making hard and fast plans for the future.

VIRGO  
Resist a very strong urge to make drastic changes in your personal life. Much more can be done by discussion, and understandings can be reached if you persevere.

LIBRA  
This is the last day of the week will see you in a quite serious mood in connection with your financial problems. You will be consulting superiors in an effort to find your way out of the maze.

SCORPIO  
All dealing with property will best be shied today, don't sign any documents or make verbal promises. These types of transactions are subject to complications and delay.

SAGITTARIUS  
You are not advised to invest money in any schemes today, especially not those offered by your colleagues. Rely on your own judgment where financial risks are concerned.

CAPRICORN  
Not a day for making long term plans, or for investing finances in long term schemes. Your judgment is off and you are likely to make the wrong decisions. If possible, slow down, and not to make the plans for today.

# RIVERS GOVT POISED TO COMPLETE DEV PROJECTS

Gov Okilo lauded

## —ADVISER



CHIEF O. N. NSIRIM

THE Special Adviser to the Rivers State Governor on Administrative and Local Government Affairs, Chief W.E. Tienabeso has reiterated the determination of the present administration in the state to ensure that all its development projects were completed on schedule.

Chief Tienabeso made this known while addressing local government councillors and members of functional committees at Degema, headquarters of Degema

Local Government area of the state in continuation of his tour to all local government councils in

by Monday Frank

The special adviser noted that bureaucratic delays occasionally hampered the quick disposition of funds adding that all that was required in such cases was patience since the government had the requisite financial capability to meet all its commitments.



CHIEF W.E. TIENABESO

THE Governor of the Rivers State, Chief Melford Okilo, has been lauded for his efficiency in governing the state.

The commendation was made by Mr Moses Giadom, while speaking to pressmen last weekend.

He appealed to the state government to expedite action on the payment of rents for houses acquired by the various functional committees in the Bon Local Government area.

He regretted that payment of houses rented by some committees in the area, since last year, are yet to be made, adding that this situation has caused untold hardships to some landlords.

## NATIONAL HONOURS FOR RIVERS INDIGENES

THE Apiti of Rumueme and the state treasurer of the National Party of Nigeria (N.P.N), Chief O.N. Nsirim is among the seven Rivers State indigenes who were recently honoured with national honours by the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari.

The Apiti bagged the Member of the Order of Niger (MON).

Other beneficiaries of M.O.N. are late Captain George Amangala and late Captain Boudman Nyananyo who lost their lives during the Nigerian Civil War. Lt Dick Nottingham, a closed associate of the late Major Isaac Boro also benefited with the MON.

Late Major Isaac Boro himself was honoured with the Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR).

A well known broadcaster, Mr Sonny Young-Harry, Zonal Director of the FRNC, was honoured with the Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR).

Also honoured is the Uwema of Abua, Chief U. Ukwu III with (MFR).

Expressing gratitude to the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, Chief

Nsirim stated that the honour was not to himself alone but to the entire people of the Rivers State.

He also thanked the state government for its role towards the progress of the state.

## REVENUE COLLECTORS ADVISED TO

REVENUE collectors in Oporoma District of the Yenagoa Local Government area have been advised to be honest in the discharge of their duties.

The advice was given

at Oporoma by the leader of a team of Local Government Commissioners, Mr C.D. Clement in continuation of their fact-finding tour of various local government

## BE HONEST

units of the state. The commissioner stressed that money collected from the public

should be paid into the local government treasury.

He warned against the existence of fictitious names in the payment vouchers of some councils, adding that money

from the government was meant for development purposes and not for staff salaries alone.

Mr Clement explained that hardworking staff would be rewarded and

warned that any worker found wanting in the discharge of his or her duties would be dismissed.

He, however, advised functional committees in the district to co-operate with the council for the development of the area.

## Gifts for less fortunate persons

by Simeon Nsirige

A philanthropic organisation, the Asaba Ladies League, Port Harcourt branch Rivers State at the weekend made cash and goods donation worth over N800.00 towards the improvement of the less fortunate ones in the society.

The League visited the Motherless Babies' Home, Oboma Cheshire Home and the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) Committee, all in Port Harcourt.

Presenting the gifts, the branch president, Mrs Patricia O. Anize, declared that the league was a federated, but a non-political one which started in Lagos by a few charitable ladies of Asaba who were either born in, or married into the area.

She outlined the aims of the league, among which are to help the less fortunate ones in the society, to

promote the unity amongst the Asaba ladies and to uplift the development of the area.

At the Motherless Babies Home (photograph below right), the league presented various types of infant food and clothing to the senior Nursing Sister Onwuamaegbu who received the gifts on the home's behalf.

At the Oboma Cheshire Home (composite picture below), the Matron Mrs. Eunice Nwonta, received on behalf of her home, a bag of rice, yams, milk and clothing from the ladies league while Mrs. Ethel Dietspoff, the chairman of the International Year of Disabled Persons' Committee in the Rivers State received from the Asaba women, a cash donation of N100 presented to the committee.





# We aim to complete projects started



Chief Okilo presents his budget '82

## Technical Education

Here again we started with 5 Technical Colleges with a student population of 3,554.

Early this year a contract of N3.5 million for the installation of equipment at the Technical Colleges at Bori, Ekwere and Port Harcourt was signed with the Metimex of Hungary under the Hungarian Credit Loan Scheme. Construction works are nearing completion.

Hitherto our products from the Technical Colleges have been a little better than half baked due mainly to the lack of experienced and qualified technical teachers and inadequate equipment.

Seven others are undergoing intensive training in the United Kingdom under the British Council Scheme.

Many more are also being trained in Nigerian institutions for the Technical Teachers Certificate and the National Certificate of Education (Technical).

We have taken further steps in the field of technical education to produce sufficient craftsmen, artisans, technicians and technologists.

We have therefore reorganised our approach to technical education into the following institutions:

- (a) Craft Development Centres
- (b) Senior Technical Colleges
- (c) Comprehensive Secondary Schools and Technical Teacher Training College

A total of six comprehensive secondary schools will be established. In addition, one of the existing teacher training colleges have been converted for the production of technical teachers since the quality of the teaching staff will determine the success or failure of the technical education effort.

Management Government has constituted the establishment of a committee on technical education for the administration of the technical education scheme. Such a committee will create an opportunity for the full participation of private industries, government agencies and the University of Science and Technology.

Between October 1979 and 1981 Government made a total of 828 scholarship/bursary awards in local institutions while 693 were for overseas institutions. These awards bring the present total number of awards to 2,430 in local institutions and 1,771 overseas.

Payment for these awards amount to N10.2 million for overseas scholars and N2.8 million for students in local institutions.

Initially, the Scholarship Directorate had to grapple with some problems including the identification of genuine State Government scholars, the problem of students who continued to draw their allowances on completion of their courses, the indiscriminate and unauthorized change of venue institutions, or leaving which together with problems of assistance caused some delays in courses getting to students on time.

An authentic register of students has been compiled, and with the department of a new agent to handle our remittance problems, it is expected that monies will get to scholarship recipients within three weeks of despatch.

This applies to both local and foreign institutions.

The problems that were encountered in the establishment and maintenance of individual electric generators have contributed to the adoption of a new policy in our

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N1,322 million have been awarded to reputable water Engineering Firms. Further details are as follows:

### PORT HARCOURT WATER SUPPLY

In order to avert future water crisis in the city resulting from the destruction of water mains by road construction work, the government has decentralised its pumping stations in Port Harcourt. Contract valued at N26 million has been awarded for the construction of four new Pumping Stations to be located at Borikiri, Trans Amadi, near Eagle Island, and Rumukwuta.

### URBAN WATER SUPPLY

Proposals have also been approved and contracts signed in a few cases for supply of pipe borne water to an average of ten towns in each of the following urban areas: Buguma City, Abonoma, Tombia, Omoku, Woji, Bori, Bakana, Od, Amassoma, Amato, Okhe, Eleni, and Omuma.

### RURAL WATER SUPPLY (PIPE BORNE)

Preliminary surveys have been completed

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The governor welcomes members of the National Population Census Panel in P.H.



# OBITUARY

The families of Chief Jim George Amachree and Charles George Amachree of Buguma City deeply regret to announce the sudden and untimely death of their daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and grandmother.



MRS BEKINWARI ATKINSON CHARLES GEORGE

which sad event took place at the Brothwaite Memorial Hospital on Monday, 28th September, 1981. She was aged 55 years. She is survived by 7 children, 15 grand children and a host of relations among whom are —

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| Mr Ebenezer Jim George   | — Brother  |
| Mr Debo Jim George       | — Brother  |
| Chief Sunday Jim George  | — Brother  |
| Mrs E. B. Batuba         | — Sister   |
| Mrs Adelaide Pedro       | — Daughter |
| Mrs Leticia West         | — Daughter |
| Mr Ibiba Charles George  | — Son      |
| Mrs Sopiri Ajala         | — Daughter |
| Miss Olanive George      | — Daughter |
| Miss Caroline George     | — Daughter |
| Mr Fabiawari George      | — Son      |
| Mr Aconte S. Quakers     | — Grandson |
| Madam Leny Josiah        | — Cousin   |
| Madam Aloma D. J. George | — Cousin   |
| Dr T. B. Batuba          | — Nephew   |
| Mr Aloribo Jim George    | — Brother  |

## Burial Arrangements:

Friday, 30th October 1981 at 11 a.m.: Body leaves the Port Harcourt General Hospital Mortuary for the 1st Baptist Church, 93 Aggrey Road, Port Harcourt for commendation service.

12 noon: Body leaves the 1st Baptist Church for Abannema Wharf en-route her home-town, Buguma City for an all-night wake-keeping at George's Compound at 9.00 p.m.

Saturday, 31st October: Body leaves for the Baptist Church, Buguma for commendation service at 10.00 a.m. Interment follows immediately after.

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A CHALLENGE TO THE FUTURE



# In search of organisational theory

SOME writers feel that the earliest writings on organisations could be traced back to 'Plato's Republic' or the Bible. However, organisation as a separate field of study is the outcome of the last seventy years or thereabouts.

During this period it is possible to identify three main lines of thought in the study of organisation:

the human relations school and the environmental school

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These schools have developed over the years and become more merged.

The classical and scientific management schools could be seen as two different schools, yet they are typified by the search for a best way of operating organisations.

The scientific school took off with the studies titled: "Shop Management" and "Principles of Scientific Management" by F. W. Taylor.

These works were published in 1903 and 1911. Taylor saw scientific management as a means to overcome the reluctance of workers in organised industry to produce more through improved management systems.

He wanted to increase efficiency and productivity for industry and higher wages to the workers.

He propounded four principles in his works: the development of a thorough science of work.

the scientific selection and progressive development of the workers.

the bringing together of the science of work and the scientifically selected and trained men.

the constant co-operation of the management and the workers.

Other elements of Taylor's works were the need to separate the planning function from that of production—functional organisation, the use of standards for control, monetary incentives for employees and discipline.

The classical theorists drew their own inspiration from these ideas.

**THE CLASSICAL THEORY** originated in France with the work of Henry Fayol (1868) who also proposed five elements and 14 principles of good management.

Fayol however did not see these as a definitive framework. But despite Fayol's view, latter adherents of the classical school continued to believe that there was 'one best way' of running organisations.

For example Lyndall Urwick (1943) arrived at 29 principles of administration, which made a tight concise picture of his faith that all management principles hang in a balanced and inter-related framework, and have universal application.

An example of Urwick's principles is that of the span of control. He postulated that this should not exceed more than five, or at most six subordinates whose work interlocks.

The classical and scientific theories are based on the notion that organisations operate in a stable environment and bureaucratic in nature.

The functions of management in various types of activities would therefore have universal characteristics.

These activities could be performed in a given manner according to laid down principles regardless of the situation or qualities of the people involved.

The scientific and classical theories saw the individual in organisations as "economic man" which attributed to the worker the wish to work only as much as was necessary and that his sole motivation was to earn as much money for as little effort as possible.

**Human Relations School**

The ideas contained in the scientific and classical schools were undermined by the outcome of

the Hawthorne Studies, conducted by Elton Mayo.

The Hawthorne studies particularly the bank wiring room experiment discovered that the individual is not only motivated by money but by belonging to a working group (social man).

The Hawthorne studies heralded the birth of the human relations school.

These studies which were conducted in the 1930s also discovered that organisations did not solely control production but the workers themselves decided how much and at what speed they would produce and that the human resources in organisations were under-utilised.

The human relations school briefly put, postulates that individuals have personality needs and/or generalised motives.

These needs vary from one individual to another, and that these motives exert a direct influence on behaviour.

That there is an inevitable conflict between individual and organisational needs.

The best form of organisation is one which attempts to optimise individual and organisational need satisfaction.

The emphasis of the human relations school is on individual and group behaviour and is

based on the assumption that there is a strong relationship between morale, good leadership and not to explain collective behaviour in terms of the individual.

**Contingency theory**

The contingency theory of organisation grew out of the human relations school and introduces the concept that organisational effectiveness is achieved by creating a form, structure and behaviour which are appropriate to the organisations environment.

This theory grew out mostly from comparative analysis of organisations and indeed the observation of effective organisations in practice, and and productivity.

While this emphasis tells us a great deal about individuals and groups, it tells us little about organisations as a whole.

**Environmental School.**

The environmental school theorises that either individuals nor organisational behaviour is solely self determining but that behaviour is largely influenced and determined by forces outside the organisations—that is within the environment.

The development of this school may be traced back to the works of Durkheim who discovered a concept

crucial to the study of organisations. Unlike the human relations school, this concept assumes that it is necessary to explain individual behaviour in terms of the collectivity.



Alhaji Shehu Musa Federal Head of Service

since it uses the criterion of effectiveness for defining appropriate forms, it has an obvious appeal.

The theory also emphasises the need for a variety of organisations for different situations. This leads to the conclusion that there is "no one best" way of managing.

According to Burns and Stalker, "the beginning of administrative wisdom is the knowledge that there is no optimum type of management system".



Edited by Nirm

A NEW tonic is starting to appear in such shops all over Nigeria. It writes a correspondent from London. It is new...but it has a reputation dating back 5,000 years in the Far East. It does marvellous things to both men and women.

Russian cosmonauts use it. Chinese army ambulance units

**Tonic**

use it. So do British footballers and other sportsmen.

Take ginseng, they say, and you will feel young and strong again like when you were 20.

It not only helps you feel young, it makes you act young and strong.

The tonic is called Red Koogoo King of Ginseng. It is the dearest root in the world, worth more than 62,500 Naira a ton.

It grows in China and Korea and the name "ginseng" in Chinese

means "manroot", that is because the ginseng root not only looks like a man when it is dug out of the ground but also now because it does such wonderful things to men...and to women.

**SOLID OF E**

GASEOUS hydrates, significant solid gas, represent a new major source of natural energy and chemical raw materials on the Earth, say Soviet scientists. Academician Anatoly Trofimuk, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Nikolai Chersky, and others who have discovered the property of natural gases to be in a solid state and to form deposits in the case of a certain relationship between the temperature and pressure.

We have already begun to use these deposits on the territory of the Soviet Union and in the future they will become a



Some listeners at a training course at Aluu, near Port Harcourt.





## Thom - Manuel

ginseng draws from the earth it grows and must be harvested for 15 years. The goodness of the root has been known for centuries. It takes maturity and is exhausted. Ginseng only

### WHAT DOES GINSENG DO?

Well, Russian scientists call it an "adaptogen" that means it adapts to the needs of your body. If you are nervous and over-excited, then ginseng calms you down. If you are sad and depressed, then ginseng cheers you up.

**HALLERTAU**, Bavaria's hops growing region, has a new attraction — if attraction is the word.

Since July, when Bhagwan decided to seek a haven in America and left his saffron-clad disciples in the lurch in their Poon Paradise in India, an ever growing number of his 200,000 followers have sought a new home in Margarethried near Freising in Upper Bavaria.

The centre for Indi-

dual and Social Therapy in Margarethried, already the biggest ashram in Europe, is now preparing to accommodate the tide of homeless Sannyasins.

"In the past six months, we have had a real invasion here," says Shreyas, a member of the "family" in charge of public relations. The Poon branch in the quaint Bavarian village is now preparing to expand its facilities and hopes to achieve a turnover of more than DM4m in

1982.

The horseshoe-shaped estate with its inner courtyard full of lovers, a goldfish pond, a biological vegetable garden and meadows, started out as an artists' colony in the early 1970's.

But following the suggestion of a Bhagwan disciple, the owners decided to go to Poon in 1975 and returned to Bavaria with instructions to find a new ashram.

Until six months ago, the meditation centre in Margarethried housed between 6 and 15 followers of the god.

The family has meanwhile grown to 30 adults and 8 children; and up to 100 guests can be accommodated for a daily fee of DM80.

Incidentally, they get along splendidly with their rural neighbours.

The daily routine is strict and the hierarchy equally so.

The days are regulated by a cast iron bell said to date back to Luther's day.

The daily schedule starts with meditation between 6 and 7 a.m. broke up by breathing exercises and sometimes screaming and dancing.

Then come recorded messages from the Bhagwan himself.

This is followed by showers and a communal breakfast.

Apart from a two-hour lunch break, the members work until sun-

### By a correspondent

down.

After an hour of dancing and listening to heavenly music or meditating (Westerners must first get rid of their aggressions, Bhagwan says, before they can calm down) the Sannyasins are permitted to go to the cinema or a discotheque.

The centre runs a publishing house that prints and records the Bhagwan's pronouncements, a clothing boutique, laundries and therapy groups.

At this point plenty of work for the members of the family, who are aged between 2 and 55 and whose idyllic life is supervised by "department heads" who owe their positions to the simple fact that they are equipped with the "lust (and love) needed for the task."

Love is the essence of the ashram. "We have a strong sexual life." But sex is only allowed if all contraceptive precautions have been taken, the participants have

the participants of the current 31-day course are told.

The centre offers courses ranging in duration between three and 31 days in which the guru disciples are supposed to learn how to cope with everyday stress and get to the core of their emotions.

Massage, dance, physical therapy and group encounters are to enable the participants to experience situations "they have never been faced with before."

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Red Kooga King of Ginseng, the kind which was reserved for the very best Emperor of China. The scientists have discovered that ginseng helps you run faster, work longer, understand much more quickly.

If your body is tired and you feel too old to do anything, then Red Kooga Ginseng not only makes you feel young again — it makes you act young.

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ginseng will not only make you live happier but also live longer.

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In Britain the sales of Red Kooga Ginseng have never been so high. All kinds of sportsmen, especially star footballers take it. It is not a drug. It is completely natural.

You can buy Red Kooga King of Ginseng as an elixir or in tablet form.

As an elixir the ginseng is mixed with the syrup of pure cane and pure alcohol. Or you can

chew Red Kooga ginseng tablets.

They are completely pure and natural. Nothing is added nothing is taken away.

And to assure you that Red Kooga King of Ginseng is the finest ginseng available, the Korean Government has awarded Red Kooga their Seal of Supremacy.

Red Kooga ginseng has also been awarded the Gold Seal of Quality of the British Analytical Control Company.

If you have difficulty in getting Red Kooga ginseng, then contact: Tisco of Nigeria Ltd, 23 Association Avenue, Lagos, Nigeria.

# AS: A NEW SOURCE ENERGY

source of raw materials of hydrocarbons are several times more than the reserves of coal, conventional natural gas.

Now this problem has evoked keen interest all over the world. It is being tackled in the United States, Canada, the Netherlands and West Germany. In the near future the interest in solid gas as a major source of complementing the fuel-energy balance will undoubtedly greatly increase.

What are gaseous hydrates? They are form-

ed in the earth's crust, or rather in its upper sedimentary cover out of the compound of methane, ethane, propane and other gases with water at a pressure of 0 to 250 atmospheres and at temperatures below zero or slightly above — up to 20 degrees Centigrade.

A volume of hydrate can contain up to 200 volumes of gas, although in ordinary conditions it is difficult to dissolve more than four cubic metres of natural gas in a cubic metre of water.

Calculations carried out in recent years have shown that favourable conditions for the formation of solid gas in the earth's crust exist on 27 per cent of dry land,

mainly in the regions of permafrost and glaciers, and also on the nineteenth of the area of the bed of the earth's oceans.

Low temperatures of water on the sea and ocean floors and high pressures provide ideal conditions for the formation of gaseous hydrates in the upper layers of

sediments.

Soviet scientists have confirmed the existence of them by hosting a core sample from the Black Sea floor. Gaseous hydrate was

usually present in it. American geologists who drilled in the ocean from the ship GLOMAR CHALLENGER have scored a similar success.



The portable "Placements" robot from Britain, highly versatile capability as a permanent fixture or as a mobile back-up for a range of work, including spraying, quality control, tinning and assembly.

According to scientists' calculations the expected reserves of gas in the solid state on the sea and ocean bed amount to billions of cubic metres.

The exploitation of gaseous hydrate deposits itself. Scientists have come to the conclusion that gas must be transformed from the solid state into free state directly in the seam.

Such a transformation can be achieved by the reduction of seam pressure, by the rise of the temperature or by the introduction of anti-hydrate liquids into the

seam. As for the extraction of the deposits on the floor of the world's oceans, it is possible at the modern level of technical development only if the problem of the transportation of gas of the consumer is solved.

Some scientists suggest to liquefy gas on the spot or to transport hydrates in underwater containers, but in any case the extraction of gas from sea sediments requires huge investments.

When shall we approach the solution to the problems of using solid gas?

extremely promising but we are just approaching the solution of numerous theoretical and practical problems. The next stage of more profound and detailed studies of the problems of a general and applied character will be no less labour-consuming or prolonged.

At the same time it will be more generous as far as the practical return is concerned.

Within the next 15 to 20 years we shall be able to practically tackle the problem of extracting gaseous hydrates deposits on a commercial scale.



"In view of the anxiety of the general public in the increasing wave of lawlessness in schools, and considering the fact that indiscipline among youths is the result of multi-dimensional factors, and realizing that the position could be aggravated by any hostile, critical or punishing measures that trained social workers who are better trained to handle such cases should be posted to schools.

That was a part of a memorandum issued by the Nigerian Association of Social Workers (NASW) at the end of its second annual conference held at Kaduna in March 15 - 17, 1981.

It was a reaction to what the NASW called "indivisible misplaced effort" by the then Federal Military Government of Nigeria, by deploying soldiers to post-primary institutions in 1978.

To do what? An imagined means to solve the increasing wave of lawlessness in schools, in other words, to maintain discipline.

But before that conference of the NASW in 1978, the commissioners responsible for Social Development in the Federation had already met at Enugu in December, 1977 and decided that all the States should set up SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNITS in their various States.

The main objective was to check and control truancy and absenteeism in our primary and post-primary institutions in the country.

The question then comes.

What is the role of School Social Work in our educational system?

Before I delve into the functions of a School Social Worker, I must try to define the term "Social Work" and try to adduce reasons why social work should be a part and parcel of our educational system.

Social Work, simply put is a social institutional method of helping people to enhance their social functioning and to resolve their social problems.

It is a professional helping service to optimize the social functioning of people individually and collectively, by improving the adjustments between man and their environment and by providing the resources needed by people to do so.

#### REASONS:

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# Social work in our education system

social workers in our schools are abundant. Every age group has its own unique problems, more especially those in the schooling stage.

Psychological studies of adolescence had made much of the concept of developmental tasks which later adolescence, particularly among post-primary students encounter, breaking away from family ties, gaining emotional independence, the developing of a life philosophy, the selecting of and preparing for a career, discovering new masculine and feminine roles, the choice of a life pattern, are among the tasks that students face.

Such tasks and decisions affect a student's entire future.

There is no doubt that

problems. These include such areas as adjustment to college life, personal psychological relations, vocational and recreational activities, health and teaching procedures, psychological relations, home and family life etc.

Most interestingly, in some cases, students don't even know the true nature of their problems.

In 1933, one Bennet conducted a study on five different campuses and pointed out that a large number of students who had received counseling had a different conception of what their problem was from what the counsellor later found it to be.

In a nation where its people takes the Western World with its sophistications as a mir-

and technical skills was realised. Education (therefore, especially at the post-primary level, became a necessity for all rather than a privilege for few.

With this development and the growth of population, a greater diversity of goals among students and consequent rise of varied curricula emerged.

Greater diversity meant greater problems in educational and vocational planning, remedial programmes and discipline.

In view of these developments, it is not surprising that both educators and the general public looked to counselling and guidance services for help.

In this respect, a proportion of the school age population is tested out of the system, a traditional reliance on fee paying systems provided financial barriers for others, and finally, large classes, lack of highly trained personnel and alternative programmes meant that only the average or above average, self-directed individual or family would likely succeed in the system.

Again, in the contemporary scene there are efforts to change some of these features, however the consequence of these changes result in the very elements which add to the need for intervention.

As social and educational system develop, we begin to identify conditions that point to the need for social work intervention in the educational system to ensure optimal effectiveness in achieving goals. This escalating need can logically be related to several current factors.

Most among them is an increased need for more and better trained citizens.

This need is clear in light of the industrial and democratic goals for this country envisioned by its national leaders. The realization of these goals require an enlightened, educated and disciplined population which can participate in the current and future labour market and decision making processes.

This factor has placed more and more demands on the school system to ensure that their programmes produce the quantity and quality of students required to maintain social stability and progress.

Here, social work programmes are needed to work between the school system and their operations and other social institutions in the community.

The purpose is to aid the schools in carrying out their teaching and learning functions in ways that will contribute to stability and needed improvements in society.

Besides, a factor related to the need for school social work pro-



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grammes and closely related to the need for a better educated citizenry is the contemporary mandate for compulsory education.

This means that the nation's school system, as a totality, can no longer screen out individuals or groups which present problems, but they must be prepared to accommodate all legal recipients as mandated under the compulsory law or decree.

This has tended to widen the range of social, economic, physical and intellectual attributes to be handled in the educational system.

In this situation social work intervention is required to help cope with the problems of adjustment on the part of the school system as well as for the individual student and their families.

The above factor brings to mind the needs of the "maladjusted school child".

By this term, I mean, a school child who fails to fit in properly into the school community intellectually, morally and socially because of traceable defect in physical, mental or emotional integration with his school situational conditions.

A child may be maladjusted in the school because of various reasons including lack of good parental care at home, poor

parents-child relationship, family separation, social relationship in schools particularly between the teacher and the pupil, unhealthy school environment, and or he might be suffering from personality problems or he may be a victim of internal conflict, curriculum/teaching procedures in school may also be a contributory factor.

(To be continued)



Kids entertaining an audience

many young people may make choices and adjustments quite easily, for others, they may constitute a great source of problem.

In trying to classify student problems, E. Williamson (1939) in one of his books on student counselling, classified student problems into four major areas: Problems of educational orientation and achievement, personality problems, financial and health problems, and problems of emotional orientation.

In 1951, E. Wrenn listed the following problems: academic problems, vocational problems, social problems and emotional problems.

A study conducted by R. Robinson of Ohio University in 1950 showed that students will mark an average of 25

or had decided to replace its traditions, cultures and social norms with those of the Western World. It becomes apparent that the society must also be complex rather than traditional.

In such a case, it is difficult if not impossible to imagine the traditional classroom teacher performing all the educational functions and possessing all the behavioural skills to meet the unique problems of each student as indicated above.

It was because of this that counselling and guidance arose at the turn of the century particularly in the Western European countries.

After the era of turbulence and transition, what followed was industrialization and the importance of scientific

The Counselling and Guidance Units in our educational institutions can only perform their own duties especially in career problems. They can not go into psychoanalysis or engage in psychotherapy as to provide for the total "person-in-situation" which is the foundation of social work practice.

Taking a look at the Nigerian system of education, one may see the need for the introduction of social work in the schools. The present system of education in Nigeria is a unique type of "exclusivism".

By this I mean, the fanatic adherence to standardized examination to regulate a student's position in the system and to determine his entrance and exit into various levels of the system.



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(iv) To build 5 Health Centres;

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Okheji, Sagbama, and  
Ogbia;

(vii) To establish 4 Nursing and Midwifery Schools at Ahoada, Bori, Degema, and Ogbia;

(viii) To build one School of Health Technology at Yenagoo.

In addition to the above new health institutions government policy permits communities to build their own health clinics, primary health centres and maternity subject to the prior approval of the Ministry of Health.

These clinics cost about N30,000 to N35,000 to each of which Government provides a matching grant of N10,000.

In furtherance of our goal to provide both preventive and curative health care to every community in the state the Health Management Board Law is being reviewed to usher in a more effective set-up of functional bodies to be known as Zonal Health Management Boards.

As a provisional steps to decentralise the functions of the main Board, 13 Zonal Boards have been created, one for each of the 10 Local Government Authority areas in the state, and the General Hospital, Port Harcourt, Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, Port Harcourt, and the Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Rumuigbo have also been classified as Zonal Health Boards respectively.

The main Board will apparently phase out as soon as the new Law for the Zonal Boards comes into force.

There are fifty (50)

The former on-going hospital projects at Okheji, Bodo, Brass and Nembe have since been commissioned.

The total bed complement in the hospitals is now one thousand, six hundred and eighty-four (1,684).

There are now 22 general hospitals functioning actively in the state as against 16 at the time this Administration came into office."

The general hospitals at Ogu, Taabaa, Nehia, Oporoma, Okwuzi, Emelego, Kpuri, Okolobiri, and Ogbia which are nearing completion, will be commissioned for service early in 1982.

It is expected that the total bed complement will rise to about 5,174 when the above-mentioned hospitals become functional.

In addition to the Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, two other Specialist Hospitals are to be built.

These are the Orthopaedic Hospital and the Ear, Nose, Throat and Eye Hospital, all in Port Harcourt.

The second phase of the Maternity and Children's Hospital is also progressing and is expected to be completed before the end of the 1982 financial year.

**HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

During the 1981 Budget Session I announced to you that all the 40 housing units at the Presidential Housing Estate have been completed and sold to the public as well as the 642

units at Elekhia Estate. I also told you that the second phase of the Elekhia Housing Estate was underway.

We have now completed and allocated 186 Units at the Elekhia Housing Estate Phase II. Construction of low cost houses is going on simultaneously at 39 sites.

Work is also progressing on 18 medium cost houses both at the Presidential Housing Estate Phase II and the Rumbekwe Housing Estate in Port Harcourt.

As regards our low cost housing programme 550 units are nearly completed at Ken Khana, Omoku, Bori Town, Brass and Obio-Akpor.

In addition, work has reached 50% completion at Nyo-Khana District, Ndeki-Asa, Bakana Urban, And Eieme Urban.

For the 1982 financial year we propose to construct 20 two-bedroom units and 20 three-bedroom units in each of the 50 Local Government Districts.

Similarly, 300 two-bedroom flats, 200 three-bedroom flats and 100 medium cost houses have been earmarked for Port Harcourt because of its acute accommodation problem.

But under our rural housing scheme which will come into effect in 1982 we intend to upgrade 1,500 houses in the 50 Local Government Districts of the state.

In keeping with Government policy for the orderly development of our towns and villages Government has designated about 20 layout plans for towns and villages within the ten Local Government areas.

We also propose to review most of the Master Plans of some of our towns which were prepared over seven years ago. In this connection Government is acquiring land in Ogbia, Degema and Abua for the campuses of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology.

The Master Plans of these three towns will make provision among

Other things for the University Campuses.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

As you are aware, 50 Local Government units have been created within the existing 10 Local Government areas.

These 50 units named Districts, Cities, or Urban Councils, are settling down to their duties. Unfortunately Councils are depending on government grants as their main source of revenue.

They have received about N35 million in grants but internally generated revenue is less than 10% of their total receipts.

However, Councils are being empowered to levy property rates, etc and it is hoped that this will yield considerable revenue.

The Port Harcourt City Council will probably realise a handsome revenue of N5 million from property rates.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The following statistics show what progress is going on in the rural communities:

| Year | No. of Self-help Projects | Matching Grant Paid |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1980 | 285                       | N14 million         |
| 1981 | 294                       | N17 million         |

Many self-help projects have qualified for grants totalling N17 million, but

carrying out a few community small-scale industries.

The building of 6 Community Industries has been completed. Four of them are at Kwaia (Pottery) and Ndele (burr brick), Obichuru (Pottery) and Umucoko (Textile weaving).

**"There are now 22 general hospitals functioning actively in the state as against 16 at the time this Administration came into office".**

The Fruma (Popo Cloth) and the Owerre (Textile) are to be commissioned early in 1982.

**TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

The major achievements in the industrial sector included the completion of preliminary works (land acquisition and clearing) for the Federal fertilizer project at Onne and the

local industrialists back up information and support from Government.

Still in the industrial sector, a total of N286.00 was paid out as loans under our Small Scale Industrial Loans Scheme while the value of application approved but not yet paid out stands at N217.50.

At present the limit of loan grantable to a single project stands at N80,000. A proposal will be submitted in 1982 for an increase of this amount to N120,000 in line with Federal guidelines on the project.

**WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

A total of 1,002 kilometres of road network are being surveyed, designed, or constructed.



Assemblymen stand as the governor comes in to present his budget

funds are not available for payment.

Three Rural Craft Centres at Abua, Deyor,

and Nembe were commissioned in 1981 bringing to 16 the number of such operational craft centres in the state.

More than 1,000 persons are currently undergoing various courses in sewing, carpentry, masonry, and carving.

Government is also

construction contract, the processing of papers following negotiations with the firm of Vec International for establishment of a Pharmaceutical Industry in the state, and the complete payment of Government shareholding in the Pabod Breweries. Project leading to the very fast progress now attained in the actual construction of the factory at Trans-

This is a project which when completed is estimated to cost about N716 million."

This is a programme which for obvious reasons must be spread over a number of years,

but the wisdom for committing so much money on roads cannot be questioned.

(To be continued)



## Classified Adverts

### CHANGE OF NAME

**OGALI** — I formerly known, called and addressed as Mr Dayi Ogali, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mr Dayi Mathew Ogal. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note. Mr Dayi Mathew Ogal.

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**SILAS** — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Mrs Charity Silas, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Charity Emenike. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Electricity and Water Supply Commission, Exeter, Sagbama and the general public should please take note. Mrs Charity Emenike.

## SYMPOSIUM City Life Club

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#### SPEAKERS:

Dr Akonu Ibiom  
Rev C. T. George  
Mr S. Mbatia

#### VENUE:

Rivers State Council of Arts  
and Cultural Centre Port  
Harcourt

#### DATE:

Saturday, 31st October  
1981

#### TIME:

5 p.m.  
W. C. ONONOGBU  
Organising Secretary.

## Oganihi Mba Annual Festival

The Oganihi Mba Etehe annual festival starts on Sunday 1st November, 1981 with special prayers in all the churches in Mba Community.

On Monday 2nd November, 1981, the festival continues at State School Umuede-Mba with cultural dances after pouring of libation by His Highness A. A. Anum, Onye Ishi Agwuru Mba Group.

The Festival rotates as follows —

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 3rd November, 1981 | — Umuecham    |
| 4th "              | — Amaku       |
| 5th "              | — Umuayara    |
| 6th "              | — Umuaturu    |
| 8th "              | — Umuka       |
| 10th "             | — Okudu       |
| 11th "             | — Umuofor     |
|                    | — Umuokomoche |
| 12th "             | — Umumbiri    |

And finally closes at Edolan on Friday 13th November, 1981.

The ceremony which lasts for eleven days features among other things wrestling and cultural displays.

You are all welcomed

MR E. U. AMADI  
Chairman

MR O. EWINKE  
Secretary

## NATIONAL PARTY OF NIGERIA (N.P.N.)

### ABUA DISTRICT BRANCH

There will be a General Meeting of the Abua District Branch of the National Party of Nigeria (N.P.N.) at the Government Secondary School Hall Egbelom, Okpeden on Saturday, 31st October, 1981 at 10 a.m. prompt.

Both old and new members both at home and abroad are cordially invited to attend. Business for the day will include registration of new members. Please be punctual.

F.Y. Nengim  
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The Garden City International Band of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, invites the general public at the Launching Ceremony of their 1st LP No. EMLP 003, titled: "OBU AYIWA-AIYWA".

Date: Saturday, 31st October, 1981

Time: 12.00 noon prompt.

Place: Rumuigbo Civic Centre,  
Rumuigbo, Port Harcourt,  
Rivers State.

A. W. OKAJILE  
Organising Secretary

R. S. V. P.  
PRINCE AMADI WODI  
Alias "Mighty Prince"  
(Band Leader)

JACKWEST OMODU  
Alias "Western"  
(Vocalist)

## PORT HARCOURT CLUB October Month - end Dance

There will be the usual month-end dance on Saturday, 31st October 1981 at the Port Harcourt Club.

Bands (1) Professional Sea Gulls  
and  
(2) Paulson Kalu

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and  
(2) Emma Ogesi

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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF BENIN  
BENIN - CITY, NIGERIA

# 1981 Convocation for the Conferment of Degrees, Award of Diplomas and Certificates and Presentation of Prizes

The University of Benin Convocation Ceremony for the conferment of degrees, award of diplomas and certificates and presentation of prizes has been scheduled as follows:—

**Friday: 20th November, 1981 — Award of Diplomas and Certificates**

**Saturday, 21st November, 1981 — Conferment of Degrees and Post Graduate Diplomas and Presentation of Prizes.**

## ADVICE TO GRADUANDS

Graduands are required to be present to receive their degrees, diplomas, certificates and prizes in person. Degrees, diplomas and certificates may be conferred "in absentia" on those, who for unavoidable reasons will not be able to attend the ceremony. Such graduands are expected to give due notice in writing, stating the reason for their inability to attend. The notice should reach the Deputy Registrar (Academic) University of Benin, P. M. B. 1154, Benin City, not later than Monday, 9th November, 1981.

Each graduand is permitted to bring two guests only for whom seats will be provided at the ceremony. (Please note that the University does not normally cater for children). Invitation cards for these guests will be issued to the graduands when they arrive to collect their academic outfits at the Academic Office on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November, 1981 between 8.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. It will be the responsibility of the graduands to deliver the invitation cards to their guests and arrange for their accommodation in Benin City.

Each day's ceremony will start at 10.00 a.m. prompt, but graduands will be required to arrive at the Sports Centre at 8.30 a.m. for briefing and robing.

Recipients of Diploma and Certificate are expected to report at the Sports' Centre on Wednesday, 18th November, 1981 at 10.00 a.m. for rehearsals.

Recipients of degrees and post-graduate diplomas are expected to report for rehearsals at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 19th November, 1981 at the Sports' Complex.

Graduands are also requested to communicate their current mailing addresses to the Deputy Registrar (Academic), University of Benin without delay.

(SIGNED)

**E. I. AYANRU**  
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT REGISTRAR  
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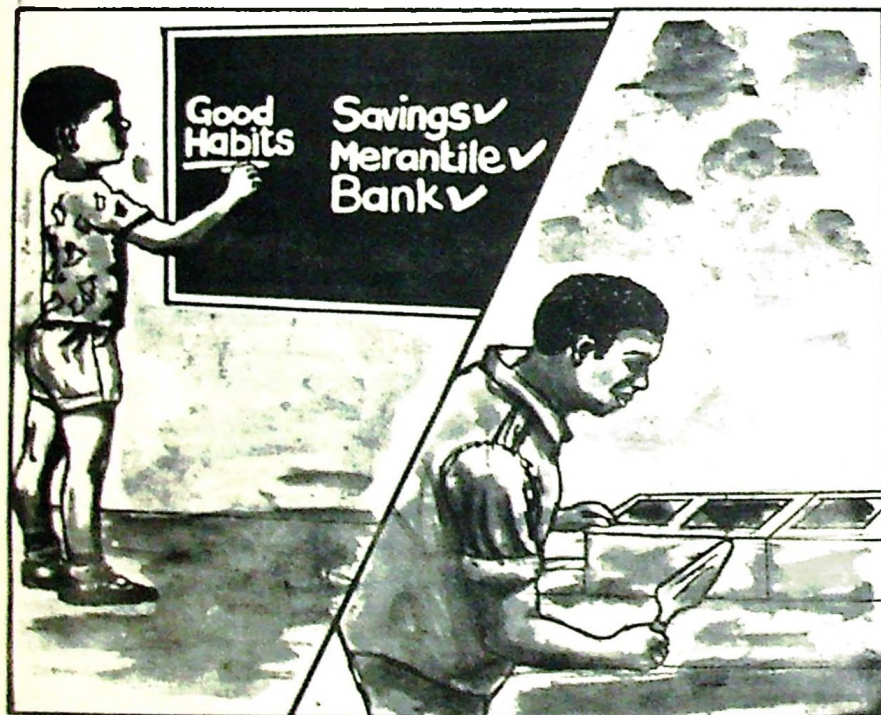
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## ATTENTION: ALL MANUFACTURING AND SERVICING ESTABLISHMENTS

In pursuance of the Federal Government's determination to facilitate and speed up the industrialisation of this country, the Federal Ministry of Industries has embarked setting up an Industrial Data Bank. For this purpose, a Nationwide Industrial Survey of Manufacturing Establishments is currently being undertaken.

Various government functionaries, authorized enumerators and the staff of CENTORIA GROUP LIMITED — Consultants for this project will be calling on your establishment with survey questionnaires for this exercise. The end result will be of immense importance to individual industries, consultants, planners and indeed the orderly and efficient development of the industrial sector of the national economy. Without the co-operation of all concerned, this important goal cannot be achieved.

All manufacturing and servicing establishments, including small-scale industries, in the state are requested to collect, if they have not been given a set of the questionnaires and to return the same to the state Ministry of Trade and Industry. The closing date for this survey exercise is Wednesday 11th November, 1981.

Please note that, henceforth, you will be required to show proof of compliance and evidence of your co-operation and involvement in this survey in all your future dealings with the Ministry, such as applications for Expatriate quota, Approved User Scheme (AUS), and Approval to incur Capital Expenditure, etc. Should you have any questions regarding this exercise please contact either of the following:—

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Federal Ministry of Industries,  
Investment Information and  
Promotion Division,  
The Secretariat, Ikoyi Lagos

(2) Ministry of Trade & Industry,  
Industries Division,  
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# NTC CUP TUSSLE



## BHS is P'Harcourt zonal champion

AFTER three draw years' Nigeria Tobacco Baptist High School NTC Cup competition, all it had emerged the Port Harcourt zonal champion of this

by Ekpe Henshaw

Baptist walloped its arch rival Enitonna High School by a goal aggregate of 7-6 through 5-6 penalty kicks after a hectic 90 minutes 3-3 draw.

By jove, both teams must be commended for their scintillating performance. There is no doubting the fact that both sides played a fairly good game coupled with fine soccer artistry amidst ovation.

For the Enitonna boys, it was not their day. They played all within their soccer bags but ill luck was the only factor in their defeat. Nevertheless, Dennis Abbe should be given a pat on the back for his brilliant manoeuvre which

kept the Baptist defence panicking throughout the encounter.

However, after leading confidently with a 3 goal lead in the first half,

Enitonna boys sacked Genias as Sharks product, Benjamin Nzeakor of BHS led his determined and desperate suicide squad up the scores in the second half and finally sealed up their fantastic work by scoring four out of the five penalty kicks while Enitonna scored three.

In fact, Enitonna High School owe much gratitude to Godwin Kalo, Benjamin Nzeakor and Daddy Kalo who amongst others contributed immensely to their victory.

## Union Bank sportsmen in action



**SUPER UMAMA!** That was the applaud that greeted table tennis star "goldengirl" Edwart Umama of Port Harcourt

when she clearly outstroked her male counterpart - M. Ogundu in two straight sets of 21-13, 21-11 at the just concluded 1981

Inter-Area Union Bank Sports Competition between Port Harcourt and Ibadan. The former won 3-1.

\*Picture left, shows Miss Umama returning a backhand stroke at the tourney. Picture above is a goalmouth scramble during the football match

which was won by Port Harcourt 4-0. Snap shots by Adiele Opan.

## Uphill task for the Green Eagles

IT has been said once by the chief priest of a famous shrine that the dog that eats an egg rejected by the gods would not only go mad, but would also lose its ability to bark.

If this saying is true, then there is no doubt that the Algerian National team would turn the Nigerian Green Eagles attempts into dwarfs when they meet today in the World Cup African zone second leg final at Constatine, Algeria.

As a guideline to this optimism, the Eagles will enter the field with a weight of 2-0 defeat held over them by the Algerians in the first leg played three weeks ago in Lagos.

This is a hard saying but one cannot help voicing it out that our going to Algeria for the World Cup African zone

final is only a formality, because the battle has since been won and lost in the first leg in Lagos. If for anything, the Algerian skipper, Fergani Ali had earlier said us that they are going to play as if they lost in the first leg, which clearly suggests that our boys really have a bone to pick with the Algerians today.

By **INENGISA SOMIARI**

What we are trying to say in effect is that the Eagles chance in the World Cup second leg in Algeria is very slim.

Just as it is not an impossible feat for Nigeria to beat Algeria by four goals to one over there, it is equally possible for us to be humiliated once again by three goals to nothing scoreline. This likelihood is rightly pointed out because soccer is not a game that easily lends itself to the precision of

mathematical calculation.

Against this background, however, one could see an atom of hope for Nigeria if emphasis must be laid on fielding the right materials at the right time.

All things being equal, the following line-up for the second-leg in goal should be 'man mountain' Emmanuel Odeh who with his experience and imperturbability is the right man for the occasion.

The back line should parade the following: Sylvanus Okpara, Okey Isima, Stephen Kushi and Loetis Boateng.

Mid-field: Mudo Lawal, Andrew or Aloisius Atuegbu.

Most importantly at the up-front should be John Chiedozie at the outside right; Thompson Usien and Henry Nwosu at the centre forward and 'Chief Justice' Adolphus Ama

smoke at the outside left position.

Substitutes are Peter Rufa, Tunde Bamidele, Tunji Banjo, Christian Nwokocho and chairman Christian Chukwu.

This line-up barring any injuries should undoubtedly do us proud at Algeria.

We fielded the wrong players in the first leg in Lagos which was why we received that terrible defeat of a humiliation.

Coach **Mr. Ndabanyi**: Sinclair, who was today's helluva tight said, Odeh is known to be cool and calculated under testing conditions, and that if he is among the registered ones has his first choice.

Captain Mudo Lawal, he says is a skilful hard-working mid field and his partner Atuegbu is no less so. Together, he believes they will be able to link up the defence and the attack and deli-

## Rivers league series kick off

THE Rivers State Football Super League competition took off on Wednesday between the Police F.C. and the Nigerian Petroleum Refining Corporation (NPRC) F.C. while the Pan African Bank Football squad took on the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA).

In an official release issued by the secretary of the Rivers State Football Association, Mr. Okey Odeh, it was stated that the league which involves five teams, following the

withdrawal of the National Oil and Chemical Marketing Company (NOLCHEM) football team is to choose the state representative to the National League preliminary for the National Division 3 scheduled to commence on November 7 at various centres.

However, the Rivers State has been drawn to play in the Ibadan centre alongside Cross River, Ogun and Kaduna States, the release added.

In another development, the release further stated that, the association had warned about the consequences on the absence of some star players invited for camping in preparation for the Fifth National Sports Festival.

To this effect, the association has therefore decided to suspend any invited players who fail to report in camp immediately.



**MUDO LAWAL**  
Eagles skipper



# NIGERIAN TIDE

Friday, October 30, 1981



CHIEF O.N. NSIRIM

## AGENTS OF DISUNITY WARNED

An appeal has gone out to the people of the Rivers State to resist attempts by some disgruntled elements to disrupt the present administration in the state.

They were further warned that the agents of doom were whipping up ethnic sentiments to achieve their diabolical aims.

Making the appeal in Port Harcourt, the state treasurer of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) who is also the Agent of Rumours in the Port Harcourt Local Government area, Chief O.N. Nsirim spoke of the strange behaviour of those he described as disgruntled party stalwarts.

These people, he stated were determined to create confusion within the National Party of Nigeria in the state for no other reason than to foster their misguided inordinate ambitions.

Chief Nsirim accused the confederates of organising their local communities to stand in the way of progress in the state.

He said they had continued to express dissatisfaction with the activities of the government and had recently intended to drop the present administration into local chieftaincy tussles to no avail.

The Agent alleged that at a time when the NPN administration in the state was working resolutely to ensure the unity, love and togetherness of the various ethnic groups, a few selfish individuals were seeking ethnic solidarity to the detriment of the general welfare of the Rivers populace.

Chief Nsirim then looked the demand by a group of top party functionaries to divide an existing community into two with separate councils as well as the requirement of a new traditional ruler for another section of the same community.

It was the primary objective of the present administration to ensure that misunderstandings among communities were resolved amicably without

## Queen donates

Last Tuesday, the reigning beauty queen of Nigeria, Miss Syster Jack, donated N300 to the aid of disabled persons in the Rivers State, at the Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt.

Here, Miss Jack (left) is seen presenting a cheque for the amount to a representative of the state Committee on the International Year for Disabled Persons, Mrs Boma Ogosi.

Picture by J. Mophol



# Robbery suspect

by Monday Frank



Akeji Isanella Gwerzo  
Rivers State Police Boss

A special anti robbery squad from the Rivers State Police Command, has shot dead an armed robbery suspect believed to be the leader of a gang of under-world men.

The suspect met his death during a fierce gun battle between the crime busters and the bandits.

Other suspects who escaped during the battle are reported to have gone underground.

Already, a locally made pistol said to have been used by the robbery suspects during the incident, which took place in the Diobu area, has been recovered by the police from the scene of the encounter.

# shot dead

Competent police sources claimed that the robbery suspects were alleged to have gained entry into residential quarters, but were harassed by vigilant dogs owned by the residents.

Following the barking of the dogs, duty policemen on patrol were attracted to the scene, and as the police vehicles approached, the underworld men hurriedly jumped out of the premises and took to their heels, but were chased by the law enforcement agencies.

However, the race

between the bandits and the police later developed into serious gun battle, during which one of the fleeing robbery suspects was killed while the rest escaped.

On a visit to the scene of the crime, homicide detectives were seen taking the finger prints of the deceased bandit.

Confirming the story to the Nigerian Tide, the divisional police officer in charge of Olu Obasanjo Police Station, Mr. D.C. Ikoi, said that a massive man-hunt for members of the gang now at large, has been mounted by his men.

## Duties at grass-roots well defined — LG boss

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Local Government, Chief L.D. Ayah has refuted allegations of conflict in the functions of the various grass-roots administrative set-ups.

Chief Ayah did not agree that the appointment of top functionaries as Governor's liaison officers, chairmen and permanent secretaries at the level was unnecessary duplication of efforts and posts.

Speaking in Port Harcourt N.T.V. Channel 10 programme, titled "Guest of the week", the commissioner disclosed that the duties

of the various agencies were clearly defined, and as such he did not see any cause for conflict along the line.

He noted the state government's good intentions in the establishment of the agencies, and mentioned their strategic values to the success of the decentralisation policy.

Chief Ayah explained that though the agencies were to some extent autonomous, the analogous nature of their assignments made it apparently necessary for them to exercise a measure of co-operation in the discharge of these important duties.

The commissioner particular

reference to the execution of development projects in their areas of authority, explaining that under such a situation, the various agencies were expected to liaise with each other in order to monitor their project.

## LG ACCOUNTS BILL WITHDRAWN

A bill seeking to establish a Rivers State Joint Local Government Account Allocation Committee has been withdrawn from the state House of Assembly.

The bill which aimed at formulating a system for the disbursement of funds allocated to the local government revenue in the state, was sponsored by the majority whip, Prince T.K.O. Okorote.

Its withdrawal was sequel to a unanimous resolution of the House to withdraw the document in order to up-date it with the necessary data. Extract on the bill was

started after the second reading by the minority leader.

Chief J.D. Osaronu, who observed that in view of the fact that the document emanated from the nullified Revenue Allocation Law, it no longer had any legal credibility.

He contended that there was the need for the document to be updated with the relevant data to enable members assess the criteria used.

The minority leader, also wondered whether emoluments spent on staff salaries and maintenance of the existing 50 local government units would not result in the reduction of funds for the LGAs as well as amount to a duplication of functions.

The co-sponsor of the motion, Prince Okorote objected and maintained that section 145 (5) of the constitution which gave rise to the nullified act, also empowered the establishment of the Local Government Joint Account. He expressed the hope that when the bill has been updated, members would treat it with dispatch.

L.W. Chuku opined that the amendment should not render proceedings on the bill improper, since it only required the determination of the disbursement percentage and that this should not be subject to the approval of provisions of an Act by the National Assembly.



Chief L.D. Ayah