

## Senate okays 10% cut in Fed staff salaries

THE Senate has passed a motion directing that the salaries of all elected and appointed federal officers should be reduced by 10 per cent with effect from June 1.

The motion, which was sponsored by Senator Ayo Fasanni (UPN Ondo) was passed with 28 votes to 25 while eight senators, mostly from the NPP abstained.

Some NPP senators who voted against the motion said that they did so in protest against their not being allowed to contribute to the debate.

Majority of the NPN members who voted in favour stressed the need for "sacrifice" from everybody.

The motion urged that the intended reduction should be in force till the economy of the nation improved.

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## Robbers king-pin arrested in PH

ANTI CRIME detectives from the Rivers State Police Command in Port Harcourt have arrested a man suspected to be the leader of a gang of armed robbers operating in the state capital and its environs.

Confirmed police sources told the Nigerian Tide crime correspondent, that the arrested suspect with two of his lieutenants still at large, carried out their deadly operations in Rumuokoko village at the outskirts of Port Harcourt, where residents were subjected to harsh search.

After the successful operation, which was said to have taken place during the early hours of the day, members of the gang under the cover of gun-shots tried to escape but were stopped by the timely arrival of a police patrol team, attracted to the scene by the sounds of gun-fire.

The underworld men, according to police sources were said to have taken to their heels at the sight of the police vehicle, but luck eluded their niggles, and in a bid to jump in to their waiting van, fell into a near-by gutter and was apprehended.

The police paraded the arrested gang's chief before newsmen at the Command Headquarters, along Mission Road, and he was quoted to have told thousands of people who came to see him, that his name was John Agorfeke and that he was an Urhobo from Bendel State.



ACP Isang (second from right) interviews the suspect (with chains on his feet) at Police headquarters while others watch.

Meanwhile, the Assistant Commissioner of Police in Tide that his men have mounted a man hunt for the fleeing robbers, with an assurance that the arrested person would soon appear in court.

# FRAUDS BENEFIT IN OVERSEAS AWARDS

## Govt introduces checks

A REPORT of an independent organisation engaged by the Rivers State Government to investigate suspected incidents of fraud in its scholarship programme, has confirmed the existence of large-scale irregularities in the government's scholarship scheme.

According to the organisation's report, the scholarship swindle dated back to 1976 and more than 30 per cent of the total overseas students under the state government's sponsorship were discovered to be fake.

This shows that more than 400 fakes were involved with none of their names on the award lists

approved by the executive council of past state administrations or the present state chief executive.

The report further revealed that the documents of the award used by the students to defraud the government were forged. While some beneficiaries were discovered not to be in-

digines of the Rivers State, others who had legitimate awards manoeuvred to obtain unauthorised extensions and some circumvented the authorities to transfer such awards from Nigerian institutions to overseas universities.

## WORKERS SALARIES,

It supported the various measures of the Federal Government to revamp the economy, and advocated the taking over of all private petrol by the Nigerian Ports Authority.

It also called for the phasing of the work on the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja over a period of 10 to 20 years, a total ban on the importation of Mercedes Benz cars and a legislation for the immediate repatriation of all foreign savings by Nigerian nationals.

The congress directed all workers not to accept the unilateral increase of transport fares by unscrupulous drivers and transporters and called on the National Union of Road Transport Workers "to implement that directive effectively."

## HANDS OFF WORKERS NLC WARNS

THE Nigerian Labour Congress has warned that any attempt to tamper with the wages, salaries and fringe benefits of all categories

of Nigerian workers would be resisted.

In a communique issued in Lagos after a meeting of its central working committee, the congress pointed out that those who had contributed to the present economic malady of the country must be made to pay dearly for it.

The congress noted that Nigerian workers had made more than enough sacrifice to salvage the country's economy and would con-



Aliji Hassan Sunmonu



J.S.B. Alfred Oti, Commissioner for Education

## Exposure on Rivers bursary

of the National Union of Rivers State Students, a senior police officer and the secretary to the Scholarship Directorate.

Affected students, according to a government release, were free to refer their cases to the panel, forwarding along originals and photocopies of the award letter and other related documents, original academic records for years of study overseas as well as the original of official letter confirming attendance from the school in question, which must be signed by either the assistant registrar or the registrar only.

## PAUSE AND PONDER

Self-government means continuous effort to be independent of government control, whether it is foreign, state or national. Government will be a sorry thing if people look up to it for the regulation of every detail of life.



## Women donate to old people

In support of this International Year of Older Persons, the Yoruba Ladies Society, Warri branch in Bendel State over the weekend visited the Old People's Home, Maciver Road, Warri, and made some donations of food stuff and cash.

Among the things donated by the women were one bag of rice, cartons of milk and one carton of sugar. Others were one carton of Bournvita and a cash donation of N200.00.

Picture shows the president of the society Mrs. Masun Odigie presenting the cash gift and the food items to the matron of the inmates Mrs. Veronica Ometan.

# 18 KILLED IN BORDER CLASH

A dreadful border clash between the people of Ekajuk in Ogoja and Osokom in Boki local government areas of the Cross River State has resulted in the death of eighteen people.

Eleven people from Osokom and seven from Ekajuk have been admitted into the joint hospital, Ikum and Ogoja general hospital for treatment from bullets and machet

Osokom with ten representatives each, the divisional police officers from Ikum and Ogoja, council secretaries and caretaker chairmen from Ogoja and Boki local government areas.

At a meeting held at the Ikum council hall during the week, it resolved that the warring communities should withdraw, the people from the disputed area dismantle all road blocks, stop rumour mongering

## from Etim Essenam Calabar

Cuts as a result of the clash.

According to an eye witness account, guns, machetes and other deadly weapons were freely used by both factions during the clash over the boundary at the Ogoja-Okundi road junction along Ikum-Ogoja highway.

It said that as a result of the tense situation in the area, all roads leading to Boki from Ogoja and Afi local government areas were blocked by furious villagers.

The report also stated that all efforts by anti-racket policemen from Ikum and Ogoja to put the situation under control proved abortive.

Meanwhile, a peace committee set up to look into the dispute, had met with the acting paramount ruler of Ikum, Chief O. N. Egba as the chairman.

The committee also comprised the paramount ruler of Ogoja, Chief P. Abasi, the clan heads of Ekajuk and

## Germans need our exports

Businessmen and firms in the Federal Republic of Germany are eager to buy other commodities like cocoa, tin ore and coal in addition to oil to balance the volume of trade between their country and Nigeria, the Nigerian ambassador in Bonn said.

The ambassador, Mr. Lawa Rafindadi, told a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Bonn that the growing desire by businessmen and firms in the Federal Republic to have business links with Nigeria came as a result of president Shugu Shagari's visit to Bonn in March. "The president's visit

was timely.

It made a great impact and they are now making a lot of enquiries at the embassy about these commodities," the ambassador said.

Oil accounts for about 95 per cent of the Federal Republic's imports from Nigeria while Nigeria exports mainly industrial machineries from that country.

The ambassador said that the government of the Federal Republic of Germany had given pledged total financial support to its businessmen and firms intending to go into partnership with Nigerian businessmen. (NAN)

## OBITUARY

The Chairman, Commissioners and staff of Rivers State Local Government Service Commission, Port Harcourt announce with sorrow the death of their Secretary.



LATE MR ODUM JOHN OGBE

whose sudden death took place at Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, Port Harcourt on Sunday, 18th April, 1982. He is survived by an aged mother, wife, six children, a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday, 14th May, 1982

Body leaves Port Harcourt for his home town, Oshin in Enugu State District of Abia State Local Government.

SATURDAY, 15TH MAY, 1982

Commendation Service and Interment. After his last rest in perfect peace. Local Government Service Commission Port Harcourt.

## Students fight over females

THE Police in Chandigarh, Northern India, arrested 86 Nigerian and Kenyan students at the weekend following clashes and street fights that left several persons injured, according to a report reaching New Delhi.

Trouble started on Saturday when Kenyan students objected to the Nigerians being friendly with the Kenyan female students, the United

Nations of India (UNI) said. The Nigerians were accused of leaving astray 40 Kenyan girls who are now allegedly staying with them.

Quoting a police spokesman, UNI said that the Kenyan and Nigerian High Commissioners in New Delhi had met over the incident.

Both governments have been asked to do the disturbed area to prevent any further violence.

## SIX CHARGED WITH STEALING

Four bank officials and six businessmen have appeared before a Lagos High Court for allegedly stealing N645,000 belonging to the GNPP national leader, Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim.

The accused persons include Elisha Ajayi Moses and Hamidu Olasode, of the Bank of the North, Broad Street, Lagos, as well as Olusegun Williams and Philemon Adedoyin, of the Broad Street branch of the Savannah Bank, Lagos.

Other accused are, Ernest Egbunolu, Lamidi Sanni, Philip Edem, Paul Umolu, Godwin Okereke, and Paul Ibadia.

When the case was mentioned, a state counsel, Mr. Yinka Ajana, told the court that the prosecution was

N645,000

bringing 17-count charge against the accused, including conspiracy, forgery, uttering, inducing delivery of the money and obtaining the money by false pretences.

Mr. Ajana alleged that the accused persons between October and November 1976, induced the Broad Street branch of the Bank of the North to pay the Surulere branch of the Union Bank, various sums of money being part of the N645,000, into the account of one Alhaji Suleiman, a contractor, through a forged letter alleged to have been signed by Alhaji Waziri.

Testifying for the prosecution, a document reference clerk with the Broad Street branch of the Bank of the North, Mr. James Kunbin, said that the fourth accused, Elisha Ajayi Moses, an accountant with the bank, ignored laid-down regulations and approved the payment of over N600,000 into an account at the Union Bank, Surulere, without verifying the genuineness of a letter that requested the transfer.

A typist with the Savannah Bank, Broad Street, Pauline Ikinlaya, told the court in her evidence that the tenth accused, Philemon Adedoyin, a senior official of the bank, confirmed signatures in two letters alleged to have emanated from Alhaji Waziri's company, authorising the transfer of certain sums of the Union Bank account at Surulere.

# EDITORIAL

## LEAVE ARMY ALONE

**PROFESSOR AYODELE Awojobi** of the University of Lagos, has spoken again and, characteristically, taken another controversial stand on a national issue.

IN A LECTURE he delivered to students of the University of Lagos, Professor Awojobi reportedly urged that members of the Nigerian Armed Forces be deployed to aid Customs officials in the fight against smugglers.

MUCH AS WE share Professor Awojobi's concern at the alarming growth of smuggling in Nigeria, we think his solution may undermine the democratic processes of our presidential system.

IT WILL BE recalled that the main gate-way to political power for the Nigerian military was opened by the

Western Nigerian crisis during which soldiers were deployed to help bring peace to that troubled region.

IT HAS BEEN argued that this act of inviting the military to a purely civilian problem was to the soldiers, an open admission that the civilians could no longer guarantee the security of the nation.

TO SUGGEST THEREFORE, as the professor has done, that the military should once again take on a purely civilian responsibility, may lead to a chain reaction which may once again terminate our second experiment on democracy.

THE SUCCESS OF smuggling in this country depends more on the Nigerian's insatiable appetite for foreign goods than on the inability of

the Customsmen to check their entry into the country.

SMUGGLERS GO TO any length to get contraband into the country because they are always sure of a ready market.

TO REALLY SUCCEED in any fight against smugglers, we must begin with the Nigerian himself, his values and his tastes, all of which are related to goods and services not produced in his own country.

IT IS THESE tastes and values that have made smuggling such a lucrative business. The smuggler is not seen as an evil operator but as a patriot serving the paramount interests of an overwhelming majority of his country men.

EVEN PROFESSOR Awojobi himself cannot claim that there was no smuggling during the military era, because some Nigerian villages especially along the borders were known to have established trading posts in neighbouring countries where they went daily for smuggled goods!

WE APPEAL THAT such panic solutions to our problems should not be advanced if we seriously believe in the virtues of representative government.

## Akassa needs a post office

The Post Office the world over provides one of the easiest means of communication.

Many communities down to the rural level have been enjoying this important service provided by the P & T department which is an organ of the Federal Government.

While one has to give credit to the P & T for the establishment of more Post Offices here and there in Rivers State and in other parts of Nigeria, I wish to plead with this Federal Department why they have not found it necessary to open a standard post office in Akassa District.

In the past, the Akassa community made several presentations to the P & T to provide a post office in Akassa because of the peculiar terrain of the area, but the people have always been denied this essential service.

At this juncture, it would be necessary to remind the authorities in the department that Akassa District with a total of 14 towns and villages should be provided with one Post Office and several agencies.

With the decentralization policy, came Akassa District, one would have hoped that she would qualify for a Post Office. It would be observed that the day-to-day activities in the district have increased with additional work from the various functional committees.

For a government organ to function well, good postal services are required.

Recently, the Minister

of Communications announced that the Federal Government would open more post offices in all parts of the country.

With this ministerial promise, I am once more appealing to the authorities of the P & T department in the Rivers State to consider providing Akassa with a Post Office without delay.

The Akassa communi-

## Post office for Akpor

Please kindly allow me space in your widely read newspaper, "The Nigerian Tide" to express my views over the difficulties encountered by the people of Akpor in Obio/Akpor district of the Port Harcourt Local Government area in respect of mails.

Akpor comprises ten major villages where most higher institutions in the state are situated, these include the University of Port Harcourt, the Rivers State College of Education and the Catholic Institute for West Africa.

Akpor is a highly industrialized area as such companies like Nisco Ag. Ltd, The Bonny Oil and Gas Industries Limited, The Crush Rock Industries Limited, The MCC Ltd, The Honcon Limited, Wimpey Limited, Whessor Engineering Limited, Eastern Buikem Ltd, Haasrup to mention but a few are located in the area.

At the moment we pay N2,000 to travel to Port Harcourt to post our letters.

The Ministry of Telecommunications

has waited so long for this essential federal organ in the district.

I hope that as more branches are planned to be built in the state, Akassa will be included in your programme.

There is no better time than now.

Chief A.B. Iyabi-Kenbie  
Minibie-Akassa

Oliver W. Wichenidu

Ogbogoro-Akpor PH

## WAEC and RSA results

It is regrettable that WAEC has failed to release the RSA results for all stages which it conducted last June.

The attitude of WAEC has robbed us of the chances of either getting admission into professional bodies or schools and denied others promotion in various offices.

What beats my imagination is the top priority being given to other examinations conducted by WAEC to the detriment of RSA, why? Or is this examination not important?

I would be grateful if WAEC could release our results forthwith for a year has elapsed.

Eric Nkadozie  
Port Harcourt.

Kindly allow me a space in your widely read newspaper, the Nigerian Tide to join C. A. Ogbubadi in his call to the government to stop women who display their naked bodies in our daily and monthly magazines, and Benjamin Akajiofor in condemning beauty contests (Trust letters - Trust March 1982).

These young men should be given a pat on the back for pointing out the two immoral practices which are leading this country to disaster.

It is high time Nigerian leaders realize that one crime leads to another.

Even a child of ten is aware of the high rate of armed robbery, ditching

## WELL DONE

All these are aimed at extorting from men their hard earned money.

And what are the results?

Some impetuous men who cannot meet up with such monetary obligations resort to robbery (believe it or not it is true). Some indulge in embezzlement since this prerequisite for getting such women are lavishly furnished house and appearing fashionable and owning a luxurious car.

What happens to girls?

In order to measure up with these women they engage in prostitution

and use the proceeds to buy fashionable clothes and make-up so the consequent unwanted pregnancies and ditching of babies.

For beauty contests, it is nothing but another means by which the haves display their beauty and wealthy thus frustrate the have nots.

I therefore join my friends in urging the government to discourage these prestigious but unprofitable displays and use the money to cater for the poor.

Innocent A. Ofuru  
Ebie

## A DEN OF THIEVES

I would like to draw the attention of the general public and the Nigeria police in particular to the growing rate of criminality in the Diobu Mile 3 area of Port Harcourt.

I have watched with utter dismay how these criminals harass citizens of this area who go about their legal business to the extent that residents have started asking where these dubious characters come from.

It could be recalled that sometime last year these dens were destroyed around Oja, Emekke axis and in Gambia Street.

But now they have surfaced in Diobu Mile 3 with prominence at Bishop Okoye Street and the former Mile 3 motor park.

Other strategic locations are Ekwe Street by Iwerre Road and Ekeby by Iwerre Road.

Some of the criminal acts are Gambling, bet

ting and pick pocketing. A vivid case of pick pocketing at its best was when a well dressed young man who was returning from work at about 5.30 p.m. was attacked by a group of young men wielding a pen knife.

He never put up a fight and was pushed into a dustbin where his pockets were ransacked. The government is hutting up campaigns aimed at minimising criminal activities in the society and I believe this is exactly what I am trying to do.

To this effect, I am appealing to the general public to beware when they come to Mile 3.

And to the law enforcement agents please come to our rescue before these criminals make life unbearable for us here at Mile 3.

Shadrack Okoro, R.T.  
Port Harcourt.





## SHAGARI DRIVES ROUND NEW PORT

THE new ultra-modern Sessé Port was commissioned on May 1, 1982 by the president, Aliyu Shehu Shagari.

President Shagari is pictured above having a drive round the new port. Others standing in the background are the NPA General Manager, Alhaji S.M. Tukur, and the Minister of Transport, Dr Umaru Dikko.

# 'STOP CRITICISING ECONOMIC MEASURES' NPP stalwarts warned

THE chairman of the governing council of the Yaba College of Technology and former Anambra State chairman of the NPP, Mr Vincent Ikechukwu has told the council to stop their unnecessary criticisms of the recent economic measures taken by the

Federal Government.

Speaking at a reception organised in his honour by the Oyo chapter of the NPN in Imole Local Government area, Mr Ikechukwu said that the economic measures adopted by the Federal Government were as a result of a world-wide decline in oil market.

He called on the detractors of the Federal Government to desist from their irresponsible attacks, saying that every Nigerian citizen must be affected if the nation is pulled down.

The director of operations and publicity of the Anambra State branch of the NPN, Chief

Austine Ezenwa in his own speech, decried the activities of some top NPP stalwarts in the state government who, he said, "frequently engage in using some good looking female students in secondary

schools for public enter-

tainments."

He described such activities as a "clear demonstration of immorality and lack of decency of character."

Chief Austine Ezenwa maintained that such activities, if not properly checked and on time, would eventually lead to a serious moral decadence

among the female youths who are the direct sources of inspiration.

The highlight of the occasion was the declaring of the leaders and supporters of the NPP, UPN, GNPP and PRP in the area for the NPN.

The decorated party leaders are: Mr Christopher Nwagwu, UPN; Dr Onigun, NPP; Mr Alieu Ezechukwu, GNPP and Mr Austine Olu, PRP.

Chief S.J. Odo, the leader of the NPP Oyo Chapter, also spoke on the occasion, registering that the NPP

government preferred confrontation and violence towards its opponents to normal disbursement of amenities to the electorate.

## COCOA BOARD TAKES BOLD STEP

THE Nigerian Cocoa Board has taken a bold step to boost cocoa production in the country.

In pursuance of this objective, the board is now poised to award prizes to best cocoa farmers in each state producing the commodity.

A press statement from the board's public relations department stated that the essence of the award is to create incentive among the farmers for massive production of cocoa and coffee, while the award of prizes would go to best licensed buying agents.

The statement added the award is also to improve the marketing efficiency of these commodities in the country.

Meanwhile, the prize award event for best cocoa/coffee farmers will take place in twenty one zones in the country producing areas while the award of prizes to the best licensed buying agents will be held in seven zones, the statement indicated.

More than 200 farmers will receive the award and prizes.

## 'NIGERIA IS BIGGEST MARKET'

Nigeria to Swiss firms.

Welcoming the delegation earlier, Commissioner Igwe announced that the state government in collaboration with the Enugu Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture would stage an international trade exhibition in November as a way of promoting contact between indigenous businessmen and their foreign counterparts.



Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim  
GNPP Leader

## Waziri's exit may heighten division

GOVERNOR Bola Ige of Oyo, on Tuesday in Lagos, said that Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim's exit from the Progressive Parties Alliance, PPA, was not enough to heighten a North-South division in Nigeria.

He told a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that "a dichotomy could not

be said to have emerged by the formation of the PPA since one of its members, the PRP controlled Kano and Kaduna, the most strategic states in Northern Nigeria."

He said that Alhaji Waziri had lost grip on Borno and Gongola States by quitting the alliance, and that the action of the GNPP leader would push the governors of the two states in to the line.

In another development, one thousand, three hundred and eighteen graduates recently in Ibadan received the Association for Education of the University of Ibadan.

## Ogun to spend N40m on roads

THE Ogun State Governor, Chief Late Oluwole, has said in Abeokuta that about N40 million would be spent on road construction in the state this year.

Commissioning a five-kilometre road built at a cost of about N10 million in the state capital, the governor declared that all local governments in the state would benefit from the road project. He explained that already, eight roads reach the town, situated in Abeokuta.

Governor Oluwole said that due to the influx of new contractors and the poor economic situation in the country, it had become difficult to meet the demand for construction of some roads, and gave the assurance that more roads would be constructed in the near future.

The governor said that the state government would be able to take on any contract he saw fit to schedule.

## NPN SUPPORTERS' CLASH CLAIMS MAN'S LIFE

A MAN died while two others were seriously wounded when supporters of two factions of the NPN clashed in Ife recently.

The clash occurred in front of the Nigerian Army School of Education, Baboko area, during a political procession to welcome the Kwara chairman of the party, Senator Olusola Saraki, to the town.

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) said that policemen had to use baton and tear gas to disperse supporters, who burnt down a Volkswagen bottle car and damaged other cars.

Dr Saraki, the Minister of Steel Development, Malam, Malam, Al Maken, the speaker of the state Assembly, Alhaji Shehu Usman, Senator Isa Oloro, and Malam Alfa Gani and many other top members of the party were held up for about one hour in the traffic during the procession.

Officials of the Ife University Teaching Hospital later identified the deceased party supporter as Saliman Obanlaolu. The two others wounded were still lying unconscious when NAN visited the hospital.

Addressing a rally later, Senator Saraki denied ever promising any body the party's nomination for the state gubernatorial race in 1983.

He called for solidarity among the members to ensure the success of the party in future elections in the state.

Senator Saraki described the new economic measures as "sacrifices we have to make so that ourselves in our old age and our children in their prime generation will reap the fruits of the measures."

Other NPN leaders with him at the rally were the state deputy governor, Chief Jimoh Shittu, the deputy chairman of the party in the state.

## Governor Lar urges National Assembly to enact law

GOVERNOR Solomon Lar of Plateau has called on the National Assembly to enact a law to make it mandatory for private enterprises to contribute a part of their profit to a national trust fund for research and development.

The call was contained in a paper he presented at the second "Herbert Macaulay Memorial Lectures" organised by the Faculty of Engineering, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, at the weekend.

Governor Lar said that unlike what obtained in advanced countries, "the quick returns syndrome" which characterises economic activities in Nigeria has enabled private enterprises to operate without contributing anything to our national development, despite the fact that these companies derive huge after-tax profits every year.

He said that the time had come for the private sector to show greater sense of social responsibility, by investing a portion of their profits in research and development.

## NUJ PROPOSES #10m PRESS CENTRE

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) is to build a N10 million press centre in Abuja, the national deputy chairman of a faction of the union, Alhaji Yaro Maiduguri said in Jos.

He said this when the national council of the faction visited the Plateau Publishing Company.

Alhaji Yaro said that the centre would enable journalists to give the Federal Government a wide coverage when it finally moved to the new capital.

He also said that the union had entered into agreements with some institutions of higher learning both in Nigeria and abroad to train journalists.

The general manager of the Plateau Publishing Company, Mr S. D. Makawa, urged the union to settle its disputes amicably and to regard itself as a vehicle for good government.

In a communique issued at the end of its meeting in Jos, the union expressed concern over reports of clashes among supporters of some political parties in the country, and urged all political leaders to enforce discipline among their supporters. On the custody measures, the union urged all Nigerians to view the present economic situation with understanding.

# STUDY OF OUR LIFE-STYLE ESSENTIAL —ALAGOA

Nigerian historians have been urged to provide the nation with an idea formula for the effective study of her origin and the life-style

of her citizens.

In his address at the launching ceremony of a book titled "A Short History of Urhobo", authored by Chief M. P. Okunagba, the acting vice chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor E. J. Alagoa, argued that a comprehensive study of the origin and ways of life of Nigerians would create a sense of pride and self-reliance among the masses.

by

Churchill William

The professor who is also the president of the Historical Society of Nigeria, pointed out that history has unfortunately refused to accept on its face value the claim of origin often made by some people.

He spoke of the strategic importance of historical data to the social growth of any community, and paid special tribute to the author for his innate commitment to the

PROF E. J. ALAGOA

culture and history of his native land, Urhobo, adding that his work would be of great academic value to scholars.

Professor Alagoa noted that the nation was abundantly blessed with a cadre of professors in the field of history but regretted that a substantial part of the historical study of the country was being done by non-academics.

Also speaking, the chairman of the occasion, Hon. Justice (Chief) R.P.G. Okara praised the industry the author had put in his work, and said it was obvious that the book was the product of many years of hard work.

## CHAIRMAN TOURS LGA

The chairman of the Degema local government area, Mr D. J. Mambere, recently undertook a tour of various administrative units under his area of authority.

During the tour, the chairman visited the new headquarters of the Kalabari district of the

LGA. Pictured below is the Degema chairman being received by the chairman of the Kalabari District Council, Mr E. A. Amachree while the Secretary, Chief D. B. Dappa and others look on at Abisso, the district headquarters.

## ITF to reimburse employers

The director-general of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Alhaji Lawal Tunji Wania has called on employers of labour to make adequate arrangements for reimbursement by the ITF for the training programmes not sponsored by the fund.

In an address at the opening of a two-day seminar for managers and senior training officers, Alhaji Lawal observed that employers which contributed money towards the training of their members of staff by the ITF often failed to submit vital documents to enable them get their reimbursements from the fund.

He said that such failures resulted either in financial losses by the companies or unnecessary delay of reimbursements.

Alhaji Lawal expressed his disapproval of the practice of the companies which executed training programmes without the approval of the fund.

The address was read on his behalf by the area officer of the fund in Port Harcourt, Mr Smith

Udofia. The Rivers State Commissioner for Rural Development and Co-operative, Mr Nwilo Okwira, who declared the workshop open, called on the participants to take the programme seriously, and urged the ITF to engage civil servants in more training programmes to enhance efficiency.

The seminar will

## SHELL REFUTES NEWSPAPER REPORT

The attention of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited has been drawn to a front page report in a national daily (not the Tide) that oil companies have cut 30 per cent of their exploration and cost.

In a release signed by the acting managing director of Shell, Mr R. E. Wegmann, the company disassociated itself with the report pointing out that the Shell Petroleum Development Company has not cut its exploration expenditure whatsoever as was carried by the paper.

The release urged correspondents to build a nation through objective reporting, adding that falsification of facts was an element of personnel immaturity.

It is recalled that sometime in April this year, a national daily carried on its front page that oil prospecting companies operating in the country have embarked on fresh measures to aggravate Nigerian oil problem.

The report further stressed that the companies have cut 30 per cent of their exploration activities and cost.

## Lost Document

Detail result of West African School Certificate, 1981, belonging to Mr Gideon Ekeuwei of No. 88B Bishop Johnson Street, Port Harcourt Rivers State has been reported missing.

The document in an envelope got missing in a Taxi between Bori and Port Harcourt on the 21st April, 1982.

Founder should please send same to the nearest Police Station or the Nigerian Tide News Room.

—A handsome reward awaits the founder.

GIDEON EKEUWEI



**ACQUAINTANCE**  
Relationship may step in and support you. The help you are able to get from loved ones will please you. Romance is under the spotlight.

**MISCE**  
There may be a break through on this otherwise slow day. You will be grateful that you do not have to rush decisions. There will be agreement at home regarding the best way to increase the value of your property and security.

**ARIES**  
The sun should break through the grey skies clouding your horizon. This pleasant day will see you in a much better mood. Take your time so that the bonds of love and affection strengthen slowly and firmly.

**TAURUS**  
After having just been through an unsettled period, you will be quite pleased that you have the opportunity to put your house in order. There are many little jobs that need to be carried out.

**GEMINI**  
A much better day. You will not be feeling too wound up. You can give more attention to matters connected with accounts and income.

**CANCER**  
You could be on the receiving end of some unexpected financial gain. The cash that comes into your hands may be through a legacy or some similar good fortune.

**LEO**  
You will find that your beloved is willing to take over some of your domestic responsibilities so that you can concentrate on career matters.

**VIRGO**  
It looks as if you will be kept on the go from dawn till dusk. Spend more time on your career matters than seeking pleasure.

**SCORPIO**  
Home and family affairs will be more settled. Differences of opinion that have been setting you apart from your loved ones all week can probably be resolved quite amicably.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
One of the best days for something. You should feel that you are back on the right track. Most of your time is likely to be taken up with work that requires your creative talents.

**CAPRICORN**  
Matters that were held up yesterday can now be taken a stage further. You should make progress by leaps and bounds. Time this evening should be devoted to the duties of your trade or steady state.

# Tender No. D 2006

## Invitation to Tender for Written-off Assets

The following items are being offered for sale by the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited:—

1. 1 Pee MX4 X-ray Machine with Rectifier/Immobiliser
2. 1 Micro Filtration Apparatus
3. 1 Pump Fluid End C-700
4. 1 Caterpillar DS Tractor Fleet Code 13802 with Donkey Engine.

### Condition of Sale

1. Prospective buyers can bid for one or more items giving the full description as stated above.
2. All items will be sold on "As is where is basis".
3. Items are available for inspection at our Materials Department, Rumuobiakani, Port Harcourt from May 13th 1982 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day till 21st May 1982.
4. Tenders to be submitted latest by 4 p.m. on 21st May 1982 being closing dated in sealed envelope clearly marked "TENDER NO. D 2006" and addressed to:

The Secretary,  
Divisional Tenders Board,  
c/o FINE/9

Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nig. Ltd.,  
P. O. Box 263,  
Rumuobiakani,  
Port Harcourt.

5. Successful bidders will be advised in writing and requested to pay cash or bankers draft before removal of items.
6. Sold materials must be removed from the Company's premises within 48 hours after sale has been concluded failing which a rental fee of N50.00 per day may be incurred by buyer.
7. The purchaser or his authorized agent is the sole authority for collection of materials on the production of payment receipts and pink copy of our Bill of Sale. The purchaser will arrange own lifting/loading equipment.
8. The Company is not responsible for any loss, damage or costs incurred by the purchaser in respect of tendering.
9. The Company accepts no liability for the materials while they are in Company premises after they must have been sold.
10. The Company is not prepared to accept the lowest bid nor give reasons for rejecting any tender.

### SPECIAL INVITATION

WAKE-KEEPING! WAKE-KEEPING!!

The Njo family of Rumuezeolu Rumuomasi, Ohio — Port Harcourt cordially invites the general public to the wake keeping ceremony of their father, brother, husband, Chief Paul Amadi Njo, "Eze-Ezeolu II" who died on the 25th February, 1981.

The ceremony takes place at Njo's compound, Rumuezeolu/Rumuomasi, Ohio—Port Harcourt on Saturday, 15th May, 1982 at 12 noon Omoru masquerade of Elemenwo will display during the ceremony.  
Come one! Come all!!

Signed:  
Mr S. Nyesom Amadi  
(Son)

## CALLING ALL OGONI NATIONALS TO A GENERAL MEETING OF THE OGONI NATIONALITY

VENUE: B.M.G.S. Assembly Hall

DATE: Saturday 15th May, 1982

TIME: 12 Noon Prompt

THEME: The Ogoni Nationality - Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow.

Distinguished sons of the nationality, amongst them, Senator Cyrus Nunieh, Mr S. F. Nwika, Chief Edward Kobani, Hon. Kemite Gladom, Mr Kenule Tsaro-Wiwa, Dr G. B. Leton, Hon. J. S. Sangha, Mr Ignatius Kogbara, etc have been invited to present addresses.

Chief W. Z. P. Nziidee,  
His Royal Highness  
The Gbenemene Nyokhana,  
Chairman Bolga Council of  
Chiefs & Traditional Rulers

## Staff vacancies

### WESLEY METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL

Applications are invited from suitable qualified Teachers to fill the following vacancies.

1. Headmistress
2. Nursery Teachers
3. Minders

Applicants for 1 and 2 must be holders of Teachers Grade Two certificate with proven interest in the management of children.

Applicants for 3 must be holders of the First School Leaving Certificate with experience in similar institutions.

All applications should be addressed to

The Secretary  
Wesley Methodist Nursery School  
No. 1 Harbour Road  
P. O. Box 3592  
Port Harcourt

To reach him not later than 29th May, 1982.

# Curious observers discuss highest protocol to minister



President Shehu Shagari

THE Minister in the Ministry for Industries, Dr Ismael Jikin Igbani was accorded the highest protocol due only the Head of State and state governors when he visited Oghareki near Sapele, Bendel State.

The junior minister who was at Oghareki to commission the N22 million New Nigeria Salt Company Limited had

the most unusual honour of having the National anthem played to commence the ceremony where he was the highest political representative of the

Federal Government at the occasion.

In practice, the National Anthem of a nation is played only at ceremonies where the head of state or government is present.

In Nigeria, the national anthem is played only at ceremonies where either the president, the vice president, state governors or their deputies as the case may be, are present.

Other occasions when the national anthem of a nation may be played are when international sports, particularly football are taking place.

On such occasions, the national anthem of the countries taking part are played at the beginning and the end of the game.

At Olympic Games athletes who take first positions in their events have the honour of their countries' national anthems played as they receive their prizes.

Curious journalists could not reach the minister to ask for his

comments but they cornered an assistant superintendent of police who was in charge of security and asked him why the national anthem was played.

The ASP who would not give his name said he was not competent to comment.

He however made it clear that it was his men that played the anthem, adding that people usually have tape records of the anthem, he said.

But when a member of the Bendel State House of Assembly, Mr P.K. Ogbimi who was at the ceremony was asked for comment, he said that it was unusual to play the national anthem on occasions where neither the president, the vice president, a state governor or their deputies was present.

In Nigeria, Mr Ogbimi further said, eye service could lead to many things.

And as Mr Ogbimi observed, the playing of the national anthem for the junior minister did not appear to be inadvertent as it was conspicuously inserted in the progress for the ceremony.

## N49m loan to Gongola farmers

THE Nigeria Agricultural and Co-operative Bank has given N49 million as loans to farmers in Gongola, the executive director of projects and operations of the bank, Professor Babafunde Ajakaiye has said.

Professor Ajakaiye told Governor Abubakar Barde in Yola that N23 million of the amount was given to small-scale farmers who could not obtain certificate of occupancy on land to operate bank accounts.

He said that N26 million was given to co-operative societies as grants to farmers, adding that the rate of interest for loans had been increased from six to eight per cent because of the financial situation in the country.

The director revealed that Gongola was second to Ondo on the list of beneficiaries of the grant paid out so far.

Replying, Governor Barde said that farmers in Gongola needed special assistance because of "the high agricultural potentials of the state".

He criticised the rise in interest rate, pointing out that farmers would not be interested in the loans if the interest rate was too high. (INAN)

## Senatorial district passes no confidence vote on scribe

THE Uyo Senatorial District Wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in the Cross River State has passed "a vote of no-confidence" on the state party secretary, Chief Ita Bassey Etuk.

The party's wing has also dissociated itself from the purported suspension of National Executive officers of the party, and the "reckless issuing of a 7-day ultimatum to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the cancellation of the state Executive Committee meeting convened by the state chairman of the party."

Chief Ita Etuk has consequently been urged to resign his appointment as the state secretary of the party within fourteen days.

Announcing this measure at a news conference in Calabar, the

Chief Whip in the state House of Assembly, Mr Anthony Willis-Oboing, who was also the chairman of the defunct Probe Committee of the House decried the uncharismatic manner Chief Etuk had changed the tempo of what he called "a minor office communication gap between his subordinates into a situation in which the electorates of the state are rapidly moved with a blanket in their eyes to a situation of complete confrontation with the Federal Government which they voted into power."

Mr Willis-Oboing who claimed to have been mandated by the state executive committee from Uyo -- the base of the secretary, maintained that the party's scribe was not mandated either by the party's constitution or the party to make unholy utterances

against the person of Mr President.

Legislator Willis-Oboing disclosed that there was no meeting of the party executive in the state nor was the purported suspension of Senate President, Dr Joseph Wayas and Senator Donald Enebebe rectified.

MR JOSEPH WAYAS  
Senate leader

The Chief Whip observed that the party scribe's utterances have exposed him to ridicule for gross ignorance of the party's constitution for which he was a secretary.

The spokesman called on the state party chairman to invoke Article 23(b) of the Constitution of the party to deal with the "former party secretary" if he fails to call it quits at the expiration of their ultimatum.

"We apologise solemnly to Mr President for the embarrassment which the evils of conduct of Chief Ita Bassey (the former secretary, NPN, Cross River State has caused him", Mr Willis-Oboing added.

## Raven boss calls for caution

Proposals for a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced Federal budget need more refining, including provisions that allow deficit spending under certain conditions, federal reserve board chairman Mr Paul Volcker said.

Mr Volcker was testifying before the US House, Judiciary Committee, which was considering legislation for US Constitutional Amendment that would require a balanced American

budget.

Fiscal responsibility and a reduction of the Federal debts would remove pressure on US credit markets in the short and long run, Volcker said, adding that under this aim, he was leaving towards the amendment.

He noted that it was necessary to try and alter the congressional bias towards spending all its revenues and then one

more. Volcker however, said his two main concerns about the pending legislation were whether there were workable provisions in the bill to assure that the congress and the president would adhere to a balanced budget and whether deficit spending could take place under certain circumstances.

He said he opposed amending the constitution to "lock in" any one type of economic doctrine. "The challenge is to provide discipline, but not a rigid lock-in," he stressed. (U.S. NAAP)

## State police command recover Beetle car

THE Police Command in Port Harcourt have recovered an abandoned Volkswagen Beetle car suspected to have been stolen by men of the under world early this month.

Making this known to the Nigerian Tide on Monday in his office, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr D.U.A. Isang said that the recovered vehicle was towed down to the police headquarters premises by men of his command.

Mr Isang who gave the registration number of the vehicle as RV 1423 PD, pointed out that following the recovery, they immediately rushed to the Motor Licensing Authority to ascertain the owner as it bore testing paper plate at the rear and registration number on the glasses.

According to him, a photostat copy of the particulars of the said

vehicle with Chassis No. 305817 and Engine number UB017739, shows that the car belongs to one Mr S.I. Isah of the Port Harcourt Flour Mills Limited, who had earlier reported of the missing car at the Otu Obasanjo Police Station.

The police boss regretted the unco-operative attitude of some members of the public and some magistrates who when such cases were

reported discharged the suspects on one reason or the other thereby portraying the police as not knowing what is expected of them.

He gave an example in a recent case where men from the state Police Command and the Nigerian Army raided the Bor Camp area and arrested some suspects who were later discharged.



## Archbishop Runcie in Benin City

The Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace, Michael Runcie, visited Benin City on Monday to inaugurate the new Benin State University. He was accompanied by his wife, Lady Runcie, and a large delegation of clergy and lay members. The Archbishop was received by the Governor of Benin State, Mr. Joseph Odeh, and the Chief of State, Mr. John Odeh. The Archbishop will be in Benin City for three days, during which he will visit several churches and schools. He will also be addressing the students of the Benin State University. The Archbishop is expected to leave Benin City on Wednesday.

# PROBING PLANT POTENTIAL TO AID ARID LANDS

A NEW research unit, SEPASAT (Survey of Economic Plants for Arid and Semi-Arid Tropics), financed by the British-based charity Oxfam, has been set up at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew in London to help the economies of the world's hot dry countries.

By John Newell

This unit, led by Dr Gerald Wickens, will use the enormous resources and contacts of Kew over the next three years to draw up a world list of plants and trees of all kinds which are of potential economic value in the arid and semi-arid areas of the world. It will also draw attention to the plants and trees which are most potentially valuable, whether as sources of food — though Dr Wickens thinks that food plants are already mostly well researched — or as sources for cattle for firewood, fencing materials, soil cover to prevent erosion or other uses.

The results of the research will be published at the end of the three years. Although the unit has only just been formally set up, Gerald Wickens has already selected a number of plants and trees of special promise, including one which may provide a useful technique for helping to control schistosomiasis (bilharzia), one of the commonest of tropical parasitic diseases.

Nearly half the world's land area — 43 per cent of it — is arid or semi-arid, including most of Mexico and California, the western coast of the South American continent, the Chaco and the Bahia region of Brazil, the Sahel, Northern Kenya, Somalia, the Kalahari, Botswana and parts of Angola, much of the Middle East and India, and most of Australia.

The disastrous droughts in the Sahel south of the Sahara in recent years have focused attention on such areas and on shortages not only of human food crops but also, and often more seriously, of forage for cattle, firewood for heating and cooking, and trees and plants that can provide soil cover to check erosion.

These have become growing problems in the Sahel and several other

Often there are great opportunities for improvement by introducing plants from one part of the world into another. In many areas the flora is impoverished and

specialised, with many ecological niches — habitats where well adapted plants and trees could flourish — left empty either by nature or as a result of human activities.

So species identified as valuable, whether for human or cattle food or for firewood or fencing or soil cover, in one part of the world, could transform the economy in another.

Those who have studied the problems of the arid areas agree that the biggest single problem is lack of knowledge of the potential uses of the vast numbers of species of trees and plants adapted to life in such conditions. This is why Oxfam, looking for the most cost effective means of promoting the economies of arid areas, decided to finance a unit at Kew.

The Royal Botanic Gardens there have certainly the most widely representative and pro-

perience among its permanent scientific staff.

Because so much is stored there, Gerald Wickens believes that the comprehensive search through Kew's stored specimens and data, together with help from other botanic gardens and museums, including Britain's Tropical Products Institute, will reveal many economically valuable plants which can be usefully introduced into wider areas.

A computer will be employed to help compile and analyse the information.

As well as preparing the SEPASAT survey Dr Wickens' team will organise limited follow-up work at Kew on such things as how best to propagate plants and to store their seed, and it will suggest where further research elsewhere could be of special value.

Not surprisingly for someone who has spent most of his career working in tropical agriculture

Biharzia is on the increase over large areas because the snails in which the schistosome larvae grow flourish in new irrigation canals in the tropics.

It has been suggested that if the fruit of *Balanites* is sufficiently toxic to the larvae but is harmless, as is believed, to humans and animals, it might be possible to achieve some control of bilharzia by planting *Balanites* along the banks of new irrigation canals so that its fruit would drop naturally into the water and release the saponins.

Another tree in which Dr Wickens and his fellow scientists are taking an interest is *Conocarpus lanifolius*, which grows in a wide range of conditions in Somalia — including very saline soils.

This looks like being an especially valuable tree for firewood for areas with very saline soils where many species will not grow.

The need to improve soil cover to prevent erosion, especially in areas which have been recently deforested to provide firewood or to grow crops or through overgrazing, is growing in many areas.

Cucurbitae (melon and cucumbers) which are found on the arid edges of the Sahara, Kalahari, and other desert areas can grow in very dry conditions, providing both effective soil cover with their large leaves and water in their fruit.

Other plants in which the Kew team is already showing special interest are honey plants producing nectar, which could extend the activities of bees and improve the flavour of their honey; plants for cattle to feed on which are tough enough to grow in arid conditions and withstand cropping without being pulled up; and various spices and herbs — because aromatic plants often grow best in semi-arid conditions.

Those are just a few examples of the very many uses to which plants and trees can be put in arid and semi-arid



## Man who collects gives his me

The springtime octogenarian who enjoys walking on the Lüneburg heath near Hamburg always carries a satchel bag on those rambles.

And whenever he encounters a fairer sex, he impales it on his walking stick and transfers it into the bag. At 87, Alfred Toepfer is still waging his personal battle against environmental pollution, a cause to which he has devoted most of his money. And he is no mean sum for Herr Toepfer is a millionaire.

From his sparsely decorated drawing room here in Hamburg, he sits in Europe's largest grain-dealing office as well as West Germany's largest private shipping company. He also has extensive banking interests.

But instead of keeping the wealth that he produces, Herr Toepfer continues to give most of it away.

This began 50 years ago when he established the FVS Foundation, which honours cultural, scientific and political achievements, but devotes four-fifths of its revenue to nature conservation and the preservation of historic monuments.

Recently the foundation's funds have received another considerable boost when its founder transferred his own fortune to it.

Although this meant a sacrifice of five children, they were, he says, mildly upset.

The initials in the organisation's name are not even those of the man who created it.

The stand either for Friedrich von Stein, and early 19th century Prussian statesman or Friedrich von Scharf, a German classical dramatist, to whom Herr Toepfer greatly admired.

His foundation awards 20 prizes

## New Dutch de

The Dutch Catholic aid agency Caritas Nederland has launched a publication on development actions and issues in the Third World. The publication is designed to assist development organisations and workers in the Third World.

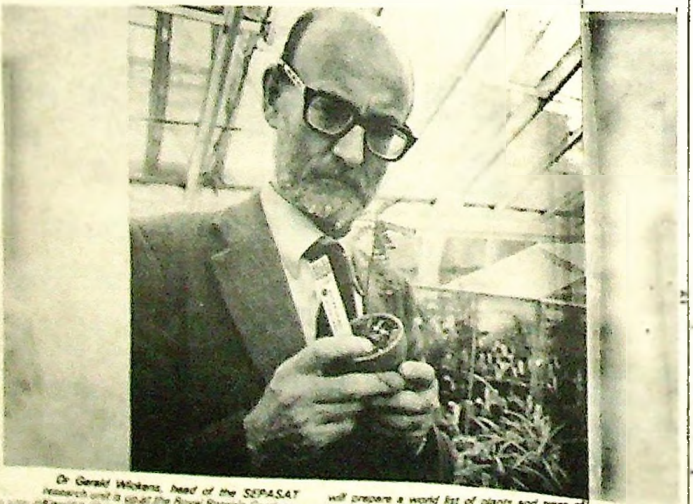
## Automob

Another parameter that results in increase in air pollution is automobile exhaust fumes.

The increasing density of motor traffic in almost urban areas of the world has given rise to questions about pollution by motor vehicles exhaust gases.

When the engine is idling a great deal more unburned petrol is discharged and of course the proportions of the various gases can be affected by changes in combustion, but the figures are broadly true.

Carbon dioxide, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, water, ammonia are certainly



Dr Gerald Wickens, head of the SEPASAT research unit at Kew, the Royal Botanic Gardens, London. One of his tasks will be to prepare a world list of plants and trees of potential economic value to hot, dry countries.

duce the largest collection of plant specimens in the world — the only possible rival is the botanic garden at Leningrad, in the Soviet Union, which is less representative.

The five million or so specimens at Kew, collected over the past 100 years, are being added to at a rate of several thousands a year by botanists and amateurs from all over the world.

Kew also has one of the world's largest and most comprehensive botanical libraries and a great wealth of knowledge and ex-

and tropical ecology in Africa and is now a leading taxonomist (plant classifier). Gerald Wickens already has some ideas about plants and trees of potential promise.

One he wants to investigate further is a tree from the drier parts of tropical Africa across to India, *Balanites aegyptiaca*, the fruit of which has been reported as containing compounds called saponins which are deadly to the water-borne parasites that cause schistosomiasis (bilharzia).

Also under consideration are species suitable for live fences to protect the growing crops. The spongy *Euphorbia* are one possibility but many have the disadvantage of having gaps in the base.

Trees suitable for laying could overcome this problem — the Madras Thorn, *Pithecellobium dulce*, which despite its name comes from Latin America, is one suggestion.

Leguminous herbs, trees and shrubs able to fix nitrogen from the air with the aid of bacteria, and thereby enrich the soil, will also be invited to write to Dr Wickens at Kew.

# PLACE OF AGRICULTURE IN OUR ECONOMY

At last we have all known the status of our economy in plain terms. Did we expect more than what we heard from the president, Alhaji Shagari? He has no nation-wide broadcast recently? If we did, it then means we are still reeling of our barbarous characteristics.

No nation can ever eat her cake and have it. Under high frequency later nation, some capitalists who find themselves in the corridor of power in this nation have been oscillating the wealth of this nation without much speculation on the after effect on the Nigerian Economy which has been rendered hopeless.

In a family of five if the two parents are destroyed it then means the three children are bound to suffer. If two out of the three children are despoised it then means the one that is termed very important will have to be the

caretaker of the whole family of the dead parents. Agriculture and labour are the two parents of this nation. Petroleum, groundnuts and columbite are the three children now living after many others have died of total neglect by economic planners of this country.

By Chief Fidiis

The economic phenomenon that a nation should specialise in the production of a favourable commodity alone to effect efficiency and large scale production does not imply that others which are enjoying same large scale economy should also be thrown off.

Ostrich was proverbially advised to devise other means of feeding in the farm, at the time of cultivation, so that at the time of harvesting when the owners of the crops in the farm shall have harvested all their crops, it could live by its new device.

At the time the market price of petroleum was favourable and stable our economists did not remember this proverb to boost the production of groundnut or columbite a little up for a possible substitute. Instead petroleum was accorded an importance that has obviously turned out to prove that it has been suffering from megalomania.

The dismal situation of things which instils dreadfulness into anyone's general view of the whole affair is that those capitalists who devoured the whole wealth in the nation are the frontliners of critics of this administration. Although in every political arena such as ours that is multiple in design, opposing parties always find loopholes from the government in power to magnify its weak points so that the masses will abuse and only that party votes in any subsequent election.

But let us be realistic to ourselves. Is it really right that the problem of our country is rested on one man and his party? We must have been kidding if we had that ideology.

Nigeria is large and heterogeneous so that it must take some enormous sense of commitment in every Nigerian to effect this development. As long as we continue to recognise more than one political party in this country we shall continue to see the exploitation in the hands of the capitalists.

May as we continue to operate a capitalistic system of government in this country, we shall continue to see this mismanagement of economy.

This mismanagement is not a new breed, anyway. It is as old as the amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Provinces in the year 1914. We inherited it from our colonial masters.

To be rescued from it, we must change to a socialist type of government.

In this system the whole wealth of the nation will be made to go round the citizens equally.

All Nigerians will enjoy their wealth equally. People will be happy to work as they see their products. Not whilst obtaining now, where some get rich very quickly without working hard for a while others get poorer as they continue to work harder.

Agriculture must be given a prominent place in our economy. We must fight with what we have.

It is evident that there is a lot of wealth in agriculture. We must learn how to tap this wealth before it is loved away by our exploiters.

We should redirect our economy raising up such commodities that are next to petroleum in the world market.

To effectively do this we should plan heavily on technology, for agriculture can not go without technology.



West Berlin (DAD) - This new incandescent bulb developed by Osram of West Berlin screws into a standard light fitting and has a special electric booster, no special sockets are needed. But it burns three times more brightly per watt than conventional bulbs, so a cost-cutting 25-watt tube will give 75 watts of light. Its average life span of 6,000 hours is also at least six times longer than that of its pear-shaped counterpart. What an energy saver!

## Pharmaceuticals under water

MARINE Flora and fauna in the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic oceans have been found to contain substances valuable for the agricultural, pharmaceutical and food-stuffs industries.

Expeditions of Far Eastern chemical engineers and biologists to tropical regions of the Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the Galisteo and the Professor Bogorov have brought rich results.

The scientists determined the chemical composition of various sea organisms by isolating and examining protein enzymes, carbohydrates, nucleic acids and natural dyes.

The ships laboratories used 112 marine species to isolate a total of 134 biological substances.

At least 15 of these are of immediate practical interest for bio-chemical and medical use.

The scientists say that underwater research, however valuable, must not be permitted to damage marine flora and fauna.

They therefore collect only minute samples of such organisms and, where valuable substances are isolated, they turn to industry to synthesise them.

Some of these substances are currently being produced artificially, with chemical engineers enhancing their useful qualities and eliminating those with possibly harmful side-effects.

Progress in biotechnology makes possible the future cultivation of marine organisms in required quantities.

The products is nitric oxide and it appears that the latter must be formed at the very high temperature accompanying the explosion shock front in the cylinder, but the mechanism is still uncertain.

When the nitric oxide comes into contact with molecular oxygen, it can undergo the reaction as thus:

The reaction is thermodynamically favourable and one would expect a nitric oxide to be converted rapidly to the dioxide.

In fact, polluted air contains about ten times as much NO as NO<sub>2</sub>.

If the partial pressure of nitric oxide is small, as it is in a typical street, then it will oxidize only very slowly.

In conclusion, the effects of pollution so far discussed have been immediate and local involving deterioration of health or killing of living things in rivers.

The long term and less direct effects of industrial activity are much more difficult to assess.

The air pollution can only be effectively controlled if companies and other parastatals are urged to maintain standard precautionary measure over the exposed burn-out of their waste products or scraps.

## LIFE ON OTHER WORLD

THE search for life on other worlds was the main theme of a conference of scientists from East and West held recently in Tallinn, capital of Estonia.

The conference was a follow-up to a similar meeting held in Soviet Armenia ten years ago. Those taking part in the conference had little doubt that intelligent life did exist on other planets somewhere in the universe. The difficulty lies in establishing contact.

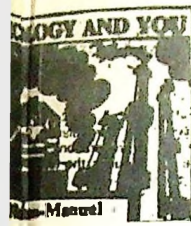
As Soviet astronomer Vsevolod Troitsky explained: "If we knew where in the universe radio signals from in-

teligent life originated, we could detect them now."

But astronomers have to listen to the sky at random and cannot spend much time on any particular star system.

"We have found nothing yet means only that our search is inefficient. It is no proof that intelligent life does not exist elsewhere."

Asked about using flying saucers, Troitsky replied that while some could be due to as yet unexplained physical phenomena, they certainly were not manifestations of other life in the universe.



## Its litters but they away

Hamburg, the premier one now being the European Statesman Prize, currently worth DM 380,000 (then British £1000).

The first recipient was the then British Prime Minister, Edward Heath, who was knighted by the foundation in the distribution of its awards.

The many individuals and groups of Eastern Europe have won prizes in the years for cultural achievements.

Another feature of the awards is the giving of scholarships to younger winners.

However, the main thrust of the foundation's efforts remains directed towards conservation and preservation. For example, the equivalent of about £10,000 a year is devoted to the rebuilding of Hamburg's Petrisstrasse.

It would otherwise have had to be demolished.

About \$3 million has been spent on rebuilding of 17th and 18th century houses in Hamburg's Petrisstrasse.

It would otherwise have had to be demolished.

Of the properties thus saved, no one of the composer Johannes Brahms, has been converted into a museum in his memory.

Amongst his fellow composers, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky, are planned.

These and more are due to the anthropic efforts of an organisation who is still working, collecting others - and hence giving his money away.

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across the field of emergency aid and support for development activity, whether religious in origin or not. Plan and Action is available from Postbus 1041, 5200 BA, NORTENBOSCH.

exhaust fumes

including part

ketones and organic acids, which are harmless though they are probably responsible for the characteristic smell of petrol and diesel exhausts.

Lead occurs in petrol exhausts because it is commonly added to petrol in the form of lead tetraethyl as an octane improver, and the addition of 0.1 per cent by weight will raise the octane rating by approximately five points.

Methylene dibromide is also added to petrol to scavenge the lead and the latter is emitted in the exhaust in organic form as the oxide, the

Another obstacle that results from the internal combustion engine is the production of oxides of nitrogen.

This is one of the most curious aspects of the automobile exhausts fumes.

The N-N bond in Nitrogen has a strength of 225 kcal/mole and it is extremely hard to write feasible free radical or molecular reactions that would result in its fixation.

# PRE-I.T. ORIENTATION

A one-week pre-orientation programme organized by the University of Science and Technology. To introduce its students who will be leaving for the supervised Industrial Works experience has ended. Here are the extracts of key address by the guest speaker and the public relations officer of the institution, Abhai M. D. Ogun, during the occasion. The lecture was on the importance of "Protecting the University Image".

"The operative word as far as I am concerned in this lecture is IMAGE - University Image for that matter. You may begin to wonder what

image a university has and the importance of its protection."

"The image in question, as I am very much aware or tend to believe that you very much comprehend, is the institutional good name. The good name that makes you go places with happiness when mention is made of your institution. The beautiful remarks that brighten your innermost hearts when you are asked - do you belong to U.S.T.? The unsolicited comments that make you chuckle while in fact you never bargain with for one. All make up the glamour in an image, hence the importance for its protection becomes

our primary concern.

"Although there are any given society, nonetheless, we must, as a collective body already poised for leadership, always endeavour to put the image of our institution in a beautiful shape, no matter the hardship. A powerful 20th century black musician once sang a song titled: SUFFERING AND SMILING. He had something up his sleeves when he wrote that lyric. Ladies and gentlemen, as we go about our studies, our tedious official chores without much aid or assistance due to one of official reason or the other, nothing equally stops us

# Campus look in

from joining the bandwagon of suffering but smiling obedient servants - with the popular understanding that all shall be well - if not today, our heavenly reward is a sure banker. In a nut-shell, I am emphatically propounding that the disdainful attributes of the community we find ourselves in and fellow men's hateful attitudes towards others, should not be "sold" to the outside "world". This is another sure way of protecting the university image.

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DAN OBINNA

summarize both your background as a person and the quality of the institution you claim to have come from."

# Jide Obi-Super Star at UST

Also at the weekend more than 500 people defied the rain last Saturday in the Rivers State University of Science and Technology while awaiting to see one of Nigeria's youngest musicians, Jide Obi.

Jide was expected to arrive at the campus by 7 p.m. but there was no sign of him till 2 p.m. and he immediately blamed his lateness on inadequate arrangement by his organizers.

When he mounted the stage with the Comrades Rock Group, the ovation from the crowd moved the walls of the new engineering drawing room. His late arrival was forgiven without reservations.

The student-turned musician performed to the satisfaction of his spectators and many wondered how a student could effectively combine his 'acadai' work with music.

Jide a final year law student of the University of Nigeria, Enugu campus later explained that music was his hobby and law his profession.

He disclosed that he only had time at the weekends to attend to music and that he so programmed himself that his interests did not conflict with each other.

He held his audience spellbound till about 5 a.m. in the morning of Sunday.

The music star was brought to the school by the courtesy of the VASSAL club of UST.

It will be recalled that law students in our universities have done this country proud. Adokie Amiesemaka was a law student when he played in the national football that made the greatest achievement in the history of football in this country.

Kris Odeye, one of our best musicians today was a law student and today it is Jide Obi.

These guys are great! C.U. Activity week at UST:

In another development the christian union branch of the UST have announced the programme of its activity week starting from 14th of this month.

A statement from the C.U. publicity directorate said the programme would feature spiritual films and talks by some highly placed christian workers like the chaplain of the institution, Dr. Fefegha and Rev. Mba from the Imo State. The UST students union has also announced an appeal fund of N5.5 million for the building of hostels in any of the campuses of the school. The fund would be officially launched in June; we shall bring you more details before then.

Nigerian Students excel in Tanzania:

This week campus look-in received a special note from the university of Tanzania, stating that two Nigerian students one of them from Rivers, Messrs N. Tsaanka and Mr E. N. Omeroy emerged the best law students in the school.

Addressing Nigerian



PROF. T. T. ISOUN V.C., U.S.T.

students in Dar-es-Salaam during a send-off party in honour of the outgoing students, the Nigerian High Commissioner in Tanzania, Mr R. J. Egbuziem observed that, the students performed very well in their exams and led a very exemplary life which he said, was a thing of honour to Nigeria.

Mr Egbuziem commended the Federal Government for its untiring effort in sponsoring students in universities all over the world and charged Nigerian students to be law abiding.



A scene in one of Jide Obi's show

# NIGERIAN ENVOY COMMENDS RIVERS STUDENTS

The Nigerian High Commissioner in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania His Excellency, R. J. Egbuziem has commended Rivers State government students in University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

Speaking at a brief send-off ceremony, to mark the student's departure after successfully completing their L.L.B. degree course the High Commissioner observed that the

students not only worked hard to complete their studies on schedule but also showed exemplary conduct throughout their stay in the university.

He enjoined Nigerian students to be obedient and law abiding wherever they are.

Picture shows the high commissioner (centre) addressing the students. At: N. Tsaanka L.L.B. Hons. (Dar); left, and Mr E. N. Omeroy B.A. Hons. (Mekineri); L.L.B. Hons. (Dar) right.



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**AMADI** — I formerly known called and addressed as Miss Cecilia Oke Chuku now wish to be known, called and addressed as Miss Peace Nwazie Amadi. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Government Girls Secondary School, Ndashu — Ekechi and the general public should please take note. Miss Peace Nwazie Amadi.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving and painful memory of our dearly beloved husband and father,



MR OBEDIAH O. BUDEBE

who departed this world 4 years ago at the prime of life.

You laboured and toiled every minute of your life believing that the end will be bright. But you were not spared to reap the fruits of your labour.

You miraculously left us with much grief and sorrow that time cannot heal.

You were a devoted husband and father too dear to lose, only those who know you can realise our loss.

May your soul rest in perfect peace.

MRS HELEN BUDEBE  
for the family.

## Bonny Mass Meeting

UNDER the auspices of the Bonny Improvement Association, Port Harcourt, the second mass meeting of all Bonny citizens resident in Port Harcourt and environs takes place on Sunday, 16th May, 1982 at Orupole Nite Club, 31, Harold Wilson Drive Port Harcourt, at 3 p.m. prompt.

**AGENDA:** 1) To receive and adopt the report of a Special Task Force on Bonny Development.

2) Any other Business.

DAGOGO S. HART  
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President, B.I.A.

## INAUGURATION OF BRASS CHURCH DISTRICT.

The ceremony marking the inauguration of the Brass (Anglican) Church District will take place at St. Barnabas Church Town — Brass, on Sunday 16th of May, 1982 at 10 a.m.

The Right Revd., S. O. Elenwa, Bishop of the Niger Diocese, will perform the ceremony.

All sons and daughters, as well as well-wishers are cordially invited.

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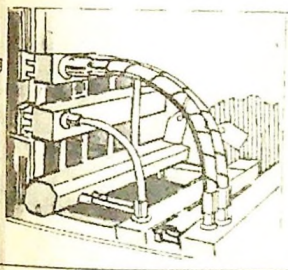
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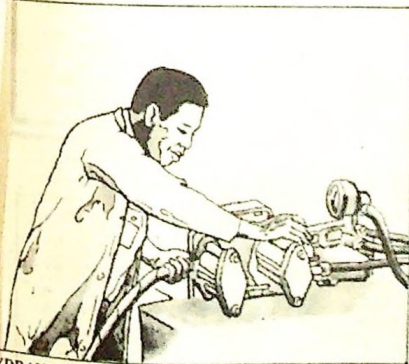
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## FOREIGN COMMENTARIES... FOREIGN COMMENTARIES...

The results of the latest multilateral negotiations between the developing nations and advanced capitalist countries, staged within the framework of the North-South dialogue bring little comfort to the former.

The capitalist North, expressed no desire to make up, at least partly, for the Third World



Feres De Cuellar  
U.N. Sec. General

losses, ensuing from the plundering of their national resources, either by expanding the aid or revising the unfair terms of exploitation of their natural resources. The owners of these resources get no more than 15% per cent of foreign monopolies' profits from their exploitation.

The North urged instead its Southern partners' greater involvement into the "free market" of commodities

and capitals. With the existing financial and other potentials of the developing countries this would mean a heading rush into market's competitive struggle with its right of the strongest to be always right, protectionism, embargoes, bans and other instruments of arbitrariness.

The objectives sought by the imperialist monopolies are pretty obvious. They acknowledge the fact of waging, in the words of the Western press, an unlimited war for mineral resources and in their fight do not intend to restrict themselves with moral or legal norms. A fresh proof of this is a frankly expressed intention of some Western countries to spread this war to the World Ocean, this still untapped source of raw materials.

In a not too distant future the oceans of the world can become the principal supplier of numerous mineral

resources. The only complication lies in the methods of setting about it.

Representatives of more than 150 states spent eight years preparing equal rights and real

By Robert Han

opportunities for developing the wealth of the ocean. They proceeded from the only possible and fair assumption that the wealth of the ocean is the property of the entire mankind and must be developed through broad international cooperation.

This interpretation of the problem is particularly significant for the developing countries which are yet technically unprepared for tapping natural resources at the sea bottom independently. Despite this, the capitalist North forces the rules of "free enterprises" on the develop-

ing countries, thus depriving the legitimate share in the mankind's wealth.

This is exactly what the United States has done. The US administration gave a permission to its companies to begin prospecting for mineral resources in international seas before a General Convention is signed. Moreover, the United States, Britain, France and West Germany are planning to sign a separate agreement on joint development of sea wealth also outside the framework of general regulations.

The report about this appeared in the world press on the eve of the UN Conference on the law of the sea, which began its, what is generally believed, last session on March 8. It was to finalise the details of this international legal document of the exploitation of the world's oceans and their resources.

The plans of the big four to begin arbitrarily the development of sea resources are regarded

by the rest of the world as the first dangerous step towards the division of the oceans between the economically advanced countries of the West. This division will be similar to the colonization of Africa at the end of the past century.

The absolute majority of states, including at non-aligned and socialist countries, unanimously denounce this selfish approach to the vital problem, unacceptable from the view-point of international security. They believe that the position of the US administration and the tacit consent with it of the closest capitalist partners of the United States in no way

encourage the establishment of a new world fair and democratic economic order.

For the developing countries, the implementation of the "free competition" idea with regard to the World Ocean, would signify the further intensification of their economic subordination to the capitalist North as a whole.

## MILITARISATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

A draft budget for the 1982-1983 fiscal year and a new bill on defence, tabled for consideration by the South African parliament, are remarkable for a considerable, as against the previous year, rise in military spending which is to amount to the astronomical sum of close on 3,000 million rand.

There is another bill requiring the drafting of the whites aged 17-80 and longer terms of military service, so as to enlarge the South African army to 800,000.

Small doubt, these bills will be passed, because the apartheid state has been building up its military power for years now. Over the last 20 years South Africa's military spending has grown 60 times and its army more than 16 times to become the biggest in Africa. This is being done under the pretext of building up Pretoria's defence.

But are these the purposes of defence which are served by the unprecedented parliamentary act on the recent government's right to use its army as any part of the glitter under the aspect of beholding the national interests? Really, the imperial ambitions of the South African leaders have gone very far.

The rulers of the apartheid state conduct punitive operations against the indigenous population of South Africa and Namibia, a legally occupied by South Africa. For several years now they have been stepping up the

undeclared war against the independent states in Southern Africa: first of all Angola, and also Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and others, and continually violating their sovereignty and territorial integrity. The raids by the racist military into the territories of these states cause innumerable sufferings to the civilians and tremendous material losses to the economies.

The criminal South African operations in the South of the continent and the escalation of the acts of aggression against the frontline states serve several ends at a time. First of all, the South African regime seeks to destabilise the situation in the region's countries which are in the vanguard of the peoples' struggle, and also wants to strip the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, Zambia

By Garba Salemu

and other countries of their revolutionary gains, in providing an armed support to the racist regime and its efforts for a military build-up. Western powers want at any cost to preserve the apartheid regime as its staging area in Southern Africa so as to blackmail and intimidate the African countries which have opened for an independent course of development. A proof of this is provided by the mounting armed attacks, acts of economic subversion and sabotage against these countries.

## MENDING BONN-WASHINGTON RELATIONS

"We'll take a lot from the French and from others, but not from you Germans."

After a two-hour discussion in the elegant suburban villa of a West German opposition politician in Bonn, one American present evidently had exhausted his supply of patience.

Of course there is in addition to the British-American "special relationship" a special tie between Bonn and Washington, but under totally different aspects. The often-denied nadir in German-American relations has shaken the politicians. Discussion meetings are now in

Handy a day goes by in Bonn without the difficult efforts of "public relations" staff on both sides to organise meetings with visitors and lectures and to disseminate clever papers about the deepened friendship going back to the days of the Cold War packages.

The intellectual analysis however cannot eradicate the mutual

discomfort. An editor-in-chief from Huntsville, Alabama, who visited West Berlin said "I have never met so many leftists who wanted to have nothing to do with us."

The editor, a Southern Democrat who is by no means a friend of Ronald Reagan's, could not understand why there is no longer the smooth agreement as was the case during his last visit ten years ago.

In the view of U.S. ambassador to West Germany Arthur Burns, it is above all the younger generation who have grown farther apart due to a lack of interest in history.

A recent editorial in the "Neue Ruhr/Neue Rhein-Zeitung" newspaper formulated it so: "The fathers have neglected to bequeath German-American friendship."

So there is no lack of people making admissions. It may be due to the official over-optimism of the West German Federal Government

ing such a hard time getting through.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt gladly lays the blame on eager editorial writers at the "New York Times" or the "Washington Post."

By DPA Correspondent

Discreet hints come from his camp about the Reagan administration's confusion in formulating unified positions on foreign policy.

Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher must urgently get together with discussion partners in Washington and swear the undoubtedly existent understanding with secretary of state Alexander Haig.

But all of those speaking belong to the generation of the fathers. Just Hans-Bruce, appointed by Bonn as coordinator for German-American relations, established the "expanded working group

the foreign ministry states secretary is to work toward a greater youth exchange, even though so far only the office, but not the necessary funds, has been approved.

Meanwhile repair work on the trans-Atlantic cracks is continuing with political means, through expressions of solidarity at summit meetings and not least by the invitation to Reagan to visit Bonn, where the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) summit is also to be held.

The idea, actually in itself typically American, of re-educating or newly educating the youth cannot, at all, be achieved, in a foreseeable timeframe.

Unconditional agreement to every kind of American policy, which above all German politicians look back on nostalgically, has made room for a more critical way of looking at matters, even if much of the protests about American mainly stem



### Three times World's best swimmer

Vladimir Salnikov set up three records during the international swimming competitions in Olympic sports centre, clocking 7:52.83 in the 800m free style competition, 3:49.57 in the 400m free style competition, and 14:58.35 in the 1500m free style competition (respectively on February 14, and March 12 and 13).

Asked if he was set satisfied with his new three records, Vladimir Salnikov, three times world champion, said he hoped to make it in even shorter time. For five years, already, sport has pronounced with pride the name of the Soviet record holder, there can hardly be a talented sportsman, though Vladimir thinks that talent is not everything for an athlete, it was talent, will, industry, persistence.

"Like swimming," says Salnikov, "I like the feeling of speed, and water, and its resistance, advice you all, not only athletes, to swim at any age."

## DAFA league: PAB, NPRC clash again

The Pan African Bank Football squad will tomorrow at the old Enugu Stadium engage the Nigeria Petroleum Refining Corporation (NPRC) Football Club in a division one match of the Port Harcourt and District Association Football Association (PHDAFA) league match.

Expected to be the league's exciting encounter, both teams will do everything possible for the vital two points at stake.

Having a better 0-1 defeat in the season's opening match early this year, the 1981 PHDAFA league champions, NPRC will definitely fight to avenge that defeat. "Our pride is damaged," says one NPRC sports official. "We will surely

## Falklands: World Cup will go on as planned

The president of the 1982 World Cup Organising Committee, Mr. Remondo Saporta, said in Madrid that the soccer championship will go on as scheduled on June 13, with or without the British or Argentine teams.

There will be a world cup, Mr. Saporta said, and it will be played with 24 teams as scheduled.

He said that the International Football Federation (FIFA) would decide what teams would substitute any country that boycotts the games because of the Falkland Islands dispute between Britain and Argentina.

Talk of a boycott by Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland as a protest of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands has been rampant.

The British Minister of State, Neil Macfarlane, however has taken a "wait and see" attitude over Britain's participation.

The world cup is scheduled to start June 13 and end on July 11.

Although England and the world cup holder, Argentina, would not meet in the first round of play, it is conceivable that the two teams could meet each other in the final.

The fourth annual Inter-House athletic competition of Government Secondary Commercial School Nkoro in the former Local Government area ended with great pomp.

According to sports organizer J. O. Etukudu, the sports competition which attracted very many dignitaries from all walks of life was one of gladiolous.

In his maiden speech the principal of the school Mr. E. D. Anu expressed satisfaction in the activities of the school ever since its inception. "We are not only good academically as the world has already known, but we go in extra-curricular activities including other aspects of moral life," he remarked.

He therefore urged the government to always remember this particular school in terms of supply of essential amenities, and sports/games equipments which will in small measure facilitate the education of future stars for the state.

Many records were set and some broken on that day when ace sprinter, Elliot Diepuey clocked 9.2 seconds in the Inter-mediate Boys 100 metres



## Kpokpo House carries day at Nkoro

In the Junior Intermediate Girls, Mus thips Kaid threw a distance of 42.31 metres. In 100 metres junior boys, Port Lombo clocked 10 seconds.

In the Senior Girls, Helen Etuk of Afaka House emerged the queen of the year.

Consequently, Kpokpo House danced gracefully with 187 points to come out first

thereby clinching the most coveted giant silver trophy. Okoko House with 166 points came second while Afaka House came third with 148 points. The other houses came trailing along for the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th positions.



CHIEF ALFRED OLOTU  
Education Commissioner

## Wrestler throws challenge

A PORT Harcourt based wrestler, Richard Gywee also known as Robert State has challenged Robert Ndamakwe of Rivers State for a non-title wrestling combat.

In a brief interview with TideSport, Richard Gywee said that he wanted Robert in order to exhibit his skill. "I'm staging a war on the block," he told TIDESPORT.

The barrel chested and muscular wrestler described his opponent as a fine wrestler with a good record but expressed optimism of a clean and fair victory. "I'm not boasting but I know my worth in the game," he said.

He however assured his fans that he will deal severely with his opponent come that fateful day. "I'll batter him beyond recognition."

Richard Gywee who had been absent from the wrestling scene within the state for quite a while, warned other wrestlers that it would be foolish for anyone to presume that he is a goner in the trade. "I could still accomplish today what I have been doing in my active days," he said.

According to him, it takes a lot to be powerful and a lot more to remain powerful. "My opponent should realise that part of what it takes to be a good fighter, is the ability to fight and perform credibly anywhere, any day, and anytime."

another institution at the same OTELGA where fracas was the tone of the day. The end result was that two young girls were beaten to a state of coma while a school dormitory and properties worth thousands of naira were set ablaze by these unscrupulous elements.

Thanks to the good Samaritan Refinery Fire Fighters who came to their rescue. In most cases, girls had been extremely lucky to escape with their dear lives. The social class, of course, do not happen only in this area (OTELGA). It is a global one and would require all hands on deck to immediately purge the schools of it.

Having the dangers that entailed in the above cases in mind, may I call upon the state government through the Education Ministry to place embargo on inter-house sports in our secondary schools and colleges now that no death has come to book.

On this day under reference, there were much fighting and many cases of students in against the number of participating adults athletes, broken bottles, school bags, shoes, etc were frequently used among the student's folk.

One would have to imagine the type of pain we are actually deriving from such sports meetings.

Another glaring instance is a recent one that occurred in yet

## Ban inter-house sports in secondary schools SAYS MAXY NWIGOH

INTER-HOUSE Athletic Sports Competition can be easily described to mean an atmosphere where young boys and girls in our post primary institutions engage in one sporting activity or the other.

It is a situation where talented sports men and women come together with a common view to promoting sports in our society.

Charity as it is often said, begins at home, this can be rightly said to be why the government through the principals encourage our young sports lovers right from secondary school level. Many primary school leavers and educationists had been donating in cash or kind to make this idea behind inter-house sporting healthy.

It is painful however, to say that persons like Richard Owaibokiri and Hamilton Green just to mention who today are the Rivers State flag-bearers to the Nigerian soccer scene, no doubt, began their

hidden talents from post primary school level before climbing high to the national level.

Even the look of things nowadays, one could be right if he says that the spirit of sports which is directed towards development of the body and mind and to increase in number of sports participants from our state is gradually dying off in our post primary institutions. It has automatically changed to a feast for fashion parades and an occasion designed for students to entertain their boy and girl friends. Believe you me, some students, ear-owners and the public alike who have fewer friends, find this a better chance to show for more, in effect, sports morale becomes paralysed.

Besides the above, inter-house sports have lost its glories into the hands of society thugs and harem smokers who had completely converted this well-meaning meeting of sports enthusiasts to a battle

come out victorious today. We have now known our lesson," he added.

Topping the DAFA league chart at the moment, NPRC has promised to stay put on the top.

But it will not be easy because the Bankers have plenty to come good in the state soccer scene.

With high spirit after beating the Nigerian Ports Authority Football team by 2-1 in the 1981 Governors' Cup Final, the Pen Bankers are surely being con-

servicing their soccer ambition.

One official of the Pen Bank club said: "We have promise to go winners, and that is surely what we intend to do today. We will definitely confirm our supremacy over the NPRC," he added.

Today's match will not doubt be a closed battle as both sides are known for their soccer ambition. Indeed, sports fans will be treated with some soccer passion.



Friday, May 14, 1982



DR E. C. OSSAMOR  
Minister of Labour  
& Employment

## PANEL ON FLOOD GRANT SET UP

THE office of the Presidential Liaison Officer in the Rivers State has set up a four-man committee to supervise the utilisation of the N1 million donated by the Federal Government in aid of flood and erosion victims in Brass.

Yenagoa and Sagbaya Local Government areas, of the state.

The committee which is made up of the state Commissioners for Social Welfare, Health, Housing and Environment, is headed by the PLO, Dr Daniel O. Aigbor.

Commenting on the committee's programme of activities to the Nigerian Tide, the PLO explained that its members have already met twice and added that they have agreed that the state Ministry of Health should prepare the list of the required drugs which would be bought with the allocated N250,000 and distributed to the victims.

On the provision of accommodation, Dr Aigbor explained that under the courtesy of the state Ministry of Housing and Environment, N500,000 would be spent on the building of residential houses, while the Ministry of Social Welfare would utilise the remaining N250,000 for the purchase of food stuff for the victims.

## Panalpina gets govt deadline

BY TOKIMEO GEORGE

EFFECTING  
FED GOVT  
POLICY ON  
EMPLOYMENT

THE Rivers State Government has given a one week ultimatum to the management of Panalpina a Port Harcourt based shipping company within which to comply with the federal Government policy on employment of indigenes or face the wrath of the state administration.

The ultimatum came at the wake of what the state government described as the mounting abuse of the Federal Government's employment policy by establishments and companies operating in the state.

Under the policy, 60 per cent of junior staff required by any establishment operating

in any state, should be made up of the indigenes of that particular state.

But since the policy came into force, many companies in the Rivers State have persistently flouted it with impunity.

Giving the state government's reaction in a meeting summoned by the state Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning also in charge of Labour Matters, Dr M. P. Okonny to resolve an industrial dispute between the management of Panalpina and its indigenous sailors, he said it was the policy of the government that companies operating in the state, should contribute towards the economic well being of the state by employing its indigenes.

The Commissioner condemned the uncooperative attitude of some companies which he said have continued to undermine the progress of the state, by discriminating against its indigenes in their employment programmes.

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He therefore warned against the grave consequences of such destructive policy, adding that the state government would no longer condone such flagrant abuse of its liberal attitude.

In his own contribution, the president of the Rivers State Indigenes Union, Mr John Anwar, alleged that there were more than 3,000 abandoned and unemployed seamen in the state and accused the management of Panalpina of naked discrimination against Rivers indigenes.



\*Dr M.P. Okonny (right) confers with the shipping manager of Panalpina, Mr G.E. Eder (left) while Chief G.N. Loko (centre) watches.

## 5 LGAs to get NEPA's supply

FIVE local government areas in the Rivers State will now enjoy direct power supply from the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) under the state administration's massive rural electrification programme.

Those to benefit are Ikwerre Etche, Abiodun, Yenagoa, Sagbaya and Bon Local Government areas, as well as Okrika, Oyigbo, Ika/Eleme and Bon Local Government areas, all on the eastern zone of the authority's zone in the state.

Disclosing this to the Nigerian Tide in his office, the Director of Electricity and Water Supply in the Governor's Office, Mr I. T. Wasi, said, with the current scheme, the question of installing generators in the affected areas would no longer be necessary. He also announced that already, NEPA distribution lines have been laid to the International Airport, Eleme, Eleme, Abiodun, Ikwerre, Abiodun, and Abiodun, while the construction would get to Yenagoa before the year of the year.

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## JUDGE INDICTS POLICEMEN OVER ASSAULT ON CIVILIANS

A LAGOS High Court Judge, Mr Justice Ademola Candido-Johnson, has warned law enforcement agents in the country that reckless and indiscriminate assault on civilians could be a costly exercise.

The warning followed a judgment in which Senator Abraham Adesanya was awarded N10,000 as damages he suffered when six policemen assaulted him at the premises of the National Assembly last year. The judge said that he considered the act of the policemen as a public disgrace and a humiliation of the senator.

Mr Justice Candido-Johnson said that there was no evidence before the court to justify the

presence of armed policemen at the premises of the Assembly. "In order to restrict the plaintiff or any other senator from the premises on the date of the incident."

He said that although the plaintiff took pains to identify himself, the policemen without any lawful cause or excuse, ignored the gentlemanly gesture of the law-maker and acted with reckless abandon.

Senator Adesanya had filed a N1 million suit for aggravated damages against the Inspector-General of Police, the Lagos Commissioner of Police, his deputy and a Mobile Police Officer identified with Force No. MB5113.

The senator had told the court that the mobile

policemen, assaulted him on January 29, when he went to the National Assembly to perform his legitimate duty as a member of the Senate.

He testified that when he approached the Assembly premises, he showed his identity to the policemen and immediately, "the mobile policemen snatched the card and flung it to the ground."

Senator Adesanya alleged that when he attempted to write down the number of the policemen, the officer fell on him and beat him with horse-whip.



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