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HOSPITAL TAKEN OVER

THE Federal Government has taken over the Psychiatric Hospital in the Rivers State. The hospital was built at a cost of about N900,000 and has a capacity for 30 beds which will be later increased to 250 beds.

The completion of the hospital complex is regarded as a landmark as it is the first of its kind in the state and one of the very few in the Federation.

The Port Harcourt Federal Prisons was being used as a temporary home for the mentally sick because of lack of a psychiatric hospital.

The hospital will also serve as a training ground for student nurses.

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VILLAGE TERROR

Pre-dawn attack on new Year Eve alleged

6,000 flee homes

By our roving reporter

MORE than 6,000 terrified inhabitants of Iyoba village in the Bonny Local Government Area of the Rivers State have fled their homes, the Police confirmed in Port Harcourt yesterday. They fled following what their spokesman described as "pre-dawn surprise attack" on their village by a neighbouring group. The villagers are now taking refuge in the open at the Bonny waterside and some are feared missing.

Many were also reported to be injured and admitted at the General Hospital, Bori.

There were allegations of arson and the looting of the property of the fleeing villagers by their invaders.

The attackers, according to reports, armed themselves with dane guns, axes and other dangerous instruments during the "invasion."

Further reports alleged that the villagers had earlier been warned to quit the piece of the disputed land by their assailants before midnight of December 31 when the incident took place.

Investigations

Confirming the story yesterday, the police public relations officer in Port Harcourt, Mr G. Fakolade, said the police at Bori had begun investigations, but that no arrests had been made.



▲ MR I. O. OLARINDE
Commissioner of Police
Rivers State

National Electric Power Authority

LOAD SHEDDING

The National Electric Power Authority Regrets to announce that owing to unprecedented low inflow of water into the reservoir of the Kainji Hydro Station, the Authority is forced to resort to load-shedding in Port Harcourt, Owerri, Aba, Umuahia and Abiriba Townships.

Every effort will be made to ensure steady supply of light to our industrial consumers during the day, and to domestic consumers during the night.

Whilst apologising for the obvious inconvenience, the Authority assures all customers affected that everything is being done to speedily bring the situation to normal.

V. C. OKOYE
Ag. District Manager
NEPA., Port Harcourt

16,000 taxis off Lagos roads

An estimated 16,000 taxi cabs operating in the Lagos State are off the roads. The drivers withdrew them yesterday in their dispute with the state government over the introduction of meters, grew, throwing traffic in the Federal Capital into chaos.

The Lagos State Commissioner for Special Duties, Dr. L. A. Balogun, announced last week that taxi meters were to be introduced because there had been outcry from the members of the public about exorbitant charges by taxi drivers.

He claimed that the zonal tariffs recently introduced by the state government were being flouted. It was, therefore, mandatory, he said, that drivers should install meters in their cars effective from yesterday.

The drivers and taxi owners quickly summoned an emergency meeting at the weekend and voted against the measure.

They declared that not one of the 16,000 drivers would install any meter nor would they operate any taxi cab with a meter within the state.

To strengthen their rank, both the owners and the drivers have now formed one union.

In a statement yesterday, the president of the union, Alhaji M. A. Oshuni, said that both taxis and commercial vehicles in Ikorodu, Epe and Badagry divisions of the state were licensed and tested, no taxi operator would apply for renewal of licences.

Remember the 1979 elections. Be prepared and get yourself registered.

₦.05m School block for Ozuitem

More than 800 pupils of the Ozuitem Central School in Bende local government area who were threatened with ejection from their school at Awkuzuprii Ozuitem will now smile.

Their parents in the Agbua-Ikwuano, Ozuitem have decided to build them a modern school block at a new site estimated at ₦50,000.

At a meeting of the Agbua Ikwuano community during which the school project was approved, the community called on its citizens to contribute generously towards the school project.

To enable them execute the project the community has imposed levies ranging from ₦60 to ₦300 on adult sons and daughters of the area abroad and ₦5 to ₦10 on those at home.

The first phase of the project which involves the construction of three school blocks of nine classrooms are expected to be ready within four months.

A report from the area said work on the new school site has begun.



Worshippers at Church service

The new year was ushered in all parts of the country with religious services, to which large crowd attended.

In Port Harcourt, one of such services was held at the Saint Cyprian's Church.

Here is a cross-section of the worshipers at the church service.

Owerri council mounts rate drive

AN intensive rate drive has been mounted by the Owerri local government council in Imo State to recover outstanding arrears of 1975/76, 1976/77 development rates including income taxes, bicycle licences and registration of business premises fees.

The revenue drive throughout was mounted on January 1, 1978.

From Francis Chioma

The council has therefore warned every rateable adult living in or travelling within or through Owerri local government area to carry on him, tickets or receipts for 1975/75, 1976/77 and 1977/78.

According to the council, the tickets and receipts should be produced on demand.

The council directed that every bicycle should bear the current bicycle plate and owners should carry on them the receipts.

The council also directed that civil servants or employees of firms or corporations which operate the "PAYE" system should produce their tax receipts on demand or any other official document to substantiate their claims, individually.

In another development, the general public was informed that the council had, in addition to the office at the temporary headquarters, Owerri, created seven revenue sub-offices at Umuohiagu, Umuneke, Okpala, Avu, Nekede, Abala and Nwaukwa court.

FARM ON THAT PIECE OF LAND NEAR YOU

Xtians urged to embrace Christ

A PLEDGE in the new year for christians to hold Christ firm has been prescribed.

Giving the prescription last Sunday was Brother Friday Ilala of the Assemblies of God Church at No 1 Alkino Street, Mile 1 Diobu, Port Harcourt.

To his brief but powerpacked sermon titled, "putting off the old garment" Brother Ilala advised christians to take a second look for a new garment they would put on in the new year.

"Brethren", he declared, "let us see if we are still putting on that old garment of pride, fornication, envy, self-deceit, lying and steal-ing".

To do this, he said, christians should observe holiness in the Lord Jesus Christ and shun the outside world life.

COCOA REHAB SCHEME APPROVED

The Federal Military Government has approved a programme for the rehabilitation of cocoa in the country.

Under the programme, a total of 124,000 hectares of land would be planted during the remaining part of the current plan period.



MR R. O. W. MAFENI
Federal Commissioner for Agriculture

An official statement from the Cabinet Office in Lagos said that the programme which would cost ₦223.4 million would increase the production of cocoa beans from the present level of 9,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes when fully implemented in 1985.

The government's decision, according to the statement came as a result of its concern about the deterioration in the output of the country's traditional export crops.

It will be recalled that similar steps have been taken in connection with the rehabilitation of oil palm for which the sum of ₦3 million was committed.

Traffic manager loses wife

The wife of the Traffic manager of the Nigerian Ports Authority, (NPA) Port Harcourt, Mrs Mary Okon Abia Bassey is dead.

Mrs Abia-Bassey, 36, died after a protracted illness in her hometown at Uboro in Oron local government area of Cross River State last Friday.

The late Mrs Abia-Bassey, a woman leader and staunch Methodist was until her death, president of the women branch of the Oron Development Union in Port Harcourt.

She is survived by her aged mother and nine children.

Burial takes place on Saturday after a funeral service at the Methodist Church, Uboro-Oron.

Meanwhile, messages of condolence have been pouring into the bereaved family.

EDITORIAL

WINNING THE WAR OF THE ROBBERS

THE Third National Development Plan (1975-80) envisages the training of 100,000 Nigerians in various technological skills for industrial manpower needs. This underlines the importance of technological education for the realisation of our development objectives and the relevance of the nation's colleges of technology and polytechnics.

IT IS, therefore, a matter of profound regret that there are yet no signs of efforts to settle the "dispute" between the Federal Military Government and the more than 30,000 students of these institutes. The dispute led to the boycott of classes by the students and the subsequent closing of the institutes by the government since last November.

THERE seems to be absolutely no purpose in prolonging the impasse or continuing the debate on who is right and who is wrong. There is no purpose either in any show of power, for all that is time-consuming. All that is desirable is for the issue to be cleared to enable the students return to classes.

NOBODY disputes the importance of "discipline" in our educational institutions, as indeed in all national establishments, but this should not mean the closing of institutions indefinitely. This is costly and painful and it is the nation that bears the pain and feels the cost. Efforts should be made to reopen the institutions without further delay and without any pre-conditions.

FOR HOW LONG, PRAY?

IN THE early months of last year, armed robbers and terrorists besieged the Rivers State capital and its neighbourhood. They created terror and chaos among innocent citizens, robbed, maimed and injured hundreds. The situation turned the city into a nightmare and virtually paralysed all social and economic activities. As a counter measure, the Police were obliged to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew on the city and day and night patrols were mounted.

NOW, the curfew has been lifted because the Police feel satisfied that the danger is over. This should obviously gladden the hearts of all law-abiding people. The Police have done a marvellous job. They should feel elated. We cheer and congratulate them.

HAVING succeeded in disorganising the gangsters and dismantling their engines, the Police should not relax, for it is quite probable that the criminals are hibernating and waiting for time to operate more freely. Now is the time, therefore, for the police to intensify their vigil, especially as the people are living through another kind of curfew imposed by the National Electric Power Authority.

MEMBERS of the community, too, have a vital role to play. They should be on their guard and inform the Police promptly of any suspicious movements by strange faces. The war of the robbers has been won but let us not forget the wise saying that those who want peace must prepare for war.

AMANYANABO WRANGLE: AN UNNECESSARY FUME

WE are concerned about recent developments on the reported selection and installation of a new Amanyanabo of Kalabari, especially as it relates to traditionalism, etc.

In the Nigerian Star of Saturday, November 12, 1977, a ritual signed by 20 chiefs of Buguma stated that the purported election and installation were in contravention of Kalabari tradition and customs". But in an earlier publication in the Nigerian Star of November 4, 1977, the supporters of the new Amanyanabo, Chief Obasi Abiye-Suku Amachree, said that the new Amanyanabo had among other things performed the slaughtering of a goat for King Amachree" being the final rite of an Amanyanabo elect.

What baffles us most is the threat of the 20 Buguma Chiefs that "as soon as concrete arrangements shall be made for the election and installation of a new Amanyanabo of Kalabari".

The question which now arises is, does the election and second slaughtering of goat by tradition of Kalabari allow anybody in order to be installed a new Amanyanabo, when one has already been slaughtered by a living person?

It is a known historical fact that the selection and installation of the Amanyanabo of Kalabari have never been without a struggle. Even Amachree I himself, in his task of assumption as Amanyanabo did certain things believed to be impossible. It was his prize for the crown. The accession of King Amakoro Amachree II (1757—1762) was without incident because of natural circumstances.

But before King Karibo Amachree III (1782—1863) become the Amanyanabo, there was a struggle. In the case of King Abbi Princewill Amachree IV (1863—1900), the disagreement was so violent between him and his opponent, Afambo that the goddess Awonekaw had to intervene with the price of the King-ship pinned on winning the Ugoni war. The former won.

The reign of King Charlie Kiene Amachree V (1901—1917) was also in trouble ab initio soon after the Kalabari civil war which had split the nation into three separate towns of Buguma, Abonnema and Bakana. It was the Okrika—Kalabari fishing right case of 1912 that compelled the three towns to come together to recognise him as the Amanyanabo because he alone as Amanyanabo could lead the nation.

Perhaps we can also cite the case of King J. T. Princewill Amachree VII (1942—1943) and King Cotton C. Amachree IX (1971—1975). While the former generated court proceedings against his selection and recognition as Amanyanabo. The latter was pacified by the Port Harcourt Kalabari Peace Committee at the Ifoko Conference. It was reaffirmed at that Conference that since an Amanyanabo elect has under any circumstances slaughtered a goat at the Amachree shrine he has automatically been made the Amanyanabo. It cannot be revoked.

In other words, no other person can do the same thing and be installed an Amanyanabo during the life-time of the incumbent. This is the custom and the tradition.

Chief A. B. Batubo who was the first signatory among the 20 Buguma Chiefs was the Chairman of the Ifoko Conference in 1972. And all the others are Honourable Chiefs. It is surprising therefore that the repository of our custom and tradition should be the very people perverting it. The oath taking episode before Akaso of the division between Akaw and non-Akaw Chiefs is irrelevant in this matter.

And yet another word. The Amanyanabo belongs to all Kalabari. He is not exclusively for Buguma. It is wrong therefore for the people of Buguma to enter into bitter controversy each time a new Amanyanabo is selected and before other people are aware.

In fact, what the 20 chiefs of Buguma could have done, and rightly too, was to summon an emergency meeting of the Se-Kobiri to report any anomaly instead of going to the press.

The Ifoko conference frowned on the Buguma attitude, and Buguma promised not to do so. We agree that in the rush of things to slaughter the goat, for he who first cuts the head of the goat wins the day and the crown, it is impossible to bring all the Kalabari people together. But we must find a way in minimising this unnecessary act of isolating the other towns in the most important ritual of making Amanyanabo.

Bringing the Amanyanabo to the Se-Kobiri to say "Behold your Amanyanabo" is not sufficient. The Se-Kobiri should set up a special committee to work out a proper method by which we shall all have the opportunity to watch the most important part — the slaughtering of the goat for Amachree — and the whole process of making the Amanyanabo.

For now, Chief Pemberton Obasi Abbi Ye-Isaku Amachree X is the Amanyanabo of Kalabari by our custom and tradition. Long live the unity of Kalabari.

ALALIBO ORUANSIBO
Ibadan.

WAEC, release my result now

I WAS one of the candidates who sat for the 1976 WASC GCE 'O' Level examination at Baptist High School, Port Harcourt in Nov/Dec. 1976. Up till now, no result has been issued to me. Other colleagues have got theirs but WAEC does not seem to realise that mine is still with the Council and should equally be released.

I am pretty sure that my name, Centre Candidate's number and other necessary particulars were clearly written on my answer papers as required by the Council. God is my crown witness that I did not cheat in any way during the examination. I am therefore embarrassed that my result should still be withheld up till now.

I have written so many letters to the Senior Deputy Registrar on this issue but it appears to me that the letters were lost in transit and did not reach him, hence there was no reply.

I am therefore using this medium to appeal to the WAEC to release my result and save me from more embarrassment. My particulars are as follows:

Centre No. = 21717
Candidate No. = 168
Centre = Baptist High School, Port Harcourt.

OWEN C. EZEAGWULA
Port Harcourt

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

HEALTH NEEDS ATTENTION

RECENTLY the Rivers State Commissioner for Health, Dr I. A. Oburo visited some places to see some of the various establishments of his ministry and one of the places to be visited was the General Hospital, Joinkrama. But the visit never took place.

Thousands of people had waited in vain to see their commissioner but he never came. In fact, the people had to forfeit their various works to wait for the Hon. Commissioner. Even school children and workers waited all day in the sun.

This government should note that the Health of the people is the wealth of the nation.

I will therefore plead to the state Commissioner for Health to come here here and see the situation in this hospital.

PETER OSAH
Joinkrama

Encourage commercial education

DESPITE the concrete plans which the Rivers State Government is making to establish more post-primary institutions in the state, it is disheartening to observe that only four commercial institutions are approved.

It is the responsibility of the Rivers State Government to encourage and develop all types of education, be it secondary grammar, technical vocational or commercial education in the state. The latter has not been given adequate attention when compared with the attention given to secondary and technical education.

This is an indication that commercial education is still not fully recognised.

To meet the challenge the Rivers State Government should establish more commercial colleges in Port Harcourt and in other towns in the State.

Some of the private commercial schools could also be taken over by the government.

D. W. PEREBO
Yola.

FMG VOTES N2.5m FOR HIGHWAYS IN NIGER

THE Federal Military Government has made grants totalling N2.5 million to the Niger State Government during the current financial year for the maintenance of federal highways in the State.

This was disclosed in Minna by the Federal Commissioner for Works, Mr Obiora Arthush.

Mr Arthush said that a Federal highway maintenance unit was to be set up at Minna before the end of this financial year.

Other maintenance units would later be set up at Kontagora and Abuja.

The commissioner appealed to the state government to post the staff who would be required to help in the unit.

Projects inspected by the commissioner while visiting the state included the Minna — Gwada — Zuma Road and the Minna — Lapai — Abuja road.

While at Pandogari, Kuta-na State, Mr Arthush remarked that Federal Government highways projects should be executed in close ventures between the Federal Military Government, the state governments and the communities who would benefit directly from the projects.

He made the remark when the Chief Resident Engineer in-charge of the Jos Pandogari — Katsina road project, Mr B. C. Kwon informed him that work on the re-alignment of the road had been suspended pending the approval of compensation for farm crops and other economic trees in the area.

The commissioner advised that while his ministry would expedite action on the assessment of compensation, it was not proper to regard any road project as an impediment for which every bit of compensation must be squeezed out of the Federal Military Government.

Otherwise, he said, money meant for highway construction would be spent on compensation alone.

A PERMANENT secretary in Bendel State Ministry of Information, Mr J. A. Ohiorenoya, recently retired from the State Public Service. Preparatory to his retirement he paid a courtesy visit to the state Military Governor, Commodore Hamza Abdullahi, in his office.

Mr Ohiorenoya (standing) is seen paying his respects to the Military Governor (at head of table) while other top civil servants listen.



NIGERIA PAYS MORE FOR NUTS

NIGERIA pays N50.00 a tonne higher than world price of groundnut to producers in the country.

This was disclosed in Kano by the Federal Commissioner for Co-operatives and Supply, Alhaji Umaru Abdul Mutallab, while exchanging views with his Kano State's counterpart, Dr Aminu Dorayi.

Alhaji Mutallab, observed that although this year was expected to be a good season for groundnut activities, particularly in Kano headquarters of Groundnut Board, had not been spectacular.

He announced that special schemes would be worked out by both the Kano State and the Federal Governments to increase the production of groundnuts.

He called on licensed buying agents to collaborate with officials of the Groundnut Board to avoid hoarding of the commodity.

The commissioner who was accompanied by senior officials of his ministry as well as the general manager of the groundnut board, Alhaji Usman Danbatan, also visited the headquarters of the Groundnut Board in Kano where he had discussions with senior officials of the board.

He welcomed in principle, the proposed national seminar organised by the Nigerian Groundnut Board on groundnut production, which is billed for this month.

NIGERIA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LUTHER KING

Nigeria's permanent representative at the United Nations, Mr Leslie Harriman, has observed that the emergence of the United States from the pathological sickness of the "cold war" and Mccarthyism and its ability to think of morality in foreign policy has been largely due to the late Reverend Martin Luther King, (junior).

Ambassador Harriman made the observation while addressing the United Nations Meditation Group, which met in New York at the United Nations headquarters to honour the late Reverend King.

He recalled how the late civil rights leader dedicated his life to liberate black people and how he became the spokesman for the poor of all racial origins and the advocate of peace on earth.

He welcomed the fact that there is an awakening of the conscience of the United States even though it had not yet aligned itself fully with the forces engaged in the crucial struggle going on in Southern Africa.

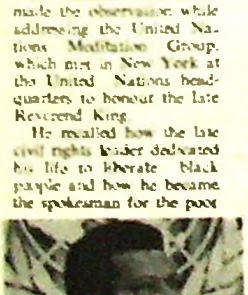
He regretted the fact that black people were paying very dearly with the lives of their leaders such as the Reverend Martin Luther King (jr.), Eduardo Mondlane of Mozambique, Patrice Lumumba of Zaire, Amilcar Cabral of Guinea Bissau and Steven Biko of South Africa for their rights.

The Nigerian representative noted that until recently, to be black, meant to be oppressed, humiliated and despised.

But today, to be black had come to mean, the burden of leadership, a vanguard role in the struggle to free humanity from prejudice and inequality.

He then called on independent nations of Africa, the caribbean and the black people of the United States to join together to see that Southern Africa was free.

It was only then that blackmen and women could walk with dignity on the globe.



Mr Leslie Harriman

REHAB CENTRES FOR STATES

THE Federal Military Government has made provision of N350,000 for reception centres in every state of the federation.

A sum would help the states to purchase facilities for rehabilitation of disabled people.

According to reports, six permanent rehabilitation centres would be built in Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Calabar, Ibadan and Enugu. The sixth centre at Abuja could be developed and the Federal Military Government would help in the completion.

2 FEDERAL COLLEGES FOR ONDO

TWO more Federal institutions of higher learning are to open in Ondo State this month.

The institutions are, the Federal Government College of Education located at Idoani in Owo Local Government area and the Federal College of Technology, Akure.

This was made known by the Ondo State Commissioner for Education, Dr Kola Folayan in an address he delivered at the launching of the National Union of Ondo State Students in Akure.

The opening of the two institutions would bring to three, such federal educational facilities in the state.

At the state level, Dr Folayan said efforts had been geared up towards making secondary school education practical and functional by introducing technical and commercial subjects into the curriculum of secondary schools.

He said a large sum of money had been spent for equipping the secondary schools as a practical step towards achieving government's aim.

Addressing a press conference earlier, the union expressed the view that students activities in the country should not be seen as antagonistic against government.

The union considered that students activities were directed at progress and stability.

Yam festival ends in Obor

The people of Obor in Ogba Egbema district of the Rivers State have ended their six-day long annual yam festival.

It featured many traditional and cultural displays.

The festival which is celebrated annually in the month of December marks the end of harvesting season. It also ushers in a new farming season.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the traditional Egwu-Ogo performed according to age grades, and at the end of which the village Chief is usually led round the village by a selected group including elders from each family in the village.

There is also the pouring of libation to appease the gods of the farm and the offering of special traditional rites for the village chief.

In an address to the community the chief of the village, Eze-ali F. P. Imordi reminded the elders of their important role as custodians of the people's tradition and customs.

He said it was their sacred duty to preserve them for future generations. Referring to farming the chief urged his people to take their occupation very seriously.

"If we do not sell abundantly, we have been able to eat abundantly; this is the pride of every good farmer" he told them.

Picture shows the Eze-ali of Obor, Chief F. P. Imordi, sixth from right with other community leaders with whom he went round the villages, according to custom.



DUNLOP PLANS NEW FACTORY

The Dunlop Nigeria Industries Limited has decided to build a factory in Port Harcourt so as to meet the present increased demand of the company's products in the four eastern states.

The company's managing director, Mr L. J. Tompsett revealed this at the Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt during a party arranged to mark his visit to the Rivers State while on familiarisation tour of Nigeria.

Mr Tompsett expressed happines over the way his company was faring in Port Harcourt.

Here, the managing director (left), is being introduced to some of the guests at the party.

No drugs shortages here —COMMISSIONER

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Health, Dr I. A. Obuzor has said that his ministry never lacked drugs for the medical care of the people.

He said this when inspecting the Yenagoa General Hospital during a tour of the area.

Dr Obuzor stated that his ministry, as the only medical institution in the state, was always aware of its role in the community.

The commissioner explained that lack of drugs in any hospital in the state will only come through the arrangement between the hospital authorities and the section of his ministry in-charge of drugs.

The commissioner frowned at contractors who would take up feeding and building jobs and are later unable to prosecute their undertaking.

Earlier the hospital authorities had complained of insufficent drugs in the hospital.

The medical officer in the hospital enumerated problems facing the institution. These were irregular supply of electricity, lack of water and lack of good road leading to the hospital.

He also said the hospital needed x-ray equipment and its premises fenced.

The medical officer emphasised that these basic facilities were necessary before the hospital could serve the people in a proper manner.

Pan Bank progress commended

The manager of the Yenagoa branch of the Pan African Bank, Mr Adakeh has commended the people of the Yenagoa local government area for utilizing the opportunity given to them.

He made the commendation at a Christmas party, organised by the Pan African Bank.

He was happy to see prospective customers both on current and savings, responding to the Pan African Bank, for the week it had existed in the area.

Mr Adakeh stated that his bank received thirty seven savings account customers and forty three current account customers on the first day the bank opened at Yenagoa.

The branch manager explained that the slow pace of economic growth in the rural areas had been an inhabiting factor in attaining some of the set objectives in banking.

He promised to undertake a tour of the area to enlighten the public on the importance of banking in the economic growth of the community.



Order on varsity fees lifted

The Federal Military Government has lifted the order pegging boarding and lodging fees in Nigerian universities.

The revised fees will be chargeable to all students as from the 1978/79 session.

The order allowed private students to continue on the present fees until the end of the academic year.

But all other students would get their sponsors to pay the difference between the pegged rates and any revised fees, while tuition would continue to be free in the universities.

To this end, university councils have been enjoined to jointly agree with the National Universities Commission on the appropriate levels of boarding and lodging charges to be paid by university students and their sponsors.

They should also agree on the level of scholarships and bursaries which state governments should provide for their needy students.

According to authoritative sources, state scholarship and bursary awards would continue and government would also continue to subsidise students feeding in the universities "but only to a reasonable extent."

Official sources hoped that the revision would further improve the finances of the universities and restore a greater feeling of social responsibilities in the institutions.

Undergrad cautioned and freed

SENIOR Magistrate F. T. Eruba has freed an undergraduate of the Amadu Bello University, Zaria who had been standing trial before him on a three count charge of reckless driving, causing the death of a pregnant woman and driving without a valid vehicle licence.

Kalada Dick Iruenabe was alleged by the prosecution to have on August 23, 1977 along Omoku-Ehocha road driven a private Datsun car No. RV 1755D in a dangerous manner and caused the death of Joy Alle. He was also alleged to have driven the car without vehicle licence and to have failed to report the accident to the nearest police. Counsel for the accused person made a no case submission when the prosecution closed its case.

Mr S. A. Ebeku submitted that the police failed to prove the allegation of reckless and dangerous driving. The identity of the driver was not proved either by the prosecution, which based the identity on hearsay.

The defence counsel contended that the prosecution failed to charge the driver who was alleged to have driven the car at the time of the incident.

He was rather used as a witness against his client.

INTER-STATE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE SET UP

The governments of Benue and Cross River States have set up an inter-state boundary demarcation committee to help settle their boundary problems.

The new body was set up by the joint-meeting of the military governor of the Cross River State, Col Paul Omu and his Benue State counterpart, Col Abdulahi Shelleng.

It was to implement Federal Government decision on Mr Justice Nasir's boundary adjustment commission as it affected the two states.

In their address to the people of the boarder villages at Aukar and at Gakem, the military governors appealed to the people to be law-abiding.

The people were also informed that the Federal Military Government accepted the 1924 lines otherwise known as "Lord Lugard Wall" as demarcation line between the two states.

Import licences extended

THE duration of all unused or partly used import licences issued in 1977 has been extended for a period of three months with effect from January 1, 1978.

An official statement from the Federal Ministry of Trade in Lagos said importers had been permitted to make shipment in respect of import licences issued them last year and such licences should not be sent to the ministry for endorsement.

The statement explained that the Board of Customs and Excise would allow the importation of the goods concerned on presentation of the requisite 1977 import licences and necessary document showing that shipment had been made not later than March 31, 1978.

SHIPPING MANAGER

A fast growing Indigenous Shipping Company requires the services of a shipping Manager.

Applicants who must not be less than 35 years old must possess at least the West African School Certificate or its equivalent and must have been in a shipping concern for at least 5 years some of which must have been spent on supervisory or management duties. The successful man must be prepared to work in any Nigerian Sea or airport.

Applications in candidates own handwriting addressed to advert 078 Rivers State Newspaper Corporation, Port Harcourt, must be forwarded in two copies on or before 15th Jan. 1978.

N.1m school fund launched

THE Idu-Obosiuku community in Ogba/Egbema district of Ahoada local government area have launched a N100,000 fund for the building of a modern primary school at Idu-Obosiuku.

A total of N12,379 was realised on the spot during the first phase of the launching.

Speaking during the occasion, the chairman of the Port Harcourt branch of the association, Mr C. N. Orukwowu appealed to the community to sink their differences and unite together with one determination to work for the progress and development of their fatherland.

He lamented that the community had long been denied progress by disunity.

Mr Orukwowu, paid glowing tribute to the committee which initiated the scheme with his association.

The chairman reminded the people of the importance of education which he said was the right of every child born within "this period."

The school when completed, the chairman disclosed, would house over 200 children.

He expressed the hope that with the great response of the people of Idu-Obosiuku and neighbouring villages, their dream for a secondary school for which a 33 hectares of land had been donated, would come through.

Speaking also, another community leader, Chief Dan Uzah appealed to the people to donate generously to ensure success of the scheme.

He was optimistic that the custodians of the fund would spend it wisely.

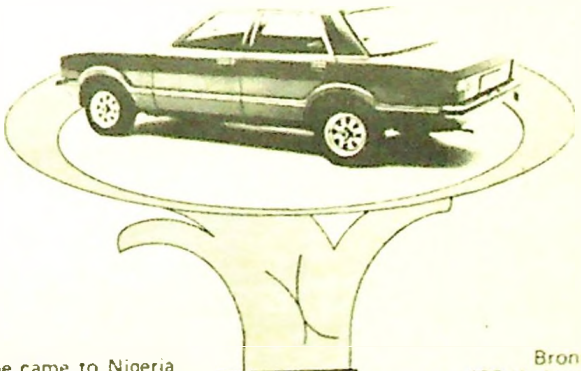
The scheme was initiated by the Government Age Group.

In the photograph, members of the group, (right) watch with keen interest, as Mr Orukwowu (left) gives his donation to the recorder, Mr L. B. Ugorji.



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OBASANJO WARNS NATION AGAIN!

- Social malaise
- Indiscipline
- Unusual love for grandeur
- Our enemies



IN my New Year message to you twelve months ago, I gave the direction for the infrastructure of new social and economic structures which will enable us to achieve our declared objective of creating a virile economy and a society with equal opportunities for all Nigerians, wherever they may be.

In the course of the year, we were compelled to take social and economic measures aimed at removing the accretion of impediments in the way of our efforts. During the same period I went out of my way to express my unhappiness with the state of our society.

The context of my speech at Jaji has however become a reference point and a yardstick for judging only actions and reactions in the public sector. Let me say, however, that while governmental measures in themselves directly impinge on the public sector, all public officials put together constitute only a fraction of our population.

The impact of this fraction on the development of our social and economic structures can therefore only be marginal except where public action is directed at the general public. The private sector and all private citizens must equally accept these measures as deserving observation.

This has been a year in which we have all identified and agreed that there exists in our society an unacceptably high level of social malaise. We have for our part taken up the challenge of this diagnosis by imposing on ourselves a dosage which has come to be popularly known as the "low profile".

We have not thought it necessary, at least not for now, to take revolutionary action to cure the society at large of indiscipline and all the excesses it breeds in all areas of our lives. Rather, we have taken moderate actions and our hope has been that our examples and measures taken so far will be enough to bring about desirable change in our lives and life styles.

In this regard, I am happy to note that here and there we are beginning to see signs of change in the right direction. Given that old habits die hard, I can only say that we on our part have no intention of letting up on our efforts to ensure that this society and this nation lives up to its domestic and external responsibility to Africa and the Black world.

If we do not show a higher level of discipline and dedication we cannot provide the social, moral and economic leadership which we must provide by virtue of our position and physical attributes. In this regard, it is essential that the role of educational institutions in developing good citizenship and building a wholesome society must be understood and exploited.

Mission

A National Advisory Council on Education for Citizenship will be inaugurated this month. There will be committees and sub-committees at state and local government levels. The National Body which will advise on reorientation and reduction of education at all levels for the intrinsic good of the society will compose of eminent Nigerians with exemplary and distinguished service to the society in religion, education, the professions, voluntary agencies, science and technology and traditional life.

Last year I indicated that each Commissioner in the Federal Executive Council will give an account of his mission during the year to the nation. This exercise has been effective and should continue. There are however a number of areas which are of crucial importance and deserving of attention as we move to a new year.

I wish to begin by stating again that this Administration continues to be guided by the political programme established at its inception. In this regard we note with satisfaction that we have moved closer to our 1979 deadline and God being with us we shall hand over to an elected government as planned.

It is worth noting that in addition to the introduction of the new local government reforms and the elections that went with that, the elected councillors themselves proceeded in the course of the year to elect a Constituent Assembly.

Our economy continues to perform well subject to the strictures and fundamental weaknesses which all third World economies are shackled with. This Administration's dedication to breaking through the barrier of underdevelopment remains unshaken. Recently I had cause to say that a people who cannot produce that which they need to make life comfortable for themselves are slaves to those who produce what they need.

Most of our economic measures and plans and programmes are therefore geared towards freeing us from total dependence in terms of our productive capacity and our tastes, on the industrialised economies. While it is the duty of this Government to ensure that our productive capacity is qualitatively and quantitatively improved, the citizens of this country must retrieve their taste buds from those things we don't produce.

Let our economic solgan for 1978 be BUY NIGERIAN wherever possible. If we don't use and have pride in using products of our factories our efforts in the regional context of ECOWAS and in the International trade organisations become limited and again our ability to live up to our own expectations and other peoples' expectation of us will accordingly be reduced.

Our expensive taste and uncontrolled consumption together with unusual love for grandeur have cost the national valuable resources which could have been put to good use in development in more relevant fields. Henceforth prestigious but sterile undertakings which put millions of naira into projects of poor social and economic values at this stage of our development must give way to down-to-earth requirement of our people for the essentials of life.

In our thoughts and utterances most of us have so far behaved like the foreigners who judge us with their own standards which they took hundreds of years to achieve through colonial exploitation and slave labour. To them and all those who harass us with the standards that took centuries to attain in other countries, I can only say this country is only seventeen years old.

Tolerance

It has been seriously threatened for four of these years and is just beginning to regain its balance. A little more tolerance, a little more understanding, a little more thought and a little more trust in one another and we will continue to make progress in stability and improvement of our facilities.

We must constantly bear in mind that there are enemies without who do not wish us well and who will use us to weaken and destroy ourselves for their own advantage. We must always be vigilant and be on our guards.

This has been a year of varied involvement in

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Contrary to expectation, the number of fatal accidents is increasing as the quality of roads improves. It would appear that although we have a great fear of death we have very little regard for life. A little more care for the road user and we will live longer and contribute our quota to the task of development.

This is the task of the century and we need every hand possible. A happy, peaceful and bountiful year for you all and for our great country.

Foreign briefs

ROME

SIX newly independent African states and Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, have been accepted as the latest members of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The countries involved apart from Namibia are: Angola, Comoros, Djibouti, Mozambique, Sao Tome, and Principe, and Seychelles.

The total membership of the FAO is now 141.

ACCRA

USAID (The United States Agency for International Development) is to spend around US$4 million over the next four years on helping the development and expansion of agriculture in Ghana, it has been announced.

The money is to be directed towards the building of a fertiliser factory to save on the cost of imported fertilisers, the production of improved seeds for farmers, and possibly canal development and irrigation schemes.

With the US out, what fate for Ilo?

THE initial reaction to the United States decision to withdraw from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was predictably one of widespread regret. Although there was much sympathy with the American frustration over what they regard as the increasing "politicisation" of this senior United Nations' specialised agency, it was felt that the best way of tackling the problem was to remain within the organisation.

But, faced with the reality of the move which deprives the ILO of an annual contribution of $20 million, a quarter of its budget, some observers, even here in Geneva where the agency has its headquarters, were hoping that it would have some salutary effects.

This, they felt, could ensue if attention were thus focussed on the situation within the ILO and if, in turn, this alerted the international community to the risks involved in allowing UN agencies to be diverted from their originally defined tasks.

It was generally agreed that the decision must have come after considerable heart-searching in Washington, especially in view of President Carter's commitment to the cause of human rights.

As a global instrument designed for the protection of workers, the ILO, drawing its membership from 135 countries, has long been regarded as having a key role to play in the struggle for these rights.

The move also came despite appeals from many governments and other interested organisations such as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) as well as advice from the State Department warning that US withdrawal would leave the Communist bloc in control.

But the Administration finally decided that the statutory notice of an intention to leave, given in November, 1975, should stand because efforts since then had failed to restore the ILO to its original principles.

In issuing the notice the Americans stressed that their dissatisfaction stemmed from what had happened at the agency's annual conference and not from its basic structure or the valuable work being done.

But the growing intrusion of politics into conference proceedings had resulted in a display of "selective" concern for human rights as well as a disregard for ILO rules of procedure.

The US is far from being alone in thinking that the agency's conferences are becoming an arena in which double standards are being applied in that there are regular attacks on member countries labels defined as Western while consideration of complaints elsewhere is often circumvented. But the situation must be particularly offensive to the Americans in view of the size of their contribution to the ILO's budget.

What was widely seen as a typical example of these shortcomings occurred at last year's conference when it failed to adopt the report of the ILO committee of experts whose task is to monitor the application by member countries of the International Labour Code.

This lays down the basic rights and freedoms to be enjoyed by workers, and the committee's work is therefore a fundamental aspect of the agency's activities.

Among the countries listed in the document for their failure to comply with the code were the USSR and Czechoslovakia, and it was noted that Soviet bloc delegations had lobbied hard before the report was rejected due to the number of abstentions when it was voted upon.

The widespread hope now is that the US withdrawal may prove to be the stimulus to encourage much needed reforms within the ILO and thus lead to renewed American participation in its work.

by a Geneva correspondent

Otherwise, it is feared, the agency will be seriously weakened and a basic element of human rights left increasingly at the mercy of regimes whose record in this field inspires little confidence.

The US gesture has revived memories of the 1949 split in the international trade union movement. In 1945 the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) was formed in Paris, but within four years it had come under Soviet control with the result that its non-Communist members withdrew and established the ICFTU.

Recently, however, there have been signs that the WFTU, like other Moscow dominated Communist 'front' organisations, is steadily losing influence.



Major-General H. Adefope

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP C.G.R
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OFN Jingle	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You Next Step	"
07.20	Mid Week Treat	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Efik, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.45	RSP C.G.R
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
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15.30	State News in English, Bwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk (Rep. 1919)	"
16.15	Count Down	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Khana and Kalabama	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Talk discuss	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and You	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Window on the World	"
18.30	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	Ruf (In the Language)	RSP TAPE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	Our own music on records	RSP C.G.R
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22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Stalk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the masters	RSP TAPE
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My Favourites	DUTY ANNOUNCER
23.13	Evening Worship (Hausa/Tiv)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down - Pledge and National Anthem	RSP LIVE

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7.00	World News
7.30	Papers Today
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9.00	Network news
9.30	Band Stand
10.30	Midweek Movie
12.00	News Summary

Population growth still outstrips food production

... And struggle continues

by our correspondent

The world's population growth rate is still outstripping that of food production, the Secretary General of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation, Mr Edouard Saouma, has warned.

Reviewing the global basic grain position to a conference at the FAOs headquarters in Rome in the Italian capital, he said that a production increase of only 1.5 per cent was anticipated for the current harvest year. Thanks to two successive good harvest yields, world reserves were sufficient to ensure that there would be no widespread problem in the near future.

But in most of the Third World of the developing countries production between 1970 and last year did not reach the level of the 1960s, and this trend was most marked among the least developed nations, Mr Saouma added.

The United States Secretary for Agriculture, Mr Robert Bergland, assured the conference that his government believed the protection of the production capacity of US agriculture constituted one of the main factors guaranteeing the security of world nutrition. But he warned against letting grain prices remain below the point which did not meet the long-term production costs of efficient growers.

China's delegate appealed for hard work and self-reliance. "We are now in the position to feed more than one-fifth of the world's population with less than seven per cent of the cultivated area of the globe", he said.

Meanwhile, the FAO publication, **Ceres**, has published a progress report on the World Foodwatch system inaugurated in March, 1975, and designed to give the international community an early warning of impending serious shortages. The success of the system depends largely on the readiness of governments to supply up to date for the FAO's monitoring staff.

According to the FAO report, 80 governments are now taking part in the scheme while others have indicated their interest in joining. But the system was operating under certain handicaps, including the non-participation of some important countries such as the USSR.

The sending-out of the Soviet Union for its refusal to co-operate in this important international exercise is not surprising in view of this super-power's reputation as a major destabilising factor in the global food equation in recent years. This implied criticism also coincides with reports of official US anger over what is seen as more Soviet sharp practice in another raid on the American grain market.

In 1972, when the USSR was facing one of its periodic harvest failures, the Russians descended on the world market and bought more than 30 million tonnes of food and feedgrains, mostly from the US.

This not only led to a dramatic upsurge in grain prices and subsequently food costs and global inflation, but also left world reserves seriously denuded. These have only recently recovered, partly because there was another dismal Soviet harvest in 1975.

The massive Russian purchases on the US market in 1972 became known as the Great Grain Robbery because they were made secretly — with the result that the American taxpayer subsidised the deals under the grain price support system. To avoid a repetition of this and to stabilise the world market, Washington secured Moscow's agreement in 1975 to buy at least six million tonnes of US grain a year. The Russians also promised to inform the American authorities if they planned to buy more than eight million tonnes.

But, following another disappointing Soviet harvest, Moscow is now accused of reneging on the agreement. It is believed to have secured up to 15 million tonnes more than its expected purchases, mostly through undercover deals on the US market.

The duplicity began in mid-July when the Russians bought heavily through middlemen and chartered ships to transport the [illegible] the same [illegible] while, "official" [illegible] were being made [illegible] dest scale, and [illegible] cently, according [illegible] Press reports, [illegible] cials were assur[illegible] ington that they [illegible] ted all the buying [illegible] obliged to. "T[illegible] that was an accur[illegible] ment", an Americ[illegible] remarked. "But it [illegible] goddam lie".

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The Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shehu Musa Yar'Adua cutting [illegible] while declaring open the Tin Can Island Port complex in Lagos — Nigeria's second [illegible] port recently.

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Your questions answered

Sister Elizabeth Kwofie

Q: I just can't bring myself round to loving the second of my three lovely children, aged six years. My husband tries to make it up to him by making him his favourite one, but somehow the child senses my resentment, and I feel I ought to seek advice to save the situation. What's wrong with me, or is this something that happens in other homes too?

A: It can happen that a mother or father prefers the company of a particular child. This is not necessarily because they love that child more, but because they feel more at ease with him. Perhaps the other child or children "mirror" certain of the parents' own characteristics which they do not like. There are many other reasons — this again is nothing to worry about if it is recognised.

Try to see all the nice qualities of your less loved child. After all, you have made him what he is both in inherited characteristics and behaviour pattern. Never let him feel unwanted. Once you realise this, you will try more than ever not to show preference. In time, this may pass. A child who feels ugly in comparison to his brothers or sisters or less loved will grow up with a terrible burden of sadness, according to Psychologists.

Q: What does my baby do with his hands by the time he is four-months-old?

A: During his fourth month, your baby is very much occupied with his hands. He moves them about a good deal, especially when he sees an object close [illegible] he would like [illegible] He is getting [illegible] reach out for [illegible] is probably not [illegible] to do so, and [illegible] waves his [illegible] aimlessly about. [illegible] sees something [illegible] of him, he [illegible] from his hand to [illegible] as if to say, [illegible] Get it, but I don't [illegible] how". If an [illegible] placed in his hand [illegible] accidently reaches [illegible] may hold it and [illegible] it quite steadily.

Q: If I am breast-fee[illegible] affect my breast-fee[illegible]

A: All new [illegible] are tired to some [illegible] but if you are [illegible] tired of getting [illegible] the sleep, it will [illegible] affect your [illegible] supply to some [illegible] It is very impor[illegible] get as much rest [illegible] can and to plan [illegible] with this in mind.

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This was disclosed in Lagos by the chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shehu Musa Yar'Adua, at the formal launching of the national basic health service scheme.

Brigadier Yar'Adua said that in the past, health service placed more emphasis on curative rather than preventive and were concentrated in urban centres.

The basic health services scheme, he explained, was therefore intended to correct these imbalances.

It was planned to cover 60 per cent or more of the population during the current plan period.

He announced that the Federal Government had given initially over N110 million for the initial phase of the scheme.

The chief of staff futher explained that the scheme was planned on the principle of a model basic health unit which would serve a population of about 150,000 people.

Each basic health unit, he pointed out, would comprise one comprehensive health centre to serve a population of about 50,000 people, four primary health centres to serve a population of about 1,000, and five mobile health clinics to cover an area of about 4,000 scattered population.

To meet the manpower needs of the scheme, the chief of staff said existing hea th training institutions would be expanded and 20 new schools of health technology established to train the new cadre of health personnel, comprising community health officers, community health supervisors, community health assistants and community health aids.

To facilitate and expedite the training programme, Brigadier Yar'Adua disclosed that a basic health service implementation agency had been established to develop new training objectives and work out new curricula of training for the new cadre of staff.



Brigadier Yar'Adua
Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters

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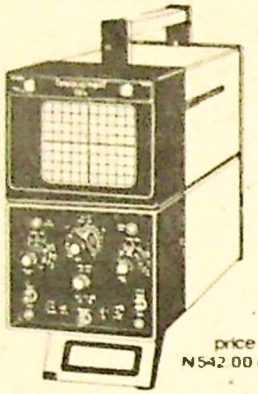
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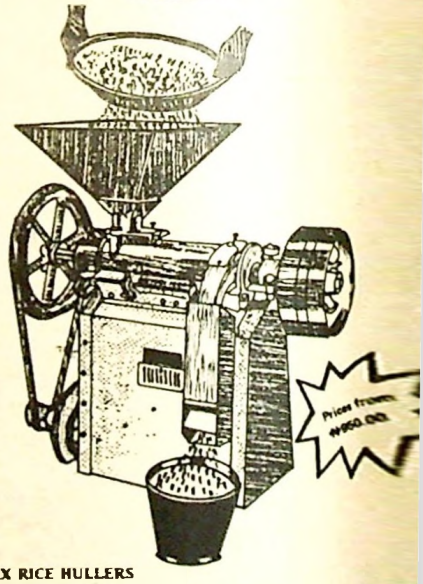
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Do not misuse grants



Communities warned

COMMUNITIES in the Arochukwu/Ohafia local government Council area of Imo State who benefited from recent government grants have been warned against the misuse or misdirection of the grants.

Issuing the warning while presenting various cheques totalling N22,000 to four communities in Ohafia, the chairman of the Arochukwu/Ohafia Local Government Council, Mr A. O. Ukwa pointed out that the state government made the grants as appreciation of the self-help efforts of the communities.

The grants, he said, should be judiciously employed either to complete their projects or to embark on fresh viable ones where the previous ones had been completed.

He called on other communities in the local government area to wake up and initiate meaningful projects to benefit from the government grant scheme.

Among the recipient communities are Asaga community N7,500, Abiriba N6,000, Mgbaga N3,000 and Ezukwu Ebem N1,500.

Another report said the Nkpakpa Ohafia community in Bende district has embarked on a water project.

Addressing a meeting of the community, the supervisory councillor in charge of Agriculture in the Arochukwu/Ohafia Local Government council, Mr K. J. Kalu commended the people for their initiative to provide good drinking water for themselves.

He urged them not to relent in their efforts until the project was completed.

3 VILLAGES LAUNCH N.1m SCHEME

The Bendel State office community development officer, Mrs P. E.B. Uku has presented a cheque for N1,000 on behalf of the Bendel State Government to the peoples of Obiyantoor, Ekosi, Imasabor and Owanoba villages towards their N100,000 town hall built through communal labour.

Photo shows Mrs Uku (standing right) presenting the cheque to Mr. A.O. Obiuyo (standing 2nd from left) while others look on.

Nigerian appointed FAO council boss

THE Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Dr Bukar Shaib has been appointed an independent chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.) of the United Nations.

The appointment was announced during the organisation's 19th session in Rome.

In his address at the conference, Dr Shaib noted that for the first time in the 32 year history of the organisation, an African was being elected independent chairman of the council.

He declared "I am proud to be that son of Africa. This is not only a rare privilege for me, but also a great honour to my country and to the whole of Africa."

As an independent chairman of the council, Dr Shaib does not represent his country or region, neither has he a casting vote.

His role in council debates would be that of a neutral referee to ensure that council game was played according to the rules and to act as a conciliator when debates are deadlocked.

The director general of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, Dr Edouard Saouma said that the majority of the votes cast in favour of Dr Shaib was an indication of his reputation in the organisation.

'No education no progress'

THE Deji of Ajure, Oba Adebiyan Adeniyi has said that the first condition necessary for attaining the ambition of a people is the creation of educational opportunities.

Without the eradication of illiteracy which is the canker worm plaguing humanity, any plan for progress and development would not succeed.

The Oba made these remarks while laying the foundation stone of the Elo High School, Aiyetoro/Ekiti in Ero Local Government area.

Earlier in a welcome address, the president of Aiyetoro progressive union, Mr Sam Adeyemiye enumerated the achievements of the community through communal labour, including construction of roads, building of a town hall, a modern post office and the Oba's palace.

Already, he said, the community had paid N60,000 to the appropriate authority in respect of the proposed new school.

Construction of the first classroom blocks and hostel will be completed before April 1979, he concluded.

VACANCIES

An indigenous industrial company dealing in blending and bottling of spirits based at Ikeja, has vacancies for:

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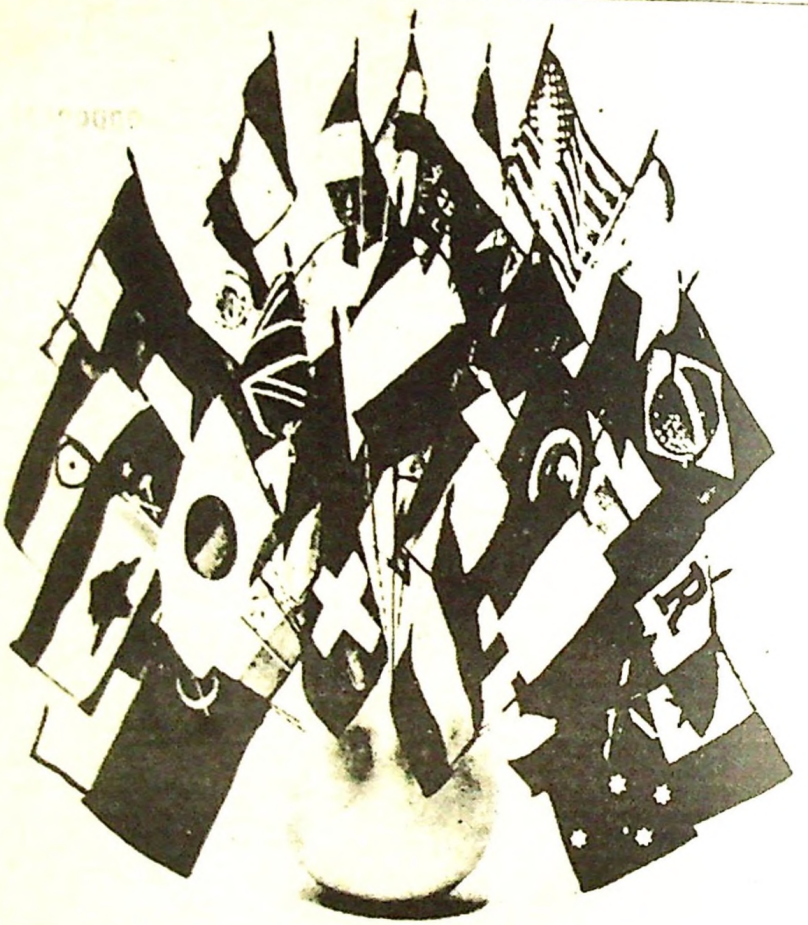
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35 BRANCHES THROUGHOUT NIGERIA

frican sports chief accuses Zealand of sporting links with S Africa

esident of the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, Mr A., Ordia of Nigeria has accused New Zealand of violat- pirit and letter of the Gleneagles Agreement over sporting with South Africa.

outh, the Prime mini- ew Zealand, Mr Ro- doom said that the at could not affect indi- mission from South or even professional Mr Abraham Ordia

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Commonwealth Secre- eneral, Mr Shridath Ramphal went to Wellington, ealand recently for the New Zealand ment and sports com- to adhere strictly to it of the Gleneagles ent. He said every dip rold Commonwealth or. "But as implemen- f the Agreement is an process, so its erosion a cumulative process."

Dine news conference, added it clear that the les Agreement applied ts contact at the indi- level as much as the

ddrew no distinction professionals and he said in answer estion about the pre- in New Zealand of African professionals players.

Ramphal said recent ments in South Africa ought into sharp inter- focus the need for and collective effort part of all countries ing ending apartheid mantling the apparatus sation which is at the source of this evil sys-

current international ession in South Africa matters how timely was commonwealth call in r comprehensive measures South Africa and for d (and) sustained inter- support and assistance ort of the struggles of ple of South Africa. ommonwealth Heads of rnment were aware as mmitted to that sporting with South Africa ould the belief that those were prepared to con- done apartheid. It is now more necessary than ever to avoid all semblance of that belief." Mr Ramphal said it would not suffice for sports bodies in New Zealand to "acquiesce in sporting contacts at the individual level despite the clear commitment of their governments to put this arrangement on them.



Picture shows Modupe Oshikoya of Nigeria commonwealth games Star (left), after one of her athletic competitions.



ABRAHAM ORDIA
president of SCSA

Gerulaitis emerges Australian tennis champion

CHAMPION Vitas Gerulaitis overcame a leg injury to win the Australian open title with a five set victory over English man, John Lloyd at Kooyong at the weekend.

Gerulaitis, the number one seed pulled a muscle in the middle of the fourth set and limped his way to a 6-3, 7-6, 5-7, 3-6, 6-2 victory.

After the match, Gerulaitis apologised to the 12,000 spectators for "playing like my grandmother".

Gerulaitis received the $8,000 dollars first prize and Lloyd got 14,000 dollars as a runner-up.

Evonne Goodiagong Cawley later met Helen Gourlay Cawley in "the ladies final.

Australian open womens semi-finals: H. Cawley (Aust) beat S. Barker (UK) 7-5, 6-4; E. Cawley (Aust) beat K. Reid (Aust) 6-1 6-2.

Degema referees' course begins today!

A COURSE for football referees and enthusiasts in Degema Local Government Authority area of the Rivers State starts today, January 4.

The course which will last a week, will take place in Degema Sports Council office and the Government field for both practical and theory sessions.

According to the acting sports secretary in charge of the zone, Mr Joshua Dick, the Sports Council will not be responsible for the feeding and accommodation of participants at the course.

Tidesport

Spassky's opponent, Korchnoi, now in Novi sad

PRESS reports that Viktor Korchnoi, the self-exiled Soviet chess grandmaster had been exposed to mysterious "death rays" during his 11th and 12th games with Soviet Grandmaster, Boris Spassky in their world chess championship qualifying match were described as a "fable" by Korchnoi's second Michael Steane.

During a telephone conversation the British international grandmaster told AFP from Belgrade last week and Korchnoi joked about these mysterious rays and certain newspapers turned the joke into a sensational affair."

He said Korchnoi who walked out of his match and left Belgrade on Thursday was now staying at Novi sad, 80 kilometres from Belgrade where the 20-game series were being held.

Korchnoi was reported to have said he would resume if the public were excluded from the hall of Belgrade "trade unions' house". Despite three successive losses still, Korchnoi leads 7.5 to 5.1 points. He needs 10.5 points to qualify to challenge current world champion, Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union for the world title.

Grandmaster Steane also denied that Korchnoi was playing against time on Thursday when he lost his Queen and resigned.

"This is false. Korchnoi still had 20 minutes in hand" Steane said.

Sports Briefs

DYNAMO-Hoppegarten of the German Democratic Republic have won the European judo cup for teams. In the final home and away matches they beat Sport School, Boesma Amersfoort 6-0 and 7-0.

* CARL Zeiss Jena and FC Magdeburg soccer clubs of the German Democratic Republic are through to the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup. Jena have beaten Belgium's Standard Liege 2-0 and 2-1 in the two legs to advance. Magdeburg have lost 0-2 to RC Lens of France, but won the first leg 4-0 (ADN).

* FIGURE Skater Jan Hoffmann, 1977 European and vice-world champion, has started medical studies, he has told the Berlin-based Deutsches Sportecho paper. The 22-year-old athlete of the German Democratic Republic and his trainer, Mrs Jutta Mueller, have marked out for this season a new short programme adopted to slow music but have not changed the free skating. Jan Hoffmann said he had tried to stabilise his four triple jumps and he would add a fifth one, a second triple flip.

* A TOTAL of 439 sports facilities were set up in the German Democratic Republic last year, including 155 sports grounds, 163 halls and six indoor swimming pools. The use of sports centres is free in the GDR. They are open until late in the evening to enable working people to do regular sports.

* A WOMAN's handball selection of the German Democratic Republic have won an international tournament in Algiers on the occasion of revolution day, beating Algeria 10-3 and Italy 16-6. It was the first time a women's handball team from the GDR played in Algeria.

* THE German Democratic Republic have beaten Yugoslavia 8-3 and 13-3 in friendly ice-hockey internationals in Weisswasser and Berlin, respectively.

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NIGERIAN TIDE

Wednesday, January 4,1978

Delay of election results in Nkoro

BONNY COUNCIL CEREMONY SHIFTED



MR DAGOGO ALAGOMA

Jan 24 fixed for polling

THE swearing-in of councillors into the Bonny Local Government Council which was scheduled to take place today will now be held on January 26, the state's acting Commissioner for Local Government, Mr Dagogo Alagoma, has announced in Port Harcourt.

by Our Staff Reporter

Addressing a press conference in his office, the commissioner said the alteration in the date was as a result of the inability of the ministry to implement the earlier programme of election of councillors into the council.

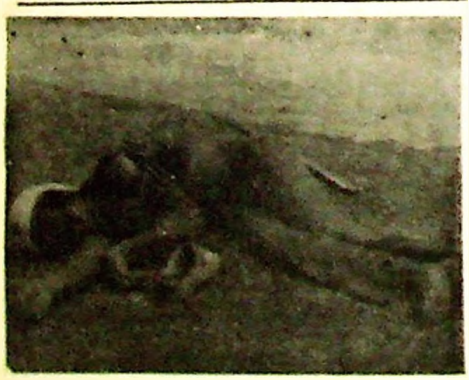
Mr Alagoma noted that, as a result of certain irregularities discovered in some of the wards, final elections were ordered for December 28, and that the results of the elections in all the wards had been received with the exception of that of Nkoro Ward.

Following the failure of the ministry to receive Nkoro's result, it decided to draw up a new programme for the elections into the Nkoro Ward.

Under the new programme, published yesterday by the state's Electoral Steering Committee and signed by its chairman, Mr Lambert Erebiri, notice of election in the ward will be published today.

The nomination of candidates will also begin today and end on January 10. Close of nomination will be followed immediately by the display of the list of candidates which would be made public on January 11.

According to the programme, polling in the ward will take place on January 24, while announcement of results will be on January 25.



Motor-cyclist knocked dead!

This motor-cyclist (pictured above) was knocked dead at Ochiga village in Ogba/Egbema district of the Ahoada Local Government area in the Rivers State by the driver of a Datsun car on New Year Eve.

The driver and his partner escaped [illegible], but were later [illegible] up by angry villagers who attempted to lynch them but for a [illegible] who rescued them and took them to the police some eight kilometres from the scene of the incident.

The car was burnt to ashes by the villagers before the police arrived and removed the body of the victim to the General Hospital, Ubie, for post mortem examination.

Eleven vehicles go in flames

ELEVEN motor vehicles and accessories were burnt in mid-night fire that broke out in a mechanical workshop along 2th Avenue, Enugu, capital of Anambra State on Sunday, but no lives were lost.

Men of the state fire service raced to the scene but could not save the vehicles because of communication difficulties.

They succeeded, however, in preventing the fire from spreading to other vehicles parked around the workshop as well as adjoining commercial and residential buildings.

It is understood that the workshop is jointly owned by five persons whose names were given as Peter Onyechuchi, Emmanuel Chukwuma Ozoke, Christian Madu, Anieke Anigwu and Raymond Okafor.

Fire also broke out in the early hours of January 1 at 10, Obonnoha Estate Avenue in the Trans-Amadi Layout, Port Harcourt.

Rider dies in road crash

AN unidentified cyclist died at Obi[illegible] Port Harcourt on [illegible] from injuries sustained in [illegible] motor accident.

The taxi driver of the [illegible] involved was beaten [illegible] serious by an irate crowd [illegible] his vehicle set on fire.

The accident occurred [illegible] the Aba-Port Harcourt road when a Peugeot station wagon was [illegible] have collided with a [illegible] cycle.

The passengers sustained injuries and were rushed to hospital, while the body of the victim is now at the autopsy.

The police are believed to be investigating.

SHAH WARNS ETHIOPIA

THE Shah of Iran, [illegible] day, gave a warning to Ethiopia that Iran could not [illegible] idle if Ethiopia violated Somalia's borders.

In an interview, the Shah told newsmen that he discussed the Horn of Africa situation with US President Carter who left Tehran on Sunday.

But, he added, efforts must be made first to get peace talks started between Ethiopia and Somalia.

Somali President Siad Barre arrived Tehran last week for talks with the Shah and on Thursday last both Carter arrived there.

Drive safe keep dear off the road

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