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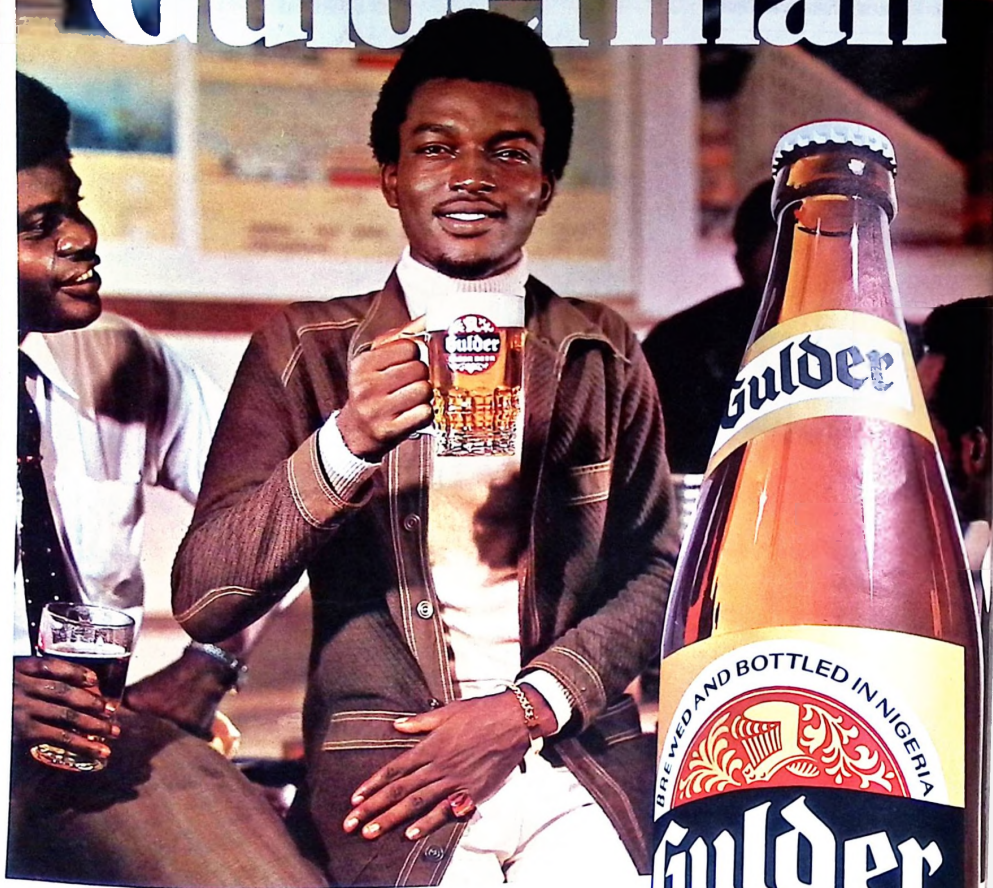
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LETTERS

No unity unless these accusations stop

IT IS time for us to take possession of African oil, and let Africa be an exclusive preserve of Africans. But how can we achieve this in an exclusive situation of partial unity with African leaders? Heads of States pointing accusing fingers at each other and engage in dangerous politics which bring a deluge of accusations and counter accusations which bring stance, how can unity exist in East Africa, can unity exist in Idi Amin, when Hyerere and We are all aware of the American-Indian bickering? In the American-Indian confrontation, the military astuteness, but because the Indians were not settled in Africa, should not be united. We should borrow a leaf from this experience and be united.

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tions between buyers and sellers.

Many people still have the belief that three kobo make one three pence as it was before. They are not aware that it is simply two and a half kobo. There is need for a new denomination of two and a half kobo coin.

I. Ekong, Uyo, Nigeria.
The Research Department of the Central Bank should find a solution to this and other allied problems arising from the decimalisation of Nigerian currency. — Editor.

Scandal over certificates

I AM appealing to the West African Examinations Council to please release the certificate of successful candidates on various examinations. Can you imagine the plight of a Teacher who completed his Grade II Teachers' Certificate Course in 1973 and is still waiting his certificate? Instead of sending the certificates, the WAEC has sent ordinary result sheets. This is disgusting.

Jackson Palke, Nigeria.
I am a candidate who for why must a candidate wait for five years to receive his certificate? The WAEC now has a Public Relations Officer. I am sure he can help you. Why not call on him? — Editor.

THE CAPITAL, NEW BANK, STATES, CURRENCY

prices, but dealers in such goods continued to sell at illegal prices. Why can't the government send out military police or C.I.D. men to assist Prince Con-Inspector? In enforcing the legal prices? Michael Adebamowo, Ebuta Metta, Lagos.
The Price Control Board is alive to its responsibilities; but total success cannot be achieved over-night. — Editor.

I AM suggesting that the name of this country, "NIGERIA" should be changed to "NASO". I am making this suggestion with all honesty, because the names of those Nigerians who fight for independence should be written in gold. Hence I am suggesting of the names of alphabets of the names of Namadi Azikiwe, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Sarduna, and Obafemi Awolowo be used to form the country's new name — "NASO".

— "NASO".
Danway, Gboko, Nigeria



Mystery June cover girl: she was so beautiful.

Who is this girl please?

AS A regular reader of your popular magazine DRUM, I am surprised why the Editor has refused this time to introduce the cover girl in the June issue of the magazine. My interest in May be her greater than ours. The June cover girl is a queen in her own right. I wish the Editor can own right. I wish the Editor can supply details about her. I want to know her nationality, occupation, and her address. I have developed interest in her. I am a dark complexioned and a bachelor aged 24 years, and I work in a Federal Statutory Corporation, in Oshogbo, Akintinyi, Oshogbo, Nigeria.

Our cover girl for June DRUM insisted on our keeping her name and address. Unless she has a change of mind, we can't help you. My interest in her is strictly professional; and particularly because of my religious Christianity — I am allowed only one wife and I am blessed with an excellent one already. So, the field, wide as it is, is yours. — Editor.

Comments on failure

I AM not a census expert and I don't claim to be one. But after examining carefully all the comments about the recent census crisis figures, my opinion is that the exercise has been a complete failure because some mixed politics with it. I suggest therefore that the census figures should be completely ignored and filed away, say at the national archives as part of Nigerian history.

Musa Dan Audu, Kano, Nigeria.

I have my doubts whether or not Nigeria can ever have an accurate head count as long as seats in the House of Representatives and the State Legislatures are not going to be based on equal representation for each state; and also if revenue allocation is going to be according to the size of population of each state. — Editor.

What's happened to Segun?

I WANT to find out through this magazine what has happened to our popular musician Segun Bucknor? For two years now I have not heard of him. What has happened to him? Where is he now? I can't remember his number "Poor man no get brother". It is this disc that keeps me asking where is Segun Bucknor these days? Samco Mibre, Asagba, Sapele, Nigeria.
Your idol Segun Bucknor is alive and kicking. Turn to page 15 to see the proof. — Editor.

Traders are cashing in

SINCE the introduction of decimal currency in Nigeria, some itinerant traders in my state, East Central State, have refused to accept half kobo from buyers. Take for example, one in possession of a two-half kobo who wishes to buy an article of one kobo refuses to sell. This situation repeats itself regularly in our State, and particularly in our Onitsha district. Secondly, a kobo and a half kobo which is supposed to be half of five kobo is in some parts of the State. Something should be done now to educate the people about decimal currency.

Curtis A. B. Omuchuku, Onitsha, Nigeria.
The Central Bank of Nigeria should take note. But the Ministries of Information and Education should help to educate the market women further. — Editor.

Decimalisation difficulties

I WISH to appeal to the Central Bank of Nigeria to issue a two and a half kobo coin for public use. I am not accusing the Central Bank for not thinking about this before decimalising our currency. I have my doubt if the Central Bank is aware of the one in the rural areas when it comes face to face with market women. There is a lot of injustice in marketing transac-

YOUR THOUGHTS ON

IT IS not necessary to remove the capital from the City of Lagos. All the arguments about its dual status are uncalled for. Some people use traffic chaos in the city as a proof of congestion. After all the Federal Authorities are doing something about that. For goodness sake leave the Federal capital in Lagos.

Benmanuel Amagor, Jos, Nigeria.
Personally, I think the government and indigenes of Lagos State will breathe more freely if the Federal capital is moved elsewhere. After all, the sea and the lagoon cannot be moved. So, Lagos who are left behind in fish. — Editor.

WHY is it that whenever fixed prices of commodities are old prices to the disadvantage of consumers of such goods. For example, recently the government ordered that some commodities must be sold at fixed

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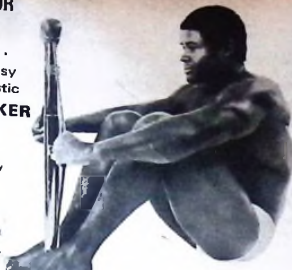
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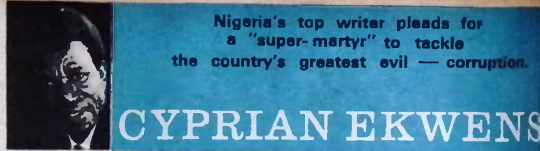
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Nigeria's top writer pleads for a "super-martyr" to tackle the country's greatest evil — corruption.

CYPRIAN EKWENS

Wanted: A Nigerian Jesus!

NIGERIA is sadly in need of a Jesus Christ. With all the cries about our country's evils, only a Christ can save us. Since independence fourteen years ago, we have set our sights on eradicating corruption in our entire scheme of things.

Few will deny that tremendous changes have taken place since those early days when only four Nigerians could show their faces at the Legoo meetings in Lagos. Gigantic structures testify to this. In all fields — education, administration, government, health — Nigerians have succeeded where the cynics predicted failure.

Why then are we — by public judgment — corrupt, nepotistic? At this time when we are again reminding ourselves of the thorny path we tread to independence, we must look back — and forward.

Corruption, according to an old man I know, is when you take what you know rightly belongs to one man and give to another because he is related to you or has influenced you. That is corruption.

Dustbin of filth and decay

Corruption according to the Concise Oxford Dictionary is "decomposition. Moral deterioration. Use of corrupt practices (bribery etc.). Perversion from its original state. Effect of atterdure upon the attained."

At least the Concise Oxford Dictionary agrees with the old Nigerian. Notice also that it is a two-way traffic. The corrupter and the corrupted lie in the same dustbin of filth and decay. The dictionary talks about deterioration and decomposition. These two words mean the beginning of the end — unless something is done.

In short, once corruption surrounds a country, only a Jesus Christ can save that country and the sooner we find a Nigerian Jesus Christ, the quicker will be our salvation. So let us stop crying now.

Jesus was born of very humble parents. He bent his head and learnt, and at an early age began to talk in a way that frightened the crooked and the corrupt. At the same time his

words drew them with their magnetism and they crowded close to hear the fantastic revelations that must destroy their ways.

Jesus could change wine into water and crumbs into freshly baked bread to feed thousands. He could walk on the roughest sea, make productive women who had been barren all their lives, heal the sick without a teaching hospital.

Yet he was a lonely man who sometimes had moments of doubt and despair and feared that his mission might never be accomplished. At such moments he looked into the sky and spoke to his father in heaven, seeking divine inspiration.

Above all Jesus was humble. He rode on a donkey and not in a Mercedes. He lived in the temples and not in 20-storey buildings. He moved with the poor mainly, though he was at home with monarchs.

One quality which Jesus had which our Nigerian Jesus must manifest is that there was no arrogance in his make-up. If his language sounded rude sometimes, it was only because in the presence of falsehood, truth always sounds atrocious and uncomfortable.

Jesus had no salary, no promotion prospects. He did not even have a wardrobe, he did not spend his time blocking up one street and throwing parties so as to consume his recently acquired wealth. For he had none.

He never carried a briefcase so it was impossible for any customs official to ask to see the contents. He did not even conceal anything in his garments — no talismans, no charms — to confuse the border police. Yet Jesus was not really perfect because it was shown that he was mortal.

Jesus led a life almost totally devoid of pleasure as we know it in Nigeria. He was committed to the idea of salvation for mankind just as the Nigerian Jesus must simply shut his eyes to all detractors in his commitment to the salvation of all Nigeria.

Thus if anyone having discovered the filth of this country, elects to be the Jesus who will bring about its salvation, that person must pray first of all to

have superhuman power. Quality supercedes all! Then he must be prepared to be persecuted for teachings and his beliefs worshipped by some, despised by most, betrayed by the henchmen in whom he trusted but above all he must be prepared to pay with his blood the price of being Jesus.

Jesus was crucified, had the cross still alive and him and he died very slowly, in the third day his grave empty.

Thus must the Nigerian pray to have the superior powers necessary to accomplish the task of bringing about salvation to the millions of his countrymen. But crucified he is not, and it remains to be seen whether he will rise again from the dead. And knowing this cannot rise, that all pleasures of living will forever denied him, he must be prepared to proceed with plans.

Hothouse of corruption

Nigeria is a country which defies the laws of science. It teaches us that the higher you go, the cooler it becomes. Nigeria the higher you go hotter it becomes. The heat generated by false advertisements, and pressurised selfish interests whose loyalty is to those pockets rather than to the nation is this hotter atmosphere which fertilizes all corruption and diverts the high up from chosen targets.

As long as the Nigerian realizes that without sacrifice there can be no salvation, that he who would be about the salvation of an entire people must be prepared to be crucified by his people, he has set out to save, and will it be possible for him to more all the talents and talents all the threats and temptations and set about his task which ultimately truth triumphs.

Let us pray for our country and remember that it will never be wiped out unless we sacrifice. This is why we pray Jesus.

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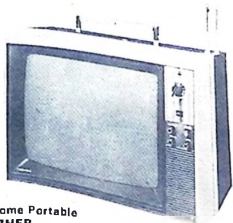
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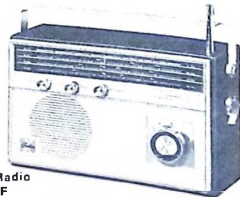
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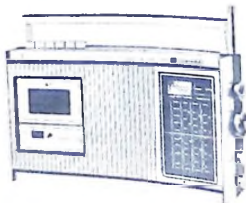
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Human sacrifice originated in the Europe of the Middle Ages and was exported to Africa by the seafarers of old. Europe has long since put a stop to the evil practice, but it has continued to gain ground in many parts of Africa. Here



DRUM reveals the pathetic and horrific story of a Nigerian woman (pictured above), whose twin baby boys were strangled like fowls in order to appease the angry spirits.

'The elders proceeded from their meeting place to the home of the twins, snatched the babies and took them away to a secret place and killed them.'



RITUAL MURDER IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRITS

**CHUKWUEMEKA OFFOR continues
DRUM's investigations into human sacrifice
in Nigeria**

IN some parts of Nigeria, the birth of twin babies is an occasion for anxiety instead of rejoicing. The strangling of two sets of twins, two boys and two girls, at Nğado village, 40 miles from Abakaliki, in the heart of the East-Central State of Nigeria is a recent example.

The moment some of the elders in the village heard about the twins' birth, they met and concluded that it was a bad omen for their community. It was a sign, they decided, that the gods were annoyed and must be appeased. They decided that the four twin children should be killed and purification ceremony performed for the safety of the entire people of the village.

The elders then proceeded from their meeting place to the homes of the two sets of twins, snatched the babies from their wailing mothers, and took them away to a secret place and killed them.

This heinous crime was reported to the police in Abakaliki. The *Daily Times*, in its issue of May 19, 1973, reported that the police arrested two people and held several for questioning. So far, no one has been punished for the crime.

In the course of its investigations, DRUM met Madam Okoro, whose male twins were killed by the elders. Below is the tragic story of the woman who now has to sell firewood for a living.

"My first shock came when people who arrived to congratulate me on my safe delivery frowned the moment

they saw I had a set of twins. Even those who lived in the same house as I did showed alarm. I just didn't know what to do.

"My mother was advised by relations to hide me and the twins. Soon, wicked rumours started. One claimed I had given birth to Siamese monkeys. My mother consulted various 'Dinns' (Ibo native doctors). They each gave conflicting explanations; but each proposed the same solution — my twin boys should die!

"In addition to that I was to present one goat, a white cock, and other items as sacrifice to appease angry gods. The most painful part of it all was that I was required to strangle the twins with my own hands! I sharply refused — come what may. I would have rather died myself.

We had to give in

"Some village elders started harassing my family to surrender my children for sacrifice. It soon became obvious that my mother and I would be the first to be killed if we did not comply. So we finally gave in.

"Two female relatives accompanied my mother and I to a place called 'The Forest of Spirits.' We were all weeping as the beautiful little babies, sleeping unsuspectingly, were

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Drumbeats from the jungle

continued

carried towards death. As we approached the forest, we heard drumming from the jungle. We had been told that if there was drumming, it signified that the spirits had agreed to be appeased. Within a few minutes, my two babies had been strangled.

"According to tradition, we were bound to wash our faces, hands and feet with water. A pot filled with water was waiting for us at the entrance to our compound. I was put into seclusion in a little hut specially built to be my abode for 16 days.

"During this period only my mother could visit me. She could only come at meal times and was obliged to put food in mouth as if I was afflicted with some plague. On the night of the 16th day, I was led to a stream for a ceremony of purification. I was asked to throw into the stream the plate and cup I had used during my confinement. After that I had a bath in the stream and was led in prayer to the goddess of the stream of purification. I pleaded with her to save me from ever having twins. Afterwards, I returned home and was now admitted into society as a first-class citizen.

Left with one child

"But for this wicked world, my two sons would be alive today, caring for me. I am now left with only one child, a girl who has been a wonderful daughter. But she cannot do much. I sell firewood for a living and I depend on the generosity of relatives and sympathisers."

The killing of twins is one of many ways in which human beings are sacrificed for ritual purposes in present-day Nigeria. Apart from being a capital offence under the Criminal Code of Nigeria, it is a national scandal. Authorities on ancient history of civilization have produced ample and irrefutable evidence that human sacrifice was introduced into Africa by ancient European traders. The communities from where those European seafarers exported the barbaric practice have since put a stop to it. Unfortunately it is still alive in some parts of Africa.

This is a challenge to the police force in every African country where human beings, among them twin babies, are being killed like fowls. When a woman gives birth to twins, it is a matter for double congratulations in every civilized community.



Madam Okoro points to the "Forest of Spirits" where village elders killed her boys.



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MR POOR MAN NO GET BROTHER

Segun Bucknor's father taught him to play piano. At King's College, Lagos, he learnt how to tap palm wine; and the University of Columbia, U.S.A., gave him a wide knowledge of 'human behaviour'. And today, at 29, the composer and arranger of "Poor Man No Get Brother" is one of Nigeria's top entertainers.

We've only got a number of months to go and so everybody's asking: Who will it be? Will it be the men in Khaki? Will it be men in Agbada?

Chorus:
This is what I've got to say which ever it will be we've got to be together Nigeria one and forever

Now every brother is claiming to be a leader saying he's the teacher with just a panacea this one preaching socialism that one preaching ism.

One thing is clear, we cannot compromise together ourselves we've got to promise we'll forget about the past or unity's got to last.

These are the wordings of a meaningful and timely song composed and recorded by Mr. Segun Bucknor who hit nationwide fame in Nigeria four years ago with the song, 'Poor Man No Get Brother'. DRUMMED the 'Voodoo' Night Club, Apapa, in the mainland of Lagos to see 'Segun' and his band play and to get the young talented band-leader to talk about himself and his music.

DAVO DUYILE reports—

THE wall clock struck quarter past twelve. The music continued uninterrupted. Then the clock struck 1 a.m. and the man called SEGUN BUCKNOR emerged from a room and proceeded to the music platform.

"It is past midnight, ladies and gentlemen—time for bed," he teased. He was immediately greeted with "No! No! No!" from the crowd that had waited patiently for him to come and entertain them.

"Alright, alright, if you are ready for me, we are together till dawn." Segun answered, replacing the microphone carefully on its stand.

His jubilant audience clapped and whistled in appreciation. Bald head Segun burst into that old hit tune, "Poor Man No Get Brother".

The song tells the story of a man born into poverty, with no girl to love him, no man to give him sympathy.

As he sang the number, jamming his left foot on the wooden dais, and clapping his hands, the ecstatic audience also clapped and whistled hysterically as they flooded the floor and danced the jazzy highlife tune.



PLEASE TURN OVER

"IT'S past midnight, ladies and gentlemen—time for bed." Segun Bucknor taunts his audience at the Voodoo Night Club in Lagos before the start of another mind-blowing performance.

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Witty jokes cause an uproar

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Dressed in a 'Dansiki' made from Adire cloth, and with a cowrie and a darkwooden comb suspended by a black string hanging down his neck, Segun was more like an agitator than an entertainer. He played some numbers which kept the gay crowd singing as they danced.

Then suddenly the music stopped. The silence that followed was broken by Segun Bucknor, now sweating profusely. "I am Bertram Olusegun Kofoworola Bucknor! You can have some Watergate, but give me money, I will be satisfied." His witty jokes caused an uproar as his fans shouted "More music, please, more music!"

He staggered back to the platform and supplied more music, and more people kept coming. Again, there was chorus - singing, hand clapping; and the floor was alive with merry males and females of different age groups and races.

What has the future for Segun Bucknor?
"I think it will be brighter, and I've got to stick to my brand of music, blues and Afro-highlife", he said.

He also hopes to go into filming. He has recently been rehearsing with a film crew who will shortly be doing some shooting in Nigeria. For his part in the film, Segun had to grow some hair. "I cut my hair weekly or else I don't feel right," he says.

Band leader

At 29, Segun has made a name in the Nigeria's entertainment scene. He left King's College in 1964 after scoring high grades at the Higher School Certificate examination. A testimonial issued to him by the King's College principal says: "Not talented in games. A talented musician."

Segun was leader of the King's College Band between 1962-64. He was also editor of a house magazine, assistant secretary of the Students Council and secretary of the Junior Literary Society. He was selected to represent Nigeria at the New York Herald Youth Forum in 1965.

DRUM: With all these nice things said about you, why did you choose to be a musician?

Segun: I have been interested in music right from school and this interest grew as I progressed through secondary and post-secondary



SWEATING profusely, Segun plays on and on as his audience clamours for more music. He hopes to take part in a film soon and has grown his hair again especially for the film crew.

education. So, I decided to make it my life career.

Apart from this school influence on my musical interest, my upbringing also contributed to my love for music. My father is a pianist and nearly all members of our family are pianists. In my childhood days I learnt how to play the piano from my father. I also played the drums for the Boy's Brigade. In my first year at King's College I bought a guitar and began to learn how to play it. The talent was there but not nurtured. It was at King's College I really developed my music. King's College makes you an all-round man. Right from the day you enter you are made to join various school societies. It was a punishable offence not to take part in any society. In these societies we learnt how to govern ourselves and how to develop our culture, including lessons on how to tap palm wine.

DRUM: What is your view of marriage?

Segun: I may get married soon, but have not actually decided when. I have a fiancée, a woman I love and who loves me. But I feel I have to be in company of women. Being in their company gives me inspiration and confidence.

DRUM: You were an undergraduate at an American university in 1966 pursuing a degree course in sociology. Why did you not complete the course?

Segun: I was admitted to read sociology at the Columbia University in New York. I spent a session there and had to return to Nigeria on health grounds.

DRUM: Some parents still have the wrong impression that music is a profession for drop-outs. What have you to say to that?

Segun: I disagree. My playing music is really a question of choice. Music is a thing to be studied. Then if you are talented and dedicated, you make it. Contempt for musicians is dying in Nigeria, having seen many musicians become rich through music. I don't care for wealth. I want to be able to have three meals a day, be happy, to have good health, write good music and make millions of people happy.

DRUM: Some musicians are believed to be good at public shows only when they have smoked Indian hemp. What are your experiences and views on drug-taking by musicians?

Segun: A number of people who smoke Indian hemp come from slum areas. Hardly can you get children from highly sophisticated homes taking the drug. I believe the cause for smoking hemp is to erase their boredom. After taking drugs, it opens them up. Hemp is an escapist instrument. It produces hallucinations; it instils false confidence in its smokers.

Some of them smoke hemp to get happiness which they don't normally have. It's them an illusion of grandeur and greatness. I have been taken in by my life. Even when on any alcoholic effect produces similar effect. Hemp does not make musicians play better music nor does it help them to improve on their performance. I think hemp smokers constitute a case for the psychiatrist. It is no use sending them long terms of jail. Such punishment can hardly reform them, rather it could make them harder smokers.

DRUM: Would you want to join the army to quit government after 1976?

Segun: No one can force me to go. It is not for anybody to decide. It is left for the benevolence. I can see a divisionist tendency looming ahead. Our unity is more being threatened than appears we have not learned our lessons from the past wrongdoings. The most important thing is that we have to unite this country, not to mean like Italy and Germany. We are not the only one in history with such differences. If a country like China was able to unite into a strong nation, why can't Nigeria?

In this our clamour about 1976 we forget about our unity. We may wake up before 1976 and find we have a nation.

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STUDENTS at Marburg University. George Somiah, from Ghana, talks to friends from Nigeria, the Ivory Coast and Germany.

Multilateral aid for Africa

It is often ignored that the Federal Republic of Germany, apart from her bilateral aid to developing countries, is providing indirect aid to the economic development of the countries of the "Third World", and hence also to Africa, through her membership of international organisations and institutions.

From 1950 to 1973, the Federal Republic of Germany has spent a total of 13,700 million DM on multinational foreign aid, of which 8,600 million DM were public and 5,100 million DM private funds.

In the list of European investors of the African Development Bank (which provided to Senegal, inter alia, funds for road construction and for the USB Development Bank) and

of the African Development Fund, the Federal Republic of Germany has a leading rank.

One of the most important instruments of multinational foreign aid for Africa, the European Development Fund, is refinanced by one third by the Federal Republic of Germany. In the Third Development Fund (1 January 1971) alone, a total of 262 funding decisions have been made to date, providing about 710 million dollars from the fund.

Funds from the Development Fund of the European Community helped to support, inter alia, road construction in Ivory Coast, education in Niger, infrastructure in Mali, construction of the sea port of Owendu in Gabon. In addition, the Fund accounts for much of

the aid provided to the Sahel Zone.

Partners in Progress

Real "partners in progress" to the developing countries of Africa are the special organisations and institutions of the United Nations to which the Federal Republic of Germany contributes substantial funds. These funds are primarily paid to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its subsidiaries, the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association (IDA).

The numerous projects funded with the support of the International Bank in Africa, include e.g. improvement of the drinking water supply and modernisation of hotel facilities in

Morocco, improvement of tourist infrastructure in Tunisia, and road construction in Kenya.

IDA, which grants loans under "soft" conditions, supports inter alia agricultural projects in Uganda and Lesotho, the Tedjam project in Malawi, construction of modern fishing boats in Ghana, and tea development projects and the improvement and maintenance of roads in Tanzania.

Moreover, the Federal Republic of Germany in the advisory groups which have been established by the International Bank to coordinate foreign aid to some countries in the "Third World." Owing to the high German share in the International Monetary Fund, the Federal Republic of Germany shares

also responsibility for the international monetary system.

Cooperation with all Institutions

As a member of all special organisations and institutions of the UNO, the Federal Republic of Germany contributes to the funding of the tasks entrusted to the WHO, the FAO, the World Food Program (WFP), the UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO. In 1973, the Federal Republic of Germany paid much as 55 million DM into the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) with support, e.g. the opening up of forestry resources, construction of schools and training of teachers in Togo. In Zaire, UNDP helped to develop, inter alia, the transport system for agriculture and industries.

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THE total volume of trade between the Federal Republic of Germany and Africa rose steeply in 1973 from DM10,600m. in 1972 to DM13,100m., i.e. — a growth of 23.6 per cent. German exports to Africa accounted for DM5,200m., i.e., DM1,200m. or 30 per cent more than in 1972. 1973 imports of the Federal Republic of Germany from Africa continued to show a trend observed for years in German-African trade relations.

Such German imports from Africa exceeded by far Africa's from the Federal Republic of Germany, and amounted to DM7,900m. in the period under review. In comparison with 1972, this is an increase of 19.7 per cent. Thus, Africa's balance of trade with the Federal Republic of Germany was again active and reached just DM2,700m., a remarkable volume.

This active balance results primarily from the Federal Republic of Germany's oil purchases, since the Federal Republic of Germany satisfies most of her demands by imports from African countries. Thus, Libya is supplying 23.2 per cent of Germany's total oil imports in 1973, Algeria supplying 12.3 per cent, and Nigeria supplying 9.3 per cent, headed the list of African suppliers in the period under review. The value of the exports of these countries — DM2,200m., DM1,400m and DM1,100m., respectively — accounted for 28.2, 17.9 and 14.1 per cent, respectively, of the total African commodities exported to the Federal Republic of Germany.

But from other African countries, too, the German market imported increased quantities of goods — including processed materials and finest products — in 1973. Thus, imports from Ivory Coast increased from DM348.5m. (1972) to DM426.7m. (a rise of 22.4 per cent), from Liberia to DM305.4m. to DM366.5m. (a rise of 20.0 per cent), and from Zambia from DM209.3m. to DM237.3m., i.e., by 13.4 per cent.

Morocco, from where the Federal Republic of Germany imports mainly fruit, woollen fabrics, and phosphates, supplied goods amounting to DM292.4m., representing a rate of growth of 33.8 per cent over the preceding year. Egypt, one of the Federal Republic of Germany's most important cotton suppliers, supplied goods amounting to DM148.2m., representing a growth rate of

Trade figures show healthy expansion

23.2 per cent. Uganda (DM63.5m.) and Sierra Leone (DM48.8.) increased their export to the Federal Republic of Germany by 15.5 per cent and 22.3 per cent, respectively, and 22.3 per cent, respectively. Mali in comparison with 1972. Mali (DM5.8m.) doubted her exports to the Federal Republic of Germany. The highest rates of growth were, however, reached by Gabon (DM111.6m.) and Tanzania (DM94.9m.) representing increases of 62.4 per cent and 59.7 per cent, respectively. These two countries were followed by Kenya (DM121.0m. or 43 per cent), Mauritania (DM48.5m. or 41 per cent), and Zaire (DM202.2m. or 31.1 per cent).

By comparison, goods supplied by Tunisia to the Federal Republic of Germany decreased by 59 per cent to DM45.9m., a decrease almost entirely accounted for by oil, since the value of Tunisian exports of this commodity to the Federal Republic of Germany decreased from DM79.4 to DM12.1m. between 1972 and 1973.

The decrease of exports from

Senegal to the Federal Republic of Germany (DM9.4m.) by 48.3 per cent was primarily attributable to reduced exports of vegetable foods. While in 1972 exports of this group of commodities still amounted to DM9.9m., their value decreased by more than two thirds to DM3.2m. in 1973. Chad, Niger, Dahomey, Upper Volta and Malawi, too, reduced their exports, inter alia, to the Federal Republic of Germany more or less markedly.

Increased Imports of German Commodities

Algeria had a share of 15.8 per cent in the total African imports from the Federal Republic of Germany, and thus continued to be the most important African importer of German commodities. Machinery continued to be the main commodity class imported; of Algeria's total imports from the Federal Republic of Germany, amounting to DM826.0m. of DM250.1m. or 30.3 per cent were accounted for by this class of commodities. Most of the

other African countries increased their imports of German goods likewise in 1973; e.g. Liberia, which increased its imports by 163.6 per cent and thus had not only the highest rate of growth in German imports to Africa, but also replaced Nigeria as the second importer of German goods (1972) by importing German goods amounting to DM600.1m.

Although Nigeria, too, increased its imports from the Federal Republic of Germany (DM549.0m. representing a rise of 11.2 per cent), this country had to be content with the fourth rank among the African importers of commodities from the Federal Republic of Germany in 1973, since Libya increased its German imports by 57.2 per cent to DM560.0m. in the year under review.

The increasing demand of the Egyptian industry for special products and spare parts was also reflected in Egypt's imports from the Federal Republic of Germany, which rose by 25 per cent to DM328.8m. in 1973 as compared with 1972.

Even higher were the rates of growth of Zaire (a rise of 44.3 per cent) and Morocco (a rise of 44.9 per cent), which purchased from the Federal Republic of Germany goods worth DM254.0m. and DM229.4m., respectively in the year under review.

Zambia's imports from the Federal Republic of Germany rose from DM73.6m. (1972) to DM123.8m. (a rise of 68.2 per cent), and German exports to Ghana increased by 23 per cent to DM123.4m. Kenya (DM131.3m.), Tanzania (DM83.2m.), Sudan (DM76.5m.), Cameroun (DM63.4m.), Ethiopia (DM61.0m.) and Gabon (DM42.2m.) were other important business partners of the Federal Republic of Germany, some of which increased their German imports substantially.

Niger (DM24.8m.) and Upper Volta (DM10.6m.) even doubled their German imports, while Sierra Leone's German imports (DM28.7m.) exceeded those of the preceding year by DM0.6m. only.

By comparison, 1973 German exports into some other African countries were considerably below those of the preceding year. This applies especially to exports to Madagascar, the Congolese People's Republic, Togo, and Ruanda.

Africa Accounts for 5.4 Per Cent of Imports into the Federal Republic of Germany

Africa's share in the total exports of the Federal Republic of Germany was 2.9 per cent in 1973 (2.7 per cent in 1972). Africa's share in total imports into the Federal Republic of Germany was 5.4 per cent in 1973 compared with 5.2 per cent in the preceding year.

Against the background of German exports to, and imports from, non-European developing countries in 1973, weights shift very clearly in favour of Africa: Africa accounts for 25.5 per cent of exports of the Federal Republic of Germany into such countries and for 33.0 per cent of imports into the Federal Republic of Germany from the non-European countries of the "Third World".

A comparison of German and African statistical data occasionally reveals discrepancies which are due to the fact that the African countries often consider merely the exporting and importing countries, making no allowance for trade via third countries.



SOME 750 prospectuses from all over the Federal Republic of Germany are available at the publicity and travel office of the city of Bonn. Kursum Kara from Tanzania has the material explained to her by German colleague, Renate Weinstock.

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THE Federal Republic of Germany considers it as her duty to assist other nations in their efforts at expanding and modernising their industries. This aid is largely in the hands of the government; but an essential share of the support given to the developing countries is accounted for by the German private industry.

This applies in particular to Africa. Scanning the list of firms cooperating in the most important projects related to the industrialisation of Africa, you could think that you were reading a German trade directory. For decades now the Nile has been spanned by bridges constructed by "Krupp", Essen, in Egypt.

This firm of Essen which had a meritorious part, inter alia, in the industrialisation of Southern Algeria, is renowned in other African countries as well. The capital goods delivered to Africa — inter alia to Mali, Ethiopia, Sudan, Senegal, and Togo — included mobile cranes and workshop vehicles, tank cars and mobile drinking water purification plant, river ferries and passenger ships, machines and installations for the processing of reed and boulders. In Liberia, "Krupp" has constructed an ore handling installation of latest design.

Broad Spectrum

German industry has commitments in almost every African country, from Algeria to Zaïre. The spectrum of its contributions to industrialisation is broad and extends from the development of basic industries to the construction of sugar factories. A name closely associated with the opening up of ore deposits in Morocco is that of "Mannesmann". The Düsseldorf firm constructed a modern oil handling installation in La Skirra off the Tunisian coast, where tankers can be loaded and unloaded regardless of their draught.

Another merit of "Mannesmann" is the fact that they made it possible for the first time, in 1962, to pump fresh water from Derna to Tobruk (Libya). One of the largest overhead irrigation systems in East Africa, too, was installed by "Mannesmann". This irrigation system located in Kakira on Lake Victoria (Uganda) permits sugar cane cultivation even in the dry season.

The fact that in Alexandria (Egypt) vessels of up to 85,000 gross tons can be docked today

How African industry benefits from German investment

is largely attributable to the activities of the Essen building constructor "Hochtief", which has also merited in the efforts at the preservation of Egyptian temples by removing them in time from the area to be flooded by the dammed-up waters of the Nile.

In the Congolese People's Republic "Hochtief" made preparations for the construction of irrigation systems, in Nigeria the firm's engineers constructed railways lines, in Liberia roads. It is in Liberia, too, that one of the largest foreign projects tackled by the German industry after 1945 is located: ore mining in the Bong Range is an example of partnership where the mutual interest of Liberia and the German industry are served ideally. An important share of this project is contributed by "August Thyssen-Hütte" of Duisburg. The name of "Gutehoffnungshütte", Oberhausen, one of the largest German producers of heavy capital goods, is closely associated with the construction of sugar factories in East Africa.

One of the most well-known projects is the Chemelil Sugar Company Ltd. in Kenya, built by "Gutehoffnungshütte" in cooperation with the German government and other firms of the German private industry. These firms include MAN, a subsidiary of "Gutehoffnungshütte". "Agrar und Hydrotechnik", Essen, and "Lucks & Co.", Braunschweig, an enterprise which — together with "Braunschweigische Maschinenbauanstalt" and "Maschinenfabrik Bückau-Wolf", Grevchenbroich — has rather early started to construct sugar factories in Morocco.

Important Industrial Facilities

The equipment delivered by DEMAG, Duisburg, helps Morocco to hold its number one place as phosphate producer. Construction of the first steelworks in Egypt, installed by DEMAG in Heluan, was a first step to industrialisation of that country. In Ghana and Nigeria, too, steelworks were constructed by DEMAG and for the part of Lomé in Togo DEMAG provided sophisticated mechanical installations.

The world's largest water electrolysis plant was installed by DEMAG in the fertilizer factory which "Badische Anilin- und Soda-fabrik", Ludwigshafen, constructed in cooperation with "Uhde", Dortmund, in Assuan, Egypt. Recently, the Libyan National Oil Corporation concluded a contract with "Uhde" concerning the construction of a complete ammonia works.

A few months earlier, the "Volkswagenwerk" of Wolfsburg was awarded a contract for the construction of a motorcar factory in Nigeria. Other German firms operating in Nigeria are the "Korf" steelworks and the Hamburg wholesale dealer in wood, "Lütkens" which runs, together with Nigerian partners, a commercial firm in wood. "Agrob Anlagenbau" of Ismaning near Munich has shares in an enterprise of the ceramics industry in Nigeria.

The "Saf" chemical works in Morocco, constructed by a Franco-German group of firms, "Lurgi Krebs", is one of the most important industrial installations of the country. "Farwerke Hoechst", one of the largest enterprises of the German chemical industry,

holds shares in "Polymedic" of Casablanca.

"Deutsche Industrieanlagen GmbH" (DIAG) of Berlin (West) is well-known to the Algerian industry. Together with "Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz" of Cologne, the world's largest producer of air-cooled diesel engines, DIAG is constructing, near Constantine, an industrial complex for which 107 sub-contractors of the Federal Republic of Germany are making deliveries.

The renowned firm of "Claus" of Harsewinkel is constructing, in cooperation with some other German producers of agricultural machinery and with DIAG, the world's first fully integrated production facility for agricultural machinery in Sidi Bel Abbas, Algeria. "Hoesch" of Dortmund, which constructed a production facility for spirally welded tubes for the first Algerian steel works, will build a tube factory in Algeria in whose design "Rhein-Ruhr-Ingenieur-Gesellschaft" of Dortmund will cooperate. "Zühlín AG" of Duisburg and Stuttgart has been awarded a contract for the construction of a metal works in Zambia.

Relocation of Manpower-heavy Industries

The list of German enterprises that have supported, or are supporting, the industrialisation of Africa could be continued ad lib. In Tanzania, the Tanganyika Sisal Spinning Company and a cotton textile mill were established with the assistance of German knowhow.

In Ivory Coast, Federal Republic of Germany

enterprises are advancing domestic woodwork industry. In Niger, German machines extract uranium deposited below a sandstone layer of 30 to 40 m thickness. Special machines were supplied to the Sudan Textile Industries in Khartoum by "Europäische Textilmaschinenunion", Frankfurt/Main.

The German Amates Group has shares in the East Africa Fine Spinners Ltd., Nairobi, Kenya. Recently, contracts on cooperative exploration activities were concluded between the Algerian government-owned SONATRACH corporate and "Domines" of Düsseldorf and a German consortium "Veba". "Winterhall", "Rheinische Kraftstoff", "Bayer", Leverkusen, added its worldwide renown when the enterprise completed successfully a large-scale test of the control of bilharziasis, an "Bayer" product, developed by it in Egypt.

"Neckermann", a large German mail order house and tourist agency, constructed a holiday camp and recreation center in Senegal; "Danzer" constructed a saw mill and saw-wood works in Zaïre inter alia "ABC Telefunken", "Achel", "Bosch", "Dingler-Werke", "Fichtel & Sachs", "Junkers & Co.", "Kühne & Nagel", "Melchers & Co." are other enterprises of the German industry which are well-known in Africa, as are "Interkin-Fritzer GmbH", "Orstram", "Seppelfrick", "Schenker & Co.", "Heinrich Schröder KG", "Siemens."

In the Federal Republic of Germany, as elsewhere, the job is gaining ground of relocating in the developing countries industries requiring a strong labour force but comparatively little technical installations.

In Morocco, e.g., ready-made clothes for the German market are produced either for the Moroccan firms' own account or under contract.

The German Government has consistently stressed the possible effects of private investments in developing countries. It attempts in various ways to encourage investment likely to have an impact on development.

This includes tax benefits and alleviations for private investments in developing countries which are at present under

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Training for the next Olympics

THE Federal Republic of Germany is playing host to 25 athletes from 19 African countries at a course of study, training and contests at Malente. The idea is to familiarize the athletes with modern training methods, techniques in athletics training, didactics, sports medicine and physiology and general training-teaching methods, using the facilities of the sports school, near the Olympic Sailing Centre. One of the main aims of the sports participants for the next Olympic Games, which explains why only Olympic candidates were invited.

The course is supported by the German Athletics Association and the Kiel University Institute for physical exercise. The Federal German Government's purpose in inviting the athletes along was to turn top African sportsmen into trainers and coaches, thus indirectly promoting popular sports in Africa.

This is why such medal candidates as 400-metres hurdler John Akii-Bua of Uganda or high-jumper Ahmed Senoussi of Chad are learning not only athletics training in Germany, but also how to set up and run sporting associations.

SPORTSMEN and future sports teachers from Africa listen attentively to a lecture in the Malente sports school's lecture hall.



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BETWEEN one of Africa's largest and richest countries, Nigeria, and the Federal Republic of Germany exists a very close economic and trade cooperation as well as an active German participation in a number of development projects both in form of capital and technical aid.

Since the country attained independence on 1st October 1960 and became a republic three years later, the Federal Republic had until August 1973 offered a capital aid of 270.3 million D mark, out of which an amount of 235.8 million was allocated to cover the costs of a series of important projects for the Nigerian government which has an area three and a half times as much as the Federal Republic of Germany and a bigger population of 80 millions.

One of the earliest and most important projects carried out

was the creation of 10 hospitals in various parts of Nigeria's northern region which is populated by about 20 million people. These hospitals — each having 60 beds — are expandable to 120, amounted to 12.6 million D mark.

Another project which symbolizes the absolute German engineering advancement is the Eko-bridge linking the capital Lagos with the mainland.

A quick look at the trade exchange between Nigeria and Germany — which is the third biggest trading partner of Nigeria following the United States and Britain — shows an interesting volume of active merchandise movements in both ways. Nigeria's exports to Germany rose by almost 90 per cent in the years 1969 to 1971, i.e. from 53.1 to 98.9 million US Dollars.

Imports from Germany increased by more than 100 per cent (73.9 to 183.8 million US

Dollars). Nigeria exports mainly comprise of oil (82 per cent), of cacao, peanut, tinware, palm products, rubber, timber and cotton. The Federal Republic of Germany exports to Nigeria different types of heavy and light machinery as well as chemicals and foodstuffs.

Apart from the close cooperation between both countries on a governmental level, the private sector of the economy plays a decisive role in boosting the existing ties between Nigeria and the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1973 the Munich ceramic company AGROB AG initiated the participation in a company in Abeokuta in West Nigeria in which the local government in this region holds more than 30 per cent of the shares. With the domestic production similar in quality to that of the German production, this joint venture is the second biggest German-

Nigerian joint investment after the Volkswagen.

The Volkswagen itself, called "Volkswagen of Nigeria Ltd.", was established in February 1973 following the conclusion of an investment agreement negotiated and signed by the government and VW of Germany in Lagos in September 1972.

The Nigerian government participates with 35 per cent of the company's basic capital. VW owns 40 per cent, while shareholders on the private sector, Germans and Nigerians, hold 25 per cent of the capital. The construction works for the factory which is situated 18 kilometres west of Lagos are expected to be completed by autumn 1974 and the production will be taken up in 1975. It is being planned that 15,000 cars will be manufactured in 1975 and this number be possibly doubled in the course of the first 10 years.

About 1,000 workers will be employed at the beginning and about 3,000 by 1980.

The Volkswagen AG has undertaken to train the future Nigerian personnel for the plant. With the build up of one of the first automobile industries, the Nigerian government intends to establish a sound base for further stages towards the country's industrialisation; Nigeria is a country with great resources and possibilities in Africa. There is no doubt that this sum will be realised through a successful management, prompt delivery dates and a service network.

Another German-Nigerian joint venture is Henkel Chemicals (Nigeria) Ltd. which was founded in Spring 1973 with a paid capital of 2.4 million D mark by Henkel GmbH in Dusseldorf. This company is to produce adhesives and various detergents for the West African market.

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Fruitful links
between Ghana
and Germany

IN 1973 the exchange of goods between the Federal Republic of Germany and Ghana increased once more. The total volume rose from DM237.5m. in 1972 to DM283.5m. (+ 19.3 per cent). Ghanaian exports to the Federal area accounted for DM160.1m. of this figure. Compared with 1972 this represents a growth of 16.8 per cent.

Imports from the Federal Republic stood at DM123.4m. (+ 22.9 per cent). Thus, in 1973, the trend continued which has been noticeable for some years in external trade between the two countries. The Federal Republic of Germany imports more goods from Ghana than she exports there. Ghana was therefore able to register a trade surplus of DM36.7m. in 1973 — further, indirect help from Bonn for Accra.

Big exports
in timber

The Federal Republic's 1973 list of imports from Ghana was headed by structural and round timber. Although sales of this commodity, at DM73.4m., were only marginally greater than in 1972 (DM71.1m.), it nevertheless made up 45.8 per cent of Ghana's total deliveries to the Federal area. Cocoa (raw) was a close second at DM64.0m. and had a 40.0 per cent share of exports. Compared with the previous year, cocoa exports to the Federal area experienced a considerable increase — plus 41.9 per cent. Supplies of aluminium, on the other hand, dropped from DM10.2 to DM9.1m.

At a value of DM26.4 and DM23.3m. respectively, machinery and motor vehicles were the leading German exports to Ghana. They increased by 40.5 per cent and 25.9 per cent over the previous year. Pharmaceutical goods (DM8.2m.) and plastics (DM6.9m.) were able to improve their position whereas coal tar dyes (at DM5.7m.) were only slightly up on the previous year's level (DM5.2m.) and electrotechnical goods experienced a sharp drop to DM4.5m. (minus 67.9 per cent).

Regionally concentrated
development programme

Within the framework of the Federal Republic's bilateral development aid, Ghana is one of the first countries with a programme of setting up an interlinked system on a regional basis and then gradually integrating it into Ghana's development policy, should be realized. By means of a "package deal", extensive measures for the promotion of economic and social development are being adopted in different regions of the country.

The focal points are directed up on an intersectoral basis. They are to be found mainly in agriculture (other than cocoa), the fishing industry (coastal and deep sea fishing), technical training, the development of small and medium-sized industrial firms, public health and the social system, measures to improve water and electric supplies and the infrastructure of roads and buildings.

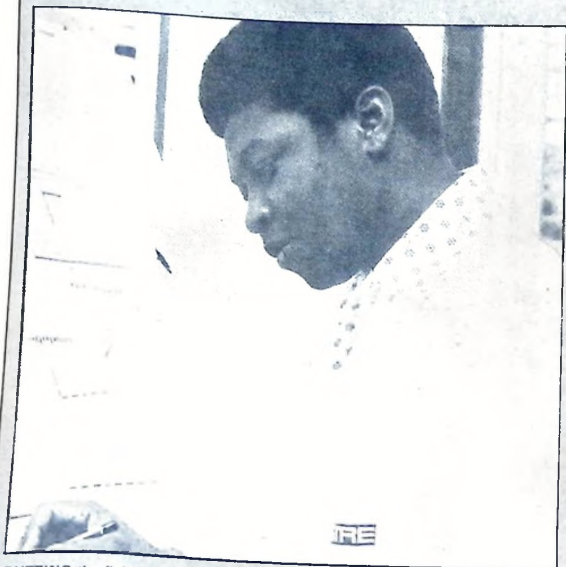
The main projects within the Technical Assistance programme include the setting up of a training centre for motor mechanics in Accra-Kanesh, the erection of a training and industrial promotion centre in Takoradi and the extension of the cabinet-makers' workshop in Biriwa to include a training centre for the National Vocational Training Institute in Ghana, where physically handicapped persons can also be trained.

Neither does Germany only sponsor the training and further training of young people from Ghana in their homeland. The particularly gifted are offered the chance of a training course in the Federal Republic of Germany. So far more than 100 scholarship holders from Ghana have received the intellectual wherewithal for their future professional path in such courses.

A large proportion of German capital aid for Ghana is taken up by commodity providing Accra with electricity, the extension of the telephone network in Tema and the improvement of rural supplies.



DIPI OMA time for BDNENSON Udo Utang, a Nigerian student at the South German Plastics Centre at Wurzburg, one of many African students in West Germany.



PUTTING the finishing touches to a blueprint, Emmanuel Okantey, from Accra, enjoys work with a factory which manufactures pre-fabricated buildings near Bonn.

GERMANY-AFRICA: PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

AS in previous years, Sierra Leone realised a trade surplus with the Federal Republic of Germany in 1973. Purchases by the Federal Republic, at a figure of DM 20.1 million, exceeded exports to Sierra Leone. In 1972 the credit balance was DM 11.7 million. Viewed overall, the exchange of goods between the two countries has undergone a positive development.

At DM 77.5 million, the total 1973 volume was 13.8 per cent higher than the 1972 figure. Sierra Leone's exports to the Federal Republic rose from 39.9 to 48.8 million deutschmarks (plus 22.3 per cent) whereas imports from the Federal Republic increased from DM 28.2 to 28.7 million only.

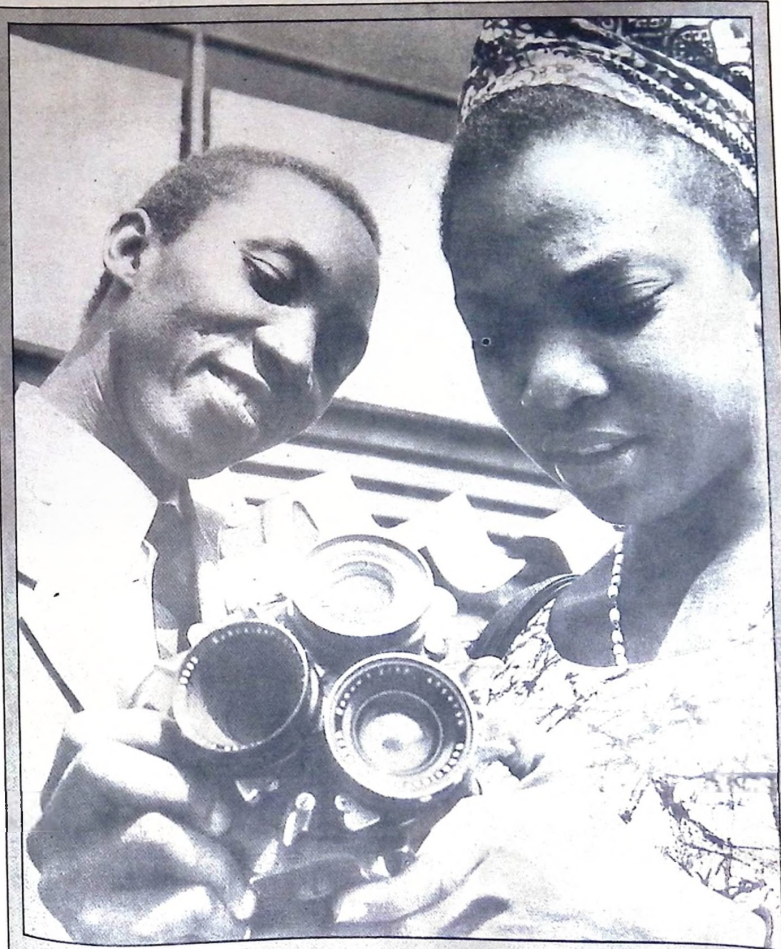
Iron ore once more headed the list of Sierra Leone's exports to the Federal area in 1973. It accounted for 53.7 per cent of total deliveries and managed to improve its market position from DM 25.5 to 26.2 million. The German market also stocked up its supplies of bauxite and cryolite from Sierra Leone. Here, at a value of DM 15.1 million, the rate of increase was 41.1 per cent.

The outstanding feature in Sierra Leone's imports from the Federal area is the fact that watercraft (DM 3.6 million), unlike the year before, was ousted from first place by motor vehicles whose sales rose from DM 4.7 to DM 6.0 million (+ 27.6 per cent). In addition, sugar (DM 2.2 million) and machinery (DM 1.9 million) were featured in goods imported from the Federal Republic in 1973.

Road construction and consultation prominent in development aid

The development of the arterial road from Freetown to Waterloo is to be accomplished with German capital aid. This concerns the only means of roads in the country since all roads in the country join the direction of Freetown join the particular section of the highway. This project, which is still in the process of examination, would further extend the impressive list of road building schemes in Sierra Leone undertaken with financial assistance from the Federal Republic. The Federal Republic is also involved in the construction of a four-lane bridge over the river Congo in Freetown.

Apart from the supply of agricultural production materials, the handing over of mobile veterinary units, two cameras for the state television



FAAROG SANUIS, of Sierra Leone, a trainee with Radio Free Berlin, shows a pretty colleague a 16 mm camera.

Trade surplus for Sierra Leone

system and an X ray machine for the hospital in Kenema, the evaluation of studies on electrical energy and the possibilities of the erection of a concern for improved rice seed are among the major projects by German Technical Assistance which have reached fruition.

The sending of experts from Germany to Sierra Leone is paramount in the technical cooperation between the two countries. Thus, for instance, the Federal Government posted a mineralogist to the Geological Service in Sierra Leone. The Road Transport Corporation is being advised by

a group of Federal German experts on the reorganisation of administration and operations.

Parallel to this, Germans are busy training local skilled staff. Technical Assistance in Sierra Leone is being supplemented, sensibly enough, by training courses for young people in the Federal area. More than 100

scholarship holders from Sierra Leone have been sponsored by the Federal Government alone. To this must be added the funds made available by the individual Federal States, private institutions and organisations in the Federal Republic of Germany for training courses in the Federal area.



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OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT — MISS GOD'S GIFT

MISS GOD'S GIFT is a dream. Let's see more of her! That was the reaction of dozens of our Nigerian readers after the super 19-year-old had graced the pages of TRUST last November. So always happy to oblige, we've made her our Christmas cover girl of 1974. Miss God's Gift — Rose Chinyere Udo — comes from Okigwe in Nigeria's East Central State and hopes to become a beautician. With looks like that, she can't fail, can she . . .



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THE FIRST LADY BARBER IN LAGOS

IN 1963 when young Bilikisu Ejiwunmi finished primary education at St. Peter's primary school in Ijebu Western Province of Nigeria's Western State, she travelled to Lagos in search of a job. After a fruitless search, she decided to learn a trade. She wanted a profession regarded as the exclusive domain of men. After considering a number, she decided to become a barber.

Some of her relations deplored her decision and even her parents argued that it was a man's job. But she refused to change her mind.

She enrolled as an apprentice to a master barber at a salon next to the Sabo police station along Herbert Macaulay Street, Yaba. Many people who saw her in the place were surprised. At first, no one would allow her to cut their hair. Even other women who came for a hair-cut would not allow her near them.

But she was not discouraged.

She soon succeeded in talking some men into giving her a trial. At first they allowed her to cut their children's hair. When they saw how well she did the job, they allowed her to cut their own. Before long she became the favourite barber for a number of people.

In 1966, after completing a three-year course of training, Eji (as she is called) was awarded a certificate of proficiency. She started doing so well financially that her younger sister also decided to take up hair-dressing. Eji encouraged her and gave her the benefit of her knowledge and experience.

When Eji had enough money saved up, she opened a salon of her own at Arolawun Street, Odi Olowo, Mushin. Today, she has three apprentices, two girls and one man, learning to be barbers.

"Today," she told DRUM, "I

am a happy woman. I make reasonable sum of money as barber. I have no cause to regret my decision to be barber. It was a decision I made myself. It was not unpopular with my people, including parents who felt that it was a man's job."

Now aged 28, Eji is happily married with two children. She is a shining example to many girls who would rather be jobless and hawk their wares from place to place under the pretext of looking for a rather than learn a trade.

Apart from the trade, she has come and independence in her profession gives her. Eji made a name for herself as the first woman barber in Lagos. And unless there are women who have blaze a trail before her in other parts of Nigeria, she will go down in history as the first woman barber in the country.

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RAPIST!

CRIED THE PRETTY AMERICAN GIRL — BUT I WAS INNOCENT FOR SHE HAD SEDUCED ME

FIRST saw her as I waited for a train at an underground station. A striking beauty with long ash-blond hair and a shapely figure. The temptation to try my luck was overpowering. Casually I strolled over. With a cheerful grin, I said quietly: "Hi! Don't get mad. I'm not after a pick-up. I'd just like to talk. It'll go away if you don't want to."

She smiled, exposing a row of perfect teeth. Her almond-shaped blue eyes were unfathomable pools. Her oval face was freckled, with a pronounced cleft on the chin. A powerful fragrance of perfume came from her.

"It depends what you say," she replied. An American accent.

"Well, I suppose I dig talking to anyone who looks interesting," I said, re-assured by her warm reception. I could feel the stares of the bystanders, but I was unconcerned.

"And who not," she agreed. We exchanged names and backgrounds. And our friendship began.

Judy was the 25-year-old daughter of a rich American banker and was on a six month visit to England. She turned out to be a quiet girl who preferred to listen rather than talk.

When I first approached her, I did so convinced I was on a wild goose chase; for it seemed improbable that such a beauty would not already be fixed up with some other man to whom she was very devoted. So when I finally summoned the courage to ask her for a date, I was naturally confounded when she readily agreed.

We arranged that she come round to my flat the following evening. I was also surprised at

her agreement because she appeared a highly respectable girl and not the sort who would allow herself to be seduced by a total stranger, black at that, nor to agree to visit his flat after only an hour's acquaintance. I began to doubt that she would keep our date. I realised I had probably been taken for a ride.

Come the following evening and what a delightful surprise it was when my flat bell rang punctually at eight o'clock and there she was — dressed immaculately in a check trouser-suit. When I expressed my surprise that she came, she replied: "I'm not like that. If I say I'll come, I'll come."

If Judy's mood was as good as the smell of her perfume, then I would have looked forward to an enjoyable evening. But no. The moment she walked into my flat, I sensed I was in for a bad time. This was a different Judy from yesterday. She appeared serious and tense this time, offering only flickers of a smile.

The first note of disappointment was struck when she con-

fessed regretfully that she was not hungry so that the African meal which I had hoped would impress her was to remain untouched in the kitchen.

From that moment onwards the atmosphere became uncomfortable as we sat in the sitting room with our drinks and I tried rather stiffly to make a conversation. She was sitting up on the sofa, holding her glass with both hands, facing downwards. For some reason she was blushing deeply.

I suggested some music, but she said very quietly: "No, let's talk."

Gently I asked: "Are you all right, Judy? You don't look happy. Is something the matter?"

To this she did not reply, but all of a sudden her hands began to shake.

Startled, I sat up and asked: "What's wrong, Judy? Are you okay?"

Another pause. Then she faced me decidedly, and said: "My boy-friend told me that if a white girl has sex with a black man, she'll never want to go back to a white man again." Her voice was tremulous and throaty.

I was taken aback. I started at her in bewilderment. The air was suddenly charged with electricity or something.

"Is it true?" she asked, her breathing now heavy.

"It's a bizarre distortion, Judy." I said. "But why do you ask that?"

"Because I want you to make love to me."

For several long moments I stared at her in paralysed disbelief. She stared back seriously.

I put my glass on the stool, took her glass from her hand and put it down. Then I moved closer and put my arm round her shoulder and held her against me. She relaxed her head on my chest.

"What's the bug, Judy?" I asked gently, running my fingers through her hair.

"I don't know," she said with a hopeless sigh. "I just don't seem to enjoy it very much."

"Let's go to the bedroom."

I contacted her three evenings later to fix another date. A flat-mate answered the phone, wanting to know who I was. Presently Judy came on.

"Listen, you rapist midget! — the heat is on and it won't be long before they get you!" Her voice was low but ruthless.

Slam went her receiver.

For a stunned second, my blood froze and my heart missed a beat. Had I been standing, I might have collapsed. But I was conveniently lying full length on my sofa, the receiver held to my ear. My mind refused to function. The very girl who had seduced me in this flat, who had been willing and eager to everything that happened, was now crying rape!

Totally aghast, I dialled her number again. A just man answered. He had a husky voice. I asked for Judy, and he said she had just gone out. I did not believe him, but explained why I had rung, asking if he knew what Judy was on about.

"There isn't really much to explain." His voice was coolly unconcerned. "Judy has accused you of raping her in your flat on Tuesday night, and she has come to me for advice because I'm a friend and also happen to be a solicitor. If she decides to take the matter to court, then you'll be hearing from the police."

What does it feel like to be falsely accused of rape? In this incredible story, 23-year-old African writer Dillibe Anyeama describes his own experience with such a woman.





WITH a cheerful grin I said: "Hi, don't get mad, I'm not after a pick-up. I'd just like to talk . . ."

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**I knew why
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An ed of fear wriggled through me. My voice went high with protest.

"But this is bloody ridiculous! It wasn't rape. Judy knows it. She's lying. She knows it was with her consent!"

Already I could see the newspaper headlines screaming out the news with glee — **BLACK OLD ETONIAN ON RAPE CHARGE! . . . THAT NIGGER RAPED ME! SAYS AMERICAN BLONDE.**

"What's your story then?" asked the solicitor.

Slowly, in a state of mounting tension, I told him in detail what happened that evening.

When I finished, he said: "I'm afraid your story is a world apart from hers. She made no mention of having talked to you about sex problems or Negro sex prowess."

"What did she say happened then?" I asked.

"I've been made to understand that she gave in to you solely out of fear for what you would do to her if she resisted. You asked her for sex and she told you she had a boy-friend and had no wish to be unfaithful to him. You would not accept this and ended up threatening her with violence if she would not change her mind."

"But that's just absurd!"

"I'm not so sure. Judy's flat-mates say she was very upset when she came home that night."

I paused to consider. I stared absently at the pictures on the television, whose volume I had completely turned down before I first rang Judy. Was all this really happening to me?

"Look, I want to hear all this from Judy!" I said. "Get her to the phone. I know she's there."

"Judy has gone to see her boy-friend. I'll be here until she comes back to discuss what she wants to do about the matter."

"Very well. Then could I talk to her when she comes back? I'd like to ask her why she's lying. If she knows she's telling the truth, she'd have the courage to talk. After all, I can't harm her over the telephone."

"Well, if you give me your number, I'll —"

"She's got my number!" I cut in.

"Fine. I'll get her to ring you."

For the next hour and a half I lay on the sofa in a daze, my body a complete dead weight, drained of all strength. I had never known fear so intense,

such submerging anguish. What, oh, what if the jury believed that bitch's story?

I pictured the crowded courtroom. The tense, devastating silence as the foreman delivered the verdict that would ruin a career.

All because of one girl's lie. What it must have felt like I thought, for those poor men falsely accused of rape and being ing to prison, knowing full well they were innocent — but powerless to prove it due to overpowering evidence.

I knew why Judy was lying. Because she was ashamed to have indulged with a black man furthermore because she had enjoyed it.

Everything was fully explained. She had allowed herself to be picked up solely because she was her golden opportunity to exploit the black super sexual myth and ascertain if she was sexually abnormal or not.

After being re-assured, the inevitable wave of shame drove her on the way home in a mini-cab. For she had enjoyed sex with someone she looked down on and was unlikely, probably thought, to experience quite the same pleasure with white man. Her shame was passed by a feeling of self-resentment towards me. So if only way out was to **SCAM RAPE!**

During those ninety ten minutes of waiting for Judy call, I intended — despite a bitterness for her — to play with her not to take the matter to court. Though I knew I was innocent, I could not bear I thought of the scandal, of the jury deciding against me.

Eventually the phone rang, was the solicitor again.

"Well, Judy and I have had long discussion about this," said, "and she has decided to press charges against you."

A wave of relief engulfed totally.

"Oh? Why is that?" I said. "That's neither here nor there. The point is that she doesn't wish to talk to you, but boy-friend is here and will speak instead. Hold on . . ."

A second later, a harsh, American voice came on.

"You consider yourself very lucky indeed," he slowly. "I promise you that every you try to contact me again, the police will be called once. I hope you're proud what you did to her."

I lay on my sofa for a little time afterwards considering whole issue, fighting to contain the scream of rage my throat begged to roar. There was doubt about it — Judy had convinced her friends that I raped her, knowing full well was a wicked lie. And she would have convinced a jury.

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You are wandering through a garden full of fruit and flowers with gentia meandering streams. In the centre is a large fountain with cascading water. But as you approach, the water ceases to flow and the streams turn dark and dirty. Your dream is a warning that bad times are ahead. A fountain that stops is a symbol of poverty, but as a Saggiarius subject it is likely that the water will clear and the fountain will start again as you are basically optimistic and have a great deal of vitality. Your chief fault is being over-confident, and be careful that others do not take advantage of your openness.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 20)

A generally unremarkable month ahead which could be lucky if you curb your tendency to be impractical. Tackle important tasks at the beginning of the month. Love: A good time for romance and new friends. Money: Do not spend on impulse. Serious thoughts will save you a lot of money. Health: Continuing good. Favourable days: 3, 17, 22.

PISCES
(Feb. 21 - March 20)

By holding back hurtful remarks and not being hasty you will find that an awkward period will pass without misfortune. Love: Be gentle and understanding or someone you are fond of will be upset. Money: Your finances continue to improve. Health: A tendency to skip on sleep will catch you up. Favourable days: 3, 12, 20, 29.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Do not be tempted to make rash decisions or they will turn out badly. Love: Find time for pleasure and you will be surprised at what you will be sure of. Money: Money spent on entertaining is worth while and will lead to a new opportunity. Health: A letter time ahead. Favourable days: 5, 8, 17, 25.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 20)

A very promising month in all respects. Take advantage of every chance that comes your way. Love: An unplanned outing will lead to excitement and romance. Money: You can afford to be generous. Health: Do not neglect small aches and pains as they could spoil a good month. Favourable days: 11, 18, 25, 30.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20)

Home life runs smoothly but periods of uneasiness at work or with strangers. Love: Caution with strangers. Happiness is very close if you are determined and show your feelings and are not worried by the fear of being rebuffed. Money: Be careful. Health: A few minor ailments. Favourable days: 2, 6, 15, 20.

CANCER
(June 21 - July 20)

A busy month with correspondence to attend to. Love: Take your time and be considerate or you may lose someone you are fond of. Money: You may have to meet a sudden expense. Health: Take care of a minor infection could become serious. Favourable days: 5, 19, 23, 30.

LEO
(July 21 - Aug. 20)

Rumour mongers are at work around you so take care not to allow one's reason to speak against you, or this could affect your job. Love: Plenty of opportunity to waste if you happen to don't make it. Money: A good time to make your money work for you. Health: A sudden worry may cause depression but it will soon lift. Favourable days: 8, 16, 24.

VIRGO
(Aug. 21 - Sept. 20)

A very busy month. You will be enticed by someone close to you for a certain decision so make sure you are doing the correct thing. Love: Not a time to seek excitement. Money: Do not be rash. Your finances are tight. Health: Headaches will be your main worry. Favourable days: 3, 18, 21.

LIBRA
(Sept. 21 - Oct. 20)

Kindness to others will pay rewards in a strange way. Sort your own problems out before advising others. Love: Romance will be easier if you see someone else's point of view. Money: Wait until the end of a month before hearing of spending on big items. Health: Slow down or your health will suffer. Favourable days: 4, 9, 19, 28.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 21 - Nov. 20)

A good time socially but do not neglect your work as you may be tempted to do. Love: A very good month for new friendships. Money: Just when you think you are in trouble extra money will come your way at the end of the month. Health: Good. Favourable days: 11, 14, 26, 29.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 21 - Dec. 20)

Force the pace this month and you will be in trouble. If you take your time things will work out much better. Love: Keep cool and like the early bird you will catch the worm. Money: A careful watch on your finances is indicated. Health: A medical problem that has been worrying you will be solved. Favourable days: 6, 11, 21, 23.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 21 - Jan. 20)

A good time to experiment with new ideas which could bring rewards. Love: Take advantage of this good month and meet the person whom you have admired from a distance. Money: With a little thought there could be great financial gains this month as luck is certainly on your side. Health: Very good. Favourable days: 4, 14, 24, 27.

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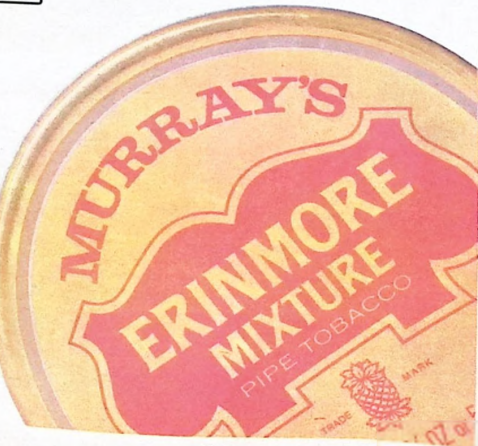
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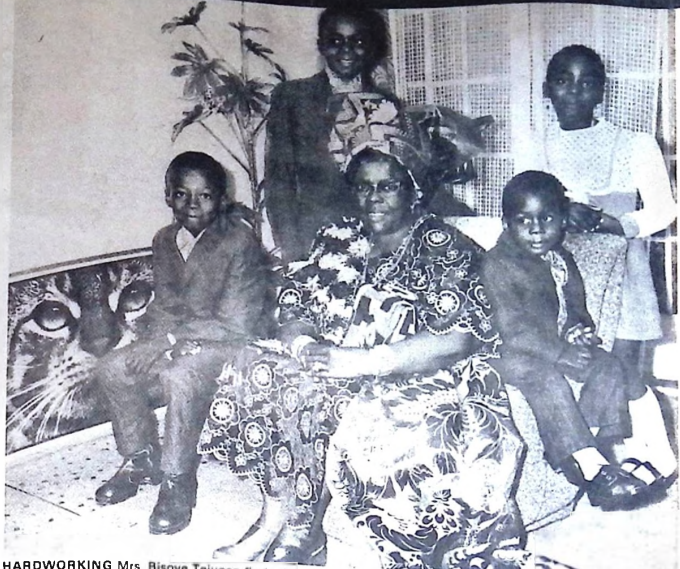


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Women businessmen are still few and far between in Nigeria. However, the way to more female participation in industry is being paved by Mrs. Bisoye Tejuoso, who runs a textile business, and Mrs. Olaiwole Adekun, boss of a big insurance firm. Apart from their sex, they have another thing in common — they have managed to combine their business life with normal wifely duties, as a DRUM reporter found out when he met them.

FIRST WOMAN OF INDUSTRY



HARDWORKING Mrs. Bisoye Tejuoso finds time for a break as she poses with her grandchildren for DRUM.

SHE is an unlikely candidate for fame. She is not the most beautiful of women, or the most lavishly dressed or the one with the most impressive academic credentials. She is different. She is hardworking, persevering and behind her facade of modesty is the keen business woman struggling to make it.

Mrs. Bisoye Tejuoso is a woman who knows how to combine the tenets of her religious persuasion with her immense business acumen to achieve her ambition of establishing a foam industry in Nigeria.

"The description which many people give to business as a kind of a chess-game is fairly apt. But it must not be forgotten that every sport, for example, has rules and regulations guiding its conduct. The player who displays his skill and understanding of the game within the rules wins the respect and admiration of the fans. So it is with the conduct of any kind of business. You have to be honest in all you undertake, and this virtue can only be achieved through the fear of God.

"A number of successful businesses have crumbled soon after they have made their pile because they flourished on falsehood. And falsehood, as

you know, does not survive time.

"Again, the tendency on the part of some businessmen and women in this country to have their eyes on profit in the initial stages robs the business of the chance to thrive at all," she added.

You may ask from what business school did she graduate — because that is a far-reaching statement to be made by the chairman of Teju Industries Limited. But Mrs. Tejuoso "passed through the mill" to success. She made her debut as a businesswoman in 1938 when, with a small capital she made a success of a small textile concern, and later went on to become an agent of the United African Company in the early 1950's.

The early 60s saw her specialise in foam materials following the split of the U.A.C. She carried on her business as an agent of the Vono and G. B. Olivanti, both subsidiaries of the U.A.C. group.

Some foreigners and Nigerians were quick to recognise her tremendous business drive and, not long after, offers were made to her to enter into partnership agreements. She accepted one offer and the partnership was called the Urenthan Company

Limited. Its huge success is evident by the fact that in 1963, it went on to establish the Nigerian Carpet Manufacturing Company, with Mrs. Tejuoso as sales director.

But the year 1968 was one of decision for her. She had already started to nurse the wish to go it alone. Development dictated the pace for her. Soon she registered the Teju Industries Limited, with her son, Dr. Dapo Tejuoso, as partner.

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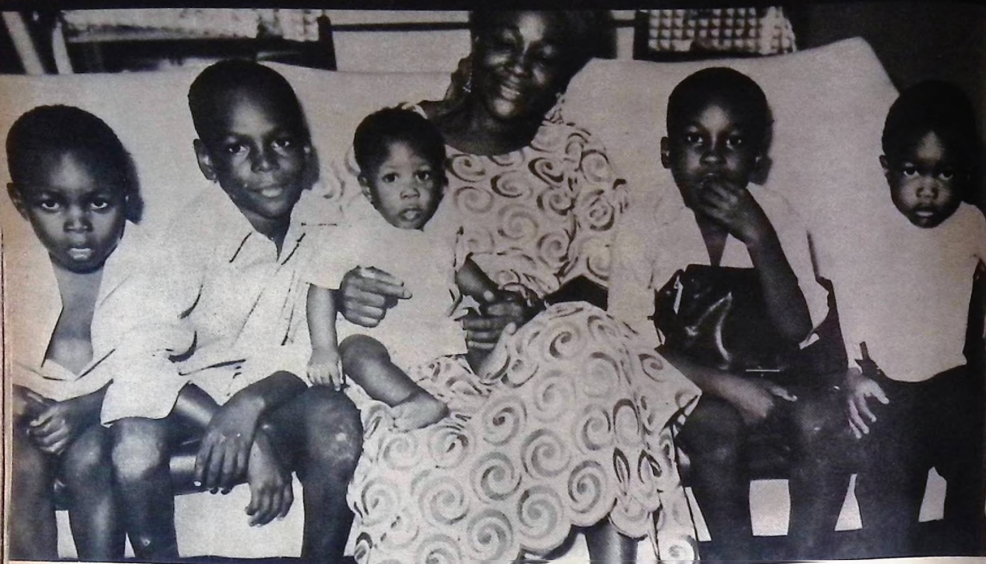
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DRUM: Congratulations for your recent elevation to the post of General Manager, Sentinel Assurance Company Limited. Could you please tell us something about your childhood?

Mrs. Adekoya: I was born in Abeokuta in 1938. My parents hailed from Iperu, a small town in Remo Division of the Western State. Dad was a produce examiner on transfer to Abeokuta at the time. I attended a primary school in Shagamu. Later, I gained entrance into Remo Secondary School also in Shagamu. Imagine my joy! I was now a college girl! You see, it was a highly prestigious thing in those days to be a grammar school student. I really felt on top of the world. With the full encouragement of my parents I made up my mind to do medicine after leaving school.

DRUM: What were the difficulties standing in your way during your struggle?

Mrs. Adekoya: Mine was not an easy childhood. I had my own share of ups and downs, if not more than my fairshare. The roughs and tumbles usually inherent in being a first-born didn't spare me. In those days, it was unusual for girls to be willingly educated by their parents and guardians. Many people objected to my father sending me to school, giving all sorts of reasons for their views. Some said that as a girl, I would

Mrs. Olaiyiwola Oyesola Adekoya was recently promoted general manager of a major insurance company in Lagos, the first woman to reach such a high position. Mrs. Adekoya tells the story of her life to **DRUM** in an exclusive interview which began in her office, and concluded at her home in Ebute-Metta, on the Lagos mainland.

soon acquire another man's name and become his property. I would get carried away by wordy things and fail examinations; I would do this, I would do that. My father simply caved in.

At this juncture, I must bring into our discussion the name of a man without whom my journey through life would have taken a completely different route. He is one Mr. Odunlami. This man it was who stood boldly against all others to persuade dad to educate me. When my father didn't listen to him, Mr. Odunlami took it upon himself to pay my entrance examination fees and on admission, he paid my deposit too! It was then that he could convince daddy. That was not the end of my problems. At school I was very unpopular with the men who hated to be beaten by a girl.

DRUM: Did you encounter tribulations in the later phase of your search for the golden fleece?

Mrs. Adekoya: Ah! I was coming to that. I left the secondary school with a good grade. Having gained admission into the University of Ibadan, I proceed-

ed to England after a session in order to continue studying for my dream profession Medicine.

But the happy things I have just said represent only a very short trace in my chequered endeavours. Away in England, I was forced to drop medicine when finance stopped flowing from home. Those who opposed my progress had succeeded in turning my father against me. Starved of funds, I had to fall on a less expensive course — insurance. Though in a fix, I was bent on not going home empty-handed.

Within a short time, I was wholly engrossed in insurance. It became my light, air and water. At the onset, a block dammed my course. No company would accept me. It was not easy for a foreigner to be articulated. But luckily, I was soon articulated by a British firm which employed me as their filing clerk. A month later, I was expecting a baby, which meant that I was heavy for almost the whole length of the first part of my studies. In fact I was virtually in labour during my examination (putting to bed less than three weeks after).

A funny situation arose on

the examination day. As I entered the hall, the invigilator directed me to the ante-natal clinic which adjoined the examination hall, thinking that I had missed my way! He was astonished when I told him that I was indeed a candidate. I graduated in 1962. Still in London, I was employed by a company with branches in Nigeria and returned home in December 1963.

DRUM: What other profession do you think you could have been good in also?

Mrs. Adekoya: Well, law I would say. A whole part of our examinations dealt with law. Back home I even registered at the University of Lagos for evening studies in law but abandoned it when I couldn't find the time. As I told you, I studied medicine for some time. But I do not regret it since no knowledge is lost. For example, medicine being an important aspect of life assurance, I find it very useful now.

DRUM: How would you assess Nigeria's insurance standard?

Mrs. Adekoya: We have advanced steadily over the years. At present, only about 1 per cent of our population hold in-

surance policies. Rather than discouraging us, this fact serves to mean that the future is bright for the profession.

DRUM: What is the toughest problem facing insurance companies in Nigeria?

Mrs. Adekoya: Claims settlement. Most members of the public are not educated in insurance matters. The majority of policy holders maintain contact with the various companies through agents. The rare occasions when they meet the insurance executives face-to-face are when they have claims to settle; usually their most memorable moments. Hard up, nervous and touchy, they expect insurance regulations to be stretched to the longest possible length in their favour. Some even want mutually acceptable rules to suddenly change when something happens to them. Insurance companies should however continue to be patient with their clients.

DRUM: What would you say was the most unpleasant thing which happened to you?

Mrs. Adekoya: After I had been employed as a filing clerk in England, I found that the schedule of duties was restricted to carrying files even though it was supposed to be an insurance apprenticeship. This frustrated me because it didn't afford me the slightest insight

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into insurance. The hitch was later removed.
DRUM: What of your biggest moment?
Mrs. Adekoya: Ah! When I entered the Sentinel Assurance Conference Room and was commended by the Board members: my appointment was confirmed.
DRUM: How exactly did you bag your post?
Mrs. Adekoya: When Sentinel was inaugurated four years ago, I was appointed to assist the Managing Director, Mr. Peter Hospidales. When he left in 1972, I was faced with the task of keeping the company going in an acting capacity. As I have already told you, my appointment as General Manager was confirmed after I had acted for 18 months.
DRUM: What do you think is responsible for the distrust of insurance people by many Nigerians?

Mrs. Adekoya: It is difficult to convince the average Nigerian. Since insurance is an invisible commodity which can't be seen and felt like clothes, furniture and motor cars, clients are inclined to suspect insurance companies. I believe this air of misgivings will be dispersed as time goes on.

DRUM: You have succeeded in the insurance world. Do you harbour any other aims? Politics for example?

Mrs. Adekoya: I've been in insurance for the past 16 years and there's no turning coat for me. Politics for me? Impossible. I think it's a job for lazy women.

DRUM: What is your Company's professional motto?

Mrs. Adekoya: Our emblem is a dog watching a gate. Our slogan is: "We protect and provide".

DRUM: What is your personal psychology of life?

Mrs. Adekoya: Live and let live. Whatever gives you pleasure, go ahead with it. However, I must emphasise that it is bad for anybody to enjoy herself at the expense of other people's happinesses.

DRUM: How do you marry

your role as big executive with your role as a housewife?

Mrs. Adekoya: I am blessed with a simple and understanding husband. The peace of mind which I have at home with more concentration. I do my utmost best to see that neither my work nor my home out of the country today and despite all this, my man doesn't complain.

DRUM: Please, tell us something about your family.

Mrs. Adekoya: My husband, Mr. Adebowale Adekoya, is 44 years old. We met at a friend's party in Lagos and got married months later, also in Lagos. My children are Toyin, a girl aged 14; Jimmy, 9 and Gboyega 5. **DRUM:** What is your message to all professional women in Nigeria?

Mrs. Adekoya: In the interest of their womanhood, they must try and live up to expectations. Men are just giving us a chance. They want to see if women can be equal to challenges. We must prove that we are prepared to take on great responsibilities.

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DRUM... WOMEN'S D Trouble — when your man takes a second wife

It is in human nature to treasure what one values. One becomes possessive of that thing and guards jealously against another person taking it. There are many things that one values in life but the love of the opposite sex tops the list.

Women do not like to share their husbands with other women whether they are in love with the men or not. Even a woman who is forced to marry a particular man against her wish becomes jealous when she is aware in that there is another woman in his life.

Women become worried when they find out that some other women are sharing their husband. They fight tooth and nail, so to say, to keep the other women away, so as to have the men exclusively to themselves.

There are various reasons why a woman naturally would not like to share her husband with another woman. The most important is the love and loyalty of the husband which is bound to be divided between the two women. A new broom, says an adage, sweeps well. In most cases men are partial in that they tend to love the new wife more than the old wife.

As a result, the new wife is always right and the old one is always wrong. Talking about sex, even if there is a roster on it, the man definitely cannot satisfy both women. The new wife may have preferential treatment at the expense of the old wife who may be starved of sex.

Experience has shown that there may be a long and bitter litigation by the children of a polygamous man over his estate after his death. Both wives may drag themselves to court. As a result there may be some misunderstanding between their children.

Now, if a husband is determined to get a second wife, how should the first wife solve the problem? Well, she should not lose her head. If she loves the man and still wishes to remain in his life she should not nag him, as this will worsen. She already bad situation. She should remain loving and carry on her duties as a good wife.

She should be patient and try to win back her husband with love and kindness.

If she is a full-time housewife, she should get some money from her husband to start a

trade. She should be very careful in her approach to her husband over this matter. She should comfort herself in such a way that she may have the respect of the new wife because as the adage goes, "respect begets respect."

She should, as much as possible, hide her resentment of her husband's second marriage from the new wife or else the new wife will always be on the defensive. She may even provoke her and in most cases it is the new wife that the husband supports. Both she and the new wife should sit together and plan how to manage the household. If there is any misunderstanding between her and the husband, she should not mention it to the new wife, neither should she let the new wife know about it. Also, the first wife should avoid reporting her husband to anyone, not even his parents or friends.

She should correct the new wife politely if she goes wrong. She should not think that she will win the husband's love by lying against her husband completely if she does. She should make the best of whatever time the husband devotes to her by being nice to him. She should not spend the time nagging. Nagging will only drive the husband further away from her.

If she is well educated and working, she should concentrate on making a success in her job. But if she is not working she should seek her husband's permission and look for a job. She should also join social or sports clubs if she is interested. She should devote her spare time to hobbies. These will minimise the pain in her heart.

Above all, the first wife should not seek or take advice from her friends on the matter, because more often than not, they will give her bad advice, most likely to make her lose her husband altogether.

Some of her advisers may themselves be passing through a similar experience, and you know, rightly, to keep scolding lips about it. But when their advice is sought, they are most likely to tell her to "pack up and fly" and to her that she would quickly find a better and richer man who would appreciate her.

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Aso-ebi — the extravagance that can ruin a home

ORIGINALLY, aso-ebi was meant to be a uniform worn by close relations to distinguish themselves from other people during ceremonies like marriage and burial.

Nowadays, friends and even invitees are requested to buy it. It is now a profit-making business for the hostesses. They profit immensely from getting aso-ebi for their invitees. Invitees are made to pay indirectly for the food, drinks and presents they are given at parties by the celebrants.

I am not being an alarmist by warning that aso-ebi can ruin a home. In fact it has ruined many homes and it will continue to do so as long as people indulge in it. There are different ways it can be destructive. A woman may want to have an aso-ebi whereas her husband may object because he does not like the idea. The wife may ignore her husband's objection and buy it. The husband is the head of his home and any woman who decides to get married ought to accept this fact and be submissive to her husband. The repercussions of her disobedience in this case is anybody's guess. It could be a

bitter quarrel that could lead to the breakdown of their marriage.

There are some women whose husbands cannot afford to buy aso-ebi. The women themselves do not earn any salary with which to buy it. Some of them can be so desperate as to resort to immoral dealings with other men so as to raise the money with which to buy it. They sell their bodies.

When these affairs leak to their husbands, sooner or later, the result is unpleasant. Who will blame a man for sending away an adulterous wife? Some women who fall into this group may not wait for their husbands to send them away before they pack out of their matrimonial homes. They have the notion that keeping boy friends can be more profitable than settling down to married life. They start by nagging their husbands. They compare their husbands with other men who are better placed. They now see their husbands as not good enough for them.

Some women have taken a more drastic step against their husbands for not giving them

money for aso-ebi but unfortunately they have caused a lot of damage in the end. An example is the case of a woman who asked her husband for money to buy aso-ebi. The man could not afford it and told her so. The woman persisted in her demand, and when she realised it was in vain, she threatened to take her life. She did!

There are some other women who use the house-keeping allowance to buy aso-ebi only to feed their families on poor diets until the next month. Constantly they complain to their husbands that the house-keeping allowance is not enough whereas they buy aso-ebi with it. They milk their husbands dry and the poor man may resort to foul means to obtain money.

Aso-ebi is an evil that can bring unhappiness and headache to otherwise a happy home. It should be discouraged. It brings temptation to women and both husband, wife and children suffer in the end. The addicts wear torn and dirty clothes. The wife who is thrown out sooner or later realises her mistakes. She tries to retrace her steps only to find that it is too late.



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In Lagos and environs, you'll hear them sing "Iya Kaa Le, Wa Dagba Wa darugbo." In case you have never heard it before, the song says "good evening mother (father — if a man), may you live to a ripe, old age". It is one of the commonest songs.

Ask an old man what it was like in his time. The pattern, you will be told, is the same. One of the children masquerades

himself. As he twists and gyrates, the elderly ones — remembering they once took part in such fun, would be so impressed as to give the group money ranging from a kobo to any amount whatsoever.

Drinking spree

Many years back, the upper classes used to be visited by these drummers who, after office hours on December 24th, would begin drinking sprees with their newly-acquired wealth.

Christmas shopping would have been completed, days earlier, and drinks stored at home for callers. By the time the clock strikes 9 to 9.30 p.m. the drummers would have started their rounds.

A few friends would usually gather to drink in the house of one of their number. They could move to the house of another friend who would also serve food and drinks. And so, the rounds will continue.

If the drummers met them there and were served drinks and given money, the drums would pray: "Baa ba seyi tan ao se mi si, a se se tun se" (at the end of this festival, we pray to witness more of such). But if the friends were tight-fisted and gave no money, the words might be "Digbo lu kolu bo ba digbolu ma pada lehin re, him, heave him. If you fail to, I'll walk out on you). A hostile song intended to incite taunts and insults against the miser.

Pot-Belly

There are other songs usually dense of the miserly or less generous man. The minstrels may make the drummers deride the pot-bellied man thus — "Gbeddu gbeddu ikun bi oya, jeun jeun koyo". This alludes to his "hog-like protruding stomach; he's never tired of eating". Or it could be the song "Olowo ki s'olorun, asiri e lobo" (a rich man is not God, it's only that his secrets are covered).

As with straits, so with abuse and praises, all of which are hurled according to the receptions given the minstrels. If you were very generous then they would sing "O le se bi baba re ti na" (you can't behave like your father does). This implies that your father was more generous than your good-self whereas you ought to beat his proverbial generosity mark.

The drunken man to whom the remark was made often went into his wardrobe to bring dresses. He really wants to beat his father's generosity mark. It could be a complete dress — native gown (agbada), vest (danshiki) and trousers. These he will throw at the minstrels who would sing his praise further as the chief minstrel examines the dresses. Happy at the honour, you might hear

them throw in a parable "Ba ba daso fole, a pa laro, ba ba bun ni lewu, se lasa fi bla si" — you sew dresses for the indolent, you must dye them! If you present a man with a native gown you might as well give him a fitting cap. In other words, the dress is incomplete without the matching cap.

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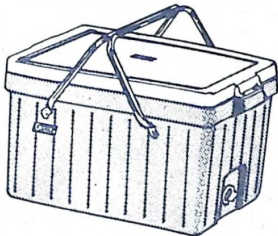
It was not uncommon to see a happy, drunken man always emptying his wardrobe at Christmas — unless his wife and children quickly intervened to send the drummers running along.

Back to the modern age, where children of many tribes live together in a house and have produced new Christmas songs.

As some of them beat their tins, others there are who might have bought small drums from their meagre savings, or simply by raising the money by running errands for their mothers. The sounds of drums and tins then become very discordant. "Thank you papa, baba se se puppo fun wa" (thank you papa, father's done much for us). This is a new song not in circulation in my time. It came as children



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'Christmas de come, Papa buy shoe...'

continued
from other tribes joined their Yoruba playmates at festival time and found they couldn't introduce the kids to their languages. So, part English it had to be. Also, they might sing

"Mo gbo ti 'yawo, kuruna ni o je nwa" (I heard about the wedding, crow-crow didn't allow me to come). As they sing, the masked dancer would continue to scratch his body to show irritation of the crow-crow.

A few days before Christmas, you can hear the medley of singing voices reminding their fathers that "Christmas dey come, papa buy shoe for me..."

Song for Misers

But if the kids sang and danced for you and you drove them away as mere noise makers or just because you hadn't the pennies or coins to give them, they move a few yards away and sing:

"Baba Lahun, timomol
Baba lahun timomol"

meaning, "father is a miser, isn't he; father is a miser, isn't he!" "Baba", perhaps slightly drunk, may hurl back an insult or two on them like: "Yio ba 'yalaya nini" (confound your grandmothers!).

After their rounds, the kids share the money to make fire and matches to make crackers. They get a plank and make a hole in it with a nail, then scrape the match head into it and insert the nail. Watch a young girl or an elderly woman pass by and suddenly, with

some force, knock it against the wall. The explosion which follows might unnerve the unsuspecting maid or granny. You derive fun from her confusion.

Yes, Christmas is still an interesting period for kids. Parents hurry the family up for the watchnight services — if they are Catholics. Some Protestants churches do not hold services until Christmas morning. Thus, Christian and

Muslims invade the pubs after midnight when the church services have ended and merriment follows.

Christmas Day has more gaiety than New Year's Day. Most people would have drawn their wages and bought dresses to show off in church on Christmas Day. But if 'Father' had not bought yours, then, the excuse for not being in your new dress was that you were reser-

ving it till New Year's Day (when daddy would have been paid and would have brought your new shoes and dresses). Every family holds a fe-

that day. And so, if you 'Enjin omo kekere, a w' (kids, come to a stamp there would be a stamp)

others, the older kids, the meat, with o

peppered hands gives eyes of others — w' pain. That was you seize the meat. If you ask them to open their eyes, have disappeared

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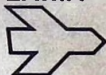
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Sewing School

West Africa remains a fertile sales market for sewing machines because it was a trade out one's daily bread. Both literates and illiterates have been doing fine in it.

And so, the Singer Machine Company was established in Nigeria in 1956. This was in order to make the machines available to the thousands who need it annually.

Sometimes the engagement and dowry of a girl would be incomplete without a sewing machine. A girl or boy nearing adolescence is usually apprenticed to learn the art of dress-making, and spends some two to three years learning it. At the end of her "apprenticeship", she holds her "Freedom Day" when the boss speaks of her qualities

— and deficiencies. Drinks are served and merriment partaken by all invitees.

Soon, Singer Machine authorities found there were loopholes in the training given the apprentices. There were new dress patterns to master. New zig-zag machines to take care of and embroideries had to be taught. These machines needed careful handling too. And, if they were to be more in use, their qualities had to be taught the pupils by the dexterous seamstresses.

Booming Business

That was why the Singer Machine Company decided to open sewing schools in Nigeria so that the machines and the correct maintenance and use, as well as dress-making, could be taught to the pupils seeking sewing knowledge. While the illiterate male apprentices took to naive dress sewing, the literate learned both. But it is more in favour of the female folks that the sewing schools were established in areas with a large percentage of sewing machine purchases. Even housewives attend courses at the schools.

At its inception, the coaching staff of each sewing school comprised only the official training personnel. Doubtlessly the scheme was so popular that the graduates of the schools took over the training of the new intakes.

Among past students were those who work for big sewing concerns on army or police uniforms contracts, dresses for boutiques and the local markets. Others have set up their own business and have as many as 15 apprentices under them.

Now, many ladies wishing to master the art of dress making, have always gone to one of the Singer schools which now number about 40. At Christmas, Singer sewing machines have made good presents and have sold in hundreds.

This year, the figure of those who have sold their old sewing machines to itinerant tailors have mounted. They have replaced them with brand new Singer sewing machines. And so, the dress-making business continues to boom.



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Sex and You

If the girl, for any reason, does not push the pessary far enough up the vagina, the head of the penis can push through the foam, eventually releasing the sperm safely on the other side of the ambush. Bingo!

Even if pushed far enough, there's still danger. Melting is produced by the heat of the body, and if the couple don't wait long enough there's no foam lurking in waiting at the critical moment and the wily sperm just skate around the pessary.

If you have any bright ideas for anything other than the missionary position, don't use pessaries. Unless the girl lies on her back from the moment of its introduction, either the pessary or the foam it produces can drop out and be completely useless.

There was a time when it was fashionable at weddings for bridesmaids to wear bonnets patterned after those worn in Dutch traditional costume, called Dutch caps. Since this is the name of the next device on the list, you can imagine the ill-bred guffaws which arose when newspapers solemnly reported "The bridesmaids wore so and so, so and so and Dutch caps".

The Dutch cap — its Sunday name is the diaphragm — shuts off the entrance to the womb. It has a near cousin, the cervical cap, which does the same job but is inserted in a slightly different place. Used with a spermicidal paste or jelly, either is 100 per cent safe — provided you stick to the rules.

The rules are quite simple. Either cap must, in the first place, be fitted by a doctor. No two women have exactly the same measurements, so that fact that Jane has a size 36 bust, like Mary, doesn't mean that Mary's cap will fit Jane. Sorry, girls, you just can't economize here. Once the doctor has fitted you, of course, you can take the cap out and put it in again as you like.

Of the two, the Dutch cap is the better. But don't forget that it has to fit perfectly to be of any use.

This leaves the Pill. Properly used, this also is 100 per cent safe. But "properly used" doesn't mean swallowing one half an hour before you hop into bed. Talk to a doctor and he'll tell you about its regular use so that you're always prepared. He'll tell you, too, if you ask him, about any side effects there might be.



Continuing DRUM's new series on adult sex education Part 2 — Preventing unwanted babies

might, without warning, become irregular. The husband might be leaving on a long trip next day and "We'll take a chance". In any of these cases — bingo!

If you do try this method, make sure you've got a good strong calendar, and know how to use it — and good strong will-power.

Next comes the sheath, condom or "French letter", worn by the man over his penis to catch the flow of sperm before it enters his partner's body. Don't be like the man who, new to the device, was shown by the chemist, using a finger, how to roll in on. When his wife asked in bed if he was wearing one, he held up a finger to show her.

Condoms are almost — but not quite — 100 per cent reliable and today are made

of such light material that many users — and many women — say they are quite unconscious of their presence. If you like to lie in your partner's arms, still coupled, after the event, watch out the normal shrinking of the penis doesn't create a gap which will allow the semen to run out on the start of its journey to paternity.

One snag with the condom is that it can tend to interrupt the proceedings just when they're getting most interesting. Putting it on should be easy and quick, but there's a definite halt to progress. One way round this is for the girl to act as valet and put it on for the man while he carries on with whatever happens to be engaging his attention at the time.

A variation of the condom is the Malthus cap or American tip. As its name suggests, it is designed to fit over only the head of the penis. It is more difficult to put on than its big brother but, as you can imagine, has the advantage of leaving the shaft of the penis uncovered for greater contact with the vagina. Disadvantage is that the tight-fitting rim round the head of the penis deadens the sensitivity of the nerves in that area and makes for a less sensational trip.

Let's look now at what the girl can do to protect herself. First, and least reliable, is what's called the spermicidal pessary, which is pushed up high into the vagina. There it melts by body heat and produces a foam which is instant death to any sperm coming into contact with it.

NOT everyone who hops into bed with his wife or girlfriend is doing it with the idea of making a child. Not every girl says "Yes, darling" with that idea. In fact, you could safely say that most couples, most of the time, are just after a little old-fashioned fun without any consequences. And why not? We don't want to make the population explosion even worse.

There are six main ways of keeping the patter of tiny feet silent, and it is very much up to each couple as to the method they use. But it would be a good idea to look at them so that you know what you're doing.

The first way rejoices in the high-sounding title of *coitus interruptus*. You and I would probably call it "pulling out", which is exactly what it is.

The pulling out is done by the man seconds before he ejaculates his semen. She, hopefully, has already been brought to orgasm. Both roll over happy in the belief that there'll be no child this time.

How wrong they can be! This is the most unreliable method known to man — or woman. Before the man gets even near the point of ejaculation, tiny drops of semen can leave his penis. Tiny or not, they all work. One drop drawn up into the vagina — bingo!

In the excitement of the moment, the man can misjudge the speed at which he is approaching orgasm and allow the first spurt of semen to enter his partner. Again — bingo!

Even worse, you might think, is the fact that this method has been known to cause frigidity in women and in men the inability to attain an erection. Horrible thoughts!

The Roman Catholic Church, which holds that all life, allows its followers only one method — the rhythm method, in which no device or interruption is used. It is only fertile for about three days on each side of the ripening and discharge of the egg she carries inside her about half way between the end of one menstrual period and the beginning of the next. At any time other than these seven days, she is reckoned to be unable to conceive and may approach sex with safety and the blessing of the priest.

The key word, of course, is "reckoned". Her reckoning might be off. Her periods



A plume of smoke over a Northern Transvaal village marks one of the biggest pot smokes in history. Millions of pounds of dagga — the end of a lucrative haul for growers, jockeys, pushers and merchants — and, indirectly, for South Africa's own foreign reserves, is set ablaze by a police anti-drugs squad. A DRUM reporter investigated the colossal industry.

there is someone in South Africa's treasury department smiling and quietly rubbing his hands together as unlabelled foreign currency rolls unheralded into the country's coffers. This growing inflow of capital from South Africa's unmentionable export must be known to authorities, although it is perfectly understandable that there would never be any such admission from Pretoria.

Whether they admit knowledge of this unexcised trade with the outside world or not, dagga is being exported in quantities that are bringing in bags of boodle. Before the closing of the Suez Canal, South Africa was regarded by the International Narcotics Control Bureau as a producer mainly for local consumption.

The world supply then came from Nepal on the Indian sub-continent and from the Middle East — the Teheran area and Turkey in particular. Today with Suez closed and all shipping re-routed past the Cape, the major seaports around South Africa have become the clearing houses for pot export to Western Europe and the African coast.

Consider the findings of a special investigator who published his report in the South African Law Journal in April this year. In it he says that apart from the fact that dagga grown in South Africa is more potent than any used in the rest of the world, the amount confiscated here is more than the rest of the world put together.

Consider the latest available figures from the office of the Minister of Justice that during the year July 1970 to June 1971 the police confiscated more than four million kilos against the International Narcotics Bureau's report that in the same period less than 300,000 kilos

were confiscated in the rest of the world, and you are left with little argument of South Africa's major role in the world's dagga traffic.

What makes this finding all the more staggering is the colossal amount of money involved. Nobody knows how much dagga is exported for overseas sale or how much is being sold on the local market. The only statistics available are those tabulated by the police of the tonnage destroyed and confiscated.

It is firmly believed by South African officials that this represents just a small percentage of the weed that escapes detection and finally reaches the drug markets. Pietersberg police say that this year the amount confiscated "... are but a drop in the bucket."

Using the police opinion as guide and using their figures for comparison it can safely be assumed that at least ten million kilos are handled by the traffic of the trade. To assess the value we find that a bag weighing 10 kilos is sold at the farm for about £20. This selling price fluctuates with the season, frequency of police raids and the success of the crops. At the price South Africa's unlistened section of successful agricultural reaps in a tidy sum of £1 million plus annually! And this is only step No. 1 on the lucrative ladder of dagga distribution.

Personal investigation confirmed by the police reveals that the 15 kilo bag retails in Durban at £200, Johannesburg £350 and in Cape Town £4 to £500, depending on quality and the demand. The bags that reach London fetch £2,500.

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Where and how this money comes to roost in South Africa is not exactly known.

There is no single controlling crime ring and no one 'Mr. Big' as fiction would like to have it.

The pattern weaved by the sale of the weed is one of hundreds of independent growing, buying and selling systems with a 'merchant' in each who wields the influence by virtue of his pocket book. The merchant arranges the purchase, the delivery and distribution without ever exposing himself at any time to police attention.

Street-corner pedlars and second-line wholesalers are arrested daily and sent to prison with increasingly severe sentences. This punishment has proved to be futile. While in prison the family and assistants take over and continue the traffic without a break. As long as the merchant arranges the supply the business will carry on regardless.



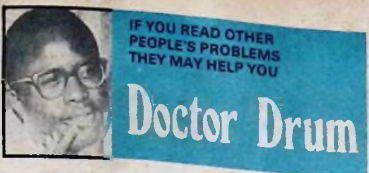
A YOUNGSTER helps in the collection of dagga from a forest clearing. But this lot is destined to be smoked on a bonfire. If the cops hadn't found it, this one plant would have been worth a few hundred on the 'markets' of Jo'burg and Cape Town.

TISSOT - Better ideas for better watches

As the mother walked into my consulting room with her child, the contrast was clear. The child of about 18 months was well nourished, delightful and walked in holding his mother's hand while a big grin lit up his face. The mother on the other hand looked worried and the size of the problem in her mind was clearly written on her face.

The mother's complaint was that the child was not eating enough. According to the mother the child's birth weight was six pounds and at the age of 18 months, on our scale the child weighed 22 pounds. The mother had obviously read all the books on baby's diet and had tried all the foods available. The more the mother tried, it seemed the more stubborn the child got.

This is very typical of feeding problems. We face almost every day. The classical picture is of a young mother who has got her first baby and comes complaining that the child does not eat. Even in countries where



Don't worry when baby won't eat

people live on below subsistence level the food requirement of a child gets the first priority. This when carried too far, especially in a society which is getting affluent, seems to be the root cause of a child's feeding problems.

There are a few simple

medical reasons for a child losing his appetite. They are mainly bad cold, fever, inflamed throat and tonsil infection. Children with such conditions instead of complaining of pain will easily go off their food. Occasionally pus inside the ear, urine infection or tummy upset

will also manifest in aversion to food. Cutting of teeth is sometimes heralded by disinclination towards ordinary feeding regime.

For every case of food refusal for reasons mentioned above there are many more where the cause is not organic. This is so apparent where the child looks well, is well nourished, is putting on weight as in the case of the child I have mentioned above.

This sort of feeding problem is worse the more precious the baby is or if the mother has waited too long before having a child. Since the amount of food that an adult has is not constant, there is no fixed quantity of food a child will consume every day. The growth tables are made with great variation allowed on either side. Also tables vary with every country, climate and social conditions.

The tables, for example, that apply in Sweden may very well need gross modification when applied to East Africa. Again one day the child will eat well and this may be followed by

periods when he likes to toy with the food or play with the spoon. Likes and dislikes, towards various items of diet vary. The child for one week refuses porridge or posho, but will relish them the next week.

The worst treatment for this situation is for the mother to get agitated, aggressive or try to force feed the child. The child has more knowledge of human psychology than he is given credit for. If he knows that he can twist his mother around his little finger by refusing feeds he will definitely give her frequent dizzy spins!

Forcing food converts the pleasure of eating into an unnatural chore. This will convert the child's reluctance into a rigid refusal. The best thing is to gently persuade a child and if he does not respond, to leave him alone. Stop giving him chocolates and sweets in-between meals. This will bring home to him the fact that he does not get the perks if he does not obey the rules. This might seem drastic but often produce a dramatic result!

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Albino baby

Doc, my elder brother is black in complexion and his wife too is black. Why then should they give birth to an albino baby? Okosun, Ekpoma.

Albino run in some families. The colour of your brother and his wife has nothing to do with producing cells in the skin. Apart from this, albinos can be perfectly normal human beings and they invariably produce children with good colour of the skin.

Belly pains

I am a girl of 19 and for the past six months I have been having serious belly pains each evening. I lean in my belly against the slightest thing like a table or my belly. Please doctor, what type of illness is this and what quick solution is the best and Oguniye, Zaria.

Abdominal pain may indicate problem in digestive, renal or reproductive system. It appears you need a good evaluation of your whole self, especially laboratory tests including stool and urine. You'd better call at a good hospital for this and treatment.

No pregnancy

I have been with my husband for the past two years without ever becoming pregnant. I must state that while in secondary school I was put in the family way by a boy. Unfortunately the baby died shortly after birth. Recovering from the post natal period, I had sex with my boy again and I caught gonorrhoea from him which was treated by a herbalist. But six years after the infection was said to have been treated, I have not been able to become pregnant again. Doc, what is responsible for this? Oni, Kaduna.

I sympathise with you. It is possible that the gonorrhoea you contracted six years ago was not completely cured since you went to a native doctor instead of the hospital. If complication has arisen, it will certainly affect your reproductive system. Your husband should cooperate in the interest of your home and accompany you to the doctor for check-up. There is also the chance that the fault may be with him. I advise that both of you should talk it over and go for a serious and thorough examination preferably by a gynaecologist.

Eye-ball trouble

One of my eye balls bends sideways but I used to see things normally by the other. How do I cure this ailment of mine? Tom, Kampala.

It may be necessary to adjust your accommodation. Besides, the other good eye may react sympathetically to support the other resulting in extra strain on it. Why don't you see an eye specialist immediately.

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I am 24 while my boyfriend is 33. We have been in love for the past two years and plan to get married. We have the consent of my parents but my own parents are opposed for tribal reasons. Unfortunately I have lost my job in my attempts to save my boyfriend's name. This makes me quite sad apart from the heartache his parents' attitude gives me. Please help me solve this problem.

Alibiyi, Abokuta.

In the first place it was very stupid of you to sacrifice your job for a man who is not your husband. I hope other girls who foolishly allow their hearts to rule them will learn from your experience. However, I will advise you to go to our relations and seek their assistance in getting your job. Time will mend your broken heart.

My fiance left for another country

I am a 20 year old clerk and he is a 25 year old undergraduate. We love each other dearly and I have accepted his marriage proposal. He left for another country more than five months ago and since then he has not written. One of his friends told me he wrote showed me his letter, in which he said that he had a white and black girlfriend. He further wrote that he will not marry in the next six years. I am worried but his friends advise me to be calm. Please Dolly, I need your advice.

Yoroidi, Zambia.

His boy of yours is irresponsible and unreliable. Do not have your life to live so don't waste your time listening to his friends who advise you to keep him (of course they are being loyal to him). Go with other men. You will surely get a better man than he was.

Fruel act ended is chance

I am 19 and my lover is 15. We have exchanged our photos. There was a particular one I liked and I asked her to give it to me. She refused so I tore it. She has since stopped talking to me. I am really shocked. What can I do to win her back?

B.K., Port Harcourt.

You have behaved cruelly by destroying her photo. She must have treasured the photo a lot, since she refused to give it to you when you asked for it. Go and apologise to her, and good luck!

Kn abortion, now she doesn't want me

I am a school teacher while I am a 19 year old student. I impregnated her but she has terminated the pregnancy. Neither my parents nor I helped her. When I visited her in the hospital I could see that she was annoyed. She does not write to me anymore. Do you advise that I beg her to come back?

bdallah, Dar es Salaam.

He will be a fool to love you again after her experience with you.

I'll never fall in love again

I am 18 and my boyfriend is 24. Before he left for Hong Kong, we cared very much for each other but he has not written me since he left. My parents support our friendship. I feel so bitter that I have taken a decision never to fall in love again.

Madona, Lagos.

Poor, poor you. I know how you feel but you never heard that love is a gamble? Love is also a beautiful thing. All men are not as heartless and irresponsible to give them and yourself a chance. Many of us have taken a similar decision one time or the other but we have discovered that we can really find and enjoy real and sincere love.

He doesn't want to share my love

He is 19 while I am 18. We love each other dearly, but he has now discovered that I am also carrying on with his friend. He is annoyed and he tells me that he does not want to share me with any other man. I love him more but I do not know how to convince him.

Pat, Nairobi.

It is wrong of you to have two lovers, so drop one of them.

My boy has sex with another girl

I am 18 and my boyfriend is 25. We love each other dearly but unfortunately our parents do not approve. They are even hostile to us, yet our love for each other is strong. I have discovered that he has a girlfriend who goes to bed with him. I accepted his explanation for having another girl friend because as a student I cannot give him enough sex. Do you think he loves me?

Jarefi, Ghana.

I cannot say for sure whether he loves you but all I know is that he likes sex and he cannot keep himself for you. My advice is to find another man.

Can this girl of 12 really be pregnant?

I am 18 and in form 4 in a secondary school. A girl of 12 enticed me and I have had sex with her several times. Recently she told me that she was pregnant but I do not believe her. Do you think that she can be pregnant? If she really is, I am in a fix as my education will be terminated if my parents know. I am very miserable so please save me.

Odin, Ewohimi.

It was wrong of you to have had sex with such a young girl. Now you must face the consequences of your indiscretion.

Should I marry a boy I don't love?

I am 18 and I have fallen madly in love with a boy of 22. I would love to marry him but my parents advise me to marry the boyfriend who has paid my dowry already. The problem is I do not love that one any longer. Please help me.

Worried, Kenya.

Honestly I do not think you know your mind yet. I advise you to refuse the dowry paid on you and wait until you are older and can really make up your mind.

She'll kill herself if our affair ends

She is 25 while I am 30. We are both married but we love each other more than our respective spouses. I want to put an end to this affair but she says that she will hang herself if I do. I am an

good terms with her husband. What is your advice, Dolly?

Tony, Arnsba.

Put an end to the affair. She won't kill herself. Both of you are hurting two innocent people and no doubt your consciences are pricking you.

Dolly, you're the girl of my dreams

I am a handsome young man of 25. I dream of you every night. I told my friends who advised me to write to you for a solution. Please help me as you have helped others.

Peter, Port Harcourt.

Keep on dreaming.

My boy's sister is trying to entice him away

My boyfriend and I are very much in love and devoted to each other but his sister, who is friendly with one of his ex-girlfriends, wants him to reconcile with her. My boyfriend often assures me that he is for me only. Please help me because I am afraid his sister will change his mind. Do you advise that I look for another boy?

O.M.F., Ikoji.

Have confidence in your boyfriend but if he changes as you anticipate, you should take heart. If he really loves you he will stay with you.

I'm worried about my sister's behaviour

I am a 17-year-old student in form two in a secondary school. I am in love with a boy of 20. He too loves me dearly, but the problem is that whenever my boyfriend greets my sister she does not answer. Please Dolly help me, for I am worried.

Uneasy, Lusaka.

I understand how you feel. Find out from your sister why she behaves to him so. If he has offended her in any way he should apologise.

How can I get this girl into my bed?

She is 18 while I am 21. She is a student in a secondary school. I have spent a lot of money on her, but whenever I ask for sex she tells me she is ill. She tells me that she would not like to pass her disease to me. Recently I discovered that the boy with whom she visited me, and who she introduced to me as her brother, is in fact her boyfriend. Dolly, please tell me how I can get this girl into my bed with one and then leave her.

Dominie, Gboko.

Forget it. Now that you know about her double dealing you should forget her.

I'm beautiful, but have never been in love

I am a 17-year-old girl. I am beautiful but I have never fallen in love with any boy who has my luck. Please advise me before I miss Black Beauty, Nakuru.

For every girl there is a boy so you won't miss your luck. The only thing is that the right man who will arouse your feelings hasn't come your way. Do not be in a hurry. Concentrate on your studies meanwhile.

Why do these boys want to beat me up?

I am a beautiful girl. Because of my beauty, boys fall for me, but I am not interested in loving or

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Dear Dolly

continued
having a boy friend although I am polite to boys. They threaten to beat me if I refuse I reject their proposals. Dolly, could you please tell me whether it is normal for boys to beat girls for rejecting their advances?
Betty, Ekpoma.

It is very unwise for a boy to beat up a girl for rejecting his advances, although boys do it. You should report such boys to your parents.

Another boy sleeps on my girl's bed

I am deeply in love with a girl who is a bit older than I am. She told me she also loves me. I proposed marriage to her but she told me that I should adopt her religion. There is a particular boy I usually see with her whenever I visit her. He grows annoyed whenever I am there and the girl tries to comfort and beg him. He sleeps on this girl's bed even in my presence. I do not understand what is going on, so please publish my mind at once.
Pan, Oba.

It is obvious that the other boy has won your girl's heart. Stop wasting your time and get another girl.

What can I do about our loveless marriage?

I am 23. I was forced by my father to marry a man I did not like and still do not like. I have two children by him but I still cannot bring myself to love him. I even have a bed with him. He

accuses me of having a lover but this is far from the truth although men admire and approach me. What can I do about this loveless union?
Tandi, Monrovia.

You can leave your husband and make your marriage a success if you have the will. You haven't accused your man of cruelty or any misbehaviour and he is right to suspect you of having affairs with other men. For your children's sake, try not to hate your husband. Come to think of it, it seems you do not like him now that you have attained a higher qualification than you had when you first met and married him. This is not fair. Do not do anything you will regret in future.

I fear that my lover will leave me

He is 26 while I am 20. I love him more than he loves me. I have only the best common leaving certificate and the best common qualification in the region. He is at present undergoing a course. He shall be a lot and I am afraid that some time he will leave me. Frankly, I do not think I can beat any other boy as I love him. I am a subalgebra and I have a child. My boy knows this. He too is married. Please tell me what to do to win him.
Bridget, Abu.

You are what you are and it's pointless to try and change yourself. Don't lose your sleep because of this type of boy. If I were you, I would leave him.

No other girl will want me after my accident

She is 16 while I am 18. We were both in love until I had an accident. This girl visited me only once at hospital. When I was discharged, I went to see her since she did not deem it fit to visit me. I asked her what was wrong and she told me that I am now an ugly man, and as such she was no

longer interested. Please Dolly, do get back this girl. I am now doing no girl will ever accept me. Please
Tilomkpa, Onitsha.

Don't lose hope. You will surely get your girl back. As for your girl, it is up to you to stop bothering your boy.

How can I win this girl's heart?

I am 20 and I love a girl of 17. One of my love for her but I was her boy. One day I asked her why she does not reply that she preferred to stay at home she might not take to me though I go out. Frankly I will not be able to get a girl because I am once married.
Sonny, Ibadan.

Being sexy does not make one man! I am sure you know the eyes of girls as the reflectors to go out with you. Per change your attitude you may win her.

Good advice from an ex-girlfriend

My girlfriend stopped coming to my apartment cause. Later I discovered a crazy about a man who was and a later got myself another girl. The lady has reconciled and when I visited her house, she informed me that my girl related to her and as such she would like to see us together. I love the new girl more what to do.
Tunde, Igbatoko.

Your former girlfriend is sensible. Be a new girl since you love her and end the confusion.

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