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Anthem team at work

THE committee appointed by the Federal Military Government to produce a new national Anthem for the country has begun sitting in Enugu, Anambra State.

The committee will produce the new National Anthem by working on the five selected entries from a total of 1,400.

The meeting is being presided over by the Federal Director of Information, Mr. L. E. Scott-Emuakpor.

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'INVASION' — BY A LONE RANGER

A MIDDLE-AGED man, violent and ruthless, believed to be insane, has been attacking people passing along the Wharf Road to Harbour Road, Port Harcourt, including the town motor park.

His other activities range from stoning persons and property, including windscreens of moving vehicles.

On Wednesday, he succeeded in removing the palm fronds from a hearse, but some of the mourners chased him and recovered it.

CEMENT DEAL EXPOSED

Cheers to the Navy

by Joe Anyama

A MOVE to cart away some 3,000 bags of cement from the premises of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Port Harcourt, has been foiled by men of the Nigerian Navy.

The bags of cement, believed to be the property of the Nigerian National Supply Company, Port Harcourt, were stored at "NPA berth 8" from where they were removed.

A reliable source hinted that the abortive deal was hatched around December 17 last year by some top officials of the NPA in Port Harcourt, in collusion with some unknown persons.

The source further said that the cement which came in a ship, the "Diamond" early in December were awaiting to be transported to various warehouses of the National Supply Company in Port Harcourt before the incident.

Sources close to the ... office of the National Supply Company, told me that ... trucks, each of 1,000 bags ... of cement, took off from here ... with some suspicious looking documents in connection with the goods.

But when they were apprehended by some staff of the company, the syndicate claimed that a top official of the Authority had authorised the movement of the cement.

While members of the syndicate were busy working on a plan to execute their deal, a tip-off was given to the Navy who laid ambush for the vehicles.

The plan ... when a combined team of armed naval and security men detected that the 3,000 bags of cement had no genuine documents covering them.

After some ... explanation by the smugglers, the convoy ... and the ... truck load of cement and their ... were taken to the Naval Base at Borokiri, area of the state capital for investigation.

When contacted in his office on Wednesday over the ... with the commander officer of the base, Commander I. S. Bobs, said, "I am sorry I have not been furnished with the facts of the case by the police ... officer because I was away on an overseas trip during the period".



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Court rebukes magistrate

A SENIOR Magistrate in the Lagos State, Mr Adisa Adewole, was blunty reprimanded on Wednesday by the Chief Judge of the Rivers State, Mr Justice Ambrose Allagoa, for acting maliciously and unlawfully.

Mr Justice Allagoa was delivering judgment in a civil suit instituted by Miss Tonye Briggs against the magistrate for unlawful imprisonment on two different occasions, October 9 — 10 and 14 — 17, 1975.

The judge awarded the plaintiff N1,200 including costs assessed at N300.00 against Mr Adewole.

Mr Justice Allagoa held that the action of the magistrate was unwarranted, because he sent Miss Briggs to prison claiming that she had lied to her counsel.

It was also malicious and in bad faith because Miss Briggs had a case of assault in a court presided over by Mr Adewole.

It was in the course of the hearing of the assault charge, the judge observed, that the plaintiff was committed to prison on two consecutive occasions.

The action of the magistrate, stated Mr Justice Allagoa, was outside the powers of the Judiciary as it contravened the powers of the court.

He remarked that if the plaintiff had asked for more than N1,200 damages he would have granted it, in order to make the

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New lay magistrate takes oath

THE Bendel State Chief Judge, Mr Justice Victor Orie-Whiteley, has sworn in another lay magistrate in the state, in the person of Mr Sunny Abumere of Idahor at the new high court building, Sapele Road, Benin City. Photo shows (standing left), Mr Idahor taking the oath of office before the chief judge (right) at the high court building.

REGISTER AS VOTERS

Dantsoho tells muslim women

THE chairman of the Kaduna Local Government Council, Alhaji Yusufu Dantsoho, has appealed to all the muslim leaders in Kaduna area to help to educate both men and women on the need to allow women to register as voters in the forthcoming elections.

They should not allow any body to confuse the issue of registration with religion.

The principle of Islam, Mr Dantsoho said, was to ensure the happiness, security and welfare of the people.

In view of this, he went on, muslims should allow their women to register as voters, since the purpose of the exercise was for the government to provide the masses with adequate amenities to support their living and welfare.

The chairman was in Kaduna addressing a number of people in Doka District of his area to begin his council's campaign for registration of voters.

He told his moslem brothers that by refusing women the right to register as voters, they were merely cheating themselves.

From Llyod Ajudua

He reiterated the call of Sir Abubakar, the Sultan of Sokoto, on all women and men to register irrespective of religion.

The chairman and members of his council are to continue their campaign in other districts of the Kaduna Local Government area.



Causes of indiscipline in schools outlined

THE increasing rate of indiscipline and riots among school children have been attributed to lack of religious education in schools.

This remark was made by a businessman and chairman of the Parents/Teachers Association of the Saint Louis Grammar School, Akure, Chief Akinnola who was addressing the end-of-year meeting of the association.

He stressed that the foundation of education in the country was built on religion. It was not possible therefore to remove education from religion at any stage of our nationhood.

He said that religion should be made a compulsory subject in schools from primary to university level to provide the basic moral code of life to youths.

He commended the early missionaries in Nigeria for giving equal opportunity to Nigerian youths to be educated and also for receiving adequate religious up-bringing.

Arden moves up

UAC African Timber & Plywood Division, Sapele, has announced the promotion of one of its senior staff to full management status with effect from January 1, 1978. He is Mr Ernest Ardern.

Born 46 years ago, Mr Ardern attended New Bethel College Onitsha.

He joined the AT & P in May 1951 as accounts clerk and was transferred to Plymill section in 1962.

He became an assistant manager in 1972.

Mr Ardern has attended several management development courses and communication course at the Training Centre of UAC in Lagos. He is married with seven children.

Ogun housing staff feted

THE general manager of the Ogun State Housing Corporation, Mr Olubumi Abiodun, has called on the entire staff of the corporation to make hard work, diligence and cooperation their watchwords as they enter the new year.

Mr Abiodun made the call in his address to the staff of the corporation at a Christmas party held in their honour.

He advised the staff against complacency and urged them to always strive to better their lot and positions in their various fields.

Mr Abiodun assured the staff that hard work, diligence and honesty would be adequately rewarded.

ADVICE TO ONDO WORKERS

CIVIL servants in Ondo State have been advised to be sincere and dedicated to their work. They should also be firm and maintain good relationship with members of the public which they serve.

Wing Commander Ita David Ikpeme, the Ondo State Military Governor gave the advice while addressing the staff of the office of the Military Governor at a New Year party held in the Governor's office in Akure.

Urging the staff to be disciplined and look forward to a better and more successful 1978, he commended the role of public servants in the past and urged them to continue in the spirit of hardwork and goodwill.

The secretary to the Ministry Commissioner and Head of Service, Mr T. A. Iwaloye commended the good and inspiring leadership given by the state governor over the year.

He promised that the office of the Military Governor would continue to play its role as the coordinator of all other departments in the state.

Mr Iwaloye reviewed some of the achievements in the past including discipline among all categories of serving officers, prompt settlement of bills and endorsements in the use of government funds and urged public servants to see themselves as others see them.

They should always dispel rumours, he warned.

The head of service said that those who will believe that they have ability for promotion in the service might not have their dreams materialised.

"The public service demand integrity, loyalty and dedication", he said.

Rivers fire service to expand

THE Rivers State Fire Service is to be expanded under an emergency programme drawn up by the state government, to match the increasing rate of fire incidents in the state.

Under the expansion programme, the state government is to build two more fire stations at Bonny and Buguma, both in the Port Harcourt Local Government Council area, which, sub stations are also to be built in all the other local government headquarters of the state.

Announcing this in Port Harcourt, the Principal Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government, Mr Ngala said that the building of more fire stations was in accordance with the expansion programme envisaged for the fire service under the Third National Development Plan.

He said that the state government had already acquired land in Bonny area and that work would start on the construction of the new fire station as soon as the state Ministry of Lands and Survey finalised architectural work on the project.

Mr Ngala observed that those who started the fire service originally lacked foresight hence the need for the proposed expansion programme.

This week we salute our fallen heroes

EDITORIAL

Abating a nuisance

A VIOLENT and filthy man, probably a mental case, has been menacing the people of Port Harcourt for months now. His activities range from blocking the roads to traffic, hurling stones and what have you, at persons and property and engaging in extortions from anybody who is unlucky enough to come within his reach. Of late, obviously taking a cue from the present plague of fires sweeping across the federation, this ostensibly mad man has also been setting fire to litters and other rubbish that he could lay his hands upon. He might one day set a house on fire!

LET NO one feel amused. The fact that an execrable character has been parading the streets and causing so much havoc and anxiety should have attracted the attention of the appropriate authorities. That he has been allowed freedom up till now is a serious indictment on the sense of responsibility of whoever are responsible for seeing that people who constitute a danger to society, as is obviously the case with this man, are confined.

WE ARE not in the least interested in the usually laughable debate about whose business it is to rid the township of such cases. Officialdom may go on sorting things out in their own lackadaisical way, but this goes beyond fun or apathy. What is required is that the man should be seized and removed to an appropriate place, where he will no longer constitute a nuisance and menace to normal citizens.

NEED we remind the authorities that his kind, and there are many in varying degrees, are entitled to be cared for? Need they be allowed to roam about the streets against the simplest decency that belongs to man? Are we really caring enough for the unfortunate ones in our midst? To be quite candid, we do not think so, in spite of our pious declarations of intent.

BUT IT should be remembered that the greatness of a nation is not judged solely by its vast wealth or the massive infrastructures and domes that adorn its cities. Rather, a nation is great whose social system provides for the sick, the mutilated, the old, the physically and mentally handicapped generally. Even as we talk of building a "humane and just society" let us extend a bit of humanity to these helpless groups of our population. They should not be left to rot away as worthless scums of the earth.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION of voters for next year's general elections begins tomorrow throughout the Federation. Much had been said about the importance of the registration that there is hardly anything more to add, except to ask all potential voters to shake off apathy and mass up for registration.

WE HOPE the sustained general publicity given to the registration procedures has created the necessary impact on the people. The initial apathy can best be explained by our long spell of holiday from politics. The people should by now be truly awakened and demonstrate their ability to influence the nature of the civilian government that will emerge after next October by a responsible use of the vote.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

POLICE, WHY LIFT CURFEW?

THE lifting of the curfew in the Rivers State imposed in the wake of incessant killings and armed robberies, was very shocking.

Is our Police Force now trying to turn back the hand of the clock in this new year? One predicts unsafe future for innocent citizens of this state when armed robbers should resume their barbarious activities.

Could the Police remember that in spite of the curfew, there was still armed robbery?

One cannot say exactly why the Rivers State Police Command decided to lift the curfew in Port Harcourt. Is the Police telling us that armed robbery will cease in this new year? Did they get information from men of the underworld that 1978 will be an armed robbery free year?

If these brigands were able to operate fiercely with the curfew still in force, what do the Police think will happen when there is no more curfew? Will it not be a jubilation to the men of the underworld?

How can the state Police Command convince the general public that lives and property will be safe when there is no more restriction of peoples' movement at night?

All these thought provoking questions need immediate answers from the horse's mouth before armed robbers seize the opportunity and start their nefarious operations harrassing innocent citizens in the new year 1978. The Rivers State Police Commissioner should please reconsider that decision.

KEITH OGBONDA
Port Harcourt

AIRWAYS PURGE WAS OKAY

THE Nigeria Airways has been throughly condemned in recent years, as incompetent. Customers of this establishment have even accused its staff of corruption, laxity, inefficiency and lacking in proper public relations. The hammer that has just fallen there, is most welcome.

Almost all other government establishments in this country receive such accusations from almost every sphere of the Nigerian public. The question is why should state departments fail to serve the public creditably? Why should these departments serve as waste pipes for public revenue?

The answer is that many Nigerians wait to be shaken before they sit up and work. The employer must be around everytime with his corrective rod, if his business is to grow.

This is a pointer that many of us are not well informed and therefore very selfish and are only after undeserved earnings. We do not respect constituted authority and many public servants feel that since they, at one stage or the other, help to formulate and implement government policies, they are themselves "government" and are above being disciplined.

In the private sector, it is not so because the staff see the management as holding the power of discipline and therefore learns to work positively. Hence the growth in economic turnover of the private sector.

Until heads of government departments acquire this disciplinarian aura, indiscipline will not end in state establishments and negative turnover is what we should always reap. This is why it is very pertinent that if we are to improve on the performance of our public businesses, heads of these setups must take very stringent and less palatable measures against indisciplined officials.

The purge of late 1975 meant every good for this country but some sadists made mockery of government intention and went all out to satisfy their egoistic interests. As the Head of State rightly pointed out in his Jaji address, "... what really interested many Nigerians in the retirement exercise was not the positive issues of it, but the misfortune it brought to many families."

We cannot expect less from a society that is so morally debased, very parochial and needs education and enlightenment. This anyway does not mean that "purging" as a treatment for indiscipline in Nigeria of this age, is not good and should be discarded.

We have not heard that the last purge had in anyway, contributed to any drop in output from the public sector. Rather, the reverse is the case. Therefore, application of this corrective principle, carried out in good spirit, should be encouraged.

The heavy hands of the purge that has at last descended on NEPA's twin sister, Nigeria's first Fate problem child the Airways, should be applauded.

EUGENE NZEBIRE
Port Harcourt

Up-grade night soilmen

IN the light of the service rendered by conservancy men, one would like them to be grouped as civil servants on salary level 05 or above, entitled to retirement benefits.

The act of giving the contract for this service to money-minded contractors who are more concerned with their bank accounts than with the welfare of poor night soilmen, is killing and disappointing.

Since the urban and semi-urban towns in the Rivers State will not start having water system in every house overnight, giving good conditions of service to conservancy men is imperative.

SABASTINE U. SWOSU
Abuja.

Save us from filth

THE Port Harcourt City Council should not wait to be pushed before it moves. Every human being knows that among other things, clearing of refuse, i.e. keeping the town clean is one of the main functions of the City Council.

It is very disgraceful for a state capital like Port Harcourt to be notorious of its unhealthy conditions. The Nigerian Tide has tried all it could by publishing some photographs of certain areas that need the City Council's attention. But no effect is noticed.

The city council should save us.

OGIE I. LOVE
Port Harcourt

Discipline: Re-introduce caning

CANING has been an age-long traditional way of enforcing discipline among our children both in the home and at school. It makes children become aware of their moral responsibility not only to their parents, but to society in general. Furthermore, it compels them to respect constituted authority by carrying out legitimate instructions.

Unfortunately, the advent of the so-called Western civilization has changed the norm for the worse. Students nowadays no longer take kindly to caning and are prepared to challenge school authorities in that direction to the core.

This repulsive attitude among our children derives from the non-chalance of some parents who fail to give them good home training, which is an essential background for a sound education. Instead of encouraging their children to submit to such disciplinary measures as would be deemed fit by school authorities, they would rather choose to build a false air of importance around them, thus rendering them incorrigible.

The posting of soldiers to post-primary institutions is a possible demonstration by the government of its extreme concern over the ever-falling standard of education as a result of moral laxity and indiscipline among students in the country.

While supporting this unique measure and hoping that the general public would give it a fair trial, I would like to observe that the problem of indiscipline in our schools calls for more than that. It is a case that requires fundamental treatment and as such, I would suggest that the Ministry of Education should consider the possibility of enforcing caning in schools, as this is the only effective means of bringing sanity to bear on our children.

However, it is important to caution that in order to such exercise, principals should be made to ensure that their teachers do not abuse the use of the cane by applying it only where it becomes absolutely necessary and with a sense of responsibility too.

KITOYE EBIETEN OGU
Port Harcourt.

BE TOLERANT

Innih tells Kwara people

The Kwara State military governor, Brigadier George Innih, has reminded the people of the state that their sense of maturity and strength could best be judged by their ability to prevent differences from escalating into personal hostility.

In his New Year message to the people, the governor emphasised that lack of tolerance could affect morale and cause adverse effects on desired social peace and political stability in the country.

Brigadier Innih said that the New Year would be a momentous one for the entire country.

On the forthcoming registration exercise of eligible voters for the 1979 general elections, Brigadier Innih urged all citizens to come out for the registration.

He said the greatest disservice to the nation was for an eligible voter to abstain from being registered for the general elections.

He praised the people of the state including civil servants and traditional rulers for their co-operation and enthusiasm in making the preceding year a successful one.

The governor recalled and commended some developmental projects successfully completed in the state during 1977.

He said that despite financial restraints, his government was able to achieve many things within that year.

Brigadier Innih stressed that the impact of Operation Feed the Nation (OFN) was also felt throughout the state.

Role of Kwara bizmen praised

The outgoing Kwara State Commissioner for Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Alhaji A. A. Egbuna, has commended some business enterprenuers in the state, for the establishment of various industries in different parts of the state.

Alhaji Egbuna expressed the state government's satisfaction over the response of the businessmen to the call of the government on citizens to help in the economic development of the state.

The commissioner was speaking at the official opening of the Agbeshilu Sawmill industries, Ilau.

Alhaji Egbuna however urged Nigerian businessmen to direct their attention to the manufacturing industry.

He noted that this area had been neglected in preference to commerce.

He stressed that the importance of manufacturing industries in the realisation of our various economic objectives could not be over-emphasised.

Without manufacture there would be no commodities to sell and buy, he said.

He described inflation as the country's greatest enemy which could be fought effectively only by the manufacture and production of essential commodities.

Alhaji Egbuna further revealed the state government's preparedness to render assistance to genuine businessmen who wished to setup either commercial or manufacturing industries in the state.



MEMBERS of the Health Services Management Committee and the entire members of staff of the Auchi Medical zone in Bendel State, at Auchi, held a send-off party for Dr A. J. M. Stevenson, zonal medical director in charge of the zone, who is proceeding on retirement after twenty seven years of service in the country.

Picture shows Mrs T. O. Otuka, a nursing officer (left) presenting a souvenir on behalf of the zone to Dr. and Mrs. A. J. M. Stevenson (2nd and 3rd from left) respectively.

GOVT DEV EFFORTS LAUDED

DEVELOPMENT programmes initiated by the Rivers State Government are bound to generate more prosperity and brighter future for the people.

This observation was made by Dr N. Amadi, chairman of Nkpolu Oroworukwo Community in the Ikwerre/Etche local government authority.

Dr Amadi who was speaking during the annual general meeting of the Nkpolu Orowurukwo community said that with the determination and co-operation of the ruled, much could be achieved.

He said that he was pleased with the pace of development in Nkpolu and declared "a new era has dawned on the community."

It was now left for the people to make the best use of the opportunity and transform the town into an enviable place, he added.

Dr Amadi also commended the state's Ministry of Rural Development and Social Welfare for its sense of direction and financial assistance to rural communities.

CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED

The Oyo State Government has suspended the chairman of two local government, Alhaji Enitola Alanda from office.

Alhaji Alanda's suspension which was announced by the Ministry of Local Government and Information in Ibadan took effect from January 3rd, 1978.

The suspension order, the announcement explained, was sequel to criminal proceedings on a two-count charge of forgery and receiving stolen goods preferred against him at the Oshogbo High Court.

19 profiteers convicted

Nineteen people have been sentenced to a total fine of N5,000.00 for profiteering by the Price Control Court, presided over by Mr Justice Kola Aroyewun at its two-day session in Zaria.

They were found guilty of selling various controlled commodities such as beer, sugar, milk, soft drinks and semovita at exhorbitant prices.

The fines ranged from N200 to N750.

Five of the accused persons were from Sarmaska, six from Zaria while the others were from Funtua and Malumfashi areas.

Commodities valued at hundreds of naira were also confiscated from the accused persons.

The commodities would be auctioned and the amount realised, be paid into the consolidated revenue fund of the government.

Education task force for Niger takes off

A TASK Force Committee on Education has been set up by the Niger State Government.

The committee will determine among other things, costs for the provision of such facilities as classrooms, dormitories, laboratories and staff quarters.

It will also determine the inadequacy of facilities in existing schools and make recommendation for new scope of education, realistic to the state's problems.

The state commissioner for Internal Affairs, Information, Cultural and Social Development, Alhaji Mahamadu King, who announced the measures at a press conference held in his office said the Task Force comprised seven members with the State Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Alhaji Sallawa Agale as the chairman.

Other members of the Committee are Alhaji Umaru Mashaya, Commissioner for Education, Malam Abubakar Mohammed, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Shafi'i Sheriu, of the Ministry of Works and Housing, Miss Elizabeth M Angulu also of the Ministry of Education, Rev. Father J. D. O'Connor of the Government Secondary School, Minna and Mr Martin Sanda of the Ministry of Education as the Secretary.

Commenting on the projects embarked upon in the last two months, the commissioner said, contract worth N4,960,000 for the construction of Tatemai Dam was signed between the State Government and Water Resources Engineering Construction Agency (WRECA) Kano.

The dam, which would have a total storage capacity of about 28 million cubic meters of water is expected to be completed in about a year and would supply 45 million litres of water per day.

On rural electrification, Alhaji King said, contracts have been signed on the commissioning services for the electrification of Kuta, Paiko, Kuriga and Rijau/Tunga Magajiya towns.

He said to preserve and store various foodstuff, the state's Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operation has invited tenders for the construction of grain stores and reserves to be built at various towns in the state.

Fire guts fishing camp

The Zunobiye fishing camp made up of 40 houses in the Yenagoa local government area of the River State has been completely burnt down by fire.

Property including fishing traps, boxes of edibles, nets, baskets of dried fish, cash amounting to N2,000 and food items bought for the new year festival were among things destroyed by the fire.

Reports from the village stated that all the villagers were away for fishing when the tragedy struct.

The cause of the fire was not immediately know.

Motor drivers form coop body

The former Ogoni Motor Drivers Union has been revived. It now has the name Bolga Motor Drivers Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society.

The president of the society, Mr Jeremiah Nsebobi, declared at the launching ceremony that the society had grown from strength to strength. It therefore had to undergo "some significant changes".

He said that the society would be engaged in the transportation service, both on land and on sea.

Its membership, he added, was not restricted to motor drivers alone, farmers, traders engineers an chiefs are welcome, he declared.

DIFFICULTIES IN MECCA

One of the muslims who undertook five years holy pilgrimage to Mecca from the Rivers State, has spoken of difficulties which were encountered in Saudi Arabia.

Alhaji Baba Mahamatar of the Nigerian Ports Authority said the principal difficulty was lack of accommodation, as a result of which he added, many pilgrims slept on the streets.

He said that the N500 given to each pilgrim was very inadequate.

Alhaji Mahamatar commended the handling of the pilgrimage operations by the Rivers State committee of the pilgrims' board.

He also paid tribute to the chairman of the committee, Alhaji Fubara.



ALHAJI B. MAHAMATAR

Andonis want peace with Bonny

THE people of Andoni in the Bonny local government area has condemned the recent attack on the inhabitants of Iyoba village also in the Bonny local government area.

It was never the unanimous action of Andoni community, declared the chiefs and people of Andoni.

Commenting on the Iyoba incident, the secretary of Andoni Chiefs and people's Conference, Mr G. B. C. Otoko, stressed that the issue was only a private misunderstanding between a few citizens of Iyoba and some Andoni people.

The secretary observed that some members of the public would want people to believe that the incident was a signal for a total declaration of war on the entire people of Bonny".

He described those who peddled such rumour as wicked enemies of unity, whose only intention was to incite the people of Bonny against those of Andoni and thereby break the long existing good relationship between the two communities.

The secretary reminded leaders of the two communities that as responsible leaders, it was their duty to avoid any state of hostility and allow sense of maturity and good judgment to prevail.

He called for an amicable settlement, based on the respected traditions of the two towns and hoped that the situation would become normal in no time.

The chief and people of Andoni, Mr Otoko said, were in great sympathy with the situation and noted with great delight that the law enforcement agencies had been able to take control of the troubled area.

It will be recalled that the Iyoba village was attacked on the eve of the new year by some people of Ataba in the Andoni district.

The attack on Iyoba inhabitants made many to flee from their homes.

Houses and other domestic property were also reported destroyed during the attack.

Attack on Iyoba denounced

Butiere society thrills crowd

THE Kengema Butiere Society took off at Bakana last weekend with a big bang.

Mainly composed of women, the new society whose primary aim is to champion unity, understanding and love among the Kalabari people thrilled thousands of spectators with traditional dances during its launching at Chief Marian's compound in Bakana.

The members later posed for a group photograph. The president of the society Mrs D. Suku is sitting third from right, the secretary, Mrs J. Tamuno, sits first from left.

Others in the photograph include Miss R. Jeneaari, standing fourth from left, Miss I. Yellowe standing third from left and Mrs J. Dokubo, standing second from right.

The patron of the society, Mrs F. Alipana, is standing seventh from right.



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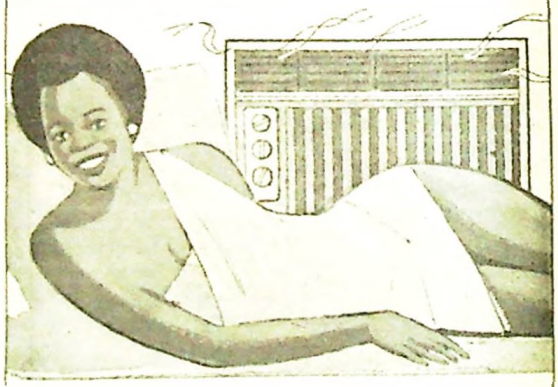
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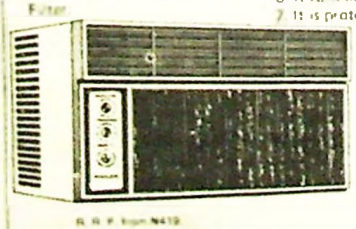
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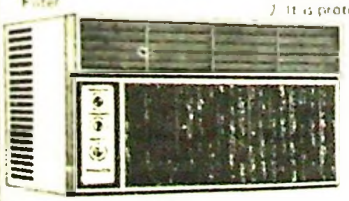
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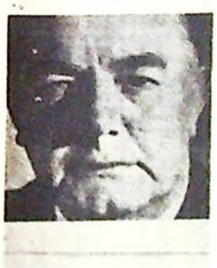
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But it is also about time that some one says 'no' to the bourgeois education strategy now in full year in the country. And time, I dare say, is up for some sort of peaceful outbursts against current surprises in our education system, lest officialdom might pass the population for a conglomeration of idiots and ignoramuses.

The existing manoeuvres regarding the cost of education in a country "where no one is oppressed" must be overhooched and made to ground lest the common man's grave might be dug before his death.

In plain language, the Federal Military Government must be told to check the seeming recklessness and excesses of its satellite governments, especially in southern Nigeria, but the war-wrecked Imo and Anambra States in particular.

On the part of the Federal Government itself, we should not be forced to count apartheid as a better system and John Vorster as a better and more sincere friend, because there is the schism that a promise without fulfilment is enemity without reason.

Rights put down on paper or uttered with the mouth is worth nothing if the ordinary people the bearers of sovereign power are deprived of the basic elements of that rights, such as education and anxiety-free moments.

Less privileged Nigerian mothers danced around their kitchens and fathers rejoiced when in 1976, the Head of State, Lt-General Olusegun Obasanjo, disclosed at that date the decision of the Supreme Military Council to put down 1977/78 academic year for the beginning of tuition and boarding fees free in all the technical and secondary schools in the country.

It is however impossible also to presume that the Supreme Military Council reached its "decisions" without the knowledge and condonement of our blue-blooded officials in the ministries of education.

But what do we see to-day, the 1977/78 free education year? Tell it to the education ministries, as tears roll down the cheeks of parents and hypertension taking its own toll in the bargain!

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When in November 1949 the British-commanded police gunned down twenty-nine armless Nigerian coal miners at Iva Valley, Enugu, now capital of Anambra State, there was a frenzy of emotional outburst, even when colonialists ruled.

Condemnation of the cruel massacre did not stop in colonial Nigeria at the time. It went abroad, attracting even the attention of responsible circles at the United Nations.

One of such outbursts at home was the one by poet Rex, who warned "Deem my people brutes no longer, ye hydra-headed imperialist monsters. Leave our shores and tarry not a minute longer, for the hour is pregnant with the poor masters. Nigeria that has never wronged England, must never age [illegible] shot in cold [illegible] that has a [illegible] any white [illegible] never again [illegible] smoke-bomb[illegible]

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MR ALEXANDER Nwokedi, Press Secretary to the Head of State, in a statement late in November, warned that the ban on politics was still in force.

He frowned at the formation of the moribund National Unity Council and appealed to our countrymen to respect the ban.

Mr Nwokedi's statement sank well — many eminent Nigerians who affixed their signatures to a document credited to "the Council" disowned the organisation. One Nigerian newspaper columnist went further and asked a rather funny question: "Mus. Waziri Ibrahim continue to stay in Lagos?"



says Our Llyod Ajudua

I am not holding brief for anybody. Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim, in all his travels within the country, has picked and known his friends, but I think it is naive for a Nigerian to question the right of his countryman, who is not wanted for any offence or misdemeanour, to stay anywhere he likes.

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I have never in the past agreed with Alhaji Aminu's politics. This is because he had always appeared to me to have the best of intentions but I found it difficult to reconcile his intentions with the way he chose to execute his programmes.

Today, however, on the question of lifting the ban on politics on April 1, 1978, Alhaji Aminu can be sure of a supporter. That supporter is me.

Alhaji Aminu may not count on my vote if he goes to the soap box for mileage.

But he spoke the truth when he said 12 months was a short period for politicking before our people go to the polls to elect the country's leaders in 1979.

A great majority of our countrymen are illiterates. They lost the franchise in 1966 and today, many of them have forgotten what it is to vote again.

Their political instincts have therefore become dormant and we need to work very hard at educating them on the need for good political behaviour.

We cannot accomplish this task in 12 months, however good our political campaign machinery and however alert the political thinking of the masses.

Moreover, the 1979 presidential and general elections promise to be crucial in the life of this nation. On them hinge a number of issues in post military Nigeria.

Though the Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo has repeatedly said that the Armed Forces did not intend to stay longer than October 1, 1979 or impose a leader, nobody will blame any crop of soldiers breaking through the barracks and wresting power again after 1979 if a wrong set of people are elected to office.

This is why I whole heartedly agree with Assemblyman Col. Hilliary Njoku and Brigadier George Kurubo that there is no alternative to good government.

To avoid military presence in our political life therefore, we must ensure that we elect leaders who will serve Nigeria faithfully.

And we may not know these leaders unless they are given a long period to organise, publish their manifestos, explain them to the masses and convince us that they have the interest of the nation at heart.

We must also accept one bitter fact that Nigeria has not today got an accepted national, popular leader. We have a number of people aspiring to lead after 1979, but none of them today commands that followership and respect that will make him a Churchill.

It will therefore be an uphill task expecting that a man who has his political base at Oshogbo and is little known at Gboko will find it easy asking for Tiv votes just as a man in Kontagora, what ever his charisma has to work very hard indeed making an impact on the voter at Obigbo.

The aspirants therefore need time to organise. My plea to the Supreme Military Council therefore is to review the situation and consider the advisability of lifting the ban on April 1, 1978.

Then would the various political groups have been able to organise, propagate their theories and had enough time to sink them down.



Brigadier G. Kurubo

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"Truancy cost man crash award" was the headline and the story was that a ministry employee who was to travel abroad on technical crash training award had his hope dashed at the last moment.

The reason, the story said, was that his records showed that he had been lazy and truant and had therefore been a bad egg.

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...ers can never be peace", thus declaring his famous doctrine of "non-co-operation and non-violence" with the imperialist administration.

I have ventured to recall the foregoing passages from a poet's corner, as it were, and by a politician, not because of their sweet rhetoric and rhythm, but rather because of their history and rationale.

I might further add that my attention here is not to relate the 'violent' areas of the words of these "two wise men" to the present educational, you might say, nongovernmental, problems apparently beset with difficulties and uncertainties in Nigeria today.

All that I am attempting to emphasise is that the Nigerian poor are no fools, and that they could be dribbled some of the time and not all the time, and that between the education ministries and the rich on the one hand, and the have-nots on the other hand reconciliation or co-existence looks remote, and the former might wake up one day to discover the magnitude of their folly and that they are left alone in the wilderness.

I know that it won't be too heavy for the government of Nigeria to throw the doors of primary, postprimary, technical as well as university education open and free of charge to the nation's school population.

And I know also that the little gods in our ministries know this, too, but would not for reasons of ego adds and want of re-orientation advise accordingly.

For us it must be peace all the way, but there must also be no oppression anywhere. The issue of 'fourteen year-olds during the last school term is now history ... history written from the bunchings of our education directors and 'experts'.

Added to this history is the fact that some principals of schools are still being subjected to queries because they dared sympathise with their pupils who were then being chased out of classes on grounds of age on the orders of the very bosses in the education ministries who issued admission slips to the innocent students and told them where to go for their studies.



COL. A. A. ALI
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I now plead for the immediate intervention of the Federal Military Government in the unjustified, wicked and unbearable increases in secondary school fees in certain states of the federation. But if there should be any increases at all they certainly should not be in the war-wrecked Anambra and Imo States.

As the secondary schools resume, several hundreds of children of less privileged parents are most unlikely to return to classes because of the astronomical rise in fees. The consequences of these kids being denied their right to education can be grave for those responsible in future.

STRATORS SUPPORT NUCLEAR ENERGY



...from some 60 firms constructing nuclear power plants as well as suppliers, building firms and electricity ... Bonn recently to stage a demonstration on behalf of nuclear energy. In the Federal Republic of ... opinion about the pros and cons of nuclear energy is increasingly moving away from the citizens' ... political parties. In Hanover, the Christian Democratic Union — the CDU — recently staged a con... ... socialist parties — the Social Democratic Party of Germany — SPD — and the Free Democratic ... ... to discuss the nuclear energy issue at length during their party conferences in November. The German ... and the Federal Ministry for Research and Technology agree that the building of nuclear power plants ... ... there is employment and so that progressive technologies can be further developed.

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It is necessary for the relevant ministry to answer these questions.

We have, I admit, many truants in our public service, some of them departmental and sectional heads.

Some sectional heads use their positions to run down their subordinate staff who have no access to Departmental Selection Board or Management meetings and turn round to make incorrect statements to the subordinates concerned.

DISCIPLINE

My case this morning is that not only the truant is guilty of an offence. Also liable are all those who recommended him for the crash programme and the departmental or sectional head who recommended him for a passport.

This is a good case for an enquiry if discipline is to be maintained in our public service.

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers:	RSP TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP CGR
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07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You	"
07.20	Early Morning Request	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ebk, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP CGR
08.45	Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Music Rendezvous (Comm)	RSP CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion	"
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12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Kumoni Benimo Ifie (Kukuruku Mag. prog.)	RSP TAPE
	Kirike Chiri (Okrika Mag. Programme)	"
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
13.30	Joke Box	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Home maker's special	"
14.30	Iran On The	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Music from other States (Comm)	RSP CGR
15.30	State News in English, Bwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Information Bureau	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Ebk and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Khana and Kukuruku	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Let's discuss (Rept. Wed 1730 hours)	"
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and you/The next step	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Fun Plot	RSP LIVE
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	In My Days	"
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Bwerre, Kalabari, Ebira and Kukuruku	RSP LIVE
20.30	Agric Quarter Hour	RSP TAPE
20.45	Meditation	NP
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Gods of our Fathers	"
21.28	Interlude	"
21.30	Female World	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Talk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the Rivers State	RSP TAPE CGR
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My favourite	NP
23.13	Evening Worship (Igbo)	RSP LIVE
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP TAPE

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7.00	Cartoons
7.30	World News
7.45	Parents Today
8.05	Petticoat World
8.30	Nigeria Today
9.00	Network News
9.30	**Senga Theatre**
10.00	**Master of Conscience**
10.30	Star Soccer

Moral decadence: Some views

by Eric Saibakumo

LONG before the advent of imported Western civilization, and Christian religion and education, our standard of morality was at the peak of its ladder. Though our then tribal rulers were very arbitrary and despotic in diverse ways, they instilled discipline, in the people.

With the demise of these days we started to witness a gradual decline in our moral standards which seems to have reached a peak among our youths of today.

The vital role of the revolutionized Western culture and education to our development is not to be forgotten yet they have also done us a lot of harm. The modern civilizing agents like the cinemas, more especially Western films, clubs and hotels, and foreign dances have had their disadvantages in our present day society.

In an ideal society, like the one in the olden days, children were not allowed to expose themselves to immoral conversations, and its was highly gainful if a child could be made to appreciate the consequences that naturally follow certain offences like stealing and fornicating in an unusual way. Bad film and literature were kept afar from the underage because children are easily influenced.

And that sort of education received maximum attention from parents at the initial period. But what we see today is nothing other than outwardly responsible men and women, mothers and fathers, in our cities, who become moral bankrupts, since they do not see anything wrong in many of their addictions like excessive drinking, sexy dances and unregulated sexual intercourses with children of the same age with their daughters and sons.

Then why do we blame the youths? The youths alone should not shoulder the blame. Their fathers and mothers should take most of the blame, because they create the precedents. And children with their photographic minds unfortunately copy them.

One point I would like us to note here is that moral degeneration in its extensive sense is not created by the negligible shortcomings of the youth. Bribery and corruption, vandalism, fraudulent practices of men and women, nepotism, favouratism, dishonesty, unfaithfulness, ungodliness and laziness are major problems that face our society in both the public and private lives of our adults. I therefore see no reason why the word "Youths" is always mentioned when issue of moral decadence in our society comes up.

The intermittent campaign by some of our leaders against moral laxity is of no effect since people believe that they themselves are all victims of the same offence. We can only teach effectively by examples - not merely following the policy of "Do what I say but don't do what I do".

The church, an agent of moral conduct, which people depended upon for moral perfection is no longer achieving anything significant these days, because most people feel that it must fit into the current of modern civilization and education in our society.

Moral standard

Besides, many church dignitaries have not set any high standard of morality for their followers. Instead they use church as a a cover under which they commit all sorts of offences.

What can we then do to correct the shortcomings? In my own humble opinion, our leaders, teachers and parents should start by setting for themselves high standards of honesty industry and all the good things that increases both public and private probity. We also know that there is the [illegible] be destroyed if we are to surge forward.

We must not forget that moral degeneration withers a nation and can even lead indirectly to political disintegration. To make our society respectful and strong, our standard of morality must be high.

U.S. ECOMOMY

How strong is the dollar?

THE dollar will be sick for a long time yet, monetary observers said in Washington on Wednesday, as they watched the US currency sit up and take a little nourishment.

The recovery on the money market is likely to be a long drawn out affair. The US Government allowed the dollar to "attack" the Japanese yen and to a lesser extent the West-German mark but the ploy has turned into a generalized lack of confidence on the foreign exchange markets, they affirmed.



PRESIDENT CARTER

by ashs Georges Deschoot

As is generally supposed by now, the US authorities wanted to force Japan and West Germany who have surpluses to give a more energetic boost to their economies, in view of the US deficit, and thus help the Western world out of its crisis.

Until about December the "fall" in the dollar was really a rise in the yen, mark and Swiss franc. It was only in the final weeks of 1977 that the monetary turmoil fully hit other currencies with a kind of snowball effect, the monetary observers pointed out.

The Japanese and the West Europeans were angry at the American's failure to act. A widespread feeling in Washington is that the US authorities adopted their attitude partly because they considered that with hundreds of millions of dollars in circulation internationally, the central banks had sufficient resources to counter speculative move[illegible]

[illegible] banks feared the inflationary effect of more costly imports due to the dollar's depreciation.

Evidence of this has now emerged. The rises in the yen and mark have affected Toyota, Datsun and Volk[illegible] [illegible] thus permitting General Motors and Ford to justify rises in the price of their smaller cars.

But there is no doubt that higher prices for imported oil are the chief concern. The possibility that the oil countries would increase the crude oil rate to offset the dollar's decline and their lower purchasing power was the key motive behind the US decision to help the dollar, according to the observers.

Reports that King Khaled of Saudi Arabia told President Carter this could happen, have been denied by nobody in Washington.

Thus did the United States finally act. And in the medium term the prospects for the dollar seem fairly good, not least because the US inflation rate is lower than the rate in [illegible] countries, apart from Switzer[illegible]

Washington believe interest rates will remain fairly high throughout the year.

In theory, these two factors should encourage foreign investors to put money into the United States because they will probably get a satisfactory yield coupled with protection against inflation.

But these two advantages could be counter balanced by a further dollar drop. It is therefore imperative that confidence in the dollar be restored, at least to a reasonable extent.

Meanwhile, observers in Washington though there was little chance of a substantial cut in the US trade deficit which came out at 28,000 million dollars last year.

The US may achieve a reduction of its big deficit with Japan, assuming that the Japanese corrective measures are effective. At the same time the US can hope for bigger sales in some developing countries whose financial position improved during 1977, for example in Latin America.

But in Washington there is little chance of soaring sales in Western Europe where the recovery leaves much to be desired.

American imports are certain to be high in the light of a probable growth rate of five per cent or there abouts and the nation's thirst for oil.

[illegible] accepts an energy saving programme that will really bite.

When President Carter got back from his world tour he told the cabinet that the seven countries he visited all insisted on the need for such a programme.

But the Senate and House of Representatives will be harder to win over than his own close colleagues.

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DEAD HEROES REMEMBERED

ACTIVITIES marking this year's Remembrance Day Celebrations and the Nigerian Legion Appeal Week, have begun in Port Harcourt, capital of the Rivers State.

The state's Commissioner for Rural Development and Social Welfare, Mr Dagogo Alagoma launched the Nigerian Legion Appeal Week at the Port Harcourt Temporary Stadium as part of the Remembrance Day celebrations.

According to the programme of events released from the Military Governor's Office in Port Harcourt, the celebrations which would last one week, would also feature film shows, drama, wrestling and the sale of poppies from street to street and from house to house.

Prayers would also be offered in churches and mosques.

The celebrations will end on Sunday, January 15, with the laying of wreaths at the Port Harcourt Cenotaph and the Military Cemetary by the states military governor, Col Zamani Lekwot.

In the photograph, Mr Alagoma (left) makes a donation of N500 on behalf of the State Government, while a lady representative of the organisation receives the amount.

N17,000 to exservicemen in 4 years

The Rivers State Government has made a donation of N500 to the state branch of the Nigerian Legion.

The donation was made on behalf of the government by the state Commissioner for Rural Development and Social Welfare, Mr Dagogo Alagoma while launching the Nigerian Legion Appeal Week as part of this year's Remembrance Day celebrations at the Port Harcourt Temporary Stadium.

He announced that the state government had given a subvention of N17,000 to the state branch of the organisation between 1973 and 1977.

The commissioner described the Nigerian Legion as a class of people who made it possible for us to live in a congenial atmosphere to carry out our routine economic, social, religious and political activities.

He appealed to all well-meaning citizens of the state, public corporations and private organisations to donate generously towards the appeal fund of the state branch of the Nigerian Legion to enable the organisation execute its various programmes.

Mr Alagoma further explained that the occasion was being celebrated throughout the country in remembrance of our beloved heroes and veterans who died while fighting for our father-land during the two world wars and the Nigerian civil war.

Amini-Owere receives Dekah

The twin towns of Amini-Utuoko and Owere-were otherwise known as Amini-Owere, in Abua-Odual district of Ahoada local government Authority recently welcomed their son, Emmanuel Dekah, who has returned from the United Kingdom, after four years studies sponsored by the Rivers State Government.

Over 5,000 people from various parts of the state attended the reception.

In his speech, the chairman of the occasion, Chief Nelson Warlboko Obagana III expressed pride at the spectacular achievement of Mr. Dekah, who graduated with a master of science degree in public sector management from Aston University.

He urged other aspiring youths to emulate Mr Dekah's outstanding qualities.

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Mrs Patience A Nwoha

OWUNA — I formerly known called and addressed as Miss Owuna Jack now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Owuna Ndidi Obonna. All former documents remain valid. Rivers State Schools Management Board, Teaching Service Commission, Ministry of Education and the general public should please take note.

Mrs Owuna N. Obonna

IBIKUNO — I formerly known as Miss Ibikuno T. Okadi now wish to be known as Mrs Ibikuno D. Ikiensunokaye. Documents bearing my former names remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Health please note.

D. Ikiensunokaye.

IBITEINYE — I formerly known called and addressed as Miss Ibiteinye Lizzy White now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ibiteinye Lizzy Tonye Blankson. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Hospital Port Harcourt, Rivers State Ministry of Health and the general public should please take note.

Mrs. I. L. T. Blankson

AKANWA — I, formerly known called and addressed as Emmanuel Akanwa now wish to be known and addressed as Emmanuel Echefu. All documents, bearing my former name remain valid Rivers State Ministry of Education, the Principal G.T.C. Abonda and the general public please take note. Mr Emmanuel Echefu

LAWSON — I formerly known and addressed as Miss Ibitein Jim Lawson now wish to be known called and addressed as Mrs Ibitein Dorcas Sekibo Multichoice Bob Manuel All former documents, remain valid Rivers State Ministry of Health Degema and the General public please take note. Miss Ibitein Dorcas Sekibo Hutchinson Rebecca(sic)

DEREFAKA — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Rosemary Derefaka now wish to be called and addressed as Miss Victoria Kariboe. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board, Teaching Service Commission Government Teacher Training college Bonny and the general public should please take note.

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Three top men fired

Kaduna Assets Probe findings

THREE top civil servants in the Kaduna State Public Service have been dismissed while one other was retired following investigations carried out into the assets of some public officers in the state.

They are: Alhaji M. L. Samaila, a former permanent secretary, Mr Adeyemi Bilewu, a former Deputy Chief Architect and Alhaji Abubakar Jibrin, Permanent Secretary.

A Chief Commercial Officer, Alhaji Umaru Lere, was retired while the Government accepted the explanations of Alhaji Lawal Kaita, an Under-Secretary.

The allegations against Alhaji Idris Danladi, a chief produce officer were dropped because he is dead while a produce officer, now outside the country, M. Yakubu Aliyu, is to be communicated to defend himself.

A government statement, released at the fortnightly press briefing of the state's Acting Commissioner for Information, Dr Tukur Abdulkadir, said the investigations were carried out in pursuance of the recommendations of various inquiries set up by the government to investigate the affairs and conduct of the past administration.

The investigations were carried out under the chairmanship of Alhaji Usman Haliru Dicta.

The government statement noted that Alhaji Samaila acquired nine properties including a farm and an orchard and noted that the panel made no finding on that and other similar aspects.

In view of the lack of evidence, the statement said, the government had no alternative than to give the officer a benefit of doubt, adding that "the officer has since been dismissed".

The government viewed seriously, the fact that Mr Adeyemi Bilewu had private practice to the detriment of his official work.

His engaging in private practice, the government noted, made it difficult for the government to ascertain whether or not the officer unjustly enriched himself.

Accepting Alhaji Lawal Kaita's explanation, the government accepted the officer's claim on the cost and mode of setting up the buildings and in so doing, considered the cost of materials and labour at the relevant time the buildings were set up.

Alhaji Lawal's statement of income was also satisfactorily explained by the officer and as such, with his savings bank loans, he could have put up the building without any impropriety on his part.

On Alhaji Abubakar Jibrin, the government accepted the panel's findings and could not say whether he conducted himself corruptly or had in any way corrected himself.

The government accepted the panel's findings that Alhaji Umaru Lere stand had failed for erection of a house during the period under investigation.

The government also viewed with seriousness, the fact that the officer could forge the sources of such monthly lodgements totalling N15,926.00 but could not say whether he illegally enriched himself.

Investigations about Idris Danladi were discontinued in view of his death while the government decided to invite Alhaji Yakubu Aliyu to come and explain his financial lodgements.

TEACHERS TOLD TO BE DEDICATED

The Councillor for Education in Birnin Gwari Local Government Council of Kaduna State, Mallam Abdulkadir Jibrin has called on teachers to dedicate themselves to the services for which they were employed.

The councillor made the call while addressing the newly employed teaching staff who called on him to know the schools to which they would be posted.

It is only through self-sacrifice to their country's service he asserted, that the objectives of the Ministry of Education in educating all children, would prove successful.

Commenting on staff education Mallam Jibrin said that his council was always prepared to encourage staff on the course of furthering their education adding that the staff for better conditions of service for Local Government staff by the Local Government Service Board was accepted by his council.

Employees would therefore be provided with amenities like housing and car loans whenever the need arises.

Obituary

With gratitude to God for a life well spent we Announce the passing away to the great beyond of our beloved Mother, Grand Mother, Great Grand Mother and wife of Late Chief Sampson Igobo Adoki



Madam Felicia Ada Adoki

which event took place at the General Hospital, Port Harcourt at 4.35 p.m. on Saturday 7th January, 1978.
Aged—ninety (90) years.

She left behind to mourn her 4 children, 21 grand children, 23 great grand children.

Funeral Arrangement are as follows:-

(1) Body leaves Port Harcourt General Hospital Mortuary on Friday the 13th January, 1977 at 10 a.m. to Okrika.

(2) Christian Wake-Keeping at Chief Adoki's Compound, Okrika at 9.00 p.m.—3.00 a.m.

(3) Funeral Service on Saturday the 14th of January 1977 by 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Okrika.

(4) Interment Immediately after the Service at Chief Adoki's Compound, Edereme-Biri, Okrika.

You are all cordially invited. God bless you all.
May Her Soul rest in perfect peace.

Mr. W. K. Adoki
for: The Children.

Dr. M. D. Selema,
for the Grand Children.

Mr. Pikibo Selema,
for the Great Grand Children.

₦6m secretariat now ready

All the Ogun State ministries, departments and parastatals occupying rented apartment in Abeokuta, the state capital have moved into the new multi-secretariat adjacent to the Military Governor's Office, Ibara, Abeokuta.

The group buildings constituting the multi-secretariat, including all infrastructures, electricity, water supply, access and internal roads cost the State Government about ₦6 million.

Work on the project began in February, 1977.

The movement which marked the first anniversary of the State Government in the year was equal to the promise made by the State Military Governor, Lt Col S. Ayodele Balogun, in an address to senior civil servants at his end of year Christmas party that ministries and departments to which blocks had been allocated would move into them and commence work on January 2, 1978.

Lt Col Balogun, the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Mr A. A. K. Degun, and a host of senior government officials were at the multi-secretariat to personally supervise the movement of staff and furniture.

With nine ministries and departments affected by the movement, it is envisaged that there would be no cause for civil servants to complain of lack of adequate accommodation in the city.

The ministries and departments affected are Trade, Industries and Co-operation, Education, Justice, Health, Local Governments and Information and the Public Service Commission.



Trapped in Lagos traffic chaos



Bus fare increases recently announced in Lagos have caused not only untold hardship to members of the public especially the workers, but an unanticipated traffic chaos.

The situation worsened after Lagos State Commissioner for Special Duties, Dr Balogun announced that the fare increases affected Lagos State Transport Company buses only and not privately owned buses.

As a re-action to Commissioner Balogun's announcement the 'danfos' the molues and other transport operators withdrew their services worsening the already deplorable situation.

The photographs here show a tense moment at one of the Lagos bus stops as city travellers cue endlessly for a ride in the few buses in operation as a result of the crisis.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We hereby warn all concerned (in particular, the Abandoned Properties Implementation Committee, Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture, the Chairman and Secretary, Bonny Fish & Local Government Authorities) to ignore and disregard completely the effects of a letter Mr. J. W. Widnes dated the 30th of November, 1977 which unfortunately was published as Public Notice on page 14 of the Nigerian Tide issue of Tuesday, the 13th of December, 1977.

The said publication contained the ridiculous assertion that payment of any compensation to our client, Chief J. J. Ikwuazim, for his farms and plantations in the Rivers State, will amount to waste of Government's revenue. Mr. Widnes claimed he is the head of the family on whose land the said farms and plantations exist and states that at no time was the land leased or sold to our client.

We have to make it quite clear to Mr. Widnes (and to any other or others who may happen to think like he does) that ALL THAT 47.337 acres piece and PARCEL of land customarily called and known as UKPE-JI land at Mile 2½, Ibo-Ekpo, along Port Harcourt-Owerri Road were purchased freehold by our client from DAVID WILLIAMS-OKWU WOBISH and his relative and co-owner JOSEPH WILLIAMS both of Umuokwuruibe, Ibo-Ekpo town on the 15th September, 1943 and the 16th of June, 1957 respectively. Both transactions were covered by TWO separate Deeds of Conveyance duly registered in 1957 as No. 72 at Page 72 AND No. 73 at Page 73 respectively at Volume 103 of the Lands Registry in the then office at Enugu.

Chief Ikwuazim has no knowledge or copy of the petition dated the 7th of December, 1970 even allegedly addressed to the Military Governor, Rivers State by Mr. Widnes's Legal Advisers. The same petition emerged some thirteen years after the said land became developed into farms and plantations!

The three ceremonial cases cited in the Public Notice which matters were allegedly attended to Mr. Widnes's favour by Magistrates and Acting Chief Magistrates in the Rivers State clearly have no relevance whatsoever to the question of title to land which Mr. Widnes quite erroneously wrote or claim on the pages of a Newspaper.

Dated at Owerri, this 23rd day of December, 1977.

Widnes & Co.,
Solicitors for Chief J. J. Ikwuazim
whose address is at 84, Ogbor Road,
Owerri, Nigeria.

8 Britons honoured

EIGHT Britons have been honoured by their government for their services while they were in Nigeria.

Among the eight is a woman, Mrs Ann Patricia Salmon who was awarded the Member of the order of the British Empire (MBE). She is a fashion officer in Kano for the British High Commission.

In the New Year honours list, Femley Gordon Rogers, was awarded the Commander of the order of Saint Michael and Saint George (DMG).

David Lindsay Bate, former chief judge of Plateau State received the Knight Commander of the order of the British Empire award (KCBE).

David Michael Dent Young got the Commander order of the British Empire, (CBE) for his services to British commercial interests and the British community in Nigeria. Desmond Hayward Hall also got the CBE for his services to university education in Nigeria.

Also honoured were George Vincent Hall Cudrem, OBE, for his services to British commercial interests in Nigeria and William John Gilbert Godwin who also received OBE award for his services to the development of architecture in Nigeria.

ROLE OF SCOUTING SPELT OUT

The supervisor of schools in-charge of Tai Eleme district in the Rivers State, Mr A. K. Harry has spoken of the role scout organisations could play in educating and training youths to be good citizens in the society.

Mr Harry was speaking at the opening ceremony of a scoutmasters training course which opened in the district.

He said that the education of youths as future leaders of the country would help to reduce lawlessness in our educational institutions.

The supervisor advised scoutmasters to be of exemplary behaviour so that the children under them could emulate their conduct.

Prisons defeat Leventis Stores 3 goals to 1

...at Port Harcourt Dafa league

PRISONS Football Club of Port Harcourt over the weekend defeated the Leventis Stores Club 3-1 at the Recreation Stadium, Port Harcourt.

Leventis took the kick-off at 44.45 p.m. and almost immediately pressurised their opponents eighteen.

But just then the "Warder" boys took over control and in the beautiful initiative that followed outside-right Leene Deekor beating his way through on the touch line lobbed in the ball which Moneyman made no mistake in connecting in the 8th minute.

With this goal the Prisons boys became spurred as they struggled for more goals.

But Leventis would not have things lying low so they put up a thorough fight for an equalizer. They made it in the 30th minute. The motivator was Roy West alias "Pele", swaying from the left flank he dribbled two over zealous defenders before finding well placed Akoko Tamunoemu who tipped in the ball for the equalizer.

Again, the Leventis through good combination found the net, but this second goal was disallowed by the referee.

First half ended 1-1.

And that was all about Leventis. For after some struggle they conceded to a well branded Prisons side. The "Warder" boys dominated the second half.

Their warrior was "dangerman" Moneyman. And it was in the course of his struggle for goals that he sustained an injury, but before this he had registered two beautiful goals for his side. The last goal was in the 85th minute.

Leventis FC, if football is counted on fancy, they would have won the match. They are masters of the midfield. For good fifteen minutes they were drilling their opponents with good passes while poor finishing and no hard tackling stood a barrier. But for goalkeeper "Old Ghana" the case would have been different.

Prisons third goal was scored by substitude, West, during a melee at the dying minute.



PRISONS 'dangerman' Moneyman making a mid-air break through but goalie old Ghana took to save the situation.

Wrestling: Olomu of Lagos throws challenge

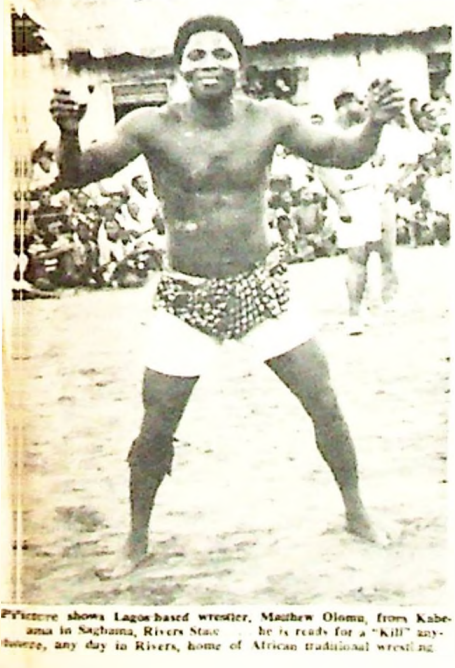
A LAGOS State Lightweight traditional wrestler, Mathew Olomu has promised to make millionnaires of anyone that cares him in a challenge contest.

The wrestler, who has won several wrestling bouts in Lagos area, wants to face traditional wrestlers especially from the Rivers State.

Olomu, who walked into the Nigerian Tide Office, Lagos with his manager, Mr Daniel Dokelo, declared: "I am now annoyed with those who claim to be qualified traditional wrestlers but dare restrict themselves to areas where they have no "matching opponents". "I'm spoiling for a fight — now" he declared.

"Noise makers like Inyha Ifeyebo and Ebarotus are my urgent targets now and if they are not afraid of being humiliated on terra firma, they should contact my manager through this office," he counselled.

The manager, himself is a famed traditional wrestler and the present chairman of traditional wrestlers association in Lagos State said "I am sure and convinced of Olomu's prowess. Because he has registered himself credibly well in most of his past fights."



Picture shows Lagos-based wrestler, Mathew Olomu, from Kabesima in Saghama, Rivers State he is ready for a "Kill" anywhere, any day in Rivers, home of African traditional wrestling.

Cardiff message Pools forecast

Yes makers did you see that week? I told you that Niger No 14 must draw and it was a draw. This can tell you how I can forecast because all makers were killing that No 14 because of our system at No. 1 now We'll 24 die with sticks at No 13 xxxxx Bks for your 3 draws six will at 80 Obi-nnamu Mike 2 Ibadan.

NAJU CALLS FOR ENTRIES

THE Nigeria Amateur Judo Association has called for entries for this year's upgrading exercise of Brown Belts to be held in Lagos on February 2nd and 3rd.

The Upgrading exercise will be held in both theory and practical in accordance with the existing syllabus of the association.

Calling for entries, the NAJU said that all participants would be responsible for their transport, board and lodging during the period of the upgrading exercise.

The association would, however, help any participant in securing accommodation in Lagos if so requested.

Entries for the exercise which will be second to be held in Nigeria, will close on January 31st and NAJU has said no entries received after that date would be entertained.

POOLS FORECAST WEEK 24

Andeko's naps

1	Arsenal	2	39	Northpton	2
2	Birmingham	x	40	Rochdale	1
3	Bristol C.	1	41	Scunthorpe	2
4	Coventry	2	42	Swansea	1
5	Derby	1	43	Aberdeen	1
6	Everton	x	44	Clydebank	x
7	Ipswich	x	45	Motherwell	x
8	Man City	x	46	Partick	1
9	Newcastle	2	47	St. Mirren	2
10	Q. P. R.	2	48	Airdrie	2
11	West Brom	1	49	Dundee	1
12	Blackpool	1	50	Hearts	2
13	Burnley	0	51	Kilmarnock	x
14	Cardiff	1	52	Montrose	x
15	Fulham	x			
16	Hull			Weekly Naps	
17	Luton	x	1	Bury	
18	Mansfield	x	2	Middlesbro	
19	Millwall	1	3	Liverpool	
20	Notts Co.	2	4	Hartlpool	
21	Orient	xx	5	Peterboro	
22	Sheff. Utd		6	Burnley	
23	Cambridge	x	7	Newcastle	
24	Carlisle	2	8	Rotherham	
25	Chesterfield	1	9	Fulham	
26	Exeter	2	10	Millwall	
27	Hereford	11	11	Andershot	
28	Lincoln	1	12	Southport	
29	Portsmouth	2	13	Stockport	
30	Preston	1	14	Torquay	
31	Rotherham	x	15	Arbroath	
32	Swindon	1	16	Dumbarton	
33	Wrexham	x	17	Raith	
34	Aldershot	2	Try perm 2 9 16 20 30		
35	Bournemouth	1	Try perm 3 10 17 24 31		
36	Darlington	2	Try perm 1 6 15 22 29		
37	Halifax	x	Try bet 26 34 41 10 perm		
38	Newport	x	By Andekos.		

NIGERIAN TIDE

Friday, January 13, 1978

Plea for detained editors

THE students of the Nigerian Institute of Journalism, Lagos, are worried about the continued detention of the Acting Editor of the Daily Sketch, Mr Bunmi Iyeru, and the Editor of the Nigerian Tribune, Mr Peter Ajewin, by the Security Forces.

In a statement in Lagos, the students said they were aware of the professional error made by the two editors in a recent publication, but "feel that their continued detention after an apology had been published, may soil the good image of the present administration".

They, therefore, appealed to the Federal Military Government to take a milder view of the case and set the editors free.

"At the same time, we should like to remind all editors and journalists to keep strictly to the laws governing their profession so as to avoid embarrassing situations", the students advised.

2,000 varsity students in loan fix

AT LEAST 2,000 students of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, are in a big fix, following the new Federal Government policy controlling further loans to undergraduates. This is now the responsibility of the state governments.

All the affected students were under the Federal Government loan scheme, and have between now and the end of the month to find their fees or face the risk of being sent away from classes.

It is known that majority of them come from simple homes that cannot raise the required amount for their university education.

The situation in the campus is critical for the students seem to have no answer to their problems.

In a statement, the students union of the university expressed its unqualified disapproval of the cancellation of students' loans for the session.

It described the decision as both "hasty and unjust," adding that it showed evidence of poor planning, bordering on "outright irresponsibility" to the real plight of students in the country's universities.

It added that already some undergraduates had withdrawn in the face of "this extreme, unpopular decision" and many more were so perplexed that they could not settle down to normal studies.

The union asked the Federal Military Government to rescind the decision in the interest of educational progress in the country.



PICTURED are Delta Governor's Adekunle Lawal and Paul Omu at the meeting.

Border clashes: 2 governors are worried

TWO state military governors, Col Paul Omu of the Cross River State and Commodore Adekunle Lawal of the Imo State, are worried that the law enforcement agencies in their areas have not been able to maintain law and order in the border towns of the two states.

In a joint communique issued by the two governors at the end of their meeting in Calabar, capital of the Cross River State, to find solutions to the mounting border problems in the two states, the governors expressed concern over the deteriorating situation in the border areas.

They noted that it was a matter for deep regret that law enforcement agencies in the areas had not been able to arrest the situation resulting from constant border clashes.

The governors observed that the situation was causing great concern to both governments and expressed their determination to bring a lasting solution to the problems.

They pledged to implement the Federal Military Government's decision on boundary adjustments to its last letters and noted that, in doing so, farmlands in the areas would be involved.

The two governments, they observed, recognised the right of existence for the people living in border towns but pointed out that such recognition could never be sacrificed for the interest of any particular group.

"All the decisions reached on the boundaries for the two states by the Supreme Military Council would be adhered to," they declared.

They appealed to the people in the border towns to show greater sense of understanding among themselves and enjoined them to uphold the Federal Military Government's decisions on boundary adjustments.

The two governors agreed on their respective responsibilities in the various border towns in their states and noted that more regular meetings be held by top public officers of the two states on border issues.

They also called for implementation of the decision reached in a recent meeting by public officers of the two states without further delay.

C J blames magistrate

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public aware that nobody was above the law.

In his submission, counsel for the plaintiff, Mr C. S. George, urged the court to award the claims because the action of the magistrate was deliberate and was beyond proceedings of the court.

It was also submitted Mr George a violation of fundamental human rights.

Several persons testified for the plaintiff, among them the superintendent of prisons, Port Harcourt.

Mr Adewole who is now living in Lagos was not in court.

2 accused of robbing reverend

TWO employees of the Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources are standing trial before the state Armed Robbery and Firearms Tribunal, charged with robbing the Rev. Lawson Eda and his wife at gunpoint at their Rumuolumeya residence on November 23, 1976.

The Rev Eda also works for the same ministry.

The accused persons are Samuel Ogbu and Uzor Ogburu. Both denied the charge.

The first accused said that both himself and Uzor Ogburu one morning scuffled over a knife with Mrs Eda in connection with the payment of a balance of one naira out of the original N361k he owed her.

The second accused, he said, was his friend, and that he had agreed to pay the one naira to Mrs Eda on his friend's behalf.

He further testified that he had a misunderstanding with Mrs Eda before paying the money, but the matter had since been settled.

The hearing continues.

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