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FOUR LOCAL GROUPS ANGRY

Govt's refusal to recognise their 'anointed'

from Bernard Ogoegbu

TENSION continues to mount in the four communities of Ezeodo, Essoda, Itodo and Ozzi in Igbo-Ezo Local Government area of Anambra State following the refusal of the state government to recognise the chiefs of the four communities.

There has been a long standing feud between the government and the king-makers in the four communities over the recognition of their chiefs selected and installed in accordance with the state's chieftaincy Edict of 1976.

Authoritative sources disclosed that there was stiff opposition by the communities to the visit of the Chieftaincy Disputes Panel headed by Mr Justice J. C. U. Agbakoba to the area because, according to them, there were no disputes in the area.

But despite the opposition, the Agbakoba Panel carried out its exercise.

Mr Justice Agbakoba was said to have been so much annoyed during his sitting in one of the communities, Umuodo, that he had to warn against the danger of over-running tradition with Western ideas.

In another community, Ozzi, he was quoted as saying that had his panel not been a fact-finding and peace-seeking one, it could have declared the Igwe of Ozzi, Chief R. U. Iyida, as having no opponents "since in actual fact no one was duly selected or installed to oppose him."

Since the recognition of the last batch of 105 chiefs, the government has come under severe attacks by elders and youths of the areas who accuse it of indifference to their cause.

In a petition said to have been sent to the state Governor, Col Atom Kpera over the issue and copied to authorities in Lagos, the Anambra State government is being accused of withholding the recognition of the four chiefs to please the interest of some people in the government.



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military Gov, Kwara State

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SEXY TEACHERS GET WARNING

TEACHERS who cannot restrain their romantic excesses will have themselves to blame, particularly in schools in Kwara State.

The state Commissioner for Education, Mr S. A. Oshaloba, told a conference of post-primary school principals at Ilorin, the state capital, that any report of immorality among teachers and their pupils would be severely dealt with.

Mr Oshaloba warned the teachers to abstain from anything that could tarnish the name of their profession. Rather, they should show good examples to their students.

He enjoined the principals to strive to maintain discipline in their schools, both with the students and their teachers.

The commissioner assured the teachers of comfortable residential accommodations and announced that the ₦33 million Ultra-modern staff quarters from which twenty-two voluntary agency schools would benefit would soon be completed and allocated.

Mr Oshaloba further announced that an additional 184 teachers had been considered to benefit from ₦1.7 million additional vehicle load granted by the state government.

In his address, the chairman of the Kwara State Schools Board, Mr Ayodele Oyinlola, expressed his gratitude to the government for accepting the decision on re-adjustment of teachers' scales of salaries in the state.

Registration officers for course

AS PART of the effort to ensure the success of the registration of voters in the Ahoada local government area of the Rivers State, a three-day training programme for supervisory assistant and assistant registration officers, has started in the area.

A statement from the acting secretary of the local government council stated that supervisory assistant and registration officers commenced training yesterday.

Assistant registration officers start theirs tomorrow at the various district head quarters.



Schools in food crisis

REPORTS of the inability of some post primary institutions in the Rivers State to resume active operations after the commencement of the second term continues to flood the Nigerian Tide newsroom. Some of the reports allege that food contractors had not brought in any food by the time students reported back to school on January 7.

Other reports allege that some non-academic staff, mainly cooks and stewards, did not turn up to perform their duties.

As a result, students had to return back to their homes waiting when the situation would improve.

Commenting on non-reporting of cooks and stewards to schools, when they ought to have done so, a principal told our correspondent that lack of active disciplinary control by principals over "these people" was making it extremely difficult for the principals to effectively control them.

In most cases, he said, because, some of these people came to us with their employment papers from the Teaching Service Commission, they just do what they liked.

He stressed that there was no justification for the cooks, whether the food was there for them to cook or not, not to report duty on the day schools were reopened.

In Port Harcourt, Tide man Buzo Enyidah reports that students of the School of Basic Studies of the College of Science and Technology had not been fed since they went back to the school on January 3, 1978.

As a result, most of the students had gone back to their homes since they claimed, they could not combine hunger with lessons.

The students were so hungry that they made a representation to the co-ordinator of the college, Dr Adenire who assured them that the college authority would do something to arrest the situation.





Soldiers honour colleague

by Omini Wilfred

A MORAL rising send-off-party has been held at the Second Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt for Sergeant Julius Kehinde of 2 Brigade, army public relations department who is leaving for a three-year course at the Vining Christian Leadership Centre, Akure.

In his farewell speech, the officer commanding 2 Brigade army public relations department, 2nd Lt. A. Dudu described Sergeant Kehinde, as a well-behaved and hard working soldier.

He had worked closely with Sergeant Kehinde since the inception of the 2 Brigade army public relations department and had seen Kehinde more as a reverend priest than as a soldier.

According to Second Lieutenant Dudu, Sergeant Kehinde's attitude towards his fellow human beings and his sense of duty were worthy of emulation. He said Sergeant Kehinde had chosen the right course that suits his life-style".

He hoped the quest of honour would continue to be a shining light wherever he is going to".

His stay with the Second Brigade would ever be remembered as a living testimony, said the officer, who continued "You should know now that you have taken up the service of God, many temptations will find their ways to try to take you away from your chosen direction. You should always endeavour to resist them".

The 2 Infantry Brigade Garrison Regimental Sergeant Major W. O. James Gaisa advised Sergeant Kehinde to continue with his good behaviour wherever he is going to serve.

He reminded him to pursue his course with vigour so that he may come out with success.

"Now that you are leaving us, you should remember to add us in your daily prayers. To us here, it is your body that is moving away but your spirit shall remain with us here for ever", he emphasised.

In his reply, Sergeant Kehinde thanked every one present at the occasion.

"I have no sufficient words with which to express my gratitudes, by God's power, I shall endeavour to do my best" he said.

At the end of the party a souvenir was presented to him by the officer commanding 2 Brigade Army Public Relations Department.

A group photograph was also taken to mark the occasion.

Above Sergeant Julius Kehinde is seen receiving the souvenir from 2-Lt A Dudu. And in the group photograph top, Sergeant Kehinde is standing next from the right.

Community on road project

WORK has started on the N50,000 Ahoada Odiemerayi Road, which is being undertaken under self help scheme. When completed, the road will ease transport problems in the area and facilitate evacuation of essential commodities and food stuff within the community and to other parts of the district.

Here members of the community are seen clearing and constructing the road.

EDITORIAL

DECREE 73

DECREE 73 that was promulgated in Lagos last week covers comprehensively all areas of electoral rules that were so flagrantly abused and assailed in the past by political parties and their parliamentary candidates. If the provisions of the new decree are complied with, Nigeria will witness probably the freest and fairest ever elections in the nation's history. This is the challenge offered to the people generally and particularly those who aspire to leadership when the army hands over power.

DECREES, like other legal enactments and constitutional provisions, work only if the majority of the people are willing and prepared to abide by them. If they do not, they become worthless. The lessons of our past history should remind us that electoral excesses were in the main responsible for the tragedies that befell this nation barely a few years after the attainment of independence.

THUGGERY and wholesale bribery of voters were some of the instruments introduced in parts of the country and later copied and built into an organised system throughout the federation. Thugs were used to intimidate and terrorise political opponents and in certain cases, they indulged in arson, looting and murder even in the face of law enforcement agents who had been emasculated by ministers who controlled the various governments.

THE TASK ahead must, therefore, be seen against this gloomy scene. As the Federal Electoral Commission discovered during the mini elections to the Constituent Assembly last August there are still many politicians who are ever ready to bribe voters and rig elections. There are still people who are prepared to employ thugs to hound and kill their political opponents, if only to achieve power and authority.

THE 1979 elections regulations have rightly outlawed the participation of the tribal unions, ethnic organisations and cultural associations from participating in political activities or contributing to political party funds. This is an area to watch, for only recently many such organisations surfaced in various parts of the federation ostensibly as social organisations whereas in actual fact they were pursuing secret political activities. And the flag-bearers of these organisations are among those itching for civil rule.

TRIBALISM was another lethal weapon in the armoury of politicians. Like religious politics, tribalism preached hatred and contempt for other Nigerians outside the group. The situation was such that the very meaning of Nigeria as one country became a huge joke.

IT IS easy to think that all these evils will be contained by the stringent provisions of Decree 73. But everybody knows that it is easier to talk of ironclad strategies and fool-proof logistics when nothing is happening. The 1979 general elections may not be substantially different from the past ones in this country despite the provisions of the law, unless the people are determined this time for an orderly evolution of of parliamentary democracy that they have denied themselves for the past eleven years. The choice is simply theirs, but the alternative can be catastrophic.

MY VIEWS ON PALM PRODUCE INDUSTRY

When our colonial masters called this eastern stretches of Nigeria "Oil Rivers Protectorate" instead of "Palm Oil Rivers Protectorate" at the time they did, little did they know that the region was in fact rich in petroleum oil. Thus like good prophets they have in later years after more than half a century, vindicated the appropriateness of the name "OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE" given to the area at that time.

The economic mainstay of the Oil Rivers Protectorate in those days was mainly palm produce. Petroleum deposits were neither known nor seen even in dreams. Although Government budgeting was relatively small, yet in an era when taxes were unknown, it was the palm produce that government services depended upon because at that time the development of customs duties was at a low ebb.

This then is the more reason why government should not be carried away completely by the presence of petroleum oil in our midst today. For these deposits may diminish with time. Unfortunately due to several reasons, the palm produce economy which can come to our aid is rapidly dying a unspectacularly very much on the decline. The following are some of the reasons for the decline.

The lack of our young men today to undertake any gamble on the job with the relative loss of manpower for maximum production and the failure of our schools to teach palm produce industry.

The lack of adequate government aid to those engaged in the industry and the failure on the part of government to provide and ensure safe human stations at agreeable distances for the convenience of farmers as in the days of the UAC and John Holts etc.

Failure on the part of the licenced buying agents (LBA) to give dashes to their farmer customers at the sale point of produce as in the days of old which was a big attraction to farmers and produce dealers.

Failure on the part of the Marketing Boards to provide intermediate produce stores at some close proximity to the Villages than asking Licensed Buying Agents to evacuate their produce down to port of shipment when they do not have such evacuation craft or vehicles.

The impoverishment of buying capital in stores not yet evacuated for lack of evacuation craft or vehicles with the result that there could be no further buying unless payment for the produce is made after evacuation.

The above and many more reasons contribute to the serious decline in the business because no-one comes as an incentive. Under such conditions even if as LBA has several thousands of naira he or she cannot cope without government assistance.

I happened to be the managing director of "Chief Benson Olocha and Sons Enterprises" which is a licensed buying agent to the Nigerian Palm Produce Board and which has purchased and delivered nearly 1,000 tonnes of palm kernels during the 1977 Marketing season. This has been done all on our own without government assistance. The pressure is now very straining.

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It is very painful to tell farmers bringing produce to sell that there is no money and that they should go back with their produce. When such happens twice or three times to a farmer, he looks for another business. This is one of the ways the business dies.

What I am saying of the palm produce may be true also of the other cash crops. The only difference is that while others like cocoa, groundnuts, cotton etc are plantation products, the palm produce as at now is of the wild palm in the forest in the main with all the weight of labour attached to it. This makes quite a difference which requires government attention.

I realise that the Nigerian Palm Produce Board has not started taking over from the State Marketing Boards, yet I do hope that commencing with the 1978 the Board would have in its programme the provision of loans or loans guarantees to deserving licensed buying agents as did most of the former states' marketing boards with a view to encouraging the palm produce economy of this country not only as an assistant to the petroleum economy but also as a possible fall back when need be.

Chief BENSON OLOCHA
Port Harcourt.

CURFEW: Answer this question

Many people are happy that the partial curfew imposed on the Rivers State about six months ago, has been lifted. They also agree that while it lasted, the arrangement safeguarded life and property to an extent.

One must stress at this point that our law enforcement agencies should be vigilant because the armed robbers in our midst might resume their activities again. I remember that during the Christmas period, some men of the underworld struck at a shop along Ikoyi Road.

A question we are all faced with is: how do we explain our armed robbery to the part of the world? Unless we have details answers to this, I think we should have the curfew reimposed indefinitely.

TONY AMESI
Port Harcourt.

LIMIT CAR SPEED

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Solving transport problem

INDIVIDUAL transporters have been using their less visible resources to solve the transport problems facing members of the public in Port Harcourt, yet the complaints of the people have been mixed with levity.

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SAM DIKE
Okrika

Establish more fire stations in PH

With the continued growth of Port Harcourt, I think the government should establish more fire fighting stations in the city. This will deny us the bitter experiences of having valuable properties burnt down by fire before the fire brigade rushes down.

I suggest that one fire station be established at Rumuokwuta to cover Rumuomasi, Eliozu, Rumuibekwe Town, Boi Camp down to the Military Hospital and the GRA behind Hotel Presidential.

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BISSONG J. BISSONG
Port Harcourt.

FIRE SET FOR RATS CATCHES 3 - STOREY BUILDING

A FIRE in Ibadan set by children who were hunting for rats has made a very big catch, not bargained for by the hunters. It was an occupied three — storey building to which the fire had spread after some rats ran into the nest.

Too big for the children, they took to their heels and it was the helpless task for fire fighters of the Oyo State fire brigade, to tackle the outbreak.

The fire outbreak, which occurred at the Loyola area of Ibadan was however brought under control.

And in Ondo State, the government has given a sum of N21,000.00 to Mary Immaculate Grammar School, Ado-Ekiti to cover the loss incurred by the School during a fire disaster which occurred in the boy's hostel recently.

The state Ministry of Education has also earmarked N30,000.00 for constructing a new hostel for the school.

Announcing this in Ado-Ekiti the principal of the school, Mr Ojo Fasuyi, expressed the gratitudes of the school, the board of governors and the Parents and Teachers Association of the school to the state's military governor, Wing Commander Ita David Ikpeme for the gift and for his visit and words of advice and encouragement to the students. He said the gratuity greatly boosted the morale of the students.

The principal assured the state government that the money would be judiciously spent.

The staff and the students would do their best to justify the state government's care and good gesture as well as its love for education, he pledged.

Photos, right is the burning 3-storey building in Ibadan. And below is some of the tenants evacuating their property from the building.



Deadline for a contractor

A BUILDING contractor, Mr Ayodele Olasanmi, has been seriously warned over his poor performances in the handling of the market project at Agbado in Ifako East local government area of Ondo State.

The stern warning was given by the Military Governor of Ondo State, Wing Commander Ita David Ikpeme, when he inspected the projects.

The visit was in continuation of the governor's inspection tour of local governments' projects throughout the state.

During the tour of the local government area, the governor inspected various projects under construction at Ijan, Ita-Oneba, Aiegba, Agbado, Iainbode and Omode.



Automatic bursary award reintroduced



Governor David Ikpeme

The Ondo State Government has approved new rates of scholarship awards for students of the state origin studying in Nigerian universities and polytechnics.

The new rate is made up as follows: N600.00 per student in universities and N400.00 per student in polytechnics per annum.

This was disclosed by the state Commissioner for Education Dr. Kola Folayan while speaking at the launching of the National Union of Ondo State Students in Akure.

Dr. Folayan however announced that recipients of the scholarship awards would be handed to the state government.

He described the new rate of scholarship awards as one of the steps being taken by the state government to provide students with education without worry so that at the end of their courses they would be able to contribute to the development of the young state and Nigeria in general.

The commissioner also announced the reintroduction by the state government of the automatic bursary award of N200 per student doing degree course and N150 for preliminary courses for all students of the state origin.

He said that the reintroduction of the automatic bursary awards was as a result of representations made to the government by the student union.

The automatic bursary award explained the commissioner, "carries no bond whatsoever".

Dr. Folayan assured the students that the Ondo State Government, is accessible to constructive suggestions and criticisms for the overall development of the state, not only in educational matters but also in all fields of human endeavours.

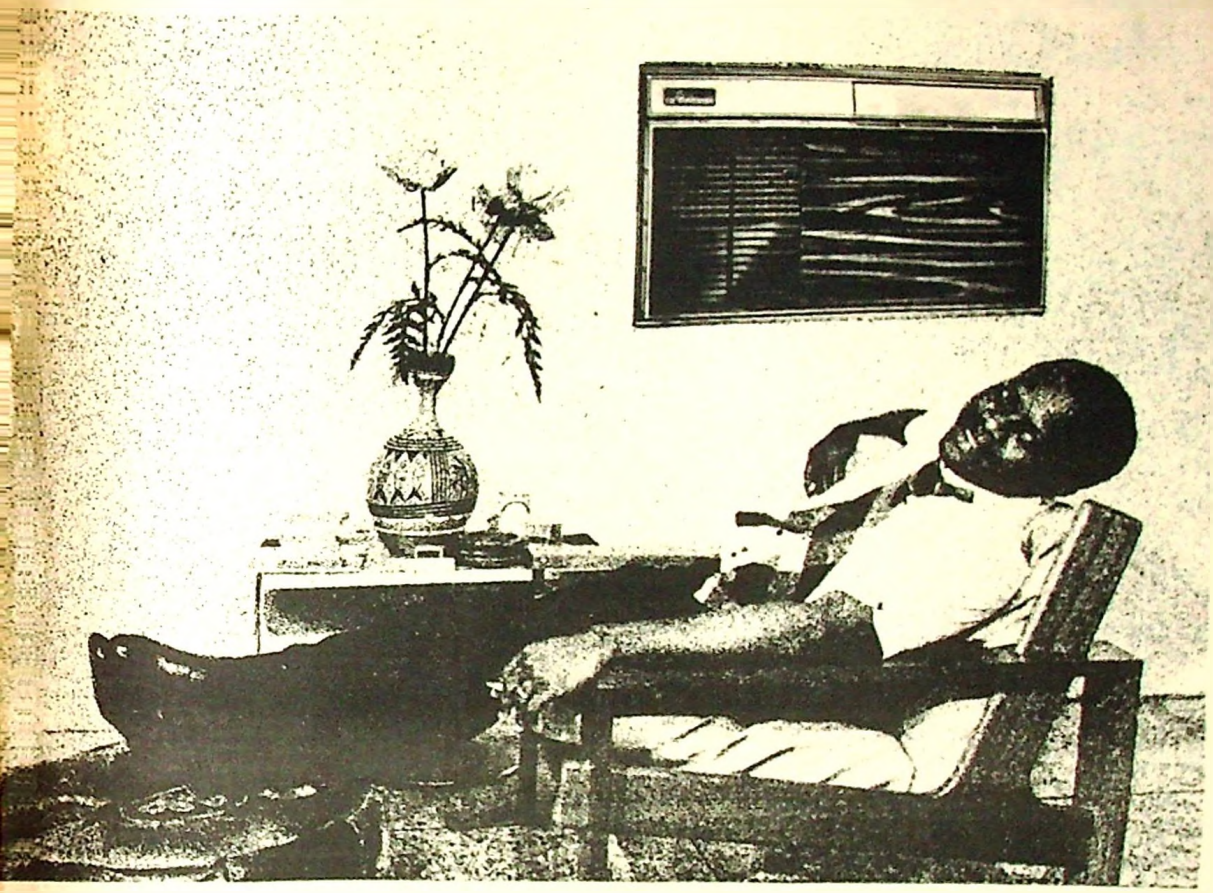
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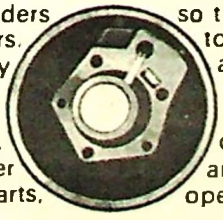
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Council plagued by crisis of confidence

from Bob Usim

COMMUNITIES and organisations in the Ikwuano/Umuahia Local Government Authority of Imo State have continued to express great concern over the crisis of confidence which had riddled the local government council in the area.

They claim that they have not felt the impact of the reformed local government system because of bitter infighting in the council among councillors since its inception.

Addressing a mass rally of Amawom Oburu in the Ikwuano district, the president general of the Amawom Progressive League, Mr Nzeribe Orunta lamented the inactivity of the Ikwuano/Umuahia Local Government Council as a result of the "cold war" ranging in it.

He called on the state government to step in to resolve the impasse.

He said government's swift action was necessary because since the council was elected a year ago, it had not made any significant achievement nor had it initiated programmes to solve the social and economic problems of the people.

Mr Nzeribe expressed gratitude to the state government for building a health centre in Ikwano.

He appealed to the government to upgrade the centre to a full fledged hospital to serve the medical and health needs of the people of the area, who numbered over 100,000.

He commended the community for their self-help efforts and urged them not to relent in their efforts until their ₦1.9 million three year development programme was successfully executed.

During the mass meeting more than ₦3,500 was raised to support their development projects which included, water, market development and pulling of a civic centre.



MR NZERIBE ORUNTA

Village heads get new jobs

DISTRICT and village heads in the Kachia local government area of Kaduna State have been directed to increase themselves in the supervision of local government projects in their areas.

The directive was contained in a circular letter sent to all district and village heads from the Office of the Secretary of the local government. The circular directed them to strictly supervise such projects in the interest of development.

It noted however that it was the collective responsibility of every body to ensure that all projects meant for development of the area were properly executed.

"It is your responsibility to stop further execution of projects badly started," it said.

The letter appealed to Local Government officials to report any erring contractor to the council.

The letter which was also sent to contractors handling council projects, enjoined them to seek manpower advice from community leaders in the area of their projects.

YOUTHS RAISED ₦2,000 FOR HEALTH CENTRE

A SUM of ₦2,210.40 was collected on the spot at the launching ceremony for the building of the Community Health Centre by the Guzc Youth Club at Guzc in Saminaka local government area of Kaduna State.

Addressing the donors at Guzc, the chairman of Saminaka local government, Malam Tanimu Tanko emphasised the importance of community development activities which, he noted, showed the spirit of unity within a community.

He therefore urged other clubs in the area to embark on similar projects which would help to quicken development in the area.

The president of the club, Mr D. S Kudu in a speech, called on the Kaduna State Government to take over the project so that it would be completed quickly to serve the masses.

He also appealed to the state government to establish another post-primary school in the local government area because, as he put it, "the present secondary school at Saminaka would not accommodate the growing population of primary school leavers of the area in particular and the state in general."

₦1.5m mosque for Ubiane

ALHAJI Haruna Lingji, general manager of Dantata Group of Companies, Kano, recently on behalf of Alhaji Aminu Dantata, chairman and managing director of the group, performed the laying of the foundation stone of a ₦1.5m central Mosque at Ubiane in the Etsako Local Government Area of Bendel State.

Photo shows Alhaji Ocai Momoh, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Project (left) handover the total money collected to Alhaji M. M. Sulaiman, chairman of the Planning Committee.

NEPA counts golden days

The National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) installed 10,154 electricity meters in the Oyo State capital between January and December last year. A record installation was 2,000 made in the month of May.

Also, the authority completed all local power development projects including uprating and commissioning of 60 distribution transformer substations in Ibadan for power reliability and flexibility.

Pastor Lekan Otaloye, NEPA district manager in Ibadan made the statement while addressing the staff of the authority at an end-of-year party at Ibadan.

He commended the staff of the authority, especially the cable jointers who face major cable faults in an all-out effort to restore supply to affected areas.

The NEPA chief expressed gratitude to members of the Consumers Consultative Council for prompt attendance at all meetings and their contributions and understanding on power supply situation.

He expressed the hope that all hands would be on deck in the new year for a more improved service.

Also at Shagamu, the NEPA manager for the complex, Mr Akpanomo Salubi urged the staff to search their conscience whether they fulfilled, credibly, assignment allocated to them in the passing year.

He advised them to weigh their utterances in the public because statements made directly or indirectly at this crucial period of the authority's operation would tell on the integrity of the authority.



THE WORLD

BRIEFS

Peking

SWEDEN has once again proposed that some industrialized countries should write off the debts owed to them by the developing countries, according to Western News Agencies.

The proposal was put forward by Swedish representative Sterry Lander at the recent Geneva meeting of government financial experts organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Budapest

MANY goods rose in price in Hungary yesterday including coffee which went up by 50 per cent, according to the local press.

Sweets went up by 25 per cent and tropical fruits by eight per cent. Farm implements and bicycles also went up by 20 per cent.

Teheran

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda will make a day's visit here next Saturday to become the first Japanese foreign minister to visit Gulf region, it was learnt here on Sunday.

After the visit he will tour Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) to prepare for the planned visit of Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda to the region in May.

Berlin

THE Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) and the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) welcome the victories of the liberation fighters of Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia.

This is contained in a joint communique on the official visit to the German Democratic Republic of a SWAPO delegation under its President Sam Nujoma recently.

Pyongyang

THE Korean People's leader Kimil Sung has been re-elected President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the first session of the sixth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

According to a report, stormy cheers and thunderous applause shook the hall, when the result was announced.

New Delhi

A SERIES of technical symposia have been held by the German Democratic Republic in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Bangalore, it has been reported.

Scientists and technicians from the GDR gave lectures on their country's export products, modern technologies in the fields of heavy engineering, electrical engineering and electronics, machine tools, and polygraphic and textile engineering.

Queen honoured by envoys

QUEEN Elizabeth II and Prince Philip with the Commonwealth High Commissioners in London on the occasion of a dinner given by the Commonwealth High Commissioners, at Marlborough House, in London. To mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the High Commissioners presented the Royal couple with a pair of gold filigree candlesticks.



VIOLENCE GRIPS ITALY

ITALY'S long-simmering government crisis has come to the boil as factional violence left two dead, dozens wounded, two critically — and party offices wrecked by fire bombs. After two youths belonging to the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) were shot dead in Rome on Saturday night by unknown gunmen.

Hundreds of MSI supporters roved the streets of Rome smashing and burning cars and attacking left-wingers.

Police shot one right-wing rioter in the head.

There were also clashes in Milan, Trieste, Terni and Cagliari and firebombings at a Naples theatre, the Rome apartment of left-wing journalist, Felice La Rocca and a Communist Party office in the capital.

Politicians were dismayed by the murders and rioting, as they had hoped for a calm atmosphere for talks on reshaping the government.

Four of the six parties forming their ruling coalition, led by Christian Democrat Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti have called for a rethink and three of them want to see communists in the government.

The running battles in Rome have raised the political tension and party leaders have voiced their concern.

MSI Secretary-General Giorgio Almirante said the situation was "grave".

The Christian Democrat newspaper Popolo went so far as to speak of an attempt to start a civil war. Left-wing Rome's Mayor Giulio Carlo Aragan said the violence had been unleashed by "manipulated elements".

- 2 DEAD
- DOZENS WOUNDED

Uranuim plant for Japan by 1981

JAPAN'S first pilot uranium enrichment plant will be completed by the end of fiscal 1981 in Western Japan at an estimated total cost of 50,000 million Yen (roughly 208 million dollars).

According to the governmental Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation, it will start full-scale operation with 7,000 centrifuges in fiscal 1981, ending in March 1982, turning out three per cent enriched uranium at an annual rate of about 10 tons.

The plant will be constructed at Ningyo Pass on the border of Okayama and Tottori prefectures.

The centrifuges will enrich natural uranium containing 0.7 per cent fissionable uranium 235 to a 2.5—3.0 per cent concentration.

The plant will feature the corporation's own economical integrated refining method called the "PNC Process" to produce UF6, the raw material of enriched uranium.

GDR backs liberation fronts

THE German Democratic Republic is supporting the struggle against apartheid and racism and for the implementation of the right to self-determination of the peoples in southern Africa with all means at its disposal.

This was reaffirmed by Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) Central Committee and Chairman of the state Council of the German Democratic Republic in talks with Sam Nuloma, President of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) of Namibia.

The GDR leader said that in the long run genuine liberation of these countries could not be stopped by neo-colonialist "new strategies" of imperialism, either.

Erich Honecker expressed his certainty that Namibia which in its struggle can rely on the support of the community of socialist states, will successfully continue on the road to national liberation.

Sam Nujoma thanked the SED and the people of the GDR for the effective political, diplomatic and material support rendered to his people's liberation struggle.

Plight of Overseas Chinese

CHINA has promised a "new look" in its relations with the Overseas Chinese and has scheduled a national conference to discuss their affairs.

Returned overseas Chinese suffered considerably in China during the Cultural Revolution, losing their special privileges and in many cases being actively persecuted by the Red Guards.

The new post-Mao Leadership blames these tribulations on the "Gang of Four" radicals headed by Mao Tse-Tung's widow Chiang Ching.

The "Gang of Four" has become the scapegoat for everything and anything that is wrong in China today. But certainly the troubles that beset the overseas Chinese started with the Cultural Revolution in 1966 and can therefore with some justification be laid to the door of the radicals.

The official New China News Agency has accused the radicals of "completely negating the achievements of the administration of overseas Chinese affairs in the first 17 years after the founding of New China" in [illegible] words prior to 1966.

SEARCH FOR REVENUE A... FOR...

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If, the federal autonomy of Nigerian states within the Federation is to be realistic as highlighted in the 1960 Nigerian constitution, then each state has a crucial say in their affairs including land ownership and revenue accruing therefrom.

In Uyo, in the Cross River State, the Weekly Times International of 29th August, 1977 was reported quoting "various community leaders" as saying: "land is the wealth of the people on which they depend for their existence and means of sponsoring the education of their children". The leaders, it was reported, were opposed to any move by the FMG to nationalise land in the Cross Rivers State.

The Sultan of Sokoto and four other traditional rulers in Sokoto were reported by the same weekly in their submission to the panel on June 30, 1977 to have condemned the uniform land policy being proposed by some people in this country and had branded the proposal as "very dangerous."

The Lagos State Government in its memorandum was reported to have submitted: "We must emphasise and warn that any attempt to impose new land system on this state will be an anathema to peace, order and good government in our society."

The Oba of Benin, Akenzua II was reported to have warned that "the traditional land ownership system in his area must not be tampered with". From the Yoruba, it was reported "regard land as part of a man's total existence. To them land has an utilitarian value and in this sense" he who owns the land has the wealth and the power".

Furthermore, the Alafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi was reported to have told the Land use Panel: "A traditional ruler rules over three important things — the land, the people and their traditional customs".

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Now having regard to the right of communities or individuals to own land and control such lands ... how does the Federal Government now propose and own the deposits on those lands without doing any damages to them?

It would obviously amount to the historical "pound of flesh" and "no drop of blood".

This is the basis of the principle of derivation which as has been propounded by notable Federal Finance Experts like K.J. Mas and a host of others, was designed for developing economies. It was as a result of the traditional land ownership systems in those economies that "derivation" came to play a major role in revenue allocation exercises.



OBA OF BENIN
Akenzua II

All along the Federal Government has made no solid arrangements to make compensations payable on those lands being prospected upon reasonable and perpetual. And yet villages in the petroleum lands of the Rivers, Bendel, Cross River and Imo states eek their living from the proceeds of those lands.

Fishing rights and possibilities have been denied them. Even the Petroleum Decree 1969 is equally empty and designed of course by colonialists with their usual exploitative expertise.

In fact there is no law binding oil companies as against hazards of pollution and desertification in the areas being prospected.

A case cited in international law may lend credence to our plight. "In the Trail Smelter Arbitration (1935) a privately owned factory in British Columbia, seven miles from the frontier between Canada and the US emitted Suphur dioxide fumes from its chimney to the damage of crops in the United States. The Arbitral Tribunal set up by the two states to resolve the dispute,



by Dr O. E. Osundu

besides awarding damages for the loss caused, also stated that "no state has the right to make or permit the use of its Territory in such a way to allow fumes to cause damage to the territory of another state if such use has serious consequences and if the damages caused is clearly and convincingly evidenced".

Again, the Cantons of Soleure V. Argovie (Swiss Federal Tribunal, 1906) which concerned the setting up of a rifle range in the Canton of Argovie, thus endangering the lives of persons within a portion of the Canton of Soleure), it was held that, "No State may use the lives of persons lawfully present in the adjoining territory of another state.

In the Nigerian context therefore, the Oil Companies can be held responsible for the hazards to which people living in the producing areas of this Country are exposed.

Hazards:

What is the case for the Oil producing States of Nigeria with regards to Oil exploration hazards?

It is to be noted that for the origin of petroleum more educated opinion have accepted the organic theory. Thus petroleum is considered to be a product of dual process.

Petroleum is a mixture of substances which are compounds of hydrogen and carbons (hydrocarbons). Such hydrocarbons are formed in living things and some being formed through the reduction of other matter during diagenesis.

The flesh to this Theory is not far to seek. Rivers do not only carry masses of sediments to the sea, but also carry large quantities of microscopic plants and animal life.

In addition great volumes of tiny plant and such animal life as live in the sea water often settle at the bottom of the sea, even fishermen and farmers assist in this process. Day by day over a span of thousands of years new deposits are disseminated in layers on the sea bed. It is a continuous process.

Under the over burdening weight of these deposits, the sea floor is compelled to sink by Degrees. Not only that even the muds and sands at the sea botom become squeezed up resulting in the formation of of what are known as sedimentary rocks. Thus it has come to be known that virtually all sedimentary rocks bea...

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THE development of higher education is being given a high priority in Nigeria's development planning. Under the current Third National Development Plan 1975—80, seven (7) new Universities are being established in addition to the existing six (6). Five (5) of the new ones started operation last year while the remaining two (2) are scheduled to commence lectures this academic session.

by A Correspondent

During this Plan period, efforts are also being concentrated towards consolidation and expansion of the older six Universities so as to facilitate training of needed manpower and to permit maximum utilization of facilities.

In order to fulfil this national development objectives, the National Universities Commission set up the Academic Planning Group and Physical Planning Group to advise the Commission on matters relating to the academic and physical development of each of the universities. These Groups have completed their works and submitted their reports.

To ensure the orderly development of these higher institutions, which is one of the main objectives of the Commission, a considerable force of trained manpower is needed to service the various faculties of the new ones and also to man the expanded programmes of the older ones.

It has been estimated that about 2,500 new staff will have to be recruited to meet this massive expansion programme in the field of higher education. The Commission estimates that only about 1,000 of these could be produced locally, while the remaining will have to be recruited from abroad.

Improvement and development of the post graduate training facilities in the older universities for the production of more indigenous university teachers will no doubt make the country less dependent on overseas institutions. But to achieve this, much will depend on the senior staff and training facilities available, as well as the ability to attract suitable candidates to pursue post-graduate courses.

With this in mind, and in order to make the Federal Government's ambitious programmes on higher education a reality, the National University Commission has adopted a number of measures to combat some of the problems envisaged during the initial development of the new universities.

One of such areas which the NUC has actively pursued is the promotion of linkages between Nigerian universities and overseas universities. Such linkages both at home and abroad would not only provide assistance in staff procurement... also offer ... In the ca... Nigerian ... their you... parts.

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EQUITABLE LOCATION ULA

They only decompose in the presence of temperature, pressure, and bacteria into several hydrocarbons a mixture known today as petroleum.

Even today, the earth continues to be subject to such natural forces as rain, wind, temperature, sea and river movements continuously modifying the earths surface.

Tectonic movements also play their part. Stresses bring deep strata of sediments into compaction. The sediments bend, twist, break and are deformed into several different structures.

Thus from the different shapes, sizes and types of these structures, geological "Traps" which provide reservoirs for petroleum accumulation are formed.

Hydrocarbons: Properties

What then are the properties of hydrocarbons as agents of mineral oil formation?

Hydrocarbons with up to two carbons known as methane and ethane are gases at room temperature and pressure. Those having three and four carbons known as propane and butane are also gases but these easily turn into liquid (liquifiable petroleum gases or LPG) when subjected to severe pressure.

Thus natural hydrocarbons cannot be said to be only serious complex mixtures of hydrogens and carbons but are also known to contain numerous impurities such as carbon-dioxide, hydrogen sulfide and other complicated compounds of nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen.

So far, no tool has ever been invented to search for Hydrocarbons directly. This explains why oil exploring companies search for hydrocarbons through "permeable rocks". It is a process of trails by errors. This means discovery could be sudden and unexpected.

In the event of an unexpected find, splashes and fumes of unidentifiable gases and impurities such as mentioned above become lose in the environmental space to the detriment of plants crops fishes and human lives.

It is on record that the oil prospecting companies in the Rivers and Bendel States took these forms. Crude oil gas flare are common features in these areas.

Oil Exploration: After effects

It is little wonder therefore that Olobiri one of the earliest mineral oil centres of Nigeria no longer can flood the markets with plantains and fish as was the case before the oil finds there.

On estimation, Olobiri and surrounding areas of Yenagoa alone supplied more than half million tons of plantains and one quarter million tons of fish annually to the state markets. Today, people in these areas live on ice fish, chilled meat and food items from Imo State in particular.

The fish yielding creeks of that area have been



PROF. O. ABOYADE — Chairman, Revenue Allocation Panel.

blocked and polluted considerably. Plantain and cocoyam now hardly grow and when they do, only in dwarf forms producing "Kwashiorkor" formed yellowish fruits unfit for consumption.

Fumes of carbon, hydrogen, sulfur, nitrogen, sulfides have rashly sapped up the plant chlorophyll contents of the crops leaves. They permeate the soil and exterminate the root crops.

A number of legal actions on devastations on creeks, crops and lives brought by the Community against the Shell-BP were simply dismissed by the courts since the Petroleum Decree 1969 made no legal provisions for such permanent damages.

Prior to the oil exploration in the Olobiri areas of the State, Olobiri was a peasant community. Today, that community has remained even poorer, and with virtually no food to eat. Their migration into Port Harcourt has become the resultant alternative. Yet, she remains a major seat of oil production in the country.

The Orbonoin community is the seat of the Shell-BP Enwe Oil stations no longer has her traditional timber, farm and fish products. These trees have all been felled and the growth of young trees are nipped in the bud due to fumes of oils.

The oil pipelines go through the Enwe Obuno-bu Ingwa Iwealo creeks, Orashi river and Okon lakes with the resultant oil leaks spreading on these waters — Thus exterminating fishes in them.

These waterway sources are no longer passable by the canoes usually used for fishing. Besides the loss of fishing rights, farmers can no longer work on good eight hours on their farms due to air pollution from the oils.

Two oil wells were opened in the Enwe locations, and the third one is being opened at this moment. Of course more danger looms ahead for the impoverished villagers. This community produced over 5 million cubic feet of export timber between 1950 and 1952.

The Enwe and the other creeks produced annually over 120,000 tons of fresh and dried fish, and about half million tons of yams, plantains, cocoyams, sweet potatoes, sugar cane and thatching materials annually prior to the production of oil from that community.

Today they make thorough bush roads to Ahoada and Elcha to buy these products at uneconomic prices. Even wild life suitable for food no longer exist in the oil rich areas.

There are no roads in the area and even those made through communal efforts have been damaged by heavy oil company trucks.

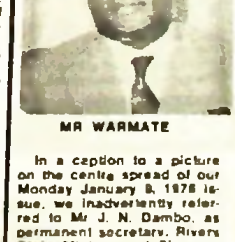
Environmental experts agree that oil fumes would create air pollution equivalent to those possible with a million cars in a given area. Thus in the areas mentioned above a natural geography has been dangerously distorted.

Other case files:

When pipelines were to be laid for the Alaskan Oils in the United States the Alaskan State demanded by law that stringent environmental controls be inserted into the agreement and the letters of the agreement be adhered to before such constructions could be allowed the oil companies.

To Be Continued

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MR WARMATE

In a caption to a picture on the centre spread of our Monday January 9, 1978 issue, we inadvertently referred to Mr J. N. Dambo, as permanent secretary, Rivers State Ministry of Finance. Mr Dambo is actually the permanent secretary of the state Ministry of Information.

The substantive permanent secretary of the Ministry of Finance is Mr V. A. G. Warmate in our picture above.

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
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OBS Jingle	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You/Next Step	"
07.20	Mid Week Treat	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Efik, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP CGR
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Melody Tide (Comm)	RSP CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion Feature	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Atoke Taru (Bwerre Mag. Programme) Onu-ula (Ekpeye Mag. Programme)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Jeke Bus	"
14.30	Dzen Otu Ibe	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Beat For Junta	RSP CGR
15.30	State News in English, Bwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk (Rep 1919)	"
16.15	Count Down	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Ijaw, Isoko and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Lets discuss	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and You	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Window on the World	"
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	Lit (In the Languages)	RSP TAPE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	Our own music on records	RSP CGR
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, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
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21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Relax With	"
21.15	Sports Main Points	"
21.30	Fixtures	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Stick	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the masters	RSP TAPE
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My Favourites	LIVE CGR
	DUTY ANNOUNCER	
23.13	Evening Worship (Hausa Tiv)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP LIVE

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2.00	News in Brief
2.05	Space 1999
3.00	Weekend Extravaganza
4.00	Sports (NP)
5.00	Youth Forum
7.30	World News
7.45	Papers Today
8.05	N.Y.P.D.
8.30	Issues of the Day (NP)
9.00	Network News
9.25	Papers Today
9.30	Show of the Week
10.30	Weekend Movie
12.00	News Summary.

FREETOWN GETS MAYORESS

by Ola Jessons

WOMEN have played an impressive part in Sierra Leone's political life in the past, though ironically there is at present no woman sitting on the benches in parliament.

The last time a woman MP graced the House was before Parliament was dissolved in March last year for the May general elections, elections which saw Paramount Chief Madam Honoria Bailoh Caulker lose her seat.

So, when it was announced that Freetown, the capital, was to go to the polls once more, this time for elections to the Freetown City Council, it was not really surprising that women should take to the streets in their thousands to get one of their sex in.

Their first success was at the party level, when they persuaded the ruling All Peoples Congress Party (APC) to adopt five women candidates among the thirty-two the party was presenting for the same number of seats in the Council.

The APC women got ready to do battle with the opposition Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) at the November elections, but then the SLPP announced that it was boycotting the elections in protest at allegedly high-handed methods the government party had used in past elections. As a result, all APC candidates, including the five women, gained their seats unopposed.

The big question then was who would be the mayor; rumours rapidly began to blossom. Among the 32 councillors were two medical doctors, three teachers, and a number of other prominent professionals including a director of the Central Bank, but no one, at the time, was counting on a woman mayor.

In the 1960's, a woman Constance Cummings John, had, for the first time donned the mayoral robes in an SLPP-dominated Council, but since 1968 there had been a male mayor and two Chairmen of a Committee of Management which administered the Council until last year.

This time, however, the women of Freetown had a lot up their sleeves.

On the eve of the mayoral elections at the Council they marched along the streets of the capital in demonstrations led by the women's organisation of the APC, demanding a woman as mayor.

The name which emerged was Dr June Holst-Roness, a medical doctor who was representing Freetown West III. The women got a good deal of Press publicity, and seemingly drowned the male councillors and their supporters with chants and shouts.

Other women from all parts of the city soon joined them in a night vigil, and on Friday, November 18, the roads leading to the Town Hall in the heart of Freetown, where the elections were to take place that afternoon, were jammed with colourfully dressed women and girls.

Hundreds of the women occupied the seats of the Council, and when Dr June Holst-Rooess was nominated, they set off a roar of support which could be heard half a mile away.

Town Clerk, Mr Fergusson, who was conducting the election, finally restored some peace, and enquired whether there were more nominations; to which hundreds of female voices responded in a deafening "No!". The male councillors, apparently cowed, gave up.

The Freetown Municipal Council was created in 1893 by English Royal Charter.

The council has kept to its traditions throughout the years to administrate the affairs of the city with a good deal of independence and initiative, and the new mayor has pledged to back the Ministry of Health in keeping Freetown clean and healthy.

She has also pledged to make Freetown what it once was — "the Athens of West Africa" — and has outlined a number of programmes including the completion of the New Town Hall building by the North Koreans, the upkeeping of parks and fountains, and the erection of new markets.

It is an arduous task, but Mayor June Holst-Rooess knows she has the backing of more than 250,000 women of Freetown, not to mention about the same number of men who simply worship her beauty and charm.

Your questions answered

by Sister Elizabeth Kwofie

Q: I am about five months pregnant and I have only just discovered to my horror the presence of several pulish silvery marks on my abdomen and thigh muscles. What are these, and what can one do to prevent or get rid of them altogether?

A: LOA, ROA, LOP, ROP, vulva, Lochia and umbilicus.

A: LOA, ROA, LOP, ROP: are simply groups of initials used to describe a baby's position in his mother's womb. For example, LOA stands for left Occiput Anterior, which means that the baby's head is to the left, with the back of the skull, the occiput, towards the front. All these positions are considered perfectly normal.

The vulva refers to the external part of a woman's sex organs, while the lochia is the normal blood loss from the vagina a woman experiences after the birth of a child.

The umbilicus, commonly called the navel, refers to the scar left on the baby's abdomen after birth, when the cord has been cut.

Q: What is meant by "caking" of the breast?

A: "Caking" of the breast means that milk has not been emptied from one of the sections of the breast and makes a firm lump which may be lightly tendered. It is usually relieved when the milk is expressed by hand or when the baby nurses (sucks) well.

A: These are stretch marks which are really small scars caused by splitting of the inner layer of the skin as it stretches to accommodate the enlarging womb and the extra fat which is laid down during pregnancy. Nothing entirely can prevent the marks from appearing but they can be minimised as a rule if a little olive oil or lanolin cream is massaged into the tummy and thighs every day — preferably after your daily bath.

Once they have appeared these marks never disappear entirely. But they do fade with time and are barely noticeable.

Q: Can you please explain the meaning of the following technical terms so far used by the local midwife. And believe me some of them do sound alarming: LOA, ROA, LOP, ROP, vulva, Lochia and umbilicus.

'SOLDIERS MUSN'T GO TO OUR SCHOOLS'

WE published part of the resolution adopted by the National Union of Rivers State Students (NURSS) at their recent 11th Annual Convention in Port Harcourt in which they, among other things, commended the Rivers State Government for its avowed stand on the existing secondary schools fee structure in the state.

The students in their resolution were also vehemently opposed to proponents of revenue allocation based on the principle of population "because this country's population has never been correctly estimated. And if the occurrence of oil at Oloibiri is accidental, then the fact that cocoa grows at Ondo or date palm at Sokoto and not at Okrika is equally an accident of nature".

In the concluding part of their resolution today, the students point out why it is irrational for the Federal Military Government to post soldiers to post-primary institutions in the name of helping to maintain discipline.

In as much as the eradication of indiscipline is the responsibility of every Nigerian and any fight against indiscipline should be wholly supported, we beg to disagree with the Federal Government on its stand on the posting of soldiers to schools for the purpose of effecting discipline.

Are we being told that our secondary schools epitomize indiscipline and therefore if our schools are "attacked" indiscipline will be destroyed?

By directing its fireworks at the secondary schools where it is assumed indiscipline is laying its eggs in one basket, the government has indicated that it has not been able to identify the location of indiscipline in our society; hence applying the wrong cure.

We can as well post soldiers to all families in the country to effect discipline in the home or is the home not the breeding ground for these children in the schools?

Indiscipline and corruption originate from the type of socio-economic system that the country operates. It therefore stands to fact that the most rational approach to curbing indiscipline in our society is the over-haul of our socio-economic system.

The government should approach the matter from this point and not through the invasion of secondary schools that house innocent students who only join the decaying system after their career.

Taking cognisance of the ineptitude displayed by the Public Relations Officer of the 1976/77 National Executive in the person of Mr A. K. S. Manuel with respect to his official duties and his conspicuous absence in the 11th Annual convention of the Union, a vote of no-confidence was unanimously passed on him and thereby relieved of his post as the Public Relations Officer of the Union with immediate effect.

Finally, we as usual continue to pledge our loyalty and unflinching support to the government in her efforts to build a strong, united and hardworking society.

At the end of the three-day convention the 1976/77 executive was dissolved and a new one elected.

Details of the election results were:

President-General: Mr Athanasius Tomonimieye Tamunosala, University of Lagos.

Secretary-General: Mr Gordon Harry Bristol, Univ. of Lagos.

Asst. Sec.-General: Mr Bee Naanen, Univ. of Nigeria.

Treasurer: Miss Ibiolu Crawford George, Univ. of Ife.

Public Relations Officer: Mr Zibabo Ebiye, Univ. of Calabar.

Social Secretary: Mr Igonibo Awoloya-Ico Univ. of Maiduguri.

Sports Secretary: Mr Anthony Nwachukwu, Univ. of Calabar.

Auditor: Mr Nnanna Onyetwere, Univ. of Calabar.

Results of the election reveal that the National secretariat is currently at the University of Lagos since it is traditional that a University which wins the presidential and Secretary's offices hosts the secretariat.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Chimobade C. Godfrey, on his second birthday.



Chimondopeddon Godfrey, on his fourth birthday



Miss Esther A.O. Deo-Pedro on her first birthday

COREN

COUNCIL OF REGISTERED ENGINEERS OF NIGERIA

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS WITH ENGINEERING TRAINING FACILITIES

Commencing from February 1978, the Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria will undertake visitations to engineering training facilities within Nigeria, for the purposes of compiling a register for the post-qualification practical training which may be approved by Council for the engineer and the technician.

Council will determine the scope and content of applicable useful training, in each discipline of engineering, which may be received by a trainee within the first, second and third years of post qualification.

Where approval of Council is not given to existing training facilities, Council's visitation teams will advise on the areas of deficiencies and suggest solutions.

The future training of the engineer, and subsequently of the technician as soon as applicable, will be accepted by Council for the purposes of registration to practise the profession, only in respect of training received in facilities approved by the Council.

Employers with engineering training facilities, indigeneous and foreign owned, are therefore invited to cooperate with COREN, both in the interest of the nation and of the engineering functions and services which they themselves provide, by requesting the undersigned for the appropriate COREN forms to be completed and returned, so that the Council may place their names on the programme of visitations.

Consulting, Contracting and Manufacturing firms, particularly alien-controlled, are strongly advised that failure to offer themselves for COREN visitations may result in future difficulties for them to employ any Nigerian technicians and engineers for their engineering projects and services.

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COREN, Lagos.

Please send COREN guidelines and forms for participation in the visitations of engineering training facilities

Name of Establishment/Company .....

Full Mailing Address.....

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Title of contact Officer.....

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA TEACHING HOSPITAL
P.M.B. 1129, ENUGU

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF HOSPITAL STORES FOR 1978/79

Tenders are invited from reputable firms, Organisations and Individuals operating in Nigeria for the supply of the following Hospital Stores:-

(a) Stationery Items
(b) Household Materials
(c) Medical Surgical Instruments and Sundries
(d) Laboratory Materials including Chemicals and Reagents.
(e) X-Ray Films
(f) Medical Records Forms Cards Wallets.

2. Tenderers are required to pay N50.00 (fifty naira) non-refundable deposit to the Chief Accountant in respect of each of the above schedules and present their receipts to the Chief Supplies and Stores officer before collecting the schedules.

3. Tenderers are required to furnish details of the type of items they intend to supply and possibly support same with brochures and catalogues where necessary.

4. Completed Tenders in sealed envelopes and marked "CONFIDENTIAL—Tender for Supply of Hospital Stores for 1978/79" are to be addressed to the:

Ag. Director of Administration,
U.N.T.H.,
P.M.B. 1129,
ENUGU

and should reach him not later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 28th February, 1978.

5. The Hospital is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender, and no tender would be considered without a photocopy of the receipt for the non-refundable deposit attached.

Sgd. C. A. AGWUNOBI.
Ag. Director of Administration.

SPLOSNA PLOVBA PIRAN
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRANSPORT

Wish to inform their trading partners that they are introducing 'Container Service' with container vessels from and to Mediterranean to and from West Africa.

Regular container line will start to operate in January 1978 and the first loading in Piraeus will take place between 8th and 14th January 1978 with M/V 'Atalanta'.

Container vessels will regularly call at:
— In Mediterranean: A Yugoslav port, Piraeus, Livorno and (optional) Marseilles.
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CONVOCATION CEREMONIES, JANUARY 1978

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday, 14th January 1978:

10.00 a.m. Launching of the Alumni Hall Fund at the Education Hall to be followed by a Reception for Guests and Alumni at the Quadrangle of the Faculty of Education Administration Block.

Tuesday, 17th January, 1978:

12.30 p.m. Opening by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi of an exhibition of academic and art works by members of staff and students of the University of Lagos in the University Library.

Thursday, 19th January 1978:

5.00 p.m. Inaugural Lecture entitled THE HERO AS A VILLAIN to be delivered by Professor J. P. Clark, B.A. (London) (Professor of English) at the Education Hall.

8.00 p.m. Concert to be given by the Southern Sammy Chamber Chorus from West Germany (Prof. Willi Trader, Director) and the Lai Ekwueme National Chorale (Dr. Lai Ekwueme, Director) in the Arts Theatre.

Friday 20th January 1978:

9.00 a.m. Congregation for the award of Diplomas and Certificates and Presentation of Prizes at the Library Water-front.

Saturday, 21st January 1978:

9.00 a.m. Congregation for the conferment of Honorary Degrees, Higher Degrees and First Degrees at the Library Waterfront.

9.00 p.m. Graduation Dance at the Students Dining Hall, Main Campus.

N.B. GRADUANDS SHOULD PLEASE NOTE THAT PRESENTATION OF PRIZES IS ON FRIDAY 20TH NOT SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMUNIQUE OF THE
NIGERIA NATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
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The Nigeria National Committee of the West African Examinations Council ended its two-day meeting in Kaduna today.

Before the meeting rose, the Committee took the following decisions inter alia:

1. The Committee endorsed the proposals of the Staff to decentralise the arrangements for the marking of scripts with a view to creating more marking zones in the Country thereby bringing the marking zones closer to the examiners and shortening the period for the release of results.
2. The Committee condemned the incidence of leakage in the May/June 1977 School Certificate examination. Members however expressed satisfaction that no staff of the Council was involved in the leakage. The Committee also commended the staff for conducting many other examinations during the year without any leakage, including the G.C.E. Examination for private candidates recently concluded.
3. The Committee resolved to recommend to the main Council the removal of subject-group requirements in the award of the School Certificate.
4. Finally, the Committee expressed appreciation to the Registrar and his staff for the efficient way they handle the very heavy responsibilities of their assignment in spite of various handicaps.

Issued by:
THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT,
WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL,
YABA.
16th December, 1977.

Oporoma wrestling competition ends

AS traditional Wrestling has started to gain grounds in the Rivers State the people of Oporoma District in the Yenagoa Local Government Authority area completed one of such contests at Oporoma last weekend.

The contest which was organised by the Oporoma Wrestling Association featured over 36 wrestlers from the area.

The bouts which started at early as 10 a.m. ended by 6 p.m. after eliminating bouts of 3 rounds of 3 minutes each.

At the end of the bouts Ibo O. Ibogi of Otuan became the champion by defeating Gbam-bolou Gotai after two draws and felling him in the third bout.

by
Kee Douglas

He received a gold trophy estimated at N668 and a cash price of N300.00.

Charles Isaiah and Nevers-die tied for the second position and shared a cash price of N200.00 while the third place went to Walter Monday and Saturday Ekeleil both shared 100 naira.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony the donor of the trophy, chief Parker Osunawei urged various communities in Oporoma District to form wrestling clubs for the encouragement of the sport among youths.

"By the establishment of various clubs in the area it will help to promote good relationship within the communities", he added.

...N500 money-prize at stake



Picture shows the N668 gold trophy donated to the Oporoma district for wrestling championship by chief Parker Osunawei

Tidesport

AT TTC GAMES: OGUN HAND OUT 1-0 TO BENUE

OGUN State football team last week-end, defeated their Benue State counterpart by 1—0 in the all Nigeria teachers training colleges games currently taking place in Kaduna at the Police College ground.

The first half of the game ended 0 — 0. In the second half, Ogun State recorded their first and only goal. Benue played hard at the Ogun State goal mouth but did not succeed in recording an equaliser.

—from—
Edward Alyemgn
Kaduna

...Rivers, Niger States. out

In the second match, played at the same venue, Bendel State beat Rivers State by 2 goals to 1.

In the 42nd minute of the first half, Bendel State recorded their first goal through a penalty kick taken by their goal keeper.

The first half ended with Bendel State leading by their lone goal.

In the second half, Bendel State again broke through Rivers State defence and in the 26th minute of play they notched home their second goal.

Rivers State which gained complete control of the game in the second half, played hard for goals and succeeded in recording their first and only goal in the 42nd minute.

At the stage, both sides became more determined but Bendel ended it with 2 — 1 against Rivers State.

In the same venue Plateau State defeated Niger State by 7 — 1. In the first half, Plateau state was holding by two goals to one.

The second half took another shape, Niger State made several efforts which equated scores at 3 — 3.

Penalty kicks were awarded but it was Plateau State that had the upperhand.

PAUL WIFA SPEAKS ON IMPORTANCE OF LEAGUE

The zonal sports secretary for Ijaw, Mr. Paul Dum Wifa, has spoken of the importance of the Bolga zonal inter-state Football league matches and results going on in the area.

Mr. Paul Dum Wifa observed that the competition is being organised by the Divisional sports council at first under the auspices of the Rivers State Wing of the Nigerian Football Association.

According to Mr. Wifa the aim of the league is to help in selecting a clubside to represent the zone in next year's main league.

It will also help to spotlight outstanding players for the next Challenge and National Leagues competitions.

It is a commonly-held fact that Bolga in the home of sports so far as Rivers State is concerned. We are confident, by this league, aiming to reflect recent situation in the world, Mr. Wifa declared with satisfaction.

Everything about organisation of the league is smoother than a conventional high-way. Neutral referees are provided while security men also safeguard the action of matches from any act of indiscipline.

The matches are being played in three centres daily. These are police, IMSUS and Bolga Club playgrounds, all within Bolga Metropolis.

A total of twenty four (24) football clubs in Bolga are participating in the League that includes corresponding clubs like semi-finalist Primrose of Kpeng City Carpet Shoppers of Dere, Shooting Stars of Kpeng, the Young Angles of Bolga Odiama into the Peling zone, the Army team and the Shooter Dynamic of Kono.



THE zonal league matches took off in various local government areas of the state late last year. Our Cameraman, Mr. Ibiok Okata, recorded this scene in one of the zones.

Africa Cup Winners Cup competition in jeopardy?

Tidesport

. . . Chief Lekan Salami speaks out

Unless the National Sports Commission settles an outstanding debt totalling about N105,500 to the Oyo State Sports Council before this year's African Cup Winners cup competition commences, the nation may not be represented in the competition.

This is because the Oyo State Football Association now finds it difficult to receive further assistance from the state sports council to prosecute projects.

The amount represents the expenses which the Oyo State Sports Council spent on both the IICC "shooting wars" and the Water Corporation clubs during their campaign for continental competitions in 1976 and 1977.

Addressing a press conference in Ibadan at the weekend, the chairman of the Oyo State football Association, Chief

From Iyiola Lawal, Ibadan

Lekan Salami, spoke of the deliberate refusal of the National Sports Commission to settle the debt despite repeated demands.

Chief Salami who ruled out any court action to collect the debt from the commission warned "if the money is not paid, there will certainly be crisis and we will not take things low".

He regretted that the commission had refused to honour its promise to the state Sports Council and asked "if there is no money with what are we going to groom the players to their present standard".

The chairman wondered why the NSC had found it difficult to pay the debt when it made over N200,000 in the matches played in Lagos and Kaduna during the National League and Challenge cup series with a total expenditure of less than N6,000.

Chief Salami also wanted an agreement between the NFA and the commission "whether to leave us to go all on our own and have the matches played in Ibadan."

He added "you have to choose one. Whatever you are paying us your debt, you have to add 10% interest. This is the normal procedure in any monetary transaction."

The chairman also demanded that disciplinary measures should be taken against both the Rocca Rovers and Taraba Football Clubs for what he said, committed indiscipline, which the two clubs exhibited during the last national engagements.

He stated this was necessary in order to avoid similar occurrences in future.



CHIEF LEKAN SALAMI
Chairman, Oyo State Football Association

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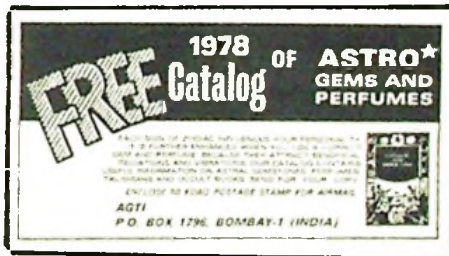
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Rivers State

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The Secretary,
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3. The Nigerian Ports Authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

(A. Ike. Okoye),
Secretary to the Authority.

N.P.A. Notice No. 3068
Dated 13th December, 1977.

Mohammed Ali indoor athletics meeting results now out

RESULTS of the Mohammed Ali invitation indoor athletics meeting held in Long Beach, California are now out.

60 metres hurdles: 1st Houston Mckear 6.54 (new world record) 2nd Steve Riddick 6.62 3rd Harvey Glance 6.68.

400 metres: 1st Derald Harris 47.19, 2nd Willie Smith 47.19; 3rd Brian Saunders (Canada, 48.61.

500 metres: 1st Herman Frazier 1:01. 3 (new world record); 2nd Benny Brown 1.02 0; 3rd Jeremiah Ongwae (Kenya, new Kenyan record)

800 metres: 1st Mark Belger 1.48. 7 2nd Mike Boit (Kenya) 1.48.9 3rd David Ononowura (Kenya) 1.4th Sammy Kipketui (Kenya) 1.49.7

1500 metres: 1st Wilson Waigwa (Kenya) 3.38.0; 2nd Paul Cummings 3.39.4 (New United States Record); 3rd Dick Buerkle 3: 40.0; 4th Filbert Bayi (Tanzania) 3.41.9; 5th Frank Hartal (G.B. 3.46.1.

3000 metres: 1st Nick Rose (G.B.) 7.48. 6, 2nd Suleiman Nyambui (Tanzania) 7: 56. 9, 3rd Duncan Macdonald 7.58 8: 020, 5th Samson Kimobwa (Kenya) 8.05.0, 6th, Ed Laddy (Ireland)

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NIGERIAN TIDE

Wednesday, January 11, 1978

Council suspended

THE Ogun State Government has suspended the Abeokuta Local Government Council for failing to hold its monthly meetings for three consecutive months.

Announcing the suspension, the state Military Governor's office said that the council had violated the provisions of the Local Government Edict of 1976, and that a management committee had been appointed with immediate effect to be headed by Mr E. V. O. Koleoso of the Military Governor's Office.

The announcement also stated that a tribunal would be set up to examine the cause of the failure of the council.



LT COL AYODELE BALOGN military governor, Ogun State

OBASANJO HITS OUT AGAIN

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LT GENERAL OBASANJO

THE Head of State, Lt General Olusegun Obasanjo has again warned that unless Nigeria seriously geared up her efforts in the area of technological development, she would for long a time remain a dumping ground, a sellers' paradise for the products of the technologically advanced countries of the world.

He regretted that despite the relatively high growth rate experienced by the country's manufacturing sector since independence progress in that sector was not as satisfactory as it should be.

The warning was contained in the Head of State's address on declaring open a national workshop on "Planning Strategy for the 1980s" which began at the University of Ibadan on Monday.

The address was read on behalf of the Head of State by the Military Governor of Oyo State, Brigadier David Jemibewon.

General Obasanjo pointed out that efforts of governments in recent years to promote indigenous participation in the development of the nation's economy and the resulting needs resulted because Nigerian business initiative was still largely concentrated in commerce, transport and services.

Castigating Nigerian businessmen for being slow in entering the manufacturing sphere the head of state said: "It is easier and more profitable to serve a local agent or distributor than some foreign manufacturing concern."

He added that Nigeria was fast becoming "a nation of agents and middlemen with the attendant easy money and conspicuous consumption."

The resultant in many simple industrial products which could and should be produced domestically still being imported, he added.

The Nigerian leader regretted that the nation's economy was still too much outward oriented for healthy, genuine development.

It is surprising that the economy is bedevilled by infrastructural bottlenecks, he said.

He told Nigerians that it was time they planned to take the economic destiny of the nation into their hands more vigorously than ever.

This was necessary because after almost two decades of independence and three development plans the nation was still so far from attaining national goals and objectives, he declared, adding that this indicated the need for a serious search for new directions and new planning strategies.

SCHOOL HEAD FIRED

THE principal of one of the Rivers State government girls' secondary schools has been suspended immediately without pay for "illegally" admitting 600 students.

The admissions range from classes one to five. The affected students have been ordered by the ministry of education to withdraw at once.

A release from the ministry in Port Harcourt on Monday says:

A REPORT of an illegal admission into one of the Rivers State government girls' secondary schools by the principal was received by the Ministry of Education recently. On investigation it was discovered that the principal had in fact, instigated the authority of the Ministry by admitting as many as 600 (six hundred) students illegally from classes one to five.

Discipline

None of these students has fulfilled the conditions laid down by the Rivers State Ministry of Education for admission into post-primary institutions.

All the students so illegally admitted have been ordered by the ministry of Education to leave the school forthwith, while the principal has been suspended immediately without pay by the Teaching Service Commission until a most suitable disciplinary action is determined for his misconduct.

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TINUBU SQUARE,
LAGOS.



Fire! fire!!

THE depot of Mosler Construction Company at Rumuigbo, in Obio Local Government Authority area near Port Harcourt, caught fire at mid-day on Sunday. Tanks of diesel oil were consumed by the fire. The source of the incident was not immediately known. Picture by Mike Omeruah.