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TWO SCHOOL BODIES CLASH

Engaged staff to wait

ALL appointments made by the Rivers State Schools Management Board from January 12, this year, have been nullified. This followed a disagreement between the Schools Management Board and the Teaching Service Commission.

The cancellation of the appointments was contained in a public notice by the secretary of the Teaching Service Commission in Port Harcourt challenging the Schools Management Board.

The commission noted that the management board had acted beyond its powers on the issue, pointing out that Edict No. 10 of 1973 establishing the board did not confer powers of appointment on it.

It re-emphasised that the Teaching Service Commission was the only body vested with authority to appoint all staff for the purpose of primary and post-primary institutions.

The commission therefore admonished members of the public wishing to take up appointments with the Schools Management Board to watch out for such advertisements by the state Teaching Service Commission.

The statement dated April 12, 1977 and signed by the commission's secretary reads in part: "This is to inform the general public that the advertise-

ment of staff vacancies published by the Rivers State Schools Management Board on January 12 and subsequent dates and all appointments so far made by the board are hereby cancelled".

"The Teaching Service Commission which is the only body empowered under the law to appoint all staff for the purpose of primary and post-primary institutions will soon come out with an advertisement for the filling of existing vacancies in the offices of the schools management board".

Contacted on the issue, the state Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West whose ministry has control over the two agencies said: "We have seen the publication and we are aware, but I am certain the matter will be resolved, and the situation contained".

Hotelier convicted

A Port Harcourt hotel proprietress, Angela Uderson was at the weekend fined a total of N1,300 with the alternative of six months' imprisonment for contravening the price control decree.

The sentence was handed down on her by Mr Justice Opebo-Inko-Tariah presiding at the Special Court.

The accused who is the owner of the Maryann Hotel Limited, situated at No 11 Eno-Abasi Street, D/line, Port Harcourt was charged along with her manager, Emmanuel Etuk and a waiter, Michael Udorn.

Earlier, the prosecution led by a state counsel, Mr Michael Raine, had told the court that the accused person sold a bottle of beer for 60k instead of 50k.

In the judgment, the court held that Angela was partly to the offence because it was on her directive that the business was run.

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Courtesy call

THE chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission, Chief M. O. Ani, paid a courtesy call on the Rivers State Military Governor, Colonel Zamani Lukwot at Government House, Port

Harcourt at the weekend. Picture shows Col Lukwot (right) exchanging views with Chief Ani (centre) while the Federal Electoral Commissioner for the state, Mr E. O. Ojiamah (left) stands.

HOARDED STAR BEER SEIZED

by Churchill Williams

Special case for women

The governments of Oyo, Ogun and Ondo states have agreed to review the recent deployment of married women civil servants in the three states.

This was sequel to a meeting of the military governors of the states held in Ibadan to iron out areas of misunderstanding which appeared to have emerged during the deployment exercise.

A release issued by the office of the military governor, Ibadan, noted that the action was taken to preserve the spirit of harmony and understanding among the states concerned.

Our correspondent writes that the meeting followed intervention of some well meaning personalities in the three states.

The disagreement arose mainly from the sharing of assets and determination liabilities among the three states.

SEVERAL cartons of beer and other essential commodities have been seized by price control inspectors from the Domino Company Limited at 30 Abu Road, Port Harcourt for alleged hoarding.

The impounded goods include 128 cartons larger Star beer, 70 cartons can Heinekens beer and four cartons Harp beer.

Others were 16 cartons Key soap, 203 cartons Sunlight soap, 25 cartons Rexona standard size,

cartons Lux standard size and 28 cartons small size, 363 cartons Aserso standard size, 76 cartons Astral standard and 39 small size, 635 cartons Omo large and 94 medium, four cartons Surf and 88 cartons Nestle can (baby food).

Reports said the store had told customers it had no beer to offer for sale before the raid.

Photograph right shows the heap of Star beer recovered from the store after the raid.



CORPS MEMBERS IMPRESS INSPECTOR

MEMBERS of the National Youth Service Corps, now in the second week of their community development programme in the Rivers State, have been commended for their hard work and dedication to service.

In his address to corps members at various community development project sites in the Port Harcourt area, the chief inspector in charge of the directorate division of the National Youth Service Corps, Mr A. I. Akinbosun expressed satisfaction with the quality of work done at the site he visited.

Mr Akinbosun, who was on a four day visit to the Rivers State, called on corps members to accept the challenges of the service in the spirit of the programme as embodied in the motto of the scheme — "Service and Humility".

He urged them to adjust to local environment and to mix freely with whatever community they served.

He, however, regretted the poor co-operation of certain communities with the corps members at some project sites and reminded community leaders that corps members were not government

labourers.

He, therefore, called on them to work hand-in-hand with corps members so that much more could be achieved.

Mr Akinbosun hoped that corps members would not be discouraged by whatever experiences they encountered. During his visit to project sites, Mr Akinbosun discussed corps members' problems with them and assured them that their problems are surmountable.

Mr Akinbosun left Port Harcourt today for Enugu, in continuation of his inspection tour.

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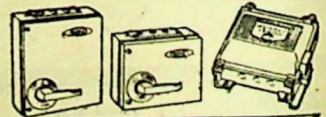
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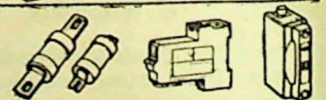
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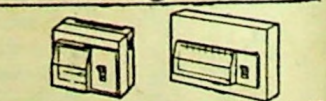
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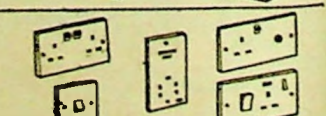
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EDITORIAL

WE MARCH ON (1)

THE 1977/78 budget of the Rivers State, announced by Col Zamani Lekwot, Military Governor of the state, reflects the determination of the government to shepherd the economy and ensure that the governed reap from the good planning of the government.

IT IS, to a large extent, a vindication of the corrective policy of the present military administration and it will go a long way to correct certain mistaken impressions in various parts of the world that Africans cannot effectively manage their affairs.

COL Lekwot aptly spelt it out while reviewing the government's activities for the financial year which ended March 31, 1977, when he said that the Project Implementation Committee established last financial year helped to ensure that actual physical performance corresponded with the theoretical financial expenditure attributed to the various projects.

Performance ratio

CONSEQUENTLY, the true performance ratio, he said, has been established at 72 per cent, which he rightly described as "an alpha performance ratio by any standards."

THE budget touched on a number of issues — food for the people, provision of more facilities for education, general social welfare advancement and provisions for better living accommodation for the people.

It is in fact a budget of confidence, and the government deserves a pat on the back for its prudent planning and careful husbanding of our finances.

A number of issues, however, needs to be looked into. The decision to phase out existing nursery schools and leave the field open to private enterprise subject to certain stipulated regulations is understandable, especially when the government has projected to spend an enormous amount of N61,883,810 on the Ministry of Education, the Scholarship Board, the Teaching Service Commission and subventions to educational institutions during the year, while expecting only N36,225,960 as Federal Government reimbursements in respect of the UPE and teacher training colleges.

Gigantic scheme

THE UPE is a gigantic scheme which has been causing much headache. Qualified teachers are not easy to come by and the infrastructure is hardly available, while many young persons who thirst for knowledge are finding it difficult to get schools.

Against this background that we agree with the government in its decision that nursery schools should go to private enterprise subject to stipulated government guidelines.

These conditions must however be spelt out and made public beforehand, so that we don't also make the mistake that nursery schools are schools for children of the elitist group.

TESTIMONIALS NOW COST N10 A PIECE

DESPITE the current Federal government's drive to rid the country of bribery and corruption, some unscrupulous headmasters who still are steeped in them.

Previously, testimonials are issued to successful candidates after completing their elementary school careers, before they receive their original school certificates from the Ministry of Education.

Now it is a common place and indeed most shocking to see most of our headmasters demanding N10 from pupils before issuing testimonials to them.

My question is — is it think the government should step in and put an end to all these malpractices by our headmasters? If not, then I think the government should step in and put an end to all these malpractices by our headmasters.

CONSTRUCT NDONI ROADS

May I use this opportunity to express the satisfactory feeling of the people of Ndoni area for her merger with the Rivers State?

We are grateful to that Nasir Boundary Adjustment Commission who after the enquiry discovered the plight of the area and excised her into the Rivers State as desired by the native people.

Since the National Youth Service Corps are stepped up 1977 Community Development projects as published in the Nigerian Tide of 4/77 page 5 (Nasir Corps members start Development projects) will road construction as one of the items. I suggest that they should carry the operations up to Ndoni area in Abiodun zones for the roads. It done to the towns are dreadful.

Lack of adequate transport facilities linking Ndoni and suburbs to the hinterland e.g. Amokwa, Abiodun, Shiofia, Oshokun etc deprived the area of progress, in the past years irrespective of the flourishing and booming markets of Ndoni, Oshokun, Oduqueri and Anikere to mention a few.

Ndoni and suburbs are typical riverine towns with seasonal flood starting from May every year.

The whole area is flooded

by September and October unless the Kainji Dam will help to resist the flood a bit.

The Rivers State Water Transport Service should therefore establish a base at Ndoni to provide transport for Government Officials with launches, dinghies, flying boats and out board engine boats.

This will also ease the conveyance of Government consignments like Office furniture, schools equipment and books etc during the flood.

The arable land yields crops profusely like, cassava, cocoyam, vegetable, spices, fruits, groundnuts as cash and consumable crops. Palm oil and palm Kernel are evacuated to the sea port of Barutu, Forcados and Warri for export.

Isala was once the seat and a part of the United Africa Company (U.A.C.) for this purpose.

Ndoni area is also rich with Mineral oil wealth including timber and canoe making.

While the Rivers State Government is trying its best to help the people of Ndoni area, we are looking forward to ushering the



They are supposed to set good examples to their pupils!

GABRIEL OTI
Port Harcourt

Niger Delta Basin Development Authority to help in the development of the area as published in page 10 of the Nigerian Tide of 4/4/77.

FLAG ODILI

Ndoni.

NBC and Sujiye Iboroma

For sometime now, the public has been prevented from hearing the voice of Mr Sujiye Iboroma over the radio network. My inquiries confirm that he is still with N.B.C. Port Harcourt but has been stopped from reading the news.

Please, I appeal to the officer in charge of N.B.C. Port Harcourt to bring Iboroma back.

If there is one man who has put life into your news, it is Iboroma.

The 3.30 p.m. news was popular and I know thousands who would run to their radio sets just to hear Iboroma's voice, whether they are Kalsbani or not.

The present 3.30 p.m. news is dull. Carry out a survey of those who tuned to your 3.30 p.m. news in the *Boarding days* and those who tune in today, you will find there is a decrease in the number it now attracts.

Someone once said the difference between the whites and the blacks is that the whites spot talents and encourage them, whereas the blacks see talents but suppress and frustrate them.

I hope the NBC Port Harcourt will not come into that statement?

The only way is to bring Iboroma back to read the news.

He knows what news passing is all about, the people need him, NBC cannot afford to ignore such a talent.

ZUCFAYE YAAJI
Port Harcourt

GIVE WATER TO EBUBU

May I draw the attention of the Rivers State Utilities Board to the water problem affecting Ebubu in Tai/Elemo district council?

The pipe borne water which is situated at Elemo has only been extended to Ascension High School, Elemo which is just a stone throw to Ebubu.

Consequent to the growing population and pressure brought about by the resettlement of the returnees from Ekwatorial Guinea in Ebubu, the two wells made for Egbalo, and Agbati Ebubu respectively had become a battle front as villagers and returnees scramble to take their turns.

This has frequently led to rampant fighting and series of cases which is an anti-social behaviour as these wells proved to be insufficient for the enormous population.

Secondly, the state horticultural farm which is situated at Ebubu needs water for the irrigation of their farm and in addition to this their employees who should by virtue of their offices enjoy this amenity are sharing the same fate with the town people.

Lady, Ebubu is one of the famous towns in Rivers State where crude oil is mineralised. This came into effect

as far back as 1958 when the first oil well was located at Obiojo, on Ebubu soil and since then till now the number of wells continue to be increasing.

These facts notwithstanding, Ebubu people pay their yearly taxes regularly to the board of internal revenue.

I therefore vehemently appeal to the management of the Rivers State Utilities Board to use their good offices to extend the pipe borne water to Ebubu town.

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Class-room blown down

Easter surprise package for school kids

MORE than 30 school children of the community school, near Umuahia in Imo face accommodation problem when they today after their Easter break.

This is because, their classroom blocks by rain storm which has hit parts of Umuahia. Reports said the rain storm severely devastated of Ibeku, blowing down residential buildings, schools, economic crops worth several thousands were also devastated.

One of the classroom blocks at the community school, accommodating more than 100 pupils, was blown off while the walls were pulled down.

The affected school blocks were erected by the Okwuia-Ibeku community under self-help effort two years ago at estimated cost of over N50,000.

The wrecked school has been visited by the Supervisory Councillor for Education in the Ikwuano /Umuahia Local Government Council Mr A. U. Kanu accompanied by the

Hospital gets new female wards

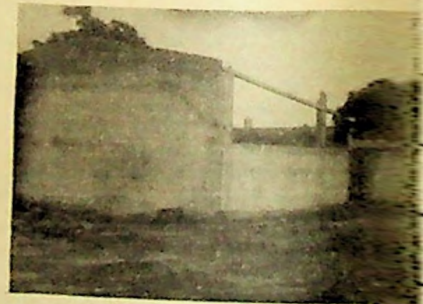
A NEW female hospital ward attached to the Mercy Hospital Abak, in the Cross River State was officially opened at the weekend.

The ward built at a cost of N81,000 was declared open by the state Commissioner for Health, Chief George Udoh.

Addressing the people at the ceremony, the commissioner reiterated that it is government's policy to expand and equip all hospitals in the state to meet the health of its people.

He said it was therefore the responsibility of all medical and para-medical staff to render honest and selfless services to the people to justify government's huge expenditure on health and medical services.

Chief Udoh expressed gratitude to the proprietors of the hospital for their foresight in establishing the hospital and urged them to continue to give their full support towards its expansion programme.



Traditional Installation

The Chiefs, Kingmakers and the elders of Opokuma, proudly announce the traditional Installation Ceremony of



His Royal Highness, **CHIEF OWEN FIEBAI** as "Opu-Okun the II" - the Ibenanaowol of Opokuma Clan.

Date: Saturday, April 23, 1977.

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Publicity Committee.

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Mrs Edih Kienabere Sister

Mr Josiah Kienabere Uncle

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A BENIN man, Ebobon, 54, who stole N1,100 in a court as "an jumper" has been remanded in custody in chief magistrate's court.

Opposing Ebobon's bail application said that the son has jumped bail seven times in six courts.

Mr Ebobon, who has three court orders to have on a day 1973 at Benin City to defraud, cost one Patrick Akpogum of N1,000 by stating that he could pay N1,000 to a former governor of Benin, thus influence the driver to approve the serve in Ibadan.

Patrick Akpogum, the accused, is to have a defence Alpkogum of Ibadan pretences that he said his sister who would sum of N1,000 to military government. Mr George Ebother accused a sum of N1,000 of Patrick Akpogum. The accused guilty to the charge however, remanded by Chief Magistrate for being "an jumper" who is fixed for May.

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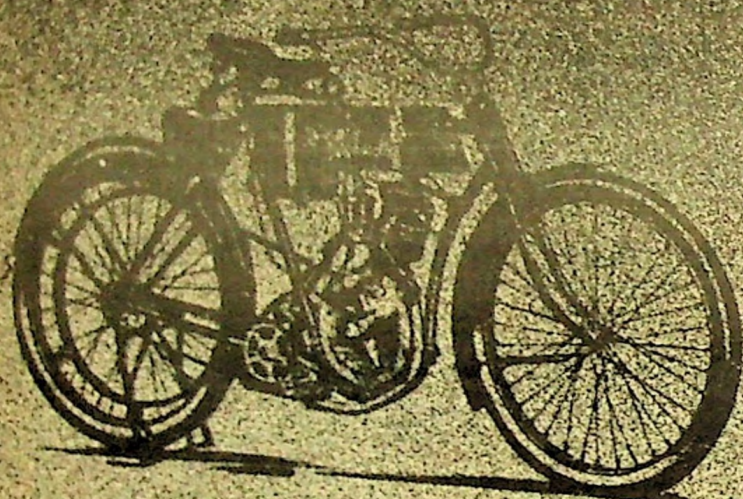
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1977 N.C.E. Entrance Examination Centres

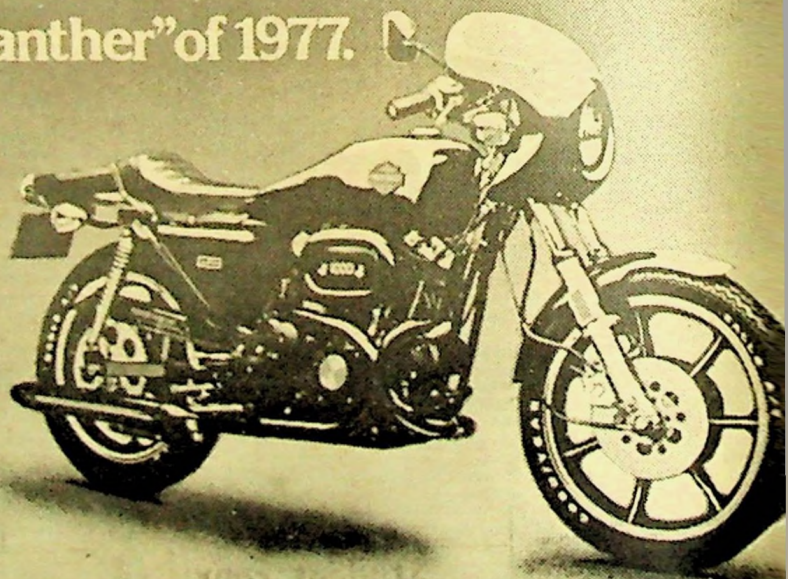
The Entrance Examination into Courses leading to the N.C.E. at the Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo will be held at the following Centres on Saturday, 23rd, 1977 commencing at 9.00 a.m. Candidates are advised to note very strictly their subject combinations as advised in the individual notices which are sent to them by post and appear for the examination at the Centres indicated against such subjects.

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	(c) L.A. Teachers' Training College, Molete	English/French English/Geography English/History History/French
	(d) St. Annes School, Molete	Fine Art/Yoruba Fine Art/English Fine Art/History
	(e) Ibadan Boys' High School	Chemistry/Physics Physics/Mathematics Maths/Geography
	(f) Loyola College, Ibadan	Geography/History Home Economics Agricultural Science
University of Ife Campus	(a) Biological Science Building Lecture Theatres A, B, C.	All P. Education
	(b) Faculty of Education Building Lecture Rooms 309, 313, 318, 319 and 317	All English/French English/Geography
	(c) Humanities Block III, Rooms 402, 403, 404, & 407	English/Yoruba
	(d) Humanities Block I Rooms 402, 403, 404, 407.	French/Yoruba English/History
	(e) Faculty of Agriculture Building Lecture Theatres A, B & C.	Geography/History Fine Art History/French
	(f) Pharmacy Building Lecture Theatres I & II Pharmacy Experimental Laboratory.	Biology/Chemistry Chemistry/Mathematics
	(g) Institute of Physical Education (Gymnasium)	Chemistry/Physics Physics/Mathematics
	(h) Auditorium I	Mathematics/Geography
	(i) Auditorium II	Agric. Science
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Campaign on metric system launched

THE Rivers State Metric Committee has begun a two-week state-wide campaign tour.

The tour is aimed at educating the people on the change over to metric system.

An official statement from the committee in Port Harcourt said that with the newly merged areas, the responsibilities of state committee have increased.

The statement explained that the campaign was necessary to meet the metric time-table which provided that Nigeria would go metric completely by December, this year.

Earlier, the state chief information officer, Mr Preye Okosi had commended the efforts of the committee in the task of enlightening the people on the change-over.

He urged them to face their duty with determination and courage to ensure the success of the campaign.

Mr Okosi appealed to members of the public, particularly educators, to utilize the opportunity created by the campaign teams to broaden their knowledge of the metric system.

Company ordered to pay ₦2,942

Mr Justice J. A. Fibersima sitting at the Port Harcourt Revenue Court has charged registrars of Companies with being responsible for the series of embezzlement encountered in the National Provident Fund (NPF) by workers in the country.

The Judge made the remark in Port Harcourt while delivering judgment in a claim suit brought against a Port Harcourt firm, United Ventures Nigeria Limited by the director of the National Provident Fund.

Mr Justice Fibersima also said that most of the arrears of the NPF that could not be recovered was because registrars of companies failed to summon for annual returns from various establishments.

He said that the practice of embezzling the Provident Fund by some companies would in future be a criminal offence than civil action.

Earlier, counsel for the NPF, Mr J. O. Ahiza had told the court that the defendant collected a sum of ₦1,803,72, contributions made by over 130 workers between August 1975 to October 1976.

In his own defence, a representative of the company, Mr Ekanem Basse Udo-Olu, an accountant, pleaded not liable to the claim and that they had already settled the debt.

Mr Ahiza however submitted that the writ had been served before the said negotiation, but the defendant never paid any despite several appeals made by the NPF but could only send in a post dated cheque after an action had been filed in court.

He urged the court to hold that the money had not

TRAINING SCHEME FOR COMPANIES LAUDED

INDUSTRIAL companies and government establishments in the country have been called upon to utilize the good opportunities afforded them through the setting up of Industrial Training Fund (ITF).

The call was made by the area officer of the ITF, Mr F. Smith Udofia during the closing session of a two-day seminar held at the Presidential Hotel, Port Harcourt.

Mr Udofia said that the promulgation of the Industrial Training Fund Decree No. 47, 1971, was to promote and encourage the acquisition of skills in industry and commerce with a view to generating a pool of indigenous trained man-

power sufficient to meet the needs of the economy.

He explained that the ITF was meant to bear part of the cost of worker-training and further education incurred by employers by providing them grants for courses under-

taken. "Employers should note that grant payments are only part of the return they can receive from the Fund," he emphasised, and that other returns included the general availability of trained manpower throughout the economy, prompt attention and guidance of the training advisers which the Fund built up over the years, he stated.

Mr Udofia told the participants that plans have

been drawn up for the establishment of various industry committees and boards whose functions would be to advise and make adequate recommendations to the Fund on all training matters relating to their respective industries.

Other aims also included the student industrial work-experience, setting up of group training scheme, training content, guidelines, certifications and other related matters.

Commissioner advises councillors



Chief (Dr) M. T. D. Braide

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Local Government, Chief (Dr) M. T. D. Braide has called on councillors to make good use of the facilities made available to them by the Federal Government.

Chief (Dr) Braide was replying to an address of welcome presented to him by the chairman of the Yenagoa Local Government Council, Mr E. S. Woko when the commissioner visited the area during his familiarisation tour of councils in the state.

He explained that his current tour was aimed at making on-the-spot assessment of the problems confronting every council area.

Chief (Dr) Braide however warned councillors not to spend the whole of their time in playing politics, but should endeavour to seek the interest and welfare of their electors.

On adequate medical supplies, the commissioner promised to notify the appropriate ministry about the problem and advised them to work in harmony in order to justify the FMG's intention for the new local government system.

In his welcome address, the chairman highlighted that transportation has constituted one of major problems facing communities in the riverine areas of the state.

Owing to the existing intractable problem, the chairman pointed out, that people in the riverine areas spent nearly five times as much as their counterparts on the upland areas for transportation.

Mr Woko appealed to the government to provide the council with rivercraft to enable make contracts with the local people of the authority area.

He also called on the state government to treat riverine parts of the state as "special zone" in the allocation of amenities.

Registration for '77-78 UPE begins

Registration of children into the Universal Free Primary Education (UPE) in the Rivers State for the 1977-78 academic year, starts today, Monday, April 18, to Saturday, April 30, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day, at all primary schools in the state.

This was announced by the zonal supervisor of schools, Mr J. A. Genuau at a joint meeting of the Ministry of Education, the Schools Management Board, headmasters and headmistresses, at St Mary's Catholic School, Port Harcourt. Mr Genuau explained that all children for registration must be six years by December, this year.

This registration would be done in triplicate forms, to be submitted to various supervisors who would refer them to the appropriate authority before May 2.

He pointed out that teachers who failed to perform their assumed duties would be punished.

Mr Genuau seriously warned against collection of any illegal fee, he went on to say that the Ministry of Education would never allow illegal collection of money and illegal classes.

Pictured is a cross-section of the participants at the meeting.

Student convicted for impersonation

A 20-year-old man Reginald Njoku has been sentenced to a fine of ₦150 or in default to go to prison for six months by a Port Harcourt chief magistrate's court, presided over by Mr E. W. Appah, for impersonation.

The prosecution alleged that sometime in November 1976, in Port Harcourt Reginald Njoku with intent to defraud Sr Anthony K. Bob-Manuel, principal of Teacher's Training College, Port Harcourt, falsely presented himself as one Master Celestine N. Okere and gained admission into the said college for a two-year course 1976/77.

The prosecution further alleged that Reginald was a friend to Celestine Okere, a

former class five student of the County Grammar School, Ikwerre/Etche, and he cleverly used this as an opportunity by getting Master Okere's Government Class IV certificate for admission into the college.

The court further heard that after five days of schooling, a petition was sent to the school authority and investigation parade was immediately carried out by the police during which a Government Class IV Certificate and a West African School Certificate Statement of Results were discovered with Reginald Njoku.

The accused earlier pleaded guilty to the charge. Chief Magistrate Appah however gave the accused an option of ₦150 fine or to go to prison for six months.



NIGERIA'S ROLE



ALHAJI AMINU KANO

ALHAJI Aminu Kano is a name which any historian who wants to do a job on Nigeria's political struggles can never forget to mention.

In his northern area of the country, Alhaji Aminu, who at one time or the other was a teacher and later leader of the NEPU, succeeded in breaking what was called the myth surrounding some members of the ruling class in that part of the country.

After several trials, Alhaji Aminu succeeded in winning a seat, on the platform of the banned NCNC — NEPU Alliance to Parliament from a Sabonari, Kano constituency.

He was, then and always known as a *talaka* — a commoner — who has identified himself with the yearning of the common man.

Alhaji Aminu continued to identify himself with the cause and had the finest opportunity when he became Nigeria's Federal Commissioner for Health.

I started thinking twice about the Kano leader when after he left the Gowon cabinet, he made statements, embarrassing to many of his supporters, particularly on the question of more universities in Nigeria.

This image was later salvaged when, in his usual manner, Alhaji Aminu staged a one-man demonstration against indirect election in Kano State.

Because many people detested the idea of indirect elections in 20th century Nigeria, Alhaji Aminu gathered a sizeable chunk of his last supporters.

Then came the major statement which today makes me feel that I might have, for a long time now, been backing a wrong horse.

Alhaji Aminu wants us to believe that the 49 "wise men" who helped in the writing of our draft constitution were pushed around by some members of the government.

This, in effect means that he wanted us to believe that the draft was not the best they could produce.

I am of the opinion that the Alhaji was simply kidding and knew nobody would take him seriously.

This is because, being the revolutionary that he is, Alhaji Aminu would have known the easiest way out — to back out of the committee if he knew people were interfering with his work.

Chief Obafemi Awolowo rejected an appointment on the committee and nothing happened to him.

I am therefore of the opinion that Alhaji Aminu was, by the Zaria statement either pleased to be getting an attempt to catch public attention away again, and his mission has been done.

The leader of the banned NEPU, I think, wanted to end the monopoly I meant out of the party's constituent of the traditional elements or leading a viable political party which will stand for our case if we return to elective government in 1979.

In fact, I would be surprised if he has not already in his series of travels within the country, been speaking to political supporters and was with a view to forming

a strong political party when the ban on parties is lifted.

The question today however is whether Nigerians can afford to have a president who is as cowardly as Alhaji Aminu now seems to be.

I think the old war horse from Kano City has cancelled out himself if he was not "misquoted" or "quoted out of context."

Rest In Peace

The death, on "St Patrick's Day," of Bishop Godfrey Mary Paul Okeke of the Catholic Diocese of Enugu is a blow both to the Church of Christ and Nigeria as a whole.

This is because Bishop Okeke was a practical man, a fighter for any cause he believed to be right and, apart from being religious, an intellectual giant.

The late bishop nursed the Catholic Diocese of Port Harcourt from 1961 until he was translated to the bishopric of Enugu in 1970 and though many saw him as a controversial prelate, he was a man who spoke his mind on any issue, he felt seriously about.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Fuel report

As at the time this report was being compiled, it was difficult to have a litre of fuel from a petrol station in Enugu, capital of Anambra State.

And the Anambra State Government has every cause to be disturbed at this turn of events.

The government was credited to have described the situation as an act of sabotage.

This may be so, but nothing has been done to convince the man in the street that effort is being made to identify the saboteurs.

For how long will this last? Only a drastic action to bring whoever is responsible to book, I think can solve the problem.

It gives me great pleasure to be with you this evening. In fact, I feel highly honoured by your invitation to deliver this lecture. I feel and hope that this short address will be regarded as a manifestation of my humble identification with the aims and objectives of the International Students Association of the University of Lagos.

I have noted that today's lecture is intended to discuss the vital role Nigeria is playing in Developing Africa. Specifically, the title is "The Role of Nigeria in Developing Africa". This title seems to be ambiguous in the sense that it may be interpreted to mean that Nigeria is a developed nation and therefore is in a position to help other nations of Africa to develop. Again, it may be construed to mean Africa is now developing and we want to know the singular role of Nigeria in such development.

The first interpretation will have to be ruled out. It has been said many times by various government functionaries that Nigeria is not a rich nation by any yardstick. Nigerian per capita income is quite low and the level of our social services is deplorable.

As fantastic as our resources from oil may seem, Nigeria still does not have enough to spend on her needs. Be this as it may, there is no doubt however that Nigeria is one of the fortunate countries in Africa — fortunate enough to be endowed with the right type of resources and in spite of her needs, willing and able to share these resources with African states who are not as fortunate.

The nature of the topic of this lecture demands a brief review of the geographical location, size and population as well as the availability of natural resources of Nigeria since these are some of the variables that have placed Nigeria in favourable economic circumstances within the African context and therefore in an advantageous position to help other African states in their developmental effort.

Nigeria's huge size, mi-

neral resources, population as well as location while constituting an asset, could at times also be a liability in foreign policy because they breed the fear of domination. One out of every five Africans is a Nigerian. No wonder then that the interest of Africa is uppermost in Nigeria's mind.

Her area of 357,000 square miles makes her a real giant among African nations; her army, at least 250,000 strong, but now to be reduced to a more manageable size, is the largest black army in the world. Finally, her oil wealth gives financial muscle to her political strength.

Her oil flow now threatening to overtake Libya's and Kuwait's have made Nigeria a major aid giver rather than a receiver. While Nigerian economic and technical assistance dates back to the 1960s, Nigeria entered the aid field in a big way in 1972 with a \$3 million interest-free loan for Dahomey over twenty four (24) years with a 2½ year grace period.

Mos, loans by OPEC member-states are for much shorter periods, usually eight years with three years' grace. Interest ranges from none to about



DR. BOLA AJIBOLA
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

eight per cent, often as low as 2 per cent. Zambia was offered emergency assistance of \$800,000 in March, 1974. Agricultural technical aid was also given to Sudan.

Substantial contributions

Nigeria is also the only developing Commonwealth country to have increased substantially its contribution to the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC), a multilateral development fund established in 1971 to provide technical assistance for the promotion of economic and social development in developing countries of the Commonwealth three-quarters or seven-eighth of which are in Africa.

Nigeria even promised at that time to raise its contribution if comparative levels of support were maintained by developed member-states of the Commonwealth. Her total contribution for 1974 — 75 amounted to N860,000.

Just before the end of 1974, it was announced in Lagos as well as Washington that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has completed arrangements to borrow credits worth \$120 million from Nigeria to help to finance oil credits for developing countries of the world, most of which are in Africa.

One can safely say that Nigeria's aid policy is directed towards helping the poorer countries of Africa in their developmental plans.

The same announcement mentioned the \$240



Lt-General Oluogba Oshanajo

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it was the duty as well as the responsibility of Nigeria to aid other less privileged African States in the best spirit of African brotherhood.

Under normal circumstances, strings are usually attached to aids given to Africa from other countries and invariably such strings are generally detrimental to the economies of the recipients.

In the case of Nigeria it is obvious that no such political strings are evident and that the motive for the aid is the genuine desire to see other African states develop.

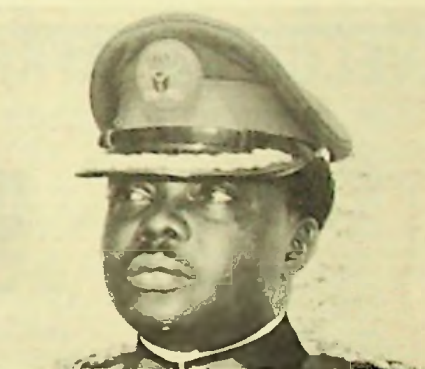
Even though we accepted the fact that Nigeria is not prosperous yet because oil has given us a false sense of affluence, Nigeria still believes that granting aid to the less privileged African states under the most favourable conditions to the recipients is the ideal thing to do in a situation where there exists a relatively rich state in the midst of poorer ones.

These favourable terms are being given despite the fact that in terms of Gross National Product and per capita income, Nigeria's is relatively lower compared with those of Ghana, Zaire, Gabon, Liberia, Senegal and a host of others.

Because of Nigeria's commitment to African development, it was being suggested around the summer of 1975 that the President of African Development Bank should come from Black Africa and more specifically from Nigeria. This is an acknowledgement of Nigeria's role in developing Africa.

Another area to look at as part of the economic development programme envisaged by Nigeria for Africa is Nigeria's role in the Lome Convention, the economic agreement between the forty-six (46) African, Caribbean, and Pacific nations (ACP) and the European Common Market.

The most remarkable aspect of the Lome Convention was that Nigeria in fact stood to gain very little from the final agree-



Late General Murtala Muhammed

ment, having made it clear from the outset that she would not participate in any shareout from the European Development Fund (EDF) even though she would benefit from the lifting of tariffs on such items as cocoa.

For Nigeria the main point of the exercise was to see whether language barrier, political differences, widely different interests and old animosities could be transcended in the interests of a common negotiating front. They could, and the ACP negotiating team won great praise for its unanimity and steadfastness of purpose.

Nigeria's membership of various International Inter-government Organizations seems to be to the advantage of Africa as a whole. Her membership of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a case in point.

During the Arab-Israeli war (Yom Kippur war) of 1973 when the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAP-EC) agreed to increase the price of oil because of the refusal of Western Powers especially United States of America to put pressure on Israel, Nigeria nearly opted out simply on the ground that the economies of poorer African states would be seriously affected.

It fought unsuccessfully for concessionary oil prices for adversely affected African states. This was a demonstration that Nigeria was not blinded

by egoistic interests to the detriment of less advantaged African countries.

The advantages of Nigeria's membership of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCB) for member countries are obvious. We can safely argue that by world standards Nigeria is not rich but definitely in the African context, Nigeria is one of the richest states.

Her per capita income in 1975 of \$250 was higher than those of its partners in the LCB which were as follows: Cameroon \$230, Chad \$90 and Niger \$120.

Nigeria's balance of trade surplus of \$6,830 million in the same year was many times in excess of the balance of trade figures for its LCB partners which stood at: Cameroon \$41m, Chad \$44m deficit, Niger \$44m deficit.

Nigeria can, therefore, afford to fund the LCB by either under-writing all its approved projects or by channelling adequate funds specifically meant for the development of the Lake Basin to the LCB through the African Development Bank.

Nigeria has been trying to take the initiative in improving the international climate in the LCB area, through state visits, ministerial meetings, and Heads of State conferences.

Nigeria's membership of most of the economic associations in Africa is determined by her profound conviction that she is in a good position to help

poorer African states develop. Hence she has already signed a fair number of trade and co-operation treaties with her neighbours; amongst these are joint project with the Republic of Benin to set up a sugar scheme and a cement project; a plan to exchange Nigerian oil for Togoese phosphates, a joint investment with five other African countries in an iron ore mine in Guinea and other joint agreements with Niger, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone.

The most economic area in which Nigeria's greatest contribution to international relations as well as African development is manifest is the formation of the Economic Community of West African States popularly known and called ECOWAS. This sub-regional co-operation of states was initiated jointly by Nigeria and Togo.

Togo, having realised the futility of joining regional or sub-regional economic groupings in which Nigeria is not a member promptly declined to join the Francophone economic grouping CEAO on the grounds that any West African or even African organisation that did not include Nigeria and Ghana was unrealistic.

Nigeria, because of her sincerity of purpose was able to persuade West African countries to group together for economic purposes, countries which otherwise would not have joined because of economic and political disparities, because of language barrier and finally because of fear of political dominance by Nigeria.

As we all know, the main aim of ECOWAS is to develop a customs union over a period of 15 years and in the process increase inter-West African trade, improve communications, develop such joint projects as dams and mineral exploitation which may eventually lead to possibilities of common currency.

Financial contribution to the community is computed on the basis of ability to pay and Nigeria has been assigned the highest percentage. This financial commitment to ECOWAS is commensurate with Nigeria's commitment to intra-African economic co-operation and development.

Nigeria, in order to allay the fears of member-states of ECOWAS has demonstrated its sincere intention not to impose her will on the less powerful nations. She has shunned the role of big brother in West Africa and then explains why Nigeria was prepared to accept the decision that within ECOWAS it will be one man one vote, in spite of the fact that Nigeria will be paying about one-third of the budget of the community.

Among Nigeria's primary

interests are the promotion of equality and self-reliance in Africa and the rest of the developing world, and also the promotion and defence of social justice and respect for human dignity especially the dignity of the blackman. Towards this end, Nigeria together with other African countries have decried the inhuman treatment of fellow Africans in Zimbabwe, South Africa and other areas of the world where human rights are denied African peoples as well as other racial groups.

Nigeria realises that violation of human rights diminishes the value of the human person. It is the indivisibility of human rights that is the basis of Nigeria's involvement in Southern Africa. Consequently, Nigeria is strongly committed to the total liberation of Africa.

This was indicated by the Honourable Federal Commissioner for External Affairs, Brigadier J. N. Garba, at the University of Ife when he delivered a lecture on "The New Nigerian Foreign Policy" on November 26, 1976.

He said inter alia "the promotion and defence of social justice and respect for human dignity especially the dignity of the blackman is one of the principal goals of our foreign policy".

He continued: "Accordingly, Nigeria is committed to the total liberation of Africa. The time for sitting on the fence is past. Nigeria can only be found on one side and one side only, the side of freedom and dignity for our African brothers still suffering under the yoke of anachronistic colonialism and racist minority regimes in Southern Africa".

Our Angola policy

To us in Nigeria racism impedes the achievement of international co-operation and also hinders development progress in Africa.

Our policy on Angola should demonstrate our commitment to African liberation and promotion of the dignity of the blackman.

General Murtala Muhammed said and I quote: "The Nigerian Military Government decided to back the MPLA Government in Angola because of its profound conviction that MPLA could ensure the true independence of Angola and that only the MPLA had the patriotism and the genuine spirit of African nationalism to help in the continuing struggle for the liberation of the remainder of Southern Africa".

This stand by the Federal Military Government was acclaimed by all of us to be the manifestation of the

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Dr. Akinyemi
the International
Cooperation of the
Africans on April

Do we really use our conscience?

YOUR editorials always impress me particularly how you pick your critique which equitably agrees with me and more so your editorials of April 4 and 6.

Our society is becoming bedevilled with crime that one may ask this question: "Whether our people are actually using their conscience in whatever they do?"

A critic may say 'don't mind him' it is not only in Nigeria but the world over. Yet, ours here in Nigeria is becoming unbearable that you hardly can see a true human being that you can trust.

Looking around, you will see that our attitudes do not portray the behaviour of people using their moral conscience. From the truck-pusher to the driver, messenger in the office, the school principal, students, traders, directors of companies, managers, doctors, lawyers, permanent secretaries, top government officials,

the commoner and even the house wife including the children we breed nowadays, have all shown no sign of conscientiousness in our daily life.

If one was pilfering in the market and the second man saw him and asked him to stop and asked whether he was doing that with his conscience, the thief would not

hesitate to rebuke him but would also fight him to a finish for disturbing his business.

It is evident that we are not using our conscience hence there are armed robbers in our society today, the

truck-pusher can knock you down without showing any remorse, the driver without conscience can drive his vehicle without observing the road signs or traffic rules.

The messenger who does not do his work conscientiously will delay in delivering a letter calling someone for interview or may demand some tips before he could direct you to the manager or the commissioner.

The principal who does not search his conscience will definitely embezzle the school fund and thereby starve the innocent students who contributed to this money.

Our students in their agitation for one thing or the other in our post-primary

schools and universities go wrong when use their conscience will direct them to their matter in a constitutional way resorting to a school property.

So also our market will sell else in you in plain line ones; while of a company government also profit so as to the will even less quality the public will not understand awarded to his to specification.

Our company before they employ will receive bribes if you are doctors will refuse to treat a patient because they are or that they own time first thing else.

Not only this, patients in the clinics or hospitals charge them money. The search in our hospitals is unconnected with scrupulous doctors.

Asks G. E. Iheanacho

Nigeria's sincere desire to rid the African continent of Africa's enemies. By far the most convincing proof of Nigeria's determination to help other African states was when the news of Portuguese invasion of Guinea in December 1970 reached Lagos.

The FMG declared unequivocal support for Guinea. The Federal Government immediately sent a delegation to Guinea to make an on-the-spot assessment of the situation and also to tell the Guinean President that Nigeria was ready to give assistance, military or otherwise that Guinea might request.

Furthermore, our membership of international inter-governmental political organizations have not been for nothing. The Federal Government has used and will continue to use the avenues provided by these organizations to make its views known on issues relating to the world generally and to Africa in particular.

Greater emphasis has been placed on Nigeria's participation in all major international organizations. We have played a leading role in the United Nations as well as in its committees and specialized agencies. We are committed to the ideals and aspirations of the Non-Aligned Movement and to that effect, we have played an important role in the Movement.

As we all know, Africa is the corner-stone of our foreign policy and to that end, Nigeria has evolved "a clear-cut policy towards the OAU in order to better tackle the problems of Africa in co-operation with other progressive African countries."

Membership of Nigeria in the comity of nations has enabled Nigeria, together with other Third World and progressive states to call for a New International Economic Order so as to enable the Third World countries to have easier access to international capital markets to make development finance more readily available.

As I have already mentioned earlier, the Federal Military Government made substantial sums of money available to the international Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as well as the African Development Bank in order to share the fruits of our present economic fortune with our less privileged sisters in the developing world. What better way could we manifest our determination to ensure that the New International Economic Order become a reality?

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vance and protect the rights and dignity of our citizens. The debate over the Draft Constitution, the scheduling of elections and other preparations for 1979 are part and parcel of this vital exercise and of the governments' commitment to democratic principles at home.

Our commitment to these principles outside Nigeria must be equally strong and unambiguous. It is not enough to give financial aid, technical assistance and diplomatic support to Blackmen wherever they are oppressed by members of other races.

Nigeria should not hesitate to point out that her commitment to human rights is not limited to cases where the oppressor is white. Nigeria should not remain indifferent even in the name of good neighbourliness to flagrant violations of human rights anywhere by anyone in Africa.

We cannot afford to weaken our case in the eyes of our friends outside Africa by selective condemnation of violations of human rights within our continent. Needless to point out, that to the victims of injustice and oppression the skin colour of the perpetrators is irrelevant.

By its words and actions, Nigeria has become the most effective and committed champion of African freedom and developmental aspirations. The Federal Military Government has decided that on such issues of interest Africans, Nigeria should no longer take the back seat, she should no longer be a camp follower.

She has been giving positive lead, material as well as moral, in the African struggle against racial discrimination and imperialism. This was demonstrated by Brigadier J. N. Garba in his address to the Security Council during the debate on the question of South Africa on March 22, 1977 when he said and I quote: "I cannot but reiterate my country's position on the question of South Africa. We firmly believe there can be no compromise, no half measures, no dialogue and no detente. There can be no turning back."

With the intensification of the debate on the question of South Africa it is no longer one of reform, but a liberation struggle. Liberation movements have the right, therefore, to fear themselves from the shackles of a minority, racial and oppressive government, it is their right to resort to more means

than one in their freedom march. This right cannot be denied. We in Nigeria endorse it." In pursuance of the Federal Military Government's policy on apartheid, Nigeria recently launched a special liberation fund for South Africa.

It is the aim of Nigeria to create the necessary political and economic atmosphere in Africa especially and in the rest of the world which would foster Nigerian national self-reliance and rapid economic development and eventually would facilitate the defence of the independence of all African countries.

In pursuance of this noble foreign policy objective, Nigeria has condemned foreign interference in affairs that relate to Africa. One of such condemnations was pronounced by the late Head of State, General Murtala Mohammed when he addressed the Extraordinary Session of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in January 1976, convened purposely to discuss the Angolan issue.

Africa's enemies

He declared and I quote, "Mr. Chairman, Africa has come of age. It is no longer under the orbit of any extra continental power. It should no longer take orders from any country, however powerful. The fortunes of Africa are in our hands to make or mar. For too long have we been kicked around, for too long have we been treated like adolescents who cannot discern their interests and act accordingly."

"For too long has it been presumed that the African needs outside experts to tell him who are his friends and who are his enemies. The time has come when we should make it clear that we can decide for ourselves that we know our own interests and how to protect those interests, that we are capable of teaching African problems without presumptuous lessons in ideological change, which more often than not have no relevance for us nor for the problems at hand."

The outright and immediate condemnation by the Federal Military Government of American political manoeuvres in the Angolan issue is proof of the FMG's determination to free Africa from imperialist bondage.

The forthright and prompt reaction of the FMG to the unprovoked invasion of the Republic of Benin is another recent example of

sense of new direction the regime promised to give us in the management of our affairs.

The Federal Military Government, not only support of the MPLA Government, who he heartedly through verbal statements but also in practical terms provided financial and material assistance for the MPLA.

It was because of the genuine in crisis Nigeria has for African political development, interests which other African states recognized, that she was and still is regarded as the true champion of the African cause. Nigeria stand on the side of Angola simply on the ground that she would not see herself being allied with a government that would be a puppet of Africa's number one enemy - South Africa.

According to Brigadier J. N. Garba in his lecture at Ile-Ife it was the intention of the Federal Military Government to advocate a government of National Unity in Angola and even went to the extent of calling for a postponement of the independence of Angola so as to give the warring parties more room for reconciliation.

But when the troops of racist South Africa invaded Angola in violation of all norms of international behaviour, the choice of the Federal Military Government became clear. Full and unequivocal support for the MPLA, Nigeria's stand on Zimbabwe and Namibia is based on her commitment to the promotion of the dignity of the Blackman.

We believe however that Nigeria's commitment to human rights should not just be limited to fighting against racism in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa. It is committed to human rights and democratic principles at home, and if we seize every opportunity to make clear our conviction that protection of human rights is not alien to Africa and is part of African values, then we would have helped to foster political development in Africa.

After all, political stability, one of the attributes of political development, is endangered by various violations of human rights and democracy.

In the domestic front efforts are being made to create an atmosphere that would allow

Cheats

Lawyers in the court cheat their clients, play double roles cases. Permanent and top government functionaries thwart Nigerians lack that is why our Control Board and Feed the Nation done anything bring down prices commodities and prices food for the people.

The police one reason or the moral compass they are not able government policy. Some embezzle funds.

The children not fear or obey parents. The wife can flirt about place and the street can be an bar.

These are of our present which show that listening to the radio which is telling those evil things betraying our country.

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There will be a West African Examinations Council's Touring Exhibition of art works in Port Harcourt. Materials to feature at the exhibition include about 150 Mounted paintings and drawings and about 50 crafts by distinguished Nigerian artists.

VENUE: Arts Gallery, Arts Council, 74 Bonny Street, Port Harcourt.

DATE: 18th — 30th April, 1977.

TIME: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Admission: Free.

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Publications Research Officer,
Rivers State Council For Arts, Arts Culture.

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In the High Court of the Rivers State of Nigeria (PROBATE DIVISION)

WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the dates and at the places stated in the said column.

AND WHEREAS the person or persons whose names and addresses are set out in the second column hereof and who have claimed relationship to the deceased named in the first column, have applied to the High Court of the Port Harcourt Judicial Division, for grant of Letters of Administration of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration will be granted to the said applicant or applicants unless a NOTICE TO PROHIBIT GRANT thereof is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court, Port Harcourt, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

FIRST COLUMN NAMES OF DECEASED

1. Emmanuel Ikejoku, late of Ojoto, died on the 8th day of June, 1968 at Ojoto.
2. Godfrey Sunday Meme, late of Rumuoto — Ogbakiri, died on the 25th day of October, 1976 at Port Harcourt.
3. Atim E. Ephraim, late of Calabar, died on the 15th day of June, 1976 at Port Harcourt.
4. Emmanuel Ojie Akinyelo, late of 41 Frontown Street, Port Harcourt, died on the 1st day of February, 1911 at Port Harcourt.
5. Stephen A. Chima, late of Azaraegbelu, died on the 30th day of May, 1970 at Emekuku.
6. Julius Igbokwe, late of Awka-Ugiri, died on the 27th day of November, 1965 at Awka-Ugiri.
7. Aloysius Ihenagwam, late of Atta Ikeduru, Owerri, died on the 5th day of November, 1976 at Emekuku Owerri.
8. Philip Enwerem, late of No. 75, Timber Street, Port Harcourt, died on the 18th day of April, 1967 at Amaokpara Nkwerre.
9. Elizabeth Pepple, late of Bonny, died on the 1st day of May, 1977 at Port Harcourt.
10. Thomas Okeagu, late of Odiaye village, Ahoada, died on the 4th day of March, 1977 at Odiaye.

SECOND COLUMN NAMES OF APPLICANTS FOR GRANT

1. Rosaline Ikejoku and Boniface Ikejoku, both of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Ojoto, the widow and son, respectively, of the deceased.
2. Albert G. Meme and Kina G. S. Meme, both of Rumuoto — Ogbakiri c/o Ogbakiri P.A., Port Harcourt, the brother and widow, respectively, of the deceased.
3. Lt. Joseph E. Ephraim of Nigerian Naval Dockyard, Victoria Island, P.M.B. 12664, Lagos, the son of the deceased.
4. Samuel Akinyelo and Phebean Akinyelo, both of Blocks 3 Flat 8, NARC Barracks, Oshodi, Lagos, the son and widow, respectively, of the deceased.
5. Christian Chima and Virginia Chima, both of Azaraegbelu, Emekuku, Box 62 Owerri, the son and widow, respectively of the deceased.
6. Charity Igbokwe and Lawrence Ezirim, both of Box 3, Amaraku, Awka-Ugiri, Mbano, the widow and brother respectively, of the deceased.
7. Virginia Aloysius Ihenagwam and Boniface Ahamafula Ihenagwam, both of Atta, Ikeduru Owerri, the widow and brother, respectively, of the deceased.
8. Comfort Enwerem and Francis U. Enwerem of Amaokpara Nkwerre and No. 28, Okwelle Street, Diobu, Port Harcourt, respectively, the widow and nephew, respectively of the deceased.
9. Christiansa Ejiogu of Umu-Omumu, Mbani, Owerri, the grand-daughter of the deceased.
10. Mercy Okeagu and Ebere Okeagu, both of Odiaye village, Ahoada, the widow and son, respectively, of the deceased.

Dated at Port Harcourt this 12th day of April, 1977.

Probate Registry,
High Court,
Port Harcourt.

(F. N. N. ICHOKU),
PROBATE REGISTRAR.

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ELIO—I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Rosemary Along Elio, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Rosemary Elim Omuotak. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The Dept. of Customs & Excise, Radio Engineering Services (Nig) Ltd. and the general public should please take note. Mrs. Rosemary E. O. Alob.

NEWKE—I, formerly known as Miss Felicia Susana Newke, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Felicia Susana Wani. Rivers State Ministry of Education, State School Commission and the general public should please take note. Mrs. Felicia N. Wani.

AJUDE—I, formerly known as John Obiano Ajude, henceforth wish to be known and addressed as Mr. John Obiano Uzizuna. Former documents remain valid. Anambra State Government and Anambra State Water Board please note. John Obiano Uzizuna.

GASSA—I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. Caroline Gasa, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Caroline Andrew Gbe. All documents remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, College of Education and the general public should please take note. Mrs. C. A. Gbe.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Rivers State Government has decided that after the 30th of June, 1978, when it is expected that the academic year 1977/78 will end, the government will cease to be responsible for the running of Nursery Schools in the state. The government will however be prepared to permit suitable private bodies or individuals to run such schools.

For this reason, the Nursery Schools Authority will not admit children into existing Nursery Schools run by the government for the academic year starting in September, 1978. Individuals or bodies who are interested in the running of Nursery Schools are invited to submit their applications to the Ministry of Education.

J. A. AHIKWO,
Permanent Secretary,
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- (a) Accountant
- (b) Operations Officer
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Traffic Officer

QUALIFICATION:

- (a) A.C.A. or A.C.C.A. or a University degree in accountancy
- (b) School Certificate with at least 6 years experience
- (c) School Certificate with Shorthand and Typing R.S.A. Stage II
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Method of Application:
Application forms are obtained from the Registrar, Nigerian Institute of Journalism, 66/68 Breadfruit Street, Lagos. Application forms will be sent P. O. Box 7760, Lagos. Application forms will be sent on receipt of N5.00 crossed Postal Order and a self-addressed and stamped envelope (9" x 4") marked "Diploma Course 1977/79". Completed application forms with photocopies of certificates and testimonials and two passport photographs must be returned to the Registrar, Nigerian Institute of Journalism, 66/68 Breadfruit Street, P. O. Box 7760, Lagos on or before 1st June, 1977.

Only qualified candidates will be called for the aptitude test which will be held at the NIJ premises on Saturday, 25th June, 1977. Copies of Prospectus and Syllabus are available at N1.00 each.

AYO AJAYI,
Registrar.

RIVERS STATE HOUSING CORPORATION
15 17 Emekuku Street,
Port Harcourt

VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for appointment to the following posts in the Rivers State Housing Corporation.

- (a) Chief Accountant — Grade Level 13
- (b) Senior Accountant — Grade Level 10
- (c) Accountant Gr. II — Grade Level 08

DUTIES:

(a) The Chief Accountant will be the Chief Finance Officer of the Corporation with responsibility to the General Manager, for the efficient financial administration of the Corporation. These duties will include:

- (i) Preparation of financial accounts and annual budgets.
- (ii) Establishment of sound financial/budgetary systems with adequate control.
- (iii) Proper financial control of the Corporation's operations, to ensure strict compliance with statutory financial requirements of the Corporation.

(b) The Senior Accountant will be responsible to the Chief Accountant and assist him in carrying out the duties of the Corporation to which he may be specifically assigned from time to time.

(c) The Accountant is responsible to the Senior Accountant in the performance of his duties.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) For the post of Chief Accountant, candidates should hold at least one of the following qualifications:

- (i) Membership of an Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- (ii) Membership of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.
- (iii) Membership of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants

(iv) B.Sc. degree in Accountancy from a recognised University. Candidates must have at least 7 years post-qualification working experience as Accountants at Senior Management levels in Government, Statutory Corporations or State-owned Companies.

(b) The prospective candidate must hold any of the following qualifications:—

- (i) ACA, (ii) ACCA, (iii) ACMA; or a good Honours degree in Accountancy plus a minimum of five years post qualification experience.
- (c) The same as (b) above but candidates must have had at least two years post-qualification working experience.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

Those to be appointed will be subject to the conditions of service under which the Corporation's workers operate.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

All applications accompanied by the candidates' Curricula Vitae and copies of credentials should be forwarded under registered cover properly marked at the top of the cover "CONFIDENTIAL POST OFFICE" and addressed to—

The Secretary,
Rivers State Housing Corporation,
15/17, Emekuku Street,
D/Line,
Port Harcourt.

to reach him not later than 23rd May, 1977.

S. C. ALAGOA
for the Secretary

Dated at Port Harcourt this 13th day of April, 1977.

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SCHOOL OF STUDIES:

(i) **Agricultural Extension and Economics**

1. Amadi, Godpower Ane
2. Anachi, Sylvester
3. Amakiri, Raymond Okworisa
4. Eleru, Iheanyi Godwin
5. Onoruyi, Joel Ighinedion
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8. Akparhonor, Alexander

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(ii) **Agricultural Biochemistry & Food Science**

1. Alasomuka, Yapriska (Miss)
2. Akpan, Sylvester Stephen
3. Akpu, Ayoola Antomia (Miss)
4. Ucheoma, Fidelis Ihuagim
5. Uwakwe, Lambert Amah
6. Akanbi, Gregory Adabayo
7. Adu, Segun Idowu Fajobahun

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(iii) **Animal Production**

1. Agiri, Uchay Anthony
2. Doku, Lambert Iakpa
3. Kellu, Humphrey Eugene
4. Nwosu, Nathaniel Ogubike
5. Yoramu, Moses Tombari
6. Erukudoh, Comfort Okpokpo (Miss)
7. Iboaya, Joshua Iregbeyoh
8. Alasomuka, Ibinabo (Miss)
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(iv) **Crop Science**

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2. Owugha, Basil Allison
3. Ighinedion, Gabriel Samuel
4. Umumarcgie, Emmanuel Nasakhare
5. Imaga, Imaga Ume
6. Hundeyin, Amos Denagan
7. Avonndiogba, Gabriel Silako

Appl. No. 000016
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(v) **Fisheries**

1. Fineman-Kalu, Authur Sunday
2. Yaro, Ibrahim
3. Taiwo, John Idowu

Appl. No. 000004
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(vi) **Soil Science**

1. Yarima, Nathan Wakuranda
2. Akaas, Elisha Emny

Appl. No. 000071
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VACANCIES**

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- (1) Accountants Grade I
- (2) Accountants Grade II
- (3) Account Supervisors

A. JOB

- (a) Processing of invoices and payment of local suppliers
- (b) Well and material accounting including costing
- (c) Payment of Wages and Salaries of P.H. Staff
- (d) Operation of the Corporation's bank account in P.H.
- (e) Preparation of monthly statement of accounts
- (f) Preparation of statistical data of financial operations

B. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1 & 2) A. Membership of any of the following professional bodies:
 - A. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, England & Wales, Scotland, Ireland or Canada
 - B. The Association of Certified Accountants
 - C. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
 - D. The Institute of Cost & Management Accountants
- B. Graduates: B.Sc. Accounting HND Accounting
- (3) Intermediate of any accounting professional Body or RSA Stage III

C. EXPERIENCE

A minimum of 2 years post membership experience or a minimum of 2 years post graduation experience for posts (1 & 2)

D. REMUNERATION

The Corporation's salary scales and conditions of service are currently under review and will be attractive to suitable candidates.

E. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications in form of curriculum vitae stating age, qualifications, experience, present salary and employer, with photocopy of relevant certificates should be addressed to:

Head Administrative Division,
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P. M. B. 12050,
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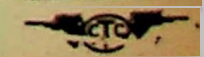
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**TIDE
SPORT**

SULEMAN STORMS TO TENNIS CROWN

How they fared

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Area Boy (double) — 2. Eyo; 3. Akomo; 4. Gbewe; 5. Kinko; 6. 3. Charles; 7. Waka; 8. Iorime; 9. Hart; 10. Nwa; 11. singles — 1. Dehin; 2. David; 3. Sani; 4. 2. 1. Iba



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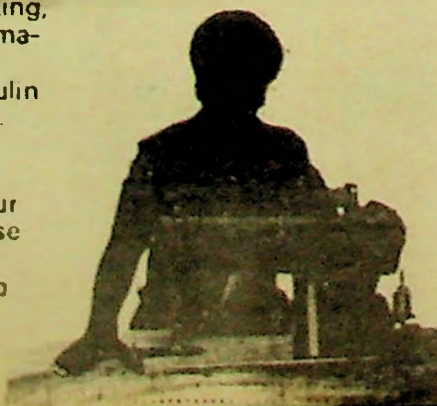
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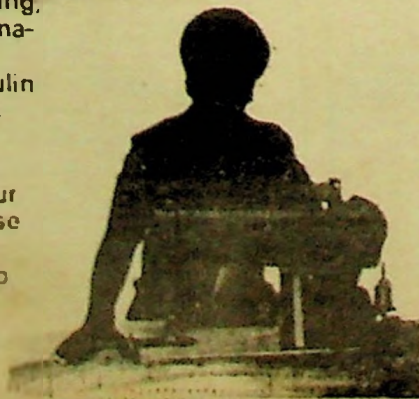
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STORMY SMASH..

In grim, no-nonsense action, this promising lass storms her opponent with a smash during one of the festival's table tennis tournaments.

And below left, the chairman of the Abandoned Properties Implementation Committee, Major David A. B. Mark decorates a table tennis player with her medal while Lt Commander Oshai Mili Akhigbe (extreme right) watches admiringly.



This basketballer jumps highest of all in hooking the bloody ball into the basket while others anxiously wait for a slip.



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NIGERIAN TIDE

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Monday, April 18, 1977

MUST AIM REA

HIGH.

PH boys shoot to gold

Discreetly, Port Harcourt Intermediates and the Rivers State Football Festival gold medalists!

In an exciting fast-ditch battle at the Temporary Stadium last night they turned back the challenge of their Bonny counterparts by three goals to one.

Yet it was the losers who first shot into the lead in the 22nd minute.

However, the Port Harcourt lads refused to be put off by the setback. Instead, they girded themselves for a more careful, purposeful play against a Bonny side that suffered enormously in the defence and lacked the firepower upfront.

Before the interval, the winners got the much-sought equaliser. Of course, in the second half, they commanded the game so much that the other two goals were just rewards for their enterprise.

* Full report by Tideman Okanna Sekhari-George tomorrow.

EVERY effort to step up sports standard in the country will be further sustained both at the federal and state levels and Nigeria has achieved international cognisance.

The inspiring assurance came from Colonel Zamani Lekwot, Military Governor of Rivers State, at the closing ceremony of the Third Rivers State Sports Festival, at the Port Harcourt Temporary Stadium last night.

Governor Lekwot visibly moved by the enviable achievements of the one-week fiesta, charged the over 2,000 participants with the duty of evaluating government expenses on sports into concrete results.



MR DAN ISOKRARI
Federal Sports boss

He reminded those athletes who have set records and improved on their performances, about the task still ahead of them before the National Sports Festival billed for Kaduna in August.

The governor then congratulated the organisers of the festival and all agencies and individuals who have made the achievements at the festival possible.

Before the governor declared the festival closed, the Federal Commissioner for Social Development, Youth and Sports, Mr Dandison G. Isokrari re-emphasized the need to popularise all aquatic sports in the state.

"I request you to ensure that this state takes the lead in water sports which constitute a vital part of Olympic programme in this country", the Federal Sports boss declared.

Lekwot charges Rivers athletes



Her face tells it all, of race torture and of rugged determination. With virtually all challengers out of sight Anstley Ahoada Zoni breastst the Lufe first to clutch the gold metres intermediate girls race yesterday.

UNIVERSITY OF IFE THEATRE

Apology to Fans

The University of Ife Theatre wishes to express sincere apology to all its fans in the Shell Club, Umukuru, and in Port Harcourt township who were expecting the Theatre to stage Olu Rotimi's "The Gods are not to blame" on Saturday March 5, and Sunday March 6, 1977 respectively.

The theatre would like to assure you all that it would have kept those appointments, but for the ghastly accident in which one of its vehicles was involved on the Bonny-Aushi road on Saturday March 5.

The Theatre Management is pleased to inform fans of the Theatre that all the members who sustained injuries in that accident have fully recovered, and that the Theatre hopes to be with you all sometime.

Business Manager.

by Leonard Nyoho

Mr Isokrari said his ministry would re-organise and revitalise existing strategies towards combining into scientific and organic units the development and promotion of sports in the country.

He decried the dwindling involvement of voluntary workers in sports development and announced that as a first step to revamping voluntary effort in sports promotion the status quo of all national associations would remain undisturbed.

In pomp and under a fine sunny weather, the festival rounded off as the festival flag was lowered and the flame extinguished amid the festival fanfare. Then followed a three-gun salute to the happily beaming athletes.

Government of the Rivers State of Nigeria
Port Harcourt City Council
Public Notice No. 5 1977
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Representation at Constituent Assembly:
PORT HARCOURT
Local Government Authority

Applications are invited from interested persons wishing to represent this Local Government Authority area in the Constituent Assembly on the Draft Constitution for the Federation.

Interested persons should call at the City Council Offices for application Form which is obtainable on payment of non-refundable fee of N10.00

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M. H. JUMBO
Secretary to the Local Government Authority.

Dated 12th April, 1977.

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	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
PORT HARCOURT	94	81	51
BRASS	22	16	17
AHOADA	18	18	23
YENAGOA	17	20	25
BONNY	12	24	16
ECRI	12	16	16
SAGBAMA	10	13	4
IKWERRE ETCHÉ	10	5	15
DECEMA	5	12	18

