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Skypower for Bucharest

THE Nigerian Government has approved a bilateral air services agreement to be signed with Roumania, which will allow their respective national airlines to make one weekly flight each way between Bucharest and Lagos, it was learnt in Lagos yesterday.

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Who stands in for Mr President?

VOTE LIKELY TODAY

by our political correspondent



MR JUSTICE UDOMA

WHO discharges the duties of the office of the President whenever the Prisident for any reason whatsoever is temporarily unable to perform his duties or is away from Nigeria?

The Constituent Assembly, according to usually reliable sources, is soon to reach a consensus on the question. It is not expected that the Assembly will substantially depart from the recommendations of the Constitution Drafting Committee.

It is learned that some members suggested that the vice-president should be equipped to provide a political counterpoise to the president, but this suggestion did not win support of those who insist that this could paralyse the power of the President.

They refer to the report of the Sub-Committee of the Executive and the Legislature which recommended inter alia: "The relationship of the President of the Republic to that of his Vice-President should be one of pilot and co-pilot, rather than the latter being a counterpoise to the former.

"The psychological position of the single Chief Executive is stronger in that it gives an image of strength, unity, single-mindedness and clear locus of responsibility".

On the specific question of who stands in for the President during his absence, the Draft recommends:

"The duty of the office of the President shall be performed by the Vice-President whenever the President for any reason whatsoever is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office or is away from Nigeria.

"If the office of the President becomes permanently vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal from office by impeachment, physical or mental incapacity, the Vice-President shall assume the office of the President.

"He shall then nominate a Vice-President who will have to be scrutinized and confirmed by Parliament. In making such nomination, the zoning and rotational principles must be observed.

"Should the office of the Vice-President become vacant for any reason whatsoever other than effluxion of his term the president shall nominate a successor from the state of origin of the vacating Vice-President who will be scrutinized and confirmed by Parliament.

9. VACANCY OF THE PRESIDENCY

"The office of the president shall become vacant (a) if the President personally delivers to the President of the Senate a letter of resignation under his hand stating that he no longer wishes to be President.

(b) if the President dies, (c) if in the opinion of the Senate, supported by a medical board, the president is mentally ill or has suffered such physical disability as would make him unfit to be president, (d) if the President is impeached by the House of Representatives and found guilty by the Senate in a manner to be stipulated by the constitution.

"These provisions above shall apply equally to the office of the Vice-President".

The Draft also recommends the following for the

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Oil employee dies in Apapa fire disaster

THE charred body of an employee of an oil company who died in the fire which wrecked part of the oil installations at Apapa, Lagos, on Tuesday, has been found, it was confirmed yesterday. The installations is owned by the National Oil and Chemical Marketing Company Limited—a company jointly owned by the Federal Military Government and the Royal Dutch Shell Group.

The fire also damaged the company's chemicals installation plant and some railway oil tankers.

Agency reports quote the general manager of the company, Mr Dapo Shyllon, as saying that the fire started when a tractor hit a railway tanker a truck loaded with petrol for transportation catching a big explosion which resulted in the blaze.

• In another incident, Abonnema Wharf in Port Harcourt went up in flames at mid-day on Tuesday, destroying many structures and property.

No life was lost, but seven fire fighters from the Rivers State Fire Service received burns and were admitted at the General Hospital, Port Harcourt.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known except that it was believed to have originated from a centrally placed outboard engine workshop.

Drums of petrol and chemicals which were stored around the place caused a big explosion and the whole wharf was engulfed by the blaze.

It took the combined efforts of fire fighters from the state Fire Service, the Nigerian Ports Authority and the Shell-BP to put out the fire. Photograph of the disaster after—Page 7

Arms runner runs into net

from Bob Usim

AN ILLEGAL arms and ammunition dealer in Umuahia has been nabbed by the police, there.

The man whose name is being withheld ran into trouble when his illegal business leaked at the weekend.

A six round pistol and more than 50 IMI 65 9mm live round ammunition which formed part of his deal with a soldier attached to the 140 Infantry Battalion, Nigerian Army, Umuahia were impounded by the police.

Confirming the story, the divisional police officer in Umuahia, Mr Karimu Yakubu said, the ammunition dealer and the soldier have made statements to the police; "we are investigating into the illegal trafficking of arms and ammunitions in the state", he stated.

He said two other persons connected with the business are being hunted for.

According to police source, the suspect had struck a deal with the soldier friend to smuggle out large quantity of ammunition from the armoury of the 140 Battalion in Umuahia.

On the day he was to take delivery of the first batch of the consignment, luck ran against him.

After receiving a case of five round ammunition marked IMI 659mm, he waited to receive more before leaving, but a vigilant army officer smelt a rat.

The man's mission was questioned.

When he was searched the case of ammunition containing about 50 live rounds were recovered from him.

He immediately linked his friend, the soldier.

The man's house at Umudike village was searched. The police recovered a six round pistol, the report added.

More money urged for health scheme

THE Federal Commissioner for Health, Dr Peter Ogbuagu has appealed to all governments in the federation to increase their statutory revenue allocations to the health sector.

"Quite a lot is being achieved by way of boosting the morale of staff especially through enhanced career prospects. Shortage of manpower could become a passing phase; but money remains our main constraint" Dr Ogbuagu lamented.

Addressing a meeting of the National Council on Health in Calabar the Federal Commissioner announced that an unanimous involvement of the Federal and State Governments in running the basic health service scheme had been mapped out.

Under the scheme he said, the Federal Military Government will contribute 70 per cent while State governments would contribute 25 per cent.

Other local government authorities would contribute seven per cent of the capital cost while state governments would bear 100 per cent of the recurrent cost of the programme.

He reminded the people that the scheme had already been launched by the chief of staff supreme head quarters, Brigadier Shehu Yar'adua.

He told the conference that the main report of the Nigerian Health Service Panel, headed by Mr Justice Mohammed was being considered by the Federal Military Government. He was hopeful that the result would bring far reaching measures aimed at improving health services throughout Nigeria.

MARKET AUTHORITY IS ANGRY

THE Ibesikpo Development Market Authority in the Uyo local government area in the Cross River State is now waging a total war against traders at Nung Udoe central market who refused to pay the arrears of their market stallage fees.

Under a scheme devised to collect the arrears the council's market authority would henceforth carry out routine checks on the traders.

The exercise would be assisted by law enforcement agents.

Mr Lambert Okon Nkwo the market master in charge of Ibesikpo market area office, gave this hint while briefing journalists.

He announced that in a number of raids last year on traders, the council collected N2,480.80 as stallage and N825.94 as tolls.

Mr Nkwo strongly appealed to the Uyo LGA to effect development in the market.

He hoped that such a step would generate revenue tremendously.

OFN: Six thousand chicks ready

THE Rivers State Committee on Operation Feed the Nation has received a consignment of 6,000 layers out of a total of 36,000 chicks ordered by the committee from local hatcheries.

This was disclosed by the chairman of the State Committee on O.F.N., Dr N. O. Isirimah in Port Harcourt.

Dr Isirimah said the layers being reared at the Port Harcourt district farm would be ready for distribution when they reach six weeks old.

He remarked that it was necessary to rear the birds up to six weeks before distribution to minimise death.

Great losses had been observed when day old chicks were distributed, he said.

The chairman further said that the consignment of chicks would be supplied to schools and government establishments engaged in O.F.N., free, but would be sold to private individuals at subsidised prices.

Dr Isirimah also announced that a number of farm implements were now available for allocation to the district and local government area committees for distribution to farmers in their areas.

Commenting on the agricultural land development scheme launched in the state, the chairman described it as a promising scheme for those who would participate in it.

Such persons or communities he assured, would attract government attention and could benefit from loans by the Nigerian Agricultural Bank since their hectarage could be easily supervised.



190 experienced teachers rewarded

AN INTENSIVE three-week course organised for honorary grade two teachers by the Rivers State Ministry of Education has ended in Port Harcourt.

It was attended by 190 long serving teachers drawn from all the nine local government areas of the state.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, the state's chief inspector of education, Dr C. I. Beverpal said that the ministry of education rightly manifested in clear terms, its appreciation and recognition of the long service rendered by the participants towards our present day educational system. He said the ministry had for long, envisaged such course which had now materialised.

The chief inspector of education explained that the significant aspect of the course was the rehabilitation of the veteran teacher-participants to the services of our educational system.

He pointed out that a village or town without experienced elders, continues to exist without solid foundations.

The ministry therefore found it inescapable to create this category of teachers in our Primary schools.

These 'long-serving teachers', he said, have accumulated many years of educational moss along with them in child discipline, child expectations, parent-relationship and community services.

He claimed that the educational system in the state, particularly at the primary school level was a combination of maturity, long service, training and experience for the category of matured teachers to combat indiscipline at its roots.

EDITORIAL

A leap in the dark?

INEXORABLY, Nigeria is moving towards the presidential system of government as against the all too familiar cabinet system in which primacy resides in a prime minister. Much argument has been expended on the danger of the executive presidency, the most popular fear being that a single person exercising such wide powers as are recommended for the executive presidency could, in no time, graduate into a monstrous tyrant, regardless of the constraints that may be provided for in the constitution. To them to accept the change is a leap in the dark.

A LEAP in the dark it might well be, but it is a great leap forward all the same. Throughout our history as an independent nation, except for the period of the military interregnum, we have tried to operate the Westminster system. We floundered all the way, jumping from one crisis to another with periodic scandals in-between. It does not require any prescience for anybody to know that the cabinet system is clearly unsuitable to our ethos.

WHATEVER may be the demerits of the executive presidential system, the advantages far outweigh them when related to our particular circumstances. The system makes for responsibility in the first place. It provides for immediate, direct and decisive action when necessary without recourse to the dither, sophism and rhetoric inherent in the system of parliamentary government. Further, unlike the past, everyone can see who is to be blamed when things go wrong and who exactly should be punished for injustices and wrongdoings, such as were swept under the carpet by the past civilian governments controlled by party barons.

AN EXECUTIVE president decides matters of policy and once the policy is accepted, it becomes his business to see to it that the public services apply the policy in spirit and in detail, for he and he alone will be responsible for what is done. Error will be his error and blame will be his to shouider.

NONETHELESS, there is an exceedingly delicate point associated with this system in which there are bound to be grave differences of opinion.

This concerns the right of the executive to control the appointments of the public officials to work for him. This "spoils" system applies in the United States. Can it work successfully in Nigeria having regard to the peculiar circumstances of our existence as one country? Will this not give room for ample corruption of public life?

EVERY nation is enormously dependent upon the quality of its public officials. Administration is its essence, and it ought to be considered whether it is not infinitely better for appointments of these officials to be made under rules which reduce to a minimum the chance of personal favouritism. We consider that appointments to the higher senior public services should be made by a commission the members of whom can only be removed under circumstances similar to those of a superior judge.

WHAT powers the executive should possess will, therefore, begin only after the official has been appointed to his department. Otherwise, among other evils, there might grow up a race of men who live by giving service to the president in return for a brief period as an official, a career for which they have neither training nor competence.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

HALT MASS PURGES

ONE would have expected that with the failure of the 1975 mass purge in the Nigerian public services to produce the required results, a final stop would be put to mass purges.

Unfortunately this has not been the case. Only recently, the Nigerian Airways took to the precedence laid by the Federal Government, and sacked several workers, in the name of purge.

It is on record that these latest victims were not given the opportunity to defend themselves. I felt very strongly that if they were given such chance many of them would have been exonerated.

It is doubtful if such purges can ever usher in a much more productive civil service. The step may however prove a short-term solution, which finds us back in square one in no time.

What would help us the more as long-term measure is to make sure that all categories of civil servants enjoy their duties and are dedicated to performing such duties. That should of course go hand-in-hand with genuine efforts to get each worker his entitlements as set out in the general orders.

The Federal Government should call to a halt the practice of unnecessary purges.

E. USIOBA

Port Harcourt.

RSTC, EXTEND BUS SERVICE TO ONNE

ONE finds it difficult these days to accept an employment offer in the rural areas mainly because of transportation problems, other essential social amenities notwithstanding.

This is very much in particular with Onne, Eleme. The transport fare from Port Harcourt to the area is N1.00. This shows that fare from Nchia to Onne doubles that of Nchia to Port Harcourt.

People travelling from Port Harcourt to Onne are compelled to pay N1.00 and even above because of inadequate means of transport linking the routes. As a result of this, many workers like the workers of the Shell/BP drilling station, Zenet Drilling Company, students and staff of the School of Agriculture including the villagers are always stranded.

It is to this end that I call on the Rivers State Transport Corporation to introduce its bus services to Onne through Nchia. This will certainly alleviate the sufferings of the people in this area, especially now that many gigantic projects are under construction in this town.

The Rivers State Transport Corporation will have no cause to turn down this because there is a good communication link between Onne and Port Harcourt via Nchia through which vehicles can travel from Port Harcourt to Onne within 30 minutes.

In order to foster this plan successfully a definite departure and arrival time schedule should be specifically outlined for the purpose.

GODPOWER U. NGBOR.

Port Harcourt.

Press: enough of nude photos

THE body of a beautiful woman, no doubt, attracts men's attention, and that is what it should be. Such bodily attraction is never man-made, but by nature, hence the appearance of some women becomes more disgusting in spite of all make-ups.

The clean or dirty outlook of a woman's outfit in a public place tells much of her internal and external beauty or filth. Well, conscious of limited space, there is no need here to delve beyond this mundane.

I suppose, as well as all people of my own frame of mind would, that the sale of newspapers, magazines etc, is never accelerated by the severality of nude displays which the pages are able to carry. To me, such stripped, fleshy and skinny ladies in photos interprete nothing but some degree of undisciplined sex life in our society.

We are proud of our black colour and culture which should exclude all forms of crazy nakedness. We should also be jealous of the plump, flexible nature of our women lest we sacrifice, out of ignorance, all these beautiful attributes of nature-gifts for lewdness.

Since everyone is aware of what constitutes a man or woman, the reasonableness of exposing the sexes stark naked in the papers is yet to be explained by the various publishers. As a matter of fact, the bare body-pictures on both cover and inside pages of our periodicals have been most repellent to desirous readers. People argue that such pictures are sprightly and corruptive instead of elevating the reader's moral life.

I do not intend, to dwell much on this topic, but it expedient for our national publishers to appreciate the extent of moral damage such nude photos might be doing to everyone and our youngsters in particular.

S. O. NSIRIM

Port Harcourt.

Correct this

I wish to correct the impression created in the Nigerian Tide story of December 6, 1977 titled "Major Oil Leakage", that Okoda-Zarama is under the Ahoada Local Government Authority.

The town is in fact in the Yenagoa Local Government Authority Area.

ISAAC OKUNOMO

Port Harcourt.

Dredge this Creek

THE Egbema-Angalabiri community of Sagbama Local Government Authority area in the Rivers State should be given priority in the state's Rural Development scheme.

In doing so, particular [illegible] to dredging the Sagbama Creek.

This should be done immediately because there are many hazards facing people using the creek.

W. T. IGIRI

Port Harcourt.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS ACROSS ANAMBRA STATE

Human head drops from bag

HORRIFIED women and children ran helter skelter, when an Ibo man attacked a middle-aged man from whose bag a human head dropped at Iweka Road in Onitsha, Anambra State.

An eye witness said the man alighted from a vehicle which brought him to Onitsha and was moving along the road when a human head fell out of his bag.

He quickly picked the horrible object and put it back into the bag, but in the process the mob smelled him and his strange property.

He was then attacked. The man summed up enough courage and picked up a broken bottle and fought back.

At this juncture a police man on duty came to the scene and succeeded in persuading the crowd not harm the man.

The policeman himself was injured in the process.

When finally taken to the Central Police Station, Onitsha the man refused to make a statement.

In a brief chat on the issue at his office, the divisional crime officer for Onitsha Area, Superintendent of Police Mr Ibrahim Idiame said the man spoke only once before he was taken into police custody.

"In any case, death or murder he is going to be charged to court where it will be determined how he should be handled," Mr Ediame said.

• A new wave of armed robbery has been reported in Anambra State with more of the activities centering around the state capital, Enugu.

Reports from parts of the state showed that both primary and post-primary institutions in the state are worst hit in the renewed operations.

Most primary institutions in the state are now reported to have been deserted by both students and staff following constant raids on the schools by robbers.

Reports reaching our Enugu office from Achi in the Oji River Local Government area said eight armed robbers drove in a blue Peugeot 504 to the Girls Secondary School there and raided the institution.

The principal and staff quarters of the school were reported to have been ransacked.

The lady principal of the institution was said to have fled into the bush with fractured leg believed to have resulted from a gun shot.

Another report from Agbogugu in Awgu Local Government area stated that ten armed robbers attacked the home of the principal of St Vincent Secondary School in the town and made away with a sum of N1,000.00.

The principal of the school was said to have been mercilessly manhandled by the armed robbers.

And from Ogugu, also in Awgu local government area, the state police command is yet to confirm a report from that area which stated that a cashier in the town was matchetted to death by men of the underworld.

The man whose name was still being withheld by the police was said to have met his death when he tried to stop armed robbers from making away with his company's money.

At Mgbowo, also in the same Awgu local government area, it was reported that armed robbers alarmed the home of the principal of the Boys High School there and succeeded in taking away with them the ignition key of the principal's car.

Meanwhile the state Commissioner of Police for Anambra State, Mr Sam Igbe has assured the people of the state of maximum police protection if only the affected communities could cooperate with the police.

ROBBERS HUNT PRINCIPALS

from our reporters



MR SAM IGBE
Anambra State Commissioner of Police

CO-OP BANK PROGRESS IMPRESSIVE

THE increasing patronage of the Co-operative Bank of Eastern Nigeria by the Onitsha business community is an eloquent testimony of the growing confidence which the people have developed in the bank and its management.

The remark was made by the Anambra State Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Mr Dubus Obi Okoye in Onitsha during the opening ceremony of the second branch of the bank in the commercial city.

The commissioner said such confidence manifested itself in the steady growth of the bank's deposits from N4.8 million to N6.1 million to N8.9 million as Match, 1977.

He expressed satisfaction with the progress made by the bank.

The financial prospects of the branch of the bank in Onitsha indicate a promising future for the bank in the town, he added.

Loan advances and deposits in 1976, the commissioner went on, amounted to N2.6 million and N3.3 million respectively. He said that for 1977 showed that while deposits increased substantially to N5.3 million, loan and advances rose to N6 million, indicating an increase of 45 per cent over the figure of the previous year.

STUDENT FACES HEMP CHARGE

A STUDENT of the Government Secondary School, Umuahia, Anthony Akujuru has appeared before the Umuahia chief magistrate's court, charged with being in unlawful possession of six wraps of weed suspected to be Indian hemp.

The offence was said to have been committed on November 12, 1977 at the college gate at Umuahia.

The accused was granted bail in the sum of N200 while the case was fixed for hearing on March 15, 1978.

In the same court a 56-year old farmer, Chikwa Chukwuagu of Amaoba Ibom quarters in Ikwuo Local government area of Imo State was summoned to stand at the Umuahia High Court, on a four-count charge of arson.

According to the prosecution, the accused unlawfully and wilfully set four thatched houses on fire at Amaoba Amaikwu Ibom, belonging to Ukwumaka Onwuegbuzie, Abel Kalu, Ogbonnaya Okoro and Chukwuma Amaobi on January 5, 1978.

He was granted bail in the sum of N1,000 and one surety.

Majority wants free press

A MEMBER of the Constituent Assembly and patron of the Nigerian Union of Journalist (NUJ) Mr Joseph Wayas has assured that a great majority of assembly's members are irrivocably committed to press freedom.

Mr Wayas gave the hint at a public lecture on "press freedom under the United States Constitution" in Lagos.

The lecture which was organised by the Lagos council of the NUJ in collaboration with United States Information Service, featured an American scholar, Prof Donald Horowitz.

Mr Wayas said that in so far as Nigeria was adopting a constitution similar to that of USA, it was the conviction of the majority in the assembly that there should be a free press.

Earlier, Prof. Horowitz had told the gathering that without a free press, there would be no way to narrow areas of conflict between the government and the governed.

Prof. Horowitz stressed the importance of free access to information from government departments and agencies as obtained in the United States.

Such act which provide access to information, not a matter of right, but of statutory law, would, besides the gap between the press and the government, he stressed.

LIGHT SCHEME LAUNCHED

SEVERAL towns in the rural areas of the Bendel State have been supplied with electricity, under the state's rural electrification scheme.

One of such towns was Uhonmhin, in the Orhionmwon local government area.

The town's electricity scheme was commissioned by Commodore Akinrele, in the photograph right.



12-WEEK COURSE ENDS

A TWELVE-WEEK course, organised by the state Ministry of Establishments and Training for Grade Level 03 officers in basic accounting principles has ended in Port Harcourt.

Speaking shortly before closing ceremonies of the course for the students, Mr. S. O. J. Ogan encouraged the participants to keep up their exemplary behaviour, punctuality and regular attendance during the course.

Mr Ogan urged them to carry these attributes to their various offices where a lot would be expected of them as trained officers.

He pointed out that those who scored 60 per cent in each subject would be considered for advancement to sub-clerical officers on grade level 03.

The commissioner observed that there were few receptionists and telephonists already on the same level and hoped that their aspirations of becoming full-fledged clerical officers would be realised.

He congratulated the instructors who participated during the course and hoped for their continued services on future courses.



KEEP YOUR STALLS CLEAN OR QUIT

Lekwot orders PH market users

TRADERS who fail to keep the surroundings of their stalls tidy in the Rivers State stand the risk of loosing such stalls, the State Military Governor Col. Zamani Lekwot has directed in Port Harcourt.

Such traders, in addition would not be considered for any future allocation in any market in the state capital.

These are some of the tough measures taken by the Governor to improve the poor sanitary condition of the city.

They were handed down to the chairman of the City Council, Chief Okoobole Wenodi, when the governor told should ensure that they were implemented to the last letter.

Col Lekwot who had visited the Diobu market as part of his official tour of areas under the city council's authority was appreciably disappointed when he saw the filthy condition of the market.

Confronting some of the traders on why their stalls were not swept, he ordered them to smarten their lives by regularly cleaned their surroundings.

After inspecting the market surroundings, the governor directed the council's chairman to pay regular visits to the market.

Such visits the governor said, should be undertaken every morning and at the end of the day's job.

During the visit, any trader found to have left his or her surroundings untidy, should be made to lose it to some one else, ordered the governor.

He also directed the council to work out an effective system of cleaning the market in keeping with the council bye-laws.

On the newly completed ultra-modern markets in the city, the governor frankly told the council that his main concern was to maintain them.

He said the Head of State Lt-General Olusegun Obasanjo had specifically requested for periodic reports on the markets.

Col Lekwot said his government's anxiety bordered on how capable the council was to keep the markets in good standard.

Proposals sent in by the council on how the stalls in the markets should be allocated, the governor said were being studied by his office and as soon as a decision was taken it would be communicated to the council.

Pictured above is Governor Lekwot inside Diobu market during the inspection.

'Producers of oil deserve reward'

A MEMBER of the Constituent Assembly, Dr Friday Nwafor from the Bori Local Government Authority in Rivers State has called on the Federal government to give more compensation to the state before the slump of "oil boom".

Dr Nwafor told the TIDE in an exclusive interview in Lagos at the weekend that Rivers people have not had enough share of the oil wealth now that the revenue was going down.

He pointed out that investment in the Riverine areas costs ten times over the cost of building a road in Lagos.

Dr Nwafor declared whether there is "oil boom" or not, the Rivers people have suffered, and we still want to continue our reward of the oil boom.

He said that the arrival of oil has contributed to the boom in many areas in the country while the oil producing state remained "perpetual victim of circumstance of oil exploration".

David - West to address NURSS tomorrow

THE formal launching of the (NURSS) National Union of Rivers State Students will take place tomorrow at the University of Port Harcourt campus.

The programme of events is as follows:

The introduction of the chairman, and other distinguished guests would be performed by the Registrar of the University of Port Harcourt, Mr. M. E. Akpa.

An opening address would be made by the chairman of the occasion, Mr F. J. Eliah, secretary to the Rivers State Military Government and head of service.

The president-general of the Union Mr W. E. Waribo-ko, is expected to address the occasion.

Other guest speakers, include Rev. C. T. T. George, chairman, Rivers State Scholarship Board; Prof. Tam David-West, Commissioner for Education, Rivers State and Prof. E. J. Alagoa, Dean of the School of Humanities, University of Port Harcourt.

The guest speakers are expected to speak on different topics, including scholarship, bursary awards, educational policies in the Rivers State and the culture of the Rivers man, respectively.

The launching ceremony would be rounded off with other activities such as donations, refreshments and a group photograph, while closing remarks would also be made by the chairman.

₦8lm grant for water

GRANTS totalling N81,581,035.37 were made to the various State Governments in the Federation in the 1976/77 financial year for the provision of pipe-borne water in their areas.

This was announced in Lagos by the Federal Commissioner for Water Resources, Alhaja Ibrahim El-Yakubu, while briefing newsmen on the activities of his ministry in the past 18 months.

He pointed out that the objective of the government policy was to make clean water available to people at reasonable rate.

The commissioner said that existing works which had become inadequate would be expanded in line with population growth and communities both urban and rural, which were hitherto not served, would be taken care of.

Alhaji El-Yakubu further explained that the objective was to meet the minimum target of 25 gallons per person per day in all major urban centres and to ensure that all communities of 20,000 people or more were supplied with pipe-borne water.

Registration campaign in full swing

SUPERVISORY councillors and councilors in the Abuaka local government area have intensified their publicity campaign for the registration of voters for the 1979 general elections in their different wards.

Addressing members of his constituency in (ward 1) of the area at Edeoha in Ekpeye/Engenni district, the chairman of the council Mr Abbot E. Ogbobula told the people that the exercise had nothing to do with taxation.

"The right to elect a candidate of our voice is the privilege of every citizen of Nigeria" the chairman pointed out. "But the qualification for such privilege is to register as an eligible voter."

"It has to be clear," the council boss stressed, "that the present registration exercise is one of the major steps taken by the Federal Government in her programme to return the country to civil rule in 1979."

To this end, he said every citizen of Nigeria should regard the exercise as an opportunity to enthrone democracy in Nigeria.

"If we fail to achieve any useful result" he told them, it is our attitude towards the acceptance of our civic responsibilities.

He appealed to them to ensure the success of the exercise in the ward.

Also in Ogba-Egbema district Councillor Allen Onah appealed to the people of Usomini to co-operate with the officials for the registration of voters in the area in order to make the work easy for them.

To this end the councillor said, chiefs, community leaders and town criers should assist to educate the people on the importance of the exercise and to lead the officers to plantations where it would not be possible for people to return home for the purpose of the registration.

6 communities share ₦33,000 grants

THE chairman of Mbaitoli local government council, Imo State, Mr Celestine Iwuala has warned that his council would not hesitate to black list any community which failed to put the grants of the state government to proper use.

To ensure the effective utilization of grants, Mr Iwuala advised recipient communities to liaise with both community development and technical officers in the works unit of his council, before committing the grants to specific projects.

Mr Iwuala gave the warning in his office while presenting the government grants of ₦33,000 to six communities in the local government area.

The communities are Amaraku ₦8,000, Osu Achara ₦8,000, Umuoma/Nzerem ₦5,000, Amaozari ₦4,000, Umuoru ₦4,000 and Aladinma Women Association, Amauzari, ₦4,000.

The grants, as the chairman pointed out, were for the completion of various development projects in the areas such as markets, health centres and bridges.

Presenting the cheques to the communities, Mr Iwuala commended them for their self-help spirit and enjoined others to emulate them for the development of their respective areas.

Here, Mr Iwuala (in grey suit), hands over a cheque of ₦5,000 to Councillor Isaac Agu of Nzerem/Ihiem.

Others in the photograph are the higher community development officer, Mr I. E. Nwosu (second from left), Mr S. A. Ihejirika and the community leader, Mr Tony Ochegbu.



'Foster children need your care'

A CALL has been made on well-placed citizens to volunteer to be their brothers' keepers by accepting to foster abandoned children.

The call was made in Abeokuta by the Ogun State Commissioner for Local Government and Information, Dr Afolabi Olabimtan, while speaking at a luncheon party held in honour of members of the State Juvenile Court panel.

Dr Olabimtan remarked that the incidence of abandoned children was of grave concern to the state government, because he said, majority of the abandoned children were cared for by the state government.

The commissioner enumerated some of the government activities and programmes aimed at caring for the juvenile delinquents in the state, whom he described as victims of the social ills in the society.

He disclosed that during the 1976/77 fiscal year, the social welfare division of his ministry handled 452 matrimonial disputes during which 2,006 interviews were conducted. 1,278 reports were received and 1,751 homes visited.

Dr Olabimtan stated that during the period under review, ₦6,524 was collected from fathers and paid to 240 mothers for the care of their children.

He added that 68 per cent of matrimonial disputes were successfully reconciled.

Commenting on the activities of juvenile courts during the period, the commissioner said 156 juvenile court sittings were held, during which 350 cases referred by probation officers, were considered.

Dr Olabimtan stated that other measures taken by the state government to reduce the incidence of broken homes and juvenile delinquency included the establishment of marriage guidance councils at Abeokuta, Ijebu-Ode, Shagamu and Ilaro.

Plans were on hand to organise such councils in other urban areas he added.

OBITUARY

The death has been reported in Abonnema of



MR FUBARA ISAIAH CAPTAIN JACK,

Jack's family of Abonnema in the Kalabari District of the Rivers State. (Aged 82 Yrs)

On the 3rd Jan. 1978. He is survived by many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows:—

Friday 20th Jan. 1978, the body of late Mr F. I. C. Jack will be removed from Port Harcourt Hospital to Abonnema, Christian wake-keeping will take place same day from 9 p.m. till midnight and traditional ceremonies will follow immediately till dawn.

Saturday 21st Jan. 1978. Funeral service at St. Augustine Church Abonnema, at 9 a.m. followed by entertainment, while traditional obsequies continues.

MR M. I. JACK
for the family

Govt aids Bunu-Bagha community

The Rivers State Ministry of Rural Development and Social Welfare has given working materials to the Bunu-Bagha community in the Khana district of Bori local government area to assist them in their town hall project, now under construction.

The working materials include shovels, diggers, axes, wheel-barrows and head pans.

Announcing this at Bunu-Bagha in continuation of his familiarisation tour of community development projects, the community development officer for Khana district, Chief T. F. S. Deezim said the materials were provided to expedite work on the town hall project.

Chief Deezim reaffirmed government's commitment to develop rural communities in the state.

He urged them to intensify their efforts in the development of their areas.

The community development officer warned against the danger of embarking on prestigious projects, and advised them to strive hard to develop their communities.

Chief Deezim finally appealed for unity and cooperation, and hoped they would make good use of the materials provided them.

He said on completion of the project, the materials would be given to other communities embarking on similar projects.

New measures for beer distribution announced

New measures for the distribution of beer and soft drinks in the country has been announced.

An announcement issued by the Federal Ministry of Trade in Lagos, recommended to beer brewering companies that distributors be appointed in all local government areas in the country.

The announcement however, forbids bottling companies to appoint distributors in urban areas or in places where they have producing plants or where their depots exist.

The announcement compelled beer distributors to give a minimum of 85 per cent of their allocation to retailers at controlled prices.

The announcement also precluded officials working in the breweries and bottling companies from trading in the companies products.

It also stated that hotels with on and off licences should be given greater consideration.

FIRE AT ABONNEMA WHARF









BRIEFS

Cape Town

THE Transkei vice-consul here, Mr Matlopeng has said he will seek top-level talks with the South African Government to protest against the demolition of two shanty towns and the eviction of 10,000 Africans most of whom are regarded officially as Transkei citizens.

He said the action was "terrible, utterly terrible."

Transkei, which became the first South African black homeland to obtain independence in 1976, opposes South Africa's policy of deporting Xhosa tribe members.

Abidjan

A 1,537,000 dollar contract for a survey by satellite of Benin, Ghana and Upper Volta has been signed here between the African Development Bank (ADB) and the American company Tippets - Abbett - Crarch Earth Satellite Corporation, it was announced.

The data resulting from the survey will be used by the three countries in their battle to eradicate diseases of river blindness (Onchocerciasis) in the Volta Basin.

Hong Kong

THE official New China News Agency described Cambodia as a Phoenix that had risen from the ashes.

The article, by a correspondent who recently visited Cambodia, described the changes and progress there since Communist rule began in 1975.

It said American imperialism had "brought havoc in Cambodian agriculture", and after the liberation of the country, the "imperialists" and the Communist government would be unable to support the seven million population.

Bangkok

PHNOM PENH RADIO has broadcast a statement by Cambodian Premier Pol Pot that his government was ready to restore friendly long-term relations with Vietnam if the Vietnamese halted their "aggressions and infiltrations" and renounced their plan for an Indo-Chinese federation.

Pol Pot, who is also secretary of the Cambodian Communist Party, spoke for 110 minutes at a rally in the Cambodian Capital.

Tunis

FRANCE and Tunisia discussed military co-operation at a working meeting here with the two sides headed respectively by Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Guy Méry and Tunisian Defence Minister Abdallah Farhat.

General Méry arrived here on Wednesday on an official visit during which he was scheduled to meet Prime Minister Hedi Nouira.

Libreville

THE Organisation of African Unity (OAU) special summit on Western Sahara will be held here between March 24 and 30, it has been announced.

The decision was announced by the Gabonese Government at the ruling Gabonese Democratic Party meeting.

Johannesburg

SOUTH Africa is heading for chaos if disregard for the country's black people continues the head of the South African Bantu Relations Institute said.

Mr Mahabane, the institute's president, told its annual council meeting here that urgent but peaceful change should be a priority this year.

The theme of this year's conference was "The Road to a Just Society". Mr Mahabane declared "If the road ahead means a perpetual disregard for the rights and feelings of the black man as original inhabitant of this country then South Africans can expect nothing but chaos".

Spectacle of wreckage, disaster

The busy and often crowded Abonnema Wharf area of Port Harcourt was ablaze on Tuesday, razing the entire area. And, reports have it that property worth N1.3 million were destroyed. TOP (left) is a group of sympathisers at the scene. TOP (right) is a victim of the disaster making fruitless efforts in searching through the wreckage caused by the fire. (ABOVE (left) — the charred remains of roofings of some of the houses affected by the fire and ABOVE (right) — a pathetic spectacle left behind by the fire.

Lekwot tours LG areas

'Finance is our main problem'

THE Military Governor of the Rivers State, Colonel Zamani Lekwot on Monday began a tour of the nine local government areas of the state to inspect the councils' projects.

Governor Lekwot's first stop of call was the Port Harcourt City Council where he was presented with an address signed on behalf of the council by Chief Okogbule Wonodi, chairman, and Mr H. H. Jumbo, secretary/chief executive respectively.

Today, on these pages we publish the council's address and the governor's reply to it.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Your Excellency to the Port Harcourt City Local Government area. It is now a little over a year since the Port Harcourt City local government council was inaugurated. This city is not strange to Your Excellency.

It is the capital of the Rivers State and the seat of Your Excellency's administration and as the Headquarters of this local government, she occupies a dual status.

Following the introduction of the reformed local government, Obio district, Abuloma, Amadi-Ama, Okuru, Ozuboku and Akpor areas have been included in Port Harcourt city. If time permits, we wish to conduct Your Excellency to some of these areas.

We do not intend to bore Your Excellency with a catalogue of complaints and requests. But, it will be unfair on our part if we fail to make Your Excellency aware of problems confronting this local government.

As already stated above, Port Harcourt City, being the seat of Rivers State administration as well as ours, has dual status. This position of the city has to be recognised and taken into serious consideration in allocation of funds to local government areas in the State as we have greater and complex responsibilities than many other areas.

We shall not hesitate to inform Your Excellency that the Port Harcourt City local government is in financial problems. But for the fatherly intervention of Your Excellency, we could not have financially discharged our obligations to our workers in December, 1977. We are not yet out of the woods.

The annual estimated 1977-78 which we are operating appears unrealistic.

To give Your Excellency an idea, the vote for overtime for refuse labourers was drastically curtailed by the Ministry of Local Government without any consultation. Refuse in Port Harcourt City is much and without overtime particularly on Saturdays and Sundays when traffic is reduced, this council cannot cope with the refuse clearance in the city and environs. We tried to cut down overtime but found it could not help us.

Another problem facing us is lack of equipment and appropriate machines for refuse clearance and road maintenance.

Refuse in Port Harcourt is becoming alarming and ordinary human labour is inadequate to tackle and dispose of it as quickly as it builds up. To cope with the situation we included the purchase of pay-loaders, bulldozers and a low-loader in our budget proposals.

These items were deleted in the approved estimates 1977-78 without consultation with the council. The council has only a bulldozer which was, by the grace of Your Excellency purchased for the council early in 1976 long before the introduction of the reformed local government. This bulldozer is used in pushing down refuse at the tipping points — one at the end of Aggrey Road and the other at the Elechi beach.

The service of the bulldozer is invaluable for without it, disposal of refuse in this area will be impossible. Whenever the only bulldozer is bad or is being serviced, refuse heaps tend to tell the world that the City Council is incapable of cleaning it.

The fault is not ours alone but should be shared by the authorities that delayed very important machines for the area from our budget proposals.

Pay-loaders are very important in refuse clearance. It is easier and quicker to load refuse on a tipper with a pay-loader than with the man-labour. In the past, this council had 12 pay-loaders for refuse clearance. But, at present, owing to age and lack of spare parts for maintenance, only one pay-loader is in service for refuse in this local government area.

Our problems in refuse clearance are immense. We have only 40 good tippers for refuse clearance throughout the Port Harcourt city local government area. 40 tippers (with breakdowns) 1 pay-loader, a refuse labour force of 500 are not enough for the quantity of refuse generated in Port Harcourt township, Diobu, Rebisi, Obio, Akpor and Abuloma areas.

We have gone into details on refuse matter in order to make Your Excellency appreciate our confrontations with this problems. These notwithstanding we have squarely addressed our efforts to keep Port Harcourt clean. And we believe that ours is still one of the best kept towns of her status in the country.

Further, Your Excellency, we have decided to introduce the use of plastic dustbins in all houses in this local government. The council will purchase these dustbins and sell to householders. The initial cost of this proposals is N40,000.00. The outlay will be recovered through sale to householders.

When we have funds and start implementing this decision of house to house collection it will greatly reduce the depositing of refuse on the streets.

While speaking on refuse let us take this chance to inform Your Excellency that some arms of the state government are contributing to our problems. It is our responsibility to clean the drains. But the drains for over 10 years have not been maintained and are now dilapidated and can no longer smoothly drain away dirty water to the main gutters around Port Harcourt.

This lack of good drainage causes pools of stagnant water, which in some area disturb refuse clearance, e.g. Creek Road. Coupled with the poor condition of the gutters is storage of water.

We pray Your Excellency to call on the authorities concerned to repair the gutters and supply us with sufficient water, pending the completion of the Central Sewage System in Port Harcourt.

It is note-worthy to inform Your Excellency that the maintenance of the drains along Trunk "A" Roads which hitherto had been the responsibility of a ministry had been abandoned by that ministry and has now fallen on the council. As a result of this, the labourers who could have been used for refuse and road works of the council are occasionally diverted to a job which officially does not come under the responsibility of the council e.g. Ikwerre Road and Aba Road.

We also pray that Your Excellency should call on the appropriate ministry to take over its responsibilities from the council.

Your Excellency, we had earlier mentioned our financial problems. This local government area is well placed in resources to generate revenue for it. But, there are handicaps in our way of revenue collection.

As at December, 1977, we collected a total revenue of N352,030.00 out of N190,372.00 budgeted for us. Our revenue proposal in current estimates was catapulted far beyond our capability without consultation.

In doing this, it should have been realised that until the problem of the absentee landlord involved in the abandoned property issue is fully resolved rate collection will remain uncertain and can therefore not be maximised. Again, to collect revenue we need adequate manpower at appropriate levels.

We are not ashamed to inform Your Excellency that 95 per cent of the staff of this council are unqualified for the various duties on which they are deployed. We hope that the Local Government Service Board will soon come to our help in this respect.

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GOVERNOR APPALLED

I wish to thank this council for a very detailed welcome address. The chief message in your address, as I understand it, is lack of funds. As you know, this is a universal phenemenon. We can never have enough funds for all our crying needs.

The present indications in our economy are that we shall have to be more stringent with funds, especially in regard to non-essential services, particulary recurrent expenditure.



The Rivers State Military Governor, Col. Zamani Lekwot (arrowed), government officials and those of the Port Harcourt City Local Government Authority including its chairman, Chief Okogbule Wonodi, at Aggrey Road refuse dump.



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Your Excellency, our responsibilities are greater than our finance can at present cope with.

We shall be failing in our oblidies, if we fail to mention our gratitude to Your Excellency's government for providing this council with two ultra-modern markets at Creek Road and Mile III. The council's proposals on the running of the new Creek Road Market have been forwarded to Your Excellency for consideration.

We also wish to seize this opportunity to thank Your Excellency for a recent directive of your administration by way of reopening the council's City Hall offices and chamber.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for sparing time

inspite of Your Excellency's onerous state duties, to visit us.

We thank Your Excellency for funds and refuse vehicles recently made available to this council.

We are in our infancy and we are learning. We pray Your Excellency to see us in that light and continue to give us guidance and cooperation till we stand on our feet.

For and on behalf of the people of the Port Harcourt City Local Government area.

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COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCES

ompleting projects as handing them over to you at a critical stage would have created insurmountable difficulties.

The most outstanding local government projects undertaken include the two new ultra-modern markets at Creek Road and Mile III Diobu which you have very roughly acknowledged in your address. These two projects cost a total of ₦4,159,760.67 and may be described as second to none in this country both in quality and concept.

The establishment of markets is of course a local government function. This government undoubtedly has an indisputable right. Therefore when you give relief of lack of funds for special projects you must

From all indications, the main problem responsible for the inefficiency of your labour force is poor supervision and lack of proper organisation. Most of your workers are said to be too old to handle the tools of their trade and there is no evidence to show that you have had the guts to implement the simple personnel rules and regulations.

bear in mind that these huge sums which have been expended by government in the provision of local government facilities are funds primary expended on behalf of your council, which must be taken into account when you discuss your capital budgets for the relevant periods. Other similar expenses incurred by the government on mainly local government functions include a sum of ₦5,000,000 grant on the reconstruction of 50 kilometres of Port Harcourt urban roads and another sum of ₦24,909,877.70 spent by government on urban and semi-urban road works, including the Eastern By-pass, Diobu roads, Trans-Amadi roads, the Marine Base road, A.T.T.C. road, Dockyard road, Abuloma road and Port Harcourt-Aba road diversions.

There are still many road works to be carried out in the municipality in order to ease the traffic congestion which would have become a very grave problem today by now, but for the prompt action taken by government. Your council should see it as its duty to work out what is required.

We have made available to you a qualified Town Engineer with a labour force of 1,500 strong. So far, I have seen no definite proposals or indeed any indications that you have given any thought to this important matter.

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05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP/LIVE
06.00	News At Dawn	RSP/TAPE
06.03	Moment for Thought	NP
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	"
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP/CGR
06.35	OBN Jingle	RSP/LIVE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP/TAPE
06.57	Moment For Thought	RSP/LIVE
07.00	The News	NP
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You	"
07.20	Early Morning Request	RSP/LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Efik, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP/CGR
08.45	Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Music Rendezvous (Comm)	RSP/CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion	"
10.15	National Programme/Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme/Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme/Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
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11.45	National Programme/Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme/Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme/Educational Service	"
12.30	Kwanni Benimo Ifie (Kolokuma Mag. prog.)	"
	Kirike Chiri (Okrika Mag. Programme)	RSP/TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
13.30	Juke Box	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Home maker's special	"
14.30	Iron Obu Ibu	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Music from other States (Comm)	RSP/CGR
15.30	State News in English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP/LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Information Bureau	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Let's discuss (Rept. Wed. 1730 hours)	"
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Governor at and you/The next step	"
18.28	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Fuel Pit	RSP/LIVE
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP/LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	In My Days	"
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP/LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ikwerre, Kalabari, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP/LIVE
20.30	Agric Quarter Hour	RSP/TAPE
20.45	Meditation	NP
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Gods of our Fathers	"
21.20	Interlude	"
21.30	Extreme World	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Talk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the Rivers State	RSP/TAPE/CGR
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	My favourite	NP
23.13	Evening Worship (Igbo)	RSP/LIVE
23.25	Just For You	NP
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP/TAPE

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7.00	Cartoons
7.30	World News
7.45	Papers Today
8.05	Pictorial World
8.30	Nigeria Today
9.00	Network News
9.30	Scope Theatre
10.00	Matter of Conscience
10.30	Star Secret

LEKWOT GOES ROUND

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N33 million on capital works within your council area in the period under consideration. In addition, your council has been paid a sum of N617,139 grant this financial year, plus a special payment of N91,976.50, plus another grant of N577,704.21 due to be paid to you any time now; that is a total of N1,286,419.71, representing mainly personal emoluments and other recurrent charges.

And the sum of N33 million mentioned earlier, that is a grand total of N34,286,419.71, which is so high that it bears no comparison whatever with your share of the 10 per cent of state revenue prescribed for the councils.

It is thus absurd to talk of starving this council of funds, taking into consideration the needs of other parts of this state.

You must guard against the grave error of regarding Port Harcourt as the Rivers State and the Rivers State as Port Harcourt. There are over two million souls in the Rivers State and roughly 10 per cent only live in Port Harcourt. The silent majority also deserve our attention.

Despite the sum of N1,286,419.71 expended mainly on personal emoluments by this council which is comparable to similar expenditure by some of the state ministries, you complain of staffing, saying that 95 per cent of your staff are unqualified.

Do you not have power to appoint and terminate the appointment of practically all your staff?

If there are unqualified or inefficient workers, you should identify them and replace them in the approved manner. That is one of your primary functions and you better see to it that it is properly done.

We do not have to have another national purge exercise before your council can do its duty. And please bear in mind that even elected men can be purged, by the electorate.

From all indications, the main problem responsible for the inefficiency of your labour force is poor supervision and lack of proper organisation. Most of your workers are said to be too old to handle the tools of their trade and there is no evidence to show that you have had the guts to implement the simple personnel rules and regulations.

You must do something right away to save the situation.

With reference to some of the other functions of the council to which you have made reference in your welcome address, I must say at once that I am awfully appalled at your poor effort at refuse disposal in Port Harcourt. I do not accept the excuse you make about bulldozers.

If you are given four more bulldozers as you request, the result would be four more awful sights like what you have made of the eastern end of Aggrey Road. How many bulldozers were used by the then City Council when Port Harcourt earned the praise name of garden city? Here again you must wake up to your responsibilities at once.

I want to see realistic and effective refuse disposal arrangements functioning in this city without further delay. Although necessary action is in progress for the eventual installation of a proper sewage system in Port Harcourt, immediate action must be taken by your council to abate the present refuse nuisance in Port Harcourt city.

The refuse must be placed in the bins provided, not beside them or on the highway. Your workers must not dispose of the refuse by carrying these bins away from the dirty parts of the city and emptying them in the areas supposed to be clean, as would appear to be the case at present.

The tall grass everywhere must be brought low. The few remaining open spaces must be properly maintained, not turned into a den of thieves.

All old and disused motor vehicles and scraps must be removed and all the existing drains which are blocked must be promptly opened up.

Henceforth, let there be sanity in our sanitation.

Government will give whatever necessary assistance you require for this operation clean up Port Harcourt.

During the environmental sanitation week, the state commissioners and I demonstrated publicly how Port Harcourt should be kept clean. The idea was to show the high importance government attaches to the question of cleanliness of all parts of the state.

75 per cent of the refuse disposal vans bought for this scheme as well as the trained sanitary inspectors have been handed over to your council. To earn our respect and admiration, your council must give concrete effect to this important government policy urgently.

You should send a monthly report to the Ministry of Local Government and my office on the progress you are making in this matter, beginning from February 28, 1978.

Another matter that calls for comment is the question of rates collection. Admittedly, the collection of property rate is complicated in this city by the peculiar problem of abandoned property.

Of course, you are all aware of the efforts which are being made to ensure that this problem is resolved once and for all. It is hoped that this matter will soon be of historical interest only.

But this situation notwithstanding, it does not appear that your council has shown sufficient initiative and drive in the collection of property rates in respect of commercial and industrial buildings which do not involve abandoned property complications.

Your collection of less than one-third of the estimated revenue from this source is very disappointing, to say the least.

Apart from property rates, I am not satisfied that you have set up a proper machinery for the collection of capitation rates and other items of council revenue.

The best proof that you deserve a higher expenditure allocation is to improve your revenue collection which is far from satisfactory at the present level.

The other matters mentioned in your address pertaining to cleaning of drains, repairing of council halls, running of bus services are matters of detail which cannot be dealt with on an occasion such as this. These services and functions are purely council services and functions.

It is therefore your duty to study them, take decisions on them, and resolve any problems arising from them through ordinary routine administrative action. In this connection, you should take the guidance provided by the ministries seriously.

Any instance of lack of co-operation from a ministry should be promptly reported so that adequate corrective action can be taken. But do not fall into the error of doing nothing at all simply because you do not understand or do not agree with a certain policy.

A glaring example is the registration of commercial vehicles, especially taxis operating in the municipality, about which you appear to have taken no action practically, despite, I believe, constant pressure from government. I want to see urgent action taken in this matter as well.

In conclusion, having regard to all you have said in self-defence, I must state in all honesty, that I had expected more from your council than the present level of performances. But in view of the fact that the council has just returned from a ten-year holiday, the poor performance may be excusable.

However, it is hoped you will learn quickly and that you will apply yourselves more diligently to your responsibilities, in the public interest. On behalf of the Rivers State Government, I can promise that, within our financial limitations, you will, like any other council in the state, have all the necessary funds and encouragement you need, provided that you take the required pains to plan effectively.

Meanwhile, you must endeavour to establish a satisfactory local government accounting system, so as to ensure that all funds allocated to you are legitimately expended.

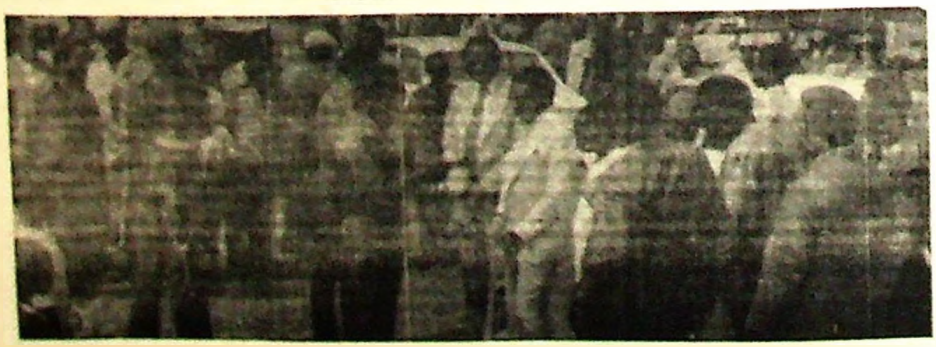
I wish the Port Harcourt City Council a bright 1978/79 financial year, in the service of the Rivers State and our great nation.

Thank you.



Col Lekwot (standing) is addressing the councillors, chiefs and communities in Port Harcourt City Council. With him from left are: Mr E. J. Efah, Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Chief O. Wonodi, Chairman, Port Harcourt City Council, the State Commissioner of Police, Mr J. O. Olarinde, the acting Commissioner for Local Government, Mr Daggo Alagoma (extreme right) and other civil commissioners.

"If you are given four more bulldozers as you request, the result would be four more awful sights like what you have made of the eastern end of Aggrey Road. How many bulldozers were used by the then City Council when Port Harcourt earned the praise name of garden city? Here again you must wake up to your responsibilities at once."



Police fires during the Governor making a point to the chairman of Port Harcourt City Local Government, Chief Okogbule Wonodi while other members of his entourage listen with rapt attention.

Tombstone unveiled

THE 82-foot statue for the late Obiora of Aka Offot, Chief Akpan Ibanga Ebe has been unveiled.

The ceremony which preceded traditional wrestling attracted a number of distinguished personalities from all parts of Cross Rivers State.

The occasion which featured traditional dances and cultural display was rounded off with a visit to an ancient market site Aka Offot in Uyo local government area.

Speaking at the ceremony, the family head, Mr Effiong Akpan Ibanga examined the role of the father as a prominent traditional ruler whose performances will never be forgotten in the community.

Mr Ibanga expressed gratitude to members of the public who contributed to the huge success of the ceremony.



Olusola tours departments

The Oyo State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Engineer Timothy Olusola, paid a visit to abattoirs and fisheries departments of his ministry in Ibadan.

The Commissioner (third from right) in dark glasses, listens as an explanation by the chief fisheries officer, Mr Olubunmi Elliot (second left) while others look on.

13 TRADERS CONVICTED

THIRTEEN traders have been convicted by the Price Control Court sitting in Umuahia, Imo State, for profiteering and trade malpractices.

They were sentenced to a total fine of N5,150 or 131 months imprisonment.

The traders, drawn from Umuahia and Mbano were found guilty of selling various items of controlled commodities including beer, soft drinks and milk at inflated prices to the public.

Among the invited traders were one Vitus Onyenezido who bagged six months imprisonment with hard labour for hoarding beer and the Mbano Divisional Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Limited for profiteering.

A sales girl of the society, Miss Sabina Iberipulem and the society's secretary, Mr Festus Chiwuneye were charged for selling a bottle of coca cola and a bottle of Fanta tonic water at 16k instead of 12k as prescribed by the price control decree.

Each of the accused officials of the society was sentenced to a fine of N400 or in default to go to prison for six months.

Police smash den of car thieves

THE police in Onitsha have smashed a ring of motor vehicle thiefs and their den, located at Ihiala, ripped open.

A man received bullet wounds during the police operation.

Our correspondent reports that Police were investigating the loss of a vehicle belonging to the former world wrestling champion, Power Mfike allegedly stolen in Lagos, when they were tipped off.

Following the clue a team of police men went to Ihiala and stumbled over a workshop in which a vehicle was being dismantled.

Taken by surprise, a man who was engaged in the act of dismantling the vehicle ran into a room and grabbed a matchet and attacked the police.

After a melee, the man attempted to outsmart the police by mounting his motor cycle in an escape bid.

But a volley from a police gun brought him down.

Speaking to our correspondent on the issue, the divisional police officer for Onitsha, Mr P. Duru said a man popularly known as 'engineer' is now in hospital being treated for bullet wounds.

"We shall know what to do with him when he gets better".

SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION ASSURED

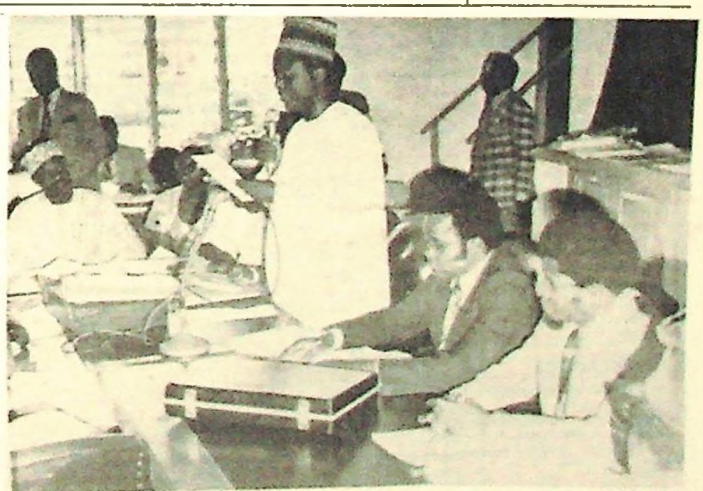
THE chairman of Yenagoa local government area, Mr I.S. Woko has assured communities and registration officers in all the registration areas of the council that there would be no shortage of registration materials.

He said all hands should be on deck to make the exercise a success.

Mr Woko was addressing in Engwe community in Yenagoa local government area where he and his household registered for the exercise.

The chairman, who was the first to register advised communities which complained of inadequate registration officers and materials to exercise patience as complaints were being looked into.

Meanwhile, the registration exercise which started very well is going on smoothly in all the 78 registration centres of the YELGA council area.



Commissioner addresses chairmen

The conference of chairmen, supervisory councillors and secretaries of Local Government Councils in Bendel State addressed by the Commissioner for Local Government, Mr A.A. Musa ended at Ughelli. Here, Mr Musa addresses the conference while others watch.

CINEMA TONIGHT

PLAZA CINEMA

Presents tonight at 8.30 p.m.

"ONE-ARMED BOXER VS THE FLYING GUILLOTINE"

A classic Chinese film with thrilling Chu Shaw-Tin in the lead role. A gripping picture with nothing but action from the beginning to the end. Starring Wang Yu, Lee Kwan Long, Kao Pei and others.

Admission: 80 & 50k

Classified Adverts

Change of Name

DOKUBO — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Bioya Dokubo, now wish to be known and called as Mrs. Bioya O. Abili. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State council for Arts and Culture and the general public please take note. Mrs Bioya O.Abili. **MRS. BIOYA O. ABILI**

WARMAN — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Jannett Stanley Warman now wish to be known and called Miss Jannett Sunday Dikeogu bearing my former name remain valid. To the State's schools Management Board Teaching Service Commission, Ministry of Education Port Harcourt and the entire public should please take note. Miss Jannett Sunday

PHILLIPS — I, formerly known and addressed as Nathan Wenebeye Phillipps wish to be known and called Nathan Nenibarini Wegwu. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. R. S. Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board and the general public take note Nathan Nenibarini Wegwu

EGBUNETU — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Grace Uloma Egbunetu now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Grace Uloma Ukoha Ukoha. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. The principal, staff and students of Federal Government T. T. C. Okpoko, Rivers State Schools Management Board, Teaching Service Commission, Ministry of Education and the general public should please take note. MRS Grace U. Ukoha

AWALAH — I, formerly known and addressed as Mercy Awalah now wish to be known and addressed as Mercy Onuche-Dada. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and General public please take note Mrs. Mercy Onuche-Dada

VACANCIES

We require (1) Accountant clerk with not less than 3 years working experience.

(2) A secretary with 3 years working experience. Salary negotiable but attractive.

Applicants to call in person on the 26th January, 1978 to:

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PORT HARCOURT.

Government Announcement

Recruitment of Cadets into the NIGERIAN AIR FORCE as Potential Pilots and other Professional Ground Duties

The Nigerian Air Force is currently undertaking a recruitment exercise in all State Capitals of the Federation for the purpose of recruiting interested Professional Duty Cadets.

The Recruitment Exercise will be conducted on 1st February 1978.

Tradesmen will be recruited into the Nigerian Air Force on 6th January, 1978.

Interested candidates should please report at the Ground Training Wing, Airport Rd, Harcourt with both Originals and photocopies of their credentials.

Only (ex-regular) of the Nursing (para medicals) and Secretaries are wanted.

Wanted Urgently

PRODUCTION WORKERS:

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

First School Leaving Certificate. Applicants with Trade Test in different fields preferrably Welding, Fitting, Spray Painting, Cabinet Making, Fabrication and Plumbing may be considered.

SALARY:

Very attractive.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Intending applicants should call at Plot 49 Trans-Amadi Industrial Layout Port Harcourt on 21st January, 1978 between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon prompt.

UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT

Tender for Food Supply:

SECOND SEMESTER 1977/78

1. Tenders for Food Supply to the Catering Department and Guest House of the University of Port Harcourt are hereby invited for the second semester 1977/78 session.

2. Tenderers are requested to obtain appropriate form in duplicate from the Office of the Bursar, University of Port Harcourt on payment of a non-refundable fee of ₦20.00.

3. Only bonafide Contractors/Firms engaged in food trade/agriculture will be considered.

4. Completed tenders should be returned to the Registrar, University of Port Harcourt, P.M.B. 5323, Port Harcourt, to reach him not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 10th February, 1978.

ALL TENDERS MUST BE MARKED STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

M. E. AKPE,
REGISTRAR.

Ministry of Works & Housing
Port Harcourt.

STAFF VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the posts of—

(1) Marine Engineering Assistant Grade II
(2) Marine Engineering Assistant Grade III
(3) Panel Beaters.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. (a) Certificate of Competency as Marine Engineering Assistant (Motor) issued by Federal Ministry of Transport.

   (b) Minimum educational qualification of Standard Six. In addition applicant should have a minimum of six years experience in operation and maintenance of machinery on board the inland Water Crafts.

2. Same as above but with about two years experience.

3. (a) Trade Test Certificate Grades I, II and III in Panel beating or

   (b) A minimum of three years experience on the job.

SALARY:

For I: Grade Level 05

For II: Grade Level 04

For III: (a) Panel Beater Grade I Grade Level 04

(b) Panel Beater Grade II Grade Level 03, Step 5.

(c) Panel Beater Grade III Grade Level 03.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Applicants should forward their applications together with photostat copies of their certificates to reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing, Port Harcourt, on or before Friday 27th January, 1978.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dearly beloved father



CHIEF JAS I. EMENIKE

DURU OMERE MA ORIE OF OKWELLE.

Former Deputy Mayor of Port Harcourt, and founder of Diobu as a Conurbation

who died on the 20th January, 1973.

Father, you toiled throughout your life span for our comfort. We remember your love and devotion each passing day and wish you had lived longer.

Pray for us and may your good spirit guide us through life's journey.

REST IN PERFECT PEACE.

Marcus I. Emenike (Son)

OBITUARY



MADAM NWANE DAIBI YOUNG JACK

The family of Mberefi Oruwari in Abonnema, deeply regret to announce the death of their sister, Mother, Madam Daibi Young Jack. She died on Tuesday 17th January, 1978, in the Degema General Hospital after a brief illness. She was aged 62 years.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Her body leaves Degema General Hospital Mortuary at 10 a.m. on Friday 20th Jan. 1978 to Mberefi's Gate, Abonnema.
2. Christian Wake Keeping on Friday night at the same compound.
3. Burial takes place on Saturday 21st January, 1978 at 10 a.m. after Church Service in the Nyemoni Church. She left behind to mourn her a host of relations including:

Chief T. G. Memberrs	— Brother
Madam Ereghi Daibi Young-Jack	— Sister
Mr. Francis B. Memberrs	— Son
Mrs. Chief Abaye Fubara	— Cousin
Miss Theresa Memberrs	— Sister
Miss Doris Oruwari	— Cousin
And twelve Grand Children	

FRANCIS B. MEMBERRS
for the family

Port Harcourt Flour Mills Limited

Port Harcourt.

(A) CONSTRUCTION OF CLOAK-HOUSE

(B) PAINTING OF FACTORY

Invitation to Tender

Tenders are invited from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of a Cloak-House and Painting of the Company's Factory. Job details in respect of the above are available in the Factory for inspection, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Completed tenders should be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of N20.00 (twenty naira) in respect of each job. Tenders should be submitted in sealed envelopes, endorsed at the upper left-hand corner "Tender for Cloak-House Construction" and "Tender for Painting of Factory" respectively, and addressed to:-

PERSONNEL MANAGER,
PH. FLOUR MILLS LIMITED,
INDUSTRY ROAD,
P.O. BOX 809,
PORT HARCOURT

to reach him not later than 31st January, 1978.

The Company is however not bound to accept the lowest tenders or any other tender for these works, and its decisions shall be final and binding for the purpose of these tenders.

Tidesport

Sharks may not bite hard!

SHARKS, the darling club of football lovers in Port Harcourt may not bite harder in the field of soccer. Reason?

In its issue of Sunday, 15th January, 1978, the sports column of this newspaper came out with a publication captioned "WHY THE SHARKS CAN'T BITE", featuring the Team Manager of the club — Mr Sunday Nwokoma lashing out the uncooperative attitude of the management towards the club.

The manager went on to explain that the club was losing one of its reliable defenders whom, he said, was allowed to treat himself from an injury sustained as a result of the club's assignment. I will, at this point, like to advise the team manager that in the nearest future the club would be loosing more players than ever.

Recently, the club came out with some promising young players whom I believe were secondary school leavers. These aspiring youths would do better than any clubside in this country if well catered for. But how can they? They were employed on the basis of their paper qualifications and there is no other encouragement to them other than that which could be obtained elsewhere without playing football. Nothing in form of incentive to spur the boys.

Other clubs like Rangers International of Enugu and the Shooting Stars of Ibadan do not base the employment of their football players on paper qualification. The players are well catered for. They are given incentive, thereby discipline is maintained. Who is surprised to learn that there is no discipline in the Sharks Club? Other clubs as I have mentioned are encouraged even at the face of defeat.

For example, when the

says

Eric Owen Banigo

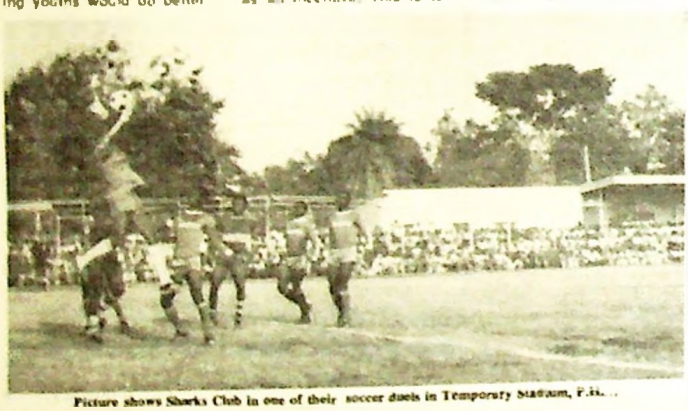
Rangers Clubside of Enugu defeated their Ibadan counterparts at the semi-finals of the last African Cup Winners Cup competition, the latter were not discouraged. They were given a car each as an incentive. This is to make them strive harder next time. It also happened in like-manner when the ICC of Ibadan defeated the Racca Rovers of Kano in the final of last year's challenge cup, the latter also were encouraged by the award of motor-cycle bonus to every player.

The present management of the club is under the able Director of Sports — Mr Rollins Eben-Seff whom I am made to understand is not interested in the game of football, but rather interested in such games like golf, cricket and hockey. I may not blame Mr Eben-Seff for any nonchalant attitude and non-commitment towards the welfare of the club. Why?

Yes, because before bringing the management of the club under his directorship one could have foreseen that he is not inclined to the game and, therefore, may be found wanting in that respect. It may even amount to driving a nail into the club's coffin.

As an enthusiastic admirer of football soccer, I have been reliably informed that a good number of newly employed players of Sharks Football Club have been invited and interviewed by another clubsides in Port Harcourt. Obviously the boys will resign their appointment with the Sports Council and leave for a place where they will be well catered for. This will be detrimental to the well-being of the Sharks Football Club. We should not depend on Dombrave, Owolo, Appolo and a few others who are steadfast players of the club.

Sports Council, please take necessary action.



Picture shows Sharks Club in one of their soccer duels in Temporary Stadium, P.H.



Gordon Idoniye, Sharks defender still nursing painful injury.



Mr. ROLLINS EBEN-SEFF Director of Sports, RSSC

PH LEAGUE FINALS BEGIN TODAY!

THE big question as to who represents the Rivers State at this year's National League in Lagos, will be decided on Sunday at the end of zonal competitions starting from today.

According to a sports council press release, the matches will be played at the Recreation Stadium. The matches will be among the zonal champions clubs in the state.

They include the Sharks Football Club and the Police Football Club all of Port Harcourt.

Others are, Abonda Shooting Stars of Abonda, Niss River Niger from Opobo, Yeghe Rocks Bori and the Kinkson Football Club of Okrika.

Signed by the secretary Rivers State Football Association, Mr R. K. Wood, the release further stated that two matches will be played each day starting from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd January, 1978.

"The first match starts at 2.00 p.m while the other starts at 4.00 p.m.

"There will be only one match on Saturday, 21st and kick-off is at 4.00 p.m," it added.

Kaduna soccer league takes off tomorrow

KADUNA State First Division Soccer League kicks off tomorrow in preparation for the 1978 National League.

At the Ahmadu Bello Stadium on Saturday, Kafanchan defeated Katsina by three goals to nothing.

Kafanchan netted their first goal through a penalty-kick in the early part of the first half.

Efforts by Kafanchan boys to increase their score in the first half failed, thus it ended 1-0 against Katsina.

In the second half, Kafanchan started launching attack in Katsina goal area and recorded their second goal in the 22nd minute of the second half.

Kafanchan boys broke through Katsina defence again and recorded their third goal in 30 minutes of play in this half. Katsina forwards made several efforts to score but failed and so, it ended 3-0 against Katsina.

Second match, played in the same venue, Ahmadu Bello University Hospital played a goalless draw with Defence Industries Corporation the "Bees". The two teams entered the field with clear soccer tactics but in the 12th minute of the first half, penalty-kick was awarded against ABU Hospital but their goalkeeper had no problem in catching the resultant kick. Bees made several efforts to put in a goal but with a strong defence and good goalkeeper ABU warded them off easily, thus the match ended 0-0.

In the same venue, the Kaduna State giant teams, Ahmadu Bello University Workers engaged in a war with their counterpart, One Division Garrision. The two teams appeared on the field smartly and started showing their classical soccer tactics immediately. Garrision which took control of the field in the first half, recorded their first and only goal in the 44th minute of the first half. The

from

Edward Alyemen

two giants fought ruthlessly but the first half ended 1-0 against ABU Workers.

In the second half, ABU Workers took over control of the field and equalised in the 25 minute of play.

Garrision fought back gamely but ABU Workers sprang a surprise in the 34 minute of play when they got their second goal. The two teams, at this stage fought to finish but the match ended 2-1 against Garrision. Chizen went to Ahmadu Bello University Workers.

Andeko's Nap wk 25

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3	Leeds	x
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5	Liverpool	/
6	Man. Utd	/
7	Middlesbro'	/
8	Norwich	/
9	Notts For	/
10	West Ham	/
11	Wolves	/
12	Blackburn	2
13	Bolton	/
14	Brighton	2
15	Bristol R.	/
16	Charlton	2
17	Crystal P.	x
18	Oldham	/
19	Southpton	22
20	Stoke	/
21	Sunderland	2
22	Tottenham	2
23	Bury	x
24	Chester	2
25	Gillingham	/
26	Oxford	/
27	Peterboro	/
28	Plymouth	2
29	Sheff. Wed.	/
30	Shrewsbury	x
31	Walsall	/
32	Barnsley	x
33	Bournem'th	x
34	Crewe	/
35	Darlington	/
36	Doncaster	x
37	Grimsby	x
38	Huddersf'd	/
39	North'pton	x
40	Reading	/
41	Wimbledon	x
42	York	/
43	Aberdeen	99
44	Celtic	/
45	Dundee U.	x
46	Hibernian	/
47	Rangers	/
48	Dumbarton	x
49	East Fife	/
50	Hamilton	/
51	Kilmarnock	x
52	Queen O'Sth	/

Away

11	Liverpool
13	Tranere
14	Forfar
16	Falkirk
17	Stenhousmur
19	Albion

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Draws

1	Port Vale
8	Swindon
9	Gillingham

Stoke Draws

14	Heart
17	Cowdenbth
19	Brechin
21	Raith

INFORMATION

As a pool mathematician foe cast you will always depend upon figures. And try to use one which is double, maybe next best for draws.

Try perm 1 8 15 22 29 31 4
Try perm 2 4 9 16 23 30 3
Try Box 30 28 25.
Perm 288 288 with any six from 50.

SUMMARY

Away	11
Home	29
Draw	12
Total	52

CARDIFF MESSAGE

STAKERS, last week was your happy week. I told you about Nos. 3, 14, 40 and all drew that was good 3 draws for you. How do you want a forecaster to give you draws?

If you cannot pick the draws from the Tide Sport, come to person to see me at 40 Obiakuma Street Mile 1 Diobu Port Harcourt this week 25 your banker is niger No. 27 xxx BK for your 3 draws come to my cardiff message.

A week of wonders (2) Tidesports pools wk 25

INTERNATIONAL
GIFTS FOR 1978.
... ...
4 :xxxxxxxxxxCBK
4 :xxxxxxxxxxCBK
8 :xxxxxxxxxxCBK
Wonderful pair:
5: 18 Must



ROCKY NAPS

Gentlemen,
Thee Football Pools result of week was very promising, some of my customers won pounds in treble chance
Thee wonderful week was too ad to stakers. Rocky produ 38 genuine draws and Ste Bergs the wonderful man 3 correct draws and they draws. Sports Pictures 4 complete draws out of and 4 drew.
This is the second week of wonderful operations and sta who will follow us very closely will find N3,000.00 their pocket this Saturday.
have no more chance to than to forecast only 3 draws for everyone of Follow the Nigerian Tide section weekly, and you will see something and you will improve this wonderful year.

For your information, we have found a sure means of how to get 3 sure draws correct in every week. Your coming to us for this will be very helping.

For your draws of week 25 Nap numbers 36 xxxxxxxxxx CBK Rocky numbers 37 xxxxx xxxxx CBK Sequence numbers 38 xxxxxxxxxx CBK Seasonal.

This is a very sure pair for you to add in forming the above 3 numbers. Write to me or come personally to
THE CHIEF COMPILER.
53 Murtala Muhammed Way, Oron, Cross River State.

Rocky vrs 38 CBK.

Stephen Bergs

Comrades,
Happy and prosperous New 1978, and I have al told you that, I will do good through out this 1976. You saw what I done for the past 3 weeks 27 will be very wor My forecasts to m members and members wil 5 over 5 draws.
will not relent in m to help you. Your invested in pools for what will now be returned The wonders I did in midterm forecasts of last will not in the History Results be compared with I come I will do in week 27 coming season.

Book in advance N30.00, in each envelope. Yes for week 25 Nap the following numbers for your 3 draws number 34 xxxxxxxxxxxxCBK Surprise number 38 xxxxxxxxxxxxCBK Decent number 49 xxxxxxxxxxxxCBK Must be.

As you have already been informed by the Chief Compiler, in fact, only here you can have your nearest success, and win in Pools. Keep a copy of this TIDE in your pools office, and have what you look for in Pools. In week 27 I will start my Tour all over the Country. Watch the announcements. Thanks. Come to me at number 53 Murtala Muhammed way, Oron.

SPECIAL DRAWS BY MAC LEE

no more talk as I told earlier. Announcements week 25 will tell everyone about what is going take place this week. Nap coming you will see under for your 3 super this week
week 25—Nap number xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK number 8 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK number 15 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK

These are your pairs for the week: 5/18 is one draw, 50/52 is one draw, 40 and 41 is one draw. Visit me.

I will be a nice forecaster for you this Year before it rains out. Expect 3 forecasts numbers as above to end off nicely.

De Young Naps

Don't be very surprised to see my new way of forecasts for I want the stakers to have their draws without pain.
For week 25, Nap numbers
7 xxxxxxxxxx CBK
8 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
12 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
36 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
48 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK

Do anything you like with these numbers, if you like, perm and bet them. Although some of the numbers are in your personal forecasts.

Five pairs 15/16 24/29, 38/41 these 3 pairs are for your sure 4 draws. These pairs will never fail to produce one draw each.

King of Draws

Number 7 xxxxxx, 36 xxxxxx, and 38 xxxxxxxxxxCBK are the draws I am going to tell you this time, and this is a nice week for punters, and all of you must certainly on Saturday collect heavily the amount you have invested in this week's coupon.

To mention some, those two teams at number 7 were practically fixed for this week. Their first encounter was not as good as could be on Saturday this week for as long as I am concerned number 7 is automatic draw, even scores are to be expected.

I have no overseas compiler, but Niger Record is my compiler, the form and method these teams stand, is never to be equaled. Nap 7 xxxxxxxxxx CBK.

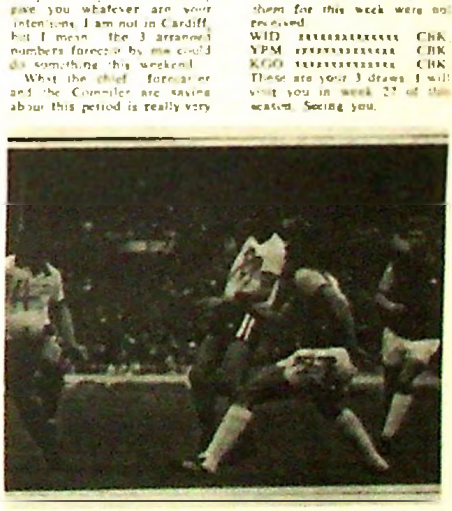
Number 36 is too good, for in week 5 GRIMSBY was with ROCHDALE, while STOCKPORT was with YORK, and this week, they are placed to square 1 — 1, and I have no more chance to waste than to bet the number myself. So Nap 36 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxCBK.

Number 38 is a draw, as far as 1975/76 seasons were concerned, the possible points on this game is a draw. Nap 38 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxCBK.

BOB DE BANKERS

BOB THE BANKERS
Sincerely,
Your choice is as good as mine as the following numbers:—
2 xxxxxxxxxx CBK
4 xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
16 xxxxxxxxxxxxCBK
This is not a week for too much of long talk but is a week for an action to be taken and Nap the 3 arranged numbers, for they must sincerely give you whatever are your intentions. I am not in Cardiff, but I mean the 3 arranged numbers forecast by me could do something this weekend.
What the chief forecaster and the Compiler are saying about this period is really very sure. Nap any numbers or all forecast on this week 25 Special Tidesports must certainly provide 3 special draws in each column.

I am not afraid to say this that, promoters will pay with tears. Those of my customers who have ordered recently for week 25 draws, should use these CODES as their draws, in case the 3 draws sent to them for this week were not received.
WID xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
YPM xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
KGO xxxxxxxxxxxx CBK
These are your 3 draws I will visit you in week 27 of this season. Seeing you.



Formula Three

1	IPSWICH T	— —	2	— —	xxxxxxxxCBK
2	Q P R	— —	4	— —	xxxxxxxxxx
3	BLACKPOOL	— —	15	— —	xxxxxxxxxx
4	LUTON	— —	16	— —	1111111111
5	SOUTHEND	— —	34	— —	2222222222
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Executive in the states

STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE IN THE STATES

The subcommittee recommends that the executive structure of the state should be in an analogous position to that of the Federation. Every level of government must be infused with the same republican ethos. Thus

THE BIG VOTE

1. The Chief Executive of a state shall be known as a Governor. His assistant shall be known as Deputy Governor.

METHOD OF ELECTION

2. The Governor and the Deputy Governor shall be elected on the same ticket by universal adult suffrage in a state-wide election.

3. Their terms of office shall be four years. A governor shall be eligible for re-election for a second term of four years and not necessarily with the same running mate.

ELIGIBILITY

4. To be eligible for the governorship a candidate must be an indigene of the state, that is to say that such a candidate must be able to show that any of his grand-parents or their forbears were born in that state. In addition he must be at least 40 years old. The same conditions apply for a Deputy Governor.

DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S FUNCTIONS:

1. The Deputy Governor shall carry out such functions as are assigned to him by the Governor. In addition, he shall be the Deputy Chairman of the State Executive Council.

2. The duties of the office of the Governor shall be performed by the Deputy Governor whenever the Governor for any reason whatsoever is temporarily unable to perform his duties or is away from Nigeria.

3. If the office of the Governor of a state becomes permanently vacant by reason of death, resignation, physical or mental incapacity or removal from office by impeachment, the deputy governor shall assume the office of the governor. He shall then nominate a deputy governor who will be scrutinized and confirmed by the state assembly.

VACANCY OF THE OFFICE OF A GOVERNOR:

1. The office of the Governor of a state shall become vacant under the same conditions as stipulated for the office of the President. Except that in the case of resignation under his hand, a Governor shall deliver the letter of resignation in person to the President of the State Assembly.

EXECUTIVE LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS

1. The Executive-Legislative relations recommended for the Federal Government shall apply mutatis mutandis to state governments.

Electoral boss wants secretary removed

'Incompetent and lazy'

CHIEF (Mrs) Yetunde Gbadeho, Rivers State Resident Electoral Commissioner, wants the assistant secretary of the Bonny Local Government Authority area removed. She describes him as "an incompetent and lazy" public servant.

This observation was made shortly after visiting the area in continuation of her visit to the area to assess the progress so far made in the registration of voters now going on.

The commissioner noted with dismay that she could not address the people of the area because the assistant secretary had refused to inform the people of her visit.

A chief of the area who had come out of his own initiative admitted not having any previous information about the visit.

The assistant secretary, who denied, was asked to produce a copy of the letter inviting the people, but he was unable to do so.



MR ALAGOMA
Ag. Commissioner for Local Government.

Chief Gbadeho noted that there was a "sharp contradiction" between the registration officers and the secretary and as a result things were "not going on well in the area".

She made a plea before the acting Commissioners for Local Government and the newly elected councillors that the secretary be removed with "immediate effect" as he was constituting a clog in the wheel of progress of the registration exercise.

She emphasized that she was not ready to work with a man as the secretary at Ngo whom she said had "problems and does not realise them".

Also in the district, six villages in the registration area 54 (Ibaomba) was discovered to have been omitted in the registration list.

The villages are Opuino Owo, Okokon-Edidim, Uko-Ossim, Okokdem, Amachama and Udung-Ossean. However arrangements are being made to accommodate the areas.

Bonny councillors get warning

The newly elected councillors of the Bonny Local Government Council have been warned not to engage in any activity that might disrupt the smooth running of the council.

They should also avoid bitterness, intolerance and lack of mutual understanding as these are capable of destroying the image of the council.

Giving the warning in Bonny, while addressing the inaugural meeting of the new council, the state's acting Commissioner for Local Government, Mr Dagogo Alagoma reminded them that the council had suffered severe set-backs in the past and as a result was unable to achieve anything.

The commissioner told the councillors that it was a matter of deep regret that the former council was destroyed by its own members who due to their selfish and personal motives did not respect the oath of office taken by them.

He advised them to guard against the mistakes of the past and ensure that the new council worked in the best interest of the people of the area and the government.

Ethnic differences, tribal feelings and internal politics, the commissioner told the newly sworn-in councillors, should be viewed as the worst enemies of progress and should therefore be shunned.

He charged them to show greater sense of responsibility and ensure that their programmes were implemented effectively to enable them retain the confidence of the electors.

10 awards for Rivers

THE Rivers State branch of the Free Education Association of Nigeria will be launched at the Port Harcourt City Hall at 10.30 a.m. on February 1.

Ten scholarships donated by the chairman and founder of the association, Mr Gani Fawehinmi will be awarded to successful applicants of Rivers State origin.

Interviews for the scholarship awards will be conducted on the launching day while presentation of the awards will be made to successful applicants on Saturday, February 4.

ULTIMATUM TO IMPORTERS

Nigeria importers who have goods lying at any of the Nigerian ports have been advised to report to their respective ports for the clearance of their goods latest this week-end otherwise the goods would be disposed of by any other means deemed appropriate.

This is with a view to decongest all Nigerian Ports Authority transit sheds and other customs government warehouses in Nigerian ports which have become over-congested with cargo thus slowing down the rate at which incoming vessels are being off-loaded.

A statement by the Federal Ministry of Trade in Lagos said that in accordance with the directives of the Federal Military Government to improve the situation, a committee had been set up to scrutinize all documents concerning imported goods and authorise the issue of licence on the spot in appropriate cases to enable importers take immediate delivery of their goods.

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