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OKILO THANKS ASSEMBLY

by Patterson Koko

THE Rivers State Appropriation Bill which was approved by the state House of Assembly has received the assent of Governor Melford Okilo. At a brief, but impressed ceremony at the executive chambers of the Government House, on Wednesday the governor beaming with smile,

...Assents to bill

gave his assent to the bill.

Governor Okilo expressed gratitude to the speaker of the state House of Assembly Mr R. R. Briggs and the entire members of the Assembly for the meticulous and critical work they did on the budget.

at Government House, the governor announced that a permanent relief committee would be set up in the state.



MR D. K. BADOM

MPs commend the budget

by Fitzallen Briggs

A MEMBER of the Rivers State House of Assembly, Mr D. K. Badom (Dora V) interviewed over his impressions on the state budget has said that those in position to execute government policies should use whatever amount of money allocated to their departments.

Mr Badom stated that the budget was commendable in the sense that it hit all the corners of human endeavours.

For example, he said, it

made provision for development of towns, supply of water and electricity, the war against ignorance by way of encouraging education and decentralising the government.

He was not happy that schools in the Rivers State were not properly staffed and equipped and advised that equipment for laboratories, classrooms and dormitories be bought and qualified staff recruited for them.

He backed the establishment

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Chief Okilo flanked by the Deputy Governor, Dr Frank Eko (left) and the Speaker, Mr R. R. Briggs (right) assents to the appropriation bill

'Harmony now exists in NTVA'

THE restructuring of the Nigerian Television (NTV) is a most appropriate and welcome exercise carried out by the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), because it had yielded many good fruits.

This was made known by a senior TV broadcaster in Lagos, Mr Bola Alalade, while chatting with journalists at the Port Harcourt Airport, on his way to Maiduguri during the week.

Mr Alalade saw no reason in the proliferation of TV houses in the country; he observed that it would benefit the country better if the existing stations were equipped with modern TV facilities of international standard.

The broadcaster noted that the wrangling between the management and staff of the NTV was over and that all anomalies had been corrected. "There is harmony in the place now" he declared.

Pupils leave schools without certificates

Assembly wants report within 14 days

from George Kedo

THE non-issuing of primary school leaving certificates in the past eight years and the non-free issuing of transfer certificates and testimonials to deserving pupils in Bendel State has been alleged in Bendel

House of Assembly.

Moving a motion on the importance of issuing certificates, and testimonials to deserving successful pupils, Mr S. E. Omatuaye (NPP) Ughelli South, alleged that since 1973, pupils of Bendel State origin had not got their school leaving certificates.

He alleged that while only a part of the successful pupils from the primary schools in Ordo Local Government area last got their primary school leaving certificate in 1973, none in all the other local government areas in the state got theirs until now.

The legislator also alleged that school pupils paid exorbitantly to obtain transfer certificates and testimonials.

Those who are in position "to purchase" these documents are the only privileged few.

Mr Omatuaye said that as the Bendel State Government is one of those states practising free education at all levels including free

school materials, books, transfer certificates, testimonials and school leaving certificates, it should be noted that the documents are needed by the pupils for security of jobs and assessment of performances.

Expressing surprise that the ministry had been reluctant in issuing "these very valuable documents" to the pupils' Mr Omatuaye called on the chief executive of the state to direct the Ministry of Education to give Primary School leaving certificates and testimonials to all qualified primary school pupils.

He also called on the government to prevail on the Ministry of Education to make copies of transfer certificates available free of charge to all primary and post-primary schools in the state. The motion was supported by Hon Chief S. D. Ober. The motion was later committed to the house committee on education. The house ordered the committee to report on the motion within two weeks.

Group wants Benue State split

A group led by senator Ameh Eneke and senator Andrew Abogede, has launched agitation for the carving out of another state from the existing Benue State to comprise the people of the Igala and Idoma speaking areas.

The agitation was announced at new conference in Makurdi.

According to the group, they represented the people of the Ankpa, Bassa, Dekina, Ida, Oju, Okpoku and Otukpo Local Government areas.

The group claimed that they had witnessed "with dismay the pattern of discriminatory distribution of political offices and appointments within the civil service".

The group alleged that virtually all vital commercial industrial and educational institutions had been cited within a particular ethnic area, and "the people of the Idoma and Igala areas are unable to fine the criteria for the glaring imbalance."

The group claimed that not only had "one section the state consistently got the lion's share but "there is no share for us at all".

Prices of farm crops revised upwards

FARMERS throughout the country could now smile with the release of the revised commodity prices for 1979/80 season.

The prices, mainly affecting agricultural products, were approved by the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari.

The price of one tonne of sorghum (Guinea corn), which was N120.50, was raised to N210.00.

Millet price was raised from N120.00 to N220.00, while maize was raised to N200.00 from N150.00.

Paddy Rice formerly at N275.00 is now N325.00.

Other products are millet rice, from N480.00 to N570.00 beans, from N207.00 to N245.00.

Wheat was raised to N245.00 from N200.00.

In another development, the Kaduna State Assembly has adopted a motion calling on the state government to allocate land for the Kaduna International Trade Fair.

The Trade Fair which is an annual event, is an occasion which brings together people from different continents of the world for economic undertakings.

Alhaji Jibo Muhammad (NPN, Kaduna Central) who introduced the motion pointed out that the Trade Fair had high economic im-

port and served as a means of fostering cooperation within the international community.

Gov Aku sets up probe on land fracas

The Benue State Government has set up a tribunal of inquiry to investigate the Otukpa district land dispute in the Okpoku Local Government area of the State.

Mr Ager Aku, Governor of the State appointed a Makurdi chief magistrate, Alhaji Umoru Eri, as chairman of the tribunal while, Mr S. P. Ezie principal state counsel and Mr Dennis Tukur chief land officer, Ministry of Housing are members.

A senior assistant secretary in the office of the Governor, Mr A. O. Oshigbo, will act as secretary to the tribunal.

The tribunal is expected to be announced within 30 days.

Students fight erosion

A youth body, known as the Bendel Youth Organisation, with a membership of 300 students from various secondary schools in the state, recently commenced work on draining the erosion water at Egnosa Grammar school compound.

Photo shows the students bailing water along new Lagos Road around Egnosa Grammar school.



Parties and their loyalists

Statement by the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Political Science Association.

WE have followed with interest, and now with increasing alarm, the growing preoccupation with party identity, party loyalty and party discipline. This preoccupation would be a virtue in a parliamentary system, but in a presidential system, particularly the type that Nigeria has adopted, it is quite dangerous.

We adopted a presidential system mainly because we thought that taking account of Nigerian realities, it would be more conducive to political stability than the parliamentary system.

What makes the presidential system more conducive to political stability is that party loyalty and party discipline are sufficiently relaxed so that voting cuts across party lines. There is no division of the Legislature into an opposition party and a governing party, and the Executive does not depend on the daily plebiscite of elected representatives to continue functioning.

Since party discipline is reduced to a minimum and the Chief Executive cannot rely on the automatic support of his partymen, he has to gear his programmes to interests which are broad and concrete; he has to search constantly for

compromise and consensus, and this too enhances political stability.

Strict adherence to party loyalty and discipline negates the norms which are critical to the stability of the presidential system. In so far as we insist on party loyalty and party discipline we are in effect practising the doctrine of party supremacy which makes it difficult if not impossible for the presidential system to work.

First, it is much more difficult for those who did not vote for the party in power to cooperate if that party asserts its supremacy and subordinates government to party instead of emphasizing that in power, it is a govern-

ment rather than a party.

Second, if the party in power insists on party supremacy, other parties will be put under pressure to allow themselves to be swallowed up (which is undesirable) or to become opposition parties.

Third, strict adherence to party loyalty and party discipline will make it very difficult for a president or a governor whose party does not command a majority in the legislature to rule. To grasp the gravity of this matter, one only has to imagine where we would be in the situation in Kaduna State were to exist on the national level.

Finally, it should be mentioned that our inclination to take party affiliation and party

loyalty very seriously is one of the main causes of political victimization which is threatening our stability. For one consequence of taking party loyalty and party identity too seriously is that those who belong to parties other than our own are regarded more like enemies than competitors and this becomes a justification for denying them their rights, privileges and immunities.

The idea that strict adherence to party loyalty and party discipline is desirable in the context of our present political system is a dangerous illusion. The sooner it is abandoned the better.

Professor Claude Ake
President National Political Science Association

Make I.B. Johnson Street 'one way' traffic

THE authorities concerned should please declare I.B. Johnson Street, a ONE-WAY TRAFFIC.

This request is made due to the narrowness of the street. It's really a danger both to motorists and pedestrians.

In fact, in many occasions it is not easy even for the motorists not to talk to the pedestrians to go through this street. I.B. Johnson was as many bend corners, yet because cars are usually parked at both sides of the road and at the same time, you can see cars coming from the opposite direction making it almost impossible for the traffic to continue. Many times motorist or

pedestrian stops to see that he may have to hit his. This is not only a danger but also a traffic chaos.

It could be well be recalled that before the civil war, this street was a ONE-WAY TRAFFIC. In the circumstances, therefore, and following the lead set by the government in consulting to make the Garden City worth its past glory, may I humbly request that the authorities concerned should do everything possible to see that



this street be declared a ONE-WAY TRAFFIC.

Wm. T. B. BARIKOGHUA
Port Harcourt

OMAGWA IS NEGLECTED

It beats my imagination to see that Omagwa, the town of Port Harcourt International Airport in Ikwerre Local Government Area is completely neglected as far as amenities are concerned.

Government Area is completely neglected as far as amenities are concerned.

We have no water, no hospital or health centre, no good market, no college and no light.

Without being told, the State government ought to develop this town because of the International Airport located there.

It would be recalled that due to non-availability of Electricity and water supply, people cannot set industries like warehouse, hotels and sawmills in the area.

I am therefore appealing to the state Govt and the authority concerned to come to their aid as their plight calls for urgent attention.

S. EGBULE ESQ.

Port Harcourt

STREET SIGN POSTS

To my great astonishment, I have observed that the streets that have taken on new names have not been followed up. One could say that this was caused due to the absence of mounting street sign posts in all street junctions to enable both taxi drivers and the passengers study and be used to the new names.

On the 25th of June, 1980, after the above captioned publication had been made, I travelled from (Nkoro Town) to Port Harcourt to deliver a message to my uncle living at No. 1 Bakana Street (former - Nanka Street) but on reaching the Brass Street (former Afikpo Street) Junction, I mentioned Bakana Street to a taxi driver.

He told me that he did not know it.

Not only in his case anyway, but about (ten) others said that they were quite sure that such a street name is not existing in Port Harcourt presently.

Not until I mentioned (former Nanka Street) were they able to know the street I intended going to. I could say that such a mistake is not good for anyone coming from rural areas to Port Harcourt - Rivers State capital.

Even Posts and Telecommunications also find it difficult to know and dispatch mails accordingly when one uses the new names in addressing letters.

The above fact was confirmed when on the 1st of July, 1980, I wrote a letter to my brother living at Nkoro Street (former Nanka Street) but until date that very letter had not been received by the person it was addressed to.

Not until I wrote him using the former street name (Nankka) asking him if he had received my letter of 1st July, 1980, was I able to find out that it wasn't received. (Such ugly situation is very embarrassing to anyone living in the rural area too).

I am hereby appealing to the authorities concerned to take positive action on the street signposts in all street junctions that have taken on new names in Port Harcourt so as to free people from embarrassment.

OKESOMA A. FRED

Nkoro Town

First Port Harcourt Trade Fair, 1980
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Be there.

MPs COMMEND

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ment of cities, urban and district councils in the local government areas emphasizing that they mean decentralising of development programmes on the basis of these local government units. Sharing the same view, Mr L. W. Chuku (Port Harcourt VI) said that he was happy that eventually the budget had passed and expressed the hope that subsequent budgets would come to the House in good time.

But, Mr D. U. Anucha, deputy speaker, said that it was an innovation and indicated that the social awakening of our people and the responsibilities that followed are with real self-determination.

He said the budget had inbuilt commitment for the Assembly to institute inquiry into the payment of teachers salaries.

Also interviewed Mr Albert O. Hejika (Ahoada VI) said that the urgency with which the budget was passed was very surprising and said there were areas where more explanations could have been given.

Mr Braide (Dagema V) said, that if the amount allocated for development of towns was for infrastructural projects it was alright, but if it was for planning it was too much.

He also said that the N1.00 million earmarked for Isaka, Bakana, Tomba road was not enough.

OYIMOSHI SOCIAL CLUB OF NIGERIA

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The General Monthly Meeting of the Oyimoshi Social Club of Nigeria will take place on the 2nd August, 1980 at Mr. J. O. Sokolo's Compound Ogboma-Abua Central at 2 p.m. prompt.

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Modern fish port planned for Abonnema

THE chairman of the Abonnema Urban Agro-Fisheries Committee, Mr S. A. Jacks has called on farmers and fishermen in the area to form viable co-operative societies to benefit from the government's loan

scheme.

Mr Jacks made the call at a recent meeting with the farmers and fishermen of the area.

Speaking during the meeting, the chairman said that his committee had planned to establish a modern fishing gear and gadgets for deep sea fishing.

Mr Jacks said that his committee had also made requests to the state government to provide enough funds for his committee to purchase trawlers and nets to assist fishermen in the area.

He said the present administration was desirous

to improve, promote and encourage fish-curing and drying and livestock farming such as piggery and poultry with a view to boosting the Green Revolution.

Mr Jacks further explained that it is only by forming themselves into viable fishing co-operative societies that they can attract government patronage.

Also speaking, a spokesman for the farmers and fishermen said that a co-operative body known as

the "Nyemoni Fishermen Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society" had already been formed and will be registered shortly.

School board gets land

MORE than 100 hectares of land have been donated by Koro-Koro Community in the Okrika and Tai Elemo Local Government area, for the building of a Community Secondary School.

The donation was made on behalf of the community by the Chairman of Taa-Taa Tai, Chief G. N. K. Ginwa when members of Tai Aaa Ndeki Education Board visited the site over the weekend.

Chief Ginwa thanked the state government for stung a secondary school in the area and pledged his people's willingness to assist the government to ensure the immediate start of the school.

The Committee also thanked the Koro-Koro Community for donating the land.

Bursary scheme for police

A TRAINING programme in which serving police officers who gained admission into the universities will be sponsored by the force has been announced.

It is however hoped that the recipients will return to serve the force after they had graduated.

The programme which is christened "Cadet Bursary"

scheme is expected to commence in the next academic year.

The president, Abaji Shehu Shagari announced this

in an address read on his behalf by the vice president Dr Alex Ekwueme at the passing out parade of cadet inspectors and recruit constables at the police college, Ilesha.

President Shagari added that undergraduates who wish to make a career in the police force after their training would be sponsored in the universities under the scheme.

He promised that training facilities for members of the force in the police colleges and refresher course school would be greatly improved to cope

with the projected rapid expansion in the force which he put at 200,000 by the end of the 1981-85 development plan.

The president disclosed that his administration was determined to tackle boldly the problem of barracks staff quarters accommodation

LOANS BUDGET APPROVED

THE Nigerian Agricultural and Co-operative Bank Limited has approved a total sum of N23,358,760 as loans for 28 agricultural projects spread over 14 states in the country.

The states are Anambra, Bauchi, Bendel, Borno, Cross River, Gongola, Imo, Kaduna, Kwara, Niger, Ondo, Oyo and Rivers.

An official statement from the bank, signed by the public relations officer, Mr C. A. Ozumba stated that a total sum of N401,000 was for two hatcheries, four hundred and three thousand, eight hundred and thirty naira went for nine arable farms, while a total of N666,100 and N974,790 went to mixed farms and eight poultry projects respectively.

Other amount approved loans were N12,748,300 for four on-lending production, N372,500 for one feedmill, N4,974,650 was approved for one cattle project and N2,812,570 was for an oil palm plantation.

Mr Ozumba also stated that more projects were yet to be approved.

COMMUNITIES ASSURED OF AMENITIES

THE deputy governor of Bendel State, Chief Dennis Akpore, has assured the Ekpan Community in Etkhope Local Government Authority area of the determination of the state government to bring health facilities to the doorsteps of the people.

Chief Akpore, who was replying to an address presented to him by the community during an inspection tour of health and educational projects in the local government

area added that the provision of health facilities, would also comprise other infra-structures such as pipe-borne water, electricity and good roads.

The people had in their address, urged

the government to extend pipe-borne water and electricity which had now got to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Housing Estate, to the town. They wanted the road linking Effurun, Jeddo and Ughoton with Ekpan tarred.

Earlier, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr V. B. Gwa-Amu, who conducted the deputy governor round the Ekpan Hospital, had explained that the

children's ward was not operational due to shortage of staff. The hospital needed a new mortuary freezer because the former one had gone bad, he added.

Two teachers to face suspension order

Found wanting in their duties



TWO teachers of the Government Secondary School, Eberu, in Omuma Urban, Ikwere/Etche Local Government area have been recommended for suspension by the Omuma Urban Education Board.

ers in the area would attract more severe punishment.

He thanked the corpora for their patience and courage in staying with them in the face of various difficulties.

The action was taken because the two teachers affected were found wanting in the discharge of their duties.

Speaking on the new site of the college, Chief Nwinkwa expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace at which the project was being executed by the contractors.

The step by the Omuma Urban Education Board was announced by the chairman, Chief E. N. Nwokoche during a send off party organised for youth corps members over the weekend.

In another development members of the Omuma Urban Education Board have visited some private schools operating in the area.

He said the two teachers 'misbehaved'.

The chairman further made it clear that in future any misbehaviour by teach-

During the visit, the chairman advised the proprietors to upgrade their schools and seek government recognition.

CHIEF HAILS JUDICIARY

CHIEF Plus I. Omuorji the Nze-Obi of Egbema in the Rivers State has commended the judiciary for opening law courts in the nooks and corners of the Rivers State thus making it

possible for justice to be dispensed with out delay.

The traditional ruler made the commendation at his Mgbodo palace in the Ogbu Egbema District. He pointed out that without such courts the wave of crime in the society would increase. He called on the judiciary to also establish customary courts to help in the quick dispensation of

justice. The courts he said would tackle customary cases.

On development projects, the Nze-Obi commended the present civilian administration for their past plans in bringing the government nearer to the people in order to pave way for the development of the rural population.

On the role of traditional rulers, he stressed the need for the government to spell out the real functions of traditional rulers in the present day government in addition to their traditional roles. Such declaration he hoped would enhance cordial relationship between the rulers and the ruled.

ACCOUNTANT DEPARTS

Mr Subiel Wafa, Chief Accountant of the Niger Construction Limited, Port Harcourt, Rivers State has left the country for Lebanon after ten years' service in Nigeria.

The party was attended by people from all walks of life among them were members of the state House of Assembly.

To mark his departure, Chief E. J. Duke-Natrebo, a member of the Rivers State House of Assembly organised a social party at the Park Hotel, Port Harcourt in honour of Mr and Mrs

In the picture, the speaker of the Rivers State Assembly, Mr R. R. Briggs (centre) greets Mr Wafa (second right) while Chief Duke-Natrebo extreme left, Mrs Wafa and another look on.

GOVT PLANS TO BOOST OIL PALM

The Rivers State Government has taken bold steps designed to halt the present importation of oil palm seedlings into the country.

To this end, a nucleus oil palm estate covering 10,000 hectares of land has been established at Omerelu in the Ikwere/Etche Local Government area of the State.

The project is jointly financed by the World Bank, the State and Federal Governments.

Announcing this in Port Harcourt, the state Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chief S. B. Nwinkpo stated that 3,000 hectare of the oil palm was now functional.

He said that the project which would cost N2 million was expected to be completed in 1983.

Chief Nwinkpo stated that two giant mills

would be established at the farm to process oil palm fruits.

The Omerelu Nucleus Farm was the largest so far in the Federation, he added.

The Commissioner later commended the Management of the Rosepalm Limited for the manner they had so far executed the project.

He added that 900,000 oil palm seedlings planted by the World Bank Project were being distributed free of charge through the Small Holders Units, to farmers in the state.

Chief Nwinkpo appealed to the public to take advantage of the scheme by contacting the nearest small holders unit for details.

He gave the assurance that the state Government would always give both moral and financial support to the scheme.

Water boss flays contractors

THE chairman for electricity and water supply committee in Elele district of KELGA, Mr A. U. Ejimnah has condemned the non-plaint attitude of contractors handling water projects in the area.

Mr Ejimnah noted that some communities who were awarded the rural water scheme, had cleared areas for the scheme several times without the contractors doing any job at the site.

The chairman who was on tour of the projects warned contractors handling rural water and electrification projects in the district to live up to their jobs or face the consequences seriously, because "as far as this committee is concerned, everything possible shall be done to see that government's policy on rural water supply and electrification is carried out."

Earlier in an address to welcome the Ubimini community commended the governor of the state, Chief Melford Okilo for making available essential amenities to the communities. They called on the government to ensure that approved projects were finished schedule.

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MADAM MERCY KUAH
(NEE MEI)
aged 200 years.

which sad event took place on the 25th July, 1980, at Kono Town, her home town.

She left behind to mourn her a host of children and great-grand children.

May her soul rest in perfect peace.

SUNDAY OSWALD KUAH
for the family.

REFUTAL

I BEG to inform the Chairman and members of N.P.N. Elele Town, the Chairman of Elele District, Mr J. S. Dike and members of N.P.N. Elele District and the Rivers State Executives that the election of officers into the N. P. N. Elele District which appeared in the Nigerian Tide issue of 25th July 1980 published as election of Officers was not to the best of my knowledge and information.

I was not only elected in absence as the Publicity Secretary but did not have any knowledge about the so called election until it was published.

I therefore disassociate myself with that election and declared my election as unacceptable to me. I also disassociate myself with all the statements credited in that publication and especially that of Elele District named Iwerre North District.

I therefore pledge my fullest support and loyalty to the Party of N. P. N. Elele Town and the leadership of N.P.N. Elele District.

BENEDICT NSIRIM.
N. P. N. Elele.

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US-NIGERIA ACCORD SIGNED IN LAGOS

THE United States of America and Nigeria recently signed agreement to explore and

improve on their trade links.

Mr Walter Mondale, the vice-president of America who led his country's delegation to the talks in Nigeria recently is seen in the photograph signing the accord, with his Nigerian counterpart, Dr Alex Ekwueme in glasses right.



OBITUARY

We announce with deep sorrow the death of our beloved father, brother and husband,



MR MOSES GARVEY OBOKE

on Tuesday 29th July, 1980 after a brief illness in the General Hospital, Port Harcourt.

His remains will be carried to his home town, Temba Ekpetama today 1st August, 1980 at 10 a.m. and will be buried on Saturday, 2nd August, 1980.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

NOEL SESE
for the family.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce with deep sorrow the untimely death of our son,



EZENEKWE UMEJURU

which occurred on the 21st of July, 1980 in Stockholm, Sweden at the end of his studies.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Prince I. A. Umejuru (Father)
for the family.

US lobby to acquire Soviet base

THE United States has secretly renewed negotiations with Somalia in a bid to obtain access to a former Soviet Naval Base at Berbera on the Gulf of Aden, sources close to the defense department said in Washington on Tuesday.

But financial demands by Somalia, and the risk for the United States of being drawn into the Ogaden conflict opposing Somalia to Ethiopia, have severely hampered draw-out negotiations, sources added.

Last month, American Secretary of State, Edmund Muskie said that Washington might give up its attempt to reach agreement over the base. But the defense department has apparently convinced Mr Muskie to make a last ditch attempt.

Since the Soviets intervened in Afghanistan, American strategists have become convinced, the United States should seek increased military facilities in the Indian Ocean.

Oman and Kenya recently agreed to let U.S. forces use their military bases.

A unit of US marines arrived in the Kenyan port of Mombasa last weekend, reports said. The US Embassy admitted this was a routine visit, adding, American warships often moored at Mombasa for supplies or repairs.

Located 250 kilometers (110 miles) southwest of Djibouti, the Port of Berbera is seen as offering considerable logistical scope because of its position and the quality of its installations.

Before their expulsion in November 1977, the Soviets built a well-protected deep-water harbour there. A 4,500 meter-runway and an air control tower.

Somalian President Siad Barre reportedly asked the United States for military and economic aid amounting to 200 million dollars for the use of the base but Washington reportedly offered less than 100 million dollars.

WORLD BRIEFS

Salisbury

MORE than half the 48,000 people who left Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) during the past three years went to settle in South Africa, according to official figures released here on Tuesday.

The report also showed that among newcomers to Zimbabwe in recent years, British nationals formed the largest group, followed by South African returning former residents and Portuguese.

A more detailed report of routine monthly migration figures included new tabular with information previously classified as secret, mainly the destination of migrants and their work categories and the source of immigrants and their occupations.

The report showed that between January 1977 and April, this year, a total of 48,196 people left the country, 25,225 of them going to South Africa.

Washington

THE United States has recalled its ambassador to Ethiopia, Fredric Chayon, at the request of the Abdis Ababa Government, the state department has announced.

The embassy would continue to function under a chargé d'affaires, as does the Ethiopian embassy in Washington.

The US attributes strained relations between the two governments to Ethiopia's refusal to pay compensation for nationalised American property and to settle its debt for military equipment bought from the US, amounting to about 4.5 million dollars. The state department also blamed it on "gross violations of human rights" in Eritrea.

Kampala

UGANDA'S ruling military commission Chairman Paul Mwangi has openly backed former president Milton Obote, head of one of four parties contesting the general elections planned for September, in a speech at a rally organised by Mr Obote's Ugandan People's Congress.

The move surprised observers, who noted that Mr Mwangi, a recognised LP-C supporter and former Obote minister, had previously said his political affiliations would not interfere with pre-election decisions.

THE FEDERAL HOUSING POLICY

ONE of the most essential parameters by which a man is judged to have graduated from minor status to maturity in our traditional African system is his ownership or the potentiality of his being able to own a house of a hut of his own.

It is after owning a house that he is deemed fit to have a wife and children.

This is because most African lineage systems Nigerian in particular, are virilocal i.e. wife living in husband's house rather uxorilocal i.e. husband living in wife's house as is the case in some European countries.

It was no surprise therefore that the Federal Government under President Shehu Shagari, on coming into power, has chosen the provision of housing units for Nigerians as one of its priorities.

Under the programme, the present administration will build, during its tenure of office, a total of 200,000 housing units every year all over the country including the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja.

Unlike most Ivory-tower promises which had drained into oblivion in the yester-days.

Mr President behav-

ed to type of his undoubted integrity which when, on June 9, 1980, he turned the sod of the first housing units at Yola in Gongola State.

In a ceremony marking the occasion, the President did not mince words when he declared, "This indeed is an historic moment, for it marks the beginning of the fulfilment of the sincere promise which this administration made to the people of Nigeria, to the effect that we will provide, during our tenure of office, cheap and decent living accommodation for a great majority of our population."

But one would ask, why should the Federal Government want to provide houses for great majority of Nigerians?

Is it an opportunity for the Government to lavish the "booming oil" money? What is the rationale after all?

In finding answers to these questions, one would wish to draw your attention to pre-independence period when the white men came to Nigeria purposely to exploit our human and mineral resources.

They introduced import and export oriented business to replace agriculture which made people drift from rural to urban cities in search of their daily bread.

Instead of the colonial administration to replan our towns and cities to conform with the socio-cultural transformation as a result of the intensified industrialization and other economic hazards, Nigerians were left at the mercy of

haphazards planning and indiscriminate structuring which left the cities some hundred years behind civilization.

Thus big cities like Lagos, Benin, Kaduna, Ibadan and Enugu have similar dilapidated features with a family of ten living in a 9x8' sub-standard room.

Other features common to them include bad drainage which easily opens the already unsafe structure to more danger, wrong electrical wiring which often endangers most lives; the use of inferior building materials which can easily collapse especially during

by Amcen Akashole

rainy season, very small and ill-ventilated rooms and poor environmental sanitation.

The idea of the government participating in housing construction is certainly not new.

Shortly after independence some regions established Housing Corporations which undertook the development of new estates in their areas of jurisdiction.

The only problem which faced the corporations later was shortage of funds and they therefore found it difficult to continue the programme.

Later on, the housing problem in the country, especially in the urban centres became so great that substantial government involvement became imperative.

This was because the combined investments of private individuals and institutions in the provision of accommodation have failed to raise the supply of housing units to meet the ever growing demand.

The result has been exorbitant rents in every city and town in the country.

In Lagos, for example, it was possible, in the fifties, to rent a fairly decent room for as little as between N3 and N4 per month.

At that time, a two bed room flat was also available for either N20 or N30 a month depending on space and location. In the last of the decade, however, there was a marked increase in rents.

Today the monthly rent charged on a room in Lagos with some facilities has gone up to anything between N20 and N25 per



Dr Wahab Dasumu Minister for Housing

month with an advance for two years.

It is also difficult nowadays to come by a two bedroom flat for anything less than between N100 and N150 a month.

The situation is not better in many other urban centres where, judging by local standard, the rents now being demanded have, in many cases risen more than 200 per cent compared with what was charged some 20 years ago.

In view of the foregoing, the Federal Government has decided to tackle the problem by:

(i) Building 200,000 housing units annually to be sold to the public on owner-occupier basis;

(ii) Establishing an Urban Renewal Fund so that ageing houses can be reconstructed or renovated; and

(iii) Providing loans to lending owners through the Federal Mortgage Bank.

It should therefore be borne in mind that the main goal of the present administration in the area of housing is "to ensure as much as possible that every Nigerian has access to decent and affordable accommodation in a clean environment".

Thus under the owner-occupier housing scheme, 2,000 housing units shall, this year, be built in each state with another 2,000 at Abuja totalling 40,000 within six months.

While the three bed room units for the medium income group will be sold at N25,000 each, the popular one bedroom units, for low-income workers shall be sold for only N6,000 each.

The period of payment is 25 years. By this method majority of Nigerians will be able to own decent houses in a clean environment at a contributive rentage of N25 per month.

No doubt the Federal Government is all out to help you and me.

Two other ways through

which the Federal Government intends to help the people to maintain or build their own houses are the Urban Renewal Fund and the Mortgage Bank.

Those who satisfy the government that they have old houses which can be renovated shall benefit from the Urban Renewal Fund while loans are available from the Mortgage Bank for social, economic and commercial buildings.

The social loans are granted to individuals who intend to build housing units for themselves and their family.

A loan of not more than N65,000 is granted for this purpose. The economic category covers a set of units which can be termed as family (compound) housing, and the commercial loans cover big ventures.

All employers of labour are qualified to take advantage of the commercial loans to build housing units for their workers.

A Federal Government that has this gigantic, enviable and social housing programme for the citizens of this country, no doubt, deserves your support and prayers.

You can only do this by maintaining peace and discharging your civic responsibilities creditably well so that your great nation, NIGERIA cannot only be economically, socially and industrially viable but also politically stable. Nigeria is for you and me.

Any breakdown of law and order in one state affects the whole nation. It is now left for individual organisations and state governments in the country to give the Federal Government their full support on the important task of building decent shelters on clean environment for teaching Nigerians yet to have their own houses.

President Shehu Shazari needs your support and there is no doubt he is the President of the masses.

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CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF MPs WITHOUT PARTIES

association other than a political party shall canvass for votes for any candidate at any election or contribute to the funds of any political party or to the election expenses of any candidate at an election."

Though not explicitly stated, it can be inferred from this section that no person who is not sponsored by a registered political party can stand any elections into any legislature in this country.

In other words no independent candidate is allowed at any election.

This is however contestable as the operative word in

the provision is "No association" as opposed to individuals that an independent candidate is.

But be that as it may, the fact that no independent candidate stood at the last general elections gives much weight to the notion that no independent candidates are allowed.

If this be the true position as experienced during the last elections, could anybody having been elected on the platform of a particular political party become an independent candidate all of a sudden having been dismissed from that same party?

103 (1) (2) are not applicable to the state governors and a part from section 201 that makes it mandatory for any person seeking election into any of the public offices provided for in 1979 constitution to do so on a political party platform, nothing is provided in the constitution about a state governor who is expelled from the political party that sponsored his

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his party in the state assembly supports his expulsion then he will be a lonely minority governor who will need very serious lobbying to get his measures through parliament.

This is a situation that no chief executive likes to find himself.

What however is very sad is that a state governor who is so unfortunate as to be ex-

by



Johnson Koyanda

This question looks rather too intricate that it were better to leave it for the lawyers and particularly the law courts for a clue whenever they have the opportunity to do so.

But, meanwhile, one can say that the position of a member of any legislative body in this country who has been expelled from the political party that sponsored his election into that body is to say the least, abnormal, ambiguous and embarrassing.

The position of a state governor is only slightly less embarrassing than that of an ordinary Assemblyman in that Sections 64 (1) (2) and

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This only makes the notion of a governor who loses his party's sponsorship some what safer than those of legislators as nothing compels him to vacate his position.

But if party discipline is enforced and all members of

expelled from his party can not contest another people's mandate election on the platform of that party.

In other words, he has already lost his second term while still serving the first one.



Mr Ume Ezeoke



Mr R. R. Briggs

THE INSTITUTION OF FASTING

If you can remember last week I started explaining this topic, promising to give more details of it in today's article.

Today's discussion is chiefly centred on the real aims and objectives of fasting, its proper time and conditions, with particular attention to the RAMADAM fasting.

But first of all let's briefly define the word FASTING.

Fasting according to Islam, is abstaining from eating, drinking and sexual intercourse from dawn till dusk.

Fasting is primarily a spiritual discipline, it brings us nearer to God, because it is due to the Love and fear of HIM that we give up food, drinks and other pleasures of life.

There is no police to see whether or not we are keeping fasts.

There is no worldly power to compel us to fast.

We can eat and drink in secret if we want.

But still, we don't do because we are forbidden to do so by God.

Therefore fasting puts our faith to test.

This shows that no one should be forced to fast, not even members of the family, because when fasts are kept, not out of the love of Allah, but because of the fear of parents, relations or other men, then there is nothing religious about it. They become outward shows without inner spirit.

It is religious education which is necessary and not re-

ligious pressure. When we fast out of fear for God, then we are nearer to God.

There is no temptation greater than the temptation of satisfying one's thirst and hunger when food and drink are in one's possession, yet this temptation is overcome, not once or twice, or as if it were by chance, but day after day, regularly for a whole month with a set of purpose of drawing nearer to God.

This is a high spiritual attainment.

Fasting has its social value as well. From the view point of society, hunger during the RAMADAM makes the rich and the poor all alike.

The rich and the poor may stand shoulder to shoulder in one row in the Mosque, but in their homes they live in different environments.

The rich sit down at tables laden with delicacies, with which to fill their stomachs four or six times daily, while the poor cannot find suitable food with which to satisfy their hunger even twice a day.

The latter very often feel the pangs of hunger to which the former are utter strangers.

How can the rich feel for the poor and sympathise with them? Fasting is the answer.

By it the rich know what it is to feel hungry, and the awakened sympathy for the poor

comes.

There is also a moral value in fasting.

It is a training ground for the Muslims to form the habit that everything unlawful must be avoided and that evil must be hated.

Man also learns to control his desires, to make his work as he likes, indeed in him will power is so developed that he can command himself, and thus attain true moral greatness.

He can keep away from food and drink which are lawful for the fear of God, he will certainly find it much easier to keep away from evil thoughts and practices.

Fasting is one of the five pillars upon which Islam has been established, the rest of which are: Belief in the message of God, establishing the prescribed daily prayers, giving out the prescribed charity and performance of pilgrimage to Mecca (if one has the means of doing so).

The month of Ramadan has a special importance for the Muslims because of several important events which occurred in that month during the lifetime of the prophet.

Firstly, a way in the month of Ramadan that the prophet started receiving the Divine revelation of the Holy Quran

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from Almighty God (Quran 2: 185) and the night on which he received such revelation is called "The Night of Power" (Lailat-ul-Qadr).

It is not exactly known which night this is, but according to sound Hadith (i.e. Saying of the Prophet) it is one of the odd numbered night on the last ten days of Ramadan.

Another important historical event which took place in the month of Ramadan was the Battle of Badr.

The took place on the 12th of Ramadan in the year 2 A.H. (After Hijrah).

It was the first battle between the new Islamic community and the pagans of Mecca.

In spite of being outnumbered by three to one and being poorly equipped, the Muslims were given victory over the pagans.

PERSONS WHO MAY NOT FAST

The following people are exempted from fasting during Ramadan for one reason or another:

- (a) Very old people, who need food and drink to sustain their strength.
 - (b) Those who are seriously ill, whose health will be injured if they fast.
 - (c) Those who are on a long journey, because travelling by itself is a hardship and fasting will add more to the hardship, hence the exemption while the journey is on.
 - (d) Pregnant women, for fear of the safety of the children in them.
 - (e) Women who suckle children, for fear that the children might not have sufficient milk suck.
 - (f) Women who are passing through their monthly period, they need food and drink to replace the lost blood.
- Each of these people, with the exception of very old men, must count the number of the fasts they omitted and refund them later.

R/S GOVT SPEAKS ON TEACHERS' CRISIS

AS Commissioner for Education it is incumbent on me to inform the public about the true position of the teachers' matter.

Some time in May, which was a few weeks after my assumption of office in the Ministry of Education I had a meeting with the NUT. Following a congratulatory letter I received from the Union on my appointment as Commissioner for Education.

In that meeting we had cordial discussions.

The NUT expressed confidence in my ability to ameliorate teachers' conditions since I was not only a teacher of long standing but also had earlier demonstrated my good will for teachers.

I on my part promised to do my level best to ensure harmony and contentment among teachers.

When later I had complaints about delay in payment of teachers' salaries, I immediately asked an officer as high as Deputy Chief Inspector of Education to investigate and report.

We did not just leave the matter there. Having regard to the fact that qualitative education can only be achieved by proper planning to ensure adequate provision of equipment in terms of teaching aids, accommodation, necessary infrastructures, and better conditions of service for those who will be saddled with the scheme, we realised that proper statistics have to be obtained for the planning to be meaningful.

Accordingly I directed officers in charge of Primary, Secondary and Teacher Training Education to go round all schools and come up with comprehensive report on needs of the schools.

A date line was given that by end of July 1980, all information must have been collected for effective planning and implementation, so as to take off well in the new school year.

On a casual information from a teacher in one of the primary schools in Port Harcourt, that salaries could not be paid because nominal roll of teachers used for voucher was not up to date I quickly summoned a meeting on the



• CHIEF E. AWOLA

22/8/80.

I and my colleague in Ministry of Local Government were at the meeting together with top officials representing the two ministries.

Major agreements were reached, namely summoning another meeting for the 27th June, 1980 in which all Local Government Council Executives should be invited to give actual salary figures needed for monthly payment of teachers within their area of jurisdiction, and fixing July 1980 as the target date for complete eradication of the perennial problems identified as irregular payment.

After the meeting of the 22nd June 1980 I was sent to UNN to represent His Excellency at a seminar.

In my absence there was demonstration by teachers. His Excellency was informed of actions being taken and arrangements in the pipeline.

Being a teacher himself he approved on the spot additional N200,000.00 to supplement the N2 million monthly subvention for payment of salaries pending receipt of accurate statistical data.

The meeting of the 27th June, 1980 was attended by the two Ministers of Education and Local Government, the School's Directorate, chairmen and secretaries of Local Government Councils, chairmen of Primary School Committees and the NUT.

There we explained that every effort is being made to obtain full particulars of teachers in terms of their number, grade and salaries to ensure regularity in payment of salaries.

Chairmen and secretaries were asked to give figure of what they would need to clear all arrears of teachers from May to June on the assurance that sufficient money has been made available for the purpose.

At that juncture the chairman of NUT spoke and said that he was satisfied with arrangements being made for regular payment of teachers but warned that if leave bonuses for teachers were not paid before end of June, he would call out teachers on strike.

My reply was that threats were never the best weapons for solution of problems, neither was strike action called for in the light of information received on the matter.

Furthermore it was made abundantly clear that sufficient provision, to the tune of N2.5 million was made in the estimates for payment of arrears of leave bonuses for teachers for 1978 and 1979, and that no payment could be effected not even by strike, until the budget proposals were approved and passed into law.

On that note we adjourned.

It was a surprise that despite deliberations in the meeting of 27/6/80, teachers were called out on strike from the 1st of July.

From the foregoing it is seen that this administration fully appreciates the problems of teachers and has spared no effort to solve them. The problem is not lack of money; it is lack of proper.

This is somewhat compounded by unexpected changes reflected in Headmasters's vouchers, failure to submit regular returns demanded by the Directorate and the Ministry.

Above all, teachers seem to be living still in the past.

It is not dawned set on them that they are now civil servants and should be thoroughly conversant with the rules and regulations of the civil service.

It is not expected that they should regard themselves as a different class of civil servants. There are so many civil servants in the service who have not received their leave bonuses because the estimate last year could not carry through payments of all retentions.

Outstanding arrears are calculated and advance provision made in subsequent budget.

That's what has been done in cragged teachers and other civil servants.

The fact that teachers in post primary schools have no such complaints as irregularities in salary payments or non-receipt of leave bonuses shows that the demonstration by students for teachers may be because of their manageable size, proper records are kept of them, and needed returns easily obtained.

And with the device the (Continued on page 14)

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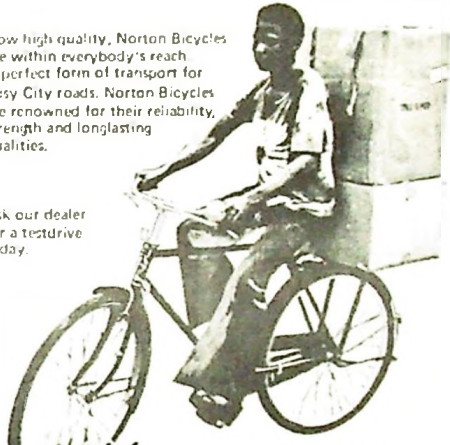
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Please be punctual.

Yours in the service of the Party.

C. F. HANSON
Convener

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IN MEMORIAM



MR EDET OKON

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Sleep on PAPA and may your soul ascend to paradise where we will someday meet to part no more.

NICHOLAS EDET
Your eldest son
for and on behalf of other children

TIDESPORTS

Exodus of players: WHO IS BEHIND IT?

A HUGE plan for the exodus of key players in Sharks FC of Port Harcourt is being masterminded by a former coach of the club, members of Sharks supporters also alleged yesterday in Port Harcourt. According to the surprising, the one-time coach of the club was motivating the boys to join a commercial bank in the state, because he is nursing some ill feelings against the sports council for removing him as coach.

A special investigation began two days ago by Tidemarts revealed that the Sharks ex-coach was using his connections in the state government-owned Pan African Bank to effect a

transfer of some Sharks key players. The whole plan however looked forward to next soccer season.

A member of the Pan African Bank Football Club confirmed that the club was seriously searching for players against next season. He frankly agreed that there is a move afoot over some key player from Sharks Football Club. Already, the source said a key player of the club's forward line has been signed on a salary of Grade Level 27. Our informant who would want to remain anonymous said all the players will be signed on the same salary if not before they join the club.

Provide amenities for sports —RIVERS GOVT TOLD

A FRESH appeal has been made to the Rivers State Government to provide amenities to various sports associations in the state, for effective organisation and good result.

Speaking at the formal launching of thirteen zonal sporting association in Port Harcourt last Tuesday, the chairman of the Port Harcourt Football Association, Mr. E. T. W. Godi, said the non-availability of sporting facilities has frustrated most good efforts initiated by sports organisers in the state capital.

For example, he said, the basketball stadium where the occasion was being held had electric flood poles without lights.

On boxing he said the government has no facility of its own. All, he noted, are NPAs.

Mr Godi wonders what stops the state from having a standard ring and hall for practicals if we must not have any headway in boxing there should be a standby ring for the show," he said.

Another area of sports which he spoke upon was football. Mr Godi lamented the deplorable condition of the only football field (old Recreation Sta-

dium) in Port Harcourt. He emphasised that football is the "king" of sports today should be given greater attention. "I seize this opportunity to appeal to the government to provide us with a standard football field," he added.

NPRC, ADMAS CLASH

ADMAS Football Club of Omoku, local idols in Abiodun, Rivers State, will tomorrow try their feet against the Rivers State government's cup champion, NPRC of Alesa-Eleme.

The friendly match is one of the activities arranged to mark the opening ceremony for this year's Mr C. U. Ibezur's soccer cup competition among club

in Abiodun local Government area, kick off is 4.45 p. m. at the Abiodun Temporary Stadium.

In a release, the zonal sports secretary in charge of Abiodun local government area, Mr F. S. Ebelegba said twenty four clubs have entered for the competition. The Abiodun shooting stars are the defending champions.



MR E. T. W. GODI

IN MEMORIAM

In cherished and ever living memory of our dearly beloved and devoted mother, daughter and grand mother,



LAW MADAM ELINAR WICHEGBULE AMUBUE WIKE
(Nee Nwankwo Wgodo)

who departed this sinful world on 1st August, 1970, at Rumuwell, Doha, Port Harcourt.

Dear mother, it is exactly four years today you passed away from this sinful world to life eternal. You were loved, wonderful mother to your family and to your husband's family. We remember especially your life of discipline, sacrifice, sincerity, faithfulness, love, kindness, devotion and generosity to families, friends and relations. We recall your personal generosity and good name you made for yourself during your life time. You are indeed very proud of you that you are a devoted christian and died in the Lord.

Dear beloved mother you worked and laboured very hard for us although you did not live to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Oh! death, Why?

You lived an exemplary life as a devoted christian and left behind cherished memories and glorious foot-prints worthy of emulation.

There is nothing more worthy than to leave a good name behind. You were so wonderful, pleasant and full of life. We pray that your good spirit will continue to guide us here on earth.

May God grant you a perfect rest.

W O WHEHINDO
for and on behalf of the family.

GOVT SPEAKS

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ministry has now adopted no stone will be left unturned to ensure an accurate nominal roll of primary teachers.

These facts were all well known to the Nigeria Union of Teachers.

It is also a common knowledge that other civil servants who have not received leave bonus have not gone on strike.

Why should teachers then who are civil servants go on strike in demand for leave bonus which has not been denied them as can be testified by the provisions in the estimate?

I may add at this juncture that civil service rules have it that leave is not a right but a privilege. What ever the means can be resorted to a different discussion.

It is a well known fact that when I was Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education in 1969 I instructed that no Ministry staff should be paid before all teachers in the state were paid.

They were then not yet integrated in the civil service, but government had taken other measures of their salaries.

I could have been facing for them when they were not yet civil servants how much more could be felt for them now that they are not only civil servants but also the backbone of government of qualitative education which is a cardinal policy in the present administration.

There is no doubt that government is continuous and its debts could be inherited. There should be no discontinuity of efforts of the previous admin-

istration to clear inherited

The important meetings we have had with N.U.T. within the short period of classes over have been highlighting sincere concern of ten government functionaries for teachers' matters is fully demonstrated. Positive actions of government to ease up any arrears due to teachers is also shown. Where comes the blame?

When the tortoise was in prison for twenty years he was able to put up with the attendant conditions.

But he became impatient for freedom on the day he was to be released. It was then he knew that the piece he had been confined for twenty years was stinking and uncomfortable to sit on, except that every authority in the prison ward was accented with menacing threats.

Of course, the processes of release were started without any external demand and change had to be set in motion by the anxious agitation of the tortoise.

Government may be accused for neglect of teachers in the past. It is to be put to an end such an experience that a change has to be set in motion. Only after six months of the existence of the present administration (in the month of April) there was a confirmation by the N.U.T. Consequently arrears were read back which have been fulfilled by Government with the extension of payment of leave bonuses.

And as indicated above, this also will be taken care of very well. Once the budget is approved, the arrears will be

It may be considered a reasonable action, but naturally, can be differently interpreted.

As the strike action very important sign posts in the educational programming have been seriously disrupted.

The first School Leaving Certificate and the Higher Elementary Certificate Examinations could not be taken.

The inspectors were to be the very teachers. Not only did they refuse to undertake their duties but also they threatened to beat up any other inspector that may be called in to conduct the examinations.

In case of the Higher Elementary Examinations, the teachers affected and the tutors in the colleges together with the Director of Exams passionately pleaded with N.U.T. but to no avail.

The adverse consequence will not so much affect Government as it will affect the pupils and students. Whenever the strike is called off these examinations will be conducted.

But the examinees must have lost much in terms of date of qualification and salary on employment.

If teachers are not prepared to help conduct special examinations for the betterment of pupils and college students, the ethics of such behaviour poses problems in the light of their regular attendance during strike, at intervals for their promotions.

I seize this opportunity to call on the N.U.T. to reconsider their stand in the hope that the dark days are at end. It is not enough to say "we have suffered in the past".

What should be considered next is what action is being taken by Government to rectify the wrong of the

TIDESPORTS 2

Tonight in Lagos

Eddie keeps a date!

Photo shows action of Pioneers-Buggs match



IT'S EPOCH-MAKING INDEED..

THIRTEEN ASSOCIATIONS

by Inngisa Somiri

THIRTEEN zonal sporting associations were formally inaugurated in Port Harcourt last Tuesday at the Basketball Stadium.

They are athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, handball, hockey, judo, lawn tennis, swimming, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling.

In a friendly basketball match that marked the occasion Riv Pioneers junior team narrowly defeated their Buggs (junior) counterpart by 48 baskets to 47.

This was a match the Pioneers would have won convincingly. They did most of the probing and accurate shootings in the early minutes of the game.

But as the game progressed the Pioneers became swollen headed and made silly mistakes. Most of their devastating misses came midway in the first half.

In fact at a stage it was not certain as to which side the wind of victory was blowing.

With good cut vision and accurate passing both teams thrilled the fairly large crowd.

The first half ended 28-14 in favour of Riv Pioneers.

A second half rally by Buggs almost sunk the Pioneers into oblivion.

In a belligerent mood the Buggs opened up attack from every angle of the court as the Pioneers went into defensive play. With shouts of 'Eh... Eh... Eh...' the Buggs hurled baskets upon baskets and in a twinkling of eye superceded their opponents.

The Pioneers had to do extra home work to salvage an imminent defeat.

Apart from entertaining the crowd, both sides played a more matured game.

LAUNCHED!

Their skill and manoeuvre ability was something to write home about.

This was confirmed by the guest of honour himself, Mr. H. N. Anucha when he said: "Being thrilled by the game of this youths I wish to make a token donation of N50."

In his closing remark, the

chairman of the occasion, Rev C. T. T. George who also is the chairman of the Athletic Association thanked all those who turned up to grace the occasion. He was particularly grateful to members who have responded to the call of serving the various sporting associations.



Rev George advised members to carry out their jobs diligently. "Make sure you apply co-operation and seriousness which works out honesty and fair play", he said.

Tanzania plan

big!

-Against Nigeria

World Cup in 1982, has left Dar Es-Salaam for Bulgaria. Members of the Tanzanian team are expected to train in Bulgaria for the explosive game against Nigeria.

To qualify for the next round of the World Soccer Cup holding in Spain, Tan-

zania whipped Kenya, while Nigeria trounced Tunisia. Meanwhile, the Nigerian team, the Green Eagles, is at the Olympic games in Moscow. They are expected to arrive after the games which end today.



EDDIE NDIKWE



MUDA LAWAL

AKPOR SOCCER BEGINS

AKPOR football cup competition takes off tomorrow at the Kumbungwa 1st ground, in Rivers State.

The cup at stake, was donated by Mr. E. I. Odom in March this year for the

The publicity secretary of Akpor Football Association, Mr. Kevin A. A. Ogburnghada appealed to the general public and officials

of the Rivers State sports council and particularly all Akpor sons and daughters to witness the firm leg of

the competition and other matches to decide the winner of the cup.

The final match will be played at Akpor Government School play ground, Onosa.

the spirit of co-operation amongst Akpor towns.

Open university scheme takes off 1981/82

THE Federal Government's open university programme, the first of its type in the country, is expected to take off during the 1981/82 academic year.

Minister of Education, Dr I. Madubuike, said that his ministry was preparing a draft bill to that effect which would be presented to the Senate.

Dr Madubuike hinted that preliminary studies on the uni-

Friday, August 1, 1980



FEDECO TEAM SWORN IN

MEMBERS of the Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO), and those for the Code of Conduct were on Wednesday in Lagos, sworn-in by President Shehu Shagari, Mr Oyo Whisky chairman of FEDECO and Alhaji Isa Kuta, chairman of the Code of Conduct Bureau were how- ever not sworn-in following an interim injunction by a Lagos High Court pending the determination of a case before it.

PRESIDENT SHAGARI

Shehu, Ekwueme declare assets

Speaking during the ceremony, President Shagari reminded the new members of their commitment to the nation, adding that the Code of Conduct Bureau should not be used as a forum for personal victimisation of any member of the public.

He called for probity among the members in the discharge of their duties and enjoined them to always ensure a very high sense of responsibility and dedication.

To the members of the (FEDECO), Alhaji Shehu said: "The service you are called upon to render is a national task which should not be trivialised in any sense, either through inter-

At the ceremony, the president formally submitted the declaration of his assets and that of the vice president, Dr Alex Ekwueme.

The bureau's function include, the receiving of declaration of assets of public officers, retaining of such declarations for future inspection by any citizen of Nigeria, authorised by the National Assembly to do so and to ensure strict compliance with the requirements of the bureau on declarations.

Speaking further to FEDECO, Alhaji Shehu said that a situation when many local governments were today run by nominated members was not in consonance with democracy.

He called on the commission to evolve an electoral system which would make elections free and fair and devoid of any type of mal-

of or external pressures. The president noted that the inauguration of the Code of Conduct Bureau was a clear testimony of the government's determination to ensure discipline, dedication and sincerity on the part of the nation's public officers.

versity establishment had already been carried out in the United States by a three-man planning committee set up by the federal government.

The open university, he noted, would serve as a source of encouragement to academically ambitious Nigerians and also remain as a catalyst in the federal government's fight against illiteracy.

He defended the government's decision to abolish the overseas crash programme, adding that it was justified in view of the fact that most of the courses were obtainable in the country.



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Rivers gov't rep for the north

THE Rivers State Government has appointed a special representative for the northern states. He is Dr Ikuba Jumbo Amadi, who, until his new appointment, was a lecturer at the University of Jos.

The appointment was confirmed by the state governor, Chief Melford Okilo.

Governor Okilo had introduced Dr Amadi to the Rivers State communities in Kano and Borno States during his recent tour of the two states.

The governor observed that the appointment would further enhance and strengthen the already flourishing communication between his administration and those of the northern parts of the federation.

Chief Okilo urged the Rivers State communities resident in the northern states to always bring their problems to the state government through the state government's office in Kaduna.

Dr Amadi has since assumed office in the Rivers

State Government Liaison Office in Kaduna.

Also a new state secretary with the government has been assigned to the state office in Kaduna.

He is Mr J. D. Isah who, until his new posting, was in the Cabinet Division of the Governor's Office in Port Harcourt.

Mr Isah, who has since assumed office in Kaduna, took over from Mr B. D. Saroh who has been re-assigned to the Rivers State office in Lagos.