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AS part of the Central Bank's rural banking programme, the African Continental Bank is to open four rural branches in the Rivers State.

Three of these branches sited at Okrika, Abua and Okomoko in Etche will commence full banking operations on October 16, 1981.

The fourth one sited at Kibangha in Gokana in the Bori Local Government area of the state will be functional as soon as the building now under construction was ready.

These facts were disclosed in Port Harcourt on Tuesday by the area manager of the bank, Mr. Preboye Owi while briefing the press on the rural banking policy of his bank in the state.

It also covered the rural banking programme phase two of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

Mr Owi enjoined the rural population to make the best use of the facilities provided by the bank by patronising it and improve on their economic and social status.

On the construction of the multi-million naira area office of the bank, Mr Owi stated that progress has been recorded.

He lauded the construction firm of Pecal Nigeria Limited for the dedication it has shown in the job.

The building, he stated, would be put into use by next year and noted that with the opening of the four rural branches, the African Continental Bank now has seven branches in the state.

ACB opens 4 rural branches



OKILO LAUDS

by

Thompson Oyatu E. Kas-Nwor gu

THE Rivers State Governor, Chief Melford Okilo, has commended the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) for its contributions towards the rapid economic development of the state.

Speaking at a farewell party held at the Government House in honour of the out-going district manager of the company, Mr. Angelo Belotti, the governor described him as a worthy ambassador of his organisation whose unique qualities have endeared him to the people of the state.

Chief Okilo noted that his demonstration of a sincere concern for the welfare of the state, was not only symbolic but also manifested in the company's joint partnership with the state government in some of its development programmes.

He described the out-going manager as a very sincere friend, whose company under his leadership had shown profound willingness to identify itself with the noble objectives of the state government.

The governor expressed gratitude to the company for its assistance particularly the provision

Out-going

Agip boss

calls on governor

of its aircrafts at short notices to facilitate official tours to remote parts of the state.

In his reply, the out-going manager thanked the governor for the honour done to him and his company, and wished the state and the nation a

I-G condemns police brutality

THE aggressive attitude of the police at the country's check — points came under severe attack in Lagos on Tuesday.

The attack was launched by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Adewusi.

In a statement, Mr. Adewusi opined that the attitude of police-men was not in any way helping the police cause, more so when the police were anxious to get public co-operation in the fight against crime.

The Inspector General condemned police men who "often resorted to using abusive language and unnecessary molestation of members

of the public.

He ordered that "all such misconduct should stop forthwith", adding that any one reported for being high handed with

any member of the public at any check point or elsewhere, would be "severely disciplined."

Mr. Adewusi said that police men owed it a duty to serve the public diligently and with utmost courtesy and wondered why they should resort to unnecessary arguments and exchange of abusive words in the discharge of their duty.

He appealed to members of the public to report any police man who displayed such unruly attitude in the discharge of his duties.

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Governor Okilo (right) presents a souvenir on behalf of the Government and people of the state to Mr and Mrs Belotti at Government House while the public relations manager of Agip, Mr Eke (left) watches with admiration. Picture by Clement Jumbo.

OIL FIRM FOR DEV EFFORTS

PAUSE AND PONDER

Formal teaching reaches intelligence alone. Moral sense, beauty and mysticism are learned only when present in our surroundings and part of our daily life.

prosperous future. Mr. Belotti and his wife, were later presented with gifts by the governor. Top government functionaries, traditional rulers, oil magnates, as well as the new district manager of the company were present at the party.

Also during a farewell call on the Deputy Governor, Prince (Dr) Frank Eke at Government House, (Continued on page 18)

Namibia's freedom assured by 1982

PRESIDENT Shahu Shagari has said that the 1982 deadline for Namibia's independence is a reality.

This, he said would be achieved with the political will and sincerity of all concerned especially the United Nations combat group.

The president who made the observation in a television interview in Melbourne on Tuesday noted that racist South Africa had remained intransigent because of the backing of Western powers.

President Shagari observed that there has been complacency within the combat group but noted happily that such misunderstanding (Continued on page 3)

LNG: OUR ONLY HOPE

Agric revenue won't do—MP

The chairman of the House of Representative Committee on energy Dr. I.S. Sekibo has blamed the present state of the country's economy on inadequate planning in the field of energy conservation.

He made the observation at the Port Harcourt international airport over the work.

Dr. Sekibo observed that since Nigeria had no control over the

OPEC, it could have been more relevant to hasten the Liquidated Natural Gas (LNG) project in the Rivers State.

He noted that the LNG could have produced enough gas for the country to depend on for its foreign exchange and that the present oil glut would have not changed the position of the country's economy.

The chairman explained that the crude oil was the single substance that contained all hydrocarbons that could make life meaningful and called for

By Dan Obinna

an objective energy conservation policy.

The legislator affirmed that agriculture and other minerals in the country could not sustain the country in the absence of oil.

On the Housing project in the Rivers State, the MP expressed dissatisfaction at the pace the job was progressing and noted that both the people and government of the state co-operated with the Federal Government over the issue and called on the authorities concerned to redouble their efforts to ensure that people in the state benefited from the programme.

Despite N300 bribe no work for 300

ABOUT 300 people who were offered appointment into the Ikot Ekpene Local Government Council have not been employed after all.

They were alleged to have paid N300 each to secure the job.

The appointment was said to have covered several vacancies in the council.

Successful applicants who had already undergone medical tests ready to start work were disappointed and were asked to "go and wait".

Some of the appointment papers dates back to August 10, this year.

The incident is said to have generated much heat within the council as the affected persons have been storming the council offices asking for a refund of their money or start work.

All efforts to contact the Secretary of the Council proved abortive.

Steel plant to take off as planned

The minister of steel development, Mallam Ali Makele has said that the present decline in the country's economy will not affect the take off of the steel industry.

Speaking in a Radio Nigeria programme, "behind the headlines" in Lagos, the minister said that the nation's industrial take off was entirely dependent on various steel development projects.

Mallam Ali Makele maintained that the Ajapa project will be commissioned within the next two months while work was progressing satisfactorily at the Ajakuta plant.



*MALLAM ALI MAKELE



Suspected robbers in police net

TWO suspected armed robbers declared wanted by the police have been arrested at Ikot Odu Ndiva village in Udon Local Government area of Cross River State.

The police said that the two, aged 22 and 25 years, were a common

By

Emman Uwa

cial vehicle with registration number OD 7120 E enroute to Calabar from

Ado Ekiti in Ondo State some time last week and forced the passengers out.

A few of the passengers who hesitated were thoroughly beaten up before they were dispossessed of their belongings.

The robbers successfully escaped with the sum of N1,500 cash and property estimated at N800.00, the police said. Reports from Calabar added that shortly after the robbery, detectives from Calabar swung into action and raided the adjoining villages.

In the house of a man who introduced himself as a village head and later identified as father of one of the suspect, police recovered the stolen items, the sum of N237.00 cash and two locally-made pistols with live cartridges.

The two suspects pictured above are from left: Uwa Uwa Akpan, 22 years and Uwa Akpan, 25 years.

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Libating for ancestors

AS prayer is a means of communicating with the Almighty God, so is libation a means of communicating with the ancestors among the Kalabari people of Degema Local Government area of Rivers State.

In the photograph, the Ekine Alabo of Bakana Ekine Seki Ayo, Chief Vincent libates for peace and unity of the town during the Jaunshung ceremony of the

Libationary committee.

Works on the Bay Generator House at Akina the Headquarters of the Engenni District Council has been abandoned.

The contract for the project worth N35,500.00 and given to the firm of Chief Ogoniba and Sons

Party scribe exhorts journalists

From Edward Aiyemen

Journalists throughout the country have been advised not to make themselves slaves to politicians.

The field national organising secretary of the NPN, Alhaji Yusuf Danso gave the advice while speaking to the Nigerian side in an exclusive interview in Kaduna.

He said that it will be better if journalists would not allow themselves to be slaves to politicians because of the nature of their job which is to educate and correct the government of the day and the general public on how to make the country a great nation.

'Contractor abandoned generator project'

has been abandoned for about nine months now.

This was disclosed at the project site at Akina by Mr. O. K. Abenikan, the Chairman of the Electricity/Water

Supply during an inspection tour of Generator Houses in the district.

He said that all efforts to locate the contractor has proved abortive and warned that if the contractor failed to show up and complete the work the contract would be cancelled.

EDITORIAL

THE PASSING OF SADAT

THE ASSASSINATION last Tuesday of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, has not only climaxed the anti-government feelings which had been building up in that isolated Arab country, but has also brought into the open the possibility of heightened tension in the Middle East.

SINCE EGYPT TOOK unilateral steps two years ago to negotiate a settlement with Israel in respect of occupied territories, resentment of the Egyptian leader had been on the increase in orthodox Arab countries, with resultant spillovers into Egypt.

AND JUST LAST MONTH, the Egyptian President clamped down on opponents of his administration and security forces arresting in the process about 1500 persons made up of muslim

fundamentalists, leftists, coptic christian activists and other political and intellectual figures.

HOWEVER, OBSERVERS believe the wave of opposition to Mr Sadat's administration is not unconnected with the isolatory course on which Mr Sadat had during the past three years conducted Egyptian foreign policy.

IRONICALLY THE late Egyptian President had, during his visit to Washington last month, indicated his intention to resign at the expiration of the current term, even though the country's constitution had virtually made him president for life!

THE PERTINENT questions, now that Mr Sadat no more commands the ship of the Egyptian state, are: how far can the Israelis and Arabs compromise on a peaceful settlement of their

dispute? Will Mr Sadat's successor reverse to the hardline doctrine of former President Gamel Abdel Nasser, from whom Mr Sadat took over as president eleven years ago?

WILL THE NEW Egyptian administration succumb to Arab opinion and abandon the Camp David Accord between Israel and Egypt? Or will a new leader continue to pursue the policies under the accord which guarantees the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Egyptian territory by next year?

IN ANY CASE, answers to these questions are by no means simple.

WHILE THE EGYPTIANS would like to reclaim their captured lands which is conditional under the Camp David Accord, political observers consider it quite unpredictable whether such an isolatory position in Arab issues will satisfy the Egyptian masses and the hardline Arab countries.

BUT NOTWITHSTANDING these speculations, it is imperative for a new Egyptian leader to steer a middle course in the conduct of foreign policy: this will at least ensure that the country gets the moral support it needs from its Arab brothers.

BE LOYAL TO GOVT

Even in highly enlightened societies one still finds many whose attitude towards anything that pertains to politics or government is indifference and disinterestedness.

Politics is intrinsically dirty and so is the government. they believe.

They never want to know what the government does.

They forget that the government is an agency for regulating their activities and that they are obliged to know how it does this.

They forget that if it is a legitimate, de jure government, they have perhaps by voting some people to undertake this responsibility and in these men they have vested their rights and powers.

If they know and remember these facts, how they explain their indifference, I don't know.

The government is yours. It is high time you got interested in your government.

Be convinced of a contestant's capability and character before you vote for him.

Refuse to be carried away by empty promises of those canvassing for votes.

Perhaps what the government needs most

from its subjects are loyalty, trust and sincerity.

When disloyalty, distrust and insincerity are suspected or actually discovered, the government becomes anxious with fear and spends a lot of time, money and energy mounting a high powered security guard against intriguers.

Its attention and concern for you will depreciate as long as these hang over it like a black thundercloud over an island.

It may get worked up and obsessed till it becomes totally ineffective.

The result is formidable and in the last analysis the subject loses.

The novelist, Agatha Christie, wrote "There is nothing so terrible as to live in an atmosphere of suspicion" (ABC Murders). Spare yourself this loss and your government obsessive suspicion. How? Be loyal!

A dictator, a shrewd political democrat or an ambitious demagogue is very capable of working up the populace to defy him, and so make unreasonable selfish and aggravating laws.

Given the desired salutary circumstances, a legislative body makes laws for the well being of the people. We need



laws if we must maintain peace and harmony. However, one finds that many people never

reflect on the spirit of the lawmaker in order to penetrate with clarity the meaning and purpose of any particular law.

The conceive of laws as mere machinery that curtails their personal freedom and liberty, and consequently they react with deep sealed conformity.

If they understood the meaning of law, they would make sincere efforts to be law abiding.

They are morally obliged to abide by these laws for "moral obligation is a kind of bond, but does not destroy liberty" or personal freedom.

ADMIT CITY & GUIDE

Do we actually need manpower? If so why do the authority concerned discourage the youths about manpower? When we consider the vicious circle of manpower,

Checking our bakeries

Sir — Bread, which is becoming our staple food and in a high demand by the general public, should have been hygienically taken care of and stacked in a healthy atmosphere.

One can now hardly distinguish between bread and sand as they seem to have been mixed together. In addition to sand, other dirt can also be seen on the bread. Little insects are also seen clinging in and outside some bread.

We cannot easily trace where these anomalies originated. The bakers are the worse offenders. They do not care about who eat their bread and the consequent effect of disease infected bread since they are only after their daily proceed from it.

The retailers cannot be free from this common problem. They keep bread in any dangerous condition and thereby allow flies and other insects to pitch on them. It seems to me that they do this ignorantly since the bakers would not advise them on how best

to handle the bread.

Some of the illness being suffered by some people could be traced to what they eat, of which bread cannot be an exemption. Had it been that the Ministry of Health had been checking these bakers, especially around Rumuomasi, bread could be free from deadly diseases.

The problem of unhygienic bread could only be minimised if a drastic measure is taken by the authorities concerned. Some of the ways of checking them may include: Government officials to inspect baked bread, seeing that the flours used for the baking are free from contamination, checking the stacking system and display and processes involved in distribution.

If these above measures were judiciously taken, I hope that would expect for a clean and free-from hygienic bread.

I am imploring the authorities concerned to make sure that they send their officials in every fortnight to all the

bakers around and outside Port Harcourt for purpose of detecting where the flaws come from. And moreover, respective bakers should attach there labels inside the bread's water-proof so as to enable the consumers determine who produces which bread.

John O. Okeke
Port Harcourt

Namibia's freedom assured

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had been settled.

Athaji Shehu disagreed with a suggestion that the Commonwealth was a talking shop and pointed out that the association was a distinguished forum where developed and developing countries met to discuss matters of international importance.

President Shagari would today meet the Nigeria community which is made up of entirely students and staff of Nigeria's High Commission.

My bitter feeling arose when I acknowledged that that City and Guilds (Inter) holders are not given direct admission to universities and places of higher learning without some G.C.E. papers. Is the authority concerned

considering the duration of the course? In comparison, technical colleges are a vast advancement

ed than secondary schools both practically and otherwise.

YOUR STARS TODAY

AQUARIUS

All career matters receive a setback today; this shouldn't bother you too much if you have made adequate plans for the future. Romantic Aquarians are in for a difficult time this evening.

PISCES

Minor changes at your place of employment will not work to your advantage and you'll have to remain flexible in order to combat them. Seek humorous friends this evening.

ARIES

Today there is a degree of mental escapism, if you are not

careful this could result in a regression to old, discarded habits. Try to concentrate on your career.

TAURUS

If an offer of a new position is put to you, accept, for this is an opportunity for increasing your wage packet. Don't put off the idea of a move by close associates.

GEMINI

Don't attempt to carry through ambitious plans today. There is a blocking influence around that will lead you to frustration. It is okay to make plans, however, but don't investigate them.

CANCER

A financial offer seems likely this morning, but it will not be until this afternoon that you feel sure enough to make a decision. This is not a bad time for change, neither is particularly good.

LEO

There will be a surprise in the mail this morning, and a very pleasant one it will be, too. Something quite unexpected, in fact. Make home entertaining your goal for this evening.

VIRGO

Communications are highlighted, though adversarial so. You'll find it impossible to contact anyone by telephone, and letters contain disheartening news. Travel is also dangerous.

LIBRA

Financial losses will cause arguments with work colleagues today. Possibly you haven't heeded advice, and have invested money in a get-rich-quick scheme that has fallen on its face.

SCORPIO

The past is in evidence today and someone whom you haven't seen for a long time comes back into your life. This could be an old flame.

SAGITTARIUS

This is not a day for making changes within your career or personal life. Stick to routine matters and don't be too adventurous where new ideas are concerned.

CAPRICORN

This is a good day for the businessman, or any of you who are doing quick business deals. This is a financially favourable day for all of you prepared to risk a little to gain a lot.

REMEMBRANCE

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Samuel M. Reffel

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who died in 1931 at the age of 69.

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May the Almighty Father continue to give you perfect peace and eternal rest.

Jessica John (Daughter)
Samuel Allotey (Grandson)
for the family.

ETITI CAMPUS OPENED

THE formal opening of the Etiti campus of the Ibo State University has been announced.

The disclosure was made at the weekend by a member of the Governing Council of the University, Dr. Allen Okoro while conducting Governor Mbaikwe round the Etiti campus of the institution.

Dr. Okoro further disclosed that a total number of 275 students had been offered a provisional admission into the university for various degree courses and stated that normal classes will resume there on Friday October 23, adding that letters of offer had been despatched to the successful candidates.

Chief Sam O. Mbaikwe, who was on an official visit to the Etiti Local Government area, expressed satisfaction at the progress so far made by the contractor handling the university project.

Dr. Nwankama Okoro (SAN), the flag bearer of the NPN in Ibo State has congratulated the President, Aiyah Shehu Shagari for granting Mr. Yakubu Gowon executive pardon.

He stated that this magnificent gesture should



NEW WAKKAR OKORO

LADY FOUND DEAD IN BUSH

The corpse of a lady in her late twenties was last Sunday found abandoned at a nearby shrub between a railway line and the St. Paul's Church, Diobu, in the Rivers State capital.

The lady whose name is being withheld by the police told her ward that she was going to the hairdressers but when she did not show up at home that evening, her aunt whom she lived with became worried.

She was later found the following day by passers-by along the alerted who promptly reported the incident to the police.

Meanwhile, her remains have been removed to the Port Harcourt General Hospital awaiting postmortem examination.

It is not certain what the motive behind her

the government would not hesitate to remove bad eggs among contractors handling government projects.

Mr. Erifofo noted with satisfaction the existing cordial relationship and mutual understanding between the party and the Odi Urban community, and pledged that with the spirit maintained the NPN would sweep the polls in 1983 general elections.

The chairman further warned his listeners to guard against nefarious activities by detractors of the party who were working relentlessly to destabilise the NPN.

He finally made a passionate appeal to the

Rivers State Government to expedite action on the Teacher Training College project by awarding the project to a reputable contractor.

Replying on behalf of the chairman and members of the various committees, Chief J.W.E. Bai, chairman Electricity and Water Supply Committee, Odi Urban, thanked those that attended the meeting and pledged their full support and loyalty to the party and government.

Chief J.W.E. Bai, praised Governor Okilo's decentralization system and reminded his colleagues the uphill task for a total change of attitude in order to deliver the goods to the people whose interest they are to serve and promote.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

They are appealing to any one who might have suspected unusual movement within the vicinity over the week to contact the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) immediately.



ALHAJJ GWARZO

By
Dimkap Alikor

untimely death is by two women are at the time of going to press, helping the police with their investigations.

It was alleged that about N35 00 was found in the deceased possession. Her pair of shoes was not found on her neither was it found within the vicinity.

Confirming the story, police at Olu Obasanjo Road Police Station said that the corpse of a battered lady was found and the matter is at the moment being investigated by the State

OKORO HAPPY OVER GOWON'S FREEDOM

Dr. Nwankama Okoro (SAN), the flag bearer of the NPN in Ibo State has congratulated the President, Aiyah Shehu Shagari for granting Mr. Yakubu Gowon executive pardon.

He stated that this magnificent gesture should

be seen as a deliberate and concrete leap towards achieving unity, stability and amity amongst all ethnic groups in Nigeria.

He further pointed out that by allowing Gowon the freedom to return to his country after six years in exile, the president has shown his candid desire and wish to give Nigeria worthy future devoid of bitterness and rancour.

Dr. Okoro said that all Nigerians are eagerly looking forward when the same measure of magnanimity would be extended to Mr. Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu who is now in exile in Ivory Coast since 1970, as the return of Ojukwu would not only be another landslide victory

towards national unity and reconciliation, but would bind the wounds and erase the scars of our past traumatic experiences as a people.

He warned that the issue of pardon for Gowon and Ojukwu should never be politicised nor tribalised. Such base polarisation, in terms of tribe or party politics would be a step backwards and most inimical to the interest of the nation.

Any party political leader, state governor or party functionary who either by unguarded utterances or otherwise

mountain out of the issue of Ojukwu's return, should be regarded as an enemy of Nigerian unity.

Dr. Nwankama Okoro is of the view that the issue of Gowon as well as that of Ojukwu are issues that could only be handled and resolved by the Federal government, and the president has shown his capability in resolving the issues to the general good of every Nigerian.

All Nigerians, irrespective of their political leanings, should therefore give the president the loyalty and support, he rightly deserves to make this nation a truly united, stable and cohesive entity.

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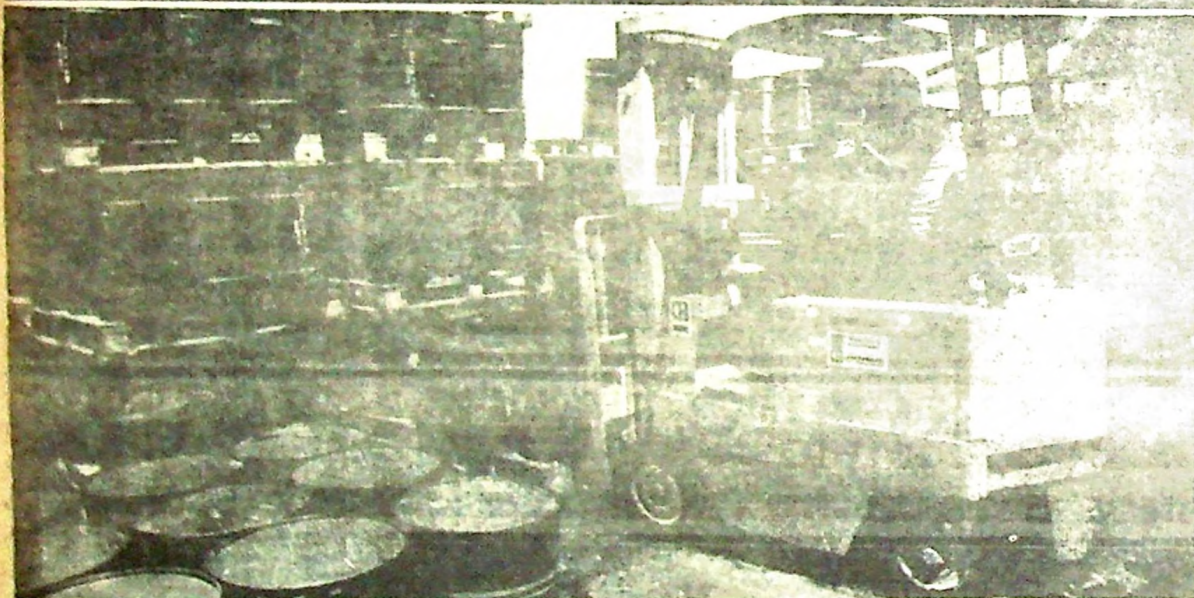
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OBITUARY

This is the first of a series of obituaries in this issue, which will continue the passage to a better life of those mother and grand mother.



MADAM EUNICE WADA S. ONUNWOR

who spent her entire life to the service of God, Eva Church district and St. Michael's Church Rumuomasi, and died on St. Michael's Day, 29th September, 1981 at the age of 60 years.

She is survived by

His Royal Highness W. W. Onunwor, Nyerisi Mbam Oropotoma — Son
Mrs S. N. Nwaeke — daughter
Mrs C. W. Nnewe — daughter
Mrs C. A. Oghunda — daughter
Miss Grace Onunwor — daughter
Mr Emma N. Onunwor — Son
Twenty two grand children and several relations.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday, 9th October, 1981:

9 a.m. Body leaves Port Harcourt General Hospital mortuary to Onunwor's palace in Rumuolukwu village.
9 p.m. Christian Wake Keeping

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1981

9 a.m. Funeral Service at St. Michael's Church Rumuomasi. Interment after service at the palace cemetery.
Friends, well wishers, relations and sympathisers invited for the burial should please note that all ceremonies are strictly Christian.

May her soul rest in the Lord

His Royal Highness W. W. ONUNWOR
Nyerisi Mbam Oropotoma
for the family.

RED CROSS TRAINS GOVT DRIVERS



•DR FRIDAY NWATOR
Rivers State Red Cross boss

THE Rivers State Branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, has embarked on a first aid crash training programme for government drivers.

The programme which began two weeks ago has already attracted a total of sixty-four motor drivers drawn from various government agencies in the state.

Disclosing this in Port Harcourt, the secretary of the organisation, Mr G. J. Wokoma said that the humanitarian gesture was part of its organisation to mark the International Year of the Disabled persons in the society.

According to Mr Wokoma, participants will be required to render emergency first aid treatment to victims of accidents in the houses, offices and roads.



•MR FRANCIS ENDELEY
Rivers State Commissioner for Works

24 year-old journalist docked

A 24 year old journalist, David Ogu who was said to have stolen N49,920 from the Union Bank of Nigeria Limited, Port Harcourt has been docked before a Port Harcourt Chief Magistrate's Court presided over by Chief H.E. Wabara, on a two count charge of conspiracy and stealing.

The prosecution stated that the accused who resides at No 2 Oriani Street Ogbunabali, Port Harcourt on September 21, this year, at the Union Bank along Aba Road, Port Harcourt conspired with Sylvester Okocha, now at large and stole N49,920, property of the Union Bank of Nigeria Limited, Port Harcourt.

He pleaded not guilty to both counts and bail was granted him in the sum of N45,000 with a surety in the same amount.

Meanwhile, hearing has been fixed for October 26, this year.

BANK OFFICIALS FOIL FRAUD

AN attempt to detain the Calabar Branch of the First Bank of N48,600 has been foiled by vigilant bank officials.

The cheque was allegedly forged to purport that it was issued by the Nigeria Airways to the Tougerolle Nigeria Limited.

The amount was to have been transferred to the Co-operative Bank, Owerri, Imo State.

A man who claimed to be a staff of the Co-operative Bank, Owerri presented the cheque to the First Bank in Calabar to carry out the fraud.

According to a report,

vigilant bank officials who worked on the cheque became suspicious and contacted the Nigeria Airways authorities who denied ever issuing such a cheque.

Police were contacted and the man was whisked away to the Police station for further investigation.

Police investigation

it revealed that the cheque was stolen from the cheque book of the Nigeria Airways.

The man now in the police net allegedly told the Police that he was sent by an accountant of the Co-operative Bank, Owerri, Imo State.

Police say the man will appear in court soon to face a criminal charge.

Mr Obomani further told him to display the good image of the directorate by way of behaviour. The occasion was attended by the Assistant Chief Information Officer, Mr E. J. Elenwo and other top officials of the directorate.

Yenagoa

A MEMBER of the Co-ordination Committee in Apoi/Bassani/Kolua District of the Yenagoa Local Government Area, Mr H. A. Ekubo has expressed dissatisfaction over the nonchalant attitude to work of chairman and members of the various functional committees in the district.

Speaking to newsmen in his office, Mr Ekubo pointed out that members of the committees had not been responding to joint meetings of all committees, aimed at effecting the implementation of government programmes in the district.

He regretted that they have failed to justify the confidence reposed on them by not working up to expectation.

Nembe

COUNCILLORS in the Rivers State have been called upon to engage the services of intelligent people in their various communities in the development of the rural areas. The special adviser to the governor on Administration and Local Government Affairs, Chief W. E. Tienabeso, made the call at Nembe while addressing a joint meeting of councillors, chairman and members of functional committees in the Briaa Local Government Area.

Chief Tienabeso explained that the 50 local government units in the state were created to ensure even and rapid development throughout the state. He maintained that any of these units that fails in the discharge of their duties would have itself to blame.

The special adviser urged political appointees the area to leave behind a symbolic legacy that would serve as a testimony of their services to their respec-

RIVERS BRIEFS

Bonny

THE Bonny District Works and Transport Committee has embarked on the construction of a 850 metre concrete feeder road estimated at the cost of N50,000. Announcing this in his office, the chairman of the committee, Mr R. O. Long John indicated that the feeder road when completed, would eliminate the difficulties encountered by road users in the area.

He disclosed that a speed boat has also been purchased for ferry services, adding that his committee would soon embark on land transport system. The chairman expressed gratitude to the state government for accepting Borokiri as the Bonny District Headquarters.

Mr Long John appealed to the state government to consider his committee's 1982 estimate and make funds available for the execution of projects in the area.

P'Harcourt

A STAFF of the 2 Amphibious Brigade, Nigerian Army in the state, has successfully completed a year and four months course on training in the Information Division of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Port Harcourt.

Presenting a certificate of proficiency to the recipient, Mr Dede Jackson Apan, the Executive Director, Mr P. H. Okeke, advised him to always contribute

Edited By Ipaliboy

Re-order priorities

As the summit be

First, developed world economies would also have to grow faster, and these countries



The report highlights the wide differences in economic prospects

The World Bank also argues that there is a direct link between development and population growth, claiming that the poorer a country is, the higher its birthrate will be.

It estimates that there are currently about 750 million of these "absolute" poor. Whether this figure would rise or fall by 100 million by the year 2,000 would depend on the Third World's economic growth rate in the intervening period.

"What happens between now and the year 2,000 will determine whether the world's population can stabilise at about 8,000 million in the 21st century or carry on growing more quickly to 11,000 million or more."

Because of the various measures (such as the Udoji — which increased consumption without increasing production of consumable goods and services, the government has undertaken a number of steps to curb inflation.

Some of the measures include the setting-up of Nigerian National Supply Company (NNSC), the Price Control Board and increased import duties. Yet, these measures are unable to curb the current consumption quadrupling unless emphasis is given to intensifying the development of our own agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

We also need to develop other oil by-products such as natural gas that will serve the populace and not the few privileged technocrats. Today, we are mere importers of foreign technology which have not been directly adaptable to our Nigerian peculiar circumstances.

The Federal government is supposed to be attempting to ameliorate the imbalance of infrastructure, but more determined and honest efforts should be made to stimulate important industries in the rural areas, so as to "police" the over-concentration of population in urban slums.

We need to re-examine our faulty plans which has given birth to mismanagement of both human and financial resources. A good example is the "fall of operational food the nation" (OEN).

Who can accurately calculate the billions of naira and manpower wasted? Think of n

the present "Green Revolution" will collapse due to the over present poor management-cum-planning. In other words, Nigerian expensive programmes are designed to enrich the planners and increase the cost of running the government.

**By
Ambily Etekepe**

The highly complex plans only tend to strangle people in red tape, so that the system impedes rather than promotes efficiency.

The Green Revolution and similar programmes can only succeed if the government will take a practical (instead of paper) stand by deploying the 20 ministries of agriculture to the field, the idle soldiers and police force to farm. All must be

EXAMPLE RATES

PREVIOUS RATES OF TUNAGES FOR THE HIGHWAY MAINS AS
ADJUSTED VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AS OF TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 01, 1909
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		\$100.00	\$1.00	
Australia	Dollar	1,5060	1,2774	1,5060
Austria	Schilling	50,3375	25,3375	26,3474
Belgium	Franc	52,24	50,4647	50,5450
Brazil	Cruzeiro	100,42	150,9511	152,7090
Canada	Dollar	2,1770	1,7516	1,6170
Chile	Peso	4,307	2,6760	2,7126
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	11,35	5,1442	5,2614
Denmark	Krone	17,7299	11,1629	11,8452
France	Franc	5,12	1,0207	1,0207
Germany	Mark	10,2500	5,4189	5,4189
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Iran	Rial	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Italy	Lira	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Japan	Yen	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
South Korea	Won	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Spain	Peseta	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Sweden	Krona	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Switzerland	Franc	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Taiwan	New Dollar	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Thailand	Baht	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
United Kingdom	Pound	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
USSR	Ruble	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476
Yugoslavia	Dinar	1,0000	0,0476	0,0476

involved

Not too long ago, 10 kobo could provide the common-man at least 20 cups of garri. Today, one cup of garri costs about 25k a cup of rice now costs 70k and the list is endless. An average Nigerian today requires N3.00 to buy the same garri that 10k could have bought him few years ago. That is inflation. Why? Because, priorities have been mis-allocated.

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accept pay for work not done — these are all subtle forms of injustice, of stalling, of injuring our fellow man and eventually causing strife and hostility. We should not tolerate our shortcomings and indulge in the weakness. While it is true that no one is perfect, it is a very contemptible person who offers that as an "excuse" for his own conduct.

The prime obstacle confronting trade unionism in Africa has been ascribed to the dictatorial tendencies inherent in African leadership.

African leaders feel that they know more than everybody in their societies and challenges from any quarters are regarded as enemies of the societies.

That was the view expressed by the African Representative of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), Mr. Roxy Uduogwu while speaking with the Business Tide in the Features room of the Nigerian Tide.

Mr Uduogwu is of the opinion that many African governments notably military regimes or those who had experienced military rule would prefer toothless or rubber-stamp trade unions who have no courage to withstand legitimate agitation of the working masses and peasants in their societies.

On the part of the Unions, leaders who are labelled as wild cat agitators and preferred to practise trade unionism on the lines and principles that are exotic to their social and economic

realities were blamed for the ineffectiveness of Trade Union movement in Africa.

A trade Unionist was defined as one who knows where trade unionism ends and party politics began. Trade Unionists in Nigeria were advised to be aware of those facts in his definition and withdraw where they would



Mr. Roxy Uduogwu makes a point to Ipalibo Botove on the Business Desk.

likely stray into areas that could damage the good intentions of the union.

At the five-day seminar sponsored by the ITF which ended a forth-

night ago at the State University of Science and Technology, the participants drawn from 32 Dockers Union were lectured on the importance of education of Union officials and key members on leadership because according to the ITF beliefs, a Union leader has two questions always posed to him and they need to face un-

cluded the need for collective bargaining and workers proper orientation that could enable them to perform their

duties patriotically for higher productivity as well as upholding union values with which to fight exploitation.

In Brief

Rivers traders behind

Traders in the Rivers State Barks in the State to State are far behind their counterparts as to enable international scene. That their complete favour was the opinion of Chief ably with their counter-Young Georgewill chair parts in other parts of the man of Mile 1 Market Federation and at the Traders' Association international level. (MOMIA) on his return Rivers State Market from a brief evening traders were urged to tour, pay their stallage fees and taxes regularly as part of economic boost to the state.

Seamen elect officers

The Rivers State secretary, Mrs. D. A. district council of the Kalamoguru, treasurer; Nigerian Union of and Mr. G. D. Biplaka, Seamen and Water audit. A statement issued by the union's secretariat in Port Harcourt, said that the fresh elections was headed by Mr. D. R. Jack, as chairman; Mr. culmination of the un- O. M. Ajingbeye, vice timely exit of some chairman, Mr. Fred former executive Siaso, secretary, Mr. J. members of the district, O. Appah assistant earlier this year.

LOCAL FOOD PRICES

ITEMS	UNITS	N/A/OUR	MT	MR	AV
Yam (medium size)	1 kg	275	269	305	283.0
Plantain (3 medium size)	1 kg	90	109	110	100.0
Tomatoes (fresh)	1 kg	100	120	140	120.0
Fish (cod)	1 kg	120	130	120	123.3
Stock fish (medium size)	1 kg	699	796	650	715.0
Beef (cattle meat)	1 kg	579	512	606	595.6
Garri	1 cjs. cup	17	20	20	19.0
Rice	"	28	30	25	27.6
Beans	"	35	40	40	38.3
Melon	"	50	50	50	50.0
Ogbono	"	206	180	172	186.0
Pepper (small dry)	"	33	30	30	31.0
Salt	"	10	10	10	10.0
Groundnut oil	1 beer bottle	100	100	100	100.0
Palm oil	"	60	80	80	80.0
Peak milk	1 tin of 170 gm	23	23	23	23.0
Cow and Gate	" 400 gm	170	170	170	170.0
Bread (Medium)	1 loaf of 454 gm	30	30	35	31.6
Sugar (cube)	1 pkt of 454 gm	55	50	50	51.6

FROM THE STATISTICS DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, PORT HARCOURT.

Ice Cream for Umuahia

A giant ice cream and dairy food factory has been set up in Umuahia, Imo State. The N3 million food plant which is the first phase of the N10.5 million food industry planned for Umuahia is a joint venture between Matrose Engineering Company and a production (Nig) Ltd Umuahia and Nigerians who would be O. G. Huyer of Denmark employed by the factory.

BY SAM OHAKA

Conducting journalists Already the three round the factory, the managing director of the company Mr Paul Keller said that the plant would start production this month. According to him the plant had a capacity of annual output of 2.5 million litres by single shift or 5 million litres by double shift. The registered brand name of the product is MECO ICECREAM. Ingredients for the production of the commodity would be collected locally and they include fresh milk, vegetable oil and cocoa powder. Varieties of the food would also be produced. The production would involve two expatriates, a maintenance engineer and a production engineer and 100 Nigerians who would be employed by the factory.

Nigeria's sole source of foreign exchange today is petroleum which badly needs diversification like other oil producing states.

Our oil is always equated at the international market with the North Sea Crude in Britain. Here is a typical natural gas drilling platform in the North Sea.

ISAAC BORO 'APPEARED BEFORE HOUSE OF REP

Those who often pray that a soul should rest in peace at death, must have felt embarrassed at the way late Isaac Boro was literally "brought" to the House of Representatives and subjected to a vicious crossfire of words last month.

His only "sin" was that his name has been immortalized in what is now Isaac Boro Park — and the Park is located in the heart of Port Harcourt.

He must have turned in his grave when, during motion for adjournment on Friday, 25th September 1981, an honourable member of the House charged that he (Isaac) left the University of Nigeria because he could not make his mark.

"Out of frustration, he went back home and waged war against the Federal Republic of Nigeria," the member further stated.

Honourable G. B. Wodi sparked it off when he said: "I want to emphasise Port Harcourt Constituency because I am competent enough to talk about Port Harcourt."

"What I want to talk about affects the Federal Government. There was a stadium in Port Harcourt which had been removed, and that site is now made an Amusement Park."

It has been given a name "Boro Park", and we all know what this sort of thing denotes. It tries to keep the memory of that individual.

"I want to comment that whatever the state does in that direction is all right, but I have now observed and read in the pages of the papers that the Federal Government is going into helping the development of this Amusement Park."

Honourable Colleagues, please get me right. I am not opposing the federal government coming to assisting the state government to develop this place into an Amusement Park."

It is grand and I welcome it any day, but I would want the Federal Government to come

by Evans Osi

wary in doing this because of the name of this place.

The name is not in the good books of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Chief Wodi had hardly taken his seat when he faced attacks left, right, and centre from his colleagues.

Mr Dagogo Princewe (INPN, Rivers): "Mr Speaker Sir, I am calling my distinguished colleague from Rivers State to order. Order 26



Late Major Adada Boro (2).

What he said is quite irrelevant because Boro was a military personnel who fought during the civil war in order to maintain the unity and integrity of this nation.

Therefore, he is not in any bad book of any federal government. He is indeed one of the distinguished sons who laid his life for this country to develop."

Chief Wodi's gunpower was apparently not yet empty, as he replied.

"Hon colleagues, it is unfortunate that the Hon Member does not take kindly to this."

This is what I want this House to understand. Isaac Boro was my colleague in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. We were together and I know him very well.

Isaac Boro left the Police Force out of frustration and entered the University of Nigeria, Nsukka."

You can trust members of the House of Representatives to react seriously to any matter they deem and on this occasion there were shouts of "sit down, sit down."

Mr Speaker: "please

point of order. Please, Hon Members, when a member is speaking, he

is representing his Constituency. Please allow him to finish, and I will allow you to say something.

Mr Jimoh Damisa (INPN, Kwarar): "Mr Speaker Sir, the point I want to make is that Isaac Boro is a son of this country and he is among the heroes of this country."

He is already dead. It is unfair for Members to come and attack his person here, to accuse the dead, one.

Mr Speaker, please you should ask him to go to another topic if he has something else to say, but not on the dead one."

Mr Speaker: "We have freedom of speech here. Our freedom of speech here is unlimited, even including defamatory matters."

One MP you can trust will fire his bullets on such matters is Mr T. O. Bobmanuel (INPN, Rivers).

Said he: "I want to call the attention of my brother, Hon Wodi, to the fact that he should not come into this House and talk about somebody who is dead and forgotten."

"After all, Isaac Boro Park was named by the past Military Government of Rivers State, not the present civilian government."

So, if he has problem with the present government he should forget about it and write to the defunct military government to change the name. We are not ready to hear Boro or no Boro here."

Mr Bob-Manuel did not cease fire there. He charged that the name Boro Park was from the military regime to Isaac Boro as a leader of the minorities. He said it was from the effort of Boro that some of those now looking for a Port Harcourt State were made commissioners in the military era.

Mr O. A. Eshin (INPN) backed Chief Wodi when he said that Isaac Boro was never a leader of minorities.

The leader of the House, Abba Yusuf Kallang (INPN) drew the curtain when he moved

OBITUARY

With particular gratitude to God for a life well lived, and sadness in our hearts, the family of Chief I. K. Ogundu of Azumini Isikpo in the Ikwerre Etche Local Government Area of the Rivers State, regret to announce the death of their dearly beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grand-mother.



MADAM MARY NWOGBA OGUNDU
(ALIAS: MAA GBAGBA)
Aged 95

(Wife of Late Chief Thomas Ogundu Oyo of Azumini Isikpo in Ikwerre Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State Nigeria.)
Who slept in the Lord on Saturday 5th of September, 1981. Amongst those she left to mourn her include —

1. Chief I. K. Ogundu — son, Chief Mourner and Community Head of Azumini Isikpo in Ikwerre Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State Nigeria.
2. Mrs Eunice Loloagwu I. K. Ogundu
3. Mrs Roseline I. K. Ogundu
4. Madam Violet Ihenetu (sister)
5. Madam Florence Ebulu (sister)

GRAND CHILDREN

1. Mrs S. N. Kio
2. Mrs P. N. Nnaekpe
3. Miss M. O. Ogundu
4. Mr M. I. Ogundu
5. Mr G. E. Ogundu
6. Mr J. C. Ogundu
7. Mrs C. I. Okoroafor
8. Miss D. C. Ogundu
9. Mr M. A. Ogundu
10. Mrs C. A. Kanu
11. Mr K. A. Ogundu
12. Mr C. A. Ogundu
13. Mr J. M. Ogundu
14. Mr K. C. Ogundu
15. Miss B. Ogundu
16. Miss O. Ogundu
17. Miss N. Ogundu
18. Miss U. Ogundu
19. Miss C. Ogundu
20. Master N. Ogundu
21. Miss O. Ogundu
22. Master C. Aguta (Madam Roseline Chief I. K. Ogundu's son)
23. Miss G. Aguta (Madam Roseline Chief I. K. Ogundu's daughter)

GERAT-GRAND CHILDREN

1. Master M. Nnaekpe
2. Master O. Kio
3. Master O. Okoroafor
4. Miss C. Nnaekpe
5. Miss Y. Kio
6. Miss I. Nnaekpe
7. Miss G. Kio
8. Miss Q. Ogundu
9. Master E. Okoroafor
10. Master I. Kio
11. Miss O. Okoroafor
12. Master I. Kio
13. Miss N. Okoroafor

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 1981

- 1 p.m. Body leaves Port Harcourt General Hospital Mortuary for Chief I. K. Ogundu's residence Azumini Isikpo
- 3 p.m. Body lies in state at the above residence
- 6 p.m. Christian and traditional wake-keeping at Chief I. K. Ogundu's residence — Azumini, Isikpo

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 1981

- 12 Noon. Body leaves Chief I. K. Ogundu's residence for St Peter's Anglican Church, Isikpo for funeral service. Interment follows immediately at Chief I. K. Ogundu's compound.

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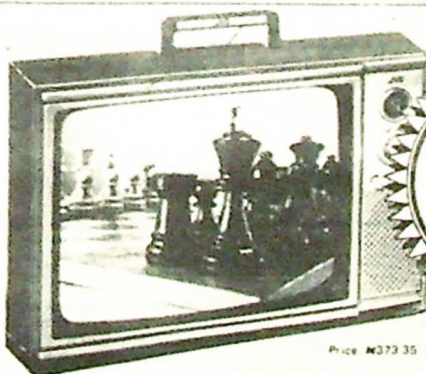
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TEME— I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Ada B. Temé, now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs Ada Stephen. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Governor's Office Enugu District and the general public please take note. Mrs Ada Stephen.

OTOLO — I, formerly TOBIN— I, formerly known, ASSOR— I, formerly known Brown and addressed as called and addressed as Rhoda Mr Foster Otolu now wish Miss Dorothy Tobin now Assor, now wish to be known, called and wish to be called and addressed as Rhoda addressed as Mr Aeroplane dressed as Mrs Dorothy Ukpabi. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Ministry of Local Government name remain valid. Sch-General Hospital Isiokepo please and the general public should take note. Mrs Dorothy should please take note. Rhoda Ukpabi.

NWORDU — I, formerly known called and addressed as Adekun Nwordu, now wish to be known called and addressed as Alwell Nwogu Nwordu. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Ministry of Education, Port Harcourt, State School Emuajoku Eke and the general public should please take note. Alwell Nwogu Nwordu.

COTTERELL — I, formerly known as Miss Bridget Bekinwari, Dame Cotterell, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Bridget Bekinwari, Dame G. Ikiriko. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please note. Mrs B. T. G. Ikiriko.

ORILE — I, formerly known as Miss Victoria Obile, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Victoria Okachi Okala. Former documents remain valid. Government Secondary School Ibaa and the general public should please take note. Mrs Victoria Okachi Okala.

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MANAGEMENT.

OBITUARY

We announce with deep sorrow but with gratitude to God the death of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and Head of the 'IGU' family of Abam House



MR PIKINISELERA AMAKIRI
He was aged 73.

(formerly Mr Ebenezer F. Abam) of the Ada Royal Family of Okrika on Monday, the 28th of September, 1981 at the General Hospital, Port Harcourt.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday, 9th October, 1981:

Corps leaves the General Hospital Mortuary, Port Harcourt for Okrika Waterside Port Harcourt en route to Abam Ama, Okrika.

12.00 p.m.

Lying in state at his residence in Igu compound, Abam Ama.

8.00 p.m.

Christian wake keeping in Igu compound.

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1981.

11.00 a.m.

Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Okrika.
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- III. First Year Students
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OBITUARY

With gratitude to God for a life well spent, the families of Maduenyi and Umuakpa in Ekpeye District regret to announce the death of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and daughter



**MADAM EPELLE UGBANIYA ISHIKAKU
MADUENYI,**

which sad event took place at 12 noon on Sunday 4th October, 1981 at Ahoada, after a brief illness at the age of 85 years.

She is survived by many children and grand-children.

Burial Arrangements:

Friday 9th October, 1981:

11.00 a.m. Body leaves General Hospital, Port Harcourt for Ahoada town

9.00 p.m. Body lies in state in Dr Maduenyi's compound. And Christian and Traditional wake-keeping till dawn.

Saturday 10th October, 1981:

10.00 a.m. Commendation service at St. Peter's UNA Church, Ahoada town.

2.00 p.m. Interment at Dr Maduenyi's compound, Ihubu Layout-Ahoada. ALGA.

(Signed)

Dr Med. J. I. Maduenyi
(Senior Consultant Paediatrician)
for the families.

COMMENTARY:

WHAT NEXT IN POLAND?

'WHAT next in Poland? remains one of the most widely posed international questions. For the past year this East European nation has presented the outside world with a continuing drama, each succeeding episode of which has ended on a note of high suspense.

It all began last August with a wave of strikes which enveloped the country like a raging bushfire. Then in Poland — as it still is elsewhere in the Soviet bloc — such action was an illegal form of protest.

It was also a phenomenon that, in

media. Viewed in the context of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other such documents, the strikers' basic demands might seem unexceptional, but for them to be granted in the Soviet camp represented a humiliating retreat by the authorities.

An indication of the transformation which has occurred in Poland was provided by the extraordinary party congress which has just ended. To most observers it was an event without parallel since Soviet style Communism was

By A correspondent

theory, should not have happened. Workers were in revolt in a State ostensibly governed by and on behalf of the workers themselves.

Now, a year later, the Polish scene has been transformed out of all recognition, and in the process the fundamental basis of Communist rule — the right of these parties to a monopoly of the reins of power — has



*STANISLAW KANIA
Polish Party Leader

been called into question.

Along the way Poland's leader for the past decade, Edward Giersek, as well as many other discredited colleagues have been toppled, and some including Giersek even expelled from the party. Even more significantly, the workers have wrested a series of important concessions from the regime.

These include the right to form independent trade unions and the freedom to strike, together with the promise of less censorship and an end to the party's monopoly over the

imposed on Eastern Europe after the Second World War.

In the first place most of the 1,950 delegates had been democratically elected by a secret ballot, and as a further sign of the grassroots revolution which has gripped Poland, at least eight out of every ten of these representatives had not previously taken part in such proceedings.

Thus the stage was set for a congress that was to be far removed from the scrupulously stage-managed and completely predictable gatherings that have become the hallmark of the Soviet bloc.

As only congress delegates were eligible for election to both the party Central Committee and the ruling Politburo, the composition of both these bodies had undergone changes of a kind that would be unthinkable elsewhere. For example, the Polish Central Committee now has far more worker-members than any of its counterparts in the Soviet camp; in fact, workers and peasant farmers form a clear majority only.

The congress also made Giersek's successor, Stanislaw Kania, a unique figure among his kind. He is the first Communist Party leader to be elected by a secret ballot at a conference conducted on democratic lines.

Arab-European dialogue now bogged down

West German Government circles have confirmed that the planned Arab-European foreign ministers conference is most unlikely to come off this year.

This means that the European-Arab dialogue begun at the end of 1973 has reached another low.

Observers believe that the acute Mid-East crises have "overaken" the dialogue. Both sides have made hardly any progress towards their aim of putting their economic, scientific, technological and cultural relations on a new footing.

Eight years ago the Arab oil boycott against the West — a consequence of the Arab-Israeli "October War" — made it necessary for the European Community (E.C.) to show where it stood in the Mid-East conflict.



*PRESIDENT ASSAD
of Syria

SUDAN READY FOR CONFRONTATION

SUDANESE President Jaafar Numeiry has indicated for the first time that he would not shy away from a military confrontation with Libya's invasion forces in Chad.

In an interview in Khartoum, Numeiry declared that he was pushing for Gaddafi's overthrow, saying that "the aim of our strategy is to get rid of this leader." "We have to isolate him in Africa and the world, and this is what I am doing diplomatically," Numeiry said. "And after that if it needs direct fighting or direct contacts with what they call the Libyan army which is not a Libyan army (but) a mercenary ar-

in the ensuing years the E.C. States met Arab political wishes as far as they could within the space left to them to manoeuvre — right up to the demand to have the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) take part at the European Government Leaders' 1980 Venice summit meeting.

Moreover, the Europeans — unlike the Arabs — did not regard the Arab-European dialogue as a suitable forum for negotiations for a peaceful solution of the Mid-East conflict.

They came out in

avow of the "institutionalised" dialogue to be undertaken by commissions, working groups and other joint bodies representing the E.C. and the Arab League. That way they hoped to ensure economic co-operation in particular.

Already in 1978, Claude Cheysson, then an E.C. commissioner (now French Foreign Minister), said, "We have begun the dialogue for political reason... it is some sort of a political exercise, and yet we refused to talk about politics."

WILL CHINA JOIN

TAIWAN?

THE proposal that "the present leaders of Taiwan be incorporated in the joint leadership of a reunited Chinese State" was set out by Deng Xiaoping in an interview to the Hongkong based

"Mingpao" monthly is not so sensational as the Western press tries to present it, writes a TASS political observer. This proposal is only relatively sensational as it quite fits into the framework of the policy, both home and foreign, which is pursued by the present Peking leaders. In domestic terms it is Deng Xiaoping's course for strengthening co-operation with the Chinese bourgeoisie, a course for reanimation, revival and encourage-

ment of the development of capitalism in China. In foreign policy terms it is another concession to the USA.

Pointing out that the U.S. Embassy in Peking "has shown much interest" in Deng's initiative while President Reagan himself is ready to play the role of a mediator, the observer goes on: "The absurdity of the supposition that as a result of reunification, Taiwan may turn into 'communist' is obvious (as it is not with this aim that Reagan is prepared to 'mediate'). It would make much more sense to assume that if Deng's proposal is implemented, the PRC's

regeneration into a capitalist state will proceed at an accelerated rate. In actual fact, if Deng's proposal is implemented it may result only in PRC joining Taiwan.

WITH LIBYA

my, we will fight the war ourselves."

The Sudanese leader said there were enough reasons for war, pointing out that in recent weeks "the Libyan air force has violated our air space more than twice (but) we did not say anything."

Numeiry warned that if the Libyans "don't go on with a fine logistical plan they are not going to find food for their soldiers" in Chad. This would mean that Libya would try "to take it from the Sudan by force — staples for the whole area are the same, and the Sudan has lots of it. This would be for us a direct cause for war."



*PRESIDENT NUMEIRY
of Sudan



Workers want solution to Polish crisis

The political bureau of the central committee of the Polish United Workers' Party has issued a statement which says that the political situation in the country is developing in a dangerous direction.

The economic situation is growing worse all the time, and the living conditions of citizens are becoming harder still. To check these processes is a matter of national concern. The ninth extraordinary congress of the PUWP defined a programme in its resolutions for extricating Poland from the crisis.

The party, the statement goes on to point out, is creating all possibilities for the constructive involvement of all forces of the public, acting from positions of socialism, in national life.

Such possibilities have been opened also for the solidarity of new trade union. The first stage deliberations of its congress and the decisions it has taken have made an official programme of the whole organisation out of the adventurist trends and features which showed themselves in solidarity earlier, although regarded as extreme trends.

That meant unilateral breaking the agreements signed in Gdansk, Szczecin and Jastzeniba. They have been replaced by a programme of political opposition working against the vital interests of the Polish people and state. This means heading for a confrontation fraught with a danger of bloodshed.



BRITON WINS WORLD TITLE

Sixteen-year-old Miss Wendy Norman on *Hugh* at Crystal Palace, near London, during the horse riding event of the first official women's modern pentathlon championship. She was narrowly beaten in to third place over all by only 10 points in 500. Her contribution helped her and her British team mates Janet Savage, Kathy Taylor and Sarah Parker, to win the team title at the end of the five-day series of events, most of which were held at the Crystal Palace Sports Stadium.

Adokiye: Victim of tribalism

THE NFA has not abolished tribal and other selfish considerations when selecting players to build up a strong National Team at this time when only the experienced materials are needed to take us to Spain and do well there.

by Ndu Ipiki

There is no reason the NFA will give for not including Adokiye's name in the list of the twenty-two players that will be genuine because Adokiye is still the same Adokiye and he will ever remain the same Adokiye at any time, anywhere and even at any age as long as football playing is concerned.

Adokiye, an experienced left winger whom no player has been able to replace, has always been a victim of NFA's tribal selection of players to the Eagles camp. If Adokiye retires from the Eagles today, he will one day be begged to come back from retirement as Chuku and Oduka were begged to come back from their retirement. Adokiye is still willing to play for the Eagles but the forces of tribalism are still very much strong.

NFA officials are still dividing an oval day, but when the day will come, they will not give way to the disheartened minded people to manage the game of football.

The Sunday Concord of October 4th 1981 reported that Adokiye's name was not in the list of the twenty-two players because he gives NFA officials as much headache as his body sweaters used to give defenders. What a lame excuse! The Sunday Concord reports that he will have been let loose if Odeghamsi's name was not in the list of the twenty-two players finally selected to face the Algerians.

What organisation is the Nigerian Football Association that is so tribal inclined so much that even the former

EFEREBO INVITED TO CAMP

IRIGHA Eferibo of the Rivers State has been invited amongst others by the National Amateur Judo Association for camping in preparation for the sixth All Africa Judo Championship. The camping period will commence from October 1-24 at Ibadan, Oyo State.

According to a release from the National secretariat, Irigha Eferibo was called due to his past performances.

However, other Rivers State judokas were unlucky due to their non-participation during the 1981 zonal judo championship held in Makurdi, Benue State few months ago as a result of lack of fund by the state sports council.



MAKURDI BAGS 85 GOLD AT LOBI '81

MAKURDI, zone A, has emerged the overall winners at the Lobi '81 Benue State Sports Festival which ended at the Government College grounds last Sunday.

The zone scooped 85 gold medals, 42 silver medals and 55 bronze medals at the week-long sports festival during which excellent sports talents were spotted to represent the state at Benel '81 National festival.

Coming second in the events of the festival was Gboko, zone B that collected 36 gold medals, 45 silver medals and 34 bronze medals.

Atkpo, zone C was third with 27 gold medals, 25 silver medals, 23 bronze, while Otikpo, zone D, came fourth with nine gold medals, 30 silver medals and 33 bronze medals.

The fifth at the fiesta was Ayarmgha, zone E that had two gold medals, 13 silver medals and 14 bronze.

Governor Aper Aku who watched the closing events reiterated his administration's commitment to encouraging sports and congratulated the athletes who participated in the sports festival.

He expressed the hope that the zeal and determination which the participants demonstrated in the festival would be carried to Benel '81 National Sports Festival taking place in Benin City.

Governor Aku commended those who watched in the various events and reminded them that they had much more

to do by way of training in order to make it at Benin City.

The governor was impressed with the performance of the organising committee led by Mr. Gabriel Falegun as chairman, members of the committee and officials who made the festival a success.

Gov Alli at Army sports

A week-long sports festival of the 2nd Mechanised Division of the Nigerian Army recently ended in Benin City. The Governor of the Bendel State, Professor A.P. Ali was the special guest-of-honour.

Here, the governor (right) is presenting a trophy to Staff Sgt. Godwin Eweka, Captain of the 4th Mechanised Brigade, Benin City. Photo by the Information Department, Benin City.

Fan frowns at Eagles list

Glaxo donates drugs to Green Eagles

GLAXO Nigeria Limited has donated to the Green Eagles nine consignment of drugs worth N15,000.

The Marketing Services Manager of the Company, Mr. E. C. Okonkwo while presenting the drugs to the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) at the premises of the National Stadium, said that the gesture was meant to encourage the National team in their preparations to represent Africa in the World Cup 1982 in Spain.

He added that the drugs—Pacelin tablets, Glucose D, Complan, Mucolac and Complan—will go a long way in helping to put the players in good form during their practice and their future matches.

The company, the manager stressed, hopes to make the gesture a

continued venture, adding that not only to football but to other arms of sports.

The second vice chairman of the Nigerian Football Association Mr. George Sprogonious when receiving the consignment on behalf of the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) expressed his association's gratitude and promised to convey the kind regards to the team.

REFEREE COURSE COMING

Are you interested in soccer? And do you want to become a referee?

If your answer to the above questions is yes, then here is your chance. The Rivers State Sports Council, ALGA zone is inviting you to its referee course scheduled to begin at Ahoda from

October 12 to 17.

St. Paul's State School Ahoda is the venue of the course. A release signed by the sports secretary in charge of ALGA, Mr. F. S. Ekeogu, showed that on October 12, 14, and 16, the course begins from 3 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

On October 13 and 15, it begins 3 p.m. and ends 4:30 p.m. while on October 17, it begins 9 a.m. and ends at 12 noon.



Thursday, October 8, 1981

N20m Catholic school for P'Harcourt

A N20 million religious institution, known as the Catholic Institute of West Africa is to be established in Port Harcourt, capital of the Rivers State by the Association of Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (CIWA).

The institution, which is to be the first of its kind in English speaking West Africa, has already received the blessing of Rome and is expected to take off in December this year.

Announcing this in Port Harcourt, in a document containing the institution's dossier, the Acting Rector, Monsignor S. N. Ezeanya explained that the school would offer research programmes in theology, philosophy, religious education as well as allied disciplines.

He stressed that the institute's staff strength would be drawn from the region while it would admit students from both the continent and other parts of the globe.

Monsignor Ezeanya spoke of the contributions of the church towards the growth of peace and unity in the continent, which he said had remained the main obsession of the Catholic Church in the West African region.

In furtherance of this noble objective, the Papal ambassador disclosed that scholarship programme would be provided by the new institution for students from all parts of the continent, pointing out,



Msr S. N. Ezeanya

that under Rome's guidance the promotion of ecumenism and fraternal dialogue between Christians and non-Christians would also remain part of the institution's priority assignment.

The acting rector noted that the choice of Nigeria as the base of the institution was an eloquent testimony of the confidence, goodwill, generosity

as well as magnanimity the Catholic faith has for the people of this great nation, which he hoped would be appreciated and reciprocated.

Eke fetes out-going Agip boss

(Continued from page 1) on Tuesday by the outgoing district manager, Dr Eke appealed to foreign companies operating in the state to identify themselves with the development programmes of the state government.

He reassured the co-operation of the government and spoke of a number of areas where the state administration would be willing to form partnership with foreign firms.

The deputy governor thanked the Agip Oil Company for its contributions towards development programmes in the state and hoped that the existing good relationship between the government and the company would con-

tinue. Mr Belotti thanked the

people and the government of the state for the

co-operation he received during his period of service in the state.



• Dr Eke (left) hands over a present to his visitor

Police start massive man-hunt

Anti crime detectives from the Rivers State Police Command have mounted a massive hunt for more than 30 armed robbers believed to have raided the offices of a Port Harcourt-based foreign construction company and over N.1 million allegedly removed.

Meanwhile, police sources disclosed that an unspecified number of persons suspected to be parties to the crime were now helping them in their investigations.

The sources stated that during the operation at the company's premises, two policemen on duty were disarmed and their rifles including uniforms removed for the operation.

Earlier in the fateful day, the company had allegedly withdrawn N400,000 for the payment of its workers, out of which N120,000 was given to the paying cashier to pay junior workers.

As time was against the cashier, he suspended payment until the next day and locked up the remaining money in the safe.

At about 3 a.m. the next day, members of the underworld were said to have invaded the company's offices, demolished part of the building and succeeded

in breaking into the safe, from where they removed the money.

After the operation, the armed men went into the transport office and forced the transport officer to release the key to one of the official

30 armed robbery suspects on the run

vehicles, which they used for their escape and later abandoned in a nearby bush.

The detectives probing the incident have already recovered the vehicle, including the



ALHAJI ISMAILA GWARZO

Rivers State Police boss, police rifles and uniforms, while the two disarmed duty police men have also made statements in connection with the crime.

A senior police officer who confirmed the story gave the assurance that the fleeing suspects would soon be netted by his men.

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EGYPT

A STATE of emergency has been declared in Egypt following the assassination in Cairo last Tuesday of the Egyptian Head of State, Mr Anwar Sadat.

President Sadat died as a result of bullet wounds he sustained when gun-men with automatic rifles opened fire on him while reviewing a military parade in celebration of the 1974 Egyptian war against Israel.

The shooting lasted several minutes before security forces

overpowered the surviving attackers.

Mr Sadat was rushed by helicopter to a military hospital, South of Cairo where he died. A number of other people were killed and injured as the attackers sprayed the viewing stand with bullets.

The news of the Egyptian leader's death was received with mixed feelings all over the world.

The U.N. Secretary-General, Dr Kurt Waldheim referred to the incident as tragic. He said that Egypt and indeed the whole world has lost a veritable peace seeker.

In nearby Libya, it was alleged that Libyan embassies themselves in the streets in jubilation while Topol radio addressed the Egyptian population including the Egyptian Forces saying "Sadat's face has disappeared, the ugly face has disappeared with all its shame, capitulation and defeat. Sadat has died and some of his monsters have died. Shame and treason died with him. Close your ranks."

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