

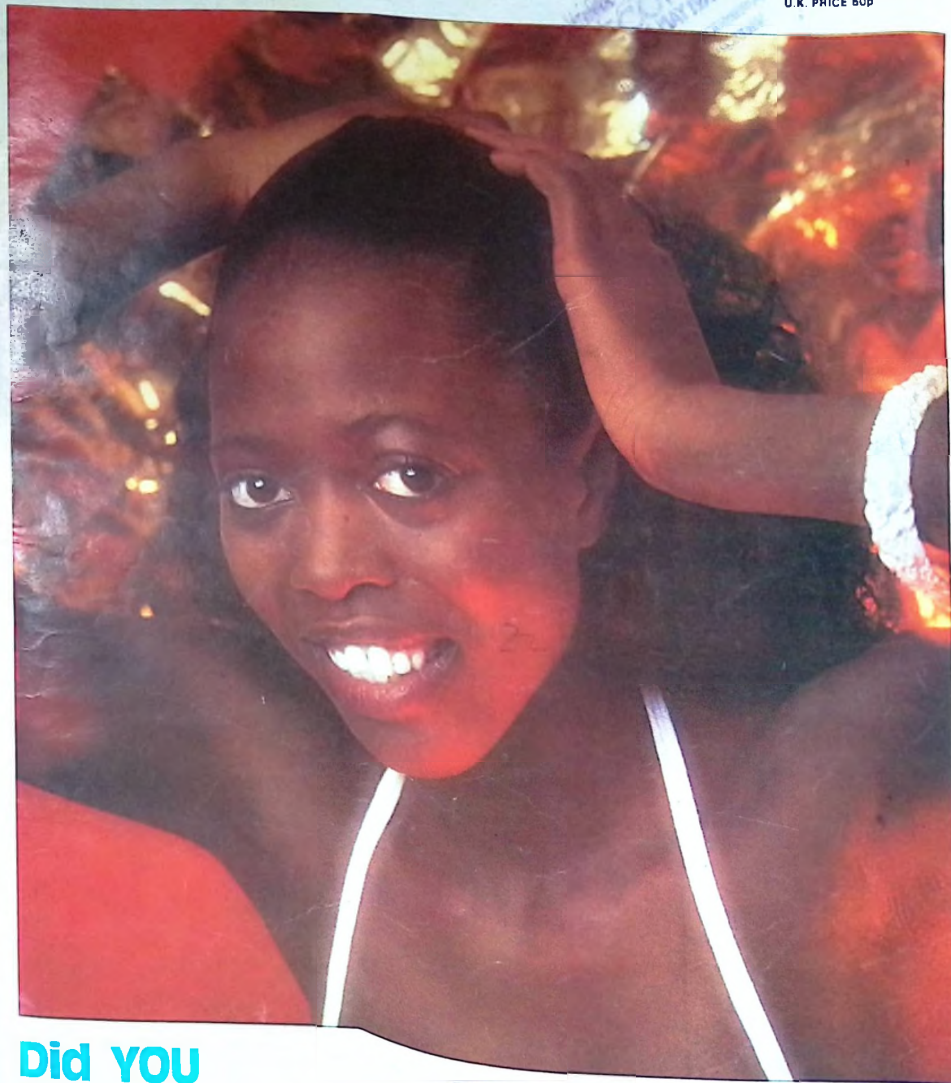
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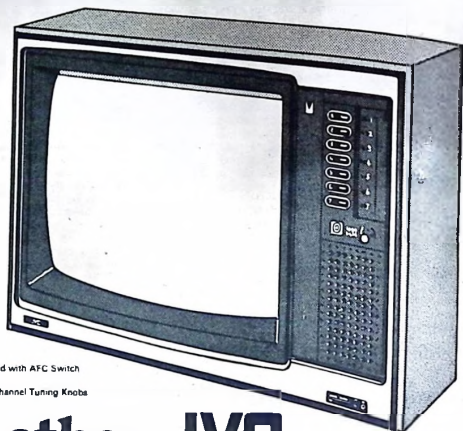
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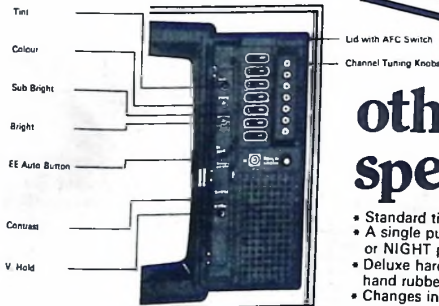
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that the FMG made after the war to integrate the Ibos into the Nigerian folk. All citizens of this country should beware of people like Mr Fraser whose stock in trade is to cause confusion among the various ethnic groups occupying this part of the world.

Francis Ohihbuare, Makurdi



**SAM OGUN, Nigeria's self-confessed spy for the CIA. Are there others like him? Ask the reader below.**

### Any more CIA agents?

I AM a regular reader of DRUM. So I have read about Sam Ogun's confessions of his life as a CIA spy in your May, June and August issues. What I want to know from you is whether Sam Ogun has now retired from the CIA and what was the reason for his confession? I hope he is trying to enlighten our fellow countrymen to be more vigilant. Please, Editor, I would like to know whether Sam's employer Andrew and others are still living in Nigeria.

I also hope this will remind our security people to be more watchful because there may still be others like Sam Ogun around.

Goddy Ofenmu, Oldi-Apapa  
in our last instalment on the issue. Sam Ogun said he was no more in the service of the CIA. He also warned Africa to be vigilant — Editor.

### Avoid our hostile neighbours

THE MURDER and molestation of Nigerians residing in the neighbouring countries like Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon is now a matter of concern to all Nigerians. Why should the citizens of Nigeria suffer such punishment from sister countries? Nigeria is a

peace-loving country, but this is not appreciated by sister countries.

The FMG should discharge all citizens from travelling to the neighbouring hostile countries. Those unskilled and semi-skilled Nigerians who often travel abroad for work should be deployed to the OFN farms.

Johnathan Uchiehe, Ogoja

### Call for youth militia

THE CHANGING face of Africa and the world at large calls for tough national security. I believe that this is one reason why countries like China have mobilised their youth. Even some African countries like Guinea are now joining the band.

I appeal to the FMG to consider a matter of urgency, the establishment of national militia involving all Nigerian youth of both sexes.

C. Amosiy, Ago

### Why is DRUM late?

I HAVE been a regular reader of your DRUM since 1975. I am now I am surprised about the lateness of DRUM. As a result of this lateness, people do not make use of the stars column because a month would have elapsed before they get their copy. I would be grateful if something could be done to improve the situation.

Anyakwo, Onitsha  
Efforts are being made to improve the situation, as you'll have noticed. Thanks for supporting us. — Editor.

### Sack the volunteers

THE RECENT misbehaviour of some OFN volunteers, which resulted in their being dismissed, is very disappointing. More so when one realises that such students are often referred to as leaders of tomorrow.

It is common for students to find fault with others without first putting their own house in order. I support their dismissal and suggest similar treatment for other students who are found wanting.

Emmanuel Ariwa, Ebute-Meta

### I want to be an artist

I AM a young Nigerian from Bendel State and I am interested in studying art to become an artist. My problem is that I do not know the right institution where I can study. I am interested in studying abroad, but if there is an institution where candidates can do both part-time or full-time study in Nigeria, I would be happy if you could kindly

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let me have this address so that I can make my application direct to them. I would also welcome any help in giving me an institution abroad.

Mike J. Ubini, Ilesha

The only university which offers courses in fine art is Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. If you write for a prospectus to this university, you will be advised as to what the entry requirements are. Good luck! — Editor.

### Statues for sportsmen

MAY I congratulate the National Sports Commission and the Nigeria Football Association for their efforts in encouraging sports in Nigeria? Because of the way they encourage sports in past years, Nigeria has won many titles in sports.

But may I suggest to the NSC and NFA that they erect monuments to our late and present sportsmen and women in sporting arenas. They could, for example, put Dick Tiger's statue at the entrance of the Boxing Hall at the National Stadium, and that of late Thunder Balogun at the main gate.

Goddy Obison Agugua, Lagos

### Pen pals, thanks!

THANK YOU sincerely for publishing my photograph in last September's DRUM pen pals. I have received more than 250 letters so far, and I don't think I shall be able to reply to them all. I would like you to publish my sincere thanks to all people who sent letters to me. I really appreciated their interest in me.

All the best!

Godwin Williams, Ebute-Meta

We're pleased we could help — and thanks to you for bothering to write in to us. Your sort of letter is what makes our job so pleasant. — Editor.

### Check all taxi drivers

I THINK it is time the Federal and state governments of Nigeria did something about the unscrupulous behaviour of taxi drivers. They drive as if the road belonged to them alone. They are responsible for a good percentage of the accidents on our highways.

Some of them park their vehicles in dangerous positions on the road at night without putting on their parking light. This has caused many road mishaps.

I hope the traffic division of the Nigerian police will put an end to the recklessness of the taxi drivers.

Ismailla Ibrahim, Kano  
But are they the ONLY offenders? — Editor.

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# ZIK BARES HIS SOUL

ON NOVEMBER 16 last year, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe attained the age of 72 years, and Nigeria has cause to rejoice in his life, just as he has every cause to be grateful to God. He was born in 1904 in Zungeru, northern Nigeria. His father was a clerk in the Nigerian Regiment. He was an Ibo from Onitsha in the eastern part of Nigeria.

Zik, as he is fondly known by all, has achieved the rare blessing of being a legend in his own lifetime.

He was the first Nigerian to be Head of State. He is founder of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, founder of the West African Pilot; first National President of the National Council of Nigerian Citizens; first Premier of the then Eastern Region of Nigeria; President of the Nigerian Senate, and a giant among journalists and among freedom fighters, from whom millions of his fellow Africans drew a lasting inspiration.

After a spell as a clerk in Nigeria's Colonial Public Service in Lagos, he "stowed away" on a ship to England. From there, he reached America. In "God's Own Country," he suffered the

common-place indignities of racial prejudice, and other difficulties, including money problems.

One night, at a point of total depression and abject want, Zik attempted to commit suicide by lying across a tramway in Pittsburg.

His own account of the incident says an unknown person dragged him out of the way of an oncoming tram, and told him: "Only God can take life away." The conductor of the tram reassured his passengers that "it was only a young nigger who wanted to die."

Zik's unidentified benefactor gave him five dollars, notified a white minister who visited Zik in his YMCA hostel and helped him to get a temporary job.

Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, one of the greatest sons of Africa, is a man of whom any family or country or continent can be proud.

He has brought glory not only to Nigeria, but also to the black race; and undoubtedly he is a shining example to all struggling people everywhere, people for whom today may be as bleak as the worst Arctic winter. car his words.

Dr NNAMDI AZIKIWE, first Head of State of independent Nigeria, turned 72 on November 16 last year. To mark that occasion, he gave an exclusive interview to Boniface Otokaja which was broadcast on Nigeria's national TV network. This interview is so important at this time of constitutional debate that DRUM will publish it in full. Here is the first part.

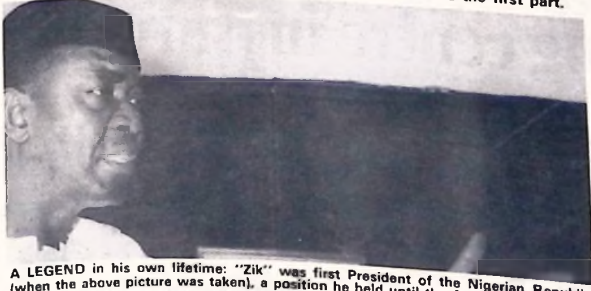
*Question: Since you retired to haven at Nnukka, what do you do after you wake up in the morning — look at scenery? What do you do exactly?*

*Answer: I do a lot of learning. I learn from my fellow human beings; those who are illiterate taught me a lot; those who are literate, I learn from them. It is an experience one gets after some time in a public life of many years. You find that you still have a lot to learn even from little children.*

*Then from this I go to my library — I try to build a small library up there — and jot down my thoughts and try to re-write my memoirs. And when I edit some of my previous writings, either in the field of politics or in anthropology. And occasionally I write some poems, reflective ones...*

*I try to make use of words to express my feelings one way or the other, and I find that interesting. It is true that before I was travelling round.*

*But I still feel that even in my humble abode, I owe a lot to my people and when I see them, whether labourers or what not, I doff my hat to them and say: "Without the labour of these*



A LEGEND in his own lifetime: "Zik" was first President of the Nigerian Republic (when the above picture was taken), a position he held until the Army coup in 1966.

people, without their goodwill I could not have attained the height I reached." And so I say: "Who knows, maybe his son will even take my place tomorrow?"

*That is why I say I learn from children. When I look at the children I say: "Who knows, maybe he will one day be the President of Nigeria."*

*You have met with a large number of people, your ex-colleagues in retirement.*

Yes, I have. But I used to beg them to remember that what killed some of our comrades-in-arms was that they had no time to rest and no time to relax. Take Mazi Mbonu Ojike for example. He could have lived longer, but when he returned everybody wanted to see him at all odd hours of the day and night. I spoke to him and said: "Mazi, I say look here, life is not like a postage stamp that you could

go and buy over the counter. So, devote some hours every day to rest so that you could live long to serve our mission and also enjoy..."

But he told me: "Bo, you can't leave these people. When they come, you can't drive away. It reminded him of Aggrey. That Aggrey did not live to a ripe old age because people who just loved him went there at all odd hours. His wife, an American,

couldn't stand it so she left Aggrey. Aggrey loved home life, and couldn't do without his wife and children. So Aggrey had to leave Achimota to go back to America, and there he died. So I used to use this to illustrate to Ojike the necessity for relaxing.

Well, Ojike tried but it was difficult. Ojike was a quite active figure. He moved from place to place and talked and gave lectures etc. and so, unfortunately, Ojike didn't live long.

So, from the experiences of Aggrey and Ojike, I made up my mind to go out there in the hills of Nsukka, relax, commune with the spirits of the old who are dead, in literary form, and at the same time reflect in poetic form and meet some old friends, chat with them occasionally just as we did today.

*Will you then say relaxation is perhaps your secret of keeping fit at such a ripe old age?*

I should think so. I think relaxation and getting myself free from worry. Taking things as they come.

Well, I retire in order to prolong my life, and at it

## Zik bares his soul

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time to enjoy life. It is a beautiful place to live in, you know. I am not in a hurry to go. Whether I am in a hurry or not, I will tell my driver: "Look, you have a wife, you have two children. Don't you want to see your children grow up to become men and be something in the world? Take it easy, let this one in a hurry go ahead and we will survive and we will be able to enjoy life."

That is my outlook. But on the other hand I have my own philosophy that in Africa we are impatient in the race for progress. You mentioned China and other parts of the world, which have had experience of thousands of years at least in government and so they can afford to allow those who have reached 70 or beyond to guide their decisions.

But in this part of Africa I think we are about the first generation of freedom fighters. We've enjoyed killing our people in the whole continent. When I say we, I mean Nigeria and other members of the Organisation of African Unity. So, I feel that as pioneers we should understand our people all the time we want to get to the top.

No, it is just like on a stage, you play your part, you give way, another fellow will play his or her own part and he goes away and you do the same.

so that everybody gets a fair share.

As one of the founding fathers of this country, you were in the vanguard of the fight for independence. Now, of course, you have retired. When you look back, do you have reasons to be happy at the way things have turned out? Do you generally regret certain trends?

Well, I will say that mine is a mixed one. I am happy and at the same time sad. Happy, because 30 years ago only five Nigerian young men were awarded scholarships.

But today one state out of 19 just announced recently that they have awarded 60. Why shouldn't I be happy? While 30 years ago, only five: Tunde Ejigwanmi, Steven Arokoyo, Michael Okorodun, Albert Okunle, and George Shobande. Those were the five men who were awarded scholarships in 1945.

And so we fought hard and in 1948 introduced scholarships and until 1954 when we had regional government we began to give scholarships. So, those we all remember now, the so-called legends — but not all of them are legends, of course — some of them we call academics, they all took advantage of scholarships.

And so we have prodigies among them, forerunners among them, neurologists among them, experts in all fields of human endeavour. A thing you could not dream of 30 years ago. That makes me happy.

All right, 30 years ago you have a hospital. I am



RETIRING from politics after the civil war, Dr Azikiwe settled down in home-town Onitsha — where he holds the title Oasalla of Onitsha. Here he is with his wife, Mrs Flora Ogoebum Azikiwe, and his sons.

African was sick, you go to an African hospital, you have the European reservation and so one had to fight.

All the pioneers of Nigerian freedom who gathered to honour me today, they all played their own part one way or the other. And so we fought so hard that today the new generation, they don't know

"What killed some of our comrades-in-arms was because they had no time to rest, no time to relax. Take Mazi Mbomun Ojika for example. He could have lived longer."

What is racial discrimination or racial segregation, but they do know as a matter of fact that some lives were lost, some people lost their lives in the Civil Service for daring to question the right of any race to regard Nigeria as their

inferior.

Now, there are other examples which I might like to put forward. But I am also sad in that we used to tell the Europeans in those days that we are not bananas, to be ripened and that we were fit for self-government.

So government implies good government. We wanted to change colonial rule, so that in the language we use, "man should not be a wolf to his fellow man." Look at Africa today, see how we have become wolf to our own people, see how man's inhumanity to man flourishes. That should make us sad. I used to say to myself: "Did you fight to drive away the white man to enable us to exploit and oppress our own people?"

Certainly not. But that is the trend. And so, I feel a bit chippy. At times I say: "Well, could it be that we should have stayed longer

under British rule for another 50 years or 100 years? I cannot afford that. So we just have to try then to balance evil with the good.

Looking at Nigeria today with thousands of children going to school, do you sometimes feel that something lacking in terms of standard and that we are somehow taking the wrong way, or that we should have done certain things better? I am talking about education.

Yes, I think so. Thirty years ago we hadn't many highly educated citizens, it's true.

But in those days we had admit that the so-called voluntary agencies, the Christian

"I retire in order to prolong my life."

missions, they played their role in instilling character formation in the youth of the land. You see, as I said before, Africans naturally most of them are illiterates, some of us are still primitive in our way of life, some of us are highly sophisticated.

So we are a mixed group. It needed the influence of the missionaries to help instill good character, fear of God ideas on morality, goodness, honesty, truthfulness in our children. It was so necessary and it helped.

I don't mean to say that the old generation are more honest than the present. That is not true. But what I am saying is that it was part of our educa-

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aised it, and it was changed. So that the President — it is really the Prime Minister — acts on the advice of the Prime Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice.

That was how we put it. But the main reason is because it is a colonial contrivance. It doesn't exist in other Commonwealth countries, like Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand. It is always the executive appointing the judiciary. But they felt that colonial peoples, African, Canadians, West Indies do not have that moral stamina, that sense of fair play and justice. So, they must have a Judicial Service Commission to be able to appoint judges.

It is because they lack faith in the ability of the African to be fair. That is why they introduce it; and Ghana was the first to have this baptism of Judicial Service Commission. Nkrumah threw it out in 1960. We were the second. We didn't throw it out until 1963; Tanzania also threw it out.

There is another matter I want to go into. The fundamental difference between this draft constitution and the last constitution is the fact that the old constitution was a parliamentary system with the Prime Minister and a non-

executive President. And the Draft Committee has recommended an Executive President. Now the reason why they recommended this was the fact that the single executive has the merit of unity, energy and dispatch in action.

Do you think that point of view is justified in that when we have an executive President, we are going to have an effective government, and it is an improvement on the old set-up?

From my own experience, as a figurehead Head of State, you see, I used to think that by becoming a figurehead President I would be a symbol of unity and reconcile irreconcilable elements in the north and in the south. And I thought that by becoming a figurehead President and having a power-laden Prime Minister, that the north would be satisfied, the south would be satisfied.

We work together in unity and we also have opposition, with the right of dissent, right of audience in parliament, I thought it would work out all right. But as I told you, some of us are primitive, some of us are illiterate, and some of us are sophisticated.

Well, human nature being what it is, you will always respect a strong man. Here is the head man, here is the President, here is the man who has power, he could do this, the laws are made in his name, and wherever he goes he is worshipped. There is emblem of power. As President or even as Governor-General, most



RARE PICTURE of the Big Three together: Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe (left) seen with Chief Obafemi Awolowo (left) and the late Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, (centre) the Sarduna of Sokoto

illiterate people, say: "Ah! Governor-General, Governor-General!"

They thought I had power of life and death. They didn't know that I acted on the advice of my Ministers. They didn't understand that. In 1963, when we were to amend the constitution, you remember there was a meeting of Attorneys-General in Jos. They were really a sort of drafting committee, to change the constitution of 1960 so as to suit the mood of the nation. Then the nation wanted, wherever Governor-General appeared in the constitution to be changed to President.

But the three regional Ministers, the North, Western and Eastern Regional Ministers, insisted that the Attorney-General should make it quite clear that the President had no power and that the Governors had no power and they made that clear. It was in the Constitution. As a matter of fact, I noticed that in the Constitution it was mentioned on 53 occasions: "The President acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or Minister," shall do so and so.

The President acting... they repeated that. I told Dr Elias — he was then Federal Attorney-General — I said why all these repetitions? Introduce one section and say "In exercising these powers, the President shall act on the advice or recommendation..." But the Premier said no. There should be that argument in the regions, so that the Governors should not feel that they had any power and the President should not feel he had any power. That was '63.

Now in '64, we had the election crisis. So, some of these same people then came to me in the State House and said: "Well, use your reserve powers, you should establish a provisional government because we had an election

which wasn't free and fair."

I said: "Yes, I agree with you, the election had not been free and fair, and I have mentioned it to the nation. Two, it was quite obvious that the chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission, the late Mr

lacked. It wasn't deliberately leaked, I can assure you. It was my good friend, the late Chief Okotie-Eboh, who got in touch with those concerned. So they saw the Chief Justice, Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, he also contacted Sir Louis Mbanfo.

So the two of them came to the State House to ask me to allow them 48 hours to reconcile the two irreconcilable elements — that is, the UFG and the NNA. I said: "Very well, anything to bring about peace."

And so these two gentlemen used their good offices and got Dr Okpara, the head of the UFGA, and Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, head of the NNA. They later consulted Kaduna and the others consulted Enugu, etc. They all agreed. They brought me the points agreed to by the two sides. So I said: "Well, if the two sides have agreed, then I will appoint a new Prime Minister according to the Constitution."

I did that, but you know what happened. Our people said: "The President can't do that. Oh! the President has let the nation down." Even the students of the university which I founded at Nsukka carried posters: "Malam Zik..."

So you see why I will support an executive President. Let's give it a trial and let us see whether the executive President can measure up to our expectations. If not, time will tell; and then we can change. By that time we will be able to have some respect for a figurehead President. But at present, no sir, Nigerians do not have respect for a figurehead President.

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We all saw the festival, the glamour, the pomp and the pageantry. We saw our brothers and sisters and we saw their art and culture and listened to their music and their poetry. It was marvelous. It was fantastic. It was marvelous. That was the Festival, that was.

But most Nigerians think that the exercise of our unjustified, in view of our numerous domestic commitments. Some think that Nigeria was not in a real position to host Festac. Some think that the ordinary man, particularly the people in the villages, did not stand to gain from the festival. Others think that Nigerians could have spent less and still achieved equal success.

It was in view of these diverse opinions that to this went ordinary citizens to talk of their views.

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**MR AUGUSTINE APPELU**, accounts clerk: Festac is not a wasteful exercise. It enables us to see our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and their true colour. It made us see that we are one people, regardless of whatever colour we look at it from. So if that it has helped them to identify their culture, that's one thing I don't think that what-on-ever amount was spent on Festac was wasted. It was money well spent.



**MRS PHILOMENA OMONIYI FAJIBI**, comptometer operator: There is nothing bad about Festac. It is the awakening of our cultural heritage. About 50 per cent of African people did not know that Africa had such rich cultural heritages before the festival. It is good and gratifying. But I think the amount spent on the festival is too much. We could have spent less and still have been able to project our arts and culture.

**ALHAJA MULIKAT A FOWOSE**, trader: Festac is good, because the young will benefit from it. I help them in their national advancement a rich their knowledge themselves; and the c their people. How money spent on the too much. We mu our house in or embarking on suc fiesta.



**JAMES SUNDAY**, a man who has spent a lot of money and time on Festac, considers it a waste of money and time. He says that the average man who has spent on it, has not been able to see the value of the money. He says that the average man who has spent on it, has not been able to see the value of the money. He says that the average man who has spent on it, has not been able to see the value of the money.

Interviews by **OLASEINDE LAW**  
Pictures by **ABIM OLADEJO**

## What did YOU think of FESTAC?



**MISS THERESA OKAFOR**, civil servant: I think Festac was a waste of money and time. In fact, I was not interested in the whole thing. Electricity, water, roads and other necessities are not adequately made available in Nigeria. Why can't we do these before we think about Festac? I feel uneasy using my well-earned money to watch any of the events. To be true to my own conscience, I think the planners of this country should have the poor people in mind when doing their planning.



**MR PRESTEK OLUWALE**, a refreshment seller: I watched most of the events on a neighbour's telly. It was grand, beautiful and magnificent. It was an event which I can tell my children about in the future. I personally did not gain anything and neither did financially poor Nigerians like myself. I suggest that the Government should put us in mind before it embarks on the events of this magnitude in the future.



**MR YEKINI SALAU**, football coach: Festac is not all a wasteful exercise. It was an opportunity for some Nigerians and participants from other lands to learn about the culture of our people. It will enable us to see beyond the borders of our various countries.



**ALHAJI JIMOH OGU SHAKIN**, automobile engineer: Festac is a waste of money and time. We have a lot of things to tackle in Nigeria which are more important. Our numerous problems include unemployment, electricity, health facilities, housing and bad telephones mention a few. The government should have taken care of all these before using its money on Festac. My advice is that before the Government commits itself to such an exercise in the future, it must take care of its domestic problems.

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# The Egyptians at horseplay ...

AT the opening of Festac the participating countries staged a march-past. When it was the turn of Egypt, the march-past took on a different look. A lady emerged on a well-decorated "horse". Later she got down from the horse and she and the horse joined the Egyptian

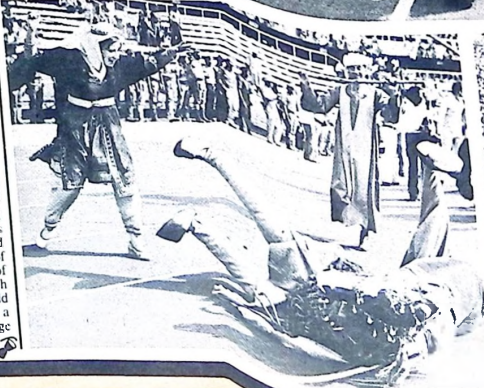
contingent in the dancing. The horse danced until it fell down. Spectators could not believe their eyes when two young men emerged from what had looked like a horse. Yes, the Egyptians proved that they were good at horseplay and showed the lively spirit which typified Festac.



**MISS GRACE OWEN**, clerical assistant, Festac is good because it shows the original black culture. It is something we should do more often as this will keep reminding us that we as black people have a very rich culture and that we do not have to be white before we can live. I support Festac wholeheartedly.



**MISS BUNMI OKE**, clerk. I like Festac. The exercise has proved that we have very good culture. It is also a way of uniting all the black people of the world. It is an event which all black people should support. Therefore, it is a unique event which I urge every Nigerian to support.



TOP: The lady emerges on a decorated horse. CENTRE: All join in the dancing. ABOVE: The horse takes a tumble. ABOVE: It's a horse, but two men. Happy day.



PLAY BY OJO LADIPO  
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THE crowd's revenge . . . and the cruel Efunsetan dies.

# THE DEATH OF A CHILDLESS TYRANT

Story — SEINDE LAWSON; Pictures — MATTHEW FAJI

THE legend of Efunsetan Aniwura is one of the most enduring legends of Yoruba history. Efunsetan was the "Iyalode" — the leading woman chieftain — during the time of Latosa as Aare of Ibadan, about 1820.

Efunsetan was wealthy and powerful. But she was also childless and it was from this that her legendary cruelty arose. Here, Nigerian actor dramatise one of Efunsetan's many atrocities.

She decrees that none of her slaves should get married or have any children. But Adetutu and Itanwuyi, two of her slaves, fall in love and the trouble begins when Adetutu is expecting Itanwuyi's

child. When Efunsetan hears of this she decides to kill Adetutu.

Elders in the town try to save Adetutu, but Efunsetan will not change her mind. Early one morning, Adetutu is beheaded in the forecourt of Efunsetan's house. Then other slaves try to poison the Iyalode, but she foils their attempt.

Latosa, the Aare, calls a meeting of the council chiefs, who decide that Efunsetan should be exiled. Efunsetan refuses. At last, in fury, the whole town, led by Latosa, marches on Efunsetan's house and destroys it, setting all her slaves free and looting her property. She herself commits suicide.

THE ancient city feared Efunsetan Aniwura (RIGHT). But Oba Latosa, horrified by her atrocities, decides (BELOW) to confront her with charms.



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there  
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unbelievable reality. I observed  
how soft, and gentle he was.

I felt  
a concerning vibration of  
understanding.  
he was beautiful, in every  
intuitive  
movement, eyes, mouth, touch.  
I tremble, at the very touch of  
his hands,  
his delicateness afforded me  
with a blessing  
of holiness, and multitudes of  
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Baptist Church to that peaceful  
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*you emerged and possess what  
I behold, composed through  
nights and old days, when junks  
and ragmen walked, with  
scemen and talked about progress  
in the watermelon and  
cotton fields.  
toasting a kerosene lamp, and  
the weather was always damp  
humming summer-time under  
your bell hung a bottle of wine  
grinning with thirty dimes in  
the palm of your hand, and  
while your mommy and baby  
sister kneeling down at the  
preacher's altar, to pray and  
confess all yall's sins. no pappy  
to warn you of the devil's  
attempt to win, pounding hard on  
y'ous' head, making you  
wish y'ous' was dead . . . under  
the shack where; when of ten,  
you played house and short'n  
bread.*

*This page is humbly devoted to  
the ever-loving, soulful "Greer  
Bunch."*

*Whoopee!  
Can't you see,  
The woman in me — boy?  
Can't you see, I can be free,  
happy's can be  
As limited can be — boy?  
You know I love you too,  
I dance too, I listen too!*

*Life is a breeze —  
Oh can we succeed — boy?  
Divisions of needs,  
Materials and thieves,  
Nature's deeds; of infinite  
seeds — boy —!*

*You know I laugh too,  
I cry too  
I sigh too  
I fry too, rejects you  
Reflect your joys . . .*

*By the way, I heard you say,  
Come sunshine or evening  
time,  
Your love will forever be  
mine —  
Season's vine passion crime, of  
loving you —*

*Whoopee Babe — a melody.*

*Can't you see — I'm aiming to  
please — boy?  
Life is a breeze, can we  
succeed, nature's deeds of  
infinite seeds — boy?!  
You know I flirt too, I need  
you, I'll please you,  
I'll tease you! Don't turn from  
me!  
By your side, and you my  
guide, I'm lucky . . .  
Whoopee Babe . . .!*

*the star shined late  
the ladder turns in its crane  
heads arched in wonder,  
gliding birds  
swift in heaven's hues, a valley  
peering  
nearer . . . flow into my soul,  
Ooh peace divine.  
can one honestly assume,  
everything is such, of  
extraordinary "reverence"?!  
idealism is a rhapsody  
of the prelude in life . . . and  
"why is it the rabbit  
hides the chicken's eggs?"*

*Count Eho Libra*

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of your many faces  
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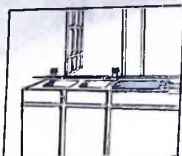


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# Beating the desert back

**A** MAJOR offensive is to be launched against the encroaching Sahara in northern Nigeria. The exercise is to be carried out jointly by the Federal, State, and local governments and foreign technical partners. Announcing the plans, the Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr B. O. W. Mafeni, said the encroaching Sahara was rendering a large area of land infertile. The offensive would involve establishment of shelter belts over the affected areas. Mr Mafeni said that proposals had been received and negotiations were going on with four major firms over the project.

The Commissioner also announced that the Federal Department of Forestry was sponsoring plantations to arrest erosion in certain critical areas in the country such as Ngwo (Hilltop) near Enugu. He said that the Federal Government had made available to Imo and Anambra state governments N1 million to help the emergency measures they were taking to arrest erosion.

A more lasting solution through full feasibility studies and designing intervention structures were being worked out, Mr Mafeni said.

## Growing yams more widely

**NEGOTIATIONS** are going on between a Brazilian firm and the National Roots and Production Company for the establishment of village-type root crops processing factories for cassava and yam.

About 1,000 hectares of land have already been acquired at Agbor, in Bendel State, where preparation for direct cassava production will start soon. The Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr B. O. W. Mafeni, said that two new methods of processing yam had been developed — the dehydrated instant powder and yam flakes and

## New group for unions

**THE** Administrator of Trade Union Affairs, Mr M. O. Abiodun, has submitted a draft of the new structure of trade unions to trade union leaders in Lagos. His draft groups Nigerian labour into 34 unions.

In a speech to union leaders, Mr Abiodun stressed the need to pay particular attention to primary unions, which, he said, were more directly in touch with the workers.

These primary unions, he said, provided a membership base for the central labour organisation whose performance was crucial to the welfare of their members and the whole country.

Mr Abiodun emphasised that the restricting of trade

unions should take full attention of workers shared so small that its effect would be too large so democratic practice control.

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## Ever growing concern over freight charges

**THE** Federal Military Government is becoming increasingly concerned over the frequency of increases in freight charges by some companies. The Council of State has therefore set up a committee to study the problem through negotiations.

The Supreme Council has also ordered that the Federal Government should not be held responsible for the rising freight charges in Nigeria.

Flakes and cubes, if suitably dried, would, he said, store for long periods and retain their white colour when processed or boiled for food.

As for instant yam powder, the Commissioner revealed, small samples which were prepared for consumption by six people were very acceptable. It was hard for the test panel to distinguish between the instant yam powder and the normal traditional yam prepared in the traditional way.

Mr Mafeni said that quotations for equipment to produce the instant yam powder had been received and arrangements were in hand for small-scale industrial tests of the equipment in Belgium.

The Commissioner also announced that a new method of rapid propagation of seed yam as a commercial proposition had been successfully developed. This means that the same size of yam that was planted as a seed in one ridge could now be planted into 15 ridges with still greater yields.

## HONDA PRICES

**DUE** to previous advertisement scheduling, incorrect showroom prices appeared in Honda's DRUM advertisement from November 1976 through March 1977. Honda regrets any inconvenience this has caused. Correct prices are: Honda C110 — N395; Honda CD175 — N615.

## Mozambique

**IN RESPONSE** to the United Nations request for aid to Mozambique, Japan is to give \$250 million to Mozambique through the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. This aid is intended to help the country recover from the losses sustained as a result of

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## New boost for fishermen

FOUR experts from Yugoslavia have completed a study tour of Nigeria to advise the Federal Government on the establishment of large-scale fishing farms in the country.

The move was aimed at bringing the benefits of modern technology to the masses of Nigerian fishermen who are still engaged in traditional canoe fishing.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has given out 400 outdoor barges, 200 seaworthy canoes, and fishing nets worth about ₦500,000 to fishermen's co-operatives under the National Accelerated Fish Production Project.

A further ₦500,000 has been released to the state authorities for building stores, fuel depots, net workshops and smoking kilns.

Twelve states are benefiting from this scheme. They are Rivers, Cross-River, Anambra, Benue, Borno, Ondo, Kwara, Oyo, Bendel, Ogun and Lagos.

The scheme has enabled some fishermen to increase their fish catches about five times.

## Funds for mission

OVER ₦6,000 has been raised for the Anglo-American veterinary mission to Nigeria next summer to study animal disease problems in West Africa.

Announcing this recently, a spokesman for the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) said that eight college students that would be joined by four from the New York State College of

Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.

The mission, which will spend from mid-June to mid-September in Nigeria, has the Duke of Gloucester as its patron.

The director of the National Veterinary Research Institute at Vom, Dr A. O. Sansi, has allowed the mission to use laboratory space at the institute, and the mission also hopes to participate in research on leptospirosis and brucellosis in cattle and sheep.

The twelve-man mission will be led by Christopher Jerome, a 21-year-old veterinary student at the college.

## Deals on pipeline

TWO contracts worth ₦193.6 million for building crude oil/petroleum products pipelines in parts of Nigeria were signed in Lagos in January.

The first, worth ₦86 million, was awarded to Twestmet for the export of the Soviet petroleum to the Warri-Ikorodu-Ilorin-Atlas Cove complex. The other, worth ₦107.6 million, was awarded to the Italian firm, Montubi, for the Warri-Kaduna-Kano-Zaria and Maiduguri complex.

## Spare parts

MORE than ₦3.5 million worth of spare parts for Toyota and Volvo vehicles are in stock at R. T. Briscoe (Nigeria) Ltd.

This was disclosed by the service group manager of the company, Mr B. T. Lynggaard Olesen, in answer allegations that the company was faced with a shortage of spares.

## Liquids in the bag!

THE pictures BELOW show a new method of transporting bulk liquids — a large polymer coated nylon bag, which has been successfully tested by road, rail and sea.

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The empty bag in a standard 20ft. 150 freight container.



When filled, the bag is secured by a tough nylon harness.



The bag subjected to tests over rough terrain at the Road Research Laboratory in Berkshire, England.

## Grain storage scheme

THE Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development plans to develop extension-type programmes in grain storage to teach farmers the best method of preserving the grains. To this end, the Ministry will mount a rural storage programme in co-operation with the Federal Ministry of Co-operative and Supply and the State Ministries concerned. This was revealed by the Agricultural Commissioner, Mr R. O. W. Mafeni.

## BRIEFCASE

### Cement price

THE Federal Military Government has ordered importers to sell cement at ₦3 per bag (or ₦60 per tonne) ex-Lagos Wharf and ₦3.50 per bag (or ₦70 per tonne) ex-wharf in Port Harcourt, Delta Ports and Port Calabar. The Federal Government will also provide a downstream berth and mainberth facilities at Kirikiri Lighter Terminal.

### Trade Fair

The first Lagos International Trade Fair will be at Lagos from November 27 to December 11, 1977. The venue will be Kilometer 15, Lagos — Badagry Expressway, near FESTAC Village. It will be a general consumer fair, to promote international understanding through trade.

## Consumer price levels

CONSUMER price indices have been released for lower and middle income groups in Lagos, Ibadan and Kaduna.

According to the Federal Office of Statistics, the Lagos price index for the middle

income group was based on the expenditure pattern of wage earners between ₦800 and ₦1,600 a year in 1960.

The Ibadan index was based on the expenditure patterns of clerks, artisans and labourers

who earned not more than ₦700 a year in 1960. The Kaduna index was based on 1965. The following tables show the average price levels index since the 1950s.

### LAGOS

Base: Average 1960 = 100

1959 97	1975	
1960 100	August	286.6
1961 106	September	283.7
1962 111	October	285.9
1963 114	November	290.2
1964 117	December	295.6

### IBADAN

Base: Average 1953 = 100

1957 117	1975	
1958 110	October	330.1
1959 112	November	352.2
1960 117	December	368.1
1961 127	1976	
1962 128	January	390.7
1963 128	February	389.5
1964 127	March	373.6
1965 131	April	373.6
1966 146	May	388.6
1967 141	June	400.1
1968 136	July	412.6
1969 148	August	405.4
1970 166		399.3
1971 173		
1972 173		
1973 182		
1974 210		
1975 274		

### KADUNA

Base: Average 1957 = 100

1958 103		
1959 109	1975	
1960 108	August	339
1961 115	September	346
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# Keeping tabs on wildlife

A SURVEY of Nigeria's wildlife is being carried out by the Federal Department of Forestry as part of the Government's efforts to ensure their protection and preservation.

Studies undertaken in Borgu, Yankari, and Upper Ogun game reserves show that many mammals are still living in the country's forests and savanna. They include elephant, buffalo, hippopotamus, water buck, Roan antelope, Senegal kob, and red-flanked duiker. Other animals are lion, spotted hyena, wild dog, oribi, green monkey, tantalus monkey, bushbuck and wart-hog.

The Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. B. O. W. Mafeni, said the survey would cover birds and reptiles in all parts of the country.

He said that the Forestry Department had also embarked on the scientific production of bushmeat. The Department was collaborating with scientists in Ibadan University on the domestication of the African giant rat. Bushmeat used to be common and cheap, particularly in village markets and by the roadsides, but now it was rarely found, he said, perhaps because the supply of animals was becoming exhausted in the forest.

## \$44m for Ivory Coast

THE World Bank has approved two loans totalling \$44 million for urban development in the Ivory Coast. This is the bank's largest lending operation for urban development so far. About 200,000 people will benefit directly

## Growth for fertilisers

THE Federal Military Government has awarded contracts worth N30 million for the supply of 280,000 tonnes of fertiliser in support of the Operation Feed the Nation programme during the next cropping season. This was announced in Lagos recently by the Federal Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr B. O. W. Mafeni. He said that 40,000 tonnes would come from the local fertiliser plant in Kaduna and the rest from overseas. The fertiliser would be

from the shelter component of the project.

The Bank will lend \$30 million and a third window loan of \$14 million. USAID will co-finance the shelter component of the project under a \$21 million housing guarantee operation.

The \$123 million project will provide transport and housing in Abidjan, the capital, and San Pedro. An important main urban road in Abidjan will be built and traffic improvements in the business district of the city will be made.

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## Scheme for cold storage

A NEW integrated programme for the establishment of cold storage facilities for the whole country has been approved by the Federal Government. Large cold stores will be built in six centres — Lagos, Kaduna, Maiduguri, Kano, Enugu, and Sokoto — with smaller stores in the surrounding towns.

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The Agriculture Commissioner, Mr B. O. W. Mafeni, explained that the new measure was to ensure even distribution of cold storage facilities with adequate provision for the rural areas. Work was expected to start very soon, and facilities should be in use within a year.

moved to state capitals by the Federal Government, while the state authorities would distribute within their areas.

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**EXCLUSIVE**

# STRANGE SECRETS OF 'JESUS OF OYINGBO'

As revealed by his former wife



Miss Taiwo Oshinuga, now aged 24 years, told the Ikeja Juvenile Court that she married 'Jesus of Oyingbo' under duress, and have three children for him, the first in 1967, when she was only 14 years of age.

Newspaper reports (Lagos Weekend of Friday April 10-May 2, 1976) that a Nigerian ex-carpenter, who claims that he is 'CHRIST JESUS', married three teenaged sisters was a shocker to many people including a Nigerian Magistrate, Mr. G.O. Adeogun, who condemned the man's action as "cruel". But when one of the girls, Miss Taiwo Oshinuga, who had told the Ikeja Juvenile Court that she married the 'Messiah' under duress, spoke to DRUM in an exclusive interview, she talked in detail, about more strange happenings inside the religious sect founded in Lagos by Mr. Immanuel Olufunmilayo Odumoso in 1952.

Her story of horrors, as told to DRUM Editor OLU ADETULE, may make Nigerian law enforcement agencies take a hard look at the Nigerian Constitution, and re-examine the limitations of the provision for freedom of religion, as entrenched in the national document.

"DEAR MOCKERS" Blasphemy or no blasphemy, it is not your concern," says Mr. Immanuel Fumilayo Odumoso, as a reaction to accusations of blasphemy, in one of the religious tracts which he distributes only to members of his 'Universal League of Regeneration'. In another leaflet, he asks: "I false in my claim? ... do not worry yourself by fighting against what others believe to be their salvation. However there is limit to an rebellion against God. You think I am false, and we long run it becomes what I am HE, what will our future position? Immanuel who claim to be Messiah, the Last Hope kind were false and unful. GOD SHALL REVEAL ON ME. OLUAYO IMMANUEL, HOUSEHOLD. ALL AGUES MENTION THE BIBLE INCLUD- AMAN'S LEPROSY. HER EVILS CONT- THEREIN. AMEN. AMEN."

**What Kind of Man?**

Mr. Odumoso, was born in Ijebu-Ode in 1914. He later came to Lagos, and lived at 14 Onidudu Street, Lagos. He was trained by the Posts and Telegraphs Department in Lagos as a Carpenter and he served the P&T for many years. He worked for the department until he decided to found a religious sect. He moved to a new residence near Oyingbo market, Ebute-Metta, on the mainland of Lagos Island. He proclaimed himself to be 'CHRIST JESUS' and was henceforth called 'Jesus of Oyingbo'. Before admitting a new male member, Mr. Odumoso would give him 12 strokes of the cane, a special cane which reports say he inherited from his late father, a herbalist who specialised in curing mentally sick people. All members of his flock had to, as a rule, live together in what Mr. Odumoso calls "Heaven", away from the "wicked world of sin". All members had to

hand-over a percentage of their pay-packets to him. Those of them who are self-employed businessmen, had to turn-over their business to their 'Saviour', and he used his influence to obtain employment for those of his male members who were jobless. Soon Mr. Odumoso's business flourished, and he established new businesses, and was soon able to erect an imposing white-walled palatial mansion at Ikeja, on the

way to Murtala Muhammed airport. Today, 25 years after Mr. Odumoso founded his strange sect, he commands tremendous wealth, and lives in the style of a millionaire-boy. His followers worship him as their 'Messiah'. He presides over the affairs of a chain of lucrative business enterprises. Some of them are: Deluxe Baking Industry, Lagos; Happy Days Food Centre, Somolu; Happy

Days Food Centre, Idi-Oro; Jolly Makers Food Canteen; Fadeyi; Jolly Makers Food Canteen, Ojuelegba; Stand and Food Canteen at Ilupeju; Ibadan, and Ijebu-Ode, Jeli Bread Bakery, Ijebu-Ode; Sunshine Colour Printing Press; Immanuel Brothers Building Materials and Tools Store, Somolu; Cosmos Electrical Store, Somolu; Cosmos Mechanical Workshop, Maryland, Ikeja; Ideja Barbers Shop, at Fadeyi, and a second at Somolu; Ancient City Association Plant Hire Service, and Ancient City Association Sawmill, Ijebu-Ode; Tailoring Service at Somolu; Deluxe Furniture Factory, Ikeja; a Poultry Farm at Mile 12, Ikorodu Road; a Pepper Grinding House and an Agricultural Farm

**Twin Sisters**

As at September 4, 1976, when Miss Taiwo Oshinuga left the sect after having lived with 'Jesus' for about 10 years, leaving behind her mother and her two sisters (Kehinde and Idowu), 'Jesus' had 85 wives, 35 of whom he had retired with whom he shelter benefits because the usually "unserviceable" due to old age. Also as at that date he owned a fleet of 40 cars, including the latest model of Mercedes Benz available in Nigeria. By the time Miss Oshinuga left on September 4, 1976, 'Jesus' of Oyingbo' had a total of 114 children; 99 were already weaned, and 15 were already being breast fed. Six of his wives, were pregnant.

Miss Oshinuga recalled how she and her two sisters and their mother were trapped by 'Jesus'. "My twin sister and I had just finished standard education at Yaba Girls' School in 1966. Together with my two sisters, Kehinde and Idowu, we lived with our mother at a place near our daddy but mother did not marry another man. Mother used to take me somewhere along Road to listen to the lectures of 'Jesus'. After our primary School education, I took us along and my mother permanent residence with Mr. Odumoso's sect, until full member, as a

**Pregnant at 13**

Miss Oshinuga said: "First Mr. Odumoso changed my name. He re-named me 'Ambibola; my twin sister Kehinde, became 'Solomon'. Six months after we joined in, I observed that my mother was pregnant. She was only 13 years old. Because no two sisters were allowed to each other, I did not know who made my sister pregnant for a long time. My mother was not allowed to talk to her own father or daughter. Any discussion between two adult members

had to be done secretly. But if Mr Odumusu's informants found out, they would be severely punished by Mr Odumusu. When later I got to know that it was Mr Odumusu who made my sister pregnant, I was anxious to find out my mother's reaction to it. I felt we were too young to have sex, how much more bear children I felt awful.

"My mother had always wanted us to go to secondary school after our primary education. We loved her for this. This was what she hoped for when she joined the horrible sect. But as soon as we got in, the man told us 'you twins will be the wives of Jesus, you don't need to go to a secondary school. No one goes to secondary school here. At that time, his children, and the children of his followers were still allowed by him to go to primary school. But long before I escaped from the place, Mr Odumusu had decreed that all children should no longer go to school. Even when the girls were being registered for Universal Free Education, he did not allow any of the children in the sect to be registered. When he said that my sister and I were to be his wives, I thought it was meant as a joke. But when I suspected that he was serious, I told him, there and then that my sister and I had no time for nonsense, adding that we were still too young to be married. He then laughed."

"On October 3, 1986, my sister was about six months pregnant. Mr Odumusu sent one of his sons to tell me to see him after his lecture. I had earlier observed that he was cleverly closing one eye and winking at the other in the lecture room. We young girls were seated in the front row. When I went to answer the call, I found him seated in his sitting room. He asked me what I needed. He explained that as soon as a girl is pregnant, he would give her N50.00 or N60.00, as he wished, to enable the girl equip herself. I replied that I needed nothing. He said it was his duty to give me some money, whether or not I needed it. He later sent for two other girls of my age, Joke and Remi, both of them daughters of a Police Inspector, who is still a member of the sect, to join us. He also summoned my pregnant sister. Then he sent for my mother. After sending Joke and Remi away, he told me that the two twins were no longer little girls. Therefore, he would give us money to buy new shoes and dresses. He complained to my mother that I was very stubborn. He said that my mother should advise me to be well-behaved."

**London Trip**

"As soon as he had finished addressing my mother, Mr Odumusu walked out of the room. My mother then told me that I should behave like a good Christian girl. I had just started to report to my mother that the man had hid against me because I had refused

he would build a house in London and I could live there during my course of studies. I said nothing, but frankly I became confused. Then he took me into one of his six bedrooms. This one was on the second floor, his favourite apartment. He said he loved me and he had told my mother

were ripe. He pinned me to his bed with all his strength, and the man who was still far from ripe, and he knew it, I felt terribly sorry for myself. I was helpless. I discovered sometime later that I was pregnant. I was surprised because before then, I did not know that one could become pregnant as a result of one single sexual act. When I complained to Jesus that I was pregnant, he said that was what he wanted. He was happy. But I was sad. If I had a way to abort the pregnancy, I would have done so. But I was too young and ignorant and the security there was too tight. The place was always under lock and key, and almost every in-mate was ready to gossip to Mr Odumusu so as to get small favours from him. It was a dog bites dog situation.

**Sex Ban**

"It will shock many people," Taiwo went on, "to learn that Mr Odumusu did not allow any of his followers to have sex with their wives, except with his permission. He would call them and say, 'You can go to your wife tonight.' It was a special bonus." He would also instruct the wife to allow the husband when he called. The man would then strike a deal with his room mate to vacate the room for him and his wife that night. Before he banned sex among his followers, he also allocated young female followers to his male followers. But sometime in 1966, he suddenly came up with a law that because I am the one who allocates wives, I also reserve the right to withdraw wives as well. He argued that the Bible said that sin came to the world through sex, that what Eve gave Adam to eat in the 'Garden of Eden' was not an apple, but it was sex. To cleanse the world of sin, a reformer, which he claimed he is, should use sex as his weapon by preventing his followers from having it. Then he made an order that henceforth no two members should have sex or marry one another. And no member, male or female, should have sex with non-members of the sect. Huncforter announced during one of his meaningless lectures, he, "Christ Jesus," would supply sex to all female members. He claimed that he had purified the woman, and he himself was already purified.

**12 Strokes**

"Outwardly all members took the order coolly, but inside, they boiled with anger and unbelief in that same month, four male members left the sect - they made a secret escape. The penalty Mr Odumusu laid down for

sex defaulters was 12 strokes of the cane, plus a 50 per cent reduction in their so-called salaries. Cases of self-masturbation became rampant among the men. One boy secretly bought pictures of nude women, pasted it on the wall inside the gents'. He went there secretly, and attempted to sex the woman in the picture. He was caught red-handed by some men. They found that he had discharged on the picture. For fear of punishment when Mr Odumusu got the report, the boy escaped from the sect on the same day of the incident.

**Sorrows of a Bishop**

"As a result of this sex ban, the man who was next in rank to Mr Odumusu suffered a awful disgrace and terrible agony in the hands of 'Christ Jesus.' We called the man 'Bishop.' Mr Odumusu took over not only the Bishop's four wives, but he also married all his grown-up daughters born by the wives. The five children for him. Their mothers also had children for him. The Bishop's first wife already had six children for her husband. After 'Jesus' took her over, the woman gave 'Jesus' one girl, named Yemisi, now aged about 11 years. Bishop's second wife, gave 'Jesus' five children, two boys and three girls. The third, a half-cast whom 'Jesus' re-named 'Alice' had two children for the Bishop. After 'Jesus' snatched her, she bore him six children, among them three boys. Bishop's fourth wife was also a victim of Mr Odumusu. But after one child for the Bishop, her mother came to take her away by force when they could no longer bear the disgrace. After she left, 'Jesus' quarrelled with Bishop over the woman, and laid claim on the lady's child. Four daughters of the Bishop also bore children for 'Jesus'. The one gave him five children; the second had two children for him; the third had four; and the fourth had two children by him. The Bishop felt humiliated. He was shocked beyond description. He could not raise his finger against the Redeemer. Suddenly he fell sick and was almost paralysed. Only his lips could move."



Mr. Immanuel Odumusu, who hails from Igbu Ode, worked for the Posts and Telegraph Department, and lived at 14 Chidamide Street, Lagos, before he proclaimed himself 'CHRIST JESUS'. His ex-wife says he promoted himself 'GOD ALMIGHTY' shortly before he 'gilt' the sect. He argued that he had been 'Jesus' for too long.

to let him have sex with me, when the man suddenly jumped into the room. I was afraid to complete the sentence on my lips. My mother and I concluded that 'Jesus' might have been hiding behind the door to eavesdrop on our comments on his complaint against me. He asked 'Have you explained everything to your daughter?' My mother went down on her knees and begged the man to forgive me. I too followed my mother's example. But I was not happy about it. The man then gave my twin sister and me N50.00 each. He gave nothing to mother, but ordered us to give her N10.00 each. We did on the spot.

"At 4 o'clock in the evening of the same day, he sent for me again. He asked, 'Are you satisfied now?' He presented me with five new blouses. He said he bought them for me because he loved me. He showed me some other blouses and gold ear-rings which he said that he had just bought for a girl who treated him well. He promised that he would send me to London to learn hair-dressing or do any course of my choice. He said that

everything. He told me about another pair of twin sisters, Taiwo and Kehinde (he changed their names to Agbokes and Ibiyem) who are both married to him. Their father, also a member of the sect, lives there with his twin daughters. Their father is the Police Inspector. I spoke of earlier. Mr Odumusu then asked me not to be different. I told him I had never heard of such a marriage. I said that I would rather marry his first son, Kayode, than marry him. He shouted 'No, that is impossible. You can do that only in the world where everybody is loose. Here is heaven. No woman can choose a husband here. I am the Alpha and Omega. I am the only one who knows what is right or wrong. The idea of girls choosing husbands by themselves is wrong."

"However, back to the day 'Jesus' gave me the first taste of the 'forbidden fruit.' At first I refused and was prepared to fight him. He was full of sweet words. I told him I wanted to go to a secondary school. He said that it was his practice, to have sex with every girl in the sect as soon as they

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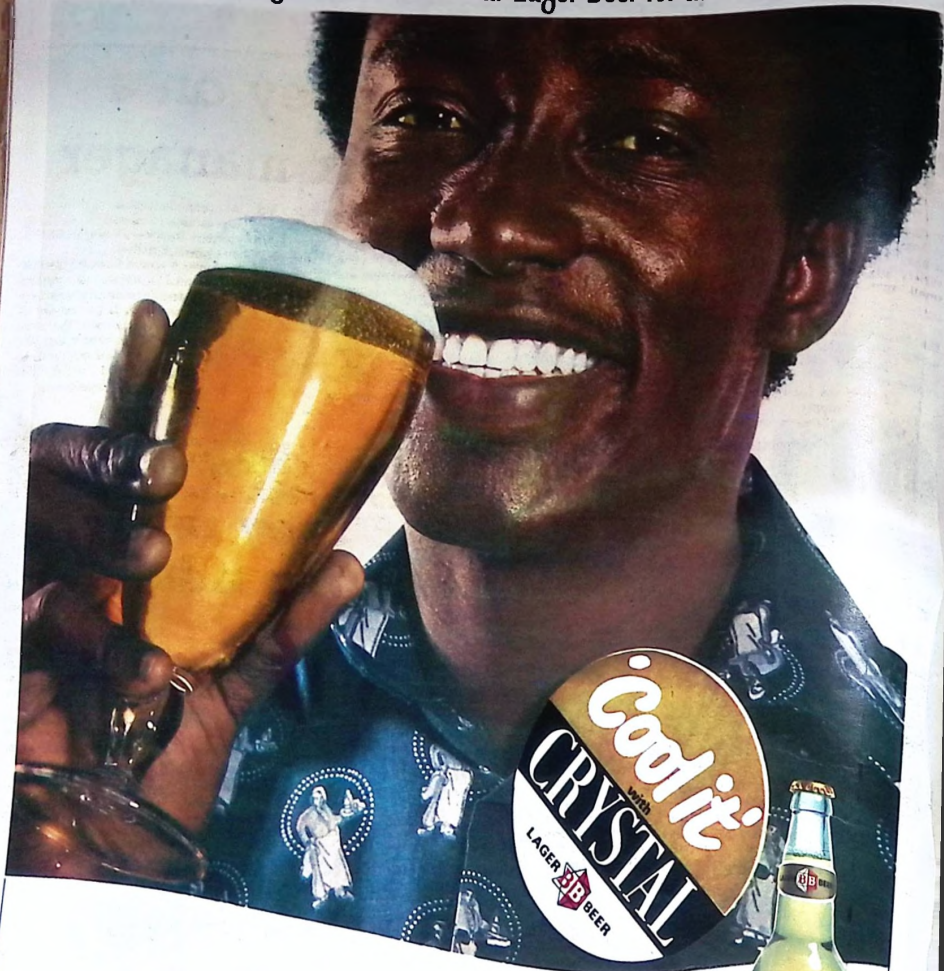
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The most useful banks for the businessman or individual are the savings, merchant and commercial banks. They offer a tremendous variety of services, both for the small man and the big international company. Here are some of the things banks can do to help the businessman with an eye on international trade.

1. Financing importers and exporters.
2. Advising on foreign markets and sources of supply.
3. Exchanging foreign currencies.

4. Handling letters of credit.
5. Collecting drafts and cheques.
6. Providing foreign credit information to customers.
7. Giving letters of introduction and furnishing prospective importers with travellers' letters of credit for foreign trips.
8. Selling travellers' cheques.
9. Acting as executor or trustee.
10. Providing safe custody. A bank will place its strongroom at the disposal of its customers for the safe custody of valuable documents. There is a shortage of manpower

in Nigeria's banking industry, but training facilities are available.

Diploma or degree courses are being offered to bank executives at home universities and abroad, and seminars are being organised for bank workers to help increase their proficiency and promotion prospects.

The most important bank in Nigeria is one with which individuals have few direct dealings. This is the Central Bank of Nigeria. The Central Bank is unique in the country's banking system in that it

does not aim to make a profit, and the ordinary commercial banking services it offers are only a sideline to its main activities.

Today a central bank is regarded as essential to the smooth working of a modern financial and monetary system, and there is no country of any economic importance that does not have one. What exactly does the Central Bank do, and why is it so important? DRUM asked the Bank's Research Department to provide the answers...



SOME people don't use banks. But the activities of the banks affect everybody. Nobody, not even the housewife buying her groceries, is untouched by the decisions made by the top financiers. BELOW: the head-quarters of the United Bank for Africa in Lagos.



## Nigeria's Central Bank

### They really coin it here . . .

**T**HE Central Bank of Nigeria was established by the Federal Government in March 1958 to carry out the usual functions of a central bank.

In developing countries these include not only the traditional role of maintaining monetary stability but also the promotion of economic development.

The main aims for which the Central Bank was set up are stated in section 4 of the Minister of Finance in his 1962 Budget speech, the Federal Government, emphasised the role of the monetary policies directed to

the basic objective of all financial and financial management; banker to Government; bankers' bank; promotion of economic

economic development desire."

Thus the Central Bank has a vital role to play not only in ensuring the development of a sound financial system and maintenance of monetary stability but, more importantly, in ensuring that the Federal Government's overall target of accelerating economic development is attained.

The functions of the bank may be grouped under the following six headings: currency issue; monetary management; banker to Government; bankers' bank; promotion of economic

development; and external relations.

#### CURRENCY ISSUE

The Central Bank is vested with the sole right of arranging for the production, issue, reissue and exchange of notes and coins whose unit denominations, form, weight and composition have been approved by the Federal Government. This currency is the legal tender in the country for the payment of all amounts in coins and notes, provided

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NICON's YINKA LIJADU: "There is real confidence."

THE National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria, NICON was established by decree in July, 1969. Before then the Nigerian insurance market was dominated by non-indigenous companies. The few indigenous insurance houses collected only a small percentage of the insurance business.

The Corporation has power to carry on any class of insurance and reinsurance. And it can insure any property of the Government of the Federation, or the state governments.

DRUM talked to NICON's acting managing director, Mr Yinka Lijadu, about the Corporation and its role.

## BANKING and INSURANCE

# 'Big brother' wants to help

DRUM: To what extent are the policies of the National Insurance Corporation motivated by profit?

Mr Lijadu: Like any other corporation, our policy is to operate with a view to making a profit. We undertake all classes of insurance — motor insurance, fire insurance, accident insurance, aviation and marine insurance, and workmen's compensation insurance.

for insurance business. We cannot open a branch office in any town just because it is a state capital. We operate on a profit basis.

DRUM: What sort of training facilities has NICON for its staff?

Mr Lijadu: We send some of our staff overseas for training — for instance, to Switzerland, West Germany, Iraq and India for short courses ranging from three weeks to three months.

The Nigerian Institute of Management offers local courses to various categories of our staff. We hope to establish a staff development and training centre soon. We would have started already but for lack of accommodation.

The Insurance Institute of Nigeria coaches prospective students for external examinations in insurance at an educational institute based in Lagos.

DRUM: Is it a fact that the Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation, when established, will take over functions of NICON?

Mr Lijadu: The Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation will neither replace NICON nor take away its functions. The new corporation will control the flow of foreign exchange resulting from insurance activities in this country. Its main function will be to reinsure the risks of other insurance companies.

At present all registered insurance companies reinsure 10 per cent of each insurance policy written by the companies with NICON. This will form the starting point of the Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation when it takes off.

DRUM: Would you say NICON has been a successful venture?

Mr Lijadu: As at December 31, 1975, NICON had a general reserve of ₦3,500,000, and a sum of ₦3,252,334 was carried over to 1976.

DRUM: Have you any special policies?

Mr Lijadu: The National Insurance Corporation has a specialised section dealing with fire insurance. This department is called the Fire Survey Bureau. The special function of the section is that before we insure fire risks, the Bureau has to study the proposal and make recommendations, which we have to scrutinise before we give the go-ahead.

DRUM: Are these facilities available to other insurance companies in the country?

Mr Lijadu: In fact we hired these fire experts from abroad, but we do help other insurance companies who request these special services by paying just a small fee for them. Some insurance houses have made use of these facilities in the past.

DRUM: Does your corporation enjoy the co-operation of other insurance companies in Nigeria?

Mr Lijadu: As far as I know there is a real confidence, a good relationship between us. In fact, they look to us as a big brother. We care for all, equally.

DRUM: Have you branches in the states?

Mr Lijadu: Definitely. In order to give the Corporation a better service and to bring our activities to the notice of the masses, attempts have been made to establish branch offices all over the country.

These include Enugu, Kaduna, Aba, Ibadan, Kano, Benin City, Jos and Maiduguri. Plans are under way to establish further branch offices at Port Harcourt, Ilorin and Calabar.

DRUM: Is being a state capital sufficient grounds for having a branch office?

Mr Lijadu: Not at all. We could only establish in towns where there are opportunities

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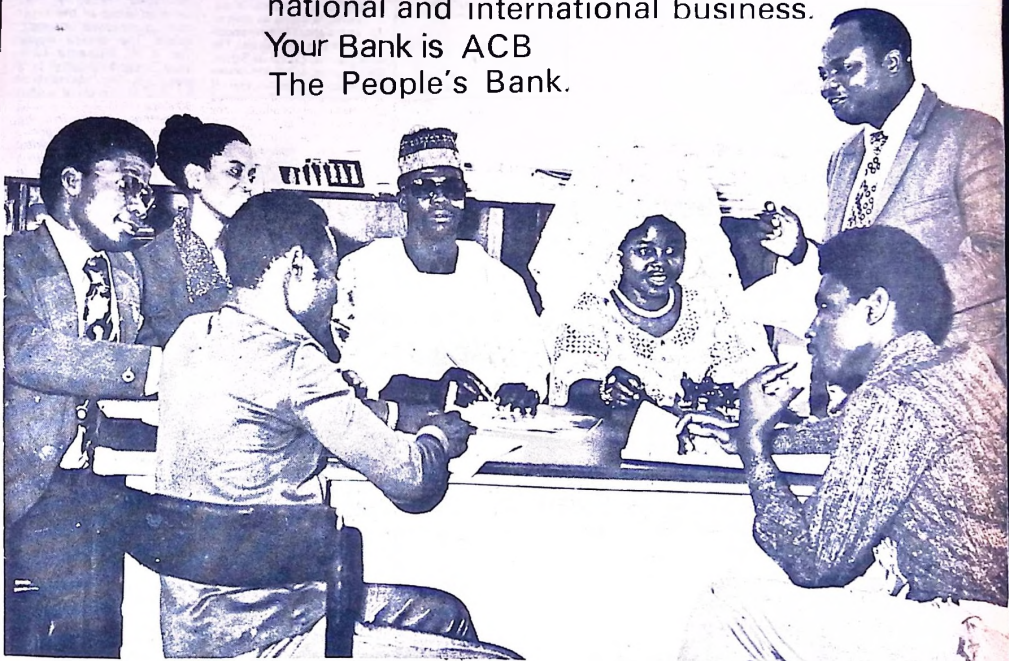


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**I**NSURANCE is based on the simple idea of pooling your risks. Each person insuring against a particular risk pays a contribution to a common fund or pool, from which compensation can be paid to those who suffer loss.

The same result would be achieved if a group of individuals made an agreement to share risk or loss caused by fire (due to an unforeseeable risk) among themselves.

But for the sake of security and confidence, it is more satisfactory to let an outside body like an insurance company undertake such risks.

The insurance company cuts its own risk of loss by spreading it over as wide a field as possible.

In the past complaints from customers were often ignored, even when the law required

# Just wave those risks goodbye

By **TAIVIE ESIENNA**

action. Compensation was withheld for no good reason. As a result, many people did not bother to take out cover. Now things are improving, and people are coming to realise that it pays to be insured.

Choosing a policy is not an easy task. Apart from the two most common business risks

which can be covered — fire and burglary — other insurance policies, of unemployment, sickness, old age, and many other eventualities are on the market.

It is illegal for people or firms to take out insurance against risks which do not directly affect them. For in-

stance, a man can insure his own property against fire or burglary, but he cannot insure the house of a friend or neighbour.

Another important principle is that the insured and the insurance company must disclose anything which might influence the other party's willingness to make the contract.

About half of all insurance policies are for life cover. Here, of course, death is as sure as day and night. The only uncertainty is when it will occur. The sum insured, except in "whole life" policies, is paid to someone when the insured dies. If he lives to the end of the period specified he collects the matured premium.

Policies can also be taken out to cover ships, air cargo, cars, offices, farms and the like. A boxer or a footballer can be insured against risk.

The Federal Commissioner for Trade, Major-General Mohammed Shuwa, told Nigerians recently of new laws to curb bad insurance agents.

"The insurance industry has had a poor image over the years in the eyes of the public because of the part played by some unscrupulous agents," said the Commissioner.

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and  
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*THE interest recently shown by the Federal Militia Government in insurance, Nigeria has helped to raise the confidence of the public in the business.*

*The new insurance Decree published recently has removed most of the fears from prospective insurers' minds: The decree warns that if an insurance company accepts liability in a motor accident, claims must be paid to the client within 90 days.*

*Another point in the decree is that all goods imported into the country must now be insured with a local insurance company in order to minimise the risk.*

*Any insurance house which breaks the rules will be heavily fined.*

*From now on the Federal Commissioner for Trade, who is responsible for insurance, can set up a rating committee to consider applications for general increases in rates and premiums.*



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## Fair shares

**T**HE Stock Exchange is the market where stocks and shares are bought and sold, enabling people to invest their money.

**STOCK** represents money borrowed by the Government or its agencies.

**SHARES** are the money raised by private or public company to float a company.

Stock and share certificates are called **SECURITIES**.

When a company wants to expand and it needs new capital, instead of issuing shares, it may borrow money from a finance house.

The lender receives a "debenture certificate," stating how much has been lent, the interest, and the date for repayment.

Debentures are not shares. The shareholder in this case risks his money and he can share in any profit that may be made. This share-out is called a dividend. Where a company makes no profit, there is no dividend.

To attract investors, different types of shares are created. Shares that give the first right to participate in the profit are called "preference shares."

Then there are the ordinary shares, on which the dividend may be higher. Lastly, there are deferred shares, which entitle you to what remains of the distributable profit after the claims of the other kinds of shares have been met. Preference shares often carry no votes at the company's annual meeting.

At the stock exchange there are two main classes of dealers — jobbers and brokers. While the brokers deal directly with the members of the public, the jobbers buy from the brokers.

You have probably heard of market "bulls" and "bears." Bulls are investors who believe the price will rise; bears tend to trade in anticipation of lower prices.

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On July last year some children went into the bush near Ndielike village with their catapults to hunt birds. But they were met by a lynx and driven back to the compound of Mr Robert Obidiegwu, complaining that they had lost even their slippers to the wild animal in a bid to escape from its mad attack.

Mr Obidiegwu, who is an Anglican church lay reader and a professional hunter, could not believe his eyes, so he got dressed in his hunting attire and headed with his gun Bingo, to search for the animal.

His wife appealed to him to remain vigilant. When he arrived in the bush with his dog, the lay reader prayed for the help of God to track down the animal and then went into action searching for the fiend.

Suddenly the hyena emerged from nowhere and attacked the hunter on the leg, biting and chomping with vicious teeth. Mr Obidiegwu raised the alarm, crying: "It has bitten me to death!" Bingo, his dog, which had been searching in a different place, rushed to the scene and rescued his master. The clever dog gripped the wild animal by the tail, forcing it to stop its attack on the hunter and escape.

Mr Obidiegwu lost a lot of blood and had to be treated in hospital.

After the treatment, he returned to his compound. There he left his bloodstained hunt-

'Sacred' ground outside Ihalia was put to modern use...

## Angry god sends hyenas into town

THE PEOPLE of Ihalia in Anambra State gave a piece of land to the government for a telephone exchange. But it was an "oracle's" land and the oracle was not, apparently, happy about it. DRUM discovered what happened.

ing shoes outside his house and went to bed.

At about 4 a.m. the next morning, the same hyena crawled into the hunter's compound and went straight to his shoes. The animal made such a terrible noise that Mr Obidiegwu woke from his sleep. "Who is making such a noise in my compound at this time of the day?" he wondered.

He called his children to open the door but his wife stopped them. Instead she peeped through the window and saw in their compound the very hyena which had nearly killed her husband.

Mr Obidiegwu then gently opened the window, loaded his gun and fired two shots at the animal. But the gun, he said, would not explode. So he had to use his spear.

Finally, the spear punctured the animal's body and then the dog could attack. Mr Obidiegwu went to help with his machete and more spears.

The church lay reader said that this was the eighth hyena he had killed within a year. Other villagers in Ihalia, he said, had also killed many of the animals in their compounds.

Mr Obidiegwu said the town believed the invasion of Ihalia by the hyenas was the direct reaction of the god of the area for having its "oracle land" surrendered to the government.

The land had traditionally been honoured as the home of the Ihalia god.

But with the arrival of Western civilisation, some people kicked against the god and decided to put the bush to modern use. When the telephone exchange in Ihalia was to be built, they suggested the use of the oracle land.

When the land was handed over to the authority, villagers report that the god angrily went into action and invaded the town in the shape of the hyenas.



ROBERT OBIDIEGWU, lay preacher and hyena-killer of Ihalia, with one of the hyenas he killed in his compound.

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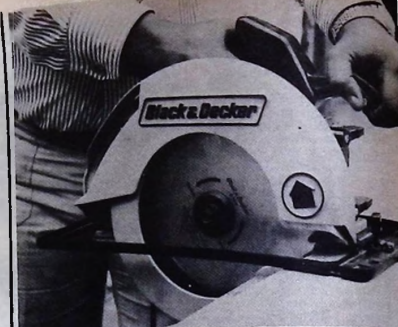
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A circular saw can cut lumber from ten to 15 times as fast as an expert using a hand saw.

A portable saw may also be used when the work is too big or too awkward to be picked up and taken to the saw bench. A shopfitter, for example, might want to trim the edge of a board that he had already fitted.

An industrial user will require sophisticated yet rugged equipment, such as saw benches and radial arm saws. There is a good selection of powerful and large capacity circular saws available.

If you use a saw regularly, you should invest in a purpose-built saw. In the long run, any purpose-built tool will pay dividends in extra convenience and durability. There are several such tools on the market but, as with any power tool you should always choose a reputable manufacturer who can provide an efficient back-up service.

#### Blade and motor size

Size is not everything but there are several selection criteria. Motor size is important as the motor provides the power to do the job. Speed is also important and this should relate to the motor size.

The blade diameter is also a factor to be considered: this provides the cutting depth and it is no good having a large diameter blade running at a faster speed if the motor cannot supply the power. The larger the blade diameter, the greater is the load on the motor spindle.

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which make them ideal for a wide range of applications in the woodworking, building and construction industries.

If you have already used a saw attachment, you will know its power is limited. An electric drill has a power of about 300 watts and a fast speed of about 2,500 rpm. The blade diameter is usually about 125mm and at this speed the power is barely sufficient. Usually, a purpose-built saw for light duty use has a motor with an output of 450 watts and, when fitted with a 125mm blade a running speed of 3,000 rpm. The larger the blade, the more powerful the motor should be to achieve a high running speed and good cutting power.

#### Starting the job

The next consideration is the saw blade, which will depend on the type of cut to be made and the material being cut. Most saws and attachments are supplied with a combination blade for general purpose work, but many other types are available for different applications including abrasive discs for cutting masonry, glass fibre, plastic and ferrous metals (which we will consider later).

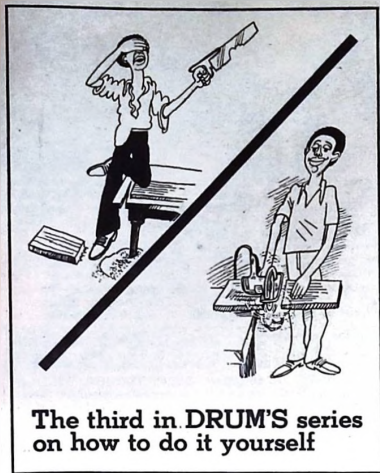
Before sawing, it is important to adjust the depth of cut to the thickness of material to be cut. You can do this by measuring with a rule — or, perhaps more conveniently, by using the workpiece itself, with the blade protruding below. This ensures maximum cutting efficiency and reduces friction to a minimum.

#### Rip sawing and cross-cutting

There are two types of cut which can be made in timber. First, along the grain (rip sawing); secondly, across the grain (cross-cutting).

When rip sawing, use the blade or combining saw blade. When wood is cut along the blade it tends to close on the blade after the cut. This will jam the blade and cause over-

# Making light of heavy loads



## The third in DRUM'S series on how to do it yourself

heating, which will quickly blunt the blade. The cutting teeth of the rip/combination blade are set alternately on either side of the blade to produce a wider cut than the blade thickness and thus minimise the closing effect.

When cutting long lengths, this closing will still occur. To prevent this, place small wedges in the cut behind the saw. These hold the two pieces of wood apart and help to prolong the life of the blade.

When rip sawing, clamp the workpiece firmly to the bench but do not clamp the work across the grain as this may also jam the blade as you cut. Start the saw before engaging it with the workpiece and move the saw steadily through the material, never forcing the saw.

Most saws and attachments are provided with a rip fence as a guide when cutting along the edge of the workpiece. When adjusting this guide, allow for the thickness of the blade, depending on which side of the line you are cutting. Some saws have a guide "V" notched in the front to give you the line of cut.

Cross-cutting is easier and you may choose a blade with finer teeth (cross-cut blade) to produce a finer finish. Mark out the cut using a try-square and clamp the work firmly. Cut across the workpiece, following the line and always with the weight of the saw on

the retained portion of the work, not on the waste.

### Useful tips

Make sure the blade is clear of the ground or other surfaces so that it will not meet obstacles. If you feel the saw is not cutting correctly, the blade is probably blunt. Replace it with a new or sharpened one.

As the teeth are cutting upwards, there will be whiskers produced on the top surface of the workpiece, so keep the best or decorative surface downwards.

The same methods can be used for cutting hardboard, plywood and plastic materials, but remember the best side of the workpiece should be underneath as the teeth are cutting upwards.

### Furtheruses

You can also adjust the angle of the blade to cut mitres or bevels. Unplug the saw and set the angle according to the scale on the adjustment at the front of the saw.

It is also possible to make simple joints and housings using a circular saw. Mark out the cut required, using the workpiece to be joined as a guide. Adjust the depth of cut to half the thickness of the material (or less if required) and make parallel cuts between the two lines.

The waste can be produced with a chisel to produce a perfect housing joint. In the

same way, you can produce tenons and half-lap joints. By adjusting the depth of cut to about seven eighths of the thickness of the wood and making several parallel passes through the wood, you can produce a series of keys which will enable a piece of wood to be bent (see illustration). When the wood is in the required shape, simply fill the slots with wood glue. This method can be used to turn skirtings around corners or to shape cabinets.

### Man-made boards

Cutting man-made boards can be a tough job. Materials such as chipboard are really hard on normal blades and blunt them very quickly. For this type of application, use a tungsten carbide-tipped blade which can give you up to 50 times the life of a normal blade.

### Reliability

Reliability of the saw depends on how you treat it. If an application involves continuous hard work, a heavy-duty tool will be required. Light-duty tools have light bearings and motors which, although suitable for intermittent work, are not designed for the more demanding application of the industrial user.

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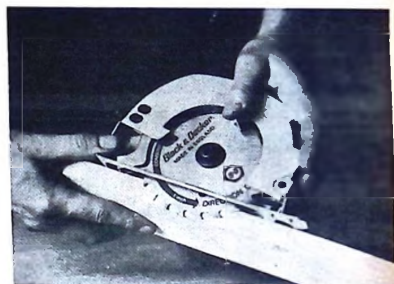
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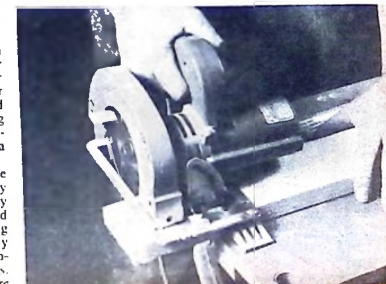
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# Soccer chief's success recipe

# PLAY FOR PAY

**DRUM:** Chief, how long have you been connected with football?

**Chief Salami:** For as long as I can remember. I used to play football as a kid, and later I played in school. I started football administration in 1955 when I was a member of the Ibadan Football Association. Now I am the life chairman of the IFA, chairman of the Nigeria Football Association, Oyo State, member of the Nigeria Football Association, and patron of many clubs, including Stationery Stores of Lagos and the Bendel Insurance Club of Benin City.

In fact, soon I am going to launch a book, which I wrote on the history of soccer in Ibadan from 1937 to 1971.

**DRUM:** What do you consider the major problems of soccer in Nigeria?

**Chief Salami:** There are many things wrong, but I will deal with the major ones. First is the absence of professional football. I started a campaign for paid players in this country but in spite of all my efforts, what we have now is semi-professional football.

Unless we make football a profession by itself, we cannot face other countries in competition and expect to win. Soccer is a paying job if it is properly handled. The market is fertile. There are good players and there are football fans who will pay any amount to watch a good club side. Nigeria is ripe for professionalism.

Secondly, each of the clubs in Nigeria should have a stadium of its own. We tend to get our priorities wrong but these are the first things we should do in organising football. Footballers are born, not made. They need little

The name of Chief Lekan Salami of Ibadan is synonymous with soccer in Nigeria. He has been a football administrator for 21 years and founded IICC Shooting Stars who brought the African Cup-winners' Cup to Nigeria for the first time. In an interview with DRUM's Seinde Lawson, he analyses the ills of the game and suggests that professionalism is one cure.

coaching, but a lot of encouragement, and one of the things that encourages them is having their own stadium. This is what operates in other countries.

Thirdly, there is the question of security for players. We lose our footballers because of lack of security, and we are wasting our time unless we are prepared to raise their status. Football should be made attractive, even to attract graduates, so that players don't have to look elsewhere for good, better paid jobs.

**DRUM:** Is soccer paying its way in Nigeria now?  
**Chief Salami:** No, not right now. In fact, the present government should give more aid to soccer. Footballing needs a government subsidy. In 1974 the Federal Government gave the National Sports Council N7 million and the present government gave a further N3 million, but we are still in the red. So we need more money from the government.

If football is to stand on its own, the problems which I have enumerated earlier must be solved. In addition there should be full-time football administrators, because it is a time-consuming job. The idea of a caretaker committee in football administration should be dropped. Whenever new members are to be appointed there should always be a democratic election. This will make for more efficiency.

**DRUM:** Besides Rangers International Club of Enugu, all other clubs have various ethnic groups as players. Some even have Ghanaians as players. Do you support the idea of a multi-national team?

**Chief Salami:** I don't support the idea of players playing for their tribes or states of origin. The clubs should look at themselves as Nigerian clubs, regardless of tribe. All tribes should be encouraged to play for any club they like. As for the Ghanaian players, this only proves that Nigerians are not better footballers than Ghanaians. We have more Ghanaian players here in Nigeria than there are Nigerians there. If we were better it would be the other way round.

**DRUM:** Chief, it has been alleged in some quarters that you support the Ibadan club more than any other when you are supposed to be father of all, as chairman of the N.F.A. in this State. How far is this true?

**Chief Salami:** Well, to some extent, the allegation is right. But if you look at my activities for other clubs, even outside this State, then my record is good. I started to form football clubs as far back as 1959. It was at that time that Justice Ikpeazu formed "The Redoubtables" and the late Israel Adebajo formed the "Stationery Stores." WNDCC — now IICC football club — is my baby. Can I say because I am now N.F.A. chairman therefore the club should die,



**EACH club should have its own stadium, Chief Salami says.**

or that I should cease to give them the encouragement, moral support and advice which I have been giving them over the years? If that is what my accusers want, I am afraid I cannot do it. I repeat, the IICC is my baby and I am going to nurse it for as long as I have the strength. I have given donations, and other forms of assistance to many clubs in Nigeria. All I want is a disciplined and a formidable club for Nigeria.

**DRUM:** For how long do you wish to be associated with football administration?  
**Chief Salami:** My friend, I am checking out very soon. I derive joy in serving. That is why, when I serve, I serve selflessly. Ibadan has won the Nigerian Challenge Cup more times than any other State. That is my joy. Now I think I have served enough. I need some rest. One important thing is that my activities as a soccer administrator have affected my family life adversely. I am only happy that my wife understands.

**DRUM:** Hooliganism is very rampant in football these days, especially during encounters between African countries.

What do you think is responsible for this?  
**Chief Salami:** I don't know what is responsible. I can only think that some people just choose to be unruly. But what I do know is that there are politics in football. It has now become a crime to win an away match in some African countries. If you win an away match then your security is at stake.

But I warn the African Football Confederation that unless care is taken we are heading for chaos.



**"Players need security."**



**"Tribalism must go."**



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**A PROUD MOMENT: Chief Salami receives the Nigerian Challenge Cup in 1969 when WNDCC — now IICC — won the title. "The IICC is my baby," the Chief says, proudly.**

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# The Prince's first case

W. A. Bello

**S**O YOU want to be a detective, my dear," said Prince Abim. He beamed across his handsome desk at the girl seated opposite. He had dark brown, deep-set eyes and a smile that seemed to go right down to his boots. His clothes were smart and new, like the office.

"I would like it," the girl agreed. She was young, looking not more than 19. She was a thin girl with quick, lively eyes. Her clothes were stylish but far from new.

"What makes you think you would be a detective? Have you been reading all the novels about the private eyes? Or watching films? You think it is exciting and romantic to be a private detective?"

Abim smiled again. "Better you should stay being a school teacher. Or go back to typing."

He chuckled softly at the surprise on her face.

"How do you know that about me?" she demanded. "I told you nothing."

"My dear Miss Friday, it was quite simple. When you shook hands with me I could feel the calloused skin on your fingertips. That is the badge of the typist. And who but a schoolteacher would have traces of chalk in her hair?"

Tom Friday's face showed her astonishment. Then she smiled and nodded. "It is simple — and you were right."

"Observation, Miss Friday. It is the first rule for the detective. First of all to see everything and then to think of what it means. It's no use to think without knowing all. It's no use to see without thinking."

"Yes," she agreed. "By the way, did you enjoy the wedding?"

Now it was Prince's turn to look surprised.

"On your left shoe is a small piece of confetti," the girl said. "In your jacket is a flower."

"He added, "Also, I saw you leaving the church," the girl giggled.

Prince Abim roared his laughter. "Good. Very good. You see, my friend. Also you make a joke of me. That is very good. I think maybe you can be the assistant I advertised for — though I must tell you it was a man I wanted. Sharp eyes, sharp mind is what a detective

needs. No guns, no car chases, no beating up suspects. Nothing so exciting. Just seeing, just thinking, just asking questions. You mind if I smoke?"

"Please do." The girl was surprised at his courtesy. When she was a typist, no employer had ever dreamed of asking if she minded.

The private detective lit a long thin cigar, and puffed at it thoughtfully.

"I have this fine office. In the suburbs, I have a fine villa. I drive a fine new car. I pay my assistants well. All this takes money. You understand? Now what does Prince Abim do that his clients pay him money? I find things that are lost or people who are lost. Or sometimes I stop things becoming stolen. Is lost, is it not? I advise shops and factories how to stop people stealing. I know how the thief will think."

He waved his cigar in the air. "It is all part of being a detective. It is all part of being and thinking... You are not engaged any more, are you?"

The girl looked surprised. "On one finger the skin is a little paler where there was a watch."

The girl's face saddened a little as he went on quickly: "But I should not remind you, how it was I became a detective. I will tell you of my first case."

He drew deeply on his cigar, puffed the cloud of blue smoke towards the ceiling. "In those days I lived in a village among cattle but we were not rich. It was good land and the river never dried up, even in the village, everyone's happy."

"Then it happened. Zorro's watch was stolen. It was a gold watch, very fine and very valuable. Zorro kept a store in the village beside the ruined god. Hanuman, who is a monkey. The original warehouse had gone a long time out of the forest, still times to the temple. The priests used to feed them and sometimes we fed them too, though

not so much. They were not sacred to us, you understand.

"Now Zorro used to keep his watch hanging on a nail inside the store. It was there to tell him the time and to tell everyone else he was a rich man with a gold watch. No one else ever dared to touch that watch. Indeed, we scarcely dared to look at the time in case he would charge us."

The two of them laughed together at that mean old man in the village.

"The watch hung from a shelf high up behind the counter. It was quite safe from anyone reaching across the turned. Not that anyone in the village would have stolen it anyway. We were all honest people who are lost. Or someone would take vegetables and fruit from the gardens when they could."

"But, in spite of this, the watch vanished. Old Zorro had not left the shop except to go to his back store for a moment. And the only person in the previous watch had gone was my brother, Oletu."

"Now Oletu was a mischievous lad, you must know. He was full of fun and jokes. Sometimes he would tease Zorro and say he would take the watch. Of course he did not mean this but when Zorro saw rushing at my brother and seized him and demanded his watch."

"I wish, sir, Oletu not touch your watch," Oletu answered.

"Then who did? Only you are serious. A thief is most police. You will go for the Zorro." Oletu began to cry.

Oletu, who was about to hit him when was about to hit him. I managed to separate the man said. I heard what the old he had taken the watch for a while. He told me 'No. Oh, he was angry that I, his brother, said. "But the watch has gone," I saw no one come in. Where has it gone... Maybe it is better that you now let Zorro search a thief."

"Oletu did not like to be searched but, since I had asked



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A. Why am I having this problem?  
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Mina, Dar es Salaam

A. During teen years the hormonal secretion of the ovaries varies a lot, and thus reflects on the duration, frequency and quantity of menstrual bleeding. B. Many women have irregular periods at some time or the other. C. It would be best to have a gynaecological check-up. We usually prescribe a three-month course of contraceptive pills for this condition. We have found that the contraceptive pills are very useful to regularise menstrual cycles. Please do not get worried, as these pills in your case are not being prescribed for contraception purposes.

### Pimples

I am getting small pimples on my foreskin. It all started with a little bit of pus discharge and some burning on passing urine. I thought I had an attack of VD, for which I took full treatment. That is settled, but the pimples and irritation on my foreskin remains. What medicine should I take, Doctor?

Gbang, Enugu

If you have an infection of your foreskin and the best cure will be to have circumcision done, whereby the foreskin is removed. This will permanently cure you.

### Worms

I am a schoolboy 16 years old, and my problem is that I had, and am suffering from roundworms since I was eight. I also have some small worms coming out of my back passage. Which medicine can cure my condition, Doctor?

Francis, Kampala

There are many medicines these days available to kill all types of worms. From your description it sounds that you have got both roundworms and threadworms. For ethical reasons I cannot give you the name of any drug, but any chemist or doctor will be able to prescribe very effective drugs against your disease.

### Nose bleed

I am a 16-year-old boy and my problem is that my nose bleeds sometimes without any reason. Doctor, can you please help me?

Jo, Kiambu

I think you have got small bleeding points inside your nose. When you bleed next time, go to the nearest hospital and the bleeding points can then easily be identified and cauterised (burnt), thus preventing any further bleeding.

### Lot of wind

I am a 20-year-old man and I produce a lot of wind. This has been going on since I was a small boy. I will be most grateful for your opinion.

Vesto, Lagos

Many reasons for excessive wind in the stomach. The commonest are wrong food, indigestion, constipation, infection of the gut and worms. It may be best to have a full check-up, and a special examination of your stool. The proper cause can then be found for appropriate treatment.

### Very small

I have very small testes on both sides, Doctor, and I wonder if I will be able to have any children because of this.

John, Nakuru

The size of the testes does not really mean any difficulty in testicular function. As far as having children is concerned get your semen examined and if you have adequate sperms you can rest assured you will produce children.

### Ability

I am a 28-year-old guy. Since my childhood I have only been able to see one testicle — on my right side. I consulted the doctors here and I am told that there is an operation for this condition. I am very worried that I might lose my sex ability with or without the operation, Doctor.

J.Z., Lusaka

As you have said, you have an undescended testis and there is an operation to bring it down into the right place. An undescended testicle does not as a rule affect sexual ability, and you should not worry.

### Stone

I am a 24-year-old girl and my problem is that I have chronic renal stone. Can you please advise me if there are any drugs which decrease its size, or will an operation be necessary?

First of all, I suggest you have an X-ray of your kidneys done so that the size and situation of the stone can be more clearly defined. Small stones usually come down by themselves, but large stones need an operation. If stones go on recurring, biochemical investigations may be necessary.

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The disease is caused by a virus, and usually attacks children, though adults can also contract it.

Poliomyelitis sometimes comes in epidemics, but isolated cases seem to occur all the time.

It starts in a very ordinary way. There may be a little fever and a slight sore throat; usually this is thought to be cold or flu. Two or three days later, however, a child may suddenly find that either an arm or a leg, or both, cannot be moved, and there is extreme pain.

Depending upon the extent and level of the disease, any limb may be affected.

In more severe cases there may be paralysis of the whole body, and sometimes the muscles of respiration, in which case the disease proves fatal.

The acute phase of the disease lasts for about a month, by which time the fever and pain have settled.

But the disease leaves behind its ravages in the form of a thin, short, paralysed limb. In the case of a leg, a child cannot walk on it; in the case of an arm, the child cannot write or hold a book or carry anything. This damage is permanent.

Since there is no cure for the disease, and since prevention is possible, it should be regarded very seriously by the public.

It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that their child is vaccinated against poliomyelitis.

Formerly, the vaccine was given in the form of an injection, but now a spray is available. A small shower of spray is squirted into the mouth of the child once a month; at the end of three months, complete immunity is assured.

This is best done when the child is having other inoculations against tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria.

These injections are usually available at health centres, hospitals, baby clinics and municipal council dispensaries.

If the child has not been immunised in the first year, then the next opportunity

occurs when the child goes to the nursery school. It is never too late, even for adults, to have a poliomyelitis spray. Even in advanced countries the disease is a problem.

President Roosevelt of the United States got poliomyelitis before he became President, in middle age.

Once the disease has arrived, modern treatment methods can salvage the limbs, but can never bring them back to normal. A leg can be

supported by a caliper. Certain operations can be done to correct deformities.

Knee and ankle joints can be fused so that the whole leg becomes a solid pole to carry the body weight (the fused joint never bends).

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# YOU & YOUR STARS

**Places**  
Feb. 21 - March 20

You'd be wise to conserve your cash - some may soon be needed for an expense you haven't allowed for. Career matters are under lucky stars; anything going on behind the scenes will benefit you. New openings, however, will bring extra responsibility. Mars, that dynamic planet, will soon enter your sign, giving your hopes and aims a push forward, bringing extra energy and enthusiasm.

**Aries**  
March 21 - April 20

Be patient if matters seem to be drifting - the planetary picture looks very bright. Both immediate cash matters and future financial plans are well starred. There could be a sudden breakthrough in a minor matter which has been subject to snags recently. Partnerships are especially favoured.

**Taurus**  
April 21 - May 20

An invitation from an unexpected source is one possibility. Sudden but pleasing news from afar is another. There is a nice accent on communication; it's a good phase for fixing travel bookings. You are probably finding life rather rushed just now, but the pace will slacken.

**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20

The accent is mostly on the affairs of people close to you at present, particularly those of your sweetheart or mate. Venus in opposition will be throwing up minor difficulties in personal matters, creating a few problems with cash. Nothing too bad, and you'll be able to cope if you deal with difficulties as they arise. Discontent won't be felt however; the atmosphere will be friendly.

**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 20

You'll find this an excellent time for getting around, for dealing with correspondence, seeking interviews, making visits, getting items of shopping organised. You'll get through more work than usual, but don't neglect the social side of life; you need relaxation. Group activities and outings will be particularly enjoyable and businesswise; you could find it pays to be sociable.

**Leo**  
July 21 - Aug. 20

If you chat up people, generally, then something useful should result, perhaps helpful information or advice. You'll win over rivals. Your thoughts and inclinations will be toward the lighter side of life - yet this could produce profit or a new opportunity through a propitious meeting. Romance is under happy influences. Now meetings are shown for the single.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 21 - Sept. 20

A pleasing harmony will prevail domestically. If you have to ask a favour of your partner or other close companion, you couldn't have a better period for it. Should you be anxious to give a helping hand to a youngster, make the best effort and you'll have the right effect. A happy phase, too, in several ways. A partner you've been anxious about will sort himself out.

**Libra**  
Sept. 21 - Oct. 20

There is some hope of a pleasurable outing undertaken suddenly. There could be optimistic news regarding future prospects. Cash matters look optimistic, but go for the small, quick investments rather than long term ones. There is a favourable accent on your practical ambitions; you could hear good news about future prospects, more so if you've put in extra effort recently.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 21 - Nov. 20

Mars is favourably aspected; the general pattern shows this to be a lively and optimistic time for anything which affects your strictly personal concerns. You can push your luck - and your personality - with success. A friendly chat could put you on the right lines about an investment and you'll have the necessary confidence to go ahead.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 21 - Dec. 20

Make the most of the atmosphere of co-operation and affection around you - altogether, you'll find this a progressive period. People you meet will be amusing and could also be useful for your present aims. Good news can be anticipated from more than one area of your current activities. A friendly phase which boosts your morale and, if unattached, brings promising meetings.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 21 - Jan. 20

You'll find this a rewarding phase - if a bit too busy. You will be confused if you have to rely on others. You'll do best managing on your own if possible. The planets bring changeable trends, so does that girl who lives next door. An alteration in arrangements or routine is possible.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 21 - Feb. 20

It's a restless atmosphere and a rather disappointing time. You probably won't be able to communicate successfully and will find it difficult to get through to someone whose help you need. It's better to stay at home. Don't expect others entirely to pull their weight. Colleagues will tend to be perverse, loved ones demanding. Extra tasks may be pushed on to you at short notice.

# LONELY HEARTS

by  
**Matchmaker**

Everybody passes through lonely times. And often, even when two people are together, the magic spark of compatibility doesn't occur. DRUM'S MATCHMAKER will help you find the match you want. Write to Lonely Hearts, DRUM Publications (Nig.) Ltd., PMB 2128, Lagos, Nigeria. You won't regret the few minutes you spend writing to MATCHMAKER.

**Dear MATCHMAKER,**  
My problem is that I can't get a woman to love me for long. They come and go, no matter what kind of presents and affection I give them. Can you therefore help me get the girl of my dreams? A beautiful, charming, kind, loving girl of between 17 and 31 years of age. I am 21 years old, tall and I enjoy reading, correspondence, music and sport.  
**MESSIAH**

**Dear MATCHMAKER,**  
Thanks very much for this column which I believe will help us lonely hearts. I am a Nigerian girl from Bendel State, with good education. I am 20 years old. I am a typist. My hobbies are reading novels, watching the telly, listening to good music and cooking. My main problem is to have a future partner. I have tried all I can but with no success. All I need is someone who will love me for the rest of my life. Married men need not write.  
**VELVYN**

**Dear MATCHMAKER,**  
I am a young undergraduate of 20. I am a six-footer, slim and with looks which people regard as very good. My problem is not that I am shy but that I have found it difficult to find my ideal lady. The ideal lady for me is of the same age, reasonably tall, ambitious, social, always well-dressed, jovial and capable of loving, caring and having fun. I enjoy swimming, tennis, smoking, reading novels, films and social gathering. Please send a recent photograph.  
**TAYO**

**Dear MATCHMAKER,**  
You say you can help people if they have any problem about finding a partner. I want you to introduce someone to me who will marry me. I am a boy of 19. The trouble is that of previously I had a girlfriend who loved me for a lover. The girl I really need to love. The girl I would like to marry must be beautiful, educated, and she must be the one who will take care of me.  
I am a handsome and quiet boy. Please help.  
**PATRICK**

# Dear Dolly

## Which one do I love?

I AM madly in love with two girls and I am happy when I'm with them. My problem is that I hate to think of being without either of them. How do I know the one I really love? Please help before I get into trouble.

Charles, Meru

You are already in the soup. How can you claim to love two girls equally at the same time? My only advice is that you should try to relax. Think deeply and set a trap for both of them to find out which one of the two loves you most dearly. Whose wrist could be your better half.

## I'm going back to my old ways

WHEN I was single I fell in love with two men. I enjoyed my sexual relations with them but, because of my father's position in society and for fear of being branded a harlot, I decided to break with my boyfriends and marry another man. I married and had two babies but had to leave my husband because he didn't care for me properly or give me any excitement. I have now decided to go back to my ex-boyfriends to renew my sexual relationships with them. Kindly advise me before I go astray.

Janet Adesola, Ibadan

Oh Janet, I won't encourage you to waste your life away the way you intend to do. Sex is not food you know. You won't realise the implications of your decision until much later in life. Try to lead a settled and respectable life and you will reap the rewards.

## She's fallen for a driver

I AM 19 and in love with a girl of 17. We agreed to get married some time in the future but then I left for another town in search of a job. Out of the four letters which I wrote to my girl she replied to only one. Then when I went home on leave, I was told she was deeply in love with a driver. When I asked her what was

going on she told me that she knew what she was doing. I do not understand her. Please enlighten me.

Julius, Kano

Your girl seems to be an opportunist. She is not in love with either of you. She is toying with your feelings and is simply after what she can get. If you want peace of mind leave her now.

## They took her from me

I AM 20 and she is 18. We loved each other very dearly. I promised to marry her but her parents have asked her not to marry me. I still love her and cannot forget her.

Monday, Nalmebi

I am afraid you just have to make up your mind to forget about her and look for another girl.

## Now she's expecting

I AM 13 and a second-year student at a secondary commercial school in Abak. I am in love with a 12-year-old girl who is in the same class. We made love twice during our last holiday and since then nothing has gone between us. Now she is expecting a baby. I am confused. I still love her and she persistently craves for my love.

Should I leave her?

Cletus, Iba

Cletus, I have not told me that you found her flirting with other boys, have you? Since you said you still love her as much as the still loves you I can't see the reason why you should leave her. And moreover, you may be responsible for her pregnancy. But if you think you are not the father and she confesses it then you are free to leave her. But first talk to her.

## I can't wait that long

I FELL in love with a girl of 18, who is madly in love with me, and we promised to marry in future. Her parents agreed and she visits me often. When I asked her for sex, she refused. Instead, she told me to wait until 1978 when we will marry. This is too long for me to wait. Should I have another girl, just for sex till that time?

K. K. Koko, Nkai

I am 100 per cent in support of your girl and I hope she can stick to her guns. I will not, however, suggest you take on another girl because this might ruin the love between you and your girl.

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I make love in dreams I AM 20 and still a virgin, but now I feel the urge to make love even to the point of doing so in dreams. My pants day and night. Now I want to marry but I have no money. Please help me. Pete Ibeakoi, Yola

I advise you to get a girl and marry her. You may be lucky to find a wife who will be ready to help financially.

## I'm afraid to ask him

I AM 15 and in love with a boy of 16. We are in love. He has never asked me for sex but only kissed me. I want to ask him if he loves me but I am afraid he will leave me if I do. Please tell me what to do. Lola, Gilgil

There is no harm in asking him. But if you doubt his love because he has not asked you for sex you are mistaken. He seems to be a good boy.

## I want to forget her

I AM 28 and my girlfriend is 27. We love each other but she has had my baby son. Since I came to Lagos she replied to only one of my letters. I want to forget her. Please I need your advice before I do.

Olu Orio

For the sake of the baby I advise you to find time to see the mother and talk to her seriously. Try to find out if she still wants you as her lover and would like to marry you - in your letter you don't say whether or not you are married. Maybe she is only interested in having your child.

## Her mother beats her

I AM 19 and the girl I love is 12. We planned to meet after my course. What worries me is that her mother beats her each time she visits me and we have not made love - in fact I have no intention of doing so now. How do I help her?

Godwin, Yaba

Your course is a pathetic story and I praise you for your courage in keeping your girlfriend without spoiling her. The reason why her mother beats her is that she does not want her to be disturbed from her studies. Advise you to be understanding and patient.

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