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The role of the military in Africa is clearly that of a cat which terrorises a rat. The rat, rather than serve as a disciplinary organisation whose duty is to defend, they now

constitute a threat to both the citizens and national stability in the continent.

I am, therefore, appealing to all African leaders, particularly in Uganda, Ethiopia and Sudan, whose mass killing seems to be gathering momentum, to call off this practice and allow citizens of their respective countries their democratic freedom. **Fohisha Bola Ogundipe, Ikeri-Ekiti**

A good point for African leaders to note. — Editor.

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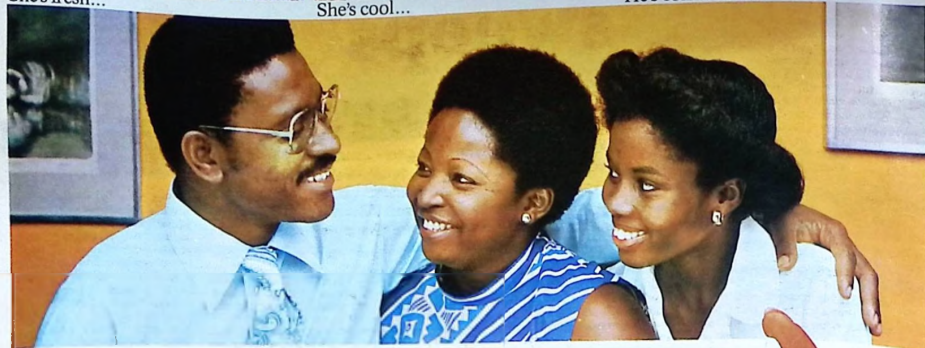
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**A big surprise in the recent local government elections across Nigeria was the win by a goat-seller against a former Federal cabinet minister. Malam Bala Dangogo beat Chief Kolawole Balogun in Ward 21 of Oshogbo, in Oyo State. Olaseinde Lawson talked to the new councillor.**

I WAS expecting to see a gaily dressed and heavily turbaned Malam, with his nose in the air, as proud as a peacock, when I was looking for Bala Dangogo at Oshogbo. But I could not believe my eyes when he was pointed out to me among the goat and sheep-sellers at Sabo, the Hausa quarter in Oshogbo.

It was this low profile, plus hard work and goodwill that made Malam Bala popular among the people of Oshogbo, the ancient Yoruba town in Oyo State.

Before I could walk up to him, a boy about six years old shouted: "Bala, here is a gentleman who wants to see you." Yes, they all call him by his first name. He is always with them. He shares in their joys and identifies himself with their problems.

He is popular not only among the Hausa community but also with the general population of Oshogbo.

When I met Bala, he shook hands with me heartily and took me to his family house where we talked about his life. He said: "I was born here in Oshogbo in 1944. My father and mother are still here in Oshogbo, but I had my elementary schooling in Zaria. After elementary school, I

came back to Oshogbo where I started private studies on my own."

"When I was satisfied that I had acquired some education that would help me in business, I started my own business, selling goats, and sheep and kola. I go about a lot to transact business all over the country."

What had made Malam Bala confident that he had a chance against Chief Kola Balogun at the elections, bearing in mind that Chief Balogun, the Chief Mayor of Oshogbo, had been in politics since he, Bala, was only about six years old?

The Malam, now aged 33, replied: "My confidence lies in my humility, open disposition to people and willingness to serve. I knew what the odds were. But I also knew that Nigerian electorates have changed. They have realised the power of the ballot paper and that they have to give their vote to whoever will serve them. I have been here for the best part of my life.

"I have been associated with

the progress of this community for a very long time. I am the secretary of the Zumunta Club of Oshogbo — an organisation which is chiefly responsible for the development of the community. I have identified myself with the aspirations of the Oshogbo people and the development of the town itself for a long time. Those are the virtues that have earned me a large personal following in the town."

It was a general belief that those who voted for Malam Bala were chiefly Hausas living in and around the Sabo area of Oshogbo.

But Malam Bala denied this. Those who voted for him were both Yorubas and Hausas, he said. The Hausas who lived in Sabo were mostly travellers and during the election only a few of them were in Oshogbo.

About the election, Malam Bala said that voting in his ward was perfect. There were no reports of election malpractice, and "my practice was a straightforward one and the Chief, my opponent, accepted it."

Malam Bala also talked about his plans for his ward

and his political ambition. "What I intend to do is to see that the basic amenities which my people lack are provided. For instance, electricity and water are inadequate, and we also need a dispensary. If these are provided during my tenure of office, then I will have served faithfully in my own little way.

"About political ambition, I don't think I have any. But I will make myself available any time the people want me to serve them. Even if they choose to elect me to the Federal

Parliament after military rule, I will not hesitate to serve."

As a Hausa, how does Malam Bala feel among his fellow councillors, all of whom are Yorubas? "We are like brothers. They are the best people I have ever worked with. I speak Yoruba fluently. In fact you need to be told that I am a Hausa if you see me in the company of other councillors. I enjoy their co-operation."

Would he like to return to Sokoto, his home town? Malam Bala said he had no such plans. "I have lived the greater part of my life here. I am prosperous and enjoy the love of everybody here. I can't be more liked or popular in Sokoto. I have taken Oshogbo as my home."

Malam Bala said all Nigerians should regard every part of Nigeria as their home. They should be willing to vote and be voted for in areas where they have resided for a period.

Although Chief Balogun suffered defeat in an area where he has had his political roots since 1954, he has gained the singular honour of having been the man who has helped, in his own way, to prove that the time has come when a Nigerian can regard any part of the country as his home.

**CHIEF Kolawole Balogun, from Otan-Aiyegbaju, in Oshun division of Oyo State. He was Federal Minister of Research and Information from 1955 to '58. Nigerian High Commissioner to Ghana from 1959-61, chairman of the Nigerian National Shipping Line 1962-65, and Western State Commissioner for Economic Planning and Social Development in 1967. Chief Balogun is a practising barrister and well-known author.**



**MALAM Bala Dangogo Ibrahim — he defeated Chief Kolawole Balogun.**



# HOUSE

One of the major problems which the overcome is that of the ever-increasing houses are more applicants for houses than actual houses charging prohibitive rents. The state governments state governments have also embarked on gigantic improvement in the housing problem. DRUM now people who suffer from this high-rent

INTERVIEWS by Innocent Ezech



**MR CHIKE EZIMORA**, tenant and public relations officer of the West African Examination Council

**HOUSE RENT** in Nigeria is a social and economic problem which requires an economic and social solution. The Federal Government has taken a step in the right direction by evolving a policy whereby houses are being provided for the people. It is by this policy of building new towns for the people that the bluff of landlords can be called. This is the only solution to the problem of house rent.



**MRS RONKE OSIN-DEINDE**, landlady and housewife

**MUST** blame landlords for the ineffectiveness of rent policies. More positive action should be taken to enforce rent edicts. At the same time, the cost of building materials should be as far as possible reduced. The Federal Housing Authority should embark on massive house-building schemes without unnecessary protocols.



**MR F. U. AGIDA**, tenant and company director

**AS FAR** as I am concerned, rent edicts cannot work in Nigeria. The only workable solution is the provision of more houses for the Nigerian masses. The Federal Government has taken the right initiative by introducing the Federal Housing scheme. This new measure should weaken the Shylock landlords.



**MR BASSEY EKONG**, tenant

**ALL HOUSE** rent policies of the various governments in Nigeria have suffered one form of weakness or the other in the hands of landlords. They made the law and they kill the law. Their strong connections with the authorities are one reason why the rent law cannot work in this country. This is why it is necessary to keep Nigerian landlords out of contact with the powers that be if house rent control is to be a reality in the country. I would advise the governing body of this country to build more houses for people. But this policy should not be regarded as an exclusive duty of the Government. Private organisations should join forces in providing accommodation for Nigerians. Something should also be done to reduce the alarming cost of building materials. This is the only way out of the problem of housing in this country.



**MR F. O. ODEY**, school principal and tenant

**THE RENT** edict cannot achieve anything for the common man in Nigeria. Rent tribunals have always favoured landlords. When it comes to the question of landlords giving quit notices to a tenant, the latter wins and retains his occupancy but, when it comes to the question of rent reduction, the decision always stands against the tenant. The Government should provide more houses as a necessary means of arresting the problem of house rent and calling the avaricious landlords to reason.



**MRS M. A. MACAULAY**, landlady

**EDICTS** cannot solve the problem of house rent. The Government should first do something about the high cost of building materials. More houses should be built for people to live in, while commercial houses should be rent-controlled. The Rent Tribunal should avoid delaying cases brought before it. Government should provide accommodation for those displaced by construction work on the ring roads.

# RENTS

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Federal Government is fighting to rents in the urban centres of Nigeria. There and the demand has resulted in landlords have promulgated many rent edicts and Federal and housing schemes — but there has so far been little brings to readers a cross-section of the views of the situation — and we ask: what do YOU think?

PICTURES by Adeoye Abe

IN MY own opinion, the problem of house rent in Nigeria is worsening. It can only be solved by reducing the high cost of building materials. All edicts on house rent should be effectively enforced by the Government. While agreeing that some landlords are Shylocks, one cannot lose sight of the fact that some tenants are equally stubborn. Some of the tenants who urgently need accommodation help to thwart rent control by paying the landlord whatever he demands. The Government should keep up its housing programme by building more houses. Equally necessary is a hard look at the high cost of building materials.



ALHAJI A. A. Y. YUSSUFF, a landlord

THE PROBLEM of house rent today was brought by greed, avarice and inflation. Landlords and landladies have extensively capitalised on the inflationary spiral. Besides, most of those who made the rent edict are involved in one way or the other as landlords; they make and unmake the laws. In my opinion, the only effective solution to this problem is the provision of more houses for our teeming population, as well as control of building material prices.



MADAM KEMI OTUNBA-PAYNE, tenant and business woman



MRS B. O. PETERS, housewife and tenant

HOUSE RENT cannot be effectively controlled in Nigeria because those who are the lawmakers are themselves landlords. So, generally, they thwart the laws which they have made. To weaken the grabbing interest of the landlords, the Government should build more and more houses for the people at a moderate rate.

UNLESS the Government continues to provide more houses, no amount of edicts can solve the problem of house rent in Nigeria. The Government should also be able effectively to control the high cost of building materials as a solution to the problem. On the other hand, all rent laws made by the Government are thwarted by landlords. The Federal Government should establish a card system whereby tenants are made to pay rent through their salary, or any other means of subsistence, while the landlords in turn collect from the Government.



MR P. K. EGBUJOR, tenant and insurance executive

THE ONLY logical solution to the problem of house rent in this country is for the Federal Government to reduce the prices of building materials. The Government should also provide more houses for all Nigerians irrespective of their status in society. There is no use for numerous edicts that produce no useful results.



MISS DELE AKINAN, tenant and seamstress

THE PROBLEM of house rent in Nigeria cannot be solved by mere paperwork. It is a practical problem which needs more than mere theory. Those at the helm of affairs should do something about the increasing cost of building materials and then build more and more low-cost houses.



MISS SHADE JOSEPH, tenant and student

**And what do YOU think?  
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## Happy anniversary

**NIGERIA's** veteran dramatist, Chief Hubert Ogunde, marked his 33rd year on the stage in January. To mark the occasion Chief Ogunde, popularly referred to as the father of Nigerian drama, staged a play called "Nigeria" at the Glover Memorial Hall in Lagos. As a side attraction, Chief Ogunde's troupe highlighted the adventures and experiences of a beautiful peasant girl who found herself in a web of

amorous attraction. Abim Oladejo took these pictures from the drama.

● **TOP LEFT:** The peasant girl pours pap, a breakfast food made from maize, to a customer.

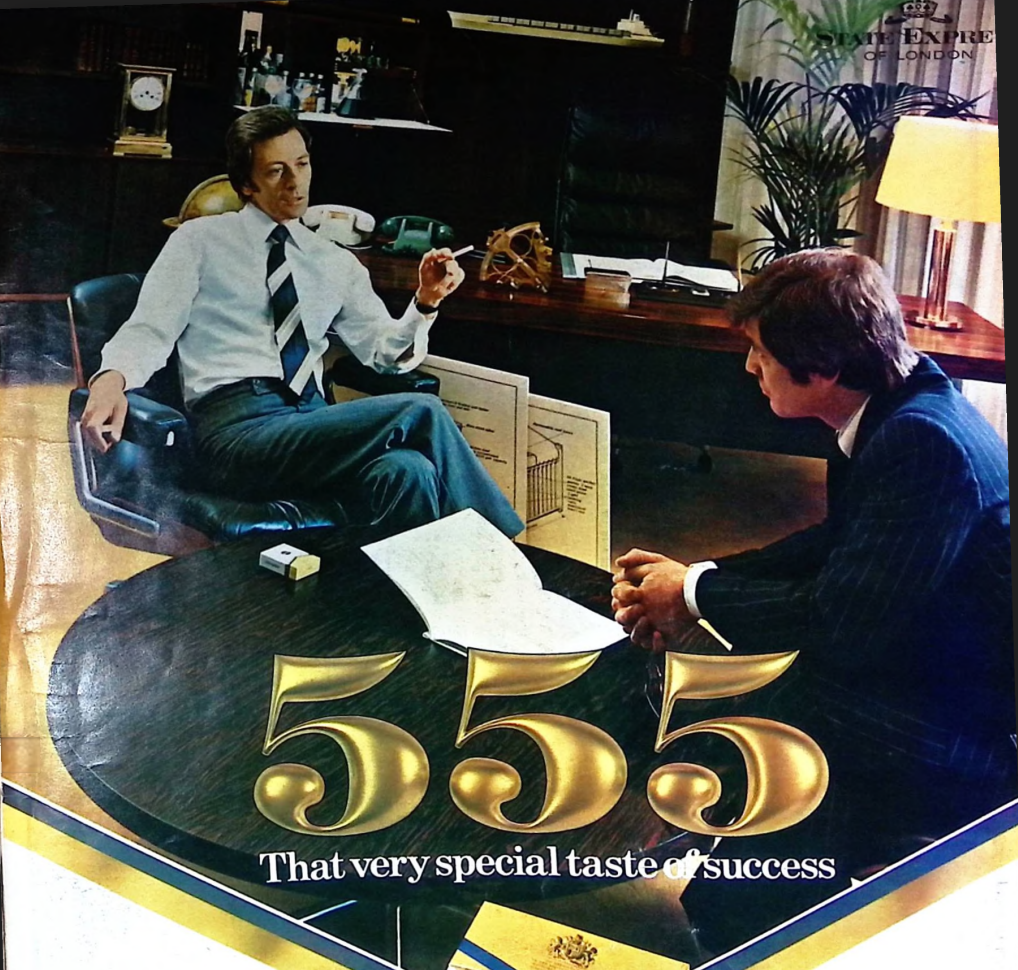
● **TOP RIGHT:** She takes part in a beauty competition which includes dancing.

● **RIGHT:** A happy smile after the king pronounces her the winner.

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# Royal leader with a vision

**A**S THE spiritual head of all the Muslims in Nigeria, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sir Abubakar, has great influence not only in Nigeria but throughout the Muslim world.

He is a direct descendant of Shehu Usman dan Fodio, the founder of the Fulani Empire who launched the Fulani Jihad in 1802.

Shehu Usman dan Fodio died in 1817, having established his son, Bello, as ruler of Sokoto and his flagbearers as rulers of the emirates of Nigeria. Bello thus became the first Sultan of Sokoto.

Sir Abubakar's father, Malam Othman Shehu, was the son of the ninth Sultan Malam Mu'azu, himself a son of the first Sultan. Sir Abubakar is, therefore, a great great grandson of Shehu. When Sultan Hassan died in 1938, Sir Abubakar, then aged 35, became Sultan of Sokoto

**NIGERIA is predominantly a Muslim country, with the largest concentration of Muslims in the North. Their leader is Alhaji Sir Abubakar. He is a direct descendant of Shehu Usman dan Fodio, but Sir Abubakar's royal blood has never clouded his thinking or affected his dealings with the people of Nigeria.**

and so the spiritual head of all Muslims in Nigeria.

Born at Dange, on the Sokoto — Gusau road, in 1903, Sir Abubakar is a great Islamic scholar. He was district head scribe of Dange from March 1929 to February 1931, and later became the Sarduna of Sokoto. He was appointed district head of Talata Mafara in June, 1938. Having worked and ruled

under three types of governments, Sir Abubakar has a wide range of experience in administration. Those who know him say he is hardworking, fore-sighted, tolerant and unassuming.

Sir Abubakar readily adapts himself to change and has earned the respect of each successive government in Nigeria. His contributions to nation-building won him the GCON in 1963, and Ahmadu Bello University Zaria made him an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1965 — an honour he has also won from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

When the Army took over the reigns of Government in 1966, Sir Abubakar publicly gave his support to the efforts to restore peace and stability to Nigeria. Whenever he had the opportunity, he helped to strengthen Nigeria's relations with other countries, and he often stressed that all Nigerians should be free to live and work anywhere in the country.

When the civil war broke out, he appealed to people to join the armed forces and help to quell the rebellion. He spearheaded the famous "Troops' Comfort Fund" through which money, food and materials were given to the armed forces. His example was followed in other parts of the country, and was a big boost for troop morale.

An advocate of education in all fields, Sir Abubakar has great respect for discipline and does not take kindly to laziness and dishonesty.

Sir Abubakar, the Sultan of Sokoto, is a great man, an offspring of a great ancestor, and his subjects and other Muslims treat him as such. When Nigerians have learnt to give great men the honour and respect they deserve, then the country will be on the long road to national greatness.



**SIR Abubakar acknowledges the greetings of his subjects on his way to Jum'at prayer.**





"If you say that we need a new ideology, you are ideology."

*Dr Azikiwe, you have been talking about the reaction of the President, a non-executive, but you have not yet told us whether in fact your dissatisfaction arose because of the attitudes of people.*

*Because you see, the draft constitution in the introduction to their report in justification of the recommendation said, and I quote: "No African Head of State has been known to be content with the position of mere figurehead." Now, the question I want to ask you is whether, no matter what people say, would you have been content with the position of mere figurehead?*

As a matter of fact, I was content. You remember I told you I said that if I could be a member of reconciling the North and the South, that I would be a governor-general. Well, I did not tell you the politics of it. You see, the late Sardauna invited the NCNC to form a government with NPC.

Then the Action Group invited the NCNC to form a coalition to control the centre. We summoned an emergency meeting of the NCNC and I told my colleagues, that we (NCNC) are like a beautiful virgin.

We are being wooed now by

the NPC and by the Action Group. They all gave their views and I gave my views and I told them that if the two southern parties should unite, that we may have a civil war. In which case, the south will not be able to withstand the aggression. Because at that time all the implements of war were strategically located between Kaduna and Zaria in the North.

So I say we don't want civil war. We fought for freedom so as to have peace. What else would the NPC want? We worked with them from '54 to '59. Naturally, there were some NCNC men and women who opposed it, and felt that if we did that it means that we will be pandering to feudalism, etc.

But there were some who felt that in order to have peace, since we worked together from '54 to '59, that it will be better to give Nigeria stability and peace — at least for the first five years. Then we decide to join the alliance. So to answer your question, I did it with my eyes wide open. In fact, you remember in '59, I made a speech at Aba. I said, having been in politics, I mean active politics, for many years I would understand why Adegboye Eduun who gave the Egba people Egba United Government in 1914, dies broken-hearted and his last words were "Egba soro sin."

He says to serve Egba people is a difficult task. So I said: "I have been among my people many years." Ndigbo Ndiabayi. "I say I don't want to be Premier again, I don't want to be Prime Minister. They say: "What do you want?" I say I will be Governor-General. They say: "But no power."

I say that is how I want it. You see, I did it with my eyes wide open, because I wanted to be a bridge between different sections of the country. So as to have peace and the politicians could have a way to implement their policies — the various policies in their manifesto. If I wanted power, surely Awolowo promised me, the Action Group came and said well, Awolowo agrees, let NCNC and Action Group

# The Presidency and the Press

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form an alliance. You, Zik, be Prime Minister. Awolowo will be the Minister of Finance.

So, I could have been Prime Minister if I wanted to. That is quite obvious. But some of my colleagues wanted it, but there were some who said: "No, no, no," particularly those from the Mid-West and almost all the Yoruba leaders in the NCNC were opposed to it.

And so it became necessary as the leader of the party, I told Michael Okpara, I said: "Mike, I wouldn't hand to you a disorganised party — a party which is indisciplined. Let's get the party together." So Okotic Eboh said: "Man Pikin, Man Pikin."

That was how we solved that problem. Many people didn't know this aspect of it. I agree to be sacrificed, to be a powerless Head of State, but let there be peace and stability in Nigeria. So, I did it with my eyes wide open.

There, the Drafting Com-

mittee are guilty of generalisation. They generalised. They meant well, it is true in many African countries — even Senghor (President of Senegal) in spite of his being a poet, he likes to inspire all powers. My good friend Houphouët Boigny (President of Ivory Coast), my good friend Julius Nyerere (President of Tanzania) or Kenneth Kaunda (President of Zambia) — they all want power.

Even Nkrumah had power. But with me, not that I don't want power, but, if that power will bring about the destruction of my country, I don't want to be the instrument of my country's destruction; because I spent a great part of my life in fighting for the unity and peace of my country.

Well, the last question on the constitution. There is a Fundamental Objectives and situation. "It was felt by the Drafting Committee that the unfortunate omission in the some chapters dealing with these aspects of national life... fundamental objectives... Do you think that this section is necessary in a constitution for Nigeria?"

It is not necessary, generally speaking. But in view of the

Dr NNAMDI AZIKIWE, first head of State of independent Nigeria, gave an exclusive interview on Nigerian television to Boniface Ofokaja last November. The interview, which marked Zik's 72nd birthday, was so important in the light of the current

historical experience of our country, it should be very nice. What are our objectives? Do we want to be democratic? Do we are going to make it a one-party state or what not? It is think so.

Now, in giving guidelines, the Draft Committee rejected the recommendation of the sub-committee dealing with this aspect of the drafting of



IN THE days of his active political life Dr Azikiwe, (centre, in white, with black cap) seen surrounded by some of his ministers when he was Premier of the then Eastern Region of Nigeria, and National President of the NCNC.





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# 'I had a baby by the Reverend Father'



I was a primary four pupil in the Catholic Central School at Ukeke. Each time I went in for confession, the Rev Father would ask me to meet him in his private room for my confession. He coerced me into his bedroom and made love to me. At first, it was like a dream. I found it difficult to believe.

After some time I became afraid of going to the priest. I did not know that I was pregnant until certain changes were becoming noticeable in my physical appearance. I could not continue my schooling as my classmates made a mockery of my sluggishness.

Later, my mother questioned me, and concluded: "Vero, you are pregnant."

After I told her the story, she saw my reason for refusing to go the priest for confession again. She blamed me for not informing her of the sex advances the priest had made

Soon, the sexy priest became aware of my pregnancy and pleaded with me to have an abortion. But I refused to do so for fear of God.

Many people in Ukeke became aware of my fate. It I decided to keep in doing, I now that I have my baby. I still pound. I am now in voluntary confinement and only God will decide my future. I am sad that the Rev Father has marred my chances of receiving a good education. He has subjected me to misery and hardship. I rely on my poor mother for the As a widow, it is hard on my mother.

Veronica's mother, Mrs Felicia Nwodo, told DRUM

that her daughter did not tell her that the Rev Father used to have sex with her whenever she went for confession.

"When we contacted the Rev Father, he accepted responsibility for the pregnancy, and claimed that it was the 'work of the devil'. The priest influenced church leaders to prevent me from reporting the incident to the Bishop of Enugu, Dr Godfrey Okoye, who is in charge of Enugu Catholic diocese.

"The church leaders pleaded with me to appreciate the fact that the Roman Catholic Church came to Ukeke through the Nwodo family, and as such it would amount to a betrayal of trust to bring shame on the parish because of the shameful and, shocking action of one priest."

When DRUM visited Veronica in the Uwele-Amokofia village in Ukeke-Nsukka, a man who claimed to be her foster father condemned the Rev. Father for putting Veronica in the family way. The elderly man, Chief Anthony Nwodo, relaxing in his armchair, said that it was most unholy act for someone dedicated to the work of God to behave like an agent of evil.

Chief Nwodo claimed that the members of the entire family of Nwodo were studying the situation with a view to arriving at a positive line of action against the priest.

But Chief Nwodo later hinted that every effort to get the sexy priest had failed. He added that the priest had disappeared, and his information that the priest had escaped to Rome.

It was gathered that the sexy Rev Father started his secret

A fatherless Nigerian girl in primary four in an elementary school in Ukeke, a village near Nsukka, has claimed that she was made pregnant by a priest

of the Roman Catholic Church. The girl, Miss Veronica Nwodo, now aged 18, had a bouncing baby boy — they are pictured above — in August. Here is her story, as told to DRUM's Innocent Ezech.

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life of debauchery when he was in the seminary. He was said to have spent a six years' trial period instead of the usual three years before ordination. Some teachers who had come close to the Rev. Father talked of how carelessly he discussed sex.

In a similar development, a young woman in Enugu who a few years ago took the vow of chastity in the presence of the "Blessed Mother Mary and the Holy Court of Heaven" as a reverend sister was found to be pregnant.

The Rev. Sister, who was not initially aware of her pregnancy, had felt sick and decided to seek admission into one of the wards of the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital in Enugu for a bed rest.

But after diagnosing her illness, the hospital authority gave her the startling news of her pregnancy. She burst into tears and left the hospital before the news spread.

Her earlier devotion to her vows had earned the Reverend Sister a scholarship from the Roman Catholic Church to study business administration in one of Nigeria's institutions of higher learning. She graduated last June, but she did not join other graduates in the convocation ceremony because of her pregnancy.

She had been put in the family way by a man whose name is being withheld by herself. Meanwhile, the Rev. Sister has gone into hiding in her village home near Owerri in Imo State.

When DRUM tried to interview the Bishop of Enugu diocese, Bishop Godfrey Okoye, he said: "Go out of my house. I do not grant press interviews. This is my private

**ARCHBISHOP Francis Arinze, of Onitsha Ecclesiastical Province, talks to DRUM's Innocent Ezeh.**

house, go out please."

However, an official close to the bishop's court hinted to DRUM in confidence that the church authorities in Enugu have been holding a series of meetings in an effort to determine the fate of the pregnant sister.

He said that the church would have no alternative than to relieve her of her vows. It was not unusual for a reverend sister to relinquish her vows if so desired, but not under this condition, he added. During the Nigerian Civil War a reverend sister in "Biafra" fell in love with a man who later made her pregnant. No amount of threats could make the Reverend Sister repent her action.

Even the personal intervention of the Biafran leader, Mr. Chukwuemeka Ojukwu, could not influence the young lady's course of action.

At least three secular priests — Monsignor Augustine Duru, Rev. Father Bede Onooba and Father Sylvanus Iwe — have so far quit the priesthood for marital life in both Imo and Anambra States of Nigeria.

Commenting on the situation, the Archbishop of Onitsha ecclesiastical province, Dr. Francis Arinze, told DRUM that the vow of celibacy would remain in the Roman Catholic Church. There were strong theological reasons in its favour and it was one of the glories of the Catholic priesthood, he said.

The Archbishop explained that in its 1971 Rome Convention, the world synod of

churches voted in favour of this and also recognised that in emergency situations in some parts of the world, the Pope could use his extraordinary powers to allow a few mature married men to be ordained priests.

The failure of one or two priests among hundreds to keep this vow was not a good argument in favour of priests marrying, Dr. Arinze said, just as it was not logical to forbid the use of motor vehicles because of one or two bad accidents.

"We do not tell a whole army marching to victory to stop and disperse because three soldiers could not keep up with the march."

Answering a question on on what measures the church had taken against a priest alleged to have put a schoolgirl in the family way, and a rev. sister also said to be pregnant, he said: "Only the bishop of the diocese in question is in a position to answer that."

Could a person who has been a sister in the Roman Catholic Church ever be dispensed of her vows? Dr. Arinze said this could be done under certain conditions.

For the first few years, brothers and sisters took temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Only later did they take these three vows for their whole lives. These vows were free offerings.

Archbishop Arinze appealed to the Nigerian press to show appreciation for the sacrifices which priests, brothers and sisters made for the love of God and their neighbours. The press, he said, should not dwell on the failure of two or three and forget the heroically excellent performances of nearly 2,000 priests in the country.



**VERONICA's mother, Mrs. Felicia Nwodo, helps her daughter to look after her bouncing baby son.**

**SPECULATION** is growing that the Third World countries will press for the election of an African secretary-general of the United Nations Organisation when Dr Kurt Waldheim's second five-year term expires in 1981. Dr Waldheim of Austria, the fourth secretary-general of the world body has been confirmed in this office.

The voice of Africa is being increasingly heard at the United Nations and political pundits are already speculating that the Third World countries will unite to push through a candidate from Africa to take over from Dr Waldheim.

It is a formidable job, if the experience of former secretary-generals is anything to go by. But Africa does not lack the talent nor the expertise for the job. The continent has produced some of the best international brains who will stand up to the challenging post. Among the likely candidates are Dr Robert K. Gardiner, the Ghanaian economist who retired as executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to take up a ministerial job in his country, and Dr Bernard Chidzero, a Zimbabwean who headed the United Nations Development Programme in Nairobi, before moving to Geneva as head of the Commodities Section of GATT — the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Kenya can produce an array of candidates, among them the present Minister for Finance and Planning, Mr Mwai Kibaki. But perhaps the country's major hope will be Dr Joseph Gordon Odetoro Jow, who was Kenya's permanent representative at the United Nations until 1974.

Then there is the present secretary-general of the Organisation for African Unity, Mr William Eteki Mbomua, of Cameroon, who is likely to get the overwhelming support of almost all the member states of the OAU.

Another possible candidate for this top post will be the director-general of UNESCO, Dr Maktar Mb'ow of Senegal.

Tanzania has a vocal representative at the United Nations and a most popular and eloquent speaker in Mr Salim A. Salim. But the country is likely to back its Minister for Agriculture, Mr John Malecela.

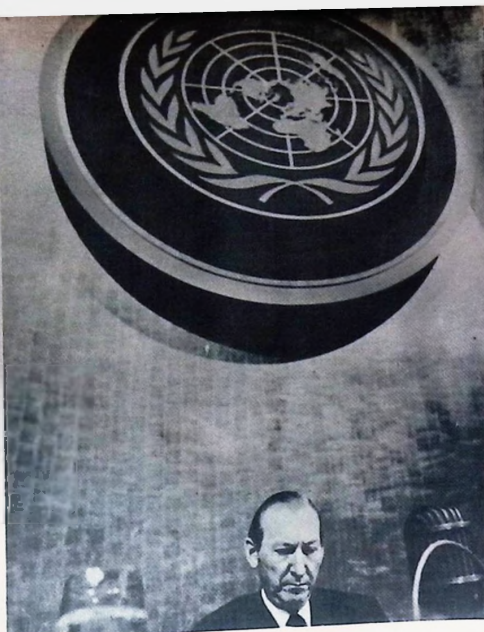
A Nairobi journalist, Mr Alfred Araujo, who has travelled extensively in the United States and met Dr Waldheim, says the job — often described as the most difficult in the world — just seems to grow on the incumbent.

Every person who has had it has stressed how exacting it is. But none has seemed too eager to give it up. The first, Mr Trygve Lie of Norway, called it "the most impossible job on this earth." Yet he would have served beyond his seven years had not the Soviet Union

stopped him after he came out against North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

The second, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden, wrote: "He who has

surrendered himself to it knows that the way ends on the cross." After nearly nine years



# Will an African head the U.N.?

P.G. Okoth investigates the role of the United Nations secretary-general and the possible successors to Dr. Kurt Waldheim (ABOVE).



SENEGAL'S Dr Maktar Mb'ow, director-general of UNESCO, is likely to be a strong candidate for the top United Nations post.



CAMEROON'S Mr William Eteki Mbomua, who would get an overwhelming OAU vote for the post of secretary-general.



TANZANIA'S Minister for Agriculture and former Foreign Minister, Mr John Malecela, another probable candidate.

as secretary-general he died a mysterious plane crash on peace mission to the Congo.

His successor, U Thant Burma, spoke of "the heavy responsibilities" of the office. He had to retire on account of illness after two terms totalling ten years. The fourth, a current secretary-general, Austria's Dr Waldheim, has termed the job "the most strenuous I ever had" and sometimes "most frustrating".

But Dr Waldheim said he would "regard it as a privilege and an honour" if he were re-elected. The Security Council recommended him over Sen. Luis Echeverria, ex-President of Mexico, for a second five-year term which started in January. The General Assembly endorsed the council's choice.

Senor Echeverria made the selection process a race by sending word that he would run for secretary-general "should there be a current opinion favouring a candidate from the Third World." China known to favour a Third Worlder for secretary-general, though not necessarily Echeverria, initially opposed Dr Waldheim's re-election.

The secretary-general gets roughly \$92,000 in salary and expenses, the use of a limousine and a luxurious New York residence.

But he scarcely has time to live there. He is busy with the problems of a far flung bureaucracy of upward of 12,000 international civil servants, and those of many of the 145 member nations as well.

"There is no family life any more," Dr Waldheim told an American news agency after some years on the job. "I have to be here from early in the morning until late in the evening."

"But what I want to say is that there are moments when you have satisfaction, if you liberate — if you're able to achieve the liberation of a few human beings, who are captured, put in a prison, and you are able to get them out, if you like. If you are able to contribute to the beginning of negotiating process somewhere in the world instead of having a new war there, this is a satisfaction, whether it's recognised or not."

Dr Waldheim is 58 and a politician. But he has turned out to be a big winner in international affairs.

His performance at the UN up to perhaps best be summed up by a remark he made to me at a news conference in a Nairobi hotel during a visit to Kenya in January, 1972.

"For too long we (the United Nations) have been accused of African concern. We have a lot of catching up to do, and we than behind you."

Dr Waldheim has managed often, which he so much loves to hate.

**A** MAJOR Government probe has confirmed a network of fraudulent activities by some private pools companies using public stake money and has provided a series of recommendations aimed at cleaning up pools promotions in Nigeria.

The committee of inquiry has recommended:

- The establishment of a National Council on pools betting to control pools operations in the country.
- That the Nigerian Pools Company Limited, as a Government concern, should be granted the sole monopoly of operating football pools betting in the country.
- That some of the proceeds be utilised for the development of sports and odds.
- The immediate revival of fixed betting odds.

These recommendations have been noted but a proper study of the issues will be undertaken before a decision can be taken.

The committee said that the internal audit section of Nigerpools was hopelessly understaffed, that most of the working staff in the accounts department were not up to standard and that indiscriminate issue of cheques or cash leaves room for

# POOLS PANEL PLAN AIMS AT BEATING THE CON MEN

malpractices and fraud. The committee found that pools agents or main collectors constituted the greatest threat of fraud in the company and that their total indebtedness during the period under review stood at N250,386.00 after writing off N37,384.00.

The committee has recommended:

- That the staffing of the internal audit be urgently improved so that all purchases (which should be centralised) and payments are routed through internal audit for inspection.
- That a qualified controller of finance and accounts should be recruited, and that purchasing should be centralised under a qualified and competent stores officer.
- That adequate records be maintained for both quantity and price of stores.
- That a clear policy on approval of contracts should be evolved.

- That the system of pools agents or main collectors should be abolished and that the Nigerian Pools Company should set up its own collecting centres in the various State capitals.

Proceeds from pools betting will in future be shared as follows:  
 Dividends to winners: 40 per cent.  
 Government levy: 15 per cent.  
 Collector's commission: 15 per cent.  
 Promoters' share: 30 per cent.

The committee says that the profitability of pools betting would not justify winding up the company and that the Federal Government should continue in the business. The Government has adopted this.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the board of the company are taking disciplinary action against some members of staff.

## 100% BOOST TO NIGERIA AIR FLEET

**N**IGERIA AIRWAYS, the country's national airline, now has a total fleet of 19 aircraft. This is made up of two each of Boeing 707s and 737s, one DC 10-30 and seven each of F 28s and F 27s.

Making this known at a Ministry of Aviation briefing in Ikeja, a spokesman for the company said that two additional Boeing 727s, one DC 10-30 and one Boeing 707 had been ordered and were due to be delivered this year.

The spokesman pointed out that the fleet operated by the airline increased by slightly over 100 per cent in 1976, with an increase of 50 per cent was envisaged for this year.

On the airline's international operations, the spokesman said it was already operating to countries in the heart of Europe. Nigeria Airways operate to London, Rome and Amsterdam and along the West Coast of Africa. The airline had succeeded in opening new stations in Niamey, Lome and Cotonou apart from its traditional routes, such as Accra, Abidjan and Freetown. There are also plans to open a route from Lagos to Jeddah through Kano.

He added that the utilisation of the aircraft owned by the airline would be progressively increased to meet the present and future traffic demand as the aerodrome development project embarked upon by the Ministry of Aviation was completed.

Other projects started by the airline in the last 24 months included provision of training facilities for a good number of Nigerian pilots, flight engineers and cabin crew both locally and abroad. The company has also acquired land at Ayobo Village near the airport, to meet the acute shortage of residential quarters for staff.



### BRIEFCASE

## 'Declare war on hoarders'

**A** TRADITIONAL ruler, Obafemi Awolowo (pictured LEFT), the Osofo of Isolo, has called for more firm measures against profiteers and hoarders.

Oba Disu, who was a beer seller before he became king, said that the situation had grown a lot worse than in his time. He said he used to get his beer cheaply direct from the UAC and that he sold to the public at an equally cheap price.

He condemned the action of distributors who inflate prices and said that these middlemen were the main cause of inflation.

### Travel cut

**T**HERE has been a drastic 50 per cent cut in the allowance for business travel outside Nigeria.

Under the new arrangement, the allowance will be at the rate of N80 per day up to a maximum of 15 days or N1,200 per trip. Also a ceiling of four trips a year has been placed on business travel for which foreign exchange approval will be given.

### Port relief

**T**HE N20 million terminal being built at Ikorodu began operation last December. The Stevin Group (Nigeria) Ltd was responsible for the major contract work at the site.

## HUGE SPENDING ON AIRPORTS

**T**HE FEDERAL Government has, through the Ministry of Aviation, paid about N200 million for work done in respect of airport development projects in the country in the past two years.

Of the total revised sum of about N700 million for the 1975-80 Airport Development Programme, about N400 million has already been committed in contracts.

Projects covered under the programme include a massive face-lift for Lagos Airport which, among other things,

was designed to handle all existing and future generations of aircraft.

It also provided for the expansion of Kano Airport and the reconstruction of Calabar airport runway to accommodate bigger aircraft.

Other airports affected are at Jos, Ilorin, Enugu, Port Harcourt, Maiduguri, Benin, Kaduna, Ibadan, Sokoto, Yola, Warri and Gusau.

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## PROFILE: AKANNI ALUKO

# A better deal for Nigerian businessmen

**L**ESS THAN six years ago Mr Akanni Aluko was just a bursar at the Fidiiti Grammar School, Fidiiti in Oyo State. Today he is the managing director of three companies.

He runs the Franco Daval Company Limited which has three major divisions — the Fish Marketing Division, the Educational Supplies Division, the Overseas Trade Division.

Talking about his move into big business, Mr Aluko said that since he started to earn a living, he had had his eyes on business. He believes that with dedication and hard work, he can succeed as a businessman.

When he was an accounts clerk with Nigersol Construction at Ibadan, and a bursar at Fidiiti Grammar School, his private business was also in progress. So when he decided to work on his own he was not entirely inex-

About his business chain and the role that each is playing in the economy of the country, Mr Aluko said the fish marketing division is chiefly concerned with the distribution of iced fish to the rural areas where refrigerated depots have been built. In these depots, fish can be stored for at least a week. He, however, added that fish were never stored for more than two days in any of the depots as demands are very high.

He expressed concern about the port situation, claiming that not enough berths were allocated to iced fish and that this was creating a lot of problems for his company.

The educational supplies division is also making tremendous progress. It now handles that a lot of financial constraint is still being placed on the indigenous businessman, unlike his expatriate counterpart who can always get a bank



**AKANNI ALUKO: a call for less restraint in business.** He appealed to the Federal Government to liberalise financial assistance to indigenous businessmen, adding that Nigerians were capable of doing good, honest and genuine business if they were given the right atmosphere.

The overseas trade division is chiefly a motor sales and service division.

Generally, Mr Aluko says that a lot of financial constraint is still being placed on the indigenous businessman, unlike his expatriate counterpart who can always get a bank

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# Opening up Benin lines with Nigeria

**T**HE telecommunications link between Nigeria and the Republic of Benin was inaugurated in January.

The Head of State, Lt.-General Olusegun Obasanjo, spoke to his Benin counterpart, Colonel Mathieu Kerekou, to formally inaugurate the link. He told Colonel Kerekou that it was a matter of great satisfaction that, through the joint efforts of the two governments, Nigeria and Benin could now communicate direct without having to pass through another continent.

The Head of State said the establishment of the link provided an important milestone in the forward march towards unity within West Africa. He said that it was also a positive contribution to the ideals and objectives of ECOWAS.

Replying, President

Kerekou said the opening of the link was a victory over international imperialism. He added that henceforth Nigeria and Benin would no longer go through Paris and London to communicate direct without should not be spared to link all parts of West Africa by all forms of communications with Lagos which is the headquarters of ECOWAS.

The Nigeria-Benin microwave link is part of the Pan-African Telecommunications Network. It covers about 100 kilometers and is a broadband microwave system with facilities for telephone, telegraph, data, facsimile and television transmission between Nicosm House, Lagos, Nigeria and PTT Cotonou, Benin. The system interfaces with the Benin system at Porto Novo.

## New bank to help house buyers

**T**HE Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria has been established. A Decree published in the recent Federal Republic of Nigeria Gazette provides that the bank should promote the mobilisation of savings from the public and invest them in companies engaged in the manufacture or production of building materials.

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The concept of using stable islands of sand for offshore structures was conceived by a Canadian group of geotechnical consulting engineers. Model evaluation and testing was carried out by the civil engineering department of King's College, London.

## Don't sell our birthright,

## Adeleye warns

**T**HE FEDERAL Commissioner for Industries, Dr T. A. Adeleye, has warned both foreign and indigenous entrepreneurs that the Government will not allow anyone to sell the birthright of Nigeria for "a mess of pottage."

Dr. Adeleye gave this warning in Lagos at a news conference he called to explain the provisions of the newly-proulgated Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree.

The Commissioner told newsmen that the new decree was a revision of the 1972 version designed to correct the shortcomings and abuses highlighted in the operation of the 1972 decree.

The new decree, he pointed out, provided for a full-time executive chairman and a secretary for the board. The board, he added, had been empowered to recruit its own staff and exercise necessary control over its affairs.

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The Commissioner emphasised that it was the wish of the Government to ensure a reasonably equitable spread of participation among Nigerians and that employees in the various enterprises had a stake in those enterprises.

Dr. Adeleye stressed that the Federal Government would enforce full compliance with all provisions of the decree.

He appealed to all those doing business in this country to be honest with one another and with the Government, adding that it was only then that the objective of making Nigeria happy place for all law-abiding businessmen could be realised.

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**L**IKE MANY other African businessmen who have emerged from grass to grace, Augustine Eikeme Ilobibe started as a reverent father's steward on a monthly salary of 8/- (80 kobo).

When he told his childhood friends of his dream of becoming a successful transporter, they laughed at him. But Ilobibe translated his dream into reality. Through hard work and courage he built one of the biggest transport businesses in Nigeria today — Ekene Dili Chukwu Transport Ltd.

He was born at Aba in the former Eastern Nigeria in 1932 and hails from Nnewi, near Onitsha. His father's death in 1942 was followed immediately by that of his uncle and so there was nobody to give him a good education.

His mother took him to Rev Father Kettes of the Neww Roman Catholic mission in 1946, who employed Augustine as a steward on a salary of 80 kobo per month. Six months later for his honesty, diligence and hard work, the Rev Father increased his salary to 90 kobo a month. After about 16 years in the service of the clergyman, Augustine's salary had risen to N4.50 and it was on this salary that he resigned. The Rev Father accepted Augustine's resignation with a gift of £35 (N70).

On leaving the mission, Augustine met disappointment from some relatives who failed to keep a promise of help. But he quickly formed an association with lorry drivers and later became a motor-park

## The steward boy strikes it rich

**HIS FATHER died when he was only ten. He worked for 16 years as steward boy to a priest, starting on a salary of 80 kobo. Today he is one of the most successful businessmen in Nigeria. He is Chief Augustine Eikeme Ilobibe, better known as the Augustine Eikeme Dili Chukwu Ltd, a company that operates a fleet of luxury buses and heavy trucks. Innocent Ezech reports.**

attendant. It was not an easy time for him.

Then a relation picked Augustine to be an apprentice trader in his motor spare-part business. He held this position for nine months before leaving to establish his own spare-part business. This was marked by a year's tremendous growth that expanded beyond the borders of Nigeria to Ghana.

From the spare-part business Augustine accomplished his childhood dream. He purchased his first vehicle — an Austin lorry — from SCOA Motors at Onitsha in August 1955. In November the same year he added another and thereafter he called it a halt to his spare-part business and devoted his time to transport.

In the beginning, his meagre financial background made people doubt his business's future but two years later he switched to Mercedes Benz lorries and the business grew so fast he invited his younger brother, Mike Ilobibe, to join him. Augustine found in his younger brother a useless and hard-working young man who

is now executive director of Ekene Dili Chukwu Ltd.

The business flourished until the outbreak of the Nigerian civil war, which hit it badly. But with the help of A. G. Leventis (Nigeria) Ltd, operations were quickly resuscitated. He was granted the status of an authorised dealer, throughout Nigeria, in Leventis Motors.

The operation of the company resumed in earnest with Augustine co-ordinating activities throughout Nigeria while Mike was responsible for the Onitsha head office and other local operations.

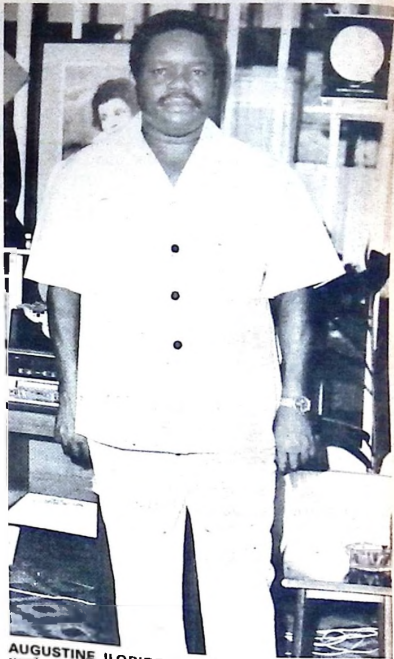
The fleet which started with one modest lorry has grown to over 400 vehicles including buses, mammy wagons and trailers for the hinterland. The company has about 1,500 workers spread all over Nigeria and records an average daily turnover of about 1,000 passengers. It now has two sister companies, the United Modern Bus Company and Ekene Dili Chukwu Steel Structures Ltd, which is responsible for assembling and building of trailers. Its initial capital is about N1 million.

The story of Ekene Dili Chukwu Ltd is another example of successful trading by a Nigerian firm involved in foreign products.

Because of his public spiritedness Augustine was elected a chief by his people and is now known as Chief Augustine Ilobibe, Ogbuefi Nnewi.

He says he is a Nigerian who believes in building capital for the benefit of his fellow citizens.

His company maintains an annual increase of between 50 and 70 in its fleet of motor vehicles, mostly luxury buses and heavy trucks. This is done with a view to ensuring good



**AUGUSTINE ILOBIBE** (at home, ABOVE LEFT; and at work, ABOVE) has come a long way since his youth.

and adequate services to travellers.

Chief Ilobibe, who has two wives and nine children, faces the problem of an extended family, but as a successful businessman he is spared the financial strains which the system has brought to many

Africans.

He is a member of many social clubs and is keen on lawn tennis.

One of Chief Ilobibe's wives described him: "He is a very hard-working man who believes in gaining success through dint of hard work."

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# GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROBE 'JESUS OF OYINGBO'

An appeal to the Federal Military Government of Nigeria, by the ex-wife of a self-styled 'Jesus'

In last month's issue of DRUM magazine (March, 1977), Miss Taiwo Oshinuga, who has three children by 'Jesus of Oyingbo' as one of his many wives, made some Mr. Emmanuel Odumoso, who says he is 'Christ Jesus'. What she says in this second even more. Here is her story as told to DRUM Editor OLU ADETULE.

**JESUS**, who had given an order that no one should go to hospital 'because only sinners fall sick and only sinners die', secretly took his Bishop to a hospital in Lagos. The poor man recovered a bit, but his right arm remained paralysed. When the man was receiving treatment in hospital, 'Jesus' told his followers that the man was on transfer to Ijebu-Ode. After the Bishop's return, he lived without any wife at Samolu. He was under orders not to talk to any of his wives or children. His first son left the sect after making plenty of trouble with 'Jesus'. After he left, he came back one day and tried to take his father away —without success. 'Jesus' later meted out punishment to his Bishop. He forced the Bishop to liquidate one of his personal businesses. Also, he sent him to his Mile 12 Ikorodu Road Poultry Farm and Bakery. After serving what 'Jesus' fest was enough penance, he returned him to Samolu.

## Contempt For The Dead

Mr. Odumoso often boasts that he cannot die. He says: I am God. I came

to save the world from destruction. I am the saviour. I am King of Kings, Prince of Peace'. He tries to make his followers believe that only sinners die. He treats the dead with contempt. These was the pathetic case of an adult member of the sect. The man was sick for sometime before he died. One day before he died, 'Jesus' want to see him. The man vomited while 'Jesus' was there. Some of his vomit landed on the dress of 'Jesus'. The 'Messiah' was so annoyed with the sick man who had been with 'Jesus' for eight years. When the man died, 'Jesus' said that he would take revenge on the man's corpse. He did ordered that nails, each two inches long, should be nailed on every lying space in the rough coffin he provided for the man. He ordered that the man's body should be laid on the row of nails. The man hailed from Abeokuta.

## Baby With Seven Fingers

"It would appear that Nemesis, the god of retributive justice has been catching up with 'Jesus'.



Miss Taiwo Oshinuga who was married to the self-styled 'Jesus' for 10 years, shows DRUM a copy of the 1973 Calendar published by Mr. Odumoso, who was dressed in the picture shown in the calendar, in the 1973 Calendar, now costing ₦60.00 a yard. For the 'Agbada' he wears in the picture, he would need expensive damask, now costing ₦600.00. The long gold chain round his neck costs at least ₦600; and the at least 10 yards, costing ₦600.00. But he often tells his followers not to take interest in 'the beaded cap on his head costs about ₦30.00. On the left of this picture is a youngman who things of this world'; because their reward is in heaven. On the left of this picture is a youngman who things of this world'; because their reward is in heaven. On the left of this picture is a youngman who things of this world'; because their reward is in heaven. He now lives with a 'Good Samaritan' in Lagos because he could not find any other member of his family. He too has told DRUM some very shocking stories about what goes on in the sect, in the name of religion.

slowly, but steadily. Some of the children born to him by some of his so-called wives were usually born abnormal. Some of them died at birth. One of such children was born with seven fingers on each hand. Another one had one eye as big as that of a cyclop, the other eye as small as that of a little bird. Some others among his children were crippled from the womb.

## Escape From Hell

"Sometime in 1975, 'Jesus' decided that he would lift the ban on radio sets, and allow us to listen to the news, a decision which helped me in a way, to get me out of the 'Hell'. One day

in September 1975, I was eating in my room when I heard a radio announcement that my grandmother was dead. I abandoned the food and rushed towards my mother's apartment, dawning the consequences of breaking the regulation forbidding any two relatives from talking together. I saw my mother and broke the news of her mother's death to her. She ment but she did not come to break the news to me and my sisters, out of fear of the penalty. She confessed to me that it was 'Jesus' himself who broke the news to her, but he had warned her not to tell me. I told mother I would go to the funeral ceremony to pay my last

respects to her mother. One girl, a notorious gossip, had eavesdropped on us, and she went straight to report me to 'Jesus'.

The man came to see me in my room immediately he got the report. He tried to get me to forget the idea of going to the funeral. He said the deceased woman was not my mother after all, but an ordinary grandmother, adding that her burial was not my business. I told him he was wasting his time. He said we should let the dead take care of itself. He also tried to put fear into my mind. That too failed to change my mind. I later discovered that he had given secret instructions to some people to keep an eye on me. Shortly after,



In this tract, Mr. Odumoso replies public accusations of blasphemy, and says: 'Blasphemy or no blasphemy, it is not your concern'.

PICTURES BY MATTHEW FAJI AND ADEOYE ABE



The white-walled palatial mansion which 'Jesus of Oyingbo' uses as his residence and Headquarters. It is situated at Onigbongbo, on the way to Murtala Muhammed Airport.

# 'JESUS' OF OYINGBO

he came to me and asked me to give him a date when he would start to sex me, in preparation for a new baby. I told him that having had three children, I was no longer interested in having more for him. I told him that I was fed up with his doctrine. He was shocked, and he commented that I was becoming too bold for his liking. I replied that I was fed up to the teeth with him and his so-called heaven. Sometime later, I fell sick. When I was a bit strong, I thought for a long time, and concluded that I just had to leave the place within 24 hours.

"I did not confide in my twin sister, Kehinde, because she was too much afraid of 'Jesus', and she could leak my plan to him. First I called her the next day, I went to 'Jesus'. When he saw me, he was glad. What a pleasant surprise," he said. "Are you ready to have sex with me now?" I told him that I had come to tell him I was getting out of his sect that very day. I said 'I want to go back to the world you have always condemned, whereas you want to go into it to enjoy yourself secretly.' He was shocked. He reacted. You want to go into the wicked world where people kill their fellows to make money. He said he saw that I was serious, he piped down, and tried to play it cool with me. He asked me to ask him for anything I wanted. I said I needed nothing except my individual liberty. He turned my back on him, and returned to my room. He came after me and told my twin sister to persuade me not to leave. He asked me whom I was going to meet? I told him I was going to meet my father. He said that my father was dead. I told him he lied. My sister too tried to persuade me not to leave. She said in the world I was going, people were suffering there. I knew she was talking there to generate, or fear, or both 'Jesus' sent for my mother. Poor woman! She tried to change my mind. She too failed.

"When the fake 'Jesus' saw that I was determined to leave, he tried to get my children by threatening that he would not let me go with my children. He asked 'So you wish to go into the world to use the clothes I bought for you?' I replied that the clothes were mine. After he said 'you made love to me' and I have three children for you' I added that I was fed up with him and his sect

## Am I false in my claim?

SEARCH all things and said fast that which a Trick, otherwise you will be getting yourself into trouble by taking an Oathing about which is beyond your understanding. The Last Day, there is no saying that, being a 'STONE' the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. I pay those who formulate lies against ME and the Repentance Group, saying any amount of foolish things to flatter the said Group. This will not result in their happiness.

If you are there you have got your Salvation elsewhere, HGLD IT FAST, AND if you are on a still foundation, WAIT FOR IT. Do not worry yourself by going against what I have believed to be the Salvation.

More-over there is next to human rebellion against God, if you think I am false, and in the long run it becomes true that I am ME, what will be your future position?

If I, Immanuel who claim to be the Messiah, the Last Hope of mankind were false and deceitful, GOD SHALL BRING ON ME, OLSUNMIAYO, JEREMIAH, AND MY HOUSEHOLD, ALL THE PLAGUES MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE INCLUDING NAAMAN'S LEPROSY, AND OTHER EVILS CONTAINED THEREIN. AMEN. AMEN.

But if my claim is true, the work will grow from strength to strength against the powers of this wicked world. But I warn the benighted mothers, and those who formulate awful lies against Me and the Repentance Group, to be careful henceforth THE EVILS AND WAGES MENTIONED ABOVE BEYOND THEIR POSITION.

Immanuel  
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One of many tracts distributed to members of his sect. In this one, he invokes the wrath of God on himself, if he is false and deceitful.

where children are not allowed to go to school. He then promised to send me to England to study. I told him 'U.K. or no U.K. I am fed up with you and your fake and cruel religion. You and your money can go to hell' I told him he saw that nothing could stop me, he gave up trying.

"After I had packed all my things, he came to offer me his Mercedes 280S and one van to convey my things to wherever I wanted to go. But first, he asked me 'Have I been a good man? Am I guilty of any crime?' I looked him right in the face and said 'Mr. Jesus, you are guilty of great and shocking crime.' So that is what you are going to tell the world?' I quickly used my senses and decided it was best to flatter him at that stage. I replied that his sect was not my business, but my life was mine, and no matter what he thought he was, Jesus or God, he had no right to my life. I told him I was already old enough to know what was good or bad for me. I told him I would tell people that I got out of his sect because I was fed up.

He stretched out his hand, and said 'Shake me for that. I will give you some money for that. If you are fed up with the world, come back to our fold.' He went to his place, and returned to give me N100.00. He said 'he would pay for my rent whenever I got a flat, and he would give me more money when-

ever I needed it, on the one condition that I did not tell anyone 'his' secret. He instructed my mother to accompany me to town. I could not trace anyone, having lived in forced seclusion since 1966. I later traced my father, and he was glad to see me. He gave thanks to God. He has since been very kind to me. In November, 1976, I went to the Headquarters of the Lagos State Police Command at Lion Building to seek their help in taking my children from Mr. Odumoso. They were very sympathetic towards me when they heard my story. They helped to get my case before the 'Ikeja Juvenile Court'.

The presiding Magistrate, Mr. G. O. Adeogun, described Miss Oshinuju's case as a pathetic one. He observed that Mr. Odumoso had failed to come to court to tell his own side of the story. The Magistrate granted her custody of her three children, and ordered 'Jesus' to pay her N20.00 a month maintenance allowance in respect of each of the children.

In her evidence earlier, Miss Oshinuju told the Magistrate that she had the children for 'Jesus' by force. She said that 'Jesus' kept her in confinement within the compound of his sect, and allowed her out only once a year. She also said that her twin sister, Kehinde, and their younger sister, Idowu, also had children for 'Jesus' under duress. Their



'Happy Days Food Centre' in Somalia, is one of many businesses operated by 'Jesus of Oyingbo'. Near it is 'Ideal Barbers', also owned by him.



mother was also in the sect. Miss Oshinuju told the court that she wanted custody of her children so that she could put them in school. Taiwo, her first son, was then seven years old, and 'Jesus' had not put him in school. The other two children were also of school age. Miss Oshinuju quoted 'Jesus' as saying that his children need not go to school. She said: "All the children do is eat, play, sing and sleep." She said that 'Jesus' said his children do not need to go to school because 'the money is there'.

### Ban On Newspapers And Magazines

She went on: "Members of the sect are not allowed to read newspapers or magazines. Until two weeks before I left the place, we were not allowed to listen even to radio broadcasts. But secretly, Mr. Odumoso read newspapers and magazines, and he listened to radio programmes. He also bought nude pictures. He had a number of fine records and he enjoys popular music. Members are not allowed to attend parties, but he himself attends parties secretly—always gaily dressed, with the colour of his dress to match the colour of the car he rides in. The idea is to prevent us from knowing what is going on outside, so that since we would have nothing to compare with, we would not know we were

wasting our lives. The children that were born inside there do not know anything about the outside world. Even when I left the place, I was a complete stranger in Lagos, a city where I was born and bred."

"I appeal to members of the public to pray for all the people who are still in the hell called 'Heaven' so that they too may see that they are wasting their lives. I appeal also to the Federal Military Government to come to the aid of the innocent people who are suffering in silence under the firm grip of the fake 'Christ Jesus'. The fake Jesus often boasts that he had powerful friends in high places. I know that people should be free to practise any religion of their choice, but the things which 'Jesus of Oyingbo' does in the name of religion will shock many people. Some of the things which he does are unprintable. The government should set up a special panel consisting of men and women of high integrity to investigate the activities of the man. Their findings will shock mankind. The man has gone too far, and the government owes a duty to the public by cutting him back to size. He is exploiting the freedom of religion entrenched in the Nigerian Constitution. But frankly, and without prejudice, he has gone many kilometres too far, thereby bringing total ruin to many happy hitherto family.



# It's cheeky Festac!

**DRUM** joins in the rejoicing of Festac to bring you a cheeky look at one of the festival's lighter moments: when the Swazi dance group broke the rules, and nobody in the audience objected

**F**OR Nigerians, one of the most interesting events presented during the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture in Lagos was the Swazi traditional dance. Presented on more occasions than originally scheduled, the dance, featuring both male and female dancers, communicated great excitement. When the Swazi girls came on stage — pictured **LEFT** and **RIGHT** — the spectators were spellbound. The International Festival Committee had ruled that no female participant should come on stage with her breasts bare. The Swazi girls not only broke that regulation, they also came on stage with their bottoms fully exposed. And the onlookers — among them members of the International Committee, clergymen, diplomats and high-ranking government officials from various parts of the world — cheered the Swazi girls. Surely bottom power had won. It seemed the Festival Committee rightly decided to take no action. When a beautiful girl is generous enough to show off what she normally likes to keep fully wrapped, it is a matter for congratulations, not an inquiry.

Pictures By: Matthew Faji





Kaduna's Durbar was one of the most spectacular aspects of Festac, the festival which gripped world attention. The four-day Durbar featured more than 2,500 horses. DRUM's Matthew Faji was on hand to record the event.



LEFT: Heavily turbaned horse riders march past the crowd at the Grand Durbar. They impressed all visitors with their appearance and grand bearing — and their spectacular costumes.

# FESTAC

LEFT: The drummers arrive for the customary ceremony. Their skill thrilled the huge crowd. BELOW: As part of his own contribution to the Durbar, this Katsina man shows his tricks with a knife. Here he plucks out his eyeball.



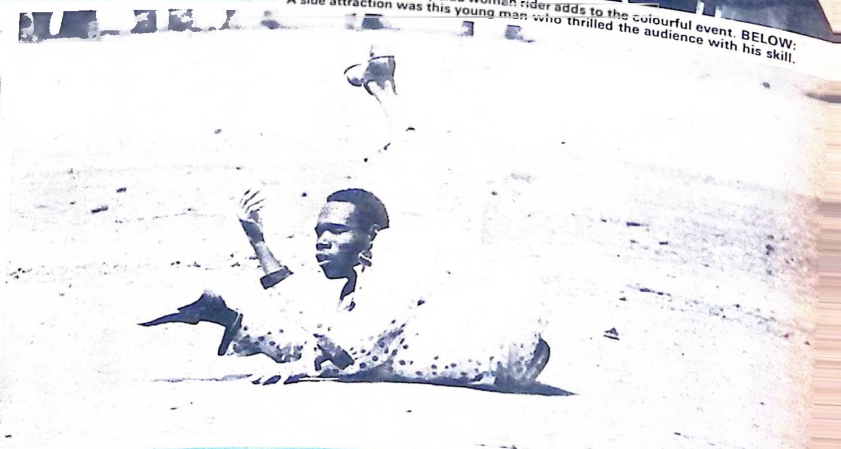


ABOVE: Nigeria's Head of State, Lieut-General Olusegun Obasanjo, joins President Ahmadu Ahidjo of Cameroon and other senior officers in enjoying the spectacle.



ABOVE: A traditionally clad woman rider adds to the colourful event. BELOW: A side attraction was this young man who thrilled the audience with his skill.

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# CALL ME MA

**The place is Ajegunle on the outskirts of Lagos. It is otherwise known as Jungle City, where anything can happen. That is where 60-year-old Alice Obioha carries out her business of training prostitutes. Drum's Innocent Eze went to talk to her about her trade and brought back these pictures of her and her girls.**



**S**IX YEARS ago Alice Obioha left her village in Eastern Nigeria for a business trip to Lagos. She took with her a few young women as maids.

She quickly settled down in Ajegunle where she started petty trading in foods. But the business was not paying its way — so Madame Obioha took up another trade. She decided to run a brothel.

Her maids were made to service the brothel with the condition that they should practise prostitution for six months and would then be eligible themselves in the prostitution market.

Here, Madam Obioha talks about her business and how she came into it.

progressed, I saw my income dwindling so I decided to run another business that could help augment my sinking earnings.

After many days pondering, I made up my mind to run a brothel. But the initial problem remained. How could I raise a number of beautiful girls to service the house for interested males?

I told my maids and one of them demanded sort of conditions of service for the work. I did not hesitate to spell out the terms for them.

I told them that they were to remain as call girls serving the brothel for six months. During this period they were to serve as apprentices and any money accruing from their services

would be mine. I was responsible for their feeding and clothing during this period.

After six months the girls were free from my control. They went out to earn their own living.

Before I decided to go into this business, some men had approached me with their girlfriends to offer them places for fun and pleasure. This I did, and charged 50 kobo per hour per bed.

I recruited young women from various parts of Nigeria to work for me and train in professional prostitution for six months, at the end of which they went out on their own.

I recruited as many as possible initially and about N2,000 came into my hands

each year.

Our condition of recruitment was based purely on personal interest. A woman who had no flair for prostitution was not allowed to come into the business, as the qualification for entry was the interest or inclination.

Of course, some of the girls later picked up their own work elsewhere either in the course of their apprenticeship or afterwards.

Every woman in the brothel was financially accountable to me. Any amount she made from men inside or outside my brothel during the period of her training went into the coffers of the brothel.

Any woman who breaks her contract cannot be allowed to go away with anything that

belongs to the brothel. She can only walk away with the dresses she came in.

I have no need to go about now looking for interested women. They now come to me and plead to be allowed to train and work for me, but I cannot accept anyone working for me after the training period.

I do not go out to recruit the women now. This is done on my behalf by agents to whom I pay commission depending on the number of women they recruit. The agent can travel to any part of the rural areas in the country on a recruitment drive.

Any prostitute recruited by any agent would be entitled to a part of her earnings after she has completed the six months training. This was a good inducement for interested girls.

In a month, my agents used to recruit more than 20 girls so that I had over 100 of them at one time.

But the business is not so smooth now because many parents have taken measures to check the movements of their daughters. And besides, other interested businessmen and women have stepped into the business less lucrative.

To counter this stagnation in the business, I am planning to engage those girls who are freed from my brothel in petty trading. I shall pay them while they live in their houses and work for me, but not as prostitutes.

I also train the young women to save money. All the

HAVING lost my husband and four children during the Nigerian Civil War, I was faced with the bitter problem of how to earn my living after the devastating war.

I put in all the means at my disposal to find work in my village in the former East Central State of Nigeria — but to no avail. Nobody was prepared to help me.

One day in 1971, I decided to try life in Lagos, where I used to stay with my husband before the war. I left for Lagos with some babies whose names would not like to reveal — but they were all my maids.

I settled in Ajegunle trading foodstuffs such as yam, rice and garri. My maids were market attendants. But as time



MADAME OBIOHA, with her girls, outside their trading house in Jungle City.

money made by a girl during her training cannot be totally used by me. I have to save a part of it even though this is not a condition of their apprenticeship — it is just that I want the woman to go out after the training period with a good impression of me.

This was another means by which I was able to secure a good public image. Those girls who had left me helped to draw more girls to me and in these cases I paid the girl who brought in others a handsome remuneration.

Meanwhile I have increased my brothel fee to one naira per hour per bed while the negotiation for the pleasure fee is between the call girl and her prospective customer.

I have another reason for being in this business and that is sympathy for our girls who roam about the streets looking for jobs and husbands. I have come across one such girl who needed an attachment with someone, and I helped her by introducing her to a man.

I did not start my life as a prostitute but I came into this business in a frantic attempt to help myself and other interested and helpless sisters and brothers. This is a much more preferable business to robbery and stealing.

A prostitute who repents can be forgiven more easily than a thief. This is my belief.

The business of prostitution was very profitable — that is until the recent untrained entry of so many people into it. Since I came into the business I have lived up to my expectation in personal fortunes. But one aspect that involved me deeply was that most of the young men who visited my brothel showed much interest and were willing to remain my regular customers. They saw that my charge was cheap and the girls beautiful.

Even a man who told me that I was not going to cope with the social problems involved in prostitution has since become one of my most regular and prominent customers, coming twice a day.

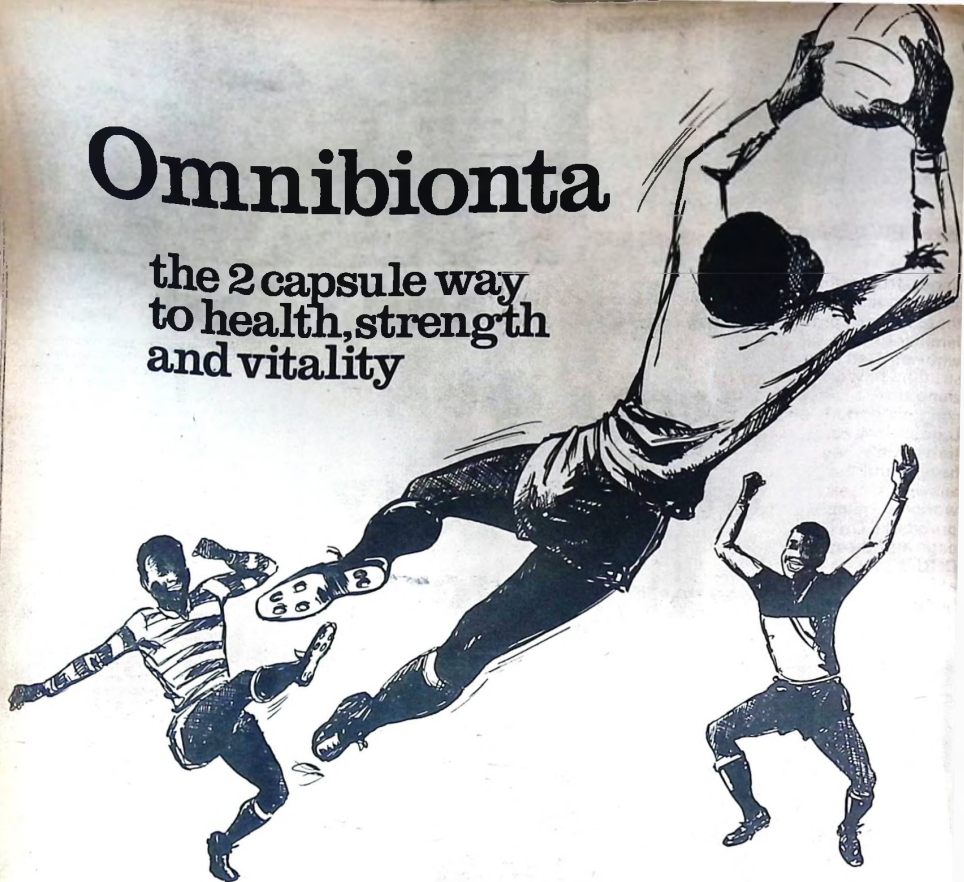
Madam feels that it is better to encourage and recognise the place of prostitution in our society. She says:

"It is better for a man to enjoy sex with a prostitute than indulge in adultery, rape or defilement that can end in disgrace and social punishment. It is also better for an unmarried woman to earn her living through prostitution than indulge in armed robbery."



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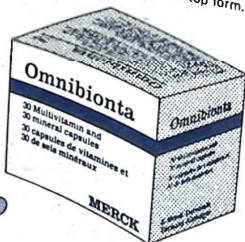


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## Sit back and relax! Here's the free and easy way to work

Anger, frustration and despair . . . these feelings are familiar to anyone who has tried to struggle to work along the congested roads of Lagos. Now some firms think they have found the answer to their workers' travelling problems. On this page and the next, DRUM takes a look at the staff bus boom.



HOW to beat those workday travelling blues . . . This private bus is carrying workers to their jobs in Lagos port complex. It's a comfortable, carefree trip that costs them nothing.

**T**HE latest attempt to ease the frustrations of Lagos people travelling to work seems to be a success.

In mid-1976 the inscription "Staff Bus" began to appear on luxury buses on some Lagos highways. For a small number of the city's workers in the private sector, these two words have meant a welcome end to travel trouble.

Already the Federal and Lagos State Governments have shown considerable interest in the idea.

The introduction of the staff bus system, specially in Lagos city, has been a success, but there is urgent need to extend the idea if all workers in the congested city are to benefit.

Is there any Government plan to improve land transport in the current National Development Plan? In the Third National Development Plan 1975-80, N7.3 billion has been allocated as capital expenditure in the transport sector for land transport alone.

This is a huge sum, which if used wisely can lead to improvements and expansion in the transport services.

Our system must be geared to support the annual growth in commerce, agriculture and industry. But up to now the performance and co-ordination in transport have not been satisfactory. These problems may be caused partly by mismanagement, inadequate mobilisation of material resources and poor general control.

There is a need for immediate management reforms, an infusion of skilled personnel, reform of the old transport institutions and need for new ones.

And, many would say, for many more staff buses. The Toyota Coaster standard and the Coaster de-luxe are some of the popular buses sought by employers. Both models are sold by T. R. Briscoe of Nigeria.

The Coaster standard has 26 seats, and the de-luxe, which has air conditioning, 22 seats. They cost N7,045 and N9,270

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With air conditioning, piped music and  
someone else to do the driving...



# Suddenly, getting to work is fun

**BUS 800M** continued

respectively, ex-delivery Lagos.

Another popular make is the Mazda bus — which has a built-in radio. What a difference that makes!

The Civilian medium luxury bus is another choice among employer users. This model cost ₦8,215 at the time of writing. It takes 25 passengers and is distributed and sold by Intra Motors of Nigeria.

We chatted with some of the bus users in their offices in Lagos. Here is what they said

about the new services.

**DRUM:** How do you catch these buses in the morning?

**USER:** The Personnel Department has arranged specific bus routes for us. All workers in that area have to go to that bus stop to wait for the bus.

**DRUM:** How do you manage to get home during the rush hour individually?

**USER:** Most workers who live in these specific areas take the

bus at the office and get off at the nearest bus stop to their homes.

**DRUM:** Do you find that the provision of these buses is a relief?

**USER:** Yes, it is. We don't have to struggle as we used to. We get to the office on time, fit and ready to do our jobs. No more losing of Naira notes, eye-glasses, wrist watches, rough handling of wigs and the

other usual frustrations:

**DRUM:** You said that one of the buses goes to Ikeja, Ikorodu Road via Yaba and the other bus via Ibeju, Surulere, Ajegunje and Lagos. What happens to other workers who live in the Ikoyi-Maroko areas?

**USER:** They may be fewer, and have to make personal arrangements to get to the office.

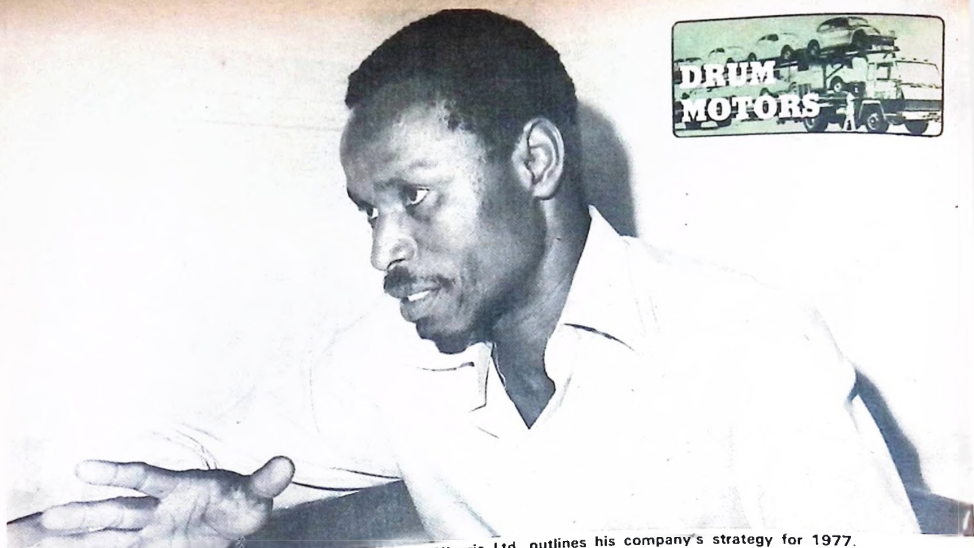
**DRUM:** Do you pay fares on the buses at any time?

**USER:** No. It costs us nothing.

Obviously much has been done, but there is still room for improvement. What must be realised is that when workers get to the office late very day, we are turning the clock back. When workers get home too exhausted, it is bad for employers and the nation. Feeble workers can't shine. Who'll act to save their good health and their time?



**BUSES** make the going easy... and though staff buses can't cut down on road congestion, at least they can get the individual worker to his job feeling a little less frustrated than he felt before.



**MOVING** time: Mr Ogunlaja, of Transcap Nigeria Ltd. outlines his company's strategy for 1977.

# Keeping the country moving...

**T**HE under-developed countries are passing through an industrial revolution. Such is the importance of the new economic development that the role of commercial vehicles cannot be over-estimated in Nigeria.

Without the adequate supply of trucks, petrol tankers, buses, pick-ups and vans the economy may suffer, for commercial vehicles have proved to be the sinews of our economy.

If there were no commercial vehicles around, commerce and industry would come almost to a standstill. A shortage of petrol tankers alone can disrupt the flow of people and goods. If our railway system is not good enough to cope, chaos is inevitable.

To save the situation our transport system must be geared towards better road programmes. Our vehicles need good roads to use if they are to serve us for longer.

A free flow of raw materials and manufactured goods is very important and has an enormous impact on citizens' lives. The cost of goods and their availability in the markets depends on their free flow from one state to the other.

When a commodity becomes scarce, the price is pushed up and high prices and inflation result.

During a visit to Transcap Nigeria Ltd. at Apapa recently, DRUM talked to the transport manager of the company, Mr. G. O. Awosanya, and Mr. Ogunlaja, his assistant.

Transcap is a branch of C.F.A.O. of Nigeria Ltd. and a clearing-house for C.F.A.O. and its sister companies.

The company uses Henschel and Nissan trucks for the removal of goods from the wharf to customers' warehouses in Lagos state.

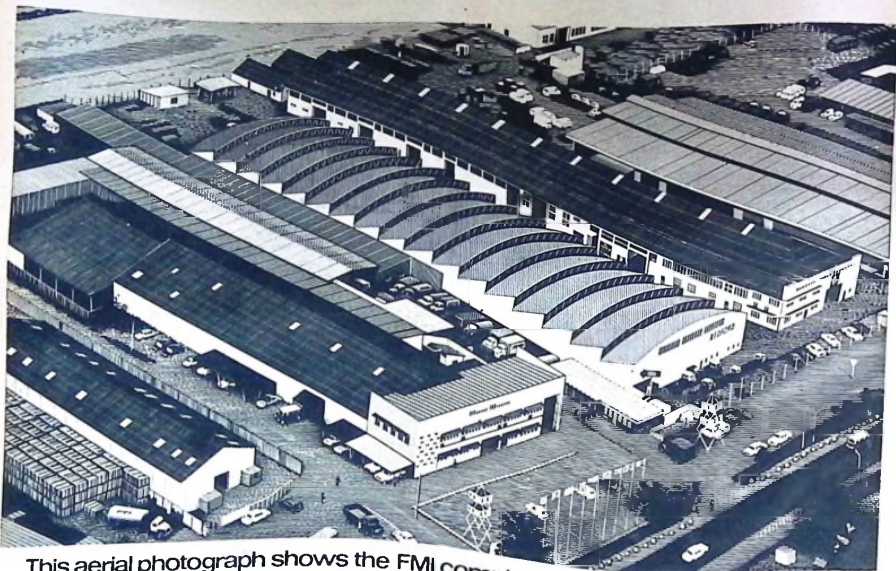
The Nissan trucks, which are the latest products in the commercial sector, have special features. Instead of the six cylinders most trucks have, Nissan trucks have eight cylinders, a factor that makes them the giants of the road.

"We started using the Nissan trucks in 1974. A 40-ton truck has been used to carry heavy trucks and they are built to

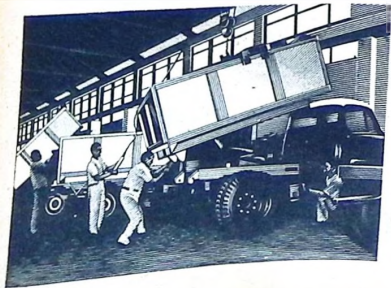


**GIANT** of the road: One of Transcap's 40-ton Nissan trailers on its way to a customer.

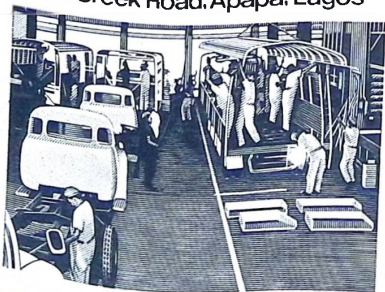
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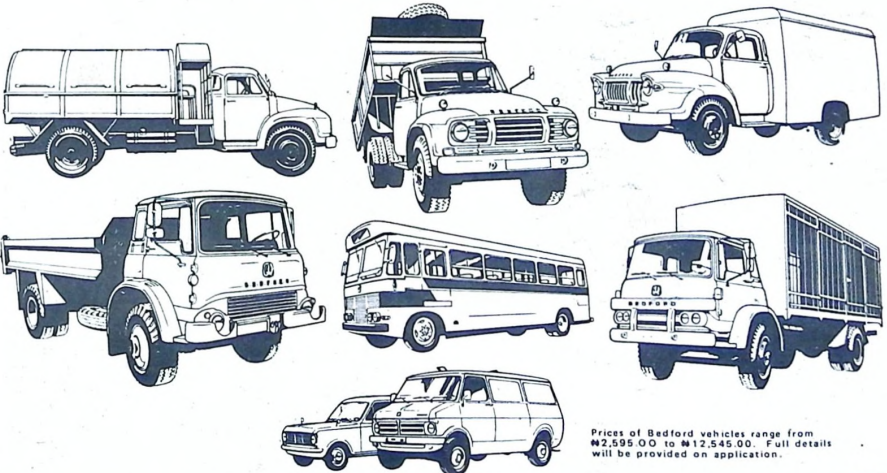
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stand all-day jobs," said Mr Awosanya. The trucks are used by Triana and Panalpina, outstanding clearing houses in Lagos.

You can hire a truck for a daily rate. For a 25-ton or 40-ton trailer it is N5 per ton per day.

We have also visited the Cornerstone Organisation Ltd., whose transport manager, Mr Julius Adekunle Joan, welcomed us to his office for talks.

The company specialises in oil transportation in Nigeria. It is sole agent for some of the largest oil companies in the country, transporting oil for the National Oil and Chemical Marketing Company Ltd. and

Esso West Africa Ltd.

The Cornerstone Organisation uses Mercedes-Benz trailers. The trucks are built by the Metal Construction Company of Nigeria and the main units are bought from the Levantis and BEWAC motor companies. These trailers range from 30 to 40-tonners which can carry 27,550 litres of oil to 15-tonners with a capacity of 13,800 litres.

MR Julius Joan, Cornerstone Ltd.'s operations manager: a strong believer in progress.



The distribution network of Cornerstone extends to the Chad Republic.

"We have a fleet of these great vehicles, yet when demand is great we hardly cope with the situation. For instance, the National Oil Company may request that they need so many thousand litres in Sokoto and it is our obligation to fulfil the request," Mr Joan told DRUM.

The organisation is well established. It has four special sections: maintenance, painting, beating, vulcanising and painting. Each is manned by a sectional head responsible to the transport manager or the superintendent.

Mr Bashirun Samusi, 23, an ex-pupil of Elkuro Methodist School, Ibadan, heads the vulcanising section of the company.

## Feeling tyred?

DOWN among the tyre Cornerstone's Mr Bashirun Samusi takes look at a tyre that has seen many thousands miles of service. Cornerstone are agent for some of the largest companies in Niger and their trucks cover great distances in the work to keep Nigeria the move. The company has a complete tyre vulcanising section under the control of Mr Samusi and has all the facilities to keep Cornerstone fleet of trailers in act



# Crash! There goes a million or two

**T**HE CAR has made a formidable impact on the welfare of our society. You can see it in the frequent screaming headlines in our dailies about the increasing numbers of deaths on our roads and, of course, the harrowing revelations from the statistics themselves.

Motor accidents constitute one of the great unsolved health problems of our nation. It is sad to note that despite all the road safety campaigns and propa-



ganda, the accident toll keeps soaring every year. This year millions will be lost through death and destruction of property.

But accidents don't just happen — they are caused. Caused either by the driver, through negligence or poor maintenance, or by the manufacturers, through dangerous design, bad engineering or both.

In other words the real causes of road accidents are not mysteries. Most of the accidents that claim the lives of our men and women need never happen.

Poor maintenance has been the

scourge of our time as far as road accidents are concerned.

Vehicle maintenance is so important that it often sounds synonymous with vehicle safety. Quite apart from the embarrassments of breakdowns as a result of poor maintenance, a vehicle that is not properly and regularly maintained is like a loaded gun.

Everything mechanical is subject to wear and parts do need renewing or adjusting.

There are two basic reasons why regular maintenance should not be neglected. The first is safety and the second is the bad effect poor maintenance can have on the life span of the vehicle.

In this we shall concern ourselves with the safety aspects of maintenance. Vehicle safety, after all, is not a matter of choice but a matter of course; it is never regarded as an optional issue. This is because the owner of a defective vehicle exposes not only his own life to danger but also those of other road users.

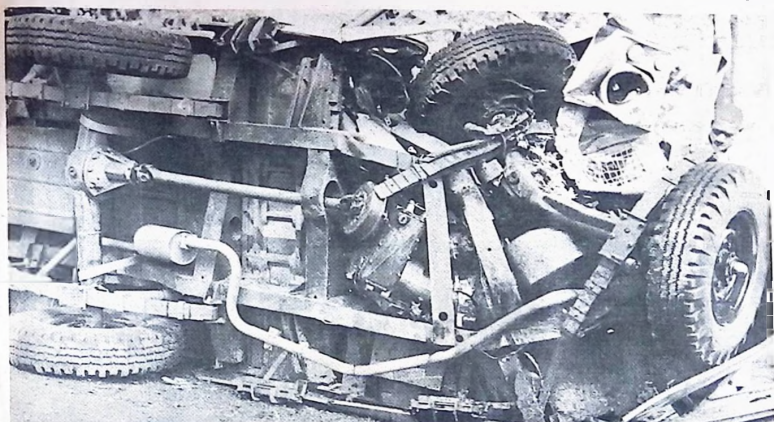
Safety can be divided into two categories — primary and secondary safety. These are the terms usually employed by the manufacturers when describing the safety features built into their vehicles. While the buyer can do very little to change the original design, he can do more to help safety than many people think.

By primary safety we mean features like safe handling, accurate steering and good brakes — all those things that will help to prevent accidents happening.

The things that are incorporated in the vehicle to minimise damage to occupants after an accident are items of secondary safety. Typical examples are things like the strength of door locks and crumple zones, passenger compartment strength, seat belts and recessed instruments.

It is silly to buy one of the so-called super cars and sit back in the foolish belief that you are safe. Without a proper maintenance service you are not safe at all. In fact, the extra cash you have paid to have those excellent built-in mechanical safety gadgets may be a waste of money if you don't maintain them properly.

A good example is the



CAREFUL driving is not enough ... there are so many mechanical parts that can go wrong.

## POW! The dangers of those burst tyres

**A**BURST tyre can be dangerous. What are the main causes of bursts?

Many manufacturers have always claimed that under-inflation of tyres is a primary cause. But there are common causes too.

Serious damage can be done when a car hits a kerb. High speed is another source of damage, because speed causes heat and heat is rubber's enemy. Avoid top speed over a long distance.

Because the air in the tyre carries the weight of the vehicle, it is advisable to have the tyres inflated to the pressures laid down in the instruc-

tion book.

A regular check on pressures is necessary at least once in a week. Don't forget your spare tyre, too.

Should a rear tyre suddenly burst, the best action is to hold the steering wheel very firmly and concentrate on keeping the car on a straight course.

Obviously, the greater the speed, the greater the risk of disaster. The

vital point to remember here is that if a front tyre bursts, you must keep the speed of the vehicle the same after the incident and not apply the brakes instantly.

Keep to a straight course until you come to a standstill. If the necessity arises apply the brakes, but only very gradually. Let the car slow itself down.

Remember that if, say, your front offside tyre

bursts, the application of the brakes will eventually pull the car over to the kerb.

Keep tyre pressures right and your wheel-nuts tight. Punctures are common when the tyres are worn out, but a leaking valve can also give trouble. When you are driving and the car seems to be veering to left or right, this is a sign of a puncture. Slow down and take a look.

# MAINTENANCE: the most vital safety measure

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**BRAKING** system. For obvious reasons brake shoes wear and this calls for continuous adjustment and eventual renewal. Many vehicles have a hydraulic system. The hydraulic fluid deteriorates, and when cylinders become worn rubber seals are damaged. When this happens it would be risky to continue to use the car without a complete overhaul of the system.

**TYRES**, too, wear with use. To continue running about road holding capability, ineffective braking power and a high risk of a blow-out. Even running new tyres with wrong pressures can ruin them.

A tyre whose tread has worn beyond 1mm in thickness is automatically considered dangerous. At this precarious stage the tyres can blow out at any time. If it happens at high speed the consequences may be tragic.

Worn tyres increase the chances of skidding tenfold. The treads are designed and patterned to grip the road surface by providing friction. Worn tyres lack essential properties and they simply slip on the road surface.

About 40 per cent of skidding accidents are due to worn tyres. In the rains the risks are much higher. You are more likely to have flat tyres if they are worn. They easily pick up nails, broken bottles and flints

since the treads which cut these risks to the minimum are non-existent.

In most advanced countries a legal limit is set for the thickness of tread permissible. If your tyre is worn beyond the limit you commit a traffic offence and can be prosecuted. In Britain the legal limit is 1mm and every motorist knows the legal implication of breaking this law.

Often find it difficult to understand why some motorists show dismay when they are arrested for using worn tyres. The police authorities are only safeguarding our lives.

Similarly, using a car whose **STEERING** has developed some play is like handling dynamite. Such cars are hard to control and could spell disaster for careless owners and innocent road-users.

It can be argued that if such heartless car owners are tracked down and banned from our roads, many of the agonies we now witness would be avoided. No right-minded Nigerian should protest if the Government takes stern measures against the use of unroadworthy cars.

The same thing goes for defective braking systems, defective suspension, bad

wheel alignment and unbalanced wheels.

The number of cars that are defective in one or more safety components is staggering. A high proportion of cars over five years old on our roads have dangerous components. Even newer cars have been found to be defective.

It is disheartening to find that our traffic stream has become a medley of ramshackles. One in three headlamps is badly adjusted, one in five cars has faulty steering, one in five two-year-old cars have ineffective headlights, one in four has no sidelight or rear light indicator, and one in every five has no working spotlight.

Rusted **BODYWORK** is another menace. This is probably the most dangerous phenomenon in our midst. An occupant surrounded by decrepit metal bodywork exposes himself to massive injury or even death if an accident happens.

How can you keep your brakes in good repair? The system is made up of rapidly wearing parts. Brake linings should be adjusted at every service, and, where specified, the hydraulics should be checked for leaks and the fluid

changed every 18 months.

The steering column cannot be left out of the maintenance schedule. When checking the steering joints, the **SUSPENSION** should also be included.

The importance of **SHOCK ABSORBERS** cannot be over-emphasised. It is wise to have them checked at a well-equipped garage.

Another area where maintenance is of cardinal importance is **VISION**. To be able to drive safely one must see clearly through the windshield, especially at night. Washing the windshield alone will not solve the problem because oil may come into contact with the screen and more washing isn't enough to clear it.

Maintenance again comes to the fore. The wiper system should be checked before the rainy season. The wiper should be replaced at least once a year. A two-speed wiper system is most effective and a car fitted with a single wiper system can be modified.

Unimpaired vision to the rear is equally important. A safety-conscious driver always needs to know the behaviour and intentions of traffic behind.

A combination of interior,

wing and door-mounted rear view mirrors can be immense value. All the extras, of course, call for more cash. Maintenance costs again but the game is very much worth the candle.

All these maintenance checks have to do with primary safety. You can also spend few naira on a regular schedule to ensure your secondary safety.

This is essential, because even with careful attention to all the foregoing checks you can never ignore the chance of an accident. You should take all the maintenance precautions you can to ensure that your body does not suffer serious injuries if disaster strikes.

Take pains to keep all movable items out of the passenger compartment or have them restrained. Otherwise, if you are in a serious accident they can hurtle around inside the car at terrific speed and injure the occupants.

Any protruding or sharp objects in the car can cause serious injuries. People have been killed by such features. So pad any protruding features and get rid of all sharp protuberances.

## REACH FOR THE SKY

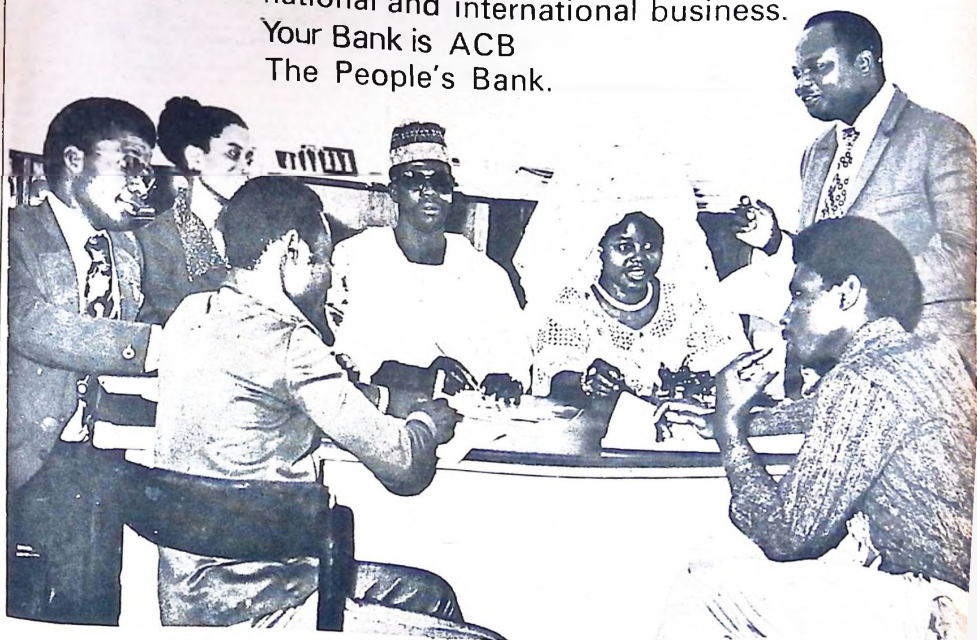


HERE's a look upwards: a pleasant fantasy for those of us who are firmly implanted on the ground, but a definite reality for you and-come company executives and high-fliers. It's the prototype of Sikorsky Aircraft's new S-76 commercial helicopter, which was rolled out in January at the Sikorsky plant in Connecticut, USA. The twin-turbine S-76, developed in

response to a survey of the commercial helicopter market made three years ago, embodies the latest helicopter technology and is designed to serve three basic missions: offshore oil exploration, executive transport, and general utility. The first flight was scheduled for March of this year, with first deliveries in the middle of next year.

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## Tall and 22

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
Here are a few descriptions of myself. I am a Nigerian by nationality and a Yoruba by tribe. I am fairly tall (1.746 metre.), black in complexion,

handsome and 22 years old. I am a government worker and a holder of the West African school certificate and a diploma in French (Universite du Benin, Lome, Togo). Being now a young settled bachelor, my main objective is that of getting a reliable life partner. The girl of my dreams should be well-educated (at least WASC), fairly tall, light in complexion and beautiful, cultured and loving.

Also she should be a Nigerian - Yoruba, Benin or Fulani. She should either be a government worker - doctor, university clerk - or university undergraduate or a business girl. Her age must be between 18 and 23.

Interested girls, in addition to their letter of reply, should send a recent full-body photograph to me through Matchmaker BABS ADEX

30 years of age. This man too tall, handsome and not too fat. I would also like this man to have a very good background and he must be a Yoruba by birth. He must also be ready for marriage at any time this year or next year.

Dear Matchmaker, I put all my hopes in you and I'll keep my fingers crossed and hope for the best.

**BIMBOLA**

## Teacher

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
I would be delighted if you could solve my problem conscientiously and to my satisfaction. I am a teacher by profession in a secondary grammar school in Lagos State and, apart from teaching, I am in a private business. I would be very grateful if you could help me find at least one beautiful girl who will always bear with me and not disturb me during my studies.

I am only 23 years old and, as I am preparing to go abroad for further studies, such a girl should be prepared to go with me.

**IGE**

## Photographer

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
I am seeking a wife. My ideal lady should be a photographer and of any tribe, over 25 years. My emphasis is not on good looks, but character.

My own age is 27 years. I am a technician by profession, with future prospects. I am a devout Muslim. Replies will be in confidence.

**MONSURU**

## Supervisor

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
You say you can help the lonely hearts. I am one of them. I have tried to get one girl by myself but I have failed.

I need a permanent partner badly. I am a supervisor in a shipping company. I am a Yoruba by tribe, aged 30 years. I want a girl from my own tribe, between 20-25 years, with education up to secondary school standard, and a university student.

**A. OLATUNDE**

## Permanent partner

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
I came across your lonely hearts column and I believe it will prove very helpful. I need a permanent male partner badly. I parted with my friend because he was too young, in 1976 the same age group as me, in Lagos State and I earn a fairly good salary. A Yoruba by birth and a Christian, I am not short.

My hobbies include music, movies and reading. I am very beautiful but I am not too fat. Why I am writing man, not a boy of my age at all, a man of about 25 years to

## Instant match

Dear MATCHMAKER,  
I could not believe my eyes and brain when I read in DRUM that you could help lonely hearts to solve their problems. I am in need of your help. I am a 22-year-old girl who is ready to marry immediately we see each other. The lady I want to marry should be light in complexion and between 18 and 22 years of age. She must not be below West African school certificate. Beautiful, charming, kind, and loving. I am anxiously looking forward to the interested lady.

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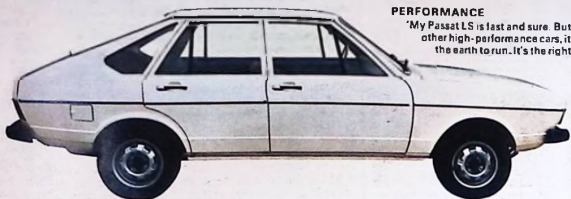
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# Festac makes itself felt at home

**F**ESTAC, as was always hoped and as we're already beginning to see, was far more than just a cultural jamboree. One of the more interesting spin-offs for the host country has been the interest that the festival has directed towards Nigeria itself.

Two recently-published books indicate this new interest well: the one in text, the other based on magnificent colour photographs. What makes the books of particular fascination is the chance to see — in excellently presented books — how we look to the outside world.

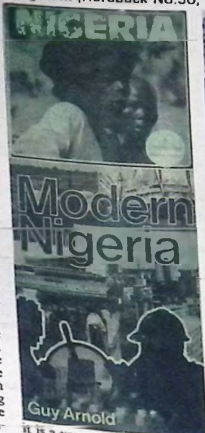
Thus, of course, is the major drawback of the books for Nigerians themselves: they tell or provoke. But they are sound summaries and introductions and, as such, would make good presents for friends us — and they're worth having for one's own satisfaction.

The Photo-Guide is sure to remain a classic of its kind, simply because of its kind, fully printed section of colour photographs (a selection of which are reproduced here). These capture something of the colour and diversity of Nigeria and, though there could be increasing realities of urban life, they do have a stunning effect. The textual preface gives a brief historical introduction, plus a short trip around the country, plus a run through the "culture."

What is lacking in the guide in terms of economic and political analysis can be found in Guy Arnold's *Modern Nigeria*. Again, this is an introduction for the outsider — but

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**MODERN NIGERIA** by Guy Arnold — published by Longman. (Hardback N8.50; paper N4.68).



**FACES of Nigeria — from the PHOTO-GUIDE.**



it is a very useful one and does face the "problem" areas, like the aftermath of Udoji, and congestion.

Arnold's softly jibing assessment is interesting. Nigeria, he says, is a "country on the move." He adds: "What is not yet clear is where it wants to go."

**PHOTO-GUIDE** pictures of the Argungu fishing festival — ABOVE: competitors place their catch into a gourd; BELOW: musicians encourage fishermen to greater efforts.







MRS OMARI POINTED TO A SMALL BASKET LINED WITH FUR. "HE ALWAYS SLEEPS HERE," SHE SAID.

**A BLOODHOUND, Mr Abim? We should have a bloodhound? Why is this?**

Toko Friday looked in bewilderment at her private detective employer, Prince Abim. Then she added: "Please what is this bloodhound?"

Prince's chubby face broke into a broad beam. He leaned back in his swivel chair and, as his feet came up to rest on the desk, Miss Friday slid a sheet of paper under his heels to save the fine polish. She was getting quite good at that now.

"A bloodhound, my dear Miss Friday, is a very special kind of dog. It is for following trails. Once it is on the scent, it never gives up. As to why we should have one: because the great Sexton Blake had a bloodhound called Pedro."

"Sexton Blake? Who is he?" asked the Prince's fair assistant.

"A detective," said Abim, his face full of admiration. "The greatest detective in the world. You have not read the books?"

"Books? Oh, you mean he is not a real detective?"

"To me he will always be real," said Abim wistfully. "Ah, when I was young, how I would read of him! Sexton Blake, the bloodhound Pedro, Blake's assistant, Tinker. Ah, the cases he solved. The villains he unmasked. The desperate battles that he won. I think Sexton Blake was my real tutor in this profession."

"But still, he wasn't real," said Toko Friday, who was a very practical girl.

"To me he was real and will always be," said the Prince solemnly. "Sometimes... Miss Friday, do you mind if I call you Tinker?"

He began to laugh suddenly, leaning far back in his chair, his whole plump body shaking with delight. "I am a crazy man, eh?" he wheezed.

The bell of the outer office rang and Miss Friday hurried to answer it. She returned in a moment.

"Mrs Omari," she said in a

# Pity poor Pedro

Another piece of the action for Prince Abim, Africa's most debonair private eye and his curvaceous assistant, Toko Friday— specially written for DRUM by W. W. Bello.

slightly awed voice. Mrs Omari was the wife of one of the wealthiest men in the country, a manufacturer, a merchant, a banker. He was also known as a most upright man.

Mrs Omari swept into Abim's office as the detective hastily shot to his feet. She was a big woman, dressed most fashionably. Diamond earrings glistened. Her fingers were crusted with rings.

"You must find him. You must help him," she cried tearfully. "My poor Pedro. You must help..." She collapsed into the chair Abim offered. Tears began to flow down her broad cheeks.

"To think! Only yesterday, he sat in my lap. Now... where is he? What are they

doing to him? Help me. Find my Pedro."

Prince Abim looked as confused as he felt. "Your husband is missing?"

"My Pedro," she said mournfully. "My little Pedro. How could my husband sit in my lap? He is three times as big as me. And anyhow, he is in Lagos for most important talks."

"Then, excuse me, who is Pedro? Your child?"

"No, no. You do not understand. He is my dog. My little dog. Oh my pretty little Pedro."

Toko caught Abim's glance. Only minutes before they had been talking about another Pedro. What a coincidence!

"I think maybe you should

tell me everything," said the Prince as he seated himself. Dog-finding might be a little beneath the dignity of a private detective. On the other hand, nothing done for the Omaris was beneath anyone's dignity.

Pedro, it seemed, was last seen the night before in the Omari's luxurious country ranch-house overlooking the lake. As usual he had been sleeping in his mistress's bedroom. In the morning, the dog had vanished. The house and grounds had been scoured by the servants but there had been no trace of the missing Pedro.

"I was going to phone Mr Omari in Lagos," said Mrs Omari. "But many people say you are a good detective. First, I think I will see you. You must

find him. He is such a dear little thing."

"Little? How little?" asked the Prince.

Mrs Omari held her hands a little way apart: "This size. He is what is called a Pekinese."

"I see," said the detective. "They are very rare, very valuable. Do you think he may have been stolen?"

"He would never have wandered. Why, he never left my side. He was always with me. Some thief has taken him. Some wicked person. Oh, suppose they kill him..."

"I think it will not come to that, dear lady," said Abim. "There has been no demand for money yet? They might seek a ransom."

"Nothing," she said.

"Then we must come to your home and see what we can see."

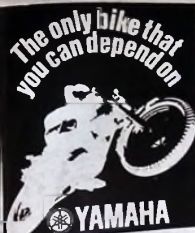
During the long drive to the lake, the Prince thought of the coincidence that he should have been talking of another Pedro just when this case arose. He thought also that then, if ever, would have been a good time to have a real bloodhound.

He wondered what lay behind the case. Any thief would be taking a big risk in approaching the Omari's house for it was patrolled by armed guards. Mrs Omari was certain too that her servants could be trusted.

Despite the uneasiness, the Prince was able to enjoy the drive in Mrs Omari's Rolls-Royce up through the green-clad hills, past prosperous farms, through sleepy villages. Toko Friday also enjoyed her ride as a tourist.

They came at last to the house set on a hill overlooking the blue water of the lake. Huge gates blocked the driveway. A tall fence surrounded the property, stretching off in every direction. A uniformed guard let them through the gate as they drove up to the





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Drinking is a common social habit and, unfortunately, over-drinking or drunkenness are not uncommon either.

Remember, alcohol is a drug, in the same way that, for example, an anaesthetic is a drug. It acts by knocking out the functions of your nerve cells. It does in an almost fixed pattern. The more one drinks, the more these nerve cells are affected.

A man comes up to you at a party holding a drink and you are already drunk. The first nerve cells to be affected are the most highly developed, those that normally regulate a control over our actions, thoughts and what we put into words. So, the first feeling is one of deceptive self-confidence.

The party-goer, after a

# The demon drink

couple of drinks, feels and acts as though he is on top of the world. He "comes alive," feels no fatigue and, with the casting off of the normal reins of responsibility, becomes a back-slapping, happy-go-lucky guy with not a care in the world.

Herein lies the danger of the alcohol habit — and the root cause of addiction. This short period of feeling strong, carefree and superior sticks in the memory and makes such a person long to re-experience the feeling. Eventually, the poor unfortunates cannot do without booze and the craving sets in.

To get back to our party drink, he has a drink of two more and further nerve cells

are affected. Efficiency of thought and movement drops generally, with a lack of muscular control often causing spillage of the fourth or fifth top and slowing of mental processes, together with a slur of speech.

Attention is reduced and the subject of conversation randomly, or monotonously stick to one subject, often repeating the same thing a number of times.

He is easily distractible, often glancing over his shoulder and, much to the company's relief, may rush off to tag on to somebody else.

Self-control is lost at this stage, and from here on there is

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a steady downhill course while the drunk remains conscious enough to go on filling his glass.

Walking is at best a stagger, speech becomes almost incomprehensible, and the room swims for him. You can only hope that he will choose a private place to go and vomit, and that somebody else will drive him home.

Some people may react differently and the dangerous drunk may become irritable to the point of rage and violence after sitting in a corner and brooding.

When drunks have reached this stage, they usually don't remember how badly they are behaved. This is perhaps part of the reason for their repeat

performances on other occasions.

In all fairness, you should not let anyone go further once they have reached the stage that I have just described, since they are not very far off from coma and even death. The coma stage is accompanied by slow breathing and a cold skin.

Drunks are a danger to themselves, but above all they are a danger to others. Over every holiday period, the death toll on the roads is shocking. Cemeteries and hospitals are rushed off their feet, thanks to wheelers.

Don't drive if you have been drinking, and don't let anybody else who has had one too many take the wheel either.

## No period

I usually get my periods on 18th of every month and I bled for about a week. I had a normal period on 19th December, 1976. In January, I only bled for about three days, and in February I did not bleed at all. I think that I am pregnant but I would like to know the day I became pregnant  
Janet, Makindu

## Am I sterile?

I am a student and I suffer from irregular menstruation. I am wondering if this will stop me from having children  
Lucy, Lagos

Irregular menstruation is quite common in teenage girls and is certainly not a sign of sterility. It is likely that your periods will regularise themselves in time. If they do not and if you are very worried two to three months of contraceptive pills will help to regularise them.

## Fatal colds?

I am a 25-year-old man and I have a sister who is married. She had one female child but at the age of one she got a common cold and died within two days. After a short time she had another female child and again at the age of about one year she had a common cold and died. I am very worried if her next child will also get the cold and die. Please advise.  
Morris, Ilorin

It is unlikely that any of the children died of common cold. It seems to me that the disease might have been what we call upper respiratory tract infection. This could have gone into the child's lungs causing pneumonia and

**Questions answered**

**resulting in death. I suggest that your sister should proceed with pregnancy and keep the baby under regular medical attention at either a health centre or at a hospital as an outpatient until the child reaches the age of two.**

## Male breasts

I am an 18-year-old boy. From the age of 12 my breasts started growing like a girl and now they are very big in size. What can I do to reduce their size?  
Tud, Kaitile

It seems to me that you may have to undergo surgery to get the size of your breasts to normal male proportion.

## Blocked tubes

I am a married woman 23 years old and I have stayed with my husband for almost four years without conceiving. I went to see a doctor and he told me that my tubes were blocked. Does this mean I have venereal disease?  
Jane, Accra

One of the reasons for tubes getting blocked is gonorrhoeal infection but before you start feeling guilty I would like to tell you there are many other reasons for tubes getting blocked. I suggest you see a gynaecologist who can do an X-ray of your tubes and uterus to make sure if they are in fact blocked.

## Can I smoke?

I have had an ulcer operation six months back. When I left the hospital, my doctor advised me not to smoke. I would like to

know for how long I should abstain from smoking and why smoking is prohibited after ulcer operations?  
Said, Zambar

One of the causes of stomach ulcer is excessive smoking. You have been advised to stop it so that you cannot get an ulcer again, which can happen, though rarely, even after an operation. If you have stopped smoking, I suggest you do not start the habit again.

## I can't sleep

I have sleepless nights about five times a week. I sleep after taking sleeping tablets, but when I do not take them, the problem arises again. My doctor tells me that the cause of this trouble is nervousness and high blood pressure. Can this be the cause and if so, what would you advise me to do?  
P.B. Pan Harecourt

If there is no pain in the body, the commonest cause of sleeplessness is tension and anxiety. It looks as if your doctor is right. If he will give you tablets to cure your blood pressure and tranquillising drugs, your sleep problems will disappear.

## Painful

I am 42. I have suffered from elephantiasis since my boyhood. It gives me a lot of pain. No medicines will help. If any remedy can be suggested.  
D.L., Malindi

I presume your elephantiasis is in your legs. Once elephantiasis has caused permanent thickening and enlargement of a leg, no medicines will help. There are, however, operations to reduce the size of the leg and this makes the leg reasonably pain-free and cosmetically less unsightly. You would have to go to a doctor at your local hospital to have this surgery done. In early cases of elephantiasis, where one gets repeated attacks of fever and rigors without enlargement of a leg, medicines will cure this condition.

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**Taurus**  
April 21 - May 20

If there is any hint of rivalry, competition or paranoia in the air, the signs are that you'll come off best. Something will be after a loan or a about. It's not a good phase for getting agreement on financial matters. Social life will be rather unsatisfactory and expensive unless you keep a careful check on your spending.

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**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20

The moon, adversely linked with stars, will make for a restless mood, a desire for sudden change. This is not a good period for springing surprises on close companions or for trying to get support or backing in business. Working life is under better influences; you'll be on excellent terms with colleagues.

**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 20

Put extra effort, enthusiasm and initiative into activities over the next few weeks if you have special ambitions. You'll enjoy evenings at home more than meetings with friends. Partnerships show minor difficulties. Try to minimise the danger of misunderstandings and

muddled arrangements. Communication will not be easy; you could draw the wrong conclusions from what others say or do.

**Leo**  
July 21 - Aug 20

A time to check and double-check rather than take things for granted. People you depend upon will be in a careless, inefficient mood and there may also be some antagonism to cope with. A person you've met through your work will issue a social invitation. Slightly disappointing news is one of the possibilities, but don't let this upset your plans.

**Virgo**  
Aug 21 - Sept. 20

Make it a phase of mental rather than physical activity, for the indications are that your vitality is not quite up to par. A tricky period for friendships; confirm social dates already made; be definite when issuing invitations.

**Libra**  
Sept 21 - Oct 20

If you can manage on your own this will be a good time for getting through quite a lot of work. You'll have a surplus of energy and will be able to organise efficiently. Try to keep out of squabbles between relatives - and out of bars. Let a financial decision ride, if possible.

**Scorpio**  
Oct 21 - Nov 20

You won't get much support from partners and others closely connected with you. People will dither, keep you on a string, perhaps cover up facts. There may be friction with a close companion about a matter already agreed.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov 21 - Dec 20

An interesting emphasis on your solar chart makes this a splendid phase for career matters and ambitions. Long-term cash matters are favoured, also partnerships and other links. Accent falls on personal relationships in a wholly pleasing way.

**Capricorn**  
Dec 21 - Jan 20

You've been out of touch with romance. You won't economise domestically; you settle down to making budget. It's a good period for money negotiations generally. You'll have bright ideas in the investment sphere. You may be working harder than usual but to some avail.

**Aquarius**  
Jan 21 - Feb. 20

You'll be in the mood to make changes and throw out ideas which have outlived their usefulness. People may not be showing you the best side just now. But don't take this too seriously - the other side can be quite nice as well.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 21 - March 20

If planning a big, luxury expenditure you'll get a bargain. However, you'll save by stocking up on bulk buys in food. Saturn is well aspected, making this an excellent month for you strictly personal concerns particularly those with a long-term aspect.



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# Dear Dolly

## She refused to return my books

I AM 23 and my lover is 19. We work for the same company. We promised to marry but she insulted me one day and I stopped visiting her. When I sent my brother to her with a note to collect my books, she did not return the books and she refused to apologise. She only replied to my letter by saying: "The fall of a man is not the end of his life." Please, what can I do?  
**Ebo-Formula, Nigeria**  
*Just forget her and look for another girl, as it appears she has another man.*

## Her sister objects

I AM 25 and married. I love a girl of 13 and she loves me, but her elder sister objects to her marrying me because she is a friend of my wife. She says she will be ashamed to face my wife if her sister marries me. Her husband is my best friend and I don't know how to make her change her mind. Please help, Dolly.  
**Herbert, Gligli**  
*If I were you I would leave the girl alone because her sister's reason is genuine enough. But are you sure you can maintain two wives at your age?*

## Does he mean what he said?

I HAVE two boyfriends and I am 17. I love the first one dearly but he doesn't love me. The second one loves me very much but I don't love him. When I was in school the first one wrote and told me to be his future partner. When I was on holiday I asked him if he was serious about what he wrote but up till now he has not given me any answer. Do you think I should leave him and face the one that loves me? Is he really serious or does he just want to have fun with me? Is he 20.  
**Worried Girl, Sokoto**

*If my boy doesn't love you, why don't you leave him and face the other one who loves you? Even though you don't love him now, I am sure you could soon learn to love him.*

## Her boyfriend took my girl

I AM 18 and have loved a girl of 16 for the past year. Surprisingly, my sister's former boyfriend snatched her from me and she now plays little or no attention to me but I still love her. Is it wise for my sister to take the boy back so I should be able to get my girl back? Please help, Dolly.  
**Boy, Owerri**

*She is not the only girl in the world, so why do you want her back after she has stooped so low as to fall in love with your sister's ex-boyfriend? Your sister doesn't need to take him back either.*

## My people say it's wrong

I AM a handsome man of 25 and my girl is 19. We have been in love for the past three years. If she misbehaves, she immediately begs for forgiveness, and she often tells me that she will run out of town if I fail to marry her. Unfortunately for her, I discovered that she ran away from her husband because of maltreatment. Despite this, I still love her and want to marry her. My problem now is that the whole of my family objects to my marrying her. My immediate younger brother says I should not marry a woman who has been married. My father says she is not a virgin. My mother says that nothing on earth will make her leave me. Should I leave this girl and maintain my respect in the family or marry her and damn the consequences? Please help. I am confused, Dolly.  
**Simpson, Kisi**

*First, you have to try to convince your people that there is nothing wrong in marrying a woman who has once been married to someone else. After you have done that, try to be married to someone else. After you have done that, try to find out if her former man has any claim on her — like a*

refund of the dowry he paid or some other expenses. If you know you are ready to meet these demands, you can go on and marry the girl. But don't forget to convince your people so that you may have peace of mind.

## She needs money

I AM 20 and an apprentice. I am in love with a girl of 17. We both started school in the same place, but when I passed out I went to learn a trade. Some time ago I wrote to her in the school and she replied that the principal of her school did not want to see any love letters being written to students. She told me that I could write to her through my pal who is also in the school. When I wrote to my friend, he told me that my girlfriend wants me to send money to her, but I don't want to write to my girl through him. Please help before it is too late.  
**Godson, Kano**

*I quite understand your feeling of not wanting to write to your girl through your friend. But since there is no alternative, why don't you write a separate letter to your girl, put it in a safe envelope, and then enclose it in your friend's letter? That way, your friend won't know whatever you tell your girl. Your girl can also reply to your letters direct by post or by giving it to your friend in a sealed envelope. As for the demand your friend told you she made, I suggest you write to her and find out if there is any truth in it before deciding what to do about it.*

## Can I marry two sisters?

I AM 22 and in love with a school leaver who is 19. We understand each other very much and we agreed to marry. We met in a foreign country where she works as a clerk in an agricultural institution. We came back home later and got married and she had a baby boy. Soon after her delivery I received a telegram from my father-in-law asking me to come urgently. After visiting them, an unknown beautiful girl came my way and we became friends. We spent several nights together before I returned to my station. Three months later I received a letter from this girl in which she told me that she was pregnant. She said she had told her parents that I was responsible and that they had told her that I would come to collect her. Please help, I can marry two girls born of the same mother? I am worried and your immediate advice is needed.  
**Daniel, Eldoret**

*Though your letter was not written in a clear manner, I have assumed that the two girls are of the same parents. If my assumption is right, I must tell you frankly that it is impossible to marry the two of them. Since you have put the second one in the family way, it is your responsibility to take care of her now and after the baby is born. You will also have to support the child until he is old enough to be separated from his mother. But I only hope your wife can forgive you this sort of silly mistake.*

## He taught me about love

AT THE age of 16, I am in love with a boy of 20. We have been moving together for about nine months. He was the first to teach me what is love and how to kiss. As our friendship continued, he attempted to make love to me but I stopped him in time. When I told him my feelings about it, they said he wouldn't have tried to do that to me if he really loved me. As a result I broke off with him and he wrote to beg me but I refused. During our separation, I didn't think of him but I wrote and told him we should be reconciled. What I want you to tell me dear Dolly is: (1) Do I really love this boy or is it his kisses and caresses I love? (2) Does he love me despite his attempt to sex me?  
**Lover Princess, Nigeria**

*It is only you who can answer your first question. As for the second one, I guess the boy loves you since he came back begging after what happened.*

## How do I claim my son?

MY WIFE is 24 and I am 30. She had a child by me. She really loved me, but her parents objected to her marrying a man whose name was not theirs. My parents met hers but it was still the same old story. My father has been terrorising her with evil spirits and she holds on despite what I told her and tell us that he was responsible, but the girl refused to yield. They took her away by force but she came back. They have now taken police action by my arresting both her girl and my son with a warrant from Kwara State. Up till now, I have not heard any news of them. I wish to go and find out about them, but I have

been told that I would be jailed because of their native law. Please help. How do I claim my son, Dolly?

**Olasunkanmi Ajigbe, Yaba**

*It is a pity that your girl's parents really went to the extreme in their bid to prevent you from marrying their daughter. Since they have made it a police affair, I think you will be justified in reporting the incident to the police in Lagos. I am sure they will work hard in hand with the Kwara State police to effect settlement. The arrest warrant sounds fishy, since it is not possible to arrest someone without them committing any crime. If the police in Lagos cannot help you, you have every right to sue the parents for depriving you of your son. They will surely cry for mercy when you tell them what the court action will cost them. In the end they will be the losers because you will have your son back even if they still say you should not marry their daughter.*

## She is so worried

I AM 22 and my girl is 20. We both love each other dearly. I promised to marry her and she agreed but since then she has been worried about our marriage. My problem now is that I don't have enough money. Both of us are workers but my salary is very poor.  
**Worried Boy, Kijumu**  
*Tell her not to be worried because you still love her and want to marry her, but you are not yet financially strong enough to do so. Try to save some money at the end of each month. This way you will be able to save enough to meet your wedding expenses.*

## Will it harm me?

I AM 18 and I want to know if I am really a virgin. Since I was ten many boys have approached me for friendship, but I refused them all. Recently I met a man who will marry me. I am still a student in form three and I don't want to misuse myself. Will not having sex now do me any harm when I get married? Please help. I am worried, Dolly.  
**Regina, Imbamba**

*There is a thin membrane (hymen) across the entrance of the vagina. If this is still intact, then you are a virgin. You not having sex now will not harm you in any way when you are married. It will even make your husband love and respect you the more and he will be proud of you.*

## My parents object

AT THE age of 45, I am deeply in love with a beautiful, polite girl of 18. I am light complexioned but tough in body-build, yet she loves me. The trouble is that the parents say they have no money for our wedding. But the girl and her parents have told me that their concern is that both of us love each other. When I told my parents, they said my would-be-in-law should put their words in writing. If I should miss the girl, I will surprise my parents.  
**J.B.N. Emporer, Ibadan**  
*At 45 you are old enough to be able to marry a woman without relying on your parents for the brideprice. But if I read their actions right, they are trying to tell you indirectly that the girl is too young to be your wife. So, I suggest you look for an older woman.*

## Can I still marry her?

SHE IS 15 and I am 20. I love her very much and she claims to love me. We have both promised to marry, but when I left home she did not write me. I wrote several letters to her but she failed to reply. When my friend spoke to her about it she said she would write me. Does she love me, Dolly? Please help before I die of agony.  
**Worried Boy, Youggedde**

*I think she has lost interest in you but she feels reluctant to tell you. I suggest you forget her and look for another girl.*

## Am I wrong to say no?

MY boy friend is an undergraduate. He calls on me my time he is at home on vacation. Sometimes I visit him at his university. He always invites me to bed but I refuse and because of my refusal he calls me a wicked girl. Do you think he loves me?

**Elgie, Buna**

*He does not love you. He wants to take you for a ride. He wants to count you among his conquests. These undergraduates take delight in breaking girls' hearts. So beware*

