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• Governor Okilo being received at Finima by Chief Idemehi-Brown, state Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice.

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Governor, deputy get goodwill messages

THE Rivers State governor, Chief Melford Okilo and his deputy, Prince (Dr) Frank Eke, have continued to receive congratulatory messages, following their resounding victory over the recent impeachment move made against them.

In a latest congratulatory message presented to the governor, by the Amaygnato of Basim, Chief E. S. Augustine Fomboy, Ogbordo VII and his council of chiefs on be-

half of the entire community, the people expressed their profound joy over the failure of the impeachment move and paid glowing tribute to the state House of Assembly for its audacious decision to abandon the cause.

The people described the action by the House, as a significant step towards the march to unity, and said the outcome was a major victory over the diabolic forces of anarchy, division and instability, the much dreaded aftermath of political treachery.

They were deeply elated that the honourable members did not succumb to the instability of the state, noting that it was an act of unusual importance that malicious allegations which formed the substance of impeachment moves, were not encouraged to triumph in the state.

It was against this background, they contended that the final verdict should be seen as an absolute vote of confidence in the leadership, which they said have continued to exhibit exemplary qualities of leadership devoid of any element of victimization or apprehension.

Members of the community, also seized the opportunity to tell the governor of how much grateful they were to him, for all the various development projects they have received from his administration, among them, the current

Okilo states at party launching fiesta

—by
Augustine Fomboy

accepted to forego their homeland for the establishment of the liquefied natural gas project.

The governor however regretted that despite all these sacrifices, the people of the area have not yet been given their rightful place in the scheme of things, adding that adequate compensation in terms of infrastructure befitting its ancient identity has persistently eluded her people.

Earlier, the chief launcher of the chapter, Mr. Nnamdi Abasi had in his speech, strongly urged the unbridled attitude of most contractors in the state, whom he said, collected multi-million fees from the government, only to abandon the contracts in various parts of the state.

He pleaded with the members of the functional committees, to leave no stone unturned to ensure that all government development projects were efficiently executed, noting that it would be most

unfortunate if their promises were not completed, as the Rivers man would only have himself to blame. The people in their welcome address, read by Mr. Sodik Adewale Brown, stated that large tracts of their farm land had been used up for the gas project, without adequate compensation and pleaed it with the government, to assist them settle them. The new Finima is in prospect with the same anomalies as were provided for other communities.

Highlights of the occasion was the donation of N15,000 by the chief launcher, Mr. Abasi, while Chief O. N. Nnamdi, the Apo of Rumu donated N3,500. Chief Idemehi Brown, the state Governor, Commissioner and Attorney General, personally donated N2,000 and N5,000 on behalf of the Brown family.



• A cross-section of the audience.

MP warns on impeachment threats

As the nation's political leaders face increasing threats of impeachment, a member of the House of Representatives, Hon. Obong I. E. Ika has accused Nigerian legislators of expanding that constitutional provision for their own selfish ends.

The parliamentarian who expressed grave concern over the rising cost of impeachment threats, noted regre-

tably that some legislators have come to regard the measure as a source of enriching themselves, an act quite uncharacteristic of honourable men.

He declared: "I have observed that in most cases, the threat of impeachment is only used to intimidate the governors in order to force unwarranted favours from them". This, he said, amounted to an abuse of the constitution and should be condemned in

PAUSE AND PONDER

By avoiding evil actions—killing, stealing, lust and lying—one conquers the earth and sky, conquers the world and is born to happiness.

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COMPANY DISMISSES 3,000 WORKERS

STAFF DEV COSTS OYO GOVT N.2m

THE Vice President, Dr. Alex Ekwueme, has expressed the hope that effective leadership of students unions will ensure that students, who make up a good percentage of Nigeria's population will discharge their civil responsibilities within the ambit of the law.

This remark was contained in a good-will message which he sent to the University of Port Harcourt during the launching of the students Centre Appeal Fund last Saturday.

The message was read on his behalf by the Counsel to the Vice President, Mr. Fola Ologbani-Olatunnu.

A Construction Company in Port Harcourt, Monier Construction LTD., has dismissed about 3,000 of its workers. The chairman of the company, Chief Mike Newton told newsmen in Port Harcourt.

Chief Newton, who was briefing newsmen on the 25th anniversary of the company, said that the workers were dismissed because of "compelling adverse factors" militating against the company.

He said that the company, which had a workforce of 4,338 less than two years ago had been forced to reduce the staff strength by three quarters because of a debt of about N20 million owed to it by the various governments of the federation.

He said that most of the jobs for which the money was owed were executed with bank loans that often attracted crippling interests. The chairman suggests

Adverse factors

ted that if the construction industry in the country was to survive, government must be prepared to pay adequate mobilisation fees only to contractors who could produce bonds from commercial banks or insurance companies.

He declared: "I want to stress that as long as mobilisation fees are paid to contractors on the basis of political considerations without due regard to the ability to perform, such fees always stand a chance of being misused."

Chief Newton suggested that the country's embassies abroad and the federation of building and civil contractors of Nigeria should be involved in screening foreign contractors.

On the training of Nigerians in the construction industry, the

chairman said that apart from its numerous training programmes locally and abroad, the company had contributed more than N600,000 to the industrial training fund (ITF).

He said that the company was also actively participating in the students' industrial work experience programme recently introduced by the Federal Government.

Customs biggest catch

TWO trailer-loads of contraband estimated at more than N600,000 were impounded by the Task Force of the Customs and Excise Department in Kano.

The contraband which was seized along Hadejia-Kano road included velvet materials, guinea brocade, blouses and scarves.

The Kano Customs Area Administrator, Mr. James Okai, told newsmen that two persons had been arrested in connection with the seizure and that they would soon be charged to court.

He described the seizure as "the biggest single catch so far in the year" saying that it would help to deter would-be smugglers.

Mr. Okai appealed to public-spirited Nigerians with information regarding the activities of smugglers "to forward the information as hand-some rewards will be paid to them."

He said that the Customs Warehouse in Kano for storing seized goods had become inadequate and appealed to the government "to do something."



Col P. Obasa

Vice Chancellor urges new management tech

THE Vice Chancellor of the University of Calabar, Prof. Adams Mohammed, has called on works directors of Nigerian Universities to apply modern management techniques to improve their services to the academic community and the nation as a whole.

Speaking in Calabar while declaring open a two-day conference of works directors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Mohammed said that they could only succeed in reducing public criticisms against them by improving their efficiency.

The Vice-chancellor told the participants to

consider the decentralisation of the activities of the works departments to offer meaningful services to the universities.

He said that the physical development of the University of Calabar was progressing remarkably despite of financial constraints.

In his address, the Director of Works, University of Calabar, Mr. Idangbe Ebong, said that the aim of his department was not only to render services to the institution, but also to contribute to the development of engineering practice in Nigeria.

Plans to re-appraise NYSC scheme

THE Director of the National Youth Service Corps, Col Peter Obasa said that the NYSC directorate has commissioned a study to re-appraise the operations of the scheme.

Speaking in a Lagos television programme, our guest, Col Obasa said that a consultancy unit of one of the country's universities was undertaking the study which would also evaluate the extent to

which the service had fulfilled its objectives.

Col Obasa said that an internal survey was also being conducted by the directorate to complement the study.

On the disparity in the remuneration paid to corps members, Col Obasa said that the salaries reflected what the Corps members would receive when they take up full employment at the end of the one year national service.

Holders of the National Certificate of Education (NCE) receive N12 while degree and Higher National Diploma holders receive N200 per month.

Col Obasa said that the last strike by members of the academic staff union of Nigerian Universities had forced the directorate to shift the commencement date of the service for this year by two weeks.

The service, he said, will now begin on Aug 16 instead of August 1 as in previous years.

Col Obasa said that the most government organisations, the operations of the NYSC had been affected by the current austerity measures.

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CANCER

You may hear some gossip. Ignore it and keep away from its source. Remember, the gossip may be about you next time. Cancer people must guard against overeating and getting unduly depressed.

LEO

Friends continue to offer practical advice. You can avoid making a foolish financial blunder if you listen to a person who you know has your best interest at heart.

VIRGO

You will feel akin to a butterfly. It is going to be difficult to settle down. No sooner you will begin one job than you begin thinking that you should be doing something else.

LIBRA

Seek the advice of people who should know what they are talking about when you are dealing with personal problems. You have not been able to cope with on your own to date.

SCORPIO

An unexpected situation at work could make you decide you have had enough and would prefer a different job. Loss of opportunity may come about because you have to spend all attending to your physical condition.

SAGITTARIUS

Depend on family members rather than outsiders for support. Discuss the financial situation with your mate or partner. You can rely on the advice that loved ones give you.

CAPRICORN

Something you possess which you thought to be of financial value may turn out to be practically worthless. You may have some bright sparks among the younger members of your work force.



AQUARIUS

Professional people will continue to do all they can to help you. There will be riches if you are involved with distant affairs. You are unlikely to get news that you have been anxiously awaiting.

PISCES

Family members will do all that they can to help you get off to a good start on this first day of the work week. There are many pitfalls and around the house that need your personal touch.

ARIES

Most relationships demand careful handling today. Do not panic. You must keep cool at all times. Clear matters we give you a helping hand.

TAURUS

Try to get more of a team spirit going at your place of employment. A happy work force is a productive one. Care is needed not to overdo.

GEMINI

Do not waste your time and your energy on a person who has brought you nothing but trouble. Although something always like to look for the good in others, it might be time to sever a relationship that has been damaging both financially and personally.

Traditional ruler calls for change of heart

THE executives of the Rivers State Nigerian Union of Teachers have been called upon to go back to their classes and save the plight of parents who are determined to give their children adequate academic training.

The Chief of Efor, Chief E.N.B. Oporum made the appeal to striking teachers and urged them to treat with concern the deplorable condition of the school children and what could be their fate during external examinations.

He further mentioned that it was unhuman to deny the children the opportunity to further their education rather than it was good for them to suffer for a thing in which they were not responsible.

The Chief who was speaking in his palace also appealed to teachers to appreciate the needless efforts the state

government was making to solve their problems one by one and called on them to co-operate to enable the police on qualitative education materials.

In addition, Chief Oporum further stated that it was unjust and unethical for the teachers to shirk salaries for a job not well done and charged them to direct their efforts towards improving the standard of education in the state.

He drew the attention of the state government to the deplorable condition of Quamrubi bridge and the dilapidated roads in Omoku. Oporum then urged that a road be built since after the previous year in the area.

He then appealed to the state government to take action so that the contractor handling the project could complete it on schedule.



CHIEF E.N.B. OPORUM

Hope for effective leadership

The Oyo government spent over N20,000 on staff development programmes during the first five months of this year, the state Commissioner for Establishment and Training, Mr. Alarape Adesina, said in Ibadan.

Speaking at the opening of a seminar on discipline in the civil service, the commissioner said that the government expenditure was in line with its policy to train all grades of officers as well as to improve their performance.

Mr. Adesina said that the objective of discipline in the civil service was to ensure that it was to be applied and not to victimise young officers.

Towards a hitch-free Hajj from PH International Airport

1982, will be a different year for Hajj Operations in Nigeria since it is the first time such an exercise will take place from the Port Harcourt International Airport.

The Rivers State Pilgrims Welfare Board has worked round the clock to ensure a hitch-free hajj from Port Harcourt. The details are as follows:

Thursday, June 24, 1982 has been set aside for the re-registration of all the registered pilgrims who could not perform the 1981 pilgrimage. This category of pilgrims should come along with:

- (a) N54.00
- (b) 10 Passport photographs
- (c) Tax Clearance Certificates for the past 3 years
- (d) International Certificate of Health
- (e) N800.00 for Foreign Exchange
- (f) N10.00 for Identity Card

1981 Pilgrims Passport

My board should not be held responsible for any pilgrim of 1981 who could not turn up before the 30th June, as such pilgrim would have no alternative than to take back a refund of N665.00 from the board.

The re-registration of the 1981 pilgrims will be subject to the old regulations.

All new pilgrims for the 1982 pilgrimage will be subject to the new regulations and they are to turn up for registration on Saturday, 26th June, 1982.

Registration of International Pilgrims will be on Monday, the 28th June, 1982, and their tickets and passports and registration fee of N40.00 each will be required by the registering officials.

I emphasise that the board will under no account receive money from intending pilgrims after the 30th June.

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All those turning up should come along with N2.00 for registration forms.

Intending pilgrims will be informed of new developments from time to time and they are advised in their own interest to come to the Board's Secretariat for their registration in person and not through agents.

Registration will not be accorded to any intending pilgrim who passes through agents.

By

Alhaji Ibrahim Minave Ilambo
Chairman Rivers State Pilgrims Welfare



CORRUPTION: A MATTER OF RIGHT?

One thing I have noted in this country is that, as much as people pretend to hate and seemingly forbid any form of corruption, they secretly emulate and justify it as a part of humanity, way of life and society at large. But above all Nigerians forget that it is an adopted life style that has adulterated our culture, freedom, honour, reason and fellowship. The whole of the black race is included.

One cannot forget the history of Africa, indeed of Nigeria, to come back home. Before now, when Africa was like the virgin land, green as fresh leaf, it was a safe place to live in. This in terms of honesty, discipline and co-operation among the people. Mah empire was a good example of the times.

In those days people were afraid to steal or even claim something that did not belong to them, although we call it 'chance' or 'luck' now. Up to the first half of the 1960's, Nigeria was a sure and safe

place, rampant roguery and corruption had no place in the society.

Embezzlement of public funds and its like in this country started with the Europeans that came to colonize us. At the period we were under them, Nigeria witnessed a number of probes and enquiries set up to investigate this or that financial mismanagement in one public office or the other.

But this soon turned out to be an irony in itself. Any one would have thought it was time every Nigerian enjoyed everything equally in the way of 'Ours'. That African feeling of contentment, lavish entertainment, love, discipline, moderation, wisdom and of course and birthright to preach the unfailing 'n-buld' by your brother's keeper.

So as we trot from here to there around the globe so we radiate our reflections, the reality of what we are, the smell, the style, the everything about us that

betray us - Nigerians.

And of course we have heard about those who have more than one passport, double driving licences, continuous import licences, foreign exchange experts, smugglers of every class that including governors, civil servants, police, messengers, customs, clerks, directors, chairmen, Army, Navy, businessmen, Alkajis and Alkajis even those who claim to go on pilgrimage for purification purposes.

The military had come, their doctrine was 'cast corruption away'. In this bid men were wasted and blood was lost. And they of course, who 'claimed' indoctrination took a U turn, re-educating themselves to the same messy mess. A mess that rather out deeper and opened old scars and sent it the dawn of corruption came again. It came with freedom, right and the people embraced that culture, the ill, the money, wealth, comfort, affluence that must be had by hook or crook.

To sum up, a peep into this country, will show that we don't have adequate laws binding us or if we have, where to find them and have justice is difficult. All that is happening is like putting a new wine into an old bag, a mere mixture of rough ingredients.

Corruption therefore, can't and must never be our right or made to be.

Gordon E. Mele
Lagos

POLITICS OF INTOLERANCE IS STILL WITH US: A REJOINDER

I have read carefully an article published in the *Punch* of Wednesday June 23, 1982 by one Mr Elias Aduroja in connection with the above mentioned topic.

In the said article the author (Elias Aduroja) expressed his opinion about some misbehaviours on the part of some politicians which, to him, are the signs of intolerance in the Nigerian political arena.

It is not my intention to discuss in details what Mr Elias Aduroja said, rather, I would like to enlighten him on some points which he either criticised ignorantly or alternatively, due to a calculated attempt towards a desired goal which is best known to him.

In the said article, the writer accused the Minister of Transport, Alhaji Umaru Dikko of criticising Chief Abiola during an interview on Radio Kaduna. But having watched the said interview objectively, faithfully one will certainly conclude that Alhaji Umaru Dikko did not mention Chief Abiola's

name. The only thing he said in that respect was that the presidential candidate of the NPN in the 1983 elections should not be for the highest bidder. And what is the offence in that? I know that Chief Abiola is not the only wealthy person in the NPN. Then why dissecting Umaru Dikko's interview to Chief Abiola in particular? What is the connection there?

I understand that one legislator in the person of Alhaji A. M. Lugga of the House of Representatives was unhappy about the minister's said interview for which he told the minister to tender an apology to Chief Abiola or else vote of no confidence would be passed on the minister.

One would like to know on behalf of whom the legislator was talking which could warrant him to pass vote of no confidence on the minister. Alhaji A. M. Lugga should remember that he was solely elected on the platform of NPN, and not on his personal quality or qualification.

Alhaji Lugga is yet to convince the electorate of his constituency about his devotional performance in the House of Representatives. Up till now nothing is heard of him from the House. In other words, he has not yet proved any progressive or constructive contribution in the honourable House.

In the said article the writer made mention of some allegations against Alhaji Adagum Chiroma, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He alleged that the minister accused Borno State Government of employing some Yorubas in the state civil service. But, having taken into consideration the minister's utterances in this respect, one can easily conclude that the writer's accusation is baseless.

For the minister is not far from the truth. No doubt, Alhaji Chiroma is from Borno State and that the Western States have not emulated the kind gesture of Borno State. For none of Borno

employing some Yorubas in the state civil service. But, having taken into consideration the minister's utterances in this respect, one can easily conclude that the writer's accusation is baseless.

Indigenes has now been employed in the Western States as civil servants. With the exception of labourers and watchmen.

Does it mean that Borno State lacks capable

and qualified professionals to serve in the West as civil servants?

More over, the writer accused Chief Akinyele National Chairman of NPN of showing disregard to Yorubas, poor public image and supporting the special convention for renomination of President Shugu Shagari for the second term.

Once more, taking into proper observation these accusations, one can convincingly realise that such accusations are devoid of any ingredient of truth.

How can the writer prove that his opinion is unconnected with tribalism, bias, malice and bigotry?

It is a known fact that Chief Akinyele is the current National Chairman of the NPN and not a sectional or tribal leader. As such no single state or tribe can claim sole ownership of Akinyele. How the writer can claim

dissociation with the undesirable alien acts used as instruments to disabuse the integrity of the NPN remains questionable. So if you, can not beat the democrats join them.

Alhaji A. Muhammed
Port Harcourt.

Goodwill messages

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reclamation scheme estimated at the cost of \$5 million, catering rest house, sub-treasury, petrol, day care centre, road projects as well as the transfer of the district headquarters and postal agency.

In his reply, Chief Okilo told them that he was disarmed by their over-whelming gesture of appreciation and sincerity, a vivid acknowledgement of the good intention of the government, noting that it was a sharp contrast to the daily expectations of criticism, blackmail and sabotage which were common in the society.

The governor however observed, that such occasional words of encouragement served as a source of determination and inspiration, adding that one felt more determined to carry on with his duty irrespective of any commendation.

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Senior Lecturer	7 "	13
Lecturer I	5 "	12
Lecturer II	3 "	10
Lecturer III	2 "	09
Assistant Lecturer	1 Year	08

For the posts of Principal and Chief Lecturer, registration with a recognised professional body is essential. Evidence of ability to provide academic/administrative leadership is also required. All applicants for the Chief Lecturer position must have distinguished themselves in a particular field of specialization and demonstrated ability to take on added responsibility.

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The Level of appointment will depend on length and quality of relevant experience after the FTC level of qualification.

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Principal Technician II	6 "	10

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LIBRARY AND ADMINISTRATION

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BLS with a minimum of 7 years post-qualification experience or B.A./B.Sc. with post-graduate qualification in Library studies or M.L.S. plus a minimum of 8 years relevant post-qualification experience.

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3. LIBRARIAN II (GL 08)

BLS or equivalent qualification with one year relevant post-qualification experience.

4. SENIOR LIBRARIAN OFFICER (GL 09)

WASC, plus Diploma in Library Science plus 4 years relevant experience.

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WASC plus Diploma in Library Science plus 2 years relevant experience.

6. LIBRARY OFFICER (GL 07)-WASC plus Diploma in Library Science.

F) THE REGISTRY

1. DEPUTY REGISTRAR (GL 14)

Applicants must possess a university degree preferably in the Arts or Social Science plus a minimum of 8 years post-qualification administrative experience preferably in institutions of higher learning. A post-graduate diploma in Public Administration or higher degree in Administration is an advantage.

2. PERSONAL SECRETARY II (GL 09)

For Personal Secretary post, applicants should possess an HND in Secretarial Studies with a minimum of two years on the job post-qualification experience, or RSA/PITMANS/FTC shorthand/typewriting at 120/50 wpm with considerable relevant experience.

3. SECRETARY I & II (GL 08/07)

For the Secretary I post, applicants should possess an HND in Secretarial Studies or RSA/FTC (shorthand/typewriting) at 120/50 wpm respectively with English Language, Office Routine and Secretarial Practice. Applicants for the Secretary II post should possess WASC or OCE with credit in English Language plus 100/50 wpm in shorthand/typewriting respectively in RSA/Civil Service examination and a minimum of 2 years relevant experience.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II (GL 08)

A good honours degree from a recognised university or equivalent qualification.

5. SENIOR TYPIST (GL 07)

Candidates must possess a typing speed of 60 wpm any of RSA/PITMANS/FTC plus two years post-qualification experience.

G) BURSARY

1. BURSAR

Applicants must possess relevant professional qualifications registrable with ICAN with at least 8 years relevant experience.

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Same as above but with at least 6 years post-qualification experience.

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Same as above plus a minimum of two years post-qualification experience. Or a good degree or HND in accountancy with six years on the job experience.

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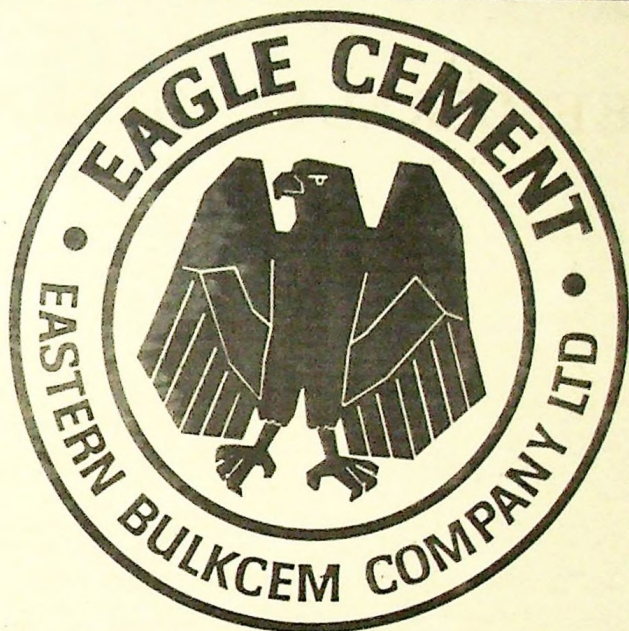
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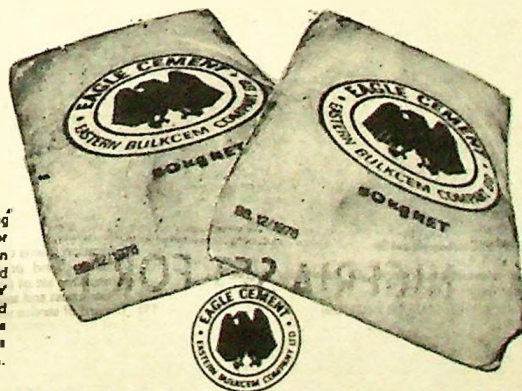
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THE unpopular impeachment exercise directed against Governor Okilo and his deputy, Dr. Eke, died a natural death on May 26 and was given a befitting burial. I sincerely hope that its perfidious ghost has been effectively exorcised. In the wake of it, a large number of writers have expressed their views on the epoch-making event.

One of such commentators is a prominent Nigerian citizen of Rivers State extraction, Professor Tam David-West, who teaches virology at the University of Ibadan. However, he is not known to have specialised in Political Science, Sociology or any other social science. So, his views on this area cannot be treated as singularly authoritative, however hard he tries to pretend. He is certainly sophomoric in the field of political theory.

The eminent virologist has surfaced as a prolific writer on matters relating to Rivers State, particularly since the current civil rule. His defence for this phenomenon is that he is a "Concerned Citizen". It is strange indeed that a scholar of his standing descend to the level of parochialism pleading an alibi of "Concerned".

He has a right of course to be "Concerned" having enjoyed a comfortable ministerial appointment (with the undisputed affluence that goes with it) in this state in the Era of Military dictatorship for a period of three or four years. "When the going was rough in the early fifties and some of us stuck out our necks in defiance of the Enugu-based colonialism, Tam David-West was not known to have been 'Concerned'". He was certainly not an infant nor was he then an illiterate. If he was that patriotic why did he not participate in the glorious struggle for our emancipation since he claims to be the most public spirited man around. Did he not realise that we were mere second class citizens in the defunct Bo empire?

Before proceeding further, I want to give a laconic history of the crusade.

In 1953 the humble writer of this story, armed with only a secondary school education, but inspired by the ancients of the Rivers, visited every clan with a view to forming a council of chiefs.

Success attended my effort and the Chiefs Nembe, Okrika, Bonny, Ke Kua, Ben Okoko and Kalabari, etc., converged at the Bonny Hall in Port Harcourt and the Council of Chiefs was formally inaugurated with late Chief Ben Wari of Bassambiri (Nembe) as our chairman and leader.

And elected vice-chairman were late Chief Sampson I. Adoki of Okrika and late Chief Princewili Amachree of Kalabari.

I was the founder and secretary of this organisation which crystallised and gave vocal expression to the popular demand of the entire Rivers people for a place in the sun.

[Frankly, I detest vainglorious glory, but sometimes it is imperative that the records be put straight at least for the sake of the young generation. A detailed account of his will form the subject of a book I am working on.

This brief account will be anything but complete without giving credit to other genuine patriots some of whom at that time, were no university graduates nor were they professional.

We were ordinary people fired by a common zeal to liberate the area now known as the Rivers State from the shackles of an irritating and obnoxious domination.

The Council of Chiefs had a Working Committee which comprised the following gentlemen, viz,

M. D.S. Adoki (now Chief Adoki) chairman, Mr. E.F. Amachree (now Chief Amachree), Mr. Alfred D. William Jumbo (now Chief Jumbo), Mr. Kalada Kiri (a graduate of American University), Mr. N.T. Selele and of course myself, the secretary.

Amongst us also was a bulldog of a fighter, Mr. Harold Wilcox (now Chief Harold Danya Biviel). Of course, we had a legal adviser, a scholar of international repute, a highly cultured and disciplined gentleman, Dr. N.B. Graham Douglas.

He is certainly a legal luminary of very high calibre.

But in spite of his academic achievements, he remains meek and self-effacing.

He typifies riverine

culture at its best. Last but certainly not the least was Barrister O. Inko Tanah (now retired Justice O. Inko Tanah) who took over from Dr. N.B. Graham Douglas.

During our various meetings, Mr. Melford Okilo (now Chief Okilo and Governor of Rivers State), although civil servant, found time to attend. It is clear from this graphic account, therefore, that Mr. Tam David-West was never one of us in the turbulent days of the struggle.

Now that the luscious pudding is ready, and he was lucky to have partaken of it, our extroverted virologist has emerged to the consternation of everyone, as the greatest "nationalist" the Rivers State has ever produced! This he should tell to the masses!

I want to apologise for this digression, but it is considered a necessary preface to enable the reading public form an accurate opinion with regard to his political background in the Rivers State.

No one is saying that Professor Tam David-West should not show a healthy interest in our politics. Far from it. But my contention is that it is wrong of him to ridicule and portray the governor and government of his state of origin in perpetually bad light in the name of a "concerned citizen" — as if others who actually fought for the cause were less concerned about the state of affairs here.

What does he intend to achieve by rushing to the press virtually every week scurrilously attacking Chief Okilo and his government? As a citizen, what stops him from seeking an audience with the governor in order to express his views on burning issues?

May well be that he feels too big to do that! Professors are, perhaps, superior mortals and so cannot condescend!

Be that as it may, I am inclined to think that there is more to it than meets the eye. The man is simply a disguised politician, and I am reliably told that he belongs to the Unity Par-

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PROFESSOR TAM DAVID WEST AND THE ABORTIVE IMPEACHMENT

ty of Nigeria (U.P.N.), or that party — come 1983, there.

Another school of thought holds the view that he has already been tipped for the gubernatorial candidature of the Rivers State on the platform of that his sympathy lies

So, his present scorching operation, to all intents and purposes, is aimed at discrediting the Rivers State Government through seditious writings and in the process build up his own political image. What a grand but futile strategy!

There is no point pretending. He should get out of the University of Ibadan and do full-time politicking. I am myself an NPN man, and before this time I belonged to two other parties from which I resigned having discovered their leaderships to be weak and grossly ineffective.

The present exercise, therefore, is partly to repair the image of NPN government in the Rivers State denied by Tam David-West's inciting articles plus the fact that as a humble contributor to the vigorous campaign for the creation of this state, the time is ripe for me to speak up my mind against organised forces of disunion.

Now to the point at issue, which is a two-part article titled "A Rivers gate", published in the "Nigerian Tribune" of June 8 and 9, 1982 respectively. It demands a critical analysis in order to expose the shallowness of Professor Tam David-West's political thinking, beginning with the first part of his story.

For the sake of those who may not have read the article under review, I wish to indicate that it is a commentary on the abortive impeachment that was masterminded by him in collaboration with his UPN mentors

plus external forces based at Owerri and Enugu. In short, it was the brain child of a conspiratorial caucus of the FPA, an amalgam of convenience of two contradictory parties viz, UPN and NPN.

His diction is amazingly verbose and repetitive — a paragraph saying the same thing as the preceding ones! It is terribly boring, thus creating the impression that the virologist wrote in a hurry to beat a deadline!

I shall now reproduce some of his questions and supply the answers.

What emboldened the minority party (NPN) to champion the motion, in

away with a devastating rebuff. Thus disgraced, the parties resorted to an inglorious impeachment imbroglio!

This is a statement of fact and Professor Tam David-West is at liberty to see his anti-Rivers State comrades-in-arms to verify assuming that he was ignorant of it.

It is indeed a sad commentary that "impeachment", incorporated in Nigerian

system. At five it collapsed and after we had a military dictatorship thirteen years. Yet is no evidence in ever learnt lessons of socio-political discipline.

Before termination we opted for an American

constitution. However, the signals point in the direction of fundamental law is to be based up to sheer, guttic law and gross discipline.

American constitution which is a total prototype was passed in 1978 and past 1980, on president Dr. A. Johnson 1980-81 been unacceptably impeached.

However, four judges were impeached and found guilty.

It could be seen, therefore, that the Congress does not invoke a right of impeachment. It is a right of the American Congress to impeach a president.

Now let us see raised by Sir Vincent "Why was that of its very rank in the Hall, G. Okilo was guilty to call off the minority party."

Again, it is the theme that the theme quite wrong that Mr. Tam David-West is "able" and "able" "unable" to do are different things.

Let me state be able to do it, then, unless I can, please me, dear, Professor.

Chief Melford was once twice stop the motion in the name of their legislative bodies. But the motion was not passed.

However, he is their own. It might be that the motion is a can motion. It is a motion for impeachment. But whether it succeeded or not, it is a course.



Professor Tam David-West

spite of its obvious position of relative weakness in the Rivers State House of Assembly, more especially within the realities of Constitutional provisions for impeachment as examined above.

My answer to that is: was a mixture of miscalculated gamble and big game — pure and simple! The minority parties knew full well that they had no ghost of a chance, but obviously embarked upon the perilous voyage in search of big "bread". Currently our legislative blackmail is impeachment!

Had Governor Okilo given it at the outset, the notorious impeachment mixup would never have seen the light of day. I have it on good authority that representatives of the minority parties put out feelers to the governor, but were sent

constitution to check Executive excesses, has been converted into a play thing by a bunch of legislative mercenaries all over the nation. Day by day as events unfold themselves we have come to the painful

realisation that it is now an axe of political vendetta that may fall on the president, his vice or on anyone of the governors or their deputies any time the rascals are in need of big money.

After all, general elections, in the absence of a military coup, will be with us next year. To go back to their constituencies they need big money to buy votes. This they can obtain by way of impeachment blackmail!

At independence in 1960 we inherited, on traditional grounds, British Parliamentary

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At five years old and there is a taste of dictatorship for us. Yet there is a lesson in the socio-political atmosphere exit voluntarily for merican type. The red get inexorably fast our new law is about to be passed through the congress for the last of its indecisive

matter. Realizing their numerical inferiority, Governor Okilo simply ignored or snubbed the impeachment crusaders! And the whole thing collapsed just at the preliminary stage! What a pity, for the exercise represented a colossal waste of time and energy! I really sympathize with Tam David-West over the failure of an adventure in which he fully participated intellectually as a UPN man, what with his regular, seditious writings for his party organ, "Nigerian Tribune!"

by
I. T. T. PEPPLE

I shall now proceed to the last relevant question in relation to the first instalment of his article. Clearly, I do not propose to waste the reader's time by lifting more paragraphs, because they are astonishingly naive and untenable.

Here it goes: "As a corollary to No. 2 above, why was it necessary for the president to intervene, and so made it possible for all the NPN national heavyweights to converge in Port Harcourt to lobby for days?"

My answer, the above question confirms my view that since Professor Tam David-West is not a social scientist, it is patent that he is unable to grasp or appreciate simple problems relating to applied Political Science. A teacher in a university has asked a silly question I would have expected of my little daughter in her first year in a secondary school.

Since the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) controls both the government and legislature of the Rivers State, it follows that any overt threat from UPN and NPP who have formed an alliance called PPA, must be choked, or repulsed. This should be obvious to any school boy having a modicum of intelligence. One does not have to be a philosopher to realise this.

At all events, there is no evidence that President Shagari despatched party stalwarts to Port Harcourt during the futile impeachment, unless of course, the virologist who specialised in procuring documents by unorthodox means, is able to produce an authentic proof to that effect.

Party "heavyweights" from the national headquarters converged at Port Harcourt to demonstrate their solidarity with their Rivers State comrades at a crucial period. In point of fact, the national executive of the party took the decision and was not a presidential directive. And there ends my critique of the first part of the Professor's article.

I will now move into the second phase and subject it again to an analytical exposure.

Strangely enough, this one is as puerile as its predecessor! Therefore, only a few paragraphs shall be quoted and debunked. Here they come.

For instance, can we seriously say that simply because of the convenient eleventh hour coming together of Okilo and Eke for a mutual and joint operation "save our necks", that ipso facto settles their deep and long-standing crisis of confidence, and their reciprocal plots and counter-plots?

My answer: It is true to fact that their relationship has turned sour. But this state of affairs is not peculiar to Governor Okilo and his deputy.

In Oyo State where Tam David-West is based, Governor Bola Ige's deputy has openly declared his intention to contest the gubernatorial election on the platform of his party UPN.

As a result, this is an open secret, there is no love lost between the two gentlemen! It is the same in Ondo State, controlled by the Professor's party, UPN. Not long ago the deputy governor of Kano State was flushed out by way of impeachment because he could no longer get on with Governor Rimi. Kano is supposed to be one of the so-called progressive states.

I am told that Governor Obenjo is having sleepless nights, because of the ambition of his deputy — come 1983! They are virtually not on speaking terms. Again this is a UPN state. It is sheer perfidy and patriotic bankruptcy for Tam David-West to paint colours of persanity, deride and label Governor Okilo in order to please his political masters.

Again he asks: "In order words, in the ordinary K.O. Mbadawian parlance, I am forced



Chief Melford Okilo
Governor Rivers State



Prince Idris Frank Eke
Deputy Governor Rivers State

to ask whether after the failure of Operation Totality, has Operation patch-up produced Accord Concordiae?

I do not chench repetition, but may I inform him that the governor and his deputy are still in office, "accord concordiae" or not! His paid agents and around the secretariat complex at Port Harcourt will no doubt confirm this.

There is, therefore, no point in commenting further on that colloquial phraseology of a "renowned" and most "brilliant" professor the Rivers State has ever known! Clearly, his diction is symptomatic of the virologist's behavioural pattern.

Again he asserts: "Furthermore, by killing the motion at the stage it did, the NPN has also inadvertently given the impression that the charges of 'injustice', 'misrule', 'gross misconduct', etc as clearly spelt out in the impeachment motion were all true!"

I want to inform the Professor that bourgeois parliamentary or legislative convention permits the killing of an obnoxious motion which does not receive the support of majority of the members of any law-making body, the Rivers State House of Assembly inclusive — At any stage considered to be strategic, provided such a procedure does not run counter to the constitution or the standing orders.

It is a well-known maxim in capitalist states, where multi-party democracy holds sway, that while the minority is allowed to have its say the majority must inevitably have its way. It is the vogue in Great Britain, United States of America, and other western democracies. So, why all the acrophony about the NPN majority in the House stopping the impeachment motion at the time and stage it did? The minority parties ought to

have realized that they were certainly not in a position to get their motion through.

Here is another weak assertion of the professor's: "The point must also be made that it was not the NPN as a party that was on trial."

No. The ones on trial are individual functionaries of the party. Except of course the NPN equates the morality of the individual members of the party to that of the party as a corporate political organ."

Here now is my refutation: The NPN or any other party for that matter is composed of human beings, i.e. its members. If the members of functionaries are considered good, then image of the party in question is good.

In other words, the quality of leadership reflects on a given political party. It is not the other way round.

It is absolutely illogical to say that the UPN, for instance, is a good party but its leader, Chief Awolowo is bad! It makes no sense. I do not want to sound philosophical, but it is necessary to say that the leadership quality of any political party attracts or repels greater followership. So, we cannot possibly

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separate a party from its leadership or followership.

Again it is wrong to say that the NPN is a bad party but its leader, Zik and other members are good. The two are inseparable. If the leaders of a party are "on trial", it is obvious that the party is also on trial.

The 1979 presidential election was won by Alhaji Shagari Shagari because of his national-wide acceptability. The alphabets, NPN did not do the magic

The leadership structure of the party was largely responsible plus its manifesto.

It follows that if the leadership of NPN is destroyed, as the minority parties had planned with their impeachment in the Rivers State, then, that would be the end of the party.

It is therefore the height of intellectual dishonesty for Professor Tam David-West to say that it was not the NPN that was "on trial" but its functionaries.

His sermonizing talk about morality is deceptive and open to debate.

Now to the final question of his: "Why did the Okilo administration opt for the chairmanship of the NNPC instead of the post of managing director, especially since the latter is more strategic, and furthermore, since there was already in the top profession hierarchy of the NNPC a Rivers man, only that he is from a different ethnic bloc — Abomanna, Kababari from that of the governor?"

My observation runs thus: this question shows clearly where the Professor's anger and intense dislike of Governor Okilo derives.

"His diction is amazing verbose and repetitive—a paragraph saying the same thing as the preceding ones! It is terribly boring, thus creating the impression that the virologists wrote in a hurry to beat a deadline."

In one breath he accuses the governor of nepotism and sectionalism but in another he practices or advocates it! Had the Abomanna man been appointed managing director of NNPC, Chief Melford Okilo would have been the best governor in Nigeria!

This goes to show that all the noise about his crusade to purify the Rivers State is a mere sham, and it is selfishly motivated. The man has, by his own writing and

confession, confirm the suspicion of me sceptic about his reason.

Professor Tam David West is nothing but champion of his clan, his brazen demagogues notwithstanding!

He has a few ingroupes, again Governor Okilo. I do not mention them yet, any event, he will, in usual thoughtless writings, expose himself. He will do the job!

I know he has penchant for vulgar, seditious and libelous writings.

There is an imperative need, however, to remind our professor virology that he enjoys no special monopoly in that area.

There is certainly a dearth of vituperative writers in the Rivers State but we are restrained by our refined culture for which we are known all over the federation.

He must learn to play the game according to the rule. But if he persists in his nauseating campaign of vilification of the government of Rivers State or in the character assassination of those who genuinely disagree with his opportunistic methods, then, he should be prepared to receive greater fire for his fire. We have had enough of his nonsense.

Finally, I want to congratulate our great party, the NPN on its resounding victory in relation to the impeachment motion.

It was clearly a battle royal between the force of anarchy, disintegration and partition.

For the first time in NPN's history an opposition to have a frontal show down with PPA (UPN and NPP) and characteristically the National Party of Nigeria sent its opponents packing!

The abortive impeachment was not a flexing of muscles between Chief Okilo and Mr. Osagunju.

It was essentially a fight between two giant political blocs.

Any contrary view is simplistic, hypocritical and unrealistic.

May I add that the defeat of PPA in the Rivers State House of Assembly on May 28, 1982, is a pointer of things — come 1983! I am not given to soothsaying, but it is pretty certain that there will be no PPA around to contest with.

It will be a natural death in a matter of months.

The handwriting is visible on the wall. I will soon be vindicated!

THE wave of the 1980's global economic recession has not left Nigeria untouched.

The present World Economic depression reared that of the 1930's culminating in high cost of living, coupled with mass unemployment.

The extent of touch, on the nation, came to a point, where the imposition of economic sanction was the only option left for the nation if she was not to sink beneath the waves.

The effect of the measures taken by the Federal Government will come to naught if smuggling with its attendant ready and devastating effects still persists at the scale it is practised in Nigeria.

Take the case of the private jetties; the whole lot of 202 private jetties had to be black listed for performing functions different from what they were registered for.

They aided smuggling of prohibited goods into the country, and thereby crippling the nation's economy, which they are supposed to protect.

Private jetties had been reserved for the nation as not of the smuggling act.

For now, large quantities of petrol are being smuggled through various Nigerian borders to neighbouring countries.

The smugglers besige the petrol station with large plastic containers.

These are filled and loaded and smuggled out to foreign countries.

The practice is assuming an alarming proportion which, if unchecked, could lead to the falsification of the demand pattern designed by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

It is with the pattern that the corporation plans the supply strategy.

And if this happens, the nation's economy will suffer the more.

Oyo State has not been identified as a smuggling centre like some other states.

According to Mr. Samuel Obegbade Bamisile, the area administrator, Oyo State Command of Customs and Excise, the State is an outlet for smuggled goods.



SAMUEL OBEGBADE BAMISILE
Area Administrator

However, recent raids in Oyo State confirmed that Oshogbo, Ibeju, Ibe, Ilesha, Shaki, Ikenne, Ogbomoso, and Oyo markets are where large consignments of smuggled goods valued at thousands of naira are freely displayed and marketed.

In this respect, the main task of the area administrator as he himself rightly pointed out is neither after a man who sells two bottles of brandy nor ten pieces of apple or five bundles of printed wax, but after those men and women who smuggle in tons of thousands of prohibited goods sold in Oyo State markets.

By the extent of smuggling going on in Nigeria, one is led to exclaim, "O my beloved country."

How come we are so brain-washed to continue the work of our

patronage?

The total sense of indignation Decree has no meaning and effect if the indigenous manufacturers can not explore the locally available materials to fit their industries.

As a matter of fact, if we are not ready to explore the local materials it will be more economical for this country to leave these industries with foreigners who can buy at cheaper rates.

We all know what part race, colour, language — power and the like can play in trading, even locally.

Nigeria cannot stand the shame of marketing raw materials for foreign exporters.

For what has happened is that by the present trend of trade, Nigerians have succeeded in removing the labour cost for the former owners.

And we are the losers; the import duties got, not withstanding.

like batteries, locally assembled cars, soap, to name but a few, having utility far less in value as the foreign made ones.

The people who sell technology have their reservation, and that is to protect their home-made products if this is not true, why is it that the seller and buyer of technology product do not perform the same function at equal value?



MR VICTOR MASI
Minister of Finance

Usual Nigerian manufacturer are bought by foreigners for a while and foreigners

patronage for their products is not a pleasant one.

The worker had to be paid or retrenched or standard lowered if there is no encouraging turnover.

A manufacturer is forced to a situation where he has to stick to his obsolete machines because of lack of funds to buy new ones or repair the old ones.

The Federal Government is trying to help the local industries.

Recently, it has finalised arrangements to borrow N35 million from the World Bank for the promotion of small-scale industries in five pilot states in the country.

This amount is to supplement the N15 million already provided for this purpose in 1981.

The states to benefit from the recent arrangement are Ondo, Imo, Cross River, Niger and Plateau.

The other states are to be progressively covered

continue to shun home-made goods, and if our industrialists refuse to explore local materials for their industries thereby waving custom duties which affect



MR KEN F.D. GREEN
Minister of State
Agriculture

prices of their commodities which are a major criticism against home-made products.

A nation full of messengers of doom and pessimists can never make it.

The sooner Nigerians change their attitudes towards home-made goods, and our industrialists plough back

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF SMUGGLING

hands!

Quoting the chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank of the United States, Mr. David Rockefeller, "the increasing rate of smuggling is caused mostly by the inability of our local manufacturers to produce high quality goods to measure up to their high prices."

But a second thought might show that Nigerians have atuned themselves to accepting the brain-washing of the foreign exploiters.

To be fair to Nigerian industrialists, they are trying.

But one would not easily know if they are putting in and producing their best because of the discouraging attitude of the general public towards their goods and the total lack of patronage.

A dictum says that it is only a mad-man that says his mother's soap is not delicious.

One could justifiably say this because even what is shipped into this country from other developing countries are by far lower in quality than the local products.

These people who have travelled abroad will bear testimony to this.

Does the total condemnation of home-made goods mean that we can not start somewhere?

Can we accept from the exploiters that their cheapest products are good enough for us?

Why no word of encouragement for our manufacturers?

And can words not be transformed into action

It is necessary to mention here that the critics of home-made products complain bitterly of price compared with the quality and quantity of home products in the market.

Come to think of it, one is forced to laugh when one hears of "Transfer of technology". It is a farce and does not exist.

To be honest to

by Mrs. N. M. Okwuogo

ourselves, what exists is "expatriation or sale" of technology.

And a sale of technology must be limited and the cost prohibitive.

It is as limited in as much as that it does not eliminate or compete favourably with the sellers' products in the market or drive their products off the market.

And that is why you hear of certain products

are partners in production of home-made goods which are condemned in preference to foreign made ones.

From this premise high price cannot be curbed so long as home-made goods lack patronage.

Not being an economist does not mean that people are ignorant that mass production affects unit

price.

And that readily available market for a particular product can enhance the quality and quantity of particular goods.

Encouraging turn-over makes replacement of machines, market research, and so on, possible.

A situation where manufacturers are faced with the problem of closing down for lack of

Education payment by results

Concluding part of 17/6/82 article

In those days, I remember having a chat with a student from the Government College, Umuahia, under Chief I.D. Ekeokoma, who told me that on admission into the college, all the students received was a pass in English Language in order to obtain a grade One or Two School Certificate.

Otherwise, Umuahia students were always assured of credits and alphas in such subjects as, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and geography

to start with.

A third grade pass was not considered a pass by the then Umuahia students.

Some people may argue that the Government Colleges, including Umuahia and Lagos, admit the cream of intelligent students in the whole of the federation.

But it must be remembered that whatever the intellectual capacity of the student, environments, including the school setting, have a tremendous effect on the students' educational growth.

in future.

Effort at creating these small scale industries also has been receiving special encouragement in form of loan from the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank.

For example, the N.I.D.B. sanctioned a total investment of N111.8 million between October 1979 and August 1981.

This amount was made up of N10.8 million in equity and N101 million in loan for 95 projects spread throughout the Federation.

During the same period there was a total disbursement of 933 million naira made up of N15.9 million in equity and N77.4 million in loans to 95 projects.

These investments will be a waste if Nigerians

profit to improve and meet the high demand for their products, the better for the country.

Moreover, the cottons boys should not see the President's current economic measure as an avenue for enriching themselves.

They should take up the challenge and live up to expectation by helping the government to plug all our leaking borders, airports and sea ports.

If these duties are conscientiously executed, the citizens of this country will learn to live within our economy and every single person in this country will realise that our land is richly flowing with "milk and honey".

Let us understand as a nation economic obligation that the reputation of a principal or teacher solely depends upon how many successful students he has been able to produce over the years.

To ensure productivity in schools, therefore, greater emphasis should be placed on Payment by Results in all educational institutions.

In conclusion, the time has come for those unproductive principals and teachers to be flushed out of our schools and offices for good, in order to give way for more productive and devoted ones.

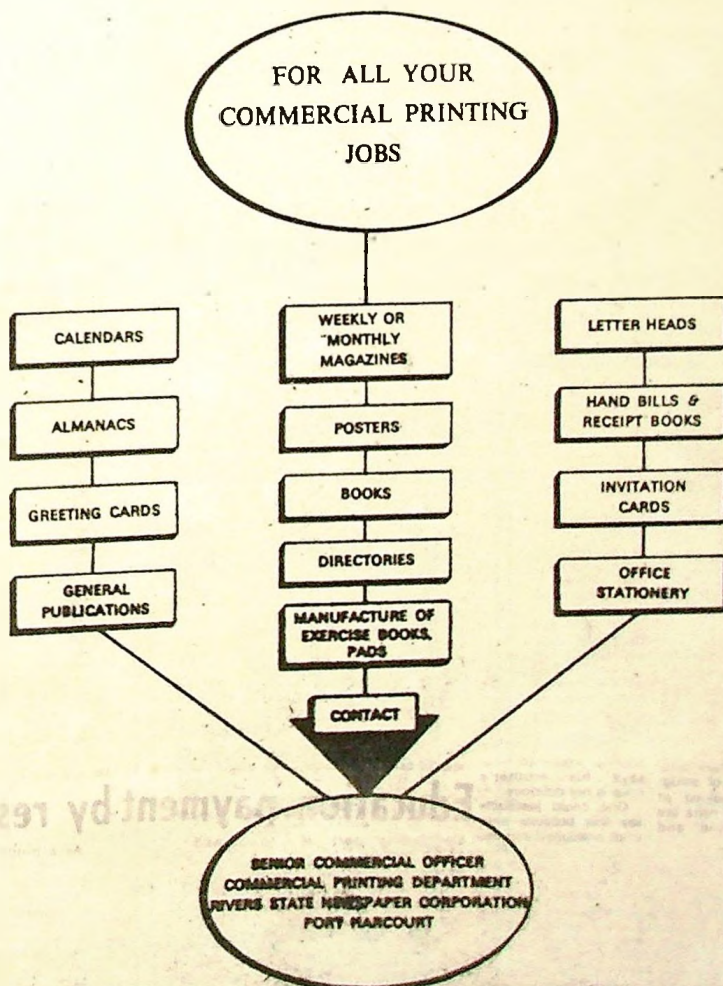
They are indeed the dead woods and should quit the system.

As a caution, let us not be blurred by political considerations in appointing people to offices for good, in order to continue to be using about our education system.

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WHO WILL HOST NEXT SPORTS FESTIVAL?



THE National Sports Commission has been urged to announce without further delay the state that would host the next National Sports Festival, which is the sixth in the series.

Mrs Alice Afolayan, Kwara State Commissioner for Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, made the call in Ilorin while exchanging views with the executive members of the state branch of the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN) who paid her an official visit.

She said that the continued silence of the federal authority on the issue would not be in the best interest of the state that would host the festival.

Mrs Afolayan told the sports writers that the prevailing financial

predicament would not constitute any bottle neck to the Kwara State

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government to host the games if finally chosen to do so.

She said that the state Sports Council had already been ordered to start some groundwork in preparation for the sports festival.

She announced that work would soon commence on the construction of a standard swimming pool within the stadium complex in Ilorin, the state capital, while the existing facilities within the complex would be expanded.

The commissioner appealed to the sports writers to co-operate with the ministry in itself

to sport discipline into sports in the state.

Mr. Ministry regards your association as partner in progress in the promotion of sports in the state," she declared.

Speaking earlier, the chairman of the association, Mr. Abiodun Adesina, said that the primary objective of the association is to project the sporting image of the country and the whole world.

He assured the commissioner of the co-operation of the members of the association in the state in achieving this noble objective.

Mrs Afolayan later made a personal donation of N100 to the association.

She also promised the assistance of her ministry in furnishing the association's mini-secretariat which the state sports council had earlier promised to donate.

SIX CLUBS DROPPED

TEN clubs are expected to take part in the Ogun chapter of the 1982 Challenge Cup

competition which begins at the Asoro Stadium in Abeokuta on July 7.

The state's football association has said in a

statement in Abeokuta that the opening march would be between the Housing Corporation

and the P&T both of Abeokuta.

It further said that six clubs would not play in the preliminaries.

They include the Ewekoro Works Football Club, NEPA of Abeokuta and The Wema Football Club of Ota.

Others are the Water Corporation, Abeokuta, WAPCO of Shagamu and the Abiodun Babalola of Abeokuta (N4).

LEAGUE MATCH

THE 1982 National League matches are being played at various centres all over the federation. Photo below shows action between the ICC Shooting Stars of Ibadan and the ACB football club of Lagos, and it was played at the Liberty Stadium, Ibadan, which score was 1-0 against ACB at Lagos (photo by Dapo Adesina).



Monday, June 28, 1982

MP WARNS ON IMPEACHMENT

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the strongest possible terms.
Hon. Etuk pointed out that the impeachment provision should be regarded as the last resort, and should not be invoked at will as such undisciplined conduct was bound to expose the legislature to ridicule.
As a member of the

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House of Representatives, he said, he was ashamed to observe that his colleagues could debate themselves to the level of betraying their conscience and integrity in accepting about N4 million only to perpetrate a treacherous and dishonourable act.

which had now become a "lucrative venture".

He reminded Nigerian legislators that the provision for impeachment of chief executives was only a necessary check and balance provided in the constitution to help guard against the excesses of those who would like to exceed the powers conferred on them by the constitution.

The authors of the constitution, he contended, did not enshrine that provision in order that it could be abused or invoked unnecessarily, more so in the deplorable manner to which our law-makers have subjected it.

Hon. Etuk warned that impeachment was an ill-wind that blew no one any good, adding that it had a destabilising influence and should not be a prominent feature in the activities of the country's law-makers.

Biochemists complain

Biochemists in Nigeria have complained about what they described as "their neglect" by government in the federation.

This was embodied in a communiqué issued by the National Association of Biochemistry Students (NABS) at the end of its 3rd annual convention at the University of Port Harcourt.

In the communiqué, NABS called on the federal and state governments to nurture them on the proper role of biochemists in the development of Nigeria.

The convention stressed the need for adequate utilisation of its members' education for the country's universities.

To remedy the situation, the convention suggested the establishment of small scale industries by the government to absorb members of the association who as a result contribute their quota towards the national development of the country.

such a dynamic leader, noting that the Nigerian nation saw him as a torch-bearer of the progress of Nigerian unity.

The party chief talked of the practical steps so far taken by the state government under the able leadership of Chief Okilo to salvage the interest of the people, his commitment to the

cause of progress both in the state and the entire country, and said he deserved the unqualified compliment and support of all.

Commenting on the planned strategy for the Imo NPN, the chairman declared that his caucus would vote very closely with its Rivers State counterpart.

Chief, noting that the people of the state were now conscious of the realities of their leadership under the NPN, and were more than ever determined to replace their steps.

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High mark for our Judiciary

FEDERAL HIGH COURT BUILDINGS OPENED BY AKINJIDE

THE Nigerian judiciary has been commended for its high standards, fearlessness and independence.
The commendation was made by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the federation, Chief Richard Akinjide while dedicating open a new Federal High Court complex in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital at the weekend.
The Attorney General reiterated the commitment of the present administration to the rule of law and total independence of the judiciary, noting that a fearless and independent judiciary was an indispensable machinery in any democratic system.

The Federal Government, he said, and indeed all the governments in the federation were aware of the inadequate infrastructural and other facilities available to the judiciary for the discharge of its traditionally arduous task which has been made

by a
Correspondent

more onerous by the 1979 constitution.
The minister premised that what is provided in the new structure and many more like it to follow in each state

capital is one in a package that the government had designed for alleviating the task of the judiciary towards the speedy dispensation of justice.

The Federal High Court, he added, is a necessary feature of a federation, having grown tremendously in stature with ten judicial divisions and numerous places of sessions.

The Federal Judicial Service Commission, Chief Akinjide further remarked, has, in the search for competent persons for appointment as federal judges, been placing great premium on merit, very high standard, and adhere to the provisions of the 1979 constitution relating to the federal character.

Mr. Nwelu Owuru mentioned the students that as enlightened members of the community and future leaders, they should see themselves as catalyst and work towards a more united and peaceful community, adding that they should not be dependent by the magnitude of the task ahead.

The commissioner charged the students to champion the struggle against those endemic to perpetrating the entire clan and its people.

Mr. Owuru suggested that each member, victimisation and all forms of character assassination have hampered the economic growth for the various activities of people of diversity, and pleaded with them to always verify the authenticity of those derogatory allegations often circulated within the community.

In his closing remark, the chairman of the committee, Prof. Feleke G. O. M. Yakub, pledged with the community. He told the audience that the Rivers state has an abundant variety in its natural resources, compared to what it was some years ago.

He said it was against the background that an inter-tribal group has been formed to ensure that the state's resources are properly managed and the welfare of the people improved.

Some memories are ephemeral, while others are perennial and often survive the test of time. And so was the recent visit of the vice-president, Dr. Alex Ekwueme to the Rivers State, where he performed the official launching of the country's first ever oil museum appeal fund at Olofin.

During that memorable event, the vice-president visited the ancient towns of Buguma and Abonoma in the Derema local government area of the state.

In Buguma, the august visitor was initiated into

VeePee's day at Buguma

the legendary society, the "Sekupa Club", after he had been lavishly entertained by groups of dancers.

A picture shows the vice-president in Kalabari traditional regalia receiving a gift from a female member of the community.

OKILO IS HULLMARK OF PEACE AND JUSTICE — Party boss



THE chairman of the Imo State wing of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN), Mr. S. Onyeso Nwachukwu has described the Rivers State governor, Chief Mallam Okilo as an embodiment of peace and justice, whose love for his state and country has

Reviewing the current political trend in the country vis-à-vis the personalities involved, the Imo NPN boss noted with profound delight that the political profile of the Rivers State chief executive had continuously

won his deep admiration, adding that Governor Okilo's efforts would be lauded, especially for his role in the state's development.

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COMMISSIONER SAD OVER AFFAIRS IN HIS CLAN

In the wake of mounting internal crisis, the Rivers State Commissioner for Rural Development and Co-operatives, Mr. Nwelu Owuru has expressed deep concern over the future of the Ikwere clan, following what he described as the growing disunity among the indigenes.

The commissioner who was speaking as a guest at the opening ceremony of the Students Week, organised by the state University of Science and Technology branch of the National Union of Ikwere Students, lamented that the Ikwere clan had sadly become torn apart by hatred and inter-personal disputes.

Warning against the bleak future of the community under such an atmosphere of disunity, he noted that internal wranglings have greatly undermined the progress of the state as people squandered their energy on unproductive vendettas of enmity.

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