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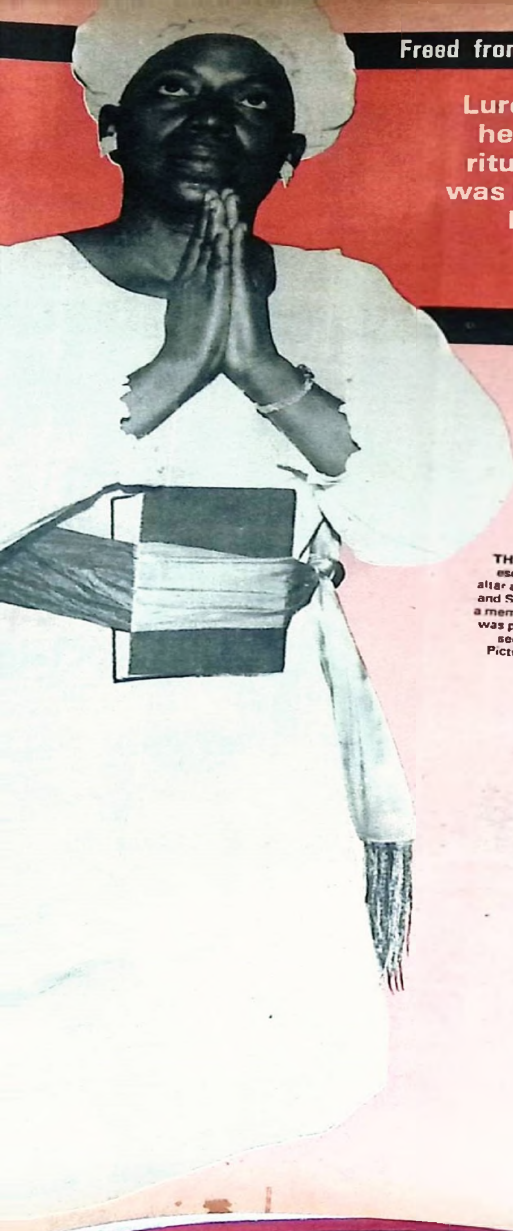
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Lured by someone very close to her into the hands of a band of ritual killers, Modupe Adeniji was lucky enough to escape and live to tell the tale. Here she relates her extraordinary story to DRUM



THANKING God for her miracle escape, Shade kneels before the altar at the Church of the Cherubim and Seraphim Sect, of which she is a member. The Bible she is carrying was presented to her by two of the sect's prophets after her ordeal. Picture on the right shows Shade telling her amazing story to DRUM's Dayo Duyite.

MISS Modupe Adeniji was lured into the hands of a secret cult at their country-pressed person who was not expected to lay down their life for her own. By a photo arrangement, Shade, a popularly called, was the mercy of leaders of the society who immediately steps to prepare her for sacrifice.

First she was stripped without. Her head was shaved and she had two different ritual marks on her precious private parts. She was similarly abused.

The venue for the atrocities, she says, was at Mile 12 along the Ikorodu road, in the Lagos.



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GIRL WHO CHEATED THE RITUAL KILLERS

By Dayo Duyile

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Folashade, better luck next time." Immediately after the farewell address, members of the cult shouted 'Oro! Oro! Oro!' Shade was then returned to the dark room to continue her wait for execution, like a helpless sheep tied up to await a butcher.

How did all this happen? And how did Shade escape to tell her amazing story? SHE began, "It was on Friday, October 4, last year when Mama Alaso requested me to accompany her to a village to consult a native doctor before she made an important decision about her trade. At first, I was reluctant to go with her because I am a Christian of the Cherubim and Seraphim Sect. But Mama Alaso pleaded with me to accompany her and I agreed on the one condition that I would take no part in anything she might be asked to do by the native doctor.

"Usually, I live at Iteju Ode with my father's elder sister, Madam Victoria Adeniran, at No 1 Lekuti Street. In the opposite house my aunt sells food. She brought me up and she is like my mother and she would do anything possible for my happiness.

"Her love for me became more evident when she discovered that I was missing. After my escape, I heard reports that she was terribly worried about me and that she did everything she possibly could to see that I returned to her safety.

"As I was saying, I set out for the fateful journey for Mile 12 with Mama Alaso. Soon, we came face to face with a mud house. In front of the house was a clay statue, which I later gathered was a goddess. A chain of cowries was hung round the neck of the idol.

"At the entrance to the hut, fear gripped me and I was reluctant to enter the house. Mama Alaso noticed this and she remarked that my action was embarrassing to her. She

tried to allay my fears and I followed her into the house. We saw three native doctors seated on a mat. They sat round a pot of medicine placed in the centre of the mat. Mama Alaso and I were asked to sit down. Almost immediately, Mama Alaso went out with one of the native doctors. I grew suspicious when she had not returned after 20 minutes.

"All of a sudden four men ran into the room and overpowering me. One man held me by the throat, squeezing my vocal chord, another covered my face with a piece of cloth and the two others gripped me by the legs. I was tied up with ropes.

"Now I realised I was in for big trouble. I shouted for help. I cried. I wept until I lost my voice. I then resigned myself to fate. Who will save me from this ordeal? I quickly began to pray silently to God.

"When night came, a man whom I later discovered was the head of the secret cult, entered the room to see me. He told me in plain language that I was destined to die and that my blood would be used for sacrifice. I then shouted at the top of my cracked voice 'Lord Jesus Christ, unto your hands I commend my spirit.' The headman laughed heartily and told me that there was no 'Jesus' (meaning Jesus) in this room, that what they worship is 'Esu' (Devil).

"He then pulled out a gourd and a black sheep's horn and tried to charm me with incantations. From a few words I picked from the incantations, I gathered that he was trying to charm me to sleep. But I did not sleep, because the load on my heart was too much.

"I then asked the headman where Mama Alaso was. He answered 'I do not know her.' I then burst into another round of tears as more native doctors trooped in with charms, knives and pots of medicine. Days rolled by as I lay down on the floor naked, still tied with ropes. I refused to eat their food,

Surprisingly, I was not hungry. I was full of prayers and the psalms.

"On the fourth day at about 6 p.m. I was brought out into the midst of 15 men. I was made to lie on my back and surrounded by members of the secret cult. They danced round me several times and poured 'Ogogoro' (native gin) and ritual water on my body. They drank Ogogoro and palm oil.

"Then suddenly Mama Alaso emerged and started to bid me farewell.

"I was later carried back into the room where I had been confined. An oil lamp was brought into the room and the headman emerged again with


two others, this time to fulfil another mission. I did not put up any resistance because I was already very weak. The headman shaved my head with a ritual knife. He ordered me to open my legs. I did. Cold water was sprayed on my private part and the hair was shaved off. Then I was untied. Why they did so I still do not know.

"I thought that night was to be my last, but no. They left me and locked the room. Throughout the night I heard voices around the house and I thought to myself that the ritual ceremony was continuing. On the night of the eighth day,

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complete silence was noticed for the first time since I was held in the room. I was wondering where all the people had gone to.

"Early in the morning, at about 4 a.m. on October 13, I noticed a strange incident. My 'watchdog,' the gatekeeper and guard, had dropped off to sleep and was snoring heavily. This was unusual of him. He hardly slept. His tobacco pipe lay beside him along with his charms and horse tail. The door was slightly opened and I could see some fresh air filtering into the room. What is happening outside?" I asked myself.

"I took one step forward towards the door and peeped out. Then another and another. The guard kept on snoring. I could not see anything except darkness and the stars. I heard some toads singing haw, haw, haw, and the pecking of some chickens. My guard was still fast asleep.

"I realised this was my chance and then and there took the decision to escape. I tiptoed out of the room with my guard still snoring and ran into the bush at the back of the house. As I collected myself and wondered about my next step to freedom, I saw one member of the cult coming in my direction with a kerosene lamp. I almost surrendered myself thinking that he saw me. I was lucky; he passed by my hiding place without pausing.

"He went to the toilet for a few minutes and then went back to his own room. I immediately began my long trek into freedom. I walked through the marshy jungle and got to a road junction where I was accosted by a hunter. I was frightened but he calmed me down and asked me what I was doing in the bush at that time. He also asked me whether I realised I was naked.

"Having heard part of my story he agreed to lead me to safety. I got to the Lagos-Ikorodu road at about 6 a.m. and saw that workers on their way to work in the city had already arrived at bus stops. I got a piece of cloth from a sympathiser to cover myself, while another paid my transport fare to Ijebu-Ode, where I reported the ordeal to my father. He then took up the matter with the police, who acted swiftly.

"Mama Alaso's story is that I had a mental problem and she had taken me to native doctors for treatment. But I have never been mentally ill at any stage of my life. My father, who is a contractor at Ijebu-Ode, can testify to that. My aunt with whom I was staying can also

The same members of the No. 12 Lawani Street at the branch

"As much as I was aggrieved by what had done to me, I want her sent to her relatives too naturally would not want to go to prison. I want the mercy of her God.

DRUM: What experiences was the mud house? **SHADE:** Do daily at the and their block the place.

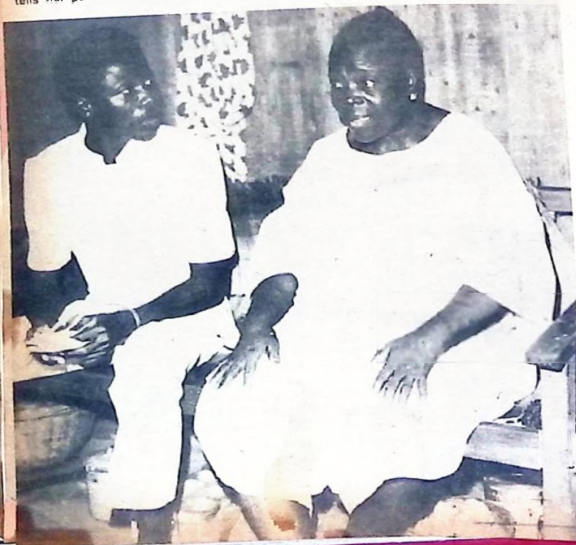
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BIBLE gift for Shade (above) presented by two of her sect's prophets. She escaped from the killers' den because the guard fell asleep. **SHADE'S** aunt, Madam Victoria Adeniran (below), tells her part of the story to Dayo Dayie. We had no idea what had happened, she said



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HIS name is John Akpan Bassey, but he is best known as the Jesus of Ikot Ekpene or Edidem Bassey. Edidem means king in the Efik language.

Unlike Moses Odumoso, the former carpenter in Lagos who says he is 'Jesus' and came to be known first as 'Jesus of Oyoigbo' and now 'Jesus of Onigbongbo' Edidem Bassey is fast to deny that he is Jesus. But his thousands of followers fondly refer to him as 'Jesus' because of the miracles credited to him over the years.

"As my mother told me," he said, "I was born in the year 1916. There was no record of my birthday because there was no educated man available in those years. My mother thought it was between 1915 and 1916 in the month of January."

Edidem Bassey styles himself as 'The Spiritual King,' and refers to Jesus Christ as 'The Prince of Kings' and 'The Lord, Son of God'.

As a little boy, Edidem attended Government School, Ikot Ekpene for less than a year because when his father died, there was no one to pay his school fees. But he was already a Christian and a member of the Methodist Church, Ikot Ekpene.

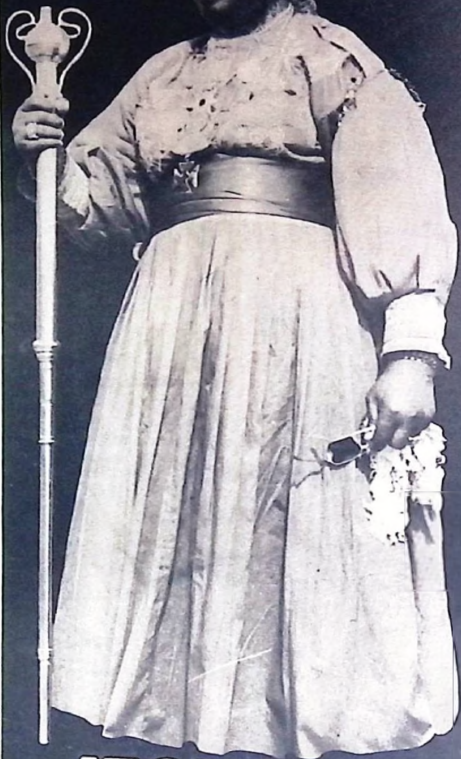
In 1935, he joined the Apostolic Church after which, he claimed, strange things started to happen to him. "First," he claimed "I miraculously became able to read the Holy Bible and also to read and write in English without being taught by anyone."

Edidem was eventually appointed as a minister of the Apostolic Church, a position in which he served for 10 years. But he was soon to found a sect of his own. He recalled, "In about 1944 there was some trouble in the Apostolic Church. A dispute arose and there was strife between the white and the black missionaries. Then catastrophe followed, and many senior apostles died. God not being pleased with confusion in His house."

Edidem spoke of many visions and dreams seen by some people about him, all revealing the intention of Jesus Christ to use him in building up a people for God. When these visions and dreams were mentioned to him, he doubted them. He considered himself too small for what he called "such a big work of honour."

But he resigned from his ministerial work in the Apostolic Church to live at Ifayang, as, he said, he was told by the Lord.

While there, he recalled, a woman called Eka Ete Okon, a



JESUS OF IKOT EKPENE

John Akpan Bassey (above) refers to himself as "a humble servant of God and a true witness of Jesus Christ". But despite his followers insist on calling him "Edidem (King or Obong) Bassey, Jesus of Ikot Ekpene. DRUM editor Olu Adetule traces the spiritual king's rise from a simple man to a religious idol.

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He was not to step out of his room for three years. Jesus first was said to have promised, on the vision, that he would reveal certain things to John which would leave him in no doubt as to his future titles and religious role. He said that he bargained with the Lord's

"...this concealment," he claimed, "my first experience was that I saw Jesus Christ with his eyes naked eyes. He baptised me and said to me: 'Fear not and doubt no more. I will surely make thee a great man among thy brethren, and thou shalt be a leader of my people in the world of the gentiles. I will surely fulfil my will upon thee before the gentiles and you shall see it and believe that I am the Lord that speaketh to thee, and thou shalt see the gentiles rejoice'."

When I woke up from the vision at the clock struck 4.30 a.m."

Thereafter, Edidem Bassey said, more signs came and his belief was confirmed. Many spiritualists later wrote him of various visions and dreams in which Jesus Christ revealed to them the role he (John) has since been playing in Ikot Ekpene. Edidem Bassey said that thereafter many people came to shower him with honour and gifts. For example, the Anang people and various church elders, he said, came to greet him and present him with a gift of a brass chariot. The following year, he again went into concealment for 65 days and on the 65th day, the leaders and church elders came to present him with another beautiful

chariot in the name of God and Jesus Christ.

In his early days as a messenger of the Lord, Edidem Bassey, according to wide-spread reports, healed the sick, made the blind see, the deaf hear and the cripple walk. But he later stopped performing such "miracles." He explained, "Some people accuse me of using magical power for healing, instead of the name of God. This false accusation did not please the Lord, and he subsequently commanded me to stop praying for the sick, except that I might pray and endow healing power upon whosoever desirith."

For the last three months of each year, he goes into what is also widely known as 'concealment' during which nobody is allowed to go near him. All he does is pray day and night.

Apostle Caleb, one of his lieutenants told DRUM: "Edidem Bassey fasts each day throughout his period of concealment. The one for 1974 began from October 6 and ended on December 8. During the concealment, he prayed for peace throughout the world. He ate nothing until after 7.30 p.m. each day. On the last day, Sunday, December 8, he delivered a sermon to a large crowd at 8 o'clock in the morning. All who hungered and thirst for righteousness are usually cordially invited."

Thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the country congregate at his church at 18 Atan Road, Ikot Ekpene. When he steps out, he leads the teeming crowd in a procession round the town, seated in one of his brass chariots and rides like a king. Dressed like one of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table, Edidem Bassey is quite a remarkable man. Jesus or not

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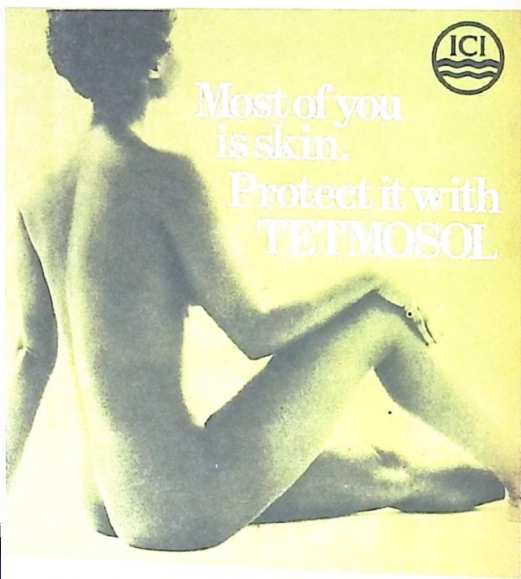
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EDIDEM BASSEY blesses an elder of his church shortly after emerging from his annual three-month period of concealment.

THE SEX KITTEN OF IBADAN

Beautiful Miss Ronke Dalley, newsreader at Television Hour Ibadan, has received more than 3,000 letters from love-hungry Nigerian men. But the charming beauty has not yet found the man she would like to love. Dayo Duyeile reports for DRUM



Left — Ronke has such a sexy look that sets many men dreaming about the things they would love to do to her. Right — This picture of charming little Ronke Dalley was taken in 1955 on her third birthday. At 22, she is the darling of TV viewers.



WHO should first propose love? The man or the girl? Beautiful Miss Ronke Dalley, television queen of Nigeria's premier Television Station, WNTV, has got an answer to the question.

"If I like a man, I keep it to myself. I know I like him. I believe a man should first propose love and leave the rest to the girl, to reciprocate," says pretty Ronke, who, at 22, is already a darling to TV viewers in Nigeria. Her family name is Dalley, but many of her fans prefer to call her "Ronke Darling."

When DRUM visited Ronke at the Jericho quarters of her parents, we met her in conversation with her father, a retired civil servant. "Come in beautiful DRUM people, I have been waiting for you," she said with a charming smile. She introduced us to her father, who greeted us warmly.

Ronke has the look of a beauty queen, yet she does no make-up. Everything about her is natural and really beautiful and sexy.

She says: "I do not believe in being artificial. I believe in natural beauty, because nature itself is beautiful. But there is another side to the story. I am conservative. My upbringing affects my behaviour. My mother does not use all these artificial things, yet she is beautiful. She is a sewing mistress, and a dedicated housewife. She sews her own dresses, and I imitate her a bit."

Asked to talk about the inevitable pressure from men, Ronke said: "What I care for is love. It is a nice thing to find a man who realises that to take care of a woman is important. As for me, I would not get married to a poor man, especially nowadays that the cost of living is high. But this does not mean that I cannot love a poor man."

"When I consider marriage, love will be the most important factor. One thing again I consider important is for my man to be very much around. He should be homely and keep my company. Now, to your question, I have met some men, I have had phone calls, and I have received many letters proposing love to me. But I have been very diplomatic about it all. But let me tell you, I have not found my man yet."

Ronke has attractive legs but she is too shy to expose them by wearing short skirts. She says: "I am old fashioned called old-fashioned way. Some girls do not know what fits them. Some girls possess fat thighs and buttocks, and yet they wear short skirts. I am scared when I see them in the streets. Short-skirted girls merely expose themselves and I wonder what feelings men have about them."

Though a TV star, Ronke is a winner any time. She does not like the idea of taking part in a beauty contest. She explained: "In Nigeria, many people believe that girls who take part in beauty competitions are cheap. Besides, I have no courage to appear before

beauty judges for selection as a model or a beauty queen."

Another striking thing about Ronke is her simplicity. At home, she reads about romance and love in any novel she can lay her hands upon; she cooks the family meals when mummy is busy sewing; she supervises the cleaning of the father's quarters.

She has a pet dog, named "Princess." Princess sees her off to work daily and welcomes her back home at midnight after each day's work in the studios of Western Nigeria's Broadcasting and TV service (WNTV-WNBS).

When Ronke goes to work at Television House, Ibadan, Princess sits in front of the television set watching her and waiting anxiously for her return. Each time the dog sees Ronke reading the news, she becomes excited and tries to break into the TV set to sit at her feet. Before she does much

damage to the TV set, the dog is chained and locked up in a room where she reacts by barking excitedly.

Ronke loves her job. She plans to go into TV production which she also loves very much. She hopes to acquire sufficient experience and she is very keen to learn everything about her work. She loves swimming, and reading newspapers. "But much as I like swimming," she regretted, "my daddy hates it. Now, I have given it up and tucked my swimming costume into a corner of my wardrobe."

When beautiful Ronke Dalley gets the man of her dream, she will not miss him. But be warned. If you are the type who is looking for a society wedding, Ronke is not for you. Ronke says: "I would not like a society wedding. I am too shy for that. I want a quiet, modest marriage. That is all I need. If there are other things that the TV girl does not like, it is the idea of 'Aso Ebi'"

which is a popular craze among many women and girls in parts of Nigeria. She said of it: "You see, all things that make one look alike, I hate them. I just do not fancy the idea of wearing the same dress with about 20 people at a social gathering. It bores me."

Looking back into her school days at St Anne's School, Ibadan, Ronke loves to talk about the fun she shared with her mates and the escapes from sporting activities and their resultant punishment; and her life in the school's boarding house.

At 22, she is very much in the public eye. She has received more than 3,000 love letters from men, and she receives an average of ten telephone calls a day, all saying "I like your face."

Ronke bluntly refused to talk about sex, but a mere look at her enticing eyes, her oval face, her beautiful lips, the inviting shape of her bust, her longish fingers and her glossy skin gives her a sexy look which has sent many men thinking about what they would like to do to a girl they see as a sex-kitten.



"If I like a man, I keep it to myself... I believe a man should first propose love and leave the girl to reciprocate. I have not met my man yet," says Ronke.



BARRY WHITE

"Can I Get Enough" (20th Century)

Barry White, the unluckiest heart throb of all time, shows why he is so popular in this latest offering. He talks and sings his way through the seven tracks in his unique, seductive manner. The album contains his most recent hits, *You're The First, The Last, My Everything* and *Can I Get Enough Of Your Love, Babe*, and with some fine back-up work from Love Unlimited it's a disc well worth buying.

WILSON PICKETT

"Pickett In The Pocket" (RCA)

Mr. Soul bounces back into the spotlight after a few years in the wilderness with this collection of funky music. His distinctive vocals are ideally complemented by the backing rhythm and horns of the Music Shifters Swampers and Memphis Horns Inc. Not his best waxing but good.

ISAAC HAYES

"Truck Turner" (Sire)

The new double album for the man who scored his biggest screen and musical success in "Shaft" is neither a drag nor a fantastic hit. So, to be fair, it's best to describe it as an average record; good background stuff which is what you can expect from a film soundtrack. Best of the 17 tracks are *Parasol Of The Pimpobile*, *Dorinda's Party* and *Driving In The Sun*. If the film, by the way, is being judged by the appeal of "Shaft," then the album will share in the success. Otherwise it'll be a disaster.

OSIBISA

"Best Of Osibisa" (MCA)

Osibisa have changed recording companies recently — to Warner Brothers — so MCA have put out a compilation of the band's best music under their colours. And didn't they do well! This album is the perfect companion for Warner Brothers' latest release "Osibrock" featuring the original Osibisa — Teddy Riley, Mike Tosh, Sol Amadio, Loughy Amapo, Robert Bailey and Spartacus R. The album includes such gems as *Beautiful Seven*, *Wango Wango*, *Phalisc C* and *The Dawn*, this is sure to become a collector's item in years to come. Collect your copy now.

GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS

"I Feel A Song" (Buddah)

She's not quite the girl she used to be, but Gladys still belts out a fair song and this is easily her best since leaving the Tamia Motown stable. The best track on the album is the title *I Feel A Song* which is the nicest she's done for ages but that's not matched by any of the



100% PURE POISON: Nice music but the 9-man band can do much better and they will.

others and some, particularly *The Way We Were* and *Bill Withers' Better You Go Now* (War), are pretty rough — for Gladys.

KARL DOUGLAS

"Kung Fu Fighter" (Pye)

Carl Douglas fought his way into the charts with the title track *Kung Fu Fighter*, which is a super sound but it's not equalled on any of the others on this release. His latest single, *Dance The Kang Fu* — which was a flop — is included and it does and it typifies the rest of this collection. Mediocre to middling with one nice track.

BACHMAN-TURNER OVERDRIVE

"Not Fragile" (Mercury)

Hard rock from Canada's leading group, it's a really great sound. With two lead guitars and a driving beat, BTO are sure to be one of the top groups of the 70s. Randy Bachman's vocals are a highlight of the heavy sound, particularly their latest single release *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet*, and *Rolling Down The Highway*. This is sure to be a hit.

THE STYLISTICS

"Let's Put It All Together" (Avco)

One of the earliest groups exploiting The Philadelphia Sound, The Stylistics have had three major international hit albums. This is their fourth. Although they have lost the influence of Thom Bell, the genius behind their earlier productions, they have lost nothing in their quality. With two major hits, the title track and *I'm Make Me Feel Brand New*, this album consolidates their position as one of the best bands to come onto the musical scene in recent years.

★★★★

VARIOUS ARTISTS

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CHUCK BERRY

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Timeless music from one of the all-time greats, this 16-track compilation has everything of note that Chuck Berry ever recorded. From the first track *Johnny B Goode* to the last — 16 plays later — *Bye, Bye Johnny* — this is a musical masterpiece. Go out and buy it. It's one of the best of the year.

CURTIS MAYFIELD

"Sweet Exorcist" (Buddah)

Curtis Mayfield is one of the most prolific artists on today's scene and, in some ways, his music suffers as a result. Here he turns out some of his most funky sounds but there's nothing really new. It's an effective complement to his recent hit compilation, but while it is good, it's not great.

STAR RATINGS

★.....Rubbish
★★.....Fair
★★★.....Average
★★★★.....Good
★★★★★.....Superb

THE OSMONDS

"Love Me For A Reason" (MGM)

At last — a new sound from The Osmonds. And it's sweet soul music, arranged by that ace of soul music, H. H. Barnum. Included in the waxing are the old-favourite *Peace*, the beautiful title track, *Love Me For A Reason*, and Barnum's best, *Having A Party*. The new-look Osmonds only fail on one track — and, boy, do they fail! *That I Can't Get Next To You*, which has got what must be the worst bass vocal ever. But this is the only flaw in a good record.

OHIO PLAYERS

"Fire" (Mercury)

One of the best live bands in America today, the seven man Ohio Players sound as if they're one of the happiest bands in the country. And their music benefits from this obvious close rapport. Led by 'Satch' Satchell, the Players have been around since 1968 but only recently have their music in presence felt in a big way. This knock-out collection of great tracks should help them overcome the credibility gap. Particularly impressive are *It's All Over*, *Fire* and *Smoke*.

GONZALEZ

"Gonzalez" (EMI)

Formed from the ashes of two well known bands, *Herbie Gons* and *The Nightmovers* and *Gas*, Gonzalez have been exciting audiences with their superb live performances for almost four years. And this LP, entitled simply "Gonzalez" captures all that excitement. The seven members of this fine new band combine to produce some great sounds from their many instruments, the best being *Gonzalez*, *Funky Frith Street*, and *Underground Railroad*. Nice debut album, should go a long way.

★★★★

END

"Taking Tiger Mountain" (Island)

Island Records have a lot of finding some of the original and brilliant around. This is one of its major successes. Formed this year player was the Roxy Music. Eno's faultless performance is fine waxing. *Airlines Give You So Much More*, *The Great Pretence*, *Talking Tiger Mountain*, *My China*. Keep up the work Eno — and Island.

MANFRED MANN'S EMBAND

"The Good Earth" (Island)

This is one of the albums from the many imitations led by the Manfred Mann. It starts with the crowing of a cockatoo, surely one of the most sure-tye introductions ever — the good work continues all the way to the final track. Particularly good are *Give Me Good Earth* and *Earth* which helps to make up for the best offerings of a month.

100% PURE POISON

"Coming Right At You" (EMI International)

Nice music — but memorable. That's what can be said of the waxing from the band. There's had on this album, but really outstanding. Some men and a variety of instruments they should be better sound than they do. Perhaps next time...

JIMI HENDRIX

"In The Beginning" (Mercury)

"Looking Back" (Mercury)

"More Experience" (All Embro)

Three albums for the Jimi Hendrix has become a figure since his death in 1970 and these discs, two of which are from early tapes, are best by any means, in fact rank as some of the best things by Hendrix. But, collector, they are excellent. Perhaps the best of the the "Experience," the second album from the track of Jimi's only motion picture.

MOTT THE HOOPLE

"Live" (CBS)

Recorded live in New and London this is an album from one of the international rock bands (and just split up) but it embro that is bad in live recordings. The sound varies from mediocre but the album by some of their best works, including *All I Want From Memphis* and *Young Dudes*. If you're a fan buy it; otherwise buy one of their albums.

Sex and You



kneel on the bed, facing her man with her legs outspread. He helps her to lie back, with her back arched so that she presents the pubic area as the top part of the hill formed by her body. The man then enters her, taking great care not to put any of his weight on her. This is another of the really deep penetration methods.

Many men seem to think that the only motion they can use during intercourse is the backward and forward thrusting one. They're quite wrong, of course. Agreed, it provides the best stimulation for the man and is pleasant for the

girl. But it has the disadvantage that it stimulates the man so much that it hastens his progress to climax which, because he is naturally quicker than the girl anyway, is not always a good thing.

The girl will get just as pleasant sensations if the man, with his penis inside her, presses his pubic area, not too heavily, on hers and moves his hips from side to side. Even if the penis does not rub directly against her clitoris in the backward and forward movement, this pressing of the pubic areas, combined with the side to side movement, will almost certainly

stimulate her clitoral area. The great advantage is that while the side to side movements will increase the girl's sexual tension, they now will have much less effect on the man, making his build-up of tension much slower and enabling him to keep pace with her more easily.

A similar movement which has much the same advantages, though it is slightly more stimulating for the man than the side to side one, is a circular motion with the pubic area. This will entail a certain thrusting motion with the penis, but much less so than in the backward and forward motion.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR LOVE ALIVE

FOR a married couple to keep love alive they must make love. Most couples start out without a thought of becoming sexually bored with one another, but somewhere along the line they have sunk into a routine which is meaningless except as a physical release from sexual tensions.

This article will show how couples can retain excitement in their marriages by varying their sexual techniques.

By using different techniques, deeper penetration can be achieved by the male, bringing more pleasure to both partners.

The question of the amount of penetration achieved by different positions is, of course, very important. The girl gets her pleasure from contact between the vaginal walls and the penis, so that the greater the area of contact, the more likely she is to get pleasure.

Even with the man lying on top of the girl, greater penetration, and therefore greater pleasure, can be achieved—particularly if you put two or three pillows or cushions under the girl's buttocks.

It's a good thing to vary the positions used as much as possible, for it's vital that you avoid boredom in your lovemaking. Even if you make sure that your partner has an orgasm every time — she or you can easily become bored by the repetition of the same actions.

One variation of the usual love-making position is with the woman on top, with her legs on either side of the man's thighs. This leaves the man's hands free to stroke her breasts or other erogenous zones — the buttocks, the spine or the outer and inner thighs. The girl, of course, is left to make the main movements and so can regulate her own progress to orgasm. But beware! Before the man has completely mastered control of his own normally faster rhythm

you can miss the peak of reaching orgasm together.

If you have one of those low, modern-style beds which look so well in the shop window, you can try a method beloved of the ancient Romans. In this one, the girl lies across the bed, but the man kneels between her legs. If you find you are too low, kneel on a couple of cushions or a footstool.

Having got as close to the bed as he can, he puts his hands under her thighs and draws her up. She raises her legs and, if she can, crosses her ankles behind his back. Throughout the coupling, he supports her thighs with his hands. If you want to achieve the ultimate in penetration, the man should lie flat on his back with his legs together while the girl squats over him with her knees drawn up to her breasts. The penis is then held so that it is pointing straight up at an angle of 90 degrees from the body and the girl lowers herself on to it, maintaining its 90-degree angle with her own body. Because of the girl's position, penetration is now at the deepest it is possible to achieve.

Another position is this: The man sits on the floor — preferably on a cushion — supporting his weight on his arms stretched out behind him and with his legs straight out and wide apart. The girl gets astride the man's shoulders and both draw up their knees, as far as she can, to half way. The man's hands go on to the girl's shoulders and both begin to rock slowly back and forth. This method gives very little penis penetration, probably no more than an inch or so, but the top of the shaft will in most cases come into contact with the clitoris and this and the rubbing of the muscles at the vaginal entrance will give the girl a special sensation.

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WE LIVE in an age when Africa is beginning to put its colonial history behind itself. Gradually, the mementoes of that period of our past are disappearing.

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It was a grand era for Britain when her ships ruled the waves and when her 'servants' administered the law in dozens of lands in every corner of the earth. But it was just a passing phase for Africa.

Today most of the administrators sent from Britain to keep the natives in control and ensure a plentiful supply of raw materials are dead and long forgotten.

Governor Brigadier General Sir Frederick Gordon Guggisberg, C.M.G., D.S.O., J.E. was one of those servants. But his name is still very much alive in Ghana today.

Despite his rather fine title, Governor Guggisberg was born plain Frederick Guggisberg, unlike many of his high-born contemporaries. After his chequered career in the British colonial service, he fell from favour and was buried in an unmarked grave.

It was the people of Ghana who remembered him and the great services he performed for their country.

"Governor Guggisberg," as he was simply but popularly known and called by both young and old, was one of the governors of the Gold Coast Colony subsequent to the Letters Patent of 1886 which separated Lagos from the colony and substituted a separate government.

Long before he was called upon to don the glittering toga of a British colonial governor, Guggisberg realised that a man's greatest satisfaction lay in the services that he rendered to his fellow men. For that was exactly what he set himself to do for the black people of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) over whom the British Crown had placed him as its representative.

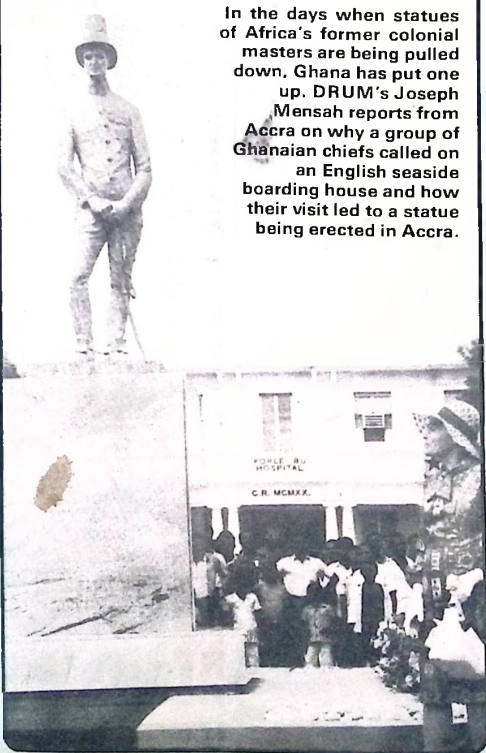
Guggisberg was a Canadian Jew by birth, but a British citizen. Not a member of the British upper class, he would under normal circumstances have been precluded from the civil service of those days.

A land surveyor by profession, he was very enterprising and a slave to seeing that things were done to the minutest detail. Land surveying was not a

IMPRESSIVE statue to the former governor outside the Korle Bu Hospital. In the picture is 75-year-old Miss

GOVERNOR GUGGISBERG LIVES ON

In the days when statues of Africa's former colonial masters are being pulled down, Ghana has put one up. DRUM's Joseph Mensah reports from Accra on why a group of Ghanaian chiefs called on an English seaside boarding house and how their visit led to a statue being erected in Accra.



profession that commanded tremendous income, but Gordon's stars were soon to start to shine, even if only for a while. He fell in love with and married a young and very popular British actress by whose good social connections he got a job in the colonial civil service. He rose steadily in that service because of his industry and ability, until he became Governor of the Gold Coast on October 9, 1919.

The Gold Coast benefited tremendously under the administration of Governor Guggisberg — more than it had under any other colonial governor. Believing that a healthy people were an economic asset to the subject country and the the British Crown, for that matter, he started to lay the infrastructural foundation for the overall economic development of the Gold Coast. In the fields of health, education and agriculture he excelled himself.

In 1923, he founded the Korle Bu Hospital at Accra. Today, that hospital has developed to the size of a modern township, with a medical school to accelerate and facilitate the training of doctors for the country's hospitals.

Perhaps there would have been no Achimota College had Governor Guggisberg not been assigned responsibility in the Gold Coast.

During his years in office, by his vision, devotion to duty and determination to be of service to the subject people of the Gold Coast, he distinguished himself so much that his name soon became a household word.

He was also human. One lighthearted story about him has it that he drove his car through the streets of Accra one night without the headlights on. A policeman on his beat stopped the car, unaware who the driver was. Governor Guggisberg obediently stopped and came out of the car. But when the dutiful policeman recognised him, paralysed with fear, all he could do was salute — several times over, much to the astonishment of onlookers.

Governor Guggisberg, so the story continues, simply took down the frightened policeman's particulars and drove off, this time with all the car's lights on. Later, after recollecting himself the policeman whispered to those around that he was in big trouble: he had stopped the Governor's car.

But contrary to any disciplinary action that he might have anticipated, on the third day he was called by his superior officer who told him: "For daring to stop the Governor's car you are hereby with immediate effect promoted from constable to sergeant — on the

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Unfortunately, however, the irony of Governor Guggisberg's life in the Gold Coast was that most of the development projects that he initiated were not looked upon with grace by the British colonial office. They wanted him to be the "boss" of his subjects and a true and faithful servant of the British Crown, not the other way round.

Considering him unconventional in his approach, there was always serious friction between him and them.

However hard it tried, the colonial office failed miserably to get him to slacken the pace of his progressive policies for the Gold Coast, so the friction continued. This sad state of affairs continued until the much-loved Governor was sent home.

He was given another gover-

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shows Colonel Acheampong and the late governor's d
Many diplomats and government officials attend
ceremony, marked by traditional drumming and

Buried in an unmarked grave

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the happier he felt, for in the words of the Head of State and chairman of the National Redemption Council, Colonel I. K. Acheampong, when he unveiled the late Governor's statue: "... life is larger than man, and it is in the service to others that man discovers himself in a larger measure and finds true peace and happiness." That, exactly was the case with Governor Guggisberg, who died in poverty — without a will to give him comfort in his dying hours — in a boarding house in Britain; in a hard-usage.

A few years later a number of Ghanaian chiefs went to Britain and they took time off to visit the room where their beloved governor had died. It was out of respect for the man and what he had done for the people of the Gold Coast. When he was told of the reason for their being there, the bewildered occupant of the room in the boarding house suddenly had the door thrust open and the chiefs and their linguists swept in to see where the great man had spent his last hours.

They were astonished to learn that Governor Guggisberg's grave was unmarked, so, out of respect, and to honour him for his exemplary services to the people of the Gold Coast, the Ghanaian chiefs caused to be erected "in the name of the chiefs and the people of Ghana" a gravestone on his previously unmarked grave.

And, on November 9, 1974 (which climaxed the week-long golden jubilee anniversary celebrations of the Korle Bu Hospital), a life-size statue of the great Governor was unveiled in the forecourt of the hospital by the Head of State and chairman of the National Redemption Council, Colonel I. K. Acheampong, amidst military fanfare and chiefly pomp and pageantry.

The occasion was witnessed by a large number of people, including members of the Government, diplomats, Ghanaian chiefs and other VIPs. The star guest of the occasion was 75-year-old Miss Sylvia Rowena Guggisberg, second daughter of the late Governor, who was specially invited to Ghana for the celebrations.

It was a fitting honour by a grateful people to the memory of the great Governor Guggisberg of the Gold Coast — an honour which is a certain confirmation that Governor Guggisberg lives on!

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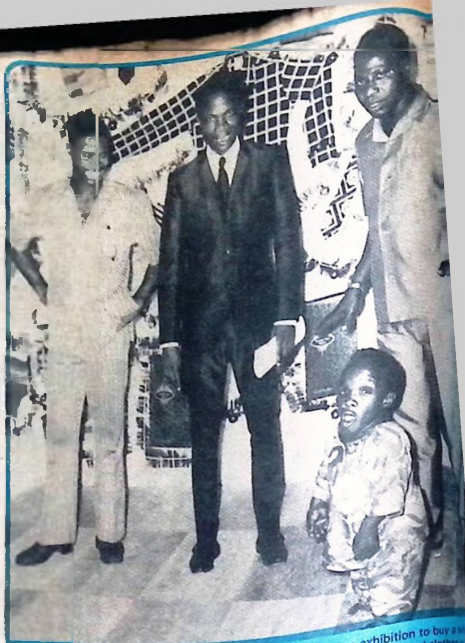
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GLASS in hand, Emmanuel calls for cold water after a tour of a fashion exhibition at the Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos. He goes bare-footed because he cannot find shoes to fit.

THE AMAZING MIDGET OF IBADAN



PLEASED to meet you sir, said Emmanuel when he was introduced to Alhaji Chibabastunde Jose, a publishing magnate. The occasion was a fashion show in Lagos.

Emmanuel Okorafor is the one man some Nigerian housewives would like to punch in the nose for his advice to Nigerian men. But anyone who sets eyes on the micro-midget finds it difficult to hold anything against this 'Man from Mput'. DRUM's Dayo Duyile went along to meet him.

HERE are too many girls in Nigeria that each man should limit himself to only one wife. It will be a crime to deprive a large number of Nigerian women of marriage just because the white man has his hands full with one wife.

are the controversial views of Emmanuel Okorafor, who adds: "Who are the surplus girls if I take only one wife? I stop there?" Okorafor's views are not as his stature. He is only about one metre, 10 centimetres tall. In his hometown in the central State of Nigeria, he is a man of bottles which are so tiny that he can find his size in shoes shop. "As a result," he says, "I go about barefoot. At first glance, he looks like an infant, but he is 5 years old. He told

me: "I get a lot of fun because of my tiny stature. I attract people. I am a crowd-puller anywhere I go and important personalities who would normally not shake hands with fully developed adults enjoy meeting and shaking hands with me."

Mr. Okorafor was quick to point out that his size has no negative effect on his brain. "A man's height has nothing to do with his intellect. I am intelligent. Thank God for that," he stressed.

The midget loves wearing shirts and trousers with a tie to match. But, unfortunately, his size is not easy to come by in the shops and as a result, he explained, he had a few "French suits" made for him by local tailors.

Speaking of his marital status, he told DRUM, "I have a wife. She is a beautiful woman; but I am yet to have a child. And hope to be a proud father some day. I lead the normal life of a family man and everything about

me is normal except my stature."

Emmanuel loves dancing. His favourite dance is the cha-cha and he loves good food and clothes. Last December he travelled to Lagos to do his Christmas shopping. When he heard of a fashion exhibition on at the Federal Palace Hotel, he went to see it. During his tour of the stands, he asked a fashion designer for a white tie to match a new suit he had ordered from his tailor. "Nowadays," he told the designer, "you have to look psychedelic to attract beautiful ladies."

Emmanuel is well placed to follow fashion trends being a security guard at the Chrisbo Garden, a hotel in Ibadan.

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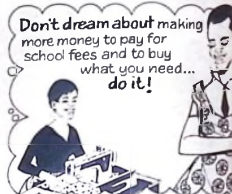
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How some men lose good wives

MANY people too often put the blame for broken marriages on women without admitting that some men also contribute a lot to this sad state of affairs.

Women are blamed for infidelity and all sorts of things whereas the men who push them into doing these things are often not blamed. Infidelity in women is the result of failure on the part of men. It takes two to make a quarrel and both men and women should be honest enough to share the responsibility for broken marriages.

Marriages are unhappy or broken mainly because of the wickedness, heartlessness and callousness of men. Some women, because of their children, suffer in silence so as to preserve their marriages.

There are three main categories of women. The first type are those who would do anything to preserve their

marriage. This category of women are those who for reasons only known to them bear the ill-treatment of their husbands.

Only when such women are pushed to the wall would they reluctantly quit their matrimonial homes.

The second category are the shrews; even a lion tamer can't tame them. Even when such women are lucky to get good husbands, they lose them by sheer stubbornness and empty pride. Their philosophy is "If my man keeps my friends why can't I keep my friends?"

The third class of women are the really bad ones who usually end up as prostitutes. Nowadays, marriages are no more what they used to be or what they ought to be. Some men are selfish, irresponsible and terribly unkind. They ill-treat their wives, some of whom are good and loyal. Such innocent women may be easily

tempted to be disloyal. If they find other men willing to fill the gap which their husbands have created, they fall head over heels in love with them and would do anything to retain the attention of their newly-found comforters and companions.

Therefore, men should stop pointing accusing fingers at women. They should first of all examine themselves and learn to treat women with respect. One just has to listen to women telling stories about their experiences to understand why a one-time loyal wife took to have extra-marital affairs, otherwise call 'private practice'.

Some women love their husbands dearly, but because their men fail to respond, they direct their love elsewhere. Women like to be complimented for their looks, dresses and cooking; but not many husbands realise this. No wonder their wives look out for men who are often quick to

shower them with praise.

While nagging by women can drive their husbands into the arms of other women, so also can nagging, unfounded suspicion, and extreme jealousy drive women into the arms of other men. Women who find themselves in this situation feel that since their husbands accuse them falsely they can as well have affairs with other men, and damn the consequences.

When they have closed from work some men do not go home until dawn. They spend their time and money hopping from one drinking spot to another in the company of prostitutes of various descriptions. They spend less time with their families, leaving their poor wives in solitude. Some women in this category study the movements of their ever-roaming husbands. They too pay back the husband by tailoring their own movements with their lovers to the time when their husbands are away.

Some men take their wives of sex, forgetting that women too are human beings. For every man who does this, there are 100 other more able men to satisfy their wives.

Some men can also be very stingy with their money. They give their wives little or no

money for the up-keep of the home. Housewives, in their attempt to perform their domestic duties know of only one easy way of making quick money. They keep boy friends. A few patronise brothels. I never occurs to some men to buy little presents for their wives even at Christmas or at the birthday anniversaries of their wives.

During their period of courtship they took their fiancées out to places of interest, but once they are married they rule this out completely. Much as these women would like to move around occasionally for relaxation, they find their husbands unwilling to co-operate. Such women sneak out to their lovers who take them out.

If you are unlucky enough to be married to a devil of a man, it is better for you to part ways with him and wait patiently for a good husband instead of trying to pay him back in his own coin.

But any man who has a good wife but fails to encourage her is bound to lose her to his eternal regret. The same goes for women. Experience has shown that many people do not know the value of what they have got until they lose it.

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— The rice and the stew are both half cooked separately, and finished together.

— The rice is cooked in the half cooked stew.

— The rice and the stew are cooked separately and mixed (as reheated foods).

Jollof rice is nutritive because of the ingredients used hence its popularity.

Jollof Rice (for 4 people)

Ingredients:
2 cups of rice
1 lb pork and/or beef
1 chicken
6 kitchen spoons groundnut oil
2 large-sized onions
Pepper to taste
White pepper

2 large fresh tomatoes
A pinch of thyme
2 pieces of a large garlic
2 or 3 bay leaves
3 tins tomato puree

Methods:
Clean and joint the chicken and wash with lime or lemon. Rinse thoroughly. Season to taste with ground garlic, thyme and white

pepper. Leave for 15 minutes. Place on low fire and cook till tender. Do not add any water to begin.

Add fat and fry till brown (oil used instead of fry to remove smell).

Remove pieces of meat, and make the stew, by adding ground and sliced onion, sliced tomato and tomato puree, thyme — just a pinch, and bay leaves.

Add salt to taste, and cook for fifteen minutes, till well blended.

Add the pieces of meat — pork and/or chicken, stir well until the meat is well cooked in the stew.

Remove the pieces of meat and add 6 tumblers (3 pts) of stock. Re-salt (if necessary) and bring to the boil.

Add the rice, which should have been picked, washed and drained really dry to the stew.

Cover and cook on a medium fire, stirring with a fork at intervals.

Serve on a long dish, and garnish with petits-pois, green peas, or serve boiled cabbage or spinach tossed in butter separately.

Note

Towards the end, the rice may still be a little hard, do not add water, but cover with a piece of greaseproof paper, cover with the saucelid and steam till the rice is tender. The rice should be in grains if well cooked.

ECONOMY JOLLOF RICE

Recipe for 2 people:

1/2 lb minced beef
1 cup rice
3 cups water
1 dessertspoonful salt
1 large onion
3 tablespoonfuls groundnut oil

2 cloves of garlic
2 eggs and fruits
1 tin tomato puree

Method

Heat water, tomato, ground pepper and crushed garlic in a saucelid. Add salt.

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The fear is natural because in these days of easy movement cholera can travel within a few hours throughout the whole of East Africa, and a tourist can inadvertently carry it from there to any part of the world or vice versa.

Cholera is a very old and historical disease. Hippocrates in about 400 B.C. described a disease which led to diarrhoea, vomiting, dehydration and death and could well have been cholera. The first accurately reported and most terrible epidemic occurred in 1817 in Bengal and then spread all over India.

The cause of this disease was also found in a very odd way. A patient suffering from cholera



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Cholera: The best cure is prevention

usually passes a watery stool which by virtue of its colour looks like rice water. A group of people in Calcutta who are rice eaters swallowed mistakenly a rice water stool of a cholera patient and all of them got the disease.

This proved that the germ of this disease left the patient in his stool and got into a healthy person by his mouth. The research was taken one step further by Koch in Egypt in 1883 when he

actually isolated the cholera germ.

The cycle was completed by finding intermediary factors like flies, lack of adequate toilet facilities and unhygienic habits. Thus it is now known that the stool carries the cholera germs. Flies sitting on the stool and

then on the food convey the germs from the stool to the food. This food ingested by humans deposits cholera in his system and he becomes a victim of this disease. Once this vicious cycle has started, an epidemic is afoot.

Water also is a great carrier of the disease because in small villages faeces finds their way into water supplies which, when drunk, carry cholera germs to fellow villagers. Once the germ is swallowed it gets into the stomach and intestine and sets up an inflammation of the whole gut which causes vomiting and diarrhoea. This leads to loss of so much fluid and essential salts that the patient literally dries himself to death.

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Water problems

After I have passed urine I always find a drop of water on my underwear. What is wrong? Jasper, Nanyuki, Kenya.

There is nothing medically wrong with you. This is a common complaint.

Tummy ache

I am a 20-year-old girl student. Since I was 15 I am getting pain in the lower part of my tummy near the bladder. The pain is worse on running and walking. I have consulted many doctors without any success. What is your opinion? Winita, Jos, Nigeria.

It is very difficult to give an opinion without seeing the patient. There is bladder, uterus, tubes, ovaries, appendix and colon in the area where you are complaining of pain. Colonic pain is usually accompanied by bowel disturbances. Bladder disease gives symptoms related to passing urine. The pain from uterus, tubes and

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Skin reaction

I am an 18-year-old boy. Whenever I write something on my skin of my legs, after five minutes the writing shows prominently on the skin. Is this a disease? If so, what causes it? John, Aba, Nigeria.

It is a slightly exaggerated skin reaction and is not a disease.

Itchy head

I have got a disease for the last three years. I scratch my head and the inner parts of my thighs. My hair has stopped growing. I have used many kinds of perfumes without any response. Please help urgently. Worried Girl, Nigeria.

You have got a skin disease affecting the skin of your thighs and your scalp. Perfumes will not help. It sounds that the skin disease is ringworm infection. You should be seen by a skin specialist but if one is not available, any ordinary doctor should be able to help. If you cannot even get to a doctor, go to a chemist and ask him to give you lotion and cream to apply on your skin against ringworm infection.

Bleeding nose

I find clotted blood in my nose when I wake up in the morning. This disappears after I wash myself. Is this anything to worry about? Jahazi, Zambia.

It seems that you have got rather hard scabs. Drops from the chemist to be put in the nose before you retire at night will prevent it.

Lost testis

One of my testis has just disappeared. I am told that I won't be strong sexually. Please in-

form how I can do this.

James, Kenya.

There are two possible causes. One is that the testis has never come out of the scrotum but is only recognised by the testis. If so, by an operation it can be brought down. The possibility is that you have a testis in the testis. One testis has now shrunk, so, nothing can be done. In any case one testis is for full potency and so you have nothing to worry about.

Large threads

When I pass motion, threads and tapered things out. I need your help. Romani, Ghana.

I think you have got a Stool examination. Laboratory will confirm then you can get from a dose of drugs to worms in your intestines that will be the end matter.

Thin semen

I am a 25-year-old boy. I am told that my semen is light. Doctor, tell me is there anything wrong with it? Jigara, Nigeria.

The quantity, appearance and consistency of semen varies considerably even in the individual at different times. It should not be a matter of concern. What is however important is to make sure your semen is fertile and the same by a check up in a laboratory.

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Teacher: "Ali, I have come to see your parents. Are they in?"

Ali: "They was in, but they is out."

Teacher: "Why, Ali! Where is your grammar?"

Ali: "Upstairs, taking her daily nap."

A black man died and went up to Heaven. He was met by St. Peter, who said: "We don't normally allow coloured people in here — not unless they've done something special in life."

"I have," said the black man. "I'm the most courageous cat you've ever seen. How about this? I married a white woman in a white man's church in Alabama, USA, and there were 50 Ku Klux Klan in the congregation."

"That's fantastic!" said St. Peter. "When was that?"

The black man replied: "Two minutes ago."

Matthew went into a hotel and started walking through reception. The man behind the desk said: "Excuse me sir, have you got a reservation?"

Matthew replied: "What do you think I am, a Red Indian."

Mr. Ojo, who had not been on speaking terms with his wife for several days, wrote the following message and left it on

a table for his wife to wake me up by 6.30"

His wife kept an eye on the clock and when it was 6.30 instead of waking him she wrote: "It is 6.30. Wake up a pig!"

"I'm sorry, sir. I'll be away and get you some more."

Ali went to see Mr. "Hello, Ali," said the haven't seen you a long time."

"No," replied Ali, "I'm ill."

Adam was lucky. He never nag him about other men she was married.

The fun-loving couple back from a fortnight and immediately got another two weeks married.

"But you've just be for a fortnight," said "Why didn't you get them?"

"What," said the "and ruin my holiday"

The painters were slowly away at the job. All except one, who, was painting at the foreman. Unused energy from his stopped the painter. "Of you, lad," he said, really showing the oil to work."

"It's not that," said man. "I haven't got paint as the others are ing to finish before it"

GREETINGS



Musa Muh Usman of Bukuru, Nigeria, sends greetings to Mallam Rabi'u Hamidu and Hanuna - Nomoless, both of Kano. "I am very happy to send you greetings I hope you are well."



Alhaji Raheem Oke, of Kaduna, Nigeria, sends greetings to Mr. Mohmood S. B. Saali of Box 2947, Kampala, Uganda. "I am awaiting for the Album as promised. Awaiting to hear from you about your visit to Nigeria."



Mall. Jimoh Omonoru Sule, of Ilorin, sends greetings to Mall. Abubakar Sheidu Onipe, now studying in Kaduna. "I wish you success in your career. I hope you are healthy like me."



Mr. Memusi Paul, Motonyi Sec Soc, Sokoto, Nigeria, sends greetings to Miss Ely Mue of Kibuna, Kenya, from Schull, Kenya, High School and to Adrew Kamuk, Kenya. "You success in studies and please don't be so quiet."



Mr. Joseph Agungbo of Ebute-Motta, sends greetings to Wole Sipas, of Igbonu via Okoropu. "I hope you are well as I do in Lagos today. I wish you God's guidance."



Mr. Daniel Mwaimuth of Kitru, sends greetings to Miss Anne Queen Mulwa Mwendu, who is studying at Krui Teacher's College and to Charles Musa of Kitru.



Mr. Law Adakole Anyebe of Samaru, greets Mr. Joe Sandy, who is studying at CST Port Harcourt. "I am happy to send you this greeting and I hope you are healthy and doing well."



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Send your greetings to loved ones far away through Drum.

Put your money in a bank —it's safer

THE fear of burglary and, in the process, unlawful wounding or murder, were the chief reasons for people wanting places safe enough to keep their valued personal possessions — money and jewellery. Quite naturally, the safest places to turn to are the banks. There, money, gold and valuable documents are very safe.

A bank has two advantages — to save or keep people's money and to lend. There are other ancillary functions a bank performs, though.

Banks control the economy of a nation. For example, with the establishment of the Central Bank of Nigeria, the control of currency circulation has been placed in the hands of the bank and through it (Central Bank) to the commercial banks.

Should there be a slowdown in the liquidity of currency, then the Central Bank will order the commercial banks to slow down in pushing out funds to come to the rescue of the nation should there be a slump.

As more educated people get into business, even illiterates put their money in the banks for safe keeping. Earlier, most people kept their money in small earthen pots with covers, which they bury at marked sites. This method is adopted as a safer measure against burglaries.

Most people also refused to keep their money in banks — especially petty traders, because of frequent demands to settle accounts of customers or pay for new goods. For this reason, only civil servants and the educated elite thought of saving their money in banks.

With the establishment and development of indigenous banks, more Nigerians became involved in saving their money in local banks. Indigenous banks have had to battle to set back, and are battling to keep abreast with the former foreign banks which still have the major control of savings because they are mainly patronised by the former foreign companies.

Most of these foreign banks have been bankers to be foreign combines and monopolies since the colonial days. There are still no reason why. There are still no reason why the foreign combines should change their bankers.

Savings have the advantage of engineering or encouraging planning, because a man with some money would begin to think of what to do with the money. This planning has the great advantage of mature consideration for spending the money in ways to achieve profits and not the "spend now, regret later" idea of the planless many.

Facilities for saving also foster the establishment of industries. People who save with banks know that their money is safe and that whatever profit-making ventures they embark upon, might be backed by the might of their banks.

In the fifties — the utter frustration, inexperience, maladministration and copious assumptions and fraudulent engagements by the then indigenous bankers, led to the liquidation of very many such banks and boosted more business for the expatriate banks, which continued to ride on the high wings of security and success.



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Opening of the Kabba Branch of the National Bank. It made the best arrangements for this year's Moslem pilgrimage.

But for the fact that the then regional governments came to the succour of most indigenous banks as they floundered on the waves of possible liquidation, the existence of indigenous commercial banks would have been impossible. One by one, the indigenous banks collapsed — first, the Standard Bank, then at Tinubu Square, the

Farmers' Bank, Pan African Bank, the Merchants' Bank and lastly, the Muslim Bank.

This culminated in distrustful the then Nigerian banks and, rather, caused many unkind remarks about indigenous banks, resulting in stampedes to withdraw savings. The ultimate results then were liquidations for the native banks.



Chief J. K. Agbaje is a senior director of the Standard Bank of Nigeria.



Mr. S. O. Banjo, the Acting Managing Director of the National Bank of Nigeria.

Only two banks were salvaged by regional governments — the National Bank and the African Continental Bank, both of which were stabilised with the finances of the then Western and Eastern Nigeria Regional Governments respectively.

The advantages of banking also involve lending money to customers for their business

projects and also to build houses, educate their children, offer credit facilities and goods clearance. Previously, very few Nigerians could get financial assistance for their business — however genuine — because some fraudulent persons and bad businessmen had misused loans arranged for them.

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DRUM BANKING AND INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT

How insurance boosts our economy

It is an uphill task trying to convince a layman that insurance companies ever contribute to the economy of a nation. Banks, they know as jobbers for money. But insurance? A lot still has to be done to convince the man in the street that insurance is good for him and that in insuring his life, property or his business, he is making educational investments. And so on, he is not only making life better and more secure for himself and his dependents, he is also boosting the economy of his country.

A man can insure ordinarily under a person scheme if he is making life insurance. These are again split into sub-divisions. There are also, the on-life insurance which cover property, cars, theft, fire, marine, aviation and even subsequent "life" insurance. Whatever brand of insurance you make, you are doing so with the understanding that you are investing for the rainy day.

For example, you know that you are supposed to pay monthly and what your total contribution will be and what you are assured you will draw when the insurance matures. If you took a life assurance policy, the money you contribute to the insurance company is invested in gold-edged securities and government bonds.

The accruing interest is distributed among the policy holders in form of bonuses.

Although these life assurance premiums can be viewed as the "small man's" savings, such savings from far and near are usually

channelled into the laps of large institutional investors. These institutions, in turn, invest these outflows of money in industries, state, loans and other profitable pursuits for the nation's benefit.

Any insurance company worth its salt, must have an investment department whose duty it would be to look into profitable investments. For example, the Government and other kinds of demands — most insurance companies, as much as possible, maintain a minimum current account with any bank, with an amount above the current premium already collected.

From these, the insurance companies buy shares in viable companies and industries, buy properties and estates — which will continue to yield more money — and government securities such as Central Bank Treasury Bills.

The responsibility of the Investment Manager of an insurance company is almost next to his General Manager's for the stability of the company depends a lot on his business acumen which he employs in investments.

Thus, an insurance company helps to stabilise the economy of a nation by finding ready cash for its industry, trade, property involvement and other lines which could speed up and solidify the economy of a nation.

As for pension schemes, the scope in Nigeria is so narrow and the National Pension Fund — the only available scheme is too small to inspire anyone with a comfortable old age. Usually, a pension scheme is an arrange-



"If there is no proper insurance industries and businesses could be crippled. Car crashes, fire outbreaks and even old age can all be matters of sorrow," says Mrs. Adekoyo, General Manager of Sentinel Insurance. She, after all, knows the value of insurance.



Mr. Oluwole Oluwole, Production Manager, African Alliance Insurance "Insurance companies re-invest premiums in government securities, properties, shares. In Nigeria, few people know of Consequential Insurance or Hail Insurance!" he told *Drum's* reporter.

ment by the employer of labour for guaranteeing pension for his employee. This also affects the private sector.

The scheme is gaining momentum and should be made compulsory to all employers of labour in Nigeria.

Life assurance has moral and psychological advantages

because the savings made by man, makes him to be very self-reliant, helps him to hold an independent outlook on life and helps to counter any lack of initiative.

The Federal Military Government still has to encourage the insurance companies in Nigeria, to introduce

hail insurance whereby farmers indemnify their farms against loss or damage to their farm crops. Doubtlessly, this branch of insurance will encourage more people to go to the farms and cheaper food will be had instead of the present influx to the urban areas and the metropolises.

Federal Government acquires insurance shares

THE Federal Military Government is to acquire equity shares in a number of insurance companies. The companies are the Royal Exchange Assurance (Nigeria) New Africa Insurance, Crusader Insurance (Nigeria) Limited, United Nigeria Insurance, United Nigeria Life Insurance, United Nigeria Provident Insurance, Lion of Africa Insurance and British American Insurance (Nigeria).

The Federal Ministry of Trade statement indicated that Government participation would range from 40 per

cent of the shares of these companies.

The Ministry emphasised that the acquisition of shares in the companies was in pursuance of Government policy on the indigenisation of certain strategic areas of the economy, particularly in the field of invisible trade. It added that negotiations with other selected companies would continue.

The statement reads: "The Government continues to implement its policy of indigenisation of certain

strategic areas of the economy particularly in the field of invisible trade as demonstrated by its participation in the shareholdings of some commercial banks.

"In further pursuance of its indigenisation policy, the Government decided to acquire 40-49 per cent in the equities of viable foreign-controlled insurance companies without prejudice to the existing Nigerian shareholding prior to the Government's decision.

"As it is intended that Government participation

should take effect from 1st of January, 1975, negotiation for the acquisition of the equities of the selected companies commenced in the Federal Ministry of Trade on 28th November, 1974.

"The Ministry of Trade has expressed complete satisfaction with the conclusions of the negotiation and especially the cordiality and understanding that prevailed throughout the negotiation in spite of occasional difficulties. The Ministry was particularly impressed by the sense of responsibility and understanding of

Government objectives shown by the companies.

"Above all, the representatives of these companies assured the Negotiating Committee of their continuing willingness to co-operate fully with the Federal Military Government in order to achieve the objectives of its economic policies.

"Negotiation with other selected companies will continue and it is hoped that similar agreement with them will be concluded soon," it adds.



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How the NBC can help you

FOR those with the problems of business financing the Federal Military Government has found a near-solution. It is obvious that Nigeria is gifted with numerous brilliant young businessmen who could make the grade, except for the absence of the almighty naira. There are young men with very bright business ideas. There are middle-aged men who need money to expand their business.

And there are the earth-bound ones who aspire to be business leaders but will never make it, either because they lack sponsorship or are themselves spendthrifts.

However, the Federal Government is on the side of the serious-minded men of business and young men with noble industrial projects.

To aid such people it set up the Nigerian Bank for Commerce-Industry in May, 1973. This step was taken in order to bridge certain gaps left open by the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank (NIDB) which the Government had earlier set up to finance industrial projects.

It has been difficult, however, for smaller businessmen to get funds to start businesses which could stabilise and boost the economy of this country.

And, so, the Government set up the NBCI to provide the financial assistance for sound and expeditious economic development of Nigeria.

The NBCI is concerned with providing medium and long term finance for the acquisition of indigenised enterprises; to grant loans and credit facilities for the expansion of existing businesses and the setting up of new ones.

The bank is not interested in financing projects such as estate business nor in infrastructure operations such as schools, hospitals, roads construction or mining. Nor would it grant any loan below N20,000.

Thus, prospective applicants for loans must have adequate securities in form of

(a) Legal mortgage on fixed assets (i.e. houses, lands or plants) to be pledged directly by the borrower to the bank. Such properties must not have been pledged for loans before.

(b) There must be bank guarantees. In other words, a commercial bank must

promise to pay, should the borrowers fail.

(c) Government securities could be pledged or other marketable commodities or shares in viable companies.

Also, the bank could ask for additional safeguards for its investments. It could insist that the applicant-company does elsewhere, appoint a director to watch its interests in the company or set a limitation as to the distribution of such dividends in such companies.

It is not the policy of the bank to provide bulk finance to any organisation or government agency. All loans are meant and which are known to be viable and which loan is utilised.

The reason for this is to ensure a productive use of loans which would be repaid when the project becomes viable. The bank is interested in granting the required financial assistance to indigenous limited liability

companies. Partnerships might be considered. Prospective applicants must show

(a) the competence of the new owners of the business

(b) the proven credit worthiness of the new owners.

(c) Reasonable financial commitments of the new owners in the business. The bank will expect a minimum provision of 30 per cent of the required funds from the applicants.

(d) There must be satisfactory prospects of recovering the loans granted, including charges, in the normal course of business and

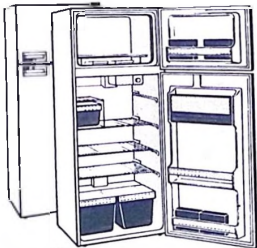
(e) Appropriate security.

The NBCI is charged with the financing of existing businesses or new ones, by way of provision of funds for the acquisition of fixed assets (plants, machinery and so on). The loan shall not exceed 70 per cent of the cost of the fixed asset concerned.

Repayment period for the loan is twelve to fifteen years.

But a shorter period in excess of 12 months may be expected. The bank will appropriate the relevant share of the loan depends on the nature of the project. The bank will not accept applications for loans which will require the applicant to declare himself as an asset. Already more than 100 projects since its inauguration, manufacturing projects, gas, bakery, printing, cinema, feed ery, etc. have been granted. Auditor's report on it, pending approval of the board. approved

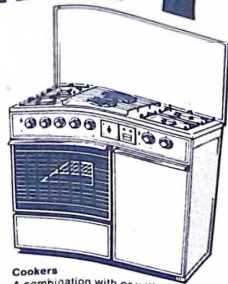
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Dear Dolly

Want to be his favourite wife

I am 35 and I am 18. He has four illiterate wives. As a student, I always feel jealous when I see other wives in my man's room. How do you think I can stay with them without trouble and not make my husband love me more than any other? I want him to have me as his favourite.

Eno, Rivers State.

You are not already married to this man, I would advise that you disassociate yourself from him and wait for a man who is not so committed to you. Having already married him and being the most junior wife, I advise you to take initiative from the other wives if you don't want to be a wife. As regards being your husband's favourite, this will depend on your husband and your own behaviour.

Won't share him with another

I am 21, in love with a boy of 24. He promised to marry me and I had looked happily to the day we would live together. Now my college daughter who knew about this boy's relationship with me is expecting his baby. My boyfriend does not deny membership of the expected baby but he says that he loves me very much and he will still marry me. For the other girl, he will take the child from me and let her go. I still love him though, but I don't share him with another girl. What do you think, Dolly?

Eny, Kenya.

Your boyfriend has made his bed, so let him lie in it. It was very mean of him to take a girl so close to you as your college daughter to bed. If you are patient enough to wait, you will get a better and more reliable man who will make you happy. Meanwhile, forget that boy and go out with other boys.

Am in love with someone else's wife

I am an unmarried man of 20 and have fallen in love with someone's wife. She told me that she wants to leave her present husband so that I can marry her. Your help is needed here, please.

Musa, Musoma.

The first place, it is never a good idea to get involved with married women. If this woman wants to leave her present husband and marry you, eventually she may leave you too, so I suggest you get her and find a nice, single girl.

My family and I have rejected me

I am 18 and in love with a boy of 23. He has finished his higher secondary when I was in form three. And because of his great love, he misled me to leave school. And now my parents have rejected me and he is not willing to marry me and I

am expecting his baby. Please help me before I run crazy.

Queenite, Nairobi.

You certainly have landed yourself in a mess! First, I should get in touch with the children's department at the Ministry of Home Affairs at their office in Harambee Avenue and see if they can help in placing your child for adoption, if you agree. As for your parents, I sympathise with their attitude as they probably gave up a lot to send you to school, so try and make it up with them.

Can we make love if we are related?

She is 18 and I am 20 years. We love each other very dearly. Our grandmothers had the same father. My problem is that she wants to have sex with me and when I refuse she tells me that we are not related and I can put her in the family way. Help me before it is too late.

J.N. Nairobi.

I think your girl must be rather foolish. She knows perfectly well that you are related and to want to get in the family way without being married is just asking for trouble. Stick to your resolve and keep on saying no.

I am an unhappy second wife

I am 16 years old and doing a secretarial course; my husband is 24 years. He has a first wife with two children. Can I leave this man and search for my own husband? Please, Dolly, advise me before I fall into hot water.

M.K., Kakamega.

Most certainly you can leave this man and find a husband of your own. However, I would strongly advise trying to do your best in your secretarial studies so that you can stand on your own feet.

How can I leave my boyfriend?

Aged 16, I fell in love with a boy in the same area with me and the same location and that boy can't marry me. I love him so much and he also loves me. What can I do if I want to leave him?

Lageelan, Nigeria.

Quite simple, my dear, tell him you do not want to see him any more. I don't know why he cannot marry you as you don't say, but as you are still at school it is more important to do well in your studies — there will be plenty of time to look for a husband later.

I am embarrassed when asked for love

Can you help me in solving my problem which troubles me now and then. The problem is I am 19 years old and many boys fall for me. When they came to the side of asking me for sex I just feel embarrassed and our love ends there and then. Advise me Dolly what I can do to retain one at least.

Warried, Kaduna.

You are quite right in not playing the bed game with every boy you meet, but why not forget about who is going to ask you "that" question and just enjoy yourself making friends.

She doesn't answer my letters

Young, handsome and 19 years old, I fell in love with a polite girl of 17. Before we met I wrote to her two letters but she never replied. So I wrote her a third letter and she did not reply. But when we meet she speaks to me nicely. One day I asked

her why she doesn't write to me and she said that she had forgot to write to me. Please, Dolly, help me what to do with this girl because she is very polite to me.

Peter, Ibadan.

She is probably just a polite type and doesn't want things to go any further, so I suggest you leave it at that and look elsewhere.

She wants me but my education comes first

Just 22 years old, my girl is 18. Our love began in 1969. I was then doing Form II and the girl was a grade VI pupil. In the same year we became engaged. In 1970, the girl left school for reasons I am not aware of today. In December, 1970, we tasted the forbidden fruit. I must state here that it was the girl who had great influence and pressure on me so that we must have sex since we were engaged. I continued refusing this idea for a few days thinking that this action would ruin my education. The girl used to say that she loved me so dearly that she could do nothing to stop me from completing my education, and admittedly I was weak, and we had sex. The girl became pregnant and she gave birth to a baby boy in August, 1971. From 1972 up to September this year the girl has become pregnant three times. The first and the third I was not involved, but the second I was. Each time she became pregnant she miscarried within a month or two. The girl wants to join me after I have completed my training as a secondary school teacher, yet she can hardly speak a word of English. Your advice will be highly appreciated.

Worried Lewis D., Zambia.

Firstly, I do not see what not being able to speak English has to do with your problem. Why not try getting married — she will probably make you an excellent wife and, after all, you can help her with her English if it means all that much to you.

I feel inferior to this ministry girl

I am 23 and doing medical training. The girl whom I love is 20 and she is working with the same ministry. She gets a salary which is twice as much as I am earning at present. When I am on vacation from training she usually gives me some money to spend, especially for my own enjoyments excluding herself. This girl plans to marry me, but in spite of deep love between us I feel inferiority complexes because of what she earns and also her rank. Please help me with this problem.

I.H. Singida.

If you love this girl and not just her money, then forget your complexes and marry her!

I love a man with three wives

I am 20 and in love with a middle-aged man who has three wives, all of whom are kept well. We love each other very much and he has warned me not to have any other friend apart from him. Now what worries me is that people say that when his wives will know about our friendship they will attack me. Please advise me what to do as this man has helped me a lot and I still love him. Should I leave him and have another friend or continue with him and see what will happen?

Marie, Nigeria.

I would have thought that with three wives, this man had quite enough to keep him happy. But if you feel you cannot live without him you must be prepared to face the wives he already has.

**DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
PERHAPS DOLLY CAN HELP**



Dear Dolly

How can I tell my parents?

I am 19 and in form four. There is a girl I like very much and would wish to marry but I find it difficult to tell my parents. I am sure this girl will accept a marriage proposal from me. Please Dolly how do I put this before my parents?
Isaac, Be-It.

Look Isaac, you seem to be too much in a hurry to get married because you don't know what marriage involves. I will advise you to concentrate on your studies and go further than the secondary school so that when eventually you get married, you and your family will find life easy.

I think she wants to get rid of me

She is 15 while I am 17. We are very much in love with each other. She is a scholar. What bothers me is that she will want me to marry her a year after she leaves school whereas I will like to marry her as soon as she finishes her exam. I fear she is not serious with me.
M.O.D., Nairobi.

I think she is serious with you but she is being sensible. You are both still very young and cannot make up your mind about something so serious, as marriage. Concentrate on your studies and keep up your friendship. You have all the time in the world to fix a suitable date for your marriage after you have left school.

My girl will not eat with me

My girlfriend usually cooks for me but when I invite her to eat with me she refuses. I am now afraid that there is something fishy. Do you advise that I leave her?
M.C., Potluskum.

It is strange that she does not eat the food she herself prepares. Stop her from preparing your food and if you feel that you are no more interested in her, you could leave her.

Should I advise her to abort?

I have put my girl friend whom I love very much in the family way. I shall soon leave for overseas. I am sure that once her parents know of her condition, they will pull a lot of trouble with me. Dolly, do you advise that I take the girl to a doctor for abortion? I do not like the idea myself but I think that it is the only way out.
Joah, Ibadan.

I won't advise an abortion either. The only way out which I think will work is to get some of your relations to meet the parents of the girl and tell them that although you are leaving Nigeria, they will take care of their daughter. Let the girl's parents know what plans you have for her.

He deserted me, after making love

He is 18 and I am 16. We attend the same school, and we have been together since 1972. When he first asked me for sex and I refused, he was annoyed and he told me that I did not love him. He continued like this for a long time and he promised to marry me should I become pregnant. His friends hinted me that he said that he was not serious with me but when I asked him, he denied.

However, one day I allowed him to have sex with me. Each time I went there afterwards he was one reason or the other why he was not coming. At times when he sees me coming to the door, I am very surprised and wonder if I do? I love him very much.
Geoff, Zambia.

Sorry girl. He has taken you for a ride. Advise you to do is to forget him. He is not a lesson to you and other girls who are in the same story.

Why do boys seem to reject me?

I am 18 and in form four in a secondary school. All my friends have boyfriends but I am more beautiful than my friends. I have behaved when I compare myself with them. Is it that boys seem to reject me?
Sad Girl, Kisumu.

Take heart Tariete. The right boy will come along. Take consolation in the fact that every girl there is a boy. Be careful of yourself on any boy so as not to have him reject you.

Tell me how to win her love

I am 23. I have tried in vain to have a girl. There is a girl I admire very much. She respects me but when I tell her of my love she has her way to take her to bed. How do I win her?
Dayo, Ghana.

No wonder the girl rejects you. I wish men like you will get it into your heads that girls are easy prey and besides, girls are things in life than hopping into bed with a man. They are people whose sole aim of life is to take her to bed.

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