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NPN calls for aid to disaster area in Rivers

The Apoki Division of Kokoima district chapter of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in the Yenagoa Local Government area of the Rivers State was called for emergency help from both the federal and state governments following the serious menace of flood and erosion in the area.

The party caucus in its appeal, claimed that life and properties were seriously being threatened by the constant harassment by erosion and flood.

Making the plea on behalf of the chapter, its chairman, Chief C.M. Ogbogu Kalango who is also the chairman of the district council said that the primary need of the

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CREATION OF STATES IS ALL PARTY AFFAIR — Lulu - Briggs



CHIEF O. AWOLOWO

No single political party could create any new state in the country without the active support of all the other parties.

Therefore, any political leader or party that goes about promising communities or groups that new state or states would be created for them should be

treated as a "monomaniac and bare-faced liar".

These were some of the points made by Mr O.B. Lulu-Briggs, deputy national vice chairman of the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) for the South at a press conference in Port Harcourt at the weekend.

Mr Lulu-Briggs was reacting to alleged promises being made to agitators of new states in the country particularly, Port Harcourt State by the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) and its leadership.

The party stalwart observed that while the UPN and its leadership were stoutly opposing further division of the Yoruba states, they were in another breath supporting the creation of a new state out of the present Rivers State and declared "if this is not hypocrisy and deceit, then I do not know what description should be given to Papa's antics."

"The conditions laid down for the creation of more states could be painstaking and not just push overs, as some in-



ordinately ambitious politicians would make people believe. I pity them", he added.

On the alleged neglect

of the minority areas which gave the NPN massive support in the 1979 elections, Mr Lulu-Briggs denied the allegations stressing that the Federal Government was doing its utmost for the people.

He assured that despite the manoeuvres

of some people in authority, almost all the major projects earmarked for the Rivers State would be carried out without hitch.

Mr Lulu-Briggs stated that it was the determination of the present federal administration to

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Israel to honour late Anwar Sadat

In Israel, a monument in memory of late President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is to be erected in Haifa. One of the main town squares will also be named after him.

Meanwhile, Israel had restated that the final withdrawal of its forces from the Sinai would go ahead as scheduled.

The country's foreign minister said the government has not altered the framework of the withdrawal which has been slated for April 25, next year.

He added that the Egyptian and Israeli troops would start mapping out the frontier in the Sinai next month.

PAUSE AND PONDER

We must not fail to meet the challenges of our times and the sweeping changes, or else we perish!

The 'Satellite' arrives with pomp and fanfare

The 'Satellite', another national newspaper, has been launched in the Anambra State capital, Enugu.

The launching ceremony was performed by the governor of Kano State, Aijah Abubakar Rimi.

The national leader of NPP, Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, who was to perform the launching ceremony was absent due to ill health.

In his address on the occasion, Chief Jiri Nwabodo described the press as a weapon of public enlightenment, information and education.

He said that the press was expected to maintain fair play and balance as opposed to one-sided reporting completely bereft of objectivity and honesty.

It was not expected to act as hired agents of destabilisation of government or behave as if it was left to destroy opponents of ideology of governing party, Governor Nwabodo said.

Chief Nwabodo was of the view that the press should use its powerful influence and position in the society to ensure the survival of individual and collective freedom of the people.

He urged the media practitioners to cling tenaciously to the ethics and tenets of professional journalism so as to show themselves as beacons of life.

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Personalities that graced the launching included the Nigerian State Governor, Mr Solomon Lye, the national chairman of NPP, Chief Adesola Ogunniyi and the speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Enosine Udo-Ekwe.

Others were Chief T. O. S. Benson, Anambra State Commissioner, members of the state and National Assemblies from all sections of the federation.

COLLEGE BURNT BY UNKNOWN MAN

From Johnson Koyonda

A five classroom block and the principal's office of the St. James' Grammar School, Afuze, in Owan local government area of Bendel State have been burnt down by fire by unknown person.

The state's Commissioner for Education, Dr Robinson Momoh, who made this known to pressmen in Benin said that the incident happened on October 1, 1981.

When the students and the teachers of the school were away at the parade marking the 21st Independence Day celebration.

The five classrooms, Dr Momoh said were burnt beyond repairs while all the school's vital records kept in the principal's office were completely consumed by the fire.

The commissioner

said he strongly suspected sabotage as containers reasonably believed to contain highly inflammable substance used to spray the buildings before they were set on fire were found at the scene by the police.

According to Dr Momoh, the school was now in serious predicament of acute classroom shortage but rather than succumb to the machinations of those he called "our detractors", by closing down the

school, he had ordered it to be repaired and after some delay, for the time being.

Meanwhile, he said, some suspected members of staff of the school, who were supposed to be on duty at the material time but were not, had been arrested and were being questioned by the police.

In another similar incident, the offices of the principal and the vice-principal of Edo College, Benin City were allegedly burnt down by some senior students of the college.



Enugu NTV interview

Ezenwa to face trial



Justice Emma Araka Anambra State Chief Judge

The Chief Judge of Anambra State, Mr Justice Emmanuel Araka has ordered that a criminal summons be issued on the state director of organisations and operations of the NPP, Chief Austin Ezenwa to appear before an Enugu High Court and answer charges of alleged sedition and publication of false news.

The Nigerian Television

Authorities (NTA) Enugu and the acting general manager of the authority, Mr Eddy Brown Anyogu are also to be served the same summons.

Mr Justice Araka's order followed an application made by the state Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr Bob Iweka in respect of the

sedition charges. Chief Ezenwa and Mr Anyogu had committed offences of sedition contrary to section 51 (1) A and B of the criminal code (CC) which was intended to cause fear and

alarm thereby violating section 59 (1) of the (CC) laws of the Eastern Nigeria of 1963.

It will be recalled that, the national leader of the NPP, and the Owele of Onitsha, who denied knowledge of the alleged importation of arms into Anambra State said in a letter: "The learned and honourable Attorney-General of Anambra State who is fully aware of the legal implications of the seditious publica-

NIM FUND LAUNCHED

Mr Justice Adewale Thompson, Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Oyo State, on behalf of Governor Bola Ige, launched the Nigerian Institute of Management's appeal fund in Ibadan at the weekend.

Here, Mr Justice Thompson (standing) reads the governor's address while Chief Adepola Akomolafe, chairman, Oyo State branch (left) and others listen.

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Oil glut may affect LG grant

The Cross River State Commissioner for Local Government, Dr Amara Essien Odo said over the week that the fall in the nation's oil revenue have had effect on the financial support from Federal Government to a few local governments.

He was speaking as a representative of Governor Odo when he visited the people of Ndi Ake in the Cross River State launched their new local government.

The ceremony which attracted an enthusiastic crowd of about 30,000 people took place at the local government headquarters, Ndi Ake.

The commissioner announced that the site of the local government headquarters, Ndi Ake, was the only suitable site for that area accepted by the government.

He said that his presence was an indication of government's kind gesture adding that in order that the new local government may succeed, it required both moral and financial support from the people.

He urged the people to make up their minds to accept challenges because they have come of age in matters of solidarity.

Dr Essien Odo said without

the coming together of the people to fight for a common purpose which is development, the new local government would be like a still born child.

In his keynote address, the chairman of the Ndi Ake working committee, Barnabas E. J. Udoibo, told the people that the occasion was to express their joy and gratitude to the

Cross River State Government for creating the new local government for them and also to raise N100,000 to supplement government effort in developing the new local government.

EDITORIAL

HARNESSING RESOURCES

OF NIGER DELTA

THE SERIES OF flood disasters recorded annually throughout the Rivers State bring into sharp, terrible focus, the perennial threat of the Atlantic Ocean to social security in the Niger Delta.

HUGE CHUNKS of inhabited land all over the riverine areas of the state have been washed away by gigantic waves of a vengeful ocean in its watery campaign to "reclaim" all the islands in the Niger Delta.

COMMENDABLY, THE Federal and Rivers State Governments have, in their different capacities done their bit to alleviate the privations of Nigerians living in these areas. But we think more

urgency should be attached to their work especially when we know that the Atlantic Ocean itself is not idle.

WHILE THESE SHORT-TERM measures to stop the advance of the ocean are going on, we suggest that more attention be paid to harnessing the advance of the Atlantic for national development.

WE THINK THE Niger Delta area of Nigeria is ripe for a special attention, the type of attention given by the Canadian government to the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

IN THE FINAL analysis, the most effective contribution of the Niger Delta to national development must derive from a judicious harnessing of its peculiar geographical maritime terrain. An inland waterway project on

the lines of the St. Lawrence Seaway in Canada, is the only way to effectively harness the resources of the Niger Delta and accelerate the development of the area.

ISLAND CITIES on Canada's St. Lawrence River System have become international seaports since the Seaway opened the interior of the North American continent to ocean-going vessels.

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY has made it possible for large ocean going vessels to move deep inland and created an agricultural and industrial boom for the region.

WE BELIEVE THAT by establishing such a seaway in the Niger Delta area, the nation will both check the menace of the annual flood and open up vast areas for economic, industrial and social activities.

THIS IS WITH no prejudice to the activities of the Niger Delta Basin Development Authority (NDBDA). The new authority will rather complement the efforts of the Authority in the field of agriculture while opening up new grounds for deep sea navigation and industrial ventures.

The true meaning of decentralization

Decentralization means giving greater powers to places, places, cities etc. although this is mere dictionary definition. Decentralization is then the act of giving greater powers to places and branches. It can otherwise be defined as reducing power of the centre for the branches or for the local area.

Thus, the Federal Government in Lagos instead of wielding all the powers had delegate some of them to the states. This is to decentralize the activities in Lagos and also to make government accessible to every individual in this great and mighty nation. This is also a type of ruling tactics used to make the centre handle less of government business.

In such a country of much diversification and otherness, you can think of, decentralization of things is laudable. So Chief Melior Odia, in his assumption of office as the first indigenous Governor of Rivers State borrowed a leaf from the Federal Government to suit the peculiar condition in the state. I say BRAVO, and thank you to the Honourable governor. Intending to liberalise government business to every citizen of the state. I do not here intend to criticise or praise the policy because

it is still undergoing a rigorous experimentation.

But to set down and brood over and understand what His Excellency has adopted in this state. Everybody should study and research into the successful operation of the policy. We can do this by following the way, the federal government is treating her states. Others who know the system worked out in the advanced countries could direct us. Federal government-state governments relationship shows that the states are autonomous in many of her activities and semi-autonomous in others. This should be the way it ought to work out in Rivers State although with certain modifications. Anything short of this, is a great failure of the policy.

The policy is an engaged one. By this I mean the cost-output side of it could be a preposterous policy from the cost side of view. New offices to be acquired and equipped in all the corners of the state. Millions of costs by the number of districts in the state. All these are to be started with political appointees and civil servants. Means of transport are to be provided also. These will be adequately paid and

plied. One of the greatest output from the policy is mass employment. Mass employment reduces political and social unrest in the nation. The earnings of these people add to the nation's economy.

These functional committees, the offspring of decentralization, are meant to award contracts to the local contractors thus generating revenue in the place. Making the purchasing power of the local economy buoyant. It also puts an embargo on rural-urban migration. Everybody is meant to smile and have a taste of the government. It is training ground in leadership (politicians) and for the civil servants, and apprenticeship. The output otherwise called the benefits are lofty and many. But how do we achieve its total success. It is for each and every one of us to make it work. We should be critical over it, that is going our observations and suggest means and ways for improvement. It is for us to train our political appointees should be oriented for a week or two before the ordinary. DECLARING-INTEREST. Many chairmen and members do not know their functions, rights, privileges and obligations. They are not



put there as a window dressing to earn their salaries, allowances and other entitlements.

That would mean the policy is not pay-a-back the people. It is not a pay-a-back. It should be halted if that is the intention of any leader, and the money is put for other uses.

The Commissioners should give their sub-branches functional committees a free hand. If these should award contracts up to N50,000, committees should be given with such powers. If a chairman is down to receive local contractors from people coming down from Port Harcourt, what is the schedule of things. Do not employ people from above for the committees. The A.I.E. I do not know their full meaning otherwise, should not be a play thing. It that is the way it

works to delay projects and payments, it should be stopped and other expedient methods of payments be worked out.

It is the big functionaries like the Commissioners, the Permanent secretaries and the almighty Accountants punish the people. Let it be said that such workers will be removed by the invisible hand of the electorate to death. And these chairmen should be under careful and scrupulous observation all the time.

The young civil servants employed for these committees should be given on-the-job training for efficiency. They have just left schools and entering the service know nothing so need such training from time to

time. They are meant to climb the ladder to the level of the permanent secretary through this means.

It will also encourage the worker, encouragement, trust, confidence and recognition are great tools for efficiency and production.

Prospects or expectations people have over a project or a policy depends upon to a great extent on the project or the policy itself. But the attitude and acceptance by the people on one hand, and the way it is piloted on the other hand means a lot for its success. The decentralization policy in the Rivers State is greatly welcomed.

BISHOP A. OWIBI
PORT HARCOURT.

UPN accused

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ensure even development of all parts of the country irrespective of tribal affiliation.

It is clear that decision of the Supreme Court over the Revenue War set up in the Rivers State would be beneficial to all as more than 40 per cent of the revenue came from out of the state.

On Aug. the NPH deputy chief said movement to the new capital next year would be of national interest to all.

He stated that movement of capitals of na-

tions was a common phenomenon and that Nigeria's experience should be no exception.

Commenting on the decision of the Supreme Court over the Revenue War, the NPH deputy chief said that the state's revenue would be beneficial to all as more than 40 per cent of the revenue came from out of the state.

He maintained that the Federal Government never interfered with local affairs adding that the president's order should be a graduation of the president for his belief and trust in the judicial process.

GOV MBAKWE WEEPS FOR ENGINEER TITTO



GOV MBAKWE

Police versus police?

A police constable attached to the Abonoma Wharf marine jetty Police Station was brutally beaten and got his head broken by a fellow police constable who was purportedly aiding and abetting some underworld men who were carrying out an operation in the early hours of last Thursday.

Reliable police sources stated that on the day of the incident, information reached the Abonoma Wharf marine jetty station that some people were carrying out illegal deal at the railway end of the Abonoma Wharf and the harbour.

As a result, some policemen were drafted to the scene but were brutally attacked by another police constable. It was later understood that the policeman was guarding the underworld men while they carried on the operation.

One of the articles discovered was a long pipe used in "siphoning" fuels from tankers.

Confirming the story, a senior police officer at the Abonoma Wharf station stated that the case was being taken to the state C.I.D. for action but stressed that it was purely police affair.



PRESIDENT SHAGARI

THE Imo State Governor, Chief Sam Mbakwe wept for the alien engineer, Mr Titto Pao attached to the International Glass Industry, Abu, Imo State who was murdered on Friday, September 18, 1981.

In a sympathy visit to the factory site in Abu recently, Chief Sam Mbakwe described the incident as very unfortunate and disheartening.

Addressing a cross section of the workers of the factory, Chief Mbakwe dismissed the allegation spreading in some parts of the country and the Italian press which said that the incident was the beginning of the resurrection of Biafra as a mere rumour.

He however expressed sympathy on behalf of himself and the entire people of Imo State and said that his government totally condemned the incident.

The governor stated that the Imo State Government will do everything necessary to

compensate and comfort the family of the deceased.

He implored the other employees of the factory to go about their normal duty and assured them that such incident will never occur again.

He then charged the police to give maximum security to the factory and its staff by placing a police post at the area to ensure that such a thing is not allowed to repeat.

Chief Mbakwe pointed out that some suspects have been arrested by the police in connection with the incident adding that if found guilty by the court, will be made to face

public execution and must be carried out at the company premises.

The chairman of the industry, Mr A. Anagwu had earlier outlined the difficulty that now face the factory since the incident.

He also called on the state government to ensure adequate protection to the workers of the industry and hoped that the factory will go into production before the end of this year.

It will be recalled that, Mr Titto Pao was murdered by alleged armed robbers following what the police suspected to be as a result of his involvement in an alleged mass lay-off

NEPA RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN ROADWORK

DELAY in the road construction work going on along Anilebe



ALHAJI ADAMU ATTA

Abdull-Azeez Atta Road, in the Kwara State capital has been attributed to the failure of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) to remove electric poles lying in the middle of the road.

The Area Manager of the construction company, Plisson Fiso (Nig) Limited, Mr R.G. France made this allegation at a

meeting he held with the Commissioner for Works and Transport, Professor A.O. Ozigi in the latter's office.

Mr France promised that with the effective cooperation of NEPA, Water Corporation and the Posts and Telegraphs (P&T), the road work will be completed by June next year.

On maintenance of Federal Government roads in the state, the commissioner urged the Federal Government to transfer

the responsibility to the state government instead of the present method of awarding contracts to local contractors for the maintenance of the roads.

Also at the meeting, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport, Dr A.S. Onyangu, disclosed that the water corporation had been instructed to lay water pipes on both sides of the on-going road construction so that there will be no need for breaking roads when connecting water pipes from one side of the road to the other.

He explained that both the Water Corporation and NEPA have been paid for the laying of pipes and erection of electric poles at the sides of the road.

Later, the Commissioner visited the site of construction where he urged Mr France and his team to work very hard so as to complete the work on schedule.

He then promised to speak with the district manager of NEPA about their uncooperative attitude.

Presidential Adviser refutes charge

THE presidential adviser on Information, Chief Olu Adobanjo has refuted a statement credited to the Lagos State Governor, Alhaji Lateef Jakande that the establishment of the N.T.A 2 Channel 5 was aimed at jamming the state-owned television station.

He pointed out that the federal government had on no occasion spent any money on the issue of jamming any state-owned television station, neither did it vote any money for such a purpose.

Chief Adobanjo reiterated that the N2 million expenditure alleged by the Lagos State Governor, in connection with jamming of the state-owned television station was fictitious and damaging, adding that the N.T.A 2 was established to provide variety and an alternative to television viewers.

CODE OF CONDUCT IS BASIC

THE Bendel State Commissioner for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Mr Godwin Ekiyor recently addressed members of Benin Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture on the need for businessmen to fashion out a code of conduct for their groups.

Photo below shows Commissioner Ekiyor addressing the chambers.



Politicians urged to redeem promises

POLITICIANS in the country have been urged to practise what they say in order to have a stable government.

The advice was given by Reverend Olu George of the United Gospel Mission, in a sermon he delivered at an inter-denominational church service held at Ogbe Stadium as part of this year's National Day Celebrations.

He advised other Nigerians not to be deceived by the utterances of witty politicians who were fast creating a forum where honest men were vilified, while hypocrites, liars and deceivers thrived and were respected.

The Reverend stressed that the country needed a leader whose loyalty and honesty for the nation far exceeded his love for any political party.

He observed that the present situation where a few Nigerians rolled in riches and the poor were becoming poorer did not make for true democracy and called for concerted efforts to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor.

The church service at which the State Governor

YOUR STAR
TODAY

AQUARIUS

Not a good day for signing long-term contracts or agreements that commit you to regular payments. All types of higher purchases should be ignored.

PISCES

A financial matter could help your sagging family fortunes. It appears that a family hobby could be put to good use as a source of revenue.

ARIES

You could find yourself involved in serious quarrels over finances. This could be due to do with household expenditure or the amount of money spent at work on a project that is dear to you.

TAURUS

Your hopes and dreams could be realized today with the help and assistance of a close work colleague. All joint efforts are well started and you should not try to get it alone in any direction.

GEMINI

Personal relationship come under the microscope today and you will feel unsure of your standing where others are concerned. Now is a good time for finding out exactly what your position is.

CANCER

Keeping in the background today will pay handsome dividends. Therefore if your work can be considered as being of behind the scenes nature, you will have a spectacular day.

LEO

You will find it difficult to get through this day without argument or conflict with someone. Colleagues who are searching for a scrap should be pointed in the other direction.

VIRGO

Business mail will be a source of disappointment today. What you have been expecting to arrive will be held up for sometime.

LIBRA

A health problem could stop you enjoying an otherwise pleasant day. Don't just blame your symptoms, get out and do something about them.

SCORPIO

Try not to let anyone interrupt business transactions today; the smoother discussions run the more chance there is of getting your own way. Romance for the single is patchy, with quarrels.

SAGITTARIUS

Check your mail this morning; there is likely to be some good news coming your way. Quite unexpectedly, a financial offer made to you this afternoon should be investigated; it doesn't appear to be working to your advantage.

CAPRICORN

News from abroad will be heartening this morning especially for those of you who have relatives there. However, finances are badly started on the domestic front.

Students body wants bad contractors blacklisted

by Eleazer Kas-Nwogu

A CALL has been made to the Rivers State Government to blacklist contractors who abandoned or are unable to meet the deadline for the execution of projects in Etche in the Ikwerre/Etche Local Government area of the state.

Besides, the government should ensure that it identified contractors

Commissioner calls for team work

The Rivers State Commissioner for Local Government, Chief L. D. Ayah has called on the people of Oyoigbo and Asa district in Okrika, Oyoigbo and Tai Etche Local Government area to work as a team for the progress of the area.

He made the call at Kom Kom, the headquarters of Oyoigbo and Asa district during the continuation of his working tour of Local Government areas.

The Commissioner assured the district that they are entitled to whatever a district is supposed to have and urged the council to move from Oyoigbo to Kom Kom which is the new district headquarters.

In an address of welcome earlier presented, the council had commended the governor for creating opportunities for political appointees into the council, co-ordination committee and functional committees.

as it has become clear that most offending contractors go by series of names, thereby winning too many contracts which they find difficult to execute.

The call was contained in a press release issued by the National Union of Etche Students (NUES) and signed by its president and public relations officers, Messrs Samuel Nwayanwu and Ireogbu Austine respectively and copied to the Rivers State Governor, Chief Melford Okilo.

The union reminded the contractors of the idea behind the decentralisation policy which makes it mandatory for an area to be developed by the people

themselves.

In this regard, the students warned the contractors handling the abandoned projects in the area to note that posterity will never forgive them for being enemies of progress in Etche land.

It therefore urged the contractors to ensure that these projects were reactivated in more encouraging vigour to enable the people of the area feel the impact of the present administration's decentralisation policy.

The union also appealed to the state government to consider as a matter of urgency the repairing of the dilapidated

Chokocho/Okomoko bridge which is the only connecting outlet.

The release noted that if nothing was done in the nearest future, activities in the area would become paralysed, as the only communication network between the area and the state capital would be rendered ineffective.

Meanwhile, the students have sent a message of congratulation to the state governor by appointing one of

her sons, Mr Eynald Nwabake as a commissioner in the state.



CHIEF MELFORD OKILO

DPO dismissed story of an attempted car theft

The district police officer in charge of Ikwerre /Etche, Mr Lynus Warri has dismissed as unfounded the story of an

alleged attempted car theft along Isokpo/Umanwa road recently.

However, he said that a report of attempted car theft was lodged in his office, but that when he ordered an investigation into the matter, it was discovered that the incident was not true.

The DPO noted that investigation revealed that two men, Mr Emmanuel Eze and Mr Frank Okpara, driving a Peugeot 604 sedan car with

by

Dan Obinna

registration number RV 3040 PA had a disagreement with Mr Dennis Okenwo, a driver of a Nissan Urvin bus No. IM 1642J at a check-point along Port Harcourt-Owerri Road on the day of the incident.

According to the former, Mr Dennis Okenwo, almost forced them into an accident by stopping suddenly in front of them for about three times, so the two men trailed Mr Dennis Okenwo till the Umanwa Road diversion opposite Isokpo hospital.

At this point, Mr Eze and Mr Okpara all of Anambra State blocked Mr Dennis Okenwo, got him out of his car and gave him a serious beating inflicting some injuries on him.

The struggle that ensued attracted police attention and the two men were arrested and sent to Isokpo police office while Mr Dennis Okenwo was taken to Isokpo hospital for treatment.

The DPO observed that the circumstance surrounding the incident and the scene did not suggest attempted car theft because the place was within police controlled area.

Meanwhile, he stated that the two men would soon appear in court for assault. Reports from the hospital stated that Mr Dennis Okenwo was responding favourably to treatment.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOUR OF LATE, CATECHIST AYAH

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Local Government, Chief (Lt) Coll L. D. Ayah has emphasised on the need for mankind to lead a true christian life and called on parents to train their children with the fear of God.

The commissioner gave the advice during the thanksgiving service organised in memory of late catechist, Charles Okutu Benson Ayah of St John's Anglican Church, Ewoama in Brass/Okpoma Urban Council area of the Rivers State.

Chief Ayah later unveiled the two marble tombs where he also laid a wreath in honour of the late catechist.

He charged the congregation to emulate the late religious preacher.

In his sermon, Rev C. N. Oforibika enjoined the congregation to uphold the precedence laid down by Catechist Charles Ayah whom he

described as one of the fore bearers of the gospel in this part of the country.

Present at the memorial service include the chief mourner, Chief (Lt) Coll L. D. Ayah, His Royal Highness K. St Sagbe, the Amayanabo of Okpoma; Chief R. O. B. Orukari and Chief Obasi.

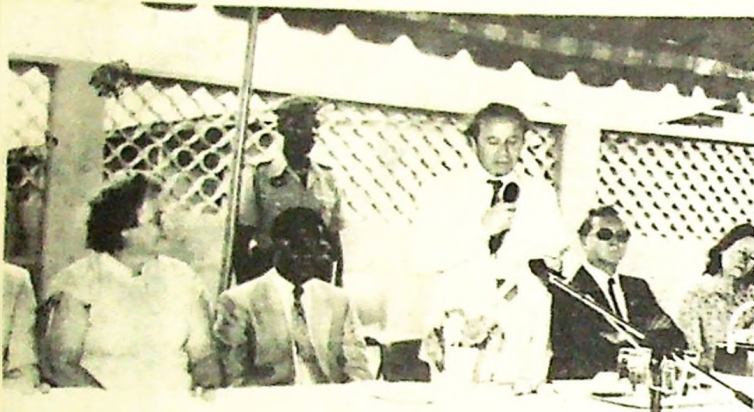
Others were Chief S. G. Kpokun Emiringe, Chief G. G. Akono Digiborrigba, Chief Tammonebere, Chief Isle, Mr A. F. Okara, Mr Thomas Spiff, Lt P. Diachi and S. D. Eke Spiff.

The late catechist died twenty years ago when his children were yet to grow up to maturity.

Photograph shows some participants singing songs at the service while the composite picture shows Mr Benson Ayah laying a wreath on the tomb of late Catechist Charles Ayah.

Photo by St Luke Kai





SHELL STAFF HOUSING ESTATE OPENED

THE Staff Housing Estate of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited at Satellite Town in Lagos was officially opened on September 5, 1981, by the Federal Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity, Mr. S. Adebisi Ogbedenge.

The new estate built at a cost of N14 million consists of 80 four-bedroom and 56 two-bedroom units, with two standby power

generating plants, providing 100 per cent coverage, sewage and water treatment plants. The managing director of Shell Development, Mr. D.R. Wilham is pictured giving his welcome address at the opening ceremony. Others in the picture, from left to right, are Mrs. B.P. Wilham, wife of the managing director; the Minister Mr. Ogbedenge and Mr. R.E. Wegmann, deputy managing director of the company.

Mbakwe's village swept by flood

IN Avutu Obowo, the village home of the Imo State governor, Mr Samuel Mbakwe, in the Erit Local Government area, several families were rendered homeless and property estimated at N30,000 destroyed when a heavy flood swept through parts of Umuagagba.

Conducting newsmen round the area, one of the victims, Mr Isaac Alozie, a school headmaster, said that they had never had similar experience before since they settled down in the area, and attributed it to faulty drainage system by a construction company handling the Umuarim - Avutu Obowo project.

Mr Alozie claimed that the residents of the area now lived in fear, "expecting the worst to happen whenever the rains threatened."

He has therefore called for the immediate rechanneling of the flood water in order to safeguard the lives and property of the people, and appealed to the state government for aid to the victims, most of them widows, he alleged.

In another development, the deputy chairman of the Imo State Council of Chiefs, Eze Dr B.O. Enweremadu, the Eze-Ukwu I of Ngwakwu, in the Isiala-Ngwa Local Government area, has called on individuals and organisations in Nigeria to demonstrate by practical terms the unity and oneness of the country.

Dr Enweremadu made the call when he paid a courtesy call on the Eshi of Nkwere, Eze J.O. Ugochukwu during his visit to the Ngwa community in Orizu zone.

He stated that if philanthropists could give scholarships and various gifts in cash or kind to the less privileged everywhere in Nigeria instead of concentrating on their relations and kinsmen, then the unity of Nigeria would become a reality.



GOVERNOR MBAKWE of Imo State

UPN is to blame for bad roads



GOVERNOR ALLI of Bendel State

THE people of Ughelli Local Government area of Bendel State have been told not to blame the deplorable condition of roads in the area on the Federal Government but on the UPN controlled government of the state.

Making this call at the Congress of the Ughelli Local Government.

NPN, Youth Wing held at Ughelli over the weekend, its chairman, Prince A.O. Uloho disclosed that the development and reconstruction of the deplorable roads being witnessed in Ughelli local government area were the responsibilities of the Bendel State Government and it would therefore be out of place to blame the neglect on the Federal Government.

Mr Uloho argued that just as the state government could not be blamed for the failure and neglect by the local governments to carry out development on their roads, so also the Federal Government could not be blamed if any of the state governments was unable to develop the roads in its area of authority.

Prince Uloho pointed out that Ughelli Local Government had been neglected by the Bendel State Government socially, economically and politically since it came to power in October, 1979.

He remarked that the road developments the people of Ughelli Local Government had gained were by the Federal Government.

Prince Uloho described as "very shameless" the action of the state government crediting to itself all the development projects that had been

carried out in the area through communal efforts.

According to Prince Uloho, the Bendel State Government had refused to approve the schools built by the people of Ikigbo and Afenon villages in Ughelli local government through self-help programmes for no just reason.

He challenged the state government and UPN agents both in and outside the area to come out to mention any development that had been carried out in the area by the Bendel State Government.

Prince Uloho appealed to the people of the area to take heart and think less about the discriminatory measures being unleashed on them by the UPN government of Bendel State and assured them that the neglect of Ughelli local government area by the Bendel State Government would soon act as a boomerang on the UPN.

Speaking also during the occasion, the NPN youth leader in Agbazi South Constituency, Prince U. Uloho called on all the party leaders to be more serious about the party's operation to take over control of Bendel State, come 1983.

The operation, he pointed out would be meaningless if honesty of purpose, dedication, steadfastness and confidence among party leaders were not brought into play.

He reminded the leaders that lack of confidence, enviousness, backbiting, rumour mongering, injustice and incessant quarrelling among the rank and file of a political party could not make for a dynamic leadership.

'Ex-police officer' in Police net

A MAN who claimed to be a retired Police Officer from Lagos in 1979, David Edegbor of No. 1 Edegbor Street, Benin City is now helping detectives in Benin City in their investigations.

Mr Edegbor, according to the Police Command in Benin was arrested along Akpakpava Street, Benin City by a responsible citizen, Mr Ekavwe Eke. Eke for perceiving police officers and having witnessed possession of a locally made pistol, three DPs shot gun, cartridges, one knife and a charm, one police note book, one GCE certificate No. 124203 suspected forged and one booklet of Niger Insurance Company cover note.

Briefing newsmen in his office, the Bendel State Commissioner of Police, Mr E.A.B. Adeneye said that Edegbor's luck ran out when he arrested one Vincent Odule for hawking cassette without permit and demanded a bribe of five naira not to prosecute his victim. Vincent Odule doubting

Edegbor as a police officer appealed to him to be allowed to collect five naira from his brother, Mr Eke. Eke as he had no money on him.

On careful observation, Mr Eke discovered that Edegbor was not only perceiving but had in his possession one locally made pistol and other suspected articles.

Later arrested by Mr Eke and handed over to the C.I.D. for further investigation, Edegbor's house was searched,

WOMEN URGED TO REGISTER

FOR ADULT EDUCATION

WOMEN in the rural areas of the country have been called upon to register for adult education in readiness for the mass literacy campaign which will be launched next year by the Federal Government.

The appeal was made recently by the permanent secretary in the community development division of Bendel State Ministry of Local Government and Chiefdom Affairs, Chet (Mrs) P.E.B. Uku, during the official opening of the Day Care Women Special Centre, built by the Agbala 1 Women Organisation at Oshah, Igbarike in Orukwato Local Government area.

Mrs Uku commended the efforts of the women, and noted that it was the first time a women's society had taken the initiative to establish a day care/women centre in the state.

She, therefore, advised the women to use the skills they had acquired to enhance the

economic growth of their families and the community.

She said that the day care centre, apart from handing the kids while their parents went to work, would also provide an avenue for social interaction capable of promoting the moral and healthy growth of the pre-school children, adding that it would help to solve the problem of malnutrition among children, since they would be assured of regular, balanced diet.

Mrs Uku promised to send a community development staff to assist in the running of the centre, and pledged the continued support of the state government. Items of equipment valued at N1,000 were presented to the Agbala Women Organisation for the initial take-off of the centre.

Speaking earlier, a spokesman for the community said that plans were underway to provide uniforms and chairs for the children.

He also promised that the centre would be expanded, and appealed to the permanent secretary for more staff and necessary assistance to ensure the smooth running of the institution.



Estab boss briefs press on progress

The Oyo State Commissioner for Establishments and Training, Chief M. A. Kaleos, recently in Iba-

dan, briefed the press on the activities of his ministry since the beginning of this year.

Picture above shows Chief Kaleos (central) explaining a point, while Mr. A. Adesiyun, his Permanent Secretary (left) and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Information, Mr. O.O. Dara (right) listen.

GOVT SCRIBES CALLED TO PROMOTE STABILITY

SECRETARIES to Governments of the Federation have been called upon to discuss

and suggest measures that will diffuse tension and promote stability in the country.

Making the call while declaring the conference of secretaries to governments of the Federation open in Ilorin, the Deputy Governor of

Kwara State, Chief J. A. O. Shittu said that this would be done without necessarily compromising their loyalties to the various administrations

they were appointed to serve.

Chief Shittu told the



MR EDWIN UME-EZEOKE
Speaker, House of Reps

secretaries that as Chief Advisers to their governments, much depended on them to ensure that the machinery of the

especially on issues that joined the security of the nation.

With the approach of local government and

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government was properly co-ordinated for meaningful results.

He noted with delight that from records of the previous deliberations they had spared no efforts in reconciling conflicting demands of public administration,

other subsequent elections that will follow, he observed that intra party differences would be on the increase.

Deputy Governor Shittu pointed out that politicians by the circumvent nature of their roles and differences in their perception were more prone to manipulations by sectional interests in reacting to such differences than other public officers generally.

He then called on the secretaries to the governments to suggest measures to reduce tension and promote stability in the country.

The deputy governor commended the secretaries for insulating civil servants from being politicized, adding that civil service as an indispensable permanent instrument of public administration must continue to be protected from partisan politics.

Responding to the deputy governor's address, the Secretary to the Federal Government, Alhaji Shahu Musa, thanked the Kwara State Government for hosting the meeting.

Alhaji Musa said that through their efforts they had been able to put forward good recommendations to the government, which had reacting effects.

Some diseases caused by bad water

Out of 60 per cent of preventable diseases that end up in the various hospitals in the country, 40 per cent have been attributed to lack of good water supply.

This disclosure was made in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital by the state Commissioner for Forestry and Water Resources Mr Yemi Adefulu, while speaking at the workshop and demonstration of water treatment plants for small and medium communities.

The workshop arranged by Comptoir Commercial and Industrial Company was held at the Alabata site of the Ogun-Oshun River Basin Authority and attended by the Minister of State in the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Dr E.Y. Atanu.

In view of the hazards bad water supply could bring to the inhabitants of a community, Mr Adefulu therefore declared that the state government attached great importance to water supply to all the citizens of the state and had since its assumption of office spared no effort to bring that essential amenity within the reach of the common man.

He told his audience that water treatment plants were not new to the state, adding that in the state, there were at the moment, 21 water schemes with three of them having their capacities augmented by the use of package treat-

ment plants.

The commissioner explained further that the idea of using those plants was to be able to meet the domestic requirements of a large number of communities using only one plant.

"After treating some water and delivering this into a storage tank at one location", he went on "the mobile treatment plant can move to other nearby locations for the same purpose".

Man held for unlawful possession

In order to keep the area free from unnecessary embarrassment from the under-world men, the Nigeria Police Mhano, on anniversary day intensified their patrol and successfully arrested a man at Amaraku with a bag containing four locally made pistols and two uncompleted single barrel guns.

The team was led by the Divisional Police Officer Mr M.E. Agbogi.

The man who gave his name as Ezekiel Chukwu hailed from Amara (Bauchi) in Ikwu-water Oyo State, local Government area and of about 10 years old.

Ezekiel Chukwu who claimed to be a trader by profession purported to have bought the four pistols and two uncompleted guns at Onitsha in Anambra State.

Photo below shows the man with his guns before him.



Custom officers out of state of origin

Officers in the Customs and Excise department are to be posted outside their state's of origin.

No officer should remain at a post for more than three years.

These were some of the recommendations which were contained in the report of the House of Representatives Committee on Commerce and was adopted by members without amendments.

Other recommendations adopted by the House were that Custom Officers found to be corrupt and inefficient should be immediately removed from the department.

Also the administration of the whole department be decentralised thus giving full accounting responsibilities to the area administrators.

While representing the report, a member of the

committee, Representative Nuhu Poloma (NPN Bauchi) noted that during the committee's tour to customs and excise installation areas, borders, airport, and seaports, it was discovered that most of the goods seized for the past five or seven years were now on the verge of getting rotten.

He therefore, appealed for the speedy trial of smuggling cases so as to facilitate rapid disposal of goods.

Commenting on the report, Chief Frank Ekwu (NPP Anambra) urged members to support and give encouragement to any aims of the government which earn revenue and project the economy.

According to him the customs posts in other

neighbouring countries are better than that of Nigeria.

He was therefore of the view that the Federal Ministry of Finance be asked to make provisions for adequate residential quarters for the customs departments.

Chief Yemi Akintola (NPN Oyo), also suggested that the government should make certain amount of money available as incentives to customs men who excel in the interception of smuggled goods.

He also recommended that compensation should be paid to the family of any custom officer killed while on duty.

Earlier, the speaker of the House of Representatives Mr Edwin Ume-Ezeoke had announced that an association of members wives has been formed.

FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT

TOWARDS EFFECTIVE ME
STRATEGY FOR RIVERS ST

No effective media/coun-

strategy could be planned without first going into the problems of creating the Rivers State via a vis her image.

The Rivers State was created on May 27, 1967 by Decree.

This is significant

because agitation by the Rivers people for the creation of a state in which they would be able to manage their own affairs began with the post-war upsurge of nationalism in Nigeria.

Thus, the Rivers people including chiefs conference was given separate representation at the earliest of the Nigerian Constitutional conferences convened by the British colonial office.

In spite of compelling reasons as established by the 1967 Willink Commission, Nigeria's political leaders refused to grant a right to self-determination to the Rivers people.

As a matter of fact, the discovery of oil in commercial quantities at Oloibiri in 1957 after twenty years of fruitless exploration in Owerri renewed any thought of creating a separate Rivers State from the minds of Nigeria's 'Men of Destiny'.

This attitude was equally adopted by a large majority of the ordinary Nigerians who share a common ethnic identity with the leaders.

In the midst of the Nigerian crisis very few Nigerians rejoiced with the Rivers people for their good fortune.

Many Nigerians thought it was a hoax, some called it a paper state, women state, especially during the period when the Military Governor was forced by various circumstances to delay the setting up of a government in Port Har-

Others were like

Thomas Brown who exclaimed his dislike of Dr. Felli: "I do not love you, Dr. Felli. The reason why, I

cannot tell, but this at least I know fully well: I do not love you, Dr. Felli".

From the beginning, therefore, the Rivers State had an uphill task to establish itself firmly and surely, and as N. Machieveli says, "There is nothing more difficult to carry out, no more doubtful of success nor more dangerous to handle than to initiate a new order of things".

The state was beset by different types of enemies who were anxious to stultify its growth having failed to nip it in the bud. The most hostile group started a campaign of calumny alleging that some ethnic groups who constituted a majority of the population of Port Harcourt before the civil war, were not being allowed to return to the Rivers State after the end of hostilities.

In the wake of false propaganda about closing the gates of Port Harcourt against some ethnic groups came the more forceful protestations about "Abandoned Property" in the Rivers State.

This is still a living issue as shown by the continuing publications in newspapers.

Indeed, the controversy over "Abandoned Property" has been the main source of publicity for the Rivers State. Unfortunately, it is publicity of the wrong type as it has seriously damaged the image of the Rivers State.

The Rivers people were portrayed as lazy and selfish, seeking to reap from where they did not sow and embarrassing the Federal Government by showing a black spot in the clear state of post war reconciliation in Nigeria.

The government was presented as ineffective and not capable of taking quick decisions and there upon without fear of favour.

From the foregoing, an effective media strategy could be broadly regarded as being the same as would be expected in any other state, although the problems of physical and economic development are increasingly divergent

from what could be expected in the other states.

To our mind, this divergence is attributed to five main factors, not ruling out any subsidiary ones viz:

(a) The inevitable peculiar terrain and other physical features subsisting.

(b) The abject neglect in physical development that has subsisted for so long.

(c) The nature and disposition of our natural resources.

(d) The basically rural nature of the subsisting communities and the economy that needs to be developed.

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(e) The low taxable capacity arising mainly from (b) and (d) above.

As of now the political scene in the Rivers State is mainly NPN majority which will continue to enjoy the direct support of the peace loving people of this region for many years to come.

Thus, the sort of media strategy required is that type which could unite the people together and once there is unity our task is already solved.

Our job is to tell the story of the Rivers man. As the saying goes, "Unity is strength".

The strength of the Rivers State, particularly the immense disadvantaged undeveloped Delta and upland rural areas region can only be accomplished through a programme assessment of factors responsible for the apparent disunity. When this is done, meaningful efforts will be made towards an appropriate and effective solution.

To be placed on the right path of this objective, the following suggestions are hereby offered for your consideration:

Environmental Assumption. Formulation of a Public Relations policy of this nature must take cognisance of the political and economic environment. It is therefore expected that the Division will operate under the following political and economic

outlook.

(a) The country today, with special reference to the Rivers State is governed by a new breed of articulate politicians and therefore, there is need for them to be kept informed of the activities of the Division.

(b) Partisan and ethnic consciousness which sometimes beclouds well-thought out projects must be anticipated.

(c) The state government will continue to expect returns on its investments.

This might lead to intervention on caretaker committee policies.

(d) Government emphasis on industrialisation and agriculture will continue.

(e) The present restriction on importation will continue and inflation will still be a factor to contend with.

Employee Expectation:

(a) Housing, (b) Transport, (c) Job Satisfaction, (d) Good pay.

III Caretaker Committee and Information Division Expectation:

(a) A good return on investment - Colour Laboratory (b) To create greater awareness and better understanding of the committees contribution to the economic development of the state. (c) To be seen as a good employer.

IV Community Expectation:

(a) Employment with the Information Division (b) Social amenities - TV Viewing Centre, Film Shows, Parties.

B Public Relations Objectives and Targets:

The Directorate will pursue a positive high-level profile policy in the light of the above expectations.

The message will be deliberately programmed to inform the Federal Government that the Rivers State is contributing immensely to the economic life and future progress of the country by its contribution to productive investment, growth of technology, manpower development and support services to wealth

creating sectors.

The target publics to which this policy will be directed are as follows:

(a) The President and the entire federal authorities, governors and deputy governors.

(b) Rivers State commissioners and permanent secretaries in the Ministries of Commerce, Industries, Finance, Works, Health and Information Directorate.

(c) Federal Ministries and permanent secretaries in ministries as in (b).

(d) Media representatives.

(e) Party leaders in the national and state Assemblies.

(f) Members of selected committees in the Senate, House of Representatives and the Rivers State House of Assembly.

(g) Selected Faculties (Don and Students) of universities, especially the Port Harcourt universities.

(h) Employees, (i) River Basin Authorities,

(j) Oil and Construction Industries, (k) Community and Traditional Rulers.

C Methods of Reaching the Publics:

(a) Employees primary target public. All members of staff and management should be regarded as spokesman for the Information Division.

Every effort should therefore be made to ensure that they are aware of the activities of the Information Division. This means that a closer and stronger link should be established between staff and management.

(b) Government and other policy makers.

A good relationship must be established with this group of the target publics.

Informal lunches and dinners should be encouraged as they provide opportunities for informal briefing sessions on needs of the country. The Information Division role and problems.

In addition, key government officials and policy makers should receive on regular basis, copies of brochures and selected Press Releases and selected publications.



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This group should also be provided the opportunity of visiting areas of operation of the Information Division.

(c) Community and traditional rulers.

Role of community and traditional rulers in the operations of the Directorate cannot be over-emphasized. Top officials of the Information Division should visit the communities in area of operation and caretaker committee members should pay courtesy call on the traditional rulers.

The Information Division should encourage and where feasible, participate in local development programmes by publicising the activities.

(d) Media Relations

This should be a deliberate policy of the Directorate's activities. The Directorate should feed other media with news which highlight the Directorate plus points e.g. manpower training seminars, sponsorships etc. Press facility visits, press conferences and press receptions should be arranged continuously for local press in the area.

(e) University Dons and Students

The Federal and state governments have renewed their emphasis on relating the academic work within the universities to the development needs of the country. Every effort should therefore be made towards identifying the information Division with these objectives. Supervisors should be given to university dons and students to gain practical experience with the Information Division.



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land that the Rivers State is not only producing oil but also is an agricultural state food producing to be self-reliant and self-sufficient in raw materials.

(g) The sympathy of the federal authorities should be attracted towards the local farmers to get them fully involved in farming projects in the area who would in future own their own farms. Also encourage the distribution of seedlings and fishing gears to them.

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Really how "bad" is the Riversman?

AFTER some IBM computer at the NYSC Lagos Secretariat threw up the numbers that parachuted the corps members to the states where they are to serve, most of them began packing their luggage — albeit with mixed feelings.

Uppermost in their minds were the following questions: How will the indigenes of the state receive us? Are they generally hospitable or naturally hostile?

Are they usually aggressive towards non-indigenes...

Take the corps members deployed to the Rivers State for instance. Just before setting off for "the unknown," most of them, especially those who hail from the neighbouring states actually received their farewell greetings from parents and relatives.

But again, most of such greetings were heavily ladden with reservations and pessimism.

The parting counsel given by one aged Igbo father to his departing son at the Enugu railway station was a whisper: "Be very, very careful (father pulling at his own right ear for emphasis)... they say that those people hate non-indigenes like poison."

Indeed, before they finally arrived at their Rumuola Orientation camp for the 1981-82 service year, most corps members, not just the ones from Mbakwe's Imo State, had various degrees of sinister impressions laboriously etched in their minds, just like a carefully finished art-work by a "master-artist."

Very few impressions about the ordinary Riversman or women can be nearer to the truth.

This declaration can especially be made for a village where the writer is currently serving, Oroworukwo village in the Port Harcourt local government area, (PHALGA).

Not so long ago, the writer and two other members moved into a 3-bedroom apartment in this village.

Even within so short a time, the friendliness and co-operation shown us by most of the villagers, especially by the immediate neighbours, which includes one Ijaw family are far beyond

some of the earlier impressions with which we had come.

Stereotypes! Human beings often approach fellow human beings, grab them by the collar, and tuck them into stereotyped pigeon-holes, baptizing them inside there without even bothering to enter and find out things for themselves.

During the initial period, we were settling down and getting used to the place, feeling our way around and asking for the location of this tap or that non-existent service or amenity.

As we waded through the streets, each with many different names, the people we accosted offered their help almost before we solicited for it.

So freely did most of the villagers lend us a hand that it has become irresistible to ask whether the Riversman is really as bad as has been portrayed by outsiders.

The pity of it all is that when devil-names are tagged to selected sections of the community and such devil-names are propagated in the hearts of our youths, it becomes antithetical to the whole spirit of the National Youth Service Corps scheme.

This service year, some 1,363 corps members from both distant and near nooks and far corners of the other 18 states have now been deployed in different parts of the Rivers State.

The objectives of the NYSC scheme, clearly spelt out in Decree No. 24 of 22nd May 1973, include the following: to develop our youths and promote national unity; to inculcate discipline in our youths by instilling in them a tradition of industry at work and patriotic and loyal service to the nation in any situation they may find themselves; to encourage corps members to seek, at the end of their service, career employment all over the country, thus promoting the free movement of labour.

The history of our country since independence has clearly indicated the need for unity among all our people.

It also demonstrated the fact that no cultural, geographical or ethnic entity can exist in isolation.

If anything, they will

only enhance their existence by living together in harmony.

Such is the faith the NYSC scheme has in the unity of the country that, as far as possible, it seeks to ensure that youths are assigned to jobs in states other than their own states of origin.

Still fresh from the universities and other institutions of higher learning, these corps members include teachers, doctors, engineers, pharmacists etc.

Only a few weeks ago,

— asks

Eugene Emenike

some of the corps members besieged their Ikwerre Road secretariat, visibly bubbling with the spirit and enthusiasm of the service, seeking to collect their life-jackets for their far away riverine areas of primary assignment like Sagbama, Brass, Nembe, Bonny and Opobo.

In their various places of work, corps members come in contact with the typical Riversman and woman and by mixing with them the corps members are expected to be exposed to their modes of living with a view to removing prejudices, eliminating ignorance and confirming at first hand the many similarities among Nigerians of all ethnic groups.

Expounding on his strong belief in the similarities of all ethnic groups, the Chief Executive of the Rivers State might also have been speaking for all Rivers people.

In his address during the swearing-in ceremony of the corps members in August, His Excellency, Chief Meiford Okilo observed that the National Youth

Corps gives Nigerians "the rare chance of knowing more intimately people of this country other than those of your ethnic or state of origin, interact with them, appreciate their problems as well as things that bind us together".

Corps members must have felt greatly at home, relaxed and much more confident when Chief Okilo issued them the invitation to "feel free and wade into all nooks and corners of the state, interact with the local communities and integrate with them and eschew any totas of estrangement."

You will find out that in their natural setting, Nigerians are basically the same under a common denominator of socio-cultural pattern".

Further advising the corps members, the governor emphasized "respect for the people you meet and feeling of affection for them are the ingredient of lasting friendliness and national unity".

After two months stay in the Rivers State, most corps members might have begun to understand the culture, history and aspirations of their hosts.

For one thing, the Rivers people dearly wish to remain one strong indivisible cultural entity.

They also wish to constitutionally assert this identity.

Hence, the last thing the Riversman would want is to be seen as an appendage to any other ethnic group in the country. Like any other group of human beings, they care for the security of their identity as a people.

The typical enlightened Riversman feels

bitter. For long, he has been under the bondage of not only the big ethnic groups in the former Eastern Region, but also recently she has been the victim of much economic maltreatment by the national revenue architects.

Again, the Rivers State is unique in quite a different sense. More than half of the total area of the state is either water or riverine, and 90 per cent of the property in the remaining half "was/is" owned by non-indigenes.

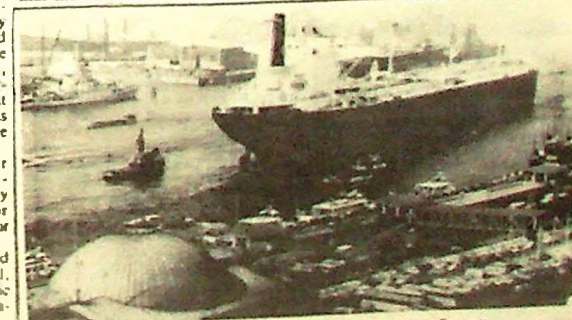
Thus, the thorny protracted issue of "abandoned" property in the state. Since the matter is now on the table of the most appropriate authority to deal with it, any further comment on the issue now will be superfluous.

One other crystal-clear fact is that the Rivers State is comparatively a peaceful one when one looks at what obtains in some other states. It is on record, at least, that no youth corper has lost his or her life from the "aggressiveness" of the host community.

We still sadly recall that in a state like Bornu, two dead corps have so far been registered within a period of two months. The first corper died from the "stray" bullet in a political riot, while the second was mysteriously found stone-dead in his room.

But all that was in Bornu State; far, far away from the Rivers State.

The double point being made here is that, although the Rivers State is not peopled with angels, the greater majority of the impressions outsiders get of the state and its people is simply inaccurate and misleading.



The International Maritime Court in Hamburg, Western Germany.



DR FRANK EKE
Deputy Governor of the Rivers State

THE TIMES AND MISTAKES OF ANWAR SADAT



LATE PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT

Perhaps, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt would not have died if he had not made three political mistakes during his tenure of office.

One of the mistakes was his consistent attempt to destroy Nasserism in Egypt.

Others include his abrupt break with the Soviet Union and his peace treaty with Israel.

To President Sadat and his followers these might not look like political errors.

Like every politician, Sadat's intention was to make a name for himself, so that history might take notice of him. But he wanted to achieve this goal by way of peace.

That was why when Sadat succeeded President Abdul Nasser following his death of heart attack in 1970, he decided to deviate from his predecessor's path of revolution.

Nasser's government

which Sadat inherited, must be recalled, was born out of revolution.

And throughout his reign Nasser believed that the problems of the Middle East could only be solved through force of arms.

He saw Israel and the United States as the main stumbling block to peace in the region, and he pledged to fight them to a stand-still.

Nasser recognised China in 1955, a gesture which infuriated the West, and as a result Britain and the United States withdrew their promised loans for the Nile High Dam.

And in response, Nasser in 1956 nationalised the Suez Canal Company.

Britain and France used force against Egypt.

Although Egypt suffered heavily in the conflict, the net result of the entire Suez episode was an almost complete victory for Nasser.

His country had acquired complete control over the Suez Canal, it had removed the British civilian manned military base in the Canal Zone and confiscated its immense stores.

Thus it happened that Egypt lost the battle and won the war.

Nasser was more of a hero than ever in the Arab world.

The Western economic boycott of Egypt forced Nasser to turn to the communist bloc and enhanced the prestige of the Soviet Union among the Arabs.

In fact Nasser was at the apogee of his prestige in the Middle East when he suddenly died.

By Nelma Odioh

And the Egyptians having been groomed along the revolutionary path of development, would not easily fit into another system.

That was why President Sadat on assumption of office, did not get enough support from some members of his own cabinet who felt that Nasser's behests should be followed.

And this led to the arrest and imprisonment of a number of top government officials accused of plotting to overthrow the system.

A leading journalist, Mohammed Heckel was removed as Editor-in-Chief of the authoritative newspaper — Al Ahran by President Sadat because of his close link with Nasser.

Sadat disbanded the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political organisation, founded by Nasser, and replaced it with his Democratic party.

Following the death of Nasser, Egypt was known as the United Arab Republic.

The time came, about because of Egypt's close ties with Syria which was the first practical test of Arab political unity.

Even though the

union later broke up, the Nasser government decided to keep the name in the interest of Arab unity.

But Sadat thought that the continued preservation of the name was unnecessary, so it was reverted to the Republic of Egypt.

Admittedly, Sadat was a humane leader; a man of peace, but his influence in Egypt could not surpass that of Nasser.

And this was the secret Sadat himself did not know, because he mistook victories in referenda for political loyalty and love.

The late President Sadat also blundered

when he suddenly cut off ties with the Soviet Union.

When Egypt was deserted by the West in the late fifties, it was the Soviet Union that came to its aid.

To be exact, from 1956 to 1973, the Soviet Union has been the major supplier of Egypt with weapons.

Soviet military personnel have helped to train Egyptian soldiers in modern warfare.

Egyptian students have been trained in Soviet universities free of charge.

And above all, without the Soviet Union, the High Dam in Egypt would not have been completed in time.

For political reasons, the Soviet Union invested a lot in Egypt.

Up till now, the Egyptian government has not liquidated the huge debts it owes the Kremlin.

But when Sadat started to flirt with the United States after the Arab-Israeli war in 1973, he saw nothing good in Soviet Union again.

Matters came to a head in 1975 when Sadat relaxed his ties with Moscow, abrogated the twenty-year friendship treaty between the two countries and ordered

number of Soviet embassy staff in Cairo.

He had alleged that the Soviet Union was colluding with some Egyptians to overthrow his government — the allegation Moscow had denied.

To most Egyptians who have been observing keenly, the Soviet Union's consistent support for Egypt in its wars against Israel for more than three decades, Sadat was only ungrateful by kicking the Russians out of the country unceremoniously.

President Sadat has also been described as a man of vision.

But he failed to foresee that the Camp David Accord between himself and the Israeli Prime Minister would not be popular in the Arab world.

During the past wars with Israel, Egypt was not left alone.

Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Sudan committed their troops into the conflict.

Black African countries gave Egypt their moral support.

In 1973, nearly all member states of the Organisation of African Unity broke diplomatic relations with Israel to demonstrate their backing for the Arabs in their

dispute with Israel.

But last year Sadat mended fences with Israel, while ties between Israel and most African nations still remain broken.

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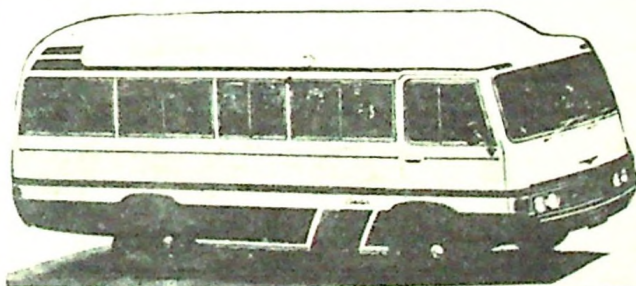
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The attention of the Ezewoke's House of Rumuchenanwu family in Rumuosi in Obio/Akpor District of the Port Harcourt Local Government Area has been drawn to a Newspaper Publication which appeared at the last column at page 12 of the Nigerian Tide issue of Saturday 10th October, 1981 for and on behalf of "Rumuchenanwu family of Rumuosi".

The said publication purported that the piece of land lying opposite the Zoo along the East West Road in Rumuosi is the property of Rumuchenanwu family as a whole. That assertion is incorrect and highly misleading.

The general public is hereby informed that the Rumuchenanwu family comprises of three distinct houses namely, Ezewoke House, Rumuwokwe House, and Rumui-gwe House. The said piece of land which is known as and called **OSINI OGBODO EZEWOKE** lying opposite the Zoo along the East West Road is the bonafide property of the **EZEWOKE HOUSE** of Rumuchenanwu family alone headed by Chief Okemini Akani (who is also the village head of Rumuosi). That piece of land is never the family property of Rumuchenanwu as was alleged in that publication.

Any person or persons, corporate or incorporate who deals on the said land with any one other than Chief Okemini Akani and the members of Ezewoke House aforesaid does so at his own risk.

ICHE N. NDU, ESQ

Solicitor for the Ezewoke House of Rumuchenanwu Family in Rumuosi.

In Memoriam

Late CHIEF JOSIAH BALAFAMA FINECOUNTRY (1896 — 1979)

On the 13th of October, 1979, you were translated from this wicked world to the land of blissful rest — Elysium.

You were a dedicated and loving father who lived an exemplary Christian life.

May your soul rest in perfect peace.

Epenetus Finecountry (Son)
for the family

1981 Nigerian Fertility Survey

This is to inform the General Public that the National Population Commission in Collaboration with the World Fertility Survey (an agency of UNFPA) is currently conducting a Fertility Survey in randomly selected Enumeration areas in each State of the Federation.

The objectives of the Survey include:

- (a) Provision of reliable and Scientific information on the levels of fertility in Nigeria.
- (b) To obtain information on fertility differentials amongst the various sub-populations in Nigeria.
- (c) To obtain information on the knowledge, attitude, and practice of contraception in the Country.
- (d) To provide standardized and internationally comparable data on Nigeria Fertility, and
- (e) Provide information that will help Government develop a Comprehensive Population Policy for Nigeria.

Since the success of the Survey in the State depends on the Co-operation of the eligible respondents, the public is hereby requested to answer all questions the interviewers will ask in the selected Enumeration Areas. All information will be treated as confidential.

(F. A. AMUNGO)
Honourable Commissioner,
National Population Commission
Rivers State.

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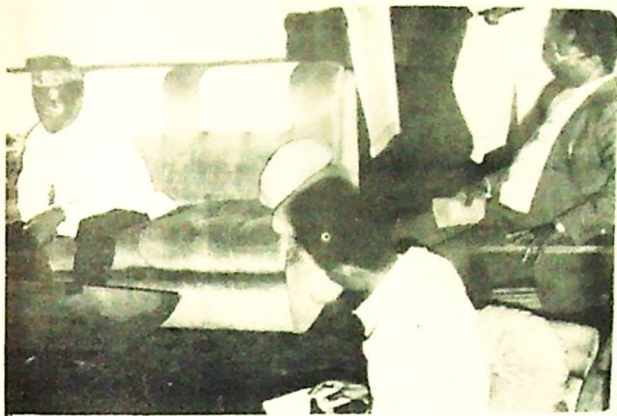
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MADAM JIBA MEMBERE

who slept in the Lord on 13th October, 1974. Ine Jiba, your absence is felt everyday but the beautiful memory and good name you kept behind continually console us. May your soul rest in perfect peace.

Mr and Mrs S. M. Pedro
for the family.



Fed minister addresses the press

A press conference was recently organised in Port Harcourt by the Minister of State in the

Federal Ministry of Industries, Dr Ishmael Igban. Photo above shows

the Minister (facing camera) while addressing members of the press at the Guest House Port Harcourt.

Ogun typists call off industrial action

MEMBERS of the Nigerian Union of Typists, Stenographic and Allied Staff, Ogun State Branch, who embarked on an industrial action since early September this year, have called off the action.

The Committee which is currently investigating the causes of incessant industrial action in the state since the inception of the present civilian administration, held its first sitting recently.

The committee also resolved that the various ministries must endeavour to pay the union members their September salary on or before October, 1981.

Other resolutions of the committee were that the presence of the state Commissioner for Finance, Prince Tola Sotinwa, was very vital to give an analytical account of the finances of the state vis-a-vis payment of arrears strategy, and that the committee would give a final recommendation to the House of Assembly on the on-going strike at the end of its findings.

However, before the committee began deliberations, its chairman, Dr Funmi Awojinn, told everyone present at the inquiry that the committee was appointed by the House of Assembly at a special session, its terms of reference and the various organisations already invited to appear before it.

He stated that the committee intended to proceed with its task with despatch and with the trust reposed in it, had resolved to conduct the investigation without fear or favour, affection or ill will to any person or authority.

The committee then took evidence from the union, which was represented by the Zonal Secretary of the Nigerian



Chief Bisi Okebango Gov. of Ogun State

Union of Civil Service Typists, Stenographers and Allied Staff, Mr Olanipekun Ilo.

He was supported at the witness table by two other union officials, Mr A.O. Lawal, the State President and the Secretary, Mr L.A. Adesanya.

At the end of his evidence, he agreed after due consultations with his officials, to give some concessions in order to bring an immediate end to the on-going strike action and restore the state to normalcy.

US BOSS CALLS ON DIRECTOR

THE Information officer in United States International Communications Agency, Mr Daniel Schuman recently called on the state Executive Director of Information and Public Relations.

Picture below shows Mr Schuman being received by Mr P.H. Obomamu Executive Director of Information and Public Relations Rivers State.

Oyo State Gov now lifts curfew

THE curfew imposed on Oranmisan Central Local Government area nearly six months ago has been lifted with immediate effect.

The order to this effect was given in Ibadan recently by Governor Bola Ige.

The dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on the Local Government area on April 15, 1981 following communal clashes between the people of Ile-Ife and Modakeke, as a result many lives were lost and property destroyed.

The measure was to ensure the safety of lives and property in the area.

A two-man judicial panel headed by Mr Justice Kayode Ibidapo-Obe was subsequently set up on April, 1981 by the state government to probe the remote and immediate causes of the murderous violence and make appropriate recommendations.

While releasing his government's white

paper on the panel's report, Governor Ige had given assurance that the restriction would be removed once there was evidence of credible peace in the strife-torn local government area.

A consultative panel comprising representatives of life and Modakeke had earlier been set up by the governor after the panel's report to work behind the scene towards full restoration of peace and tranquility in the area.

The panel held a series of meetings with Governor Ige and members of his cabinet where the progress towards peace in the area was frequently reviewed.

Xtians told to fear God

CHRISTIANS in Nigeria have been called upon to love and fear the Lord, God Almighty.

Preaching a sermon at the grave side of late John A. Okoro, who until his death was the chairman of the "Lay Men Council" of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Bishop's deputy, Dr Chuka Ekeman said that the deceased, John A. Okoro loved and died a God-fearing Christian, stressing that the success of any Christian lay in the fear of and love of God.

In his own address on the occasion later, the minister-in-charge of the church, Rev. E.D. Ajero told the crowd of sympathisers that the untimely death of the deceased had given him and the entire members of St Clement, Owerri, a great shock.

Dr Ekeman had earlier during the funeral service

held at the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Owerri, called upon God Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in perfect peace.



Imo NUT opposes deduction

THE agitation by a section of the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Imo State wing, against alleged compulsory deduction of N5.00 from the October 1981 salary of every primary and post-primary school teacher in the state by the state executive of the NUT for the purpose of according a "grand reception" for Governor Sam Mbakwe and his team, appears to have taken a new turn as a primary school teacher has taken the Imo State Government's Zonal Education Board, Owerri, to court over alleged transfer.

The teacher, Mr Mark Dike, who filed his action in the Owerri High Court on Wednesday, is seeking the court's declaration that his transfer from the Abok-Mbaise Local Government area to the Mbatoli/Ikeduru Local Government area by the defendant "is unconstitutional and therefore null and void".

A grade two teacher, Mr Dike is also seeking the court's injunction to restrain the defendant and/or his agents from doing anything whatsoever, including non-pavloing of him for the month of November, 1981, for the purpose of enforcing his transfer to Mbatoli/Ikeduru Local Government area.

The suit, No HOW/215/81, was filed on his behalf by his solicitors, Messrs M.I. Ahamba and Associates in the High Court of Imo State on Wednesday.

NEWS ANALYSIS: POOREST NATIONS NEED \$133 BILLION

FRESH IMPETUS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST

APARTHEID

The UN seminar on publicity and the role of mass media in the international mobilization against apartheid, which was held in the German Democratic Republic's capital Berlin from 31 August to 2 September 1981, has given fresh impetus to the worldwide struggle against apartheid.

committees, which, in close co-operation with the UN Special Committee against Apartheid, are struggling against the inhuman racist regime in Pretoria, is getting wider and wider.

In their addresses many participants, among them Johnstone Makatini, head of the ANC mission at the UN, Angolan Minister of Labour Horacio Pereira Braz da



ARAP MOI
President of Kenya

The 31 poorest nations of the world will need about \$133 billion in aid over the next decade. Of this, \$81 billion will be needed by the 21 least-developed countries of Africa.

The figure has been carefully worked out by individual countries and subjected to close scrutiny several times. Kenya's President, Mr Daniel Arap Moi, the

chairman of Organisations of African Unity, told the United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries in Paris last month.

Mr Moi called for firm aid pledges from the rich nations, saying "the time is certainly not on our side. He said 30 per cent of the foreign exchange earnings of African nations were spent on oil imports, another 20 per cent on food imports and 10 percent on servicing external debts.

He added: "Unless corrective measures are now rapidly taken, many of these countries must simply collapse", adding that the development of the Third World has been suppressed for decades through manipulating commodity prices, soaring costs of essential raw materials and capital items. The US delegate said the

figure proposed by Mr Moi was unrealistic.

In Washington, the World Bank drew attention to the desperate predicament of the poorest countries in its 1981 report. The oil importers face the 1980s with no sign of change in their trade or aid prospects, says the World Development Report, 1981.

The number of people living in poverty could rise from 750 million at present to 850 million by the year 2000 or, at best, come down to 630 million.

In 1978, the report adds, only 10 countries, with 45 percent of the Third World population, supplied more than 75 percent of its manufactured exports, and three countries, with less than 3 percent of the population, supplied more than 40 percent of the total.

WEST SUPPLIES ROTTEN FOOD TO THIRD WORLD

Rotten food has been deliberately shipped as aid to Third World nations by some European firms. This was confirmed at a European Development Ministers' meeting in Luxembourg by a senior European Economic Community official, reports South magazine.

The frauds were uncovered after countries which received the food aid complained about its quality. In at least three

cases, the importation of the food was unfit for human consumption even before it was shipped. In some cases, the decay started while the food was on its way to Third World countries.

In 1979, the EEC had to replace two shipments of about 8,000 tonnes of rice to Vietnam because the food was infected and unfit for consumption. One of the causes of infection was said to be dirty packaging.

EEC auditors charged with investigating food aid frauds confirmed that some rice shipments to Egypt, Rwanda, Madagascar, Niger, Upper Volta and India in 1979 were unfit for human consumption.

countries.

It would make a vast difference if some industrialized nations from both East and West, whose aid has been stagnating or diminishing, were to make efforts equal to those which seek to attain the 0.7 per cent target or have attained it, he said.

At a time when the least developed countries are faced with increasingly disastrous situations, the two super powers engage in a race for military superiority.

Sweden suggests new strategy for assistance

A NEW development assistance strategy, increased financial and technological aid, and the creation of an international system to guarantee export income in support of the least developed Third World countries were suggested by Swedish Foreign Minister, Ola Ullsten when addressing the UN conference on the least developed countries in Paris.

Mr Ullsten also called for tariff exemption and urged other industrialized countries to follow Sweden's lead in writing off all debts incurred by the least developed

Silva, and Hidipo Hautenya, an Executive committee member of SWAPO, denounced the direct and indirect support which many western

mass media as representatives of the transnational corporations' interests are giving to the apartheid state in southern Africa.

Therefore, political observers of the seminar were not surprised that the UN seminar to

which great attention was paid by the media of the host country GDR and of the other socialist states, met with no response among the western media.

One of the basic ideas prevailing at the seminar was the firm solidarity with the Angolan people's resistance to the South African aggressors and with the national liberation movements' devoted struggle in southern Africa.



AR BOTNA
SOUTH AFRICAN
MINISTER



BRIEFS

Blantyre

West Germany is to provide a 96-million Mark grant to Malawi for various development projects.

Among the projects to be financed are construction and maintenance of the Salima-Benga and Liwonde-Nsanama roads, promotion of livestock development, production of oriental tobacco, improving the sewerage system in Blantyre, a flood control and resettlement project in Karonga and the modernisation and expansion of a railway workshop in Limbe.

Funds have also been set aside for the Investment and Development Bank to promote small and medium enterprises and for import of urgently needed goods.

Dares Salam

Tanzania has launched a \$47-million project to improve telephone services.

The demand for telephones in the country is higher than the Posts and Telecommunications Corporation can provide. More than 75 per cent of Tanzania's rural population has almost no access to telecommunication services.

The project, part of the current five-year investment programme for the corporation will connect 60 district centres and other rural towns to the telecommunication network as well as improve principal long-distance networks.

The project will receive \$27 million loan from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank affiliate for concessional lending. The IDA credit will be for 50 years, including 10 years of grace.



MRS M. THATCHER
U.K. Prime Minister

World Cup tussle against Algeria

GREEN EAGLES

FAIL THE NATION

Story: Alu LongJohn
Photo: Gabriel Ikhahon

ABOUT 80,000 Nigerians including Vice President Alex Ekwueme, the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Mr Edwin Ume Ezeoke, Anambra State Governor, Jim Nwobodo and other top government officials trooped out of the National Stadium on Saturday, a disappointed lot as the national team — the Green Eagles — failed the nation and made a mess of its high rating in African football.

It is incredible but very much true that the star-studded Green Eagles dashed the high hopes of Nigerians by playing below expectations and conceded two cheap goals from the Algerians whom they pounded 3-1 in last March at the same venue.

Worst offender Best Ogedengbe after allowing two powerless flicks into his net in the first half went into the dressing room to weep bitterly at interval time.

As if shedding tears or weeping his proud heart out would fly us to

Spain, come next year.

In spite of all the good attempts the Eagles forwards made at goal none was shot to target. Every shot was a miss. It was always over the crossbar. Wild shots.

The Algerians had four chances and utilized two to their fullest advantage. One legged striker, Felix Owolabi could not fit into 'Chief Justice' Adokie Amiesimaka's pulsating role and was dancing from the right to the left and vice versa as if he was an Eagle without enough feathers in his wings. He eventually lacked 'gas' and was substituted.

No one knew what was wrong with the imported stars Usiyan, Adrew, Nwokocho and Banjo... all, all and. They did not deliver the goods

for which they were invited.

Tunde Banjo was more of a 'passenger' in the team for no body knew the role he was playing. He was always there, front, here midfield, doing what... nothing.

Skipper Segun Odegbami, Christian Chukwu and Tunde Bamidele in whose wing the first flick came to head back after only one up to their shadow not to talk of Okey Isima, Muda Lawal and Okpala who did not give a good account of themselves.

For the Algerians the effortless revenge was sweet and necessary far from all indications it was clear that victory in the first leg world cup qualifying match in Lagos wasn't the ambition.

Even before coming to



A goal mouth scramble at the Algerian end during the early minutes of the first half.

the field they must have already conceded victory to the Eagles whose ability they respect highly for they initially put up a game lacking the essential ingredients of a forceful team.

Their intention must have been to try as much as possible to halt the Eagles' from scoring many goals but quickly saw loopholes and planned a strategy to win.

They juggled the ball without much effort and won the match giving the Eagles a setback to Spain.

Making a spirited move that originated from the midfield the trio of skipper Fergani Ali, Konchi Mustapher and Beloumi Larhdar harried the Eagles' defence and found an opening at Tunde Bamidele's end.

Playing at the right flank, Beloumi beat Bamidele and displaced onrushing Best Ogedengbe to slot in a feeble shot into the net for the games curtain raiser. This 35th minute goal by the sleeky Algerian attacker dumbfounded fans who turned out largely to cheer the Eagles to victory.

Eagles openly disagreed amongst themselves and blamed each other for the skipper's disorganised outfit.

The last goal that virtually electrified the stadium came at about



the 45th minute of the first half when Skipper Fergani Ali capitalised on Ogedengbe's costly mistake to slot in the ball into the net to put his team two goals up before the whistle.

The second half was more of a practice match than a world cup encounter as the confident Algerians displayed good midfield control and entertained the crowd

with their neat and well tailored passes to the admiration of all.

The Algerians were faster to the ball and sharper in their distribution coupled with better dribbling and team cohesion as against the Eagles show.

Their outing in Lagos proved to be a success.

What then would be the outcome of their bid on October 30, at home when the second leg would take place?

What then for the Eagles towards Spain next year?



Eagles skipper Segun Odegbami meeting Algerian skipper Fergani Ali before the encounter. Ali scored a goal, Odegbami couldn't.



The Algerian outfit that tamed the Eagles.

NIGERIAN TIDE

Tuesday, October 13, 1981

OIL FIRMS TO PAY DEPOSIT FOR SPILLAGES?

THE Senate Committee on Petroleum and Energy has recommended the payment of a stipulated amount as deposit by oil companies operating in the country against any oil spillage or pollution.

In a report already presented to the Senate, the committee recommended that a more detailed study of the system should be carried out by the Federal Government.

Another recommendation by the committee was that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) should pay competitive salary to its employees to maintain qualified technicians.

The committee's report and recommendations were the outcome of its visits to six oil producing countries.

▲ Mr Fetepigi is seen speaking at the launching ceremony of the journal while others listen.



The alarming rate of industrial hazards in the country has been deemed and a suggestion has therefore, been made on how to create an

accident-free atmosphere in our industrial areas.

Launching an industrial journal christened "Safety Record", in Port Harcourt at the weekend, a retired permanent secretary in the Rivers State Public Service, Mr Ituogha Fetepigi, stated that the journal would fill the vacuum in the field of industrial journalism in the country.

He said it would educate the public on how to live and work safely in homes, offices, workshops as well as road and other public areas.

The publication of the

INDUSTRIAL JOURNAL LAUNCHED

journal, Mr Fetepigi noted, was timely in view of the fact that the country was fast going industrial.

He contended that the realization of safety by educating the public through the mass media would go a long way towards saving the lives of thousands of Nigerians who die yearly as a result of accidents in homes, offices, workshops, on safety highways.

In his address, the chief speaker, a former and president of the Nigerian Industrial Safety Council of Nigeria, Mr S. I. Okeke, said the publication of the journal would be a first in the country. He said the journal would be a first in the country.

Also speaking on the occasion, the chief speaker, Abba (Chief) Abba G. Tuba-Sa'ade declared that the "SAFETY RECORD" was a non-partisan paper which believed in the right of the workers and the management.

Murder threat hangs over official

POLICE START PROBE

State, local govts may refund excess.

State and local governments may return all funds allocated to them on the basis of the Revenue Allocation Act of 1980.

The Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation, Chief Richard Akintola made this known at the weekend, in a television interview in Ibadan, Oyo State. Chief Akintola said that the Federal Government would comply with the Supreme Court decision on the act and said that no vacuum should be allowed. The old formula should be used.

Under the old formula which was sanctioned by the last military regime, 75 per cent of the allocation was for the Federal Government while the state and local governments shared 25 per cent.

HANDWRITING experts in collaboration with homicide detectives from the Rivers State Police Command have started investigations into the circumstances surrounding an alleged letter of threat said to have been sent to the wife of a top medical officer in the state public service.

Meanwhile, a number of officials from the state Ministry of Health have been quizzed by detectives in connection with the threat, while the letter is now being studied in detail by a handwriting expert.

According to police sources, a principal health educator in the ministry, was said to have received the death note, two days after her office was burgled by unknown persons and property worth thousands of naira removed.

In the alleged "death note", the authors were said to have demanded a ransom of N5,000 which they directed should be dropped in a particular area of

Port Harcourt city in exchange for her life.

On receiving the strange document, the lady immediately alerted the police who questioned a number of officials in the ministry.

No arrest has yet been made in connection with the incident, but the divisional police officer in charge of Port Harcourt, Mr Moore Ngbo said that his men were still waiting on the handwriting expert to submit his findings.



ALHAJI ISMAILA GWARZO
Rivers State Police boss

NUJ, TRANSPORT COY END DISPUTE

The dispute between the Rivers State chapter of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) and the state Transport Directorate has now been resolved.

This followed an apology tendered to the NUJ by the authorities of the directorate in connection with an incident

on June 5, this year when a camera crew of the Nigerian Television Channel 10, Port Harcourt on an official assignment was allegedly manhandled by officials of the directorate.

The cameramen were said to have visited the premises of the directorate on an official duty on the ill-fated day, when they were challenged and later rough-handled by the staff of the directorate.

In peace meeting attended by officials of the NTV, the NUJ and the directorate, its chairman Chief S. Jas-Spiff told members of the mass media that his organisation was sincerely sorry for what happened on the day in question.

He reviewed the circumstances which led to the ugly incident and recalled that the NTV film crew did not seek for the permission of his department before it embarked on the filming assignment.

Chief Jas-Spiff however noted that his organisation has in the interest of harmony and comradeship decided to make available N200 as its contribution towards the repair of a N6,000 camera allegedly damaged during the fracas.

The chairman also accepted to make available to all parties concerned, the letter of apology to be tendered by the directorate, and the pledge for the payment of the repair fee of N200.

NPN calls for aid for flood victims

Continued from page 1 people was an effective measure to contain the worsening situation.

He stressed that though the people of the area were no strangers to the incidence of flood and erosion, the deteriorating effects of the natural elements were fast becoming

unbearable on the helpless inhabitants. Commenting on the state of development in the area, Chief Kalango regretted the absence of banking facilities in the district, which he claimed was greatly undermining the payment of staff salaries, and pleaded with the government

to establish a branch of the Pan African Bank in the district headquarters at Ubaube. The chairman however, commended the state administration for its decentralisation policy, adding that the new administrative strategy has enormously helped in ensuring

massive and even development of the entire state.

On the security of the district, the NPN boss, appealed to the Federal Government to establish a police station in the area, in order to safeguard the lives and properties of the people.

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