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BUHARI GOES ROUND

THE Commissioner for Petroleum Resources, Colonel M. Buhari, has started an inspection tour of oil installation projects in some parts of the Federation.

The projects, consisting of the Warri and Kaduna refineries, a national network of crude and refined products pipelines, bulk fuel storage depots and gas complexes, are being undertaken by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.

The tour ends on February 2.

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COMPLAINTS CHIEF ANGRY

... accuses NPF of inefficiency, delays



• ALHAJI MAITAMA SULE

THE Chief Complaints Commissioner, Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule, has complained about the inefficiency of the National Provident Fund (NPF).

Alhaji Maitama told reporters at the Enugu Airport that there could be no justification for the continued existence of the Fund when contributions made by employees would not be paid to them with the minimum of delay.

The commissioner said that complaints about the inefficiency of the Fund had flooded his office, and suggested that the functions of the Fund should be decentralised.

He stated that the commission had alerted the Federal Military Government on the problems of the Fund and requested that steps should be taken to improve the situation and save contributors from unnecessary hardship.

In answer to a question about the fate of his commission after the hand over by the Military to the civilians, the commissioner said that a conference of all the commissioners of the commission had submitted a memorandum to the secretariat of the Constituent Assembly on the issue.

On the achievement of his commission since its inception, he told reporters that his commission's greatest achievement was its reaching out to the remotest rural areas and assisting those who complained to the commission.

Alhaji Maitama explained that he was particularly delighted by its achievement because those involved were peasants, who had no money to seek legal redress when they were wronged or cheated. They constituted those who were denied compensation by government but who eventually were paid after the commission's action.

Replying to another question as to his commission's greatest problem, the complaints chief said that those civil servants and establishments that would not cooperate with the commission and who made the work of the commission difficult, were the greatest problems of the commission.

Explaining that it was not the job of the commission to punish erring officers in government, he said that the commission had caused such officers to be disciplined when they were found guilty of wrong doing.

The work of the commission, he, however pointed out, was not witch-hunting.



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Drift of trained staff causes concern

THE Rivers State Commissioner for Establishments and Training, Mr S. D. J. Ogan, has expressed great concern about the drift of trained secretarial staff from the public to the private sector.

The commissioner said there was no doubt about the great dearth of efficient and well-trained secretaries in both sectors, but attributed the drift to the less stringent entry qualifications demanded by private institutions and the tempting salary scales offered them.

The commissioner made the comment on the occasion of the formal opening of "The Course for Confidential Secretaries Grade III", at the Staff Training Centre, Port Harcourt.

The commissioner said most people had failed to realise that there was a sustained staff development scheme from which employees in the public sector could benefit.

He said the continued improvement in the upper grade for secretarial staff could assure beginners that government was conscious of its responsibilities for the welfare of its staff.

The commissioner also noted with great dismay

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Governor opens agric show

The opening of the Ibadan-Oyo zonal agricultural show and farmers festival was performed by the Oyo State Military Governor, Brigadier David Jemibewon.

Picture shows the governor (standing) speaking at the ceremony, the Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba Daniel Akinbiyi(second from right), the Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Engineer O. Ogunsola (extreme right) and the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Mr T. A. Akinyele (extreme left) and other distinguished guests listening.

HIGH STALLAGE FEES:

Lawyer supports Ariaria traders

Mr Eric Obianwu, a leading Aba-based lawyer and former commissioner for industries in the defunct East Central State, has attacked the Imo State Government's new stallage fees at the Ariaria Relief Market in Aba. He said it was wrong for the government to hope to recover an investment (an apparent reference to the N4,000,000.00 cost of the market) in only three years.

"There is no basis for this calculation", he claimed.

Mr Obianwu who was speaking at Aba during the inaugural conference of an industrial union, the Aba Building Material Traders' Association, referred to stallage fees paid by traders at Onitsha, Lagos and other places in the country.

He wondered why the rates in Aba should be different.

He, however, noted that state governments were always financially handicapped and should not, therefore, be expected to perform miracles, since the Federal Government holds almost 80 per cent of the country's revenue.

Address

Mr Obianwu cautioned the traders against any resort to violence in their demands.

In a five-page address read earlier by the secretary of the organisation, Mr Godwin Nwokeji, the association warned on the danger of "a serious fire outbreak" in the Ariaria market, pointing out that the market surroundings had become refuse dumps.

A visit to the market, the union said, could convince one that a blaze there was imminent, unless immediate action was taken by the responsible authorities.

Appeal

The association called on the state government to hasten the establishment of what it called "the much-advertised regional market" at Aba, which was now becoming a day-dream.

While expressing its support to the federal and state governments in calling for all eligible voters to register for the 1979 general elections, the association, which is a member of the giant Ariaria Relief Market Traders' Union, reminded the Imo State Government that the establishment of the regional market would help to alleviate the present sufferings of traders at Ariaria.

It also appealed to the government for a special concession in the new stallage rates.

Mr B. E. N. Ojiofor, who was chairman of the occasion, in his own address, urged the Aba community to take the local government authority to court over the unbearable filth of Aba township. He also called for the abolition of option fines for price control offenders and, instead, "commit guilty ones direct to prison."

₦2,650 donated for charity

HUMANITARIAN gestures demonstrated in cash and kind amounting to a total of ₦2,650.00 have been made by two big business firms and a charitable organisation, towards the Kenneth Obi Fund.

The firms are the United Africa Company of Nigeria Limited in Enugu and the Golden Guinea Breweries Limited, Umuahia, which made donations of ₦1,000 and ₦500 from Enugu and Umuahia respectively.

A third group is the Police Officers Wives Association, in Anambra State which contributed foodstuffs and cash amounting to ₦150.

In their donation to the Kenneth Obi Fund, the UAC handed a cheque for ₦1,000 to the management of the Star Printing and Publishing Company Limited, sponsors of the fund for the treatment of Master Kenneth Obi in the United Kingdom.

Master Kenneth Obi is a child with a hole-in-the-neck, whose growth had been retarded as a result of the unusual ailment.

Another humanitarian gesture came from the Golden Guinea Breweries Limited, Umuahia that made a cash donation of ₦500.00 towards meeting the clinical expenses of another "hole-in-the-neck" kid, Master Obinna Egwu.

YOUTHS IN FINANCIAL HITCH

THE Rivers State Youths Council which has one of its main aims as that of organizing programmes to combat anti-social behaviours is not dormant.

This remark was contained in a release signed by the council's general secretary, Mr I. N. Ideozu and issued in Port Harcourt over the weekend.

This statement was made in defence of a challenging question thrown by the Hon. Commissioner for Rural Development and Social Welfare, Mr Dagogo Alajoma during a television programme titled "Face the Nation".

The commissioner who was the Guest speaker had demanded an explanation why the Rivers State Youths Council and other voluntary youth organisations in the state had not carried out some meaningful activities for long.

Mr Ideozu explained that fund constituted the main constraint in the implementation of their civic and humanitarian responsibilities.

"Until money is remitted to the council by the Rivers State Government as usual, our numerous programmes specifically designed to benefit mankind cannot take off effectively" he added.

He noted that publicity was not given to their programmes since they were badly indebted to most of their publishers. Even the council's van that used to help, is dumped in mechanics' workshop for upwards of six months.

The secretary however thanked the commissioner for his observations.

Hemp: man held

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested and detained by the Police in Warri for allegedly selling hemp to the police when arrested for being in possession of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp.

Twenty six bundles of Indian hemp were allegedly recovered from him at Madogbo village in Western Ijaw.

Sources close to the police in Warri said that police were on a tip-off to Madogbo where they met four people on a hotel room.

The sources further said immediately the four men sighted the police, three of them escaped.

The remaining one tried to follow but when he saw the police had overpowered him he offered them ₦100 bribe to allow him go.

According to the report, police are holding him for the two offences.

EDITORIAL

ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

IT IS clearly the responsibility of the government to provide social facilities and service them. No state government would be right, therefore, to pass on this responsibility to taxpayers on the specious ground that its finances are lean or that it desires to "cut its clothes according to its size" or the way round. It is wrong, very wrong, for the government to deny taxpayers basic amenities on any ground whatsoever. To do that would amount to blissful abdication of responsibility.

OF RECENT, however, the Imo State government has come up with a funny idea about how to conserve its resources. It has decided to stop feeding patients in state-owned hospitals. And the reason for this manifestly heartless and immoral decision is that it could not afford the money to subsidise the cost of feeding. No matter how parlous the finances of the Imo State government might be, there can be no justification for abdicating its responsibility to the people. The decision to stop feeding hospital patients should be revoked. It approximates something of a scandal.

ANOTHER area which the Imo State government should do some rethinking is education. It has decided, obviously on economic grounds, to cease subsidising boarding accommodation in post-primary institutions. Thus parents have now to bear the extra burden of fending for their children who are boarded. This is apart from the increased boarding fees recommended by the Federal Military Government.

IT IS SUCH a pity that the government does not seem to bother too much about the difference between what it says and what it does. But that is what credibility is all about. If the people were told that it was the policy to make educational opportunity available to all at a cost that could be met by all levels of the society, they would naturally feel deceived if this declaration turns to be the very opposite. We feel that care should be exercised in order not to create such credibility gap as would be difficult to bridge.

WHILST, therefore, the logic of our dwindling economy compels austere measures, it is very important that we select our targets with care. There is no doubt that there are many holes in our spending behaviour that could be closed without any disadvantage to the taxpayers. The government should direct its efforts at conserving its scarce resources to these areas rather than depriving the people of their basic social amenities.

BY ALL means, let us beat inflation. By all means, let us ward off the threatening "oil doom" but let us not in so doing behave as if the government can no longer meet its primary obligations to the people, particularly at a time like this when we are about to change batons.

EMPLOYERS NEED GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

THE attitude of "I am great and you are less than the dust" is, or should be dead. Yet, it persists. Have a look at the employment opportunities column of our dailies and how ill-mannered some of the advertisements are. Like this one "those over 30 need not apply".

This attitude is often maintained at the interview. Instead of putting applicants at ease, everything is done to make them feel insignificant.

In countries where human relations is seriously studied by every executive worth his salt, this old-fashioned method of dealing with people is no longer tolerated. One goes into any organisation to seek employment, with the knowledge that the personnel manager will treat him courteously and considerably.

Even where there is no vacancy, details about one's experience, ability, requirements etc are taken down with the promise that he would be notified as soon as a suitable vacancy is available.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

Unfortunately this courteous approach is yet to be learnt by Nigerian employers. I think they should learn from their expatriate counterparts.

B. A. AGUMAGU
Port Harcourt

Oil companies and effective land use

I will be concerned here with the operation/occupation of land by some big oil companies in my area.

It has to be recalled that the Shell BP Booster Station at Rumuekpe was bombed and seriously damaged during the last civil war. Consequently, observation shows that the damage was too much for an immediate reactivation of the station after the war.

The entire communities of Rumuekpe realise this fact and sympathise with the Shell BP for the loss sustained. Yet with the periodic evacuation of the company's visible presence, it is pertinent to feel that hope for reactivating the station, eight years after the war, is seemingly shattered.

It has to be recalled here also that the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Ltd, also evacuated her flow-station. That flow-station is now an undisturbed arena for shrubs.

Though the lease compensation is being paid, with the alternative uses of land in mind, and considering the lease agreement for about a hundred years, the value of land changes with time and applicability. This length of time with stagnated compensation rate, constitutes a great economic loss to the community, if no alternative use is made of the parcels of land so occupied.

However, the establishment of a new industrial concern or reactivation of an economic activity takes time from planning to execution, yet eight years after the war is quite a considerable time. It is only hoped that the Shell BP is not repeating the action of NAOC, stated above.

The situation at the Rumuekpe Booster Station is a food for thought to every inquisitive but seriously interested mind in the development of the area.

Therefore, I call on the companies, and particularly the Shell BP to reconsider the area and make necessary plans for the parcels of land occupied.

N. F NJOKU
Rumuekpe

Complete this road

THE Elele-Port Harcourt old road since after the 1971/72 amendment budget has not been fully coal-tared.

This has given rise to gallops all over the road contributing greatly to the accidents on this road.

I am therefore suggesting that as a measure to reduce the death rate on this road and also to encourage the villagers to take active part in mass production of food items, the government should complete this road immediately.

MARTIN O. IIE
Elgbo

Stop water shortage

IT is very surprising to see that there is no single public water tap around Mile III, Diobu, Port Harcourt. Under this situation, people roam about with buckets, in search of water.

Some people who have taps in their houses go on selling water to the members of the public at the rate of ten kobo per bucket. Such charges are obviously too expensive.

I appeal to the Rivers State Utilities Board, which is the authority concerned to step into this ugly situation, by installing more taps at public places.

NATHAN E. THOMAS
Port Harcourt

Library services are overdue here

I have written in this forum early last year about the importance of public library and that Ahoada with her population needed a library urgently. Since then, nothing seems to be happening towards giving us one,despite promises by the state Library Board.

Now the government Rest House has moved to its permanent site at Omoku Road, the old house will best serve as a temporary public library for the town. The old Rest House with its site and surroundings is to say the least best suited for a library.

The taxpayer will be happy should the state encourage education and the UPE at this level.

SABASTINE U. NWOSU
Ahoada

Save field from filth

IT IS very disheartening to see that the small field behind the Cenotaph adjacent to the Railway Crossing to Ikwerre Road, has been converted to night soil ground by unknown elements.

Passengers queuing on that bus stop for transport now find it difficult to stand there for even five minutes because of the malodorous atmosphere causing hazard to health.

Through this medium, I am calling on the authority concerned to come to our rescue by warning such mis-

sies along Aborenoma Wharf Road, as it is suspected they are not innocent of this nuisance. Anybody found contravening the law should be prosecuted.

D. OCKIYA
Port Harcourt

We have no hospital

I want to draw the attention of the Rivers State Government and the Ministry of Health in particular to the fact that Amadi Ama, in Okrika-Ogoloma District of the Bonny Local Government Authority area has no health centre.

We find it very difficult to go to the General Hospital, Port Harcourt, for medical treatments because of the long distance.

The government should please help us out of this problem.

SODIKI L. K. CHARLEY
Amadi Ama

Storm at factory over 'race-hater' boss

THE Automobile and Metal Workers Union of the Nigeria Peugeot Automobile Kaduna has given its management 21 days within which to remove the training manager, Mr D. Chanu, and to meet some of its demands or all the workers will lay down their tools.

This followed complaints of victimization, "apartheid" and deprivation of conditions of service from the workers made against the managers.

In a statement in Kaduna, the secretary, Mr Francis Ayeda, said since the birth of the plant in March 1975, the management had been very reluctant to give workers conditions of service.

The secretary who was with the president, Mr Michael Salami, and another official of the union, said that Nigerian engineers and technicians in the plant are made purchasing officials and recording clerks by white managers who because of fear of domination by Nigerians, had resorted to measures aimed at frustrating Nigerian senior cadre workers.

He said two Nigerian senior staff were last year demoted for no just cause.

He complained of general harrassment of union officials by the training manager.

The secretary further said that Mr Chanu was first employed in 1975 as a supply manager and was later promoted to recruitment manager then to his present post of training manager.

The union official regretted that the personnel manager, Malam Jibril Doko is just in the plant as a figure head while all instructions about management and staff matters were passed by Mr Chanu.

The union claimed that the management of the plant was fond of dumping Nigerian assistant managers with a view of denying them promotions as departmental managers."

This they described as a sabotage to the Nigerian indigenisation decree.

— from —
Lloyd Ajudua

They claimed that the personnel manager, Malam Doko is the only Nigerian in a management position in the plant.

The workers therefore called for a release of their condition of service, implementation of Collective Agreement signed on June 2, 1977 and the training of Nigerians on the job.

They also demand housing allowance, cars for intermediate staff and a stop to victimization of union officials.

The union leaders claimed that they are not permitted by the management to enter the Assembly Plant unless they are on duty.

They also claimed that the management is fond of giving out second-hand cars as bribes and called on the Federal Government to step into the problems facing the Assembly Plant and the workers.

They said that they have written a protest letter to the management, copies of which were sent to the administrator of Trade Union Affairs and the military authorities.

When contacted for comments, the personnel manager of the assembly, Malam Doko told our reporter that he was only concerned with staff problems. He was not in the position to talk to the press, he said, and referred our reporter to the general manager in Lagos.

21-DAY ULTIMATUM GIVEN

Press Week in Benin

THE weeklong "Press Week" organised by the Bendel State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (N.U.J.) has ended in Benin City.

The opening session was addressed by the Bendel State Military Governor, Commodore Hussaini Abdullahi.

Photo shows Commodore Abdullahi (standing at centre of the high table) delivering his opening address while at foreground a cross section of journalists listen.



BANK SUED FOR NEGLIGENCE

AN alleged negligence by a commercial bank in Aba, in Imo State, for which a signature forger withdrew a sum of N3,000.00 in the name of a professional accountant, has landed the bank in court.

According to the plaintiff in the suit, Mr John N. Odocha, a professional accountant based at 75, Jubilee Road, Aba, Imo or about April 9, 1976, an unknown person" stole his cheque book and forged his (plaintiff's) signature on a cheque for N3,000.00 (on cheque leaf No. 9111 and withdrew the said amount.

Hearing fixed for March 28, 29

In a statement of claim, signed by the plaintiff's counsel, Mr Bon C. Nwakanma, the defendant bank, the International Bank for West Africa Limited, was accused of having "promptly, negligently and irregularly" paid the alleged forged cheque "in spite of the fact that the signature of the purported drawer of the cheque was quite irregular."

The statement further claimed that the forged signature differed greatly from the plaintiff's signature on two signature cards with the defendant bank. It pointed out that, instead of the plaintiff's name "J. N. Odocha" as appeared on the signature cards and stencilled on the cheque leaf, the forger wrote "J. U. Odocha."

The statement of claim however disclosed that the plaintiff obtained an overdraft of N2,000.00 from the defendants in August, 1974, but which was fully and finally paid up in September, 1975.

Plaintiff further claimed that in spite of the repayment of the overdraft, the defendant bank had still refused to surrender his title deeds deposited with them and had, instead, started to debit him "wrongly" for the three thousand naira withdrawn by the alleged signature forger.

When the case came up before Mr Justice Duke Njinbeakor at the Aba High Court No. 2 neither the defendants nor their counsel was in court. The judge fixed March 28 and 29 for the hearing.

6 more lay judges sworn in for Bendel

THE chaotic position caused by congestion of cases in magistrates' courts in Bendel State has greatly improved since the appointment of lay magistrates.

This was disclosed in Benin City by the Chief Judge of the State, Mr Justice Victor E. Oviawe-Whiskey, while swearing in six more lay magistrates.

Those sworn in were a lawyer, Mr Isaac U. Edevbie, Messrs Grey Brendan Ighe and Reginald Henry Parkinsons.

Others were Captain John Joseph O. Mandeh, Major Michael O. Ighoroje and Major Peter A. E. Ekakitie, all retired military officers.

This brings to 16 the number of lay magistrates already appointed in the state.

The chief judge praised the Federal Military Government for its foresight in introducing the cadre of grade three magistrates of which lay men and lawyers who have completed the Youth Service Corps scheme could be appointed.

He expressed the hope that the new lay magistrates by virtue of their wealth of experience in their personal positions, would contribute to the administration of justice and development of case law by giving just judgements in cases brought before them.

Mr Justice Oviawe-Whiskey declared: "The powers vested in you must be used fairly and justly always and never as an engine of oppression."

Vital role of student unions

Ellah explains

Student unions as miniature parliaments are expected to be exponents of nationalism whose interests and responsibilities should touch on every aspect of the welfare of the state.

Mr F. J. Ellah, secretary to the Rivers State Government and Head of Service made the statement in Port Harcourt at the weekend, when he addressed the inauguration of the National Union of Rivers State Students, University of Port Harcourt branch.

Himself a former student union leader, Mr Ellah recalled his days at the University College of Ibadan when Dr Mallanby also addressed the students.

From his address, said Mr Ellah, "we gained the impression that students union was a miniature parliament in which we had to train ourselves, with occasional guidance from our professors, to become leaders of tomorrow, wise, experienced and knowledgeable. This has remained my own view on the subject to this day".

Mr Ellah continued:

"Throughout my time in Ibadan, we kept this noble ambition clearly before our minds, to become the leaders of tomorrow, able to compete with our counterparts anywhere in any capacity. Accordingly, we spared no efforts in following the events on the national and inter-national plane."

"In every reasonable way, we imitated adult parliaments, especially by adopting the stilted jargon which we believed to be the language of politics. We imitated modern and medieval politicians and writers indiscriminately, from Caesar to Cicero, Woodrow Wilson to Winston Churchill. We created innumerable clubs and societies, more or less like the ministries and departments of an adult bureaucracy, and in this way we provided ourselves with necessary exercise, relaxation and entertainment. We made it a point of duty to try and avoid the less honourable incidents which we know happened occasionally in parliaments, such as the defenestration of Prague as we read in history, or the throwing of chairs or breaking of the mace which subsequently occurred in a Nigerian Parliament. We held our professors and teachers always in high esteem, just as soldiers regard their officers. We adored our leading politicians and nationalists and occasionally fought small verbal battles on their account outside our meetings. We respected government functionaries, although some of them appeared to us to be tainted with colonialism. We vehemently condemned colonialism and colour bar. But we did not fight against any institutional or civil authorities. At no time did we destroy private or public property within or outside our campus."

Mr Ellah cautioned: "But please bear in mind your essential functions. If you look on yourselves as constituting a miniature parliament, you cannot go wrong. But let the miniature parliament not attempt to do the work of an adult parliament. Politics is a full-time occupation which cannot be combined successfully with full-time studies. Also, a students union should not become a trade union because students are not tradesmen. They are students. A students union intended primarily to prepare students to become leaders of tomorrow. The emphasis is on tomorrow. It would be greedy and selfish for the accredited leaders of tomorrow to attempt to be leaders of today as well. In any case they cannot, in their miniature parliament be learners and practitioners at one and the same time. That would be running before walking. Let your union provide for you a proper venue in which you can learn the art of living. Any one in this country with your educational attainment must be a leader of one kind or another. You will not all be Heads of Government. Some will certainly be, but others will be captains of industry, church leaders and intellectual leaders. Let this union provide conditions as close as possible to real life, but not conflicting or substitute conditions. Let your union establish as many healthy organisations as possible for your entertainment, amusement and education, which will occupy all your spare time gainfully. May the union teach you to hold your professors and teachers in the highest esteem; to honour and respect the civil authorities; to condemn openly and fearlessly such tragic evils as apartheid, tribalism and nepotism, bribery and corruption, indolence and disloyalty, ignorance and pettiness of every description, prejudice and hatred. Long live your union.



Mr Ellah who was chairman of the launching ceremony donated N100.00 to the union was later decorated by a female member of the union, photo right.

'OUR GOAL IS UNITY'

THE president-general of the National Union of Rivers State Students, Port Harcourt branch, Mr Wanbeke Waibite, in his address at the launching ceremony stressed that the aim of the NURSS was to foster unity and even development within the Rivers State.

He appealed to the state government to provide infrastructural facilities such as electricity and pipe-borne water to the rural area of the state.

The president general added that good living accommodation to graduate teachers deployed to the rural areas should also be provided.

In a special appeal directed to the Commissioner for Education, the president-general appealed for a change in the school calender so that graduates students could be utilised, during long vacations, to teach in post primary institutions.

He called for the introduction of in-service training scheme for teachers. He declared that as a further incentive to the production of teachers particularly in this wake of Universal free Primary Education Scheme, we are humbly suggesting to the government to kindly consider the agreed application for in-service training for trained teachers of Rivers State origin in the various universities.

"This is one way which the government can quicken the enthusiasm to join the teaching profession and a step in this direction will not be a wasteful venture."

On award of scholarships the president general praised the Rivers State Government for its efforts to lessen the financial burden of Rivers State students but he noted that in the absence of what used to be an automatic scholarships government should introduce a Bursary scheme which can enable every students of Rivers State origin to benefit, on the other hand to increase the number of awards per year so as to ensure that every student of the state origin has an offer.

"We feel that those reasons for massive scholarship awards are still not over particularly in our educationally backward state with its characteristic shortage of qualified top level man-power."

"We also appeal to the scholarship board to ensure quick and prompt payment of fees and allowances due its beneficiaries in order to save students from the embarrassment arising from late payments."

The shortage of water in the city of Port Harcourt and its Diobu and Borikiri suburbs is becoming a matter of concern.

"It is not always pleasurable to find students loitering in the streets in search of water. The state Utilities Board should be made to realise its humanitarian duties to the public. Every effort should be made to prevent further occurrence in the future."

He also noted that transportation had become another social problem. Mobility is very much restricted because of lack of transport, and business hours lost both to the government and the private sector of the economy. The ordinary citizen is hopelessly exploited by the commercial bus and taxi drivers. This situation calls for the immediate attention of our government before socio-economic life of the state deteriorates.

We, therefore, call on the Transport Commission to step up its fleet of buses and taxis for public use."



Here, Mr Ellah, standing, addresses the students. Sitting behind him are, first from left, Rev George, chairman of the Rivers State Scholarship Board and Professor Ekong, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt. Both men also addressed the gathering.

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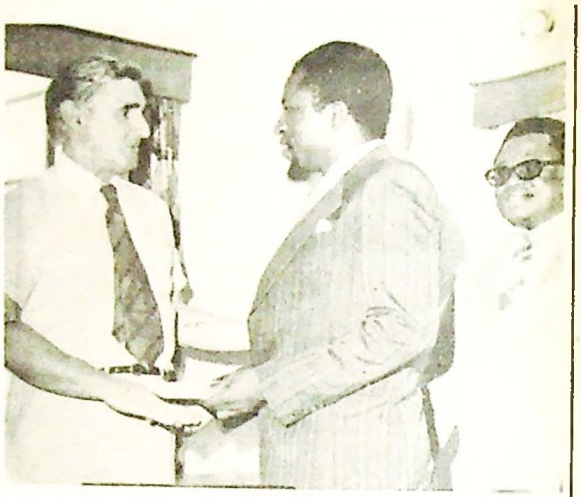
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Closing date for the receipt of Applications is Friday 24th February 1978.



THE British Agricultural Engineering Nigerian Mission has visited the Oyo State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Engineer Olusola Ogunsola in his office.

Picture shows the Commissioner (middle) receiving the leader of the mission Mr J. H. W. Wilder (left) in his office. On the extreme right is the permanent secretary of the Ministry, Mr M. A. Adesiyan.

Ogunsola receives Wilder

CRISIS LOOMS OVER IMO RADIO

Workers call for inquiry

MEMBERS of the Workers Union of the Imo Broadcasting Service (IBS) has called on the state government to dissolve without delay, the board of directors of the IBS because, according to them, the chairman and his members were being influenced by top management staff during decision affecting the employment and promotion of the workers.

They also want the Imo State Government to institute a commission of inquiry into the activities of the top management staff for what they described as discriminatory attitude in the employment and promotion of staff.

The Union alleged that free entertainment programme of I.B.S. costs N300 and artistes pay it before being allowed to perform and it was the highest bidder, who performs in the programmes of "egwualanyi" "onyelie", Imo this week and "egwu omenala".

It will be recalled that the radio station remained inactive for two days last week, and the workers attribute this to some workers who never saw their names in the yearly promotion list because they allegedly, have no Abraham as their father in the Broadcasting Service.

It was alleged that two overseas experts were flown into Owerri to repair the damage at a cost of about N50,000 inclusive of their flight tickets.

It has also been alleged that some workers who were on level "04" scale of salary have been promoted to level "08"; those on level "06" to level "09" while those on level "09" have been skyrocketed to level "12", last December.

Nigeria grows more cocoa

NIGERIA which is now relegated to fourth position as the world's largest producer of cocoa may regain her number one position by 1984 following the various steps being taken both by the states and federal governments to bring this about.

This indication was given by the Oyo State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr Olusola Ogunsola, when a delegation of chocolate manufacturers from the United States paid him a courtesy call in his office.

Engineer Ogunsola explained that considering the backlarge for new cocoa plantings and replanting during the period 1972-77, and various steps already taken, he was optimistic that by 1984 the country would witness another era of cocoa boom.

He said that as between the Cocoa Development Unit (CDU) of his Ministry had replanted and rehabilitated more than 26,127 hectares of farms compared with only 894 hectares in 1972.

The commissioner refused to agree that decline in cocoa production was due to neglect as a result of oil boom.



GOC FETED IN PH

THE General Officer Commanding, 1 Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army, Brig D. Y. Bali was honoured last weekend by the GOC, 2 Infantry Brigade, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt at a party held at the Officers Mess, GRA, Diobu. Picture above (left) is the Governor of the Rivers State, Col Zamani Lekwot (left) with the guest of honour at the party and Right — Professor David-West, the state Education Commissioner (left), chats with the Governor.

Ethiopia orders German envoy out

ETHIOPIA has given the West German Ambassador to Ethiopia, Hans Christian Lankes, twenty-four hours to leave the country.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Sunday advised the West German Embassy that Dr Lankes' continued stay in Ethiopia would be detrimental to the traditional relations existing between the people of the two countries.

The expulsion of the West German envoy is the first major political decision against a Western country since Ethiopia closed down four American institutions and cut the United States Embassy staff in Addis Ababa by half in April last year.

At that time, it also closed down the consulates in Asmara, capital of northern Eritrea province of the United States, Italy and Sudan.

No further explanations were given for the decision to expel Dr Lankes, but it is believed the action is linked to West Germany's growing support for Somalia in the current conflict in the Horn of Africa.

In Benn, Economic Co-operation Minister, Mrs Marie Schell said West Germany had provided 25 million marks about N8 million in aid to Somalia, without any conditions and which could be used to buy weapons.



COL MENGISTU MARIAM
Ethiopian leader

'PAPER' ACCUSES ISRAEL

ISRAEL bugged the hotel rooms of members of the Egyptian delegation to peace talks in Jerusalem last week, a Cairo magazine reported.

The magazine "October" said Egyptian security men also turned up microphones in the Hilton Hotel rooms of Cairo where reporters are covering the talks, which broke down last Wednesday.

President Anwar Sadat abruptly withdrew his negotiating team from the talks charging that Israel wanted territory not peace.

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World briefs

Madrid

KING Juan Carlos has charged his father the Count of Barcelona, with explaining Spain's position over the Canary Islands to Libyan leader Mouamar Ghadafi before the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Co-ordination Committee meets to discuss the issue on February 13, diplomatic sources said here.

Tokyo

NORTH Korean President Kim Il-Sung has received the Order of Lenin, one of the Soviet Union's highest decorations, from a Soviet government delegation in Pyongyang yesterday, the (North) Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

Political observers here believe that President Kim's acceptance of the Soviet decoration indicates a "thaw" in North Korea's cold relations with the Kremlin lasting more than six years.

Berlin

WEST Berlin's drug squad has broken up one of the biggest narcotics rings to have operated in the city in recent years, police said.

Five Turkish drug dealers were arrested in the last few days in possession of quantities of heroin.

Belfast

TWO men were wounded by bullets fired by "punitive commandos" of the provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

A man, 23, was hit in the legs in the Andersonstown neighbourhood on the outskirts of Belfast. A man, 24, was wounded in Londonderry.

Sasebo

TEN of the 25 crew were killed when the Singapore freighter Wati 2,999 tons, sank in rough seas about 70 kms (43 miles) South-East of here.

Three others are missing, twelve men were picked up from rubber liferafts by Japanese patrol boats.

Beirut

LEBANESE conservative leaders gathered at the weekend to define proposals for national reconciliation after two years of civil war.

The Islamic Council, which includes Lebanon's former premiers (all Sunni Moslems), convened to examine the outlook for reconciliation talks.

Dar-es-Salaam

THE European Development Fund of the European Economic Community will grant Tanzania about 100 million shillings about N12,000 for water supplies in Mwanza and Mbeya towns it was stated.

THE ECONOMY

'We have to ... according t...

THIS is an interview with Colonel M. Buhari, Federal Commissioner for Petroleum and chairman for Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation who led the Nigerian delegation to the last OPEC meeting. Colonel Buhari among other things spoke on the oil situation in the world as it affects Nigeria. He was interviewed by Mr Alex Nwokedi, Press Secretary to the Head of State.

Question: Could you briefly give the nation some indications of the outcome of the last OPEC Conference in Caracas?

Answer: Although the last OPEC Ministerial Conference in Caracas did not reach a common concensus on the vital issue of crude oil price adjustment for January this year, I am happy to state that the organisation still emerged strong and united in spite of the unrelenting efforts by its detractors to break it. A week before we met, it was rumoured that due to internal disagreement among members, the Conference was not going to hold. The Conference convened and concluded with greater hopes for its continued unity.

The last meeting demonstrated clearly that we have had a critical self analysis of events of December 1976 which led to the two-tier system and conscious efforts were therefore made to avert a repeat of such a split.

For many countries including Nigeria, the results were however, frustrating in the sense that the major item on the agenda namely the determination of prices for 1978 could not be decided by default. This implies that the price for the Marker crude which is the reference crude for all OPEC remains frozen until the next conference in June 1978.

As I said our greatest achievement was that we avoided a trial of strength which would have split us and this would have been disastrous given the present circumstances of the oil market.

Question: Recent information emanating from your Corporation gives the unmistakeable impression that all might not be well in the international petroleum scene, could you please inform the nation as to exactly what the situation is?

Answer: The impression that all is not well in the international petroleum market is a correct one. The situation is as follows —

As a result of the quadrupling of the price of crude oil between October 1973 and December, 1974, the major industrialized oil consuming countries were forced to accept the fact that the era of cheap energy was over. Due to the problems of balance of payments imposed by the new oil price adjustment, most oil consuming countries started to adopt stringent energy policies calculated to reduction their dependence on OPEC oil.

In addition, they also embarked on strategies aimed at forcing the price of oil downwards. Some of the energy policies revealed principally of developing alternative sources of energy and encouraging indigenous production of their own hydrocarbon resources. Furthermore an intensive energy saving programme was embarked upon.

It seems that some of these programmes have started to pay off.

Firstly, most industrialized countries have attained a strategic stock piling of crude oil up to 180 days of daily average consumption and they are now in a position to hold the oil producing countries to ransom by pressurizing on crude oil prices.

Secondly, about 1.3 million barrels per day of new oil would be coming to the market this year from their own indigenous sources namely North Sea and North Slope of Alaska.

The overall effect of this is that while total demand for oil has slackened due to slow economic recovery, the additional new oil coming into the market has considerably eroded a substantial proportion of OPEC oil market in general and Nigerian in particular.

The overall demand for total OPEC last year was 31.8 million barrels per day. Our estimate this year is that total OPEC production should not be more than 28.8 million barrels per day if we were not to increase the amount of oil now floating around in the world. This therefore would mean a reduction of almost 3 million barrels per day.

As most of the new oil coming into the market is mostly light crude similar to Nigeria's oil, the light crude producers notably Nigeria, Libya and Algeria would face a more than disproportionate reduction in their last year's annual production.

In fact, as these crudes had enjoyed an enhanced premium vis-a-vis the other crudes in the Gulf, the three countries have had to reduce their prices in order not to suffer a greater incursion into their market shares. This therefore implies that Nigeria as well as Algeria and Libya will not only suffer a reduction in their last year production but have reduced their prices to retain their shares of the market.

Question: How has this situation affected Petroleum activities in OPEC countries and how has it affected Nigeria in particular?

Answer: OPEC countries as suppliers of residual demand would have to bear the full brunt of any excess of supply over demand since the industrialized countries would at the first opportunity prefer and substitute their own indigenous production to OPEC oil.

I have indicated that the OPEC countries will be faced with the excess of supply over demand in the neighbourhood of 3 million barrels per day. Fortunately however, this reduction in demand will affect OPEC differed crudes differently.

Since the new crudes coming in to the market from developed countries are mostly light crudes similar to those produced in Nigeria, Libya and Algeria, a sizeable portion of the crudes from these three countries would be displaced from the market. This displacement will be one that cannot be salvaged and it has been estimated that among the three countries, there will have to be a cut back in production of about 600,000 barrels per day from their existing total current production.

Since there has not been any joint agreement on production programming so that excess crude oil can be methodically removed from the market collectively, the situation could develop into a free for all attempt by each member to maintain its production through the unilateral manipulation of prices.

Also because of the technical possibility of switching from one type of crude to the other, other crude of lower quality could be moved to displace Nigerian, Libyan or Algerian crude by offering very tempting prices.

As you know, Nigeria's crude like the other two, are light low sulfur crudes. For quite sometime, these crudes have enjoyed high premiums which put their prices well above most of the other OPEC crudes. In 1977, Nigeria and the other two countries, Libya and Algeria, in fact enjoyed extra premium which put their prices above the prices bands adopted for them by the generality of OPEC.

Currently Algeria produces 1.1 million barrels per day, Libya, 2.05 million barrels per day and Nigeria 2.2 million barrels per day. If these three countries are to share the cut in production proportionately, this would mean that Nigeria's production would fall by at least 250,000 barrels per day. This would bring production to about 1.95 million barrels per day out of which 0.15 million is utilised locally.

The net result will be an export figure of about 1.8 million barrels per day. The situation might be worse however because some of our producers have a stockpile of Nigerian crudes. Two of them together reported a stockpile of 10 million barrels.

The bulk of our crude oil export goes to the United States and even there, President Carter's energy policy is being pushed and the result may in fact be a demand much less than has been estimated.

Besides, that country in addition to some European countries are known to be installing facilities for switching from light oils to heavier oils. This again will have significant effect on Nigeria's ability to export to USA and some other European countries.

In the last quarter of 1977, the situation has been usually such that most of our third party customers gave notice to discontinue the purchase of our crude. Even the producers indicated difficulties about pushing any more of Nigerian crudes into their system. We may therefore face a situation where before the end of the year, the level of production may drop to about 1.6 million barrels per day.

Projections are that the availabilities from the North Sea and Mexico will continue strong for some two or more years if no new oil provinces are discovered and there are indications that frantic searches are going on in India, Italy and Brazil.

Then the situation of over supply will start to taper off and by 1985, the situation may in fact be reversed. If however, more oil is discovered, the point at which demand will once again outstrip supply to the benefit of the producers may be pushed further into the future.

The situation for Nigeria therefore in the next few years will not be as rosy or comfortable as it has been in the last few years. The country's production will be facing a cut back or production of anything from 200,000 barrels to 400,000 barrels per day.

In order for the crudes produced by Libya, Algeria and Nigeria to hold their own against other crudes, so as not to provide an unwitting encouragement of the move away from the use of their crudes to alternative crudes and in order to ensure that any reductions in volumes are equitably reflected in all the countries, the three of them agreed first to shed the extra premiums which put their prices outside the OPEC adopted bands and secondly to readjust the differences in prices between the three for better competitiveness.

This has given rise to the necessity by Nigeria to discount our prices by between 30 and 39 cents and in the exceptional case of Bonny Medium, by only 5 cents. These discounts will bring back the prices of Nigeria's crude into the market oriented being used by OPEC in the same manner as would Libya's and Algeria's.

Question: What is the impact of this situation on Government revenues (a) on the short and (b) on the long term?

Answer: In the short term, government revenue from petroleum will undoubtedly be seriously affected depending on the level of cutbacks in production, and taking into



COL BUHARI (centre) explaining petroleum matters to Nigeria.

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We all quite still recall the fact of the $2 per barrel oil a few years ago. This commodity had a quantum jump by an order of magnitude to above $12 per barrel. While one does not expect that another phase in the very near future will unfold during which there may not be enough of this commodity to go round, this is the projection of knowledgeable opinion.

Nigeria is currently embarking on an effort to discover as much reserve as is possible and it is hoped that when the time comes, it would stand to benefit very immensely.

Question: In view of the predominant contribution of oil resources to Government's revenue, how do you see Government activities responding to the new situation, in other words, is the so-called 'Oil Bonanza' over?

Answer: Since the advent of the present regime everything has been done to kill the myth that we had been endowed with an oil bonanza. It was unfortunate that this myth was created and sustained by the elite of our former regime. The facts then and the facts now have always clearly indicated that while we had a valuable commodity in reasonable quantities, the question of there being an oil bonanza had never arisen.

This fact can be appreciated given the maximum production ever attained in Nigeria of about 2.4 million barrels per day when in fact there is the possibility of Saudi Arabia being able to produce over 20 million barrels per day and Iran being able to produce over 6 million barrels per day, Kuwait Libya and Venezuela having the potential to produce well over 3 million barrels per day respectively.

These are all countries with a population of less than 10 million people with the exception of Venezuela and Iran whose populations are still even less than that of Nigeria.

Like all of them however, we rely almost exclusively on revenue from oil. This reliance on one single commodity renders us very vulnerable, first in terms of the fact that the resource itself is finite and also the fact that the country's economic well-being depends on the international demand for this one resource. These are two factors over which no government has any control.

Like our oil revenue is bound to respond to the dictates of the international market, so also would government activities have to be made to respond to the new situation. We would simply have to cut our coat not according to our size but according to our cloth, and right now, that cloth is in short measure.

Government, as we must remember is seeking temporary relief in other directions. This should not be seen as a cure for the ills which the considerable shrinkage in oil revenue has brought for the nation.

The priorities in government activities will have to be re-ordered so that the available financial resources can be spread as evenly as possible to cover essential development requirements. In a situation like this, the first things that have to go are prestige projects, luxury items and the satisfaction of superfluous demands and tastes.

Prominent in government priorities will have to be projects that will make it possible for us to maximise benefits from the exploitation of whatever resources we now have and on productive projects that will not be economically self-sustaining but also contribute to the sustenance of our economy.

Question: From your vantage point as Commissioner for Petroleum, a resource that produces normally over 90 per cent of Government's revenue, what are the prospects for future government's "Development Programmes" in the light of the new international petroleum situation?

Answer: Future government development programmes are not in any way in jeopardy if they are properly balanced. By balancing, I mean that the contents of the programmes must be such that their fulfilment will make it possible for government to derive enough economic benefits from them and as a basis for future development programmes.

As I have said before our ability to sustain economic activities depend solely on today's availabilities of funds. It depends to a large measure also on the potential of the country to generate funds in future. The present grave situation is a passing phase. As far as the oil sector is concerned, efforts are geared towards the discovery of more reserves so that the wealth of the nation is increased in absolute terms.

Our creditworthiness should be based more on this than on our instant ability to throw money around. The development programmes in the future may have to make use of the generally accepted practice in other parts of the world to mortgage the little bit of the future in order to enable the present to provide for the future.

The mentality of the planners wishing to operate on cash basis will have to be modified with a right blend of cash and credit. The future of all development programmes in this country in a long time to come is fully guaranteed.

Finally, with a right blend of development activities, the current preponderance of petroleum contribution of our economy will have to be considerably reduced so that the effect and influences of whatever future vagaries plague the petroleum scene would have less traumatic effect on our economic well-being.

Question: What are the actions which government is taking to mitigate the effect of the new international petroleum situation in Nigeria and can Nigeria carry these through alone? Would any of these actions in any way bring us into conflict with OPEC?

Answer: The government has not embarked on any unilateral action to mitigate the effect of the new international petroleum situation on its economy. As I have said before, the three members of OPEC, Algeria, Libya and Nigeria agreed together to take corrective measures to give up the extra premium which they took for their oil and thereby restore the competitiveness of their crudes. This action also met with the sympathetic acquiescense of other members of OPEC.

The action which we have taken, therefore, in discounting our prices has not in any way been in conflict with OPEC's standpoint or guidelines. We are examining the possibilities of new relationships with our producers as well as throwing open the opportunities for new buyers to take up contracts with us.

It is recognised that since the problem facing all of OPEC is not one of the prices as such but of volumes and storage, the effort to obtain new buyers may be more pronounced than it has been in the past.

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP LIVE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.58	Morning Prayers	RSP, TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.07	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP C.G.R
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OFN Jingle	RSP LIVE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You/Next Step	"
07.30	Mid Week Treat	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ebk, Ibibio and Hausa	"
8.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP C.G.R
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.30	Melody Tide (Comm)	RSP C.G.R
10.00	The News	NP
10.11	Network Programme Promotion Feature	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Kenguwa Siri Kalabari Mag. Programme/ Kirike Chiri (Okrika Mag. Programme)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
13.30	Juke Box	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Music of Dawn Time (Comm)	RSP C.G.R
14.30	Date On Air	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Music of Lunch Time (Comm)	RSP C.G.R
15.30	State News In English, Ibeerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk (R) (419)	"
16.15	For Children	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Ebi and Ibibio	"
17.00	State News in Kiri and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Women Magazine Programme	RSP LIVE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and You	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	KPANEM	"
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	Eni (In the Language)	RSP TAPE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	Agric Quarter Hour	RSP TAPE
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ibeerre, Kalabari, Ekpeye, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
20.30	Atuke Tare (Mag. Programme in Ibeerre)	RSP TAPE
		RSP TAPE
21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.01	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Health is Wealth (from the legal stand point)	"
21.20	A book I cherish	"
21.15	Sports Main Points	"
21.25	Interlude	"
21.30	Drama (Play of the week)	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Stalk	"
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Late night request	RSP TAPE
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	Announcer's choice	RSP LIVE
23.13	Evening Worship (Edo)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP TAPE

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5.45	News in Brief
5.50	Puppet Theatre
6.15	Harvey Cartoons
6.30	Play of the Week "R"
7.30	World News
7.45	News Translations
8.05	The Debate (NP)
9.00	Network News
9.25	Papers Today
9.30	Band Stand
10.30	Crown Court
12.00	News Summary

FEMININE ANGLE

HOW DO YOU TREAT YOUR WOMEN?

Asks our Mediline Tador

"I loved you in distractions, I never thought I'd ever get you out of my system but I have. And now I've found somebody who loves me in the way I loved you, and I find it's a far more acceptable arrangement".

That's an extract from a letter a lady wrote to her man after she left him. It really came as a surprise especially when I recall the fact that they got married just a year ago.

From the above statement, it's quite vivid that the lady left her man because she felt she was ill-treated and couldn't stand it any longer.

The immediate thing that comes to mind would be to sympathize with her action but one must not forget that this could give her a worse solution than she ever bargained for.

But come to think of it she might have been very disappointed that a relationship which was all 'honey' could give way to frustration and bitter experience. This is where the man comes in.

Believe it or not majority of men are opportunists. No sooner they marry their darlings than they become elusive. All the niceties and sweet nothings they told them during courtship are thrown overboard.

Some men think, flattering is the only way to win a woman or to keep up with her for a long time. If you don't know it, this is an old fashioned way of getting a woman.

These days it is "declare your assets and I might consider you", count your stars if you go through it and get her.

The question now is how do you treat your woman when you succeed in getting her?

Are you fair to her or do you treat her like a selfish man? Well, there are different ways in which some men treat their women.

To some, a woman should be seen and not heard. And to wait at the end of the month to collect the house keeping allowance without complaining. She has to be at home from morning till evening not a working wife.

Even when there is an official party to attend, she is not important, just in case she might get there and misbehave. This in most cases is due to lack of confidence in the woman. They believe that once she receives anything she desires materially, she has no cause to complain.

Then there's this group of men who believe a woman should receive the care they can afford, at any time.

A man in this category regards his wife high above any other thing. Since she takes care of his stomach, household duties and children, she should not be treated shabbily. He can even go out of his ways to satisfy her.

She goes along with him to anywhere he has to go and you might be surprised her decision could sometimes be considered to be final. Not withstanding the fact that some people believe that the man's decision should be final.

Another category of men, can't even say they really have a way of treating their woman. What ever happens at a certain time should be taken like that.

They don't really want to know how the woman fairs.

Having gone through the different groups, can you figure out what class you belong to? Well which ever one you belong to, I think these hints will help you.

Women love to be treated tenderly and such tenderness must be unsolicited and unexpected. Should you treat her this way, she will be quite loving.

Men should try to combine a little bit of generosity with accommodating attitude. Make sure you don't sound like a dictator always. Your wife will have no peace of mind if you do so.

Criticizing her in public is as bad as being a dictator. And once you fail to exercise restraint, you will wake up to discover that you have deflated her ego. This can even go to do worse than that, even to the extent of destroying the self will.

Bear in mind that women are unpredictable to some extent and feminine moods vary from woman to woman. Sincere concern and understanding, need to be shown to the woman at home. For it is not uncommon to leave a cheerful wife at home in the morning only to find a sad and unhappy woman when you return from work.

Rather than making it worse for her, try and find out what happened while you were at work. More often than not, domestic fatigue, nerves and irritability may be the cause.

Similarly, it is not easy for a career woman to combine household chores with official duties. It is demanding and if your wife looks morose at the end of the day, try and comfort her. It should not be an enough reason to pick up quarrel with her.

Another thing is that some men underestimate the integrity of their women. This will make them feel cheated and develop an inferiority complex.

A woman can do or undo anything with her influence don't forget.

A shaky confidence in your woman too will do no good. Lack of confidence and trust make you unsure of what type of product your woman is or what type of situations she can handle.

Don't take your woman for granted and bear in mind that intelligent women abhor their pride being meddle with. Always have it at the back of your mind that a matured woman is indeed matured irrespective of her age.

Women don't like being referred to as "childish".

Try as much as possible not to delve into her past. The past is better forgotten and if dug into, could bring unpleasant memories.

It will be very wrong to claim that the women folk are faultless. But we should bear in mind that two wrongs could never make a right.

Your questions answered

by Sister Elizabeth Kwofie

Q: My midwife always palpates my abdomen during each visit to the antenatal clinic. Although I have a vague idea about why she does this I still would appreciate your brief explanation on the purpose of such an exercise.

A: The purpose of palpation is firstly to assess the level of the rounded top of the pregnant womb, for this gives an indication of the stage of pregnancy that has been reached (and the midwife can then check that this tallies with the expected date of birth, as this has been estimated by means of counting forward nine months and seven days from the first day of the last normal period). If that level is higher than one would expect, it can lead to any necessary test for twins, or lead the midwife to guess that there might be a large baby, lots of fluid surrounding the baby, or even a mistake over dates.

During the later weeks, the feeling of the unborn baby indicates his position in the womb. To begin with, this is a matter of interest only, apart from indicating the most likely point to hear his heart, but towards the end of pregnacy, the check is made to see whether the baby is setting into the usual birth position, and whether there is ample room for his head to sink deeply into the pelvis.

Q: How do I treat discharging ears in my children?

A: These should always receive attention from a doctor or other trained medical personnel, who will probably give you some special drops to use.

Q: My husband is left-handed and I am right-handed. Which hand should I train my baby to use?

A: You should not train him to use either hand — when he shows a preference do not interfere. Most babies use both hands equally well at first and by the sixth month you will notice which hand he prefers to use.

Happy birthday Happy birthday



Miss Joy Robinson Ochi's 1st birthday



Master Nnaemeka Parochal Nwangwu 1st birthday



Miss Ifeoluwani B. F. West 1st birthday



Miss Mmaduru Nnekaobi Azuoli 1st birthday



Twin brothers Lucky and Gift Ogbuwe 4th birthday



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RIVERS STATE JUDICIARY

PORT HARCOURT

VACANCIES

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METHOD OF APPLICATIONS:

All applications should be in Candidates own hand writing, stating among other things, age home town/village, Local Government Authority Area of Origin, Educational qualifications and Experience. Candidates already in the public service are required to submit their applications through heads of Department. Photostat copies (Not Originals) of Certificates and other relevant credentials should be attached to each application and addressed to:

The Chief Registrar,
High Court
PORT HARCOURT.

to reach this office not later than 7th February, 1978.

Prospective Candidates are required to report to this office for interview on the 8th February, 1978 at 9:00 a.m. The Department is not obliged to enter into any correspondence with any candidate in respect of his or her application.

DATED AT PORT HARCOURT, THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1978.

(E. I. ADA)
FOR: CHIEF REGISTRAR.

NIGERIAN LAWYERS TOLD

HELP BUILD STRONG, STABLE NATION

THE present Military Administration neither wants a servile, docile Bar, nor does it want the Bar to abandon its traditional role as defenders of the liberties of the individual.

Rather, its only desire is to see a responsible Bar whose members are and can be seen to be complimentary in the overall national effort to build a strong, stable and just nation.

The declaration was made in Lagos by the Attorney-General of the Federation and Commissioner for Justice, Dr Augustine Nnamani, at a ceremony in Lagos during which he and twelve other legal practitioners were sworn-in as Senior Advocates of Nigeria.

He pointed out that this was the first time an essentially professional body had been empowered to confer on its distinguished members the title of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

The attorney-general thanked the Federal Military Government for the honour conferred on the Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee.

He said, the step was evidence of the confidence which government had in the maturity and sense of responsibility of the legal profession in the country.

He remarked that the Federal Government would naturally hope that its confidence was not misplaced but reciprocated.

Dr Nnamani reminded his other colleagues that members of the Bar must look up to the senior advocates for guidelines and example both in their public and private lives.

To this end, he stressed that integrity, unfailing devotion to the cause of truth and justice must be the standards which each of them must set out to maintain.

He also enjoined them to use wisely and tactfully the privileges attached to their new status.

The new status "do not necessarily give us an unqualified permission to take up our fees beyond the reach of the ordinary citizen of this country," he pointed out.

OBA, 5 OTHERS FREED

IT was a mixed feelings of joy and tears as an Oba and five of his traditional chiefs in Ifesodun Local Government area of Kwara State regained their freedom at an Ilorin High Court.

The Alaradon of Aradun, Oba Amas Babatunde and his chiefs had been standing trial on a charge of murdering one Stephen Oyesemi sometime last year at Aradun.

The prosecution said that the accused persons knowingly tied both hands and legs of deceased and this resulted in his death. They were also alleged to have buried the deceased secretly in a room at Aradun in an attempt to cover up the crime.

Eight witnesses testified for the prosecution during the trial.

In their defence, Oba Babatunde and his chiefs, were led in evidence by their counsel, Mr J. O. Igodicla.

After reviewing the evidence of the prosecution and the defence, the trial judge, Mr Justice A. M. Eniandayo said the prosecution had failed to prove a case of murder against the accused. He ruled that the prosecution had not established whether the tying of the deceased caused his death.

Mr Justice Eniandayo observed that the deceased was a patient of mental illness. He declared "This court is not allowed by law to speculate. I must not substitute facts with imagination.

"It follows therefore that I have to come to the conclusion that the cause of the death of the deceased although known but has not been clearly proved to have been caused by accused persons. On the whole, the doubt in mind this case is of such a magnitude that no reasonable court having such a doubt can convict the accused persons or any of them."

Ezenwa elected AATO boss

THE National President of the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Chief A. A. O. Ezenwa has been elected the current President of All-African Teachers Organisation (AATO).

Announcing this on his return from Accra, Ghana the chairman of the Rivers State Wing of the NUT, Mr N. A. Ngofa, said that AATO is a symbol and synthesis of all the teachers in Africa.

He said that the AATO was born in 1974 at Kampala, Uganda to provide a solid and unified voice in matters of education and teachers on continental level.

The organisation is a beacon of light for teachers of Africa in their double function of promoting the professional and syndical obligation of the teaching profession.

The chairman said that he represented the state wing of the NUT at the Accra assembly which lasted seven days.

He announced that Ghana had been chosen as the permanent headquarters of the organisation.

The theme of Accra assembly was "EDUCATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY."

He described the conference as very illuminating, adding that far reaching resolutions aimed at removing barriers that tend to place embargo on the exchange of educational programmes between countries of the continent have been taken.

The organisation was among other things resolved to explore the possibility of liaising directly with OAU with a view to establishing a direct working link for educational purposes.

Mr Ngofa finally called on all cadre of teachers in the state to identify themselves with the union which has much to offer them in terms of their professional competence and improvement of their working conditions.



MR A. N. NGOFA

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MENEGBO — I, formerly known and addressed as Morgan Menegbo, wish to be known and called Dumle Kote. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board, Principal of Government Secondary School Ogbia take note Dumle Kote.

EZEKIEL — I formerly known and addressed as Miss Mercy Ezekiel now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Mercy B. N. Ogulaya. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Kaduna Nigeria Limited Port Harcourt and the general public should please take note Mrs Mercy B. N. Ogulaya.

IMBITE — I, formerly known addressed as Mr Sunday Imbite, now wish to be known and called Mr Sunday Imbite Okuny. Documents bearing my name remain valid. Nigerian Railways Corporation and the general public please take note Mr Sunday I. Okuny.

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All applications, with photo-copies of certificates and credentials should be addressed to:

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NIGERIA UNION OF JOURNALISTS (NUJ)

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION CONDITION OF SERVICE PANEL

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) invites memoranda from journalists, interested persons and organisations in Nigeria on the proposed uniform basic conditions of service for working Journalists in all news media houses in the country.

Such memoranda should cover all areas including official hours of work, adequate renumeration with pension schemes, security in employment, protection in course of duty and allowances for freelance Journalists.

The memoranda which should be typed in eight copies and signed by the authors, should be forwarded to the Acting National Secretary, (NUJ) 2, Eric Moore Close, Surulere, Lagos, to reach him not later than February 15th, 1978.

CHIEF MICHAEL B. ASAJU. — National President.
MR JOLA OGUNLUSI. — Acting National Secretary.



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Interesting candidates should write, giving age, qualification, experience and where applicable present position to:

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N.C.E. MATHS/SCIENCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Meeting on Monday 30th January, 1978
Venue: College of Education Old Site
Time: 3 p.m.
Agenda: 1. Maths/Science Allowance for NCE & Equivalents.

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Government of the Rivers State of Nigeria

Teaching Service Commission Port Harcourt.

Teaching Vacancies

APPLICATIONS are invited from suitably qualified candidates for various grades of Teachers in the Rivers State Teaching Service.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates should possess any of the under-listed qualifications:

1. Degrees from recognized universities
2. N.C.E.
3. Teachers' Grades I & II Certificates
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METHOD OF APPLICATION: Applications in applicants' own hand writing, stating qualifications, age, previous teaching experience if any, home town and Local Government Area should be forwarded to:—

The Ag. Secretary,
Teaching Service Commission,
P. M. B. 5208,
Port Harcourt.

to reach him not later than Tuesday 28th February, 1978. Photostat copies of certificates claimed should be attached to the applications.

Ag. SECRETARY.
Teaching Service Commission.

Rivers State Transport Corporation

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following posts:

(a) Mechanic
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(c) Panel Beaters
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The Secretary,
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Businessmen with skill are needed



FIFTEEN graduands — fourteen male and one female of the Free Evening Commercial classes organised by the state ministry of trade and economic development have been awarded certificates after successfully completing their two-year course at a ceremony held at the conference hall of Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, Port Harcourt.

Addressing them, the permanent secretary Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, Chief Ekeuku Wokocha, congratulated the graduands on the successful completion of the course.

Chief Wokocha said the course was designed to improve the knowledge of businessmen and women who plunge into enterprises without knowing the rudiments of the trade and those who still adhere to the age-old methods of business management.

The permanent secretary said that Nigeria is a nation whose economy is expanding and therefore needed men and women at all levels of industry and commerce, who would ensure the effectiveness of the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree.

Enterpreneurs

"We shall not be equal to this enormous task, he pointed out, if we do not produce an equally growing band of skilled and professional indigenous entrepreneurs knowledgeable in those modern techniques which are associated with effective business management at all levels".

Chief Wokocha therefore charged the passing-out graduands to show a sense of duty and hoped they would put all they have learnt during the course into practice.

He also expressed concern over the poor response at the Township School, Moscow Road, established to cater for the traders of the old Port Harcourt Township area.

He appealed to indigenes resident in these areas to come forward and take advantage of the facilities offered them.

Chief Wokocha, however, assured that his Ministry would continue to assist in running such courses.

Also speaking, a spokesman of the graduands thanked the Ministry and State Government for the opportunity offered them and promised to live up to expectation.

Chief Wokocha, the permanent Secretary, (standing 3rd from left) is seen in the above photograph presenting a certificate to one of the successful students (1st from left) while others look on





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Panel ends abruptly

THE Olatawura Commission of Enquiry sitting in Calabar has run into dead-lock when some representatives' counsel halted the enquiry from proceeding on legal grounds.

It rose when Chief (Dr) Okoi Arikpo leading counsel for Eket Community and a Lagos-based legal practitioner, A. O. Sogbesan who held brief for Chief Awolowo for the Oron factions argued that the commission would be flouting the report of Akalli commission of enquiry, which urged that the land disputes affecting the areas be settled in a court of law.

Dr Arikpo quoted portions of the Akilu recommendations to buttress his argument.

Mr Justice Olatawura at this juncture adjourned sitting to enable the commission clear the points with the state Military Governor, Colonel Paul Omu.

Mr Justice Olatawura told the parties that his commission has had audience with the military governor about the representations made by members of the bar.

He said it was government's view that the question of ownership of the land in the affected area could not easily be divorced from the decision of where the effected community should be placed administratively. It was "therefore the commission's view to proceed, under its terms of reference.

He said until the report of the present commission was made known, government was of the view that it could not anticipate the recommendation to be made on the issue of ownership.

Counsel for Oron, Chief Obafemi Awolowo objected to this and said the Oron Community was not going to participate, on the ground that "government had no powers under the law through a commission of enquiry to settle a dispute such as was involved."

He argued that it was not a judicial body which could take over the land ownership.

Chief Awolowo told the commission that if his clients were to submit to the commission, once the government said ownership belonged to A or B, "we shall have no channel of appeal beyond the government especially as the ownership can't be divorced".

Chief Awolowo then called on the commission to restrain the government from allowing the commission to continue as every clause in the terms of reference and the Alhaji Akilu report was built on ownership of the land in dispute and that it was a matter for the court to decide.

Chief (Dr) Okoi Arikpo who led the Eket counsel was of the same view with Chief Awolowo.

NBC welcomes New Year in Port Harcourt

IT was a happy social event for the entire staff of the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation in Port Harcourt last Saturday.

They were entertained to an inexhaustible end-of-year party by the corporation. The event took place at the corporation's premises in Port Harcourt.

Here, at the party were from left, Mrs Comfort Akinnibo; Miss Buki Ajayi-Mrs Dorathy Hart and Mrs Labaki Oyedokun.



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ALL SET FOR MULFORD CUP ATHLETICS

THE 33rd annual Lagos State Senior Inter-Club Athletics Competition, fondly known as the Mulford Cup Contest will be held from tomorrow, January 26, to Saturday, January 28, in the Main bowl of the National Stadium, Surulere — commencing at 3 p.m. daily.

Events to be competed for are as follows:

MEN: 100 metres, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, 5,000m, 10,000m, 110 metres Hurdles, 400 metres Hurdles, 3,000 metres Steeple chase, 4 x 400 metres Relay, 4 x 100 metres Relay, High jump, pole vault, Tripple jump, Discus, Javelin and Shot putt.

WOMEN: 100 metres, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, 1000 metres Hurdles, 4 x 400 metres Relay, 4 x 100 metres Relay, High jump, Long jump, Discus, Javelin and Shot Putt.

In a release signed by Mr OO. O. Odujinrin, organising secretary of the Lagos State Amateur Association, it was stated that all entries closed last Friday, January 220, and that no late entry would be entertained.

ASIAN T—TENNIS ON AUG 18

A total of 42 participants (including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), have been invited to the Fourth Asian Table Tennis championship to be held in Kuala Lumpur from August 18 to 27.

Out of the 42 participants, 115 which are from the West Asian and Middle Eastern region, had given an assurance that they would be sending their teams to the championship though it fell in the Moslem fasting month of Ramaddan, a spokesman for the Table Tennis Association of Malaysia said.

Replies from the other 27 countries were being awaited, the spokesman added.



A middle battle for the ball during the match

Oporoma Vipers can't sting, take 5 from Police

PORT HARCOURT Police whipped Nun River Vipers from Oporoma by 5-0 in an Intra-State Zonal Football Champions tie at the Recreation Stadium, Port Harcourt.

Poor Vipers! They might have gone beyond this stage of the competition. Yeghe Rocks from Bori would have played them but the former could not raise a team in the last minute after spectators had paid in to watch the encounter.

And to arrest the imminent embarrassment the Sports Council officials ordered Police who were to have played against Kinikese Club of Okrika in the league series to lock horns with the Vipers.

Taking the kickoff at 4.55 p.m. were the Oporoma boys, but after few minutes, Police hit the net for the curtain raiser.

The scorer, was Abiodun Kampool, whom I later named the "man of the "match" for his enterprise and industry. And of course he scored four of the five goals for the Police.

by

Inengisa Somiari

There was no doubt to the fact that Oporoma were no match for Police. And they compounded their tragic outing with several misses even at close range.

Even then Oporoma were not so worse off in the first half in which they conceded only a goal.

On the resumption of play, a pass went to Abanka who centred it from left flank and "dangerman" Abiodun Kampool swept it in for police goal No. 2.

At this juncture, the game became one-sided as police toyed with their opponents scoring three more goals before the final whistle.

About 3,000 spectators who thrang the stadium went home disappointed as the match proved more of a practice match.

This year's John Chediak Cup football competition among secondary schools, which was held up last week resumed yesterday and will end on Saturday January 28, following an amendment to the fixtures.

According to a press release, signed by the zonal PDAFA secretary, Mr I. A. N. Ikoko, the amendment was because of the zonal champions finals just concluded in the state capital.

Already two matches had so far been played and both ended in a draw. First, was the Stella Maris vs Aajor encounter which ended 2 — 2, followed by Enitonia vs Comprehensive which ended in a 1 — 1 draw.

Aussies for Davis Cup final

AUSTRALIA beat Japan 5 — 0 and advanced to the Davis Cup Eastern Zone Lawn-Tennis finals.

Australia, the 1973 Davis Cup winners, will now face New Zealand in the zonal finals.

Australia had earlier taken a decisive 3 — 0 over Japan after winning the doubles match and the opening two singles.

In the final singles of the action played on the open air clay court at Denen Colosseum in western Tokyo, Kimiwar wick came from behind to beat Japan's Gakhyun Kuki 2—6, 5—7, 6—3, 6—2, 6—1, while Alan Stone outclassed Tsuyoshi Fukui 6—3, 7—5, 3—6, 2—6, 6—2.

For the Australians, it was the fifth victory over Japan in Davis Cup encounters.

Kwara stadium ready in July

THE Kwara State may soon attract the attention of the Nigeria Football Association (NFA), when work on her modern stadium is completed in July this year.

Apart from football pitch the stadium has facilities for all indoor games. There will be three hostels for sportsmen and women.

These facts were made known at Ilaka by the chairman, Kwara State Sports Council, Dr Idowu Koledade while answering a question by the Rivers State Sports Council public relations officer, Mr C. I. Iba.

Accompanied by the Rivers State Sports Council Chairman, Prince B. O. I. Aiyo, the deputy director of Sports, Mr Rollins Eber-Spiff and his entourage the august visitor was conducted round the Government Sea School, Ilaka.

He had an inspection on the school's basketball pitch, and later the football ground where he had some sweating exercise.

He was later taken to Bakana where he saw the Shell-BP oil location.

Pictured right are Prince Akiri (second from left), Dr Koledade and two members of the Kwara entourage at the sports council.



NIGERIAN TIDE

Wednesday, January 25, 1978

Iyoba: Clan head calls for inquiry

A call has been made for a public inquiry to be set up into the disturbances at Iyoba in the Bonny Local Government Authority area of the Rivers State.

Background to this call is the riot which broke out between the people and neighbouring Ataba community during which several people were injured, one dead, and property damaged.

Speaking at a news conference in Port Harcourt, the chairman of the Ataba Improvement Union, Mr Innunimwere Iraqunima, said that the Ataba community had been very concerned about the Iyoba incident.

Mr Iraqunima claimed that reports and announcements on the issue were misleading and fabricated.

In actual fact, he stated, Iyoba village was a part of Andoni district in Ward Seven and a neighbouring village in Ataba town.

He agreed that there was a long standing land dispute with the Bonny settlers at Iyoba over the ownership of a piece of land occupied by "Manilla People settlers", and he alleged that the riot of December 31 last was aimed at thwarting the plan by the Ataba community to survey this disputed land.

"We want to let the general public know that the people of Ataba did not at any time plan or attack Iyoba village as widely carried by some Nigerian dailies, the chairman stated.

Mr Iraqunima pointed out that the "Manilla People settlers" of Iyoba carefully planned to pack out of the area only to raise alarm.

"Their action was designed to thwart our plan to carry out up-to-date survey of the disputed area," he said.

He denied that houses were burnt down at Iyoba after the alleged attackers had successfully driven the villagers, adding that only three huts were partly affected in the incident.

RIOT: POLICE NAB 35 VILLAGERS

Quarrel over oil money



● MR J. O. OLARINDE, Commissioner of Police, Rivers State

THIRTY-FIVE people have been arrested over Emohua disturbances, police source disclosed yesterday.

Among the suspects now detained at the Police Headquarters, Port Harcourt, were village heads and business executives in the area.

According to a police source, buildings and personal effects were destroyed during the riot.

The riot, it was gathered, was not unconnected with compensation paid by an oil company over spillage on farmlands to a group of persons representing the town.

Another group which was not satisfied with the manner the money was paid, stirred up trouble in the area.

The situation got out of hand when the opposing side attacked the first group.

Meanwhile, a number of the villagers are said to have fled to Port Harcourt and nearby areas for refuge.

No life is reported lost, but anti-riot police men from Ahoada Police Division have been drafted to the troubled area.

When contacted at the Police Headquarters, Port Harcourt, a police officer said: "As soon as investigation is completed, the suspects will be charged to court".

Marching order for 20 students

BARELY two months of the opening of the Ondo State College of Education, Ikere-Ekiti, twenty students of the institution have been dismissed.

A report explained that the students were dismissed on various allegations ranging from forging of entry certificates to examinations.

The college was opened last December with an intake of 400 students who turned up out of the 500 that were offered admission.

After the students had returned their papers were subjected to further scrutiny to ensure that there was no irregularity in their admission.

It was during this that those with "suspected fake and forged entry certificates", were detected.

The students were recruited at the first instance by the state Ministry of Education, Akure.



CHRIST CHURCH

(INTER-DENOMINATIONAL)

PORT HARCOURT.

LAUNCHING OF BUILDING FUND

The Launching of Christ Church Building will take place at

CHRIST CHURCH

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on Thursday the 26th January, 1978 at 5p.m.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Arch. A. G. Spiff
Secretary, Building Fund Committee

Drift of trainee staff

(Continued from page 1)

that due consideration had not been given to the improvement of conditions of service in the secretarial cadre. This, he said, was one of the reasons for the drift.

Mr Ogan also assured the participants that the problem of "stenographers grade course" which had raised a lot of argument would be discussed at the National Council on Establishments.

Enumerating what the participants should be able to acquire before the end of the course, the commissioner said they should learn to be smart and seek every opportunity to improve and polish their methods of receiving visitors, telephone call messages and their human relations.

They should also learn the supervision of junior staff, he said.

The course, which would last six months, will include government relations and financial instructions.

What a business!

YOU may be wondering what these people must be doing here with all dedication. Picking seeds for the OFN scheme or scouting through the ruins after a fire disaster? You are far from it. They are looking for condemned bags and cartons of salt and chemicals at this resource dump for sale? What a way of courting health hazards! You can find this happening at Elechi Beach, Port Harcourt. Photo by our cameraman, Wilson Onwuegbuta.

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