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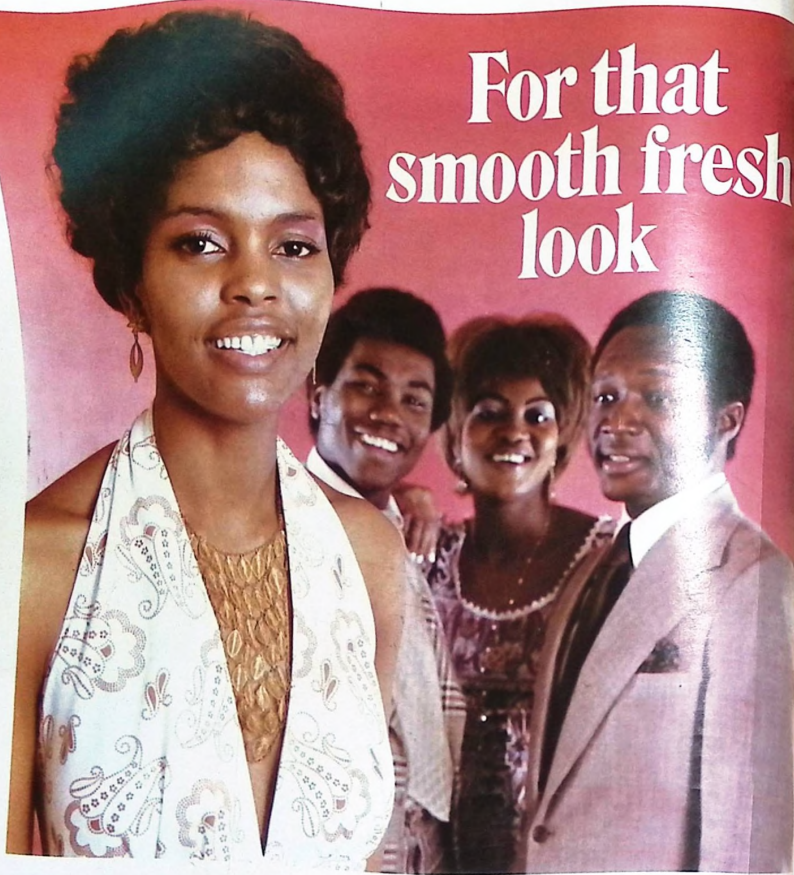
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DRUM OPINION

A challenge to Africa

THE greatest historian of this century, Arnold Toynbee, surveyed the world of his day and divided it into six great areas of culture: the Western European, embracing Europe and America; the Eastern European, embracing Europe and Soviet Russia; the Islamic, embracing the Arab-centred world from Morocco to Pakistan; the Hindu, covering the ancient civilisation of India; and the Far Eastern, embracing China, Japan and South-East Asia. At no point did he consider our African society. Twenty years ago the

overwhelming need of Africa was to free herself from her colonial masters. In this drive DRUM magazine played one of the foremost parts. The colonial masters brought a great deal of good to Africa as well as harm, but enough is enough. You cannot breathe with someone sitting on your chest.

Over the next 20 years, and for 20 years after that, our African need will be to realise ourselves to develop ourselves economically, politically and culturally.

Coming late onto the stage of history is no disadvantage. For the pain that these other societies

have endured — their wars and revolutions and turmoil, the devastations of millennia — has robbed them of much of their culture, impoverishing them spiritually.

While we, still snug in the womb of Time, were protected, enabled to maintain our own integrity.

What we have to offer we do not ourselves know, for the variety of African culture is so rich no individual can encompass it. The great Black Arts Festival of Lagos, due this year, will help both us in Africa and the rest of the world area to realise the extent of our spiritual wealth.

It will be spectacular.

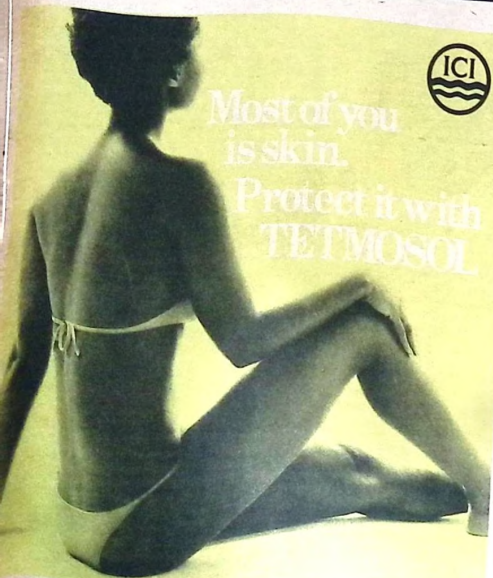
Our individuality, our own very special African gift, is something the American negro has been endeavouring to realise in America and he has been right to cling to this, often amid great hardship.

While we on DRUM — telling our readers of the culture of Africa, introducing readers of one African country to another, flashing the news from one end of the continent to the other — play our important part.

We write for the ordinary man, for it is the ordinary man who comprises the nation, out of his ranks comes the extraordinary

individual. It is the reader, who makes history.

So readers, in DRUM and you, together, we reach heights high — discouragements — working together — 20 years or in 40, thinker surveying scene will emerge great divisions of spiritual forces all over world, and place only alongside civilisations, but commence, nations justly, with Africa. That is our challenge today.



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To hell with independence if it means this . . .

OBVIOUSLY Cyprian's 'ism' (DRUM January) is not belief in Black Power and I do not begrudge him for that, but should he begrudge me for my 'ism'? Because we have had hopes in the past does not mean we cannot have more in the future, nor while there are still issues to maul over. We may have won political independence, but what about economic independence?

Not all confrontations are fought with the gun and Black Power here is about the education of the mind; about the un-brainwashing of the black man who would rather be called Cyprian instead of Okte, or prefer a suit to a native dress. Black Power in Africa is against a system that makes it possible for Whites to live in the best houses, receive the best benefits, to own, buy and dominate our economy irrespective of their qualifications and experience. A black leadership that allows this to happen is unparotitic and preposterous should be eliminated but I say this leadership should be unwhitewashed.

Our problem is a psychological one and must be fought psychologically. Also, we must at least first put our home in order before our extension into the universal black liberation struggle. So, if we are not fighting an Angola or Mozambique right now, it is because we lack the confidence due to our unfinished business here.

What is more natural than to beg Cyprian to be proud to be African and to refuse to be culturally and economically oppressed? To hell with political independence if I am still the servant in my white-dominated

economy. To hell with the system that gives a white man preference over me for a bank loan. To hell with the black school that puts hell with the black, ashamed to identify.

Naiwa Oshon, Appa, Lagos. That's tough talking, brother! Does everybody agree? — Editor.

Get rid of these bad eggs

I AM a monthly reader of DRUM. I read Mr. Michael Adebawo's letter in DRUM, December 1974 about traders who sell their goods at illegal prices.

I want to inform Mr. Adebawo that there is a lot of corruption going on among members of armed forces, especially in the Military Police.

General Gowon should not hesitate today to order his men to remove these bad eggs in the Armed Forces.

We cannot succeed in wiping out corruption in Nigeria unless our rulers are prepared to wage an honest war against it. Peter Asot, Jos Nigeria

There are bad eggs in any group of people. But if you are right, the problem is half solved. In the end, time will take care of all the bad eggs. — Editor.

Let us boys have a chance!

THE trend in Lagos these days is that only the girls are being employed for jobs. If you and a girl holding the same qualification go for an interview, you are sure to lose the job in



her favour. Why? I am not just making a sweeping statement, I have experienced it several times. Why do employers of labour prefer the girls at their work? This attitude should change and we boys should be employed. I do not want to be recorded as Potosium, Nigeria. If all the offices are to be rid of girls, what a dull time people will have at work! But this is and girls should have equal opportunity for employment. — Editor.

Potion to wipe out scars

I AM a boy of 20. When I was seven days old I had tribal marks made on my cheeks on the instructions of my parents.

Now, I am a grown-up boy and do not like to have these marks again. I know many other people who would like to erase the marks on their faces.

I would like to know if there is any liquid or ointment which can be applied to wipe them off. If there is none, then medical scientists should look for one. Jolly Tassar, Ojo, Lagos.

Has any DRUM reader come across any potion capable of erasing facial marks? If so, please write to tell us about it. Soon we shall give DRUM readers a story on the origin and significance of tribal marks. — Editor.



First lady barber of Lagos . . . Mrs Bilikisu Ejiwumi

Follow her good example, girls
I AM happy that DRUM published an account of a successful Nigerian business woman. I am particularly indebted to both DRUM and Mrs. Bilikisu Ejiwumi, whose biography and pictures appeared in December 1974 DRUM.

I congratulate Mrs. Ejiwumi for her courage and success. May the God of Africa and the God of Nigeria help her to be more successful in her business. Mrs. Ejiwumi is a barber and she is proud to be a barber. I do my equalty proud of her. I shall my heart to this "woman of the year." I hope our typical Lagos girls will not fail to copy the good example of Mrs. Ejiwumi.

Collins Uju Wogbo, Jos, Nigeria.
If men's old age comes, those women who sell their bodies for money will soon find that their customers will turn to younger girls. Nothing can change that. Not even all the cosmetics in Paris. — Editor.

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No — Baptists

I READ Cyprian Ekwenkwa's column in December 1974 DRUM calling for a "Nigerian Jesus." I think that we need first a Nigerian John the Baptists before a Nigerian Jesus. These baptists should be able to fight corruption.

We have already had "prophets" who were sent by God to warn the nation against corruption but they were disregarded and booted.

Now we need at least 12 Nigerian John the Baptists who will serve as fore-runners for a Nigerian Jesus Christ in each state. They, like the Biblical John, must be bold enough to tell the truth, expose corrupt practices and bring corrupt men to book.

The Nigerian John the Baptists should ensure that a Nigerian passport, which is

expected to cost N6.30, does not cost more that issuing licenses should be drawn with merit and minimum delay. They should be as bold as John was, when he spoke to the soldiers not to do violence to the man and to do violence to their wages. Finally, they must be bold to rebuke "Herod" if he misbehaves. Abiodun Adedigbe, Hadejia, Nigeria.

I'm no Jesus

I THANK you very much for your interesting article in December 1974 issue of DRUM magazine titled: "Wanted: A Nigerian Jesus." I am not a Jesus. My name is Eze Osakwe.

Your quest for a "super martyr" to solve the outstanding problem of corruption in Nigeria is a serious matter confronting every one of us. In the first

place, the era of Jesus Christ, who succeeded Gautama Buddha in the universal struggle to reform human beings spiritually on earth, came to an end with the World War II in 1945.

The new era of God took over the sacred task of establishing God's kingdom on earth, as prophesied by Jesus Christ, and his predecessors. As eradication of corruption and other vices are paramount in the programme of our country, so it is to the whole world family. Both Christ and Buddha came to teach human beings how to reform themselves spiritually.

It only spiritual discipline. It the practice of God's teaching that can change the corrupt attitudes of our people. Eze Osakwe, Ebutte-Metta, Lagos.

What do YOU think, readers? — Editor.

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WHEN a police patrol conducted a routine check on a government van travelling along the Lagos-Ibadan road on January 7, this year, they made an horrific discovery — a bodiless human head, which was dripping with blood.

Wrapped in brown paper, the head of a young man, aged between 25 and 30, was discovered lying between the driver of the vehicle and a man sitting next to him.

The Nigerian Police Homicide Department believe this is a clear case of murder. A police officer assigned to the investigation said: "This is a case of killing. The unfortunate man must have had his head cut off with a sharp instrument."

The head was sent to the forensic laboratory at Oshidi for examination. Their report, said police spokesman, had confirmed that the man was murdered with a sharp instrument.

Of what use is a bodiless head to people? There is evidence (see DRUM last year), that humans are kidnapped and sold for ritual sacrifice. The most common of these sacrifices is for use as 'money machines'. Some people hold the false belief that human heads can be used for magical medicine that is capable of making a man rich.

Therefore, often people are kidnapped by professionals who make a living from the sale of their fellow men and women for sacrifice. As a result, several people have been missing from their homes.

The Nigerian police keep a catalogue of the statistics of missing people who, in most cases, are never seen again.

This evil practice is a nation-wide problem for the Nigerian police. At Ugep, a town in the South Eastern State, a skull and two bones were found in a man's room during a search by the police, in April, 1973.

At Ijebu-Ode in October of the same year, police searched in vain for the head of a middle-aged housewife. Her headless body was found in a deep pit.

The rate at which people and women are missing in Nigeria is alarming. It is a challenge to the police and the public who may stumble into evidence capable of leading the police to the gang of culprits who kidnap and slaughter their fellow human beings for money.

The police check on the government vehicle was purely routine. But their discovery was far from routine.

For between the driver and his passenger was a brown paper bag. And in the bag was — a human head dripping with blood.

DRUM tells of the discovery and of its bizarre implications.



GRUESOME MYSTERY OF THE BODILESS HEAD



HUMAN head which was found on the rails at Idiro, about one year ago. Like the bodiless head recently found in a government ministry van in Lagos, it is a pointer to the fact that ritual killing still goes on in Nigeria in spite of a possible death sentence.

MISSING PERSONS DI

PEOPLE RITUAL MURDER VICTIMS?

MISSING HEAD

THIS IS HOW DRUM first exposed the horrors of ritual murders last year with full investigations led by the editor Olu Adetule.

In August DRUM published the names of more than 100 people who had mysteriously disappeared from their homes, never to be seen again.

The investigation revealed how, in spite of the death penalty being in force for ritual murders, human sacrifice still continues — with the added incentive that human sacrifice — and the provision of grisly human parts for the ceremonies — had become a lucrative business.

The deep secrecy involved means for instance, that the head of a five-year old girl was sold for N1,000 as far back as 1960. An adult body, it was said by a captured kidnapper in 1974, could cost a minimum N2,000.

In September, DRUM recounted the remarkable case of the missing head of the woman left in the mortuary of a government hospital in Lagos. Within hours, the head had been severed from the body — and the separation had clearly been executed by an expert, skilled in the art of surgery.

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PROUD bride's mother, Madam Kosiba Johnson, signs the register, watched (in background) by father of the groom.



CHAIRMAN Sir Adetakundo Ademola helps cut the cake.



A fiesta



FRIENDS and relations of the families wore uniform "Aso-Ebi" dress for the gay ceremony.

WHEN TWO giants decide to mix their talents in a wedding in a city such as Lagos, there is bound to be a spectacle. When one of the giants is 'Timi the Law' and the other is 'J.M.J.', you can easily imagine how it turns out to be a real fiesta wedding.

'Timi the Law' is leading legal luminary Chief Sir Rotimi Alade Williams, Q.C. For many years Attorney-General and Minister of Justice in the Awolowo Government of the former Western Region of Nigeria, F.R.A., as he is also popularly known, played a leading part in framing the constitution of the country.

J.M.J. is Chief Joseph Modupe Johnson, for many years a Federal Minister in Lagos. He acted as Prime Minister of Nigeria when the late Alhaji Sir Abubaka Tafawa Balewa was away in London negotiating for Nigeria's independence.

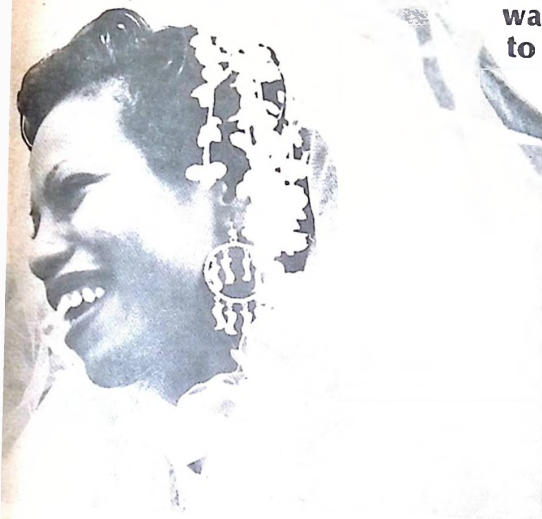
'Timi the Law' decided to

make it a big event by young and promising Kayode Abisogun O Williams decided to J.M.J.'s beautiful daughter Mary Abimbola Johnson, J.M.J., a handsome and humorous man who that life begins at 60, as that to make it the wedding lifetime for his daughter.

This wedding of the Cross Cathedral at Mission Street in Lagos a fashion fiesta.

The best man, Yinka and the chief bridesmaid elegant Benedicta Enwo followed by the bearers rings; then came the bearer, flower-girls, bridesmaids, maids of the lady-in-waiting, the Host. Mr. Ladi W brother of the bridegroom the hosts and hostesses mistress of the wardrobe Mabel Obikole, a designer.

When two social giants decide to get together and mix their talents in the best possible way, then you have an event to beat all others — as when Kayode wed Abimbola



JUDICIOUS glances from Chief Remi Fani-Kayode (right) and Chief Charles Madarika — and (below) STRIKING fashions from the younger set in their colourful outfits.



wedding

Among top high society personalities present at the wedding ceremony were: Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, the first Chief Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who was also chairman of the wedding reception; Dr. Taslim Olawale Elias Q.C., his successor as Chief Justice; Chief I. S. Adewale, Lagos State Commissioner for Finance.

Also present were some Lagos White Cap Chiefs, representing His Highness Oba Adeyinka Oyekun II of Lagos (who is a brother-in-law of J.M.J.) together with Dr. Koye Majekodunmi, a former Federal Minister, Chief Remi Fani-Kayode, a former Deputy Premier in the old Western Region of Nigeria, and a number of eminent women, including Lady Kofe Abayomi, Lady Ademola and Mrs. Elias.

It really was a wedding which set the pace in high style and top fashion.



EMINENT guests included (second from left) Chief Justice Dr. T. O. Elias QC and his wife, with Chief Koye Majekodunmi (right), former Federal Minister of Health, and the bride's father, J. M. J. (left) — seen here during the wedding service.

Sex and You

DRUM's new series on adult sex education

What really makes a woman seem frigid?



FRIGIDITY is the word used to describe impaired sexual feeling in women. It covers the entire range of substandard sexual response from total avoidance of sexual contact to an occasional missed orgasm.

The word frigidity is a misleading one and was probably coined by a man. It shows a certain lack of understanding of women's sexual make-up by confusing a symptom with a disease.

Inability to respond sexually is not a way of life that any woman chooses for herself; it is imposed on her by conditions beyond her control.

Frigid means cold and implies that the lady is deliberately sexually rejecting. That may not be true at all.

A better term would be orgasmic impairment. This, after all, is what all frigid women have in common. More important, it does not prejudice the situation and assign blame.

Like male impotence, orgasmic impairment ranges all the way from undeniable and obvious sexual failure to more subtle manifestations. The basic problem in orgasmic impairment is that the brain and vagina are not reliably connected to each other.

It is like a telephone with loose wires. Sometimes the line goes dead in the middle of a conversation. Sometimes the message gets through but is garbled in the process. Sometimes the parties get the wrong number. Sometimes the phone doesn't even ring.

When that happens, the impairment is total and absolute. For all practical purposes the sexual organs don't even exist.

A woman afflicted with this condition has renounced all interest in sex and things sexual. She is misunderstood by everybody and relegated to the social shadows as a "frustrated old maid," a title she certainly doesn't deserve.

Total orgasmic impairment is a serious emotional problem and deserves to be treated as such.

Like every other emotional problem, it has its roots in the victim's past. Most women with this condition suffered serious emotional deprivation during childhood and after. Their adult behaviour often appears to be an unconscious means of perpetuating the

coldness and isolation they experienced as children.

Why? Well, sexual intercourse is simply a specialised type of social relationship. Before a woman can have sexual intercourse with a man she must have social intercourse with him. The emotional blunting which is so obvious and dramatic in the sexual sphere permeates most other aspects of the woman's personality as well.

The only effective treatment for total orgasmic impairment is psychotherapy, because the condition is a psychiatric one. The sexual difficulty is simply a manifestation of a deeper emotional dysfunction.

From a practical point of view, a woman is never too old to do something about this sort of thing. As long as she has the desire to come to grips with the condition and try to overcome it, treatment is worthwhile. On occasion women in their fifties or sixties improve so much with psychiatric treatment that they marry for the first time.

For others, particularly younger women, there's the problem produced by conflicting attitudes. One says: "Anything goes. Do whatever turns you on!"

But another says: "What if I get pregnant? Does he really love me?"

Sex plus fear means no orgasm. Sex plus guilt also means no orgasm.

Fear prevents orgasm because sex in human beings is optional. Copulation is not vital for survival; we only seek it when more urgent needs have been met. Food, shelter and a minimum feeling of security come first. When danger threatens, one of the first functions to go overboard is orgasm. (Next goes erection in the male, followed by complete loss of sexual desire in both sexes.)

Another factor is best described as the vaginal compromise. In many sexually active unmarried girls, there are two diametrically opposing forces: "I want sex! I need sex!" and "Sex before marriage is wrong. Save it for your husband".

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But isn't it better wait until she's ready. Probably it is, but meantime, taking a shower every night ing to improve her health either.

The most important to keep in mind sex is right. Human is constant copulation spite of all the barriers the obstacles. The compulsion to brown irresistible.

It is therefore desirable to enclose activities within a framework that provides the security and gratification for partners — for a lot of that framework is man.

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Idi Amin will not die at the hands of an assassin. That is why he can fearlessly drive through the streets of Kampala in his jeep—without a security guard in sight. How does he know he will not be murdered? Because, he claims, he was told in another dream exactly how he will die.

'THEY WON'T KILL ME'

UGANDA'S President, General Idi Amin, is always in the news because of his outspoken views on African and world affairs, and because of his actions, which often appear brutal to the outsider. Martyn Burke, a much respected Canadian Television journalist and Kenyan photographer Mohammed Amin recently met the President in Kampala. DRUM was there to record the following conversation:

QUESTION: A lot of people say: "Uganda's a very dangerous place to go. You shouldn't go, a lot of strange things happen there". This is a feeling that a lot of people have. How do you think this has happened?

AMIN: They got these facts from the people whose business was taken away, and some of these people are in Nairobi. Also, most of the headquarters of the British news media, who are against Uganda, are in

Kenya. So, those people who are reporting about East Africa are in Nairobi and they are against the Republic of Uganda. They are also very jealous about Uganda's natural resources. We have got the best climate in the world, very good natural resources, and good national parks for tourists. Our people have got enough food and yet people say there is fear to come to Uganda because Uganda is insecure! But now Uganda is going to attract more tourists and I am sure that you find the situation is different. I am supposed to drive with over a thousand guards to guard me, but I actually drive alone. You do not find in Uganda even a single road block on the roads except at the customs at the border . . . You will be with me in the town and you can tell me where to go and I will drive you. And you will find that everybody likes me and I can eat and drink with the people all

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Idi Amin dreams of liberation

continued

over Uganda because the people know very well what I did for them. They did not expect that Uganda would be like it is today and therefore I am one of their heroes. Everybody is responsible for my security, not only the security forces.

QUESTION: Aren't you ever afraid that something might happen to you? Other leaders are sometimes afraid.

AMIN: I am not afraid because I know exactly how and when I shall die. This I know, and also even when the British made their propaganda that last March I was going to be overthrown by the Armed Forces, this was not true. The Armed Forces heard that Uganda was being invaded and that General Amin was going to be kidnapped and they came to defend me. You saw those officers and men that wear the Scottish uniform. They are the Malire Mechanised Special Reconnaissance Regiment, who immediately took precautions in the town and came to defend me. Instead the British said that they were overthrowing me.

QUESTION: Who were they defending you against?

AMIN: They were misinformed by the late Brigadier Charles Aruba that I was going to be killed by invaders. When they heard that, every soldier got a gun or a tank and came to defend me. But, afterwards, when they got the information that it was not true, all went back to their barracks. The same day I went to them in their barracks, driving my jeep alone, and I addressed them. They went back to Brigadier Charles Aruba and they knew that he had given them a wrong order on false information and I think this is why he committed suicide. Most of the Kakwa tribe are like the Japanese: once they have taken a decision they will complete the mission, or if not, they may commit suicide.

QUESTION: I would like to ask you about your father who has just died. There have been stories that he had fled the country because he was afraid of you.

AMIN: When he was sick in 1971 he was treated in England where they did an operation on his eye and gave him glasses. He had many friends in England and I am thankful to that doctor who treated him. . . . He had many friends who came to see him in Arua where he lived. He came here to attend my birthday on January 1st this year. My birthday ceremony was there and he came to witness it and he even shook hands with the British High Commissioner. From there, when he went back, he was

sleeping here in the lodge where we are now and again at night he was feeling sick and I took him to the hospital. Since then I visited him in the hospital, until he passed away. But before that I told him: "I can see that you are going to die tonight. Can you give me a message?" And this was the message that he gave me: that he was very happy to see that all the tribes of Uganda were united, that the businesses were in the hands of Ugandans, and that the country was very peaceful. And he wished me to pass his best wishes and greetings to the people of Uganda and to all the people who represented their countries at the Fourth Anniversary of the Second Republic.

QUESTION: Some people say the Commonwealth is not as much value now as it used to be. How do you feel about this?

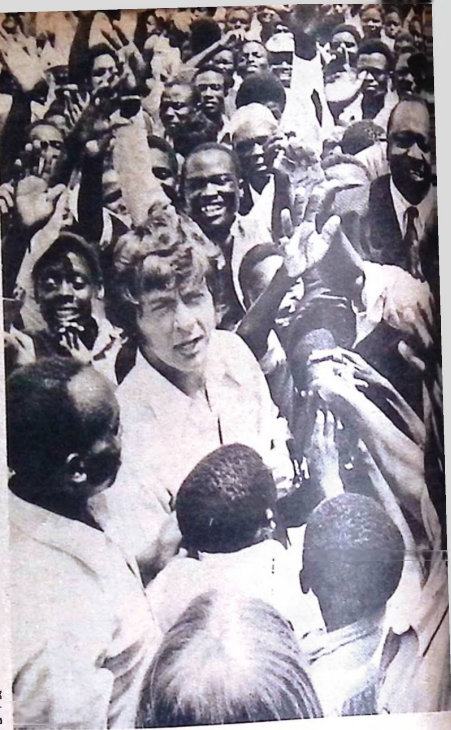
AMIN: I think it is true, because the Commonwealth should not be just a club where you play Rugby and all this. . . . Her Majesty the Queen's Government is now economically in chaos, they cannot even find money. If they cannot find money to feed their own people and to solve their own problems, how can they be the heads of the Commonwealth? Therefore, the Commonwealth is not as effective as it used to be.

QUESTION: Obviously there's been a lot of changes in Africa during the past year, since some of the former colonies have changed hands. How do you think things will go in the next year or so?

AMIN: I think we are going to see a major military operation in Rhodesia and South Africa, and we've got to completely review the liberation movements in those two parts of Africa — Namibia being included in South Africa. We've got to intensify the position of the liberation movements, because now the British have lifted the embargo on the selling of arms to Rhodesia and South Africa. They are not likely to get sophisticated weapons to fight the guerrillas and my call at the Tenth Anniversary of the Organisation of African Unity at Addis Ababa in June, 1973, was: Now we have got to equip our armed forces up to international standards, ready to face the Rhodesians and the South Africans.

QUESTION: There have also been a lot of changes in America in the past year. Sometimes you weren't particularly friendly with President Nixon, I believe. How about President Ford?

AMIN: First I'll speak about President Nixon. I have actually extended, through President Ford, an invitation for Nixon to come and rest in Uganda. I would be very happy. But my attack on President Nixon was true. Even the American people agree, that is why they have removed him from office,



CAMERAMAN Mohammed Amin gets the President in his sights for 1



COMPLETELY unprotected. General Amin is surrounded by a huge crowd in the market area, people pushing forward to shake his hand. There is no doubt that the people of Kampala are genuinely pleased to see him walking among them.

not a single security guard or Secret Service agent in sight — and yet General Amin mixed freely with the citizens of Uganda's capital. Here is some of the conversation during the journey.

QUESTION: Don't you usually drive around in an open jeep?

AMIN: I drive the jeep, especially when I go to visit the Army barracks or when I go to military parades — and also sometimes to get the fresh air.

QUESTION: Most other leaders have security guards. Why don't you have them along with you?

AMIN: Because my people love me. They consider me one of their heroes. And I don't fear anybody. (General Amin holds a brief conversation in Luganda with some passers-by as they stop for the lights). Very good. They are greeting me.

QUESTION: All the stores up and down this street; were they all Asian-owned until two years ago?

AMIN: All were Asian stores. Now the owners are Africans. And you find that the town is more beautiful than before and the shops are more full of commodities than before. This is the extension to the Post Office and this is the Uganda Commercial Bank and that is a shopping centre... Down this street also, down Bokassa Street, there are many shops. One of them belongs to my former wife; she is very rich.

QUESTION: By the way, how many children have you?

AMIN: Twenty — and I like them very much.

QUESTION: Is there any place you'd like to stop?

AMIN: Anywhere, you tell me. I suggest we go where it is very crowded. You would not think that an Head of State could come here because of security. I want to take you where there are private people, because some of the restaurants here are owned by the Government and I don't want that. I want to take you to the ordinary local people.

QUESTION: Are all these stalls owned by Africans?

AMIN: Yes, and they were given them free of charge.

General Amin and the two newsmen get out of the car. They are soon surrounded by a large crowd of people pushing forward to shake hands with the General. There is no sign at all of any security guards and the General is completely unprotected in the jostling crowd. There is no doubt that the people in the market area are delighted to see him.

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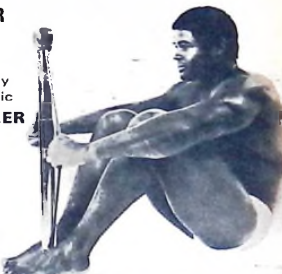
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because of Watergate. And President Ford has got a lot of problems. It is too early for me to tell you now, because I am still studying his problems, but I have been briefed by American people.

QUESTION: There was a cable which you sent to President Nixon wishing him a "speedy recovery" from the Watergate situation. (Amin laughs). A lot of people were not really sure whether you were joking or not. What was the reason for that cable?

AMIN: Because he was very sick, he had to be taken to hospital and the people were very worried he was going to die and he might not give the answers on the case of Watergate for the whole world to know. Because nobody knows, the only person who can answer is Nixon. He is the person who started this Watergate affair and if he dies I am sure the whole blame will be pushed on him. That is the reason why I wished him a very quick recovery, so that he may be in a position to answer all those questions even now.

QUESTION: Formerly, people are not sure if you are joking or not. For instance, did you really want Scottish bodyguards?

AMIN: The officers who promoted me up to the rank of Major were all Scottish. General Blair is, I think, now Commander-in-Chief in Scotland and I would be happy if anybody came from there to be an escort to me or a bodyguard... and I will be taking them about their traditions, because I have been with them for a very long time and they are very brave people in the battlefield. I remember very well that when they were going to war at night they played their pipes and they were very brave. I am very happy to remember what we had with them during the Second World War.

TO give a practical demonstration of his popularity and confidence in the midst of large crowds, General Amin took his questioner and a cameraman, Mohammed Amin, for a ride around Kampala in his Citroën Maserati motorcar. There was

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DRUM CRIME

WHEN regional government official Mr Jonathan Adebisi Sogo left his home for a brief business trip he kissed his wife and hugged his children and left the house without any fears for their safety.

He had been away several times before and there was no reason to suppose his family was in any danger. But that parting kiss with his wife Erika was the last he would ever get.

That same night a gang of armed bandits forced their way into the house and killed her in cold blood.

The brutal murder took place last November, but it appears that the police are no nearer to solving the apparently motiveless crime.

What is baffling the police is that when they broke into the house at the Agodi Government Reservation at Ibadan the thieves took nothing.

After bidding her husband farewell, Mrs Sogo, who was 34, made dinner for her children and herself and later, after the meal was completed, put the children to bed. A little later as she prepared for bed herself, she went to the children's bedroom to make sure they were settled.

It was then, police believe,

that she came face to face with the intruders. The thugs attacked her, wakening the children who came out of their room only to stand shocked and helpless as their mother was killed.

The intruders stole nothing and vanished without harming the children.

Mr Sogo returned home from his official tour the following day, a Sunday, to be faced with the terrible scene.

Later he discussed the tragedy with a DRUM reporter.

He said he had no idea why anyone should want to kill his wife or want her killed. She had no enemies that he knew of.

We loved each other

"Our marriage was very successful. Erika and I loved each other deeply. There was no other man in her life and no other woman in mine. We had no secrets from each other. I am naturally anxious to see the culprit brought to book, but at the same time I do not want to be victimised. I have my private life to lead."

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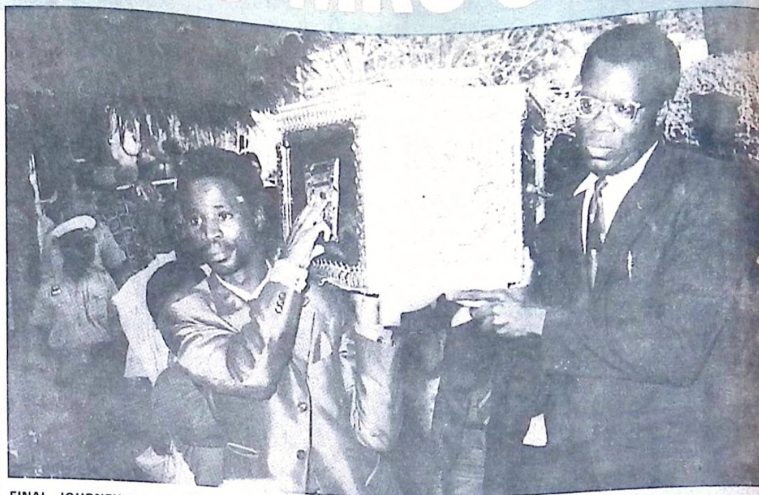


BLOOD-STAINED bedding (above) in the SITTING-ROOM (right) to which Mrs Sogo was dragged by the killers

What was the motive for the murder of a government official's wife?
Police confess that the mysterious killing has baffled them completely

WHO KILLED MRS SOGO

STIGATION



FINAL JOURNEY for Mrs Sogo (above) as bereaved relatives and friends carry her coffin to the church for the funeral service. **TWIN** children (left) of Mrs Sogo, Jumoke and Akinwale, aged ten, who were witnesses to the murder of their mother. Mr Sogo rejects the idea of them identifying the suspects.



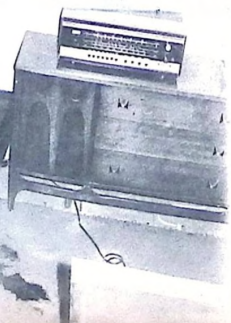
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and above all I must look after the interests of my children. This is why I have forbidden my children to go forward and try to identify any of the suspects. It is up to the police to track down these killers."

But as far as the police are concerned the trail is dead. Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. A. J. E. Umofina said no evidence had been found to lead them to the identity of the killers. And they had no idea as to the motive of the killing.

Why would anyone want to see Mrs Sogo dead? Who killed her? Were the men who carried out the terrible deed hired to kill her? These are some of the questions the homicide division must ask themselves.

The murder of Mrs Sogo is reminiscent of the killing of Dr. Ademola who was deputy chief medical adviser to the federal government. Armed bandits arrived at his house by canoe over the Lagos lagoon and killed him in the presence of his European wife.



SAD OCCASION for the Sogo family as Mr Sogo and his sons Akinwale and Kayode stand outside the church to witness the tragic sight of the coffin being carried to the cemetery.

Still a mystery

And just as in the Sogo case, nothing was stolen. To date the mystery of Dr. Ademola's murder remains unsolved.

The late Dr. Ademola was a younger brother of Sir Adetokunbo Ademola who was the Federal Chief Justice of Nigeria. The doctor was also a prince of Egbaland, his father being the highly influential Sir Ladapo Ademola, late Alake of the Egbaland in Abokuta.

Killings such as those of Mrs Sogo and Dr. Ademola (shortly after the Nigerian civil war) are widely publicised in Nigeria. But there have been many similar tragedies that do not make the headlines.

The result has been that there are people in Nigeria who believe they can get away with such wanton killing without ever being brought to justice.

The police must make it clear that efforts to catch up with thieves and murderers are the same, whatever the status or wealth of the victim and his family.



POLICE GUARD for the Sogo house where the crime was committed. Mr. Sogo had no reason to suspect of there had been a guard then Mrs. Sogo would not

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Nigerian musicians have so much to offer the country — from a philosophical point of view. But from a philosophical point long enough to listen to the country stand still messages in their songs, the subtle Bucknor, one of Nigeria's most famous music artists and DRUM's new columnist.

PERHAPS because music has always had a functional purpose in the lives of Nigerians and has been unable to progress to its purely aesthetic art-form, modern Nigerian songwriters have continued to be moralists and teachers. Also, due to the low rate of literacy, communication through the medium of writing has minimum impact and the moralistic Nigerian songsters remain virtually the only philosophy in the medium of the audience in our society. Invariably, whatever the philosophy in our country, always an attempt to alert people to the evils of society, to deliver homilies, to point the way to the good and, in general, to want to redeem society.

One theme significantly absent from the range of issues discussed is love, which has been so romanticised in Western society. The African character has not come to accept and glorify the sentiment of love. Even when a Nigerian songster touches on the subject of love, it is usually on the practical aspects.

He may uphold the supremacy of the man over his wife, a traditional African view of a male dominated society. This opinion Ebenezer Obey forcefully projects in his song "Iyavo lo'loju ni o'le mo" — the wife who wants to pull out. Obey advises that a man persistently caught at being unfaithful to his wife should at first pretend to be remorseful. If this attempt fails to yield reconciliation he should get firm and, if the wife still insists on going, he should gladly let her, as though she can realise that though there are men in attendance, none can ever be as good as the former husband.

Sometimes the Nigerian songster in singing about love lays down precepts for a good marriage and it would appear from many of his songs that the onus of making a marriage work rests on the wife who has to be faithful, to be obedient to her husband, and to be a good housekeeper. Adeolu Akinsanya exemplifies this school of thought. Early in his career he had exhorted women to be frugal in "A'fovo ni fo'ba ta" (Don't spend my money foolishly). (Don't after years of success be still warned of the devilish ways of women who ruin their lovers. What is clear from variations on the love theme is that the Nigerian songster sees that the feminine sex as not only inferior but also full of danger and harm — an affrontation in the Bible.

There are three broad categories of singer-philosophers — the fundamentalist, the traditionalist and the modernist. Maminsha Shata, Harana Ishola and

THE SINGING SAGES OF NIGERIA

Ayinla Omowura), the pseudo-highlife musicians (typified by the juju and Sunny Ade, Adedeji Akinsanya and Stephen Osadele) and the newest (typified all — the eclectic modernists Haastrup, Hongbe Fiwre Kuti, Jom Okosun, among others).

These divisions are made on the dual basis of instrument and lyrical content on the one hand and the other.

The fundamentalists retain the native style and the instrumentation and their songs could be termed the classical songs of their tribes. In fact they have stood the test of time. Folklore and keeping history, reciting legends and keeping alive the classic elements in the languages of their tribes. Because they have the classic education above elementary school level — and some times not at all — they exhibit a conservatism (in the purest sense of the word) in their outlook. They are, on the other hand, quite at home with their tribal mythologies, folklore and social philosophies.

Immediately following their tribal Harana, Ishola, such names as Ayinla Omowura, Kasumu Adio, Ayo Ominia and Yusuf Latunji include the use of proverbs, allegory, hyperbole, euphemism and indirect reference. They extol the virtues —

kindness, patience and humility; and warn of the dangers of the vices — pride, hate and inordinate ambition. They view life as a continuing battle between good and evil.

Juju and, to some extent, highlife musicians, have clothed their music and lyrics with western influences while retaining the basic traditional features. Their instrumentation is largely western despite the prominent part played by the talking drum, the utterer of proverbs pregnant with meaning, in juju music.

The exponents of this indigenous pop music belong to the second division of the nation's singing philosophers, the pseudo-traditionalists. Muralising on current themes they employ the best of the language to express their conservative views on human relationships. Often they would act as arbiters in controversial matters of great interest to society.

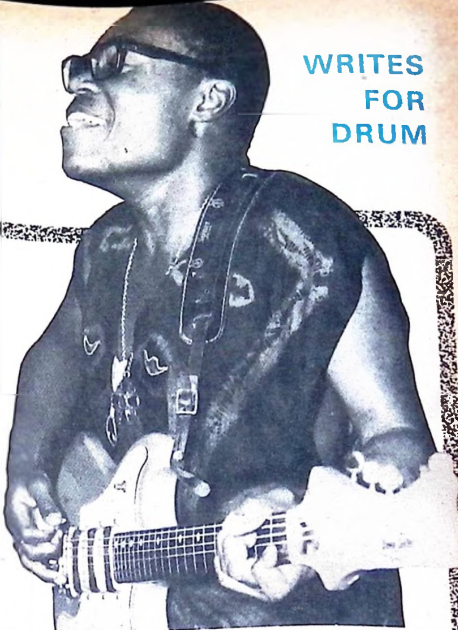
Sometimes the pseudo-traditionalist songster would seem to be reactionary, unable to appreciate progress. Adedeji Akinsanya has vilified the Nigerian "academy" upon his graduation sets himself apart from the rest of society; he also continually delivers diatribes against women proclaiming equality of the sexes, assimilating such aspects of the western feminine cosmetology as bleaching. At first sight this appears reactionary but a closer examination reveals a man calling for a return to

the social order as he knows and advising of the pitfalls of adopting too fast and indiscriminately a foreign culture.

Generally, however, the juju and highlife singing philosophers reveal the same thought, the same concept and near-fatalistic view of life. Inordinate ambition and envy is condemned (often as an indirect reference to competitors); one's love and fortune in this life is pre-ordained and no mortal can change his or any other mortal's destiny.

The last group of songsters is what I like to refer to as the eclectic modernists — the apostles of change whose music, instrumentation and lyrics exhibit a mixture of African and European features. Bred in a milieu different from their traditionalist colleagues, they project a drive towards a new, utopian world of love and peace, towards a world of liberty, fraternity and equality.

The Nigerian musician still retains the essential conditions of an artist: to teach and guide. Beauty and Truth are one and the same, and art man's vehicle of reaching them. The Nigerian musician teaches and advises his audience, prescribes a proscribes for them, moralises them, distinguishes for them the good from the bad, dreams for them, a perfection. Will the country listen and accept the guidance of its singing philosophers?





TAVARES

"Hard Core Poetry" (Capitol).
Five talented brothers turn out a groovy Four Tops style of up tempo soul. It's good, very good, and ought to put Tavares on to the musical map in a big way. Best of the bunch is their hit record, the ballad, *She's Gone*, and other goodies include *Hard Core Poetry* and *Remember What I Told You To Forget*.

JOHN MAYALL

"The Latest Edition" (Polydor)
One of the foremost contemporary blues artists, John Mayall is 40 and has been on the scene for years. His Bluesbreakers band spawned some of the best pop/blues musicians over the past decade and earned him the title, 'Sire of the Supergroups'. Now, with his final record on the Polydor label, he moves right into the popular end of the market, which won't please his ardent disciples but should give him a whole new audience — and sell more records. Best tracks are *Gasoline Blues*, *Perfect Peace* and *Love Song*.

RITCHIE HAVENS

"Alized Bag" (Polydor)
Like Mayall, Ritchie Havens has been around almost for ever, but there the similarity ends. Mayall turns out a groovy set. Havens is a disappointment. Here, he takes a hatchcock of songs, including standards by Dylan, M. Cartney and Curtis Mayfield — but his versions do not improve on the originals. Most interesting sound is his version of Neil Young's *The Loner*, which features a strange instrument called the organista. Try again, Ritchie.



THE STYLISTICS: Another hot single, "Star on a TV Show", from their new hot album.

JOHN HOLT

"1000 Volts of Holt" (Trojan).
If you like the way John Holt handles the Gladys Knight classic, *Help Me Make It Through The Night*, now racing to the top of the world's pop charts, you'll like this collection. John takes a good selection of familiar songs, mixes in some reissues and adds a super reggae beat to make one of the best albums of the month. Pick of the crop are *I'd Love You To Want Me*, *Baby I Want You* and *Which Way You Going, Baby? Buy it!*

MARVELETTES

Best of the Marvelettes (Tama Motown).
This is the package that soul fans have been long awaiting. Tama's 19 track epic traces the history of this all girl group right back to 1961 when *Please, Mr. Postman* raced to the top of the charts. Most of the songs have aged remarkably well and still sound up to date. And just

look at some of the classics you get for your money: *When You're Young And In Love*, *Beechwood 4 5789*, *As Long As I Know He's Mine*, and their final release (1970) *A Breath-taking Guy*. Marvellous!

SANTANA

Greatest Hits Borboletta (CBS).
Latin rock and Afro-rock have so much in common. Here, led by Carlo Santana, the ace of the American West Coast sound remarkably like African lings, Osibisa — with outstanding rhythms and strong percussion. Like Osibisa, Santana have not figured too prominently in the pop charts but have a dedicated band of followers. The greatest hits album is a gem — particularly *Samba Pa Ti*, *Black Magic Woman* and *Oye Como Va*. Borboletta shows how they have become one of the tightest, most competent and exciting bands in town. Best tracks on this album are *Mirage*, their new single, *Life Is Now* and *Here and Now*.

and delivers a raving new sound, and adds some five new songs on an album that works on an album that ever matches anything he's ever done before. Pick of the tracks are *Take Me Home Country Roads*, *I See You* and *In the Dark*.

PHILLY BUSTERS

VOL I II
Varias Artists (Philadelphia Int).
Philly, the main challenger to Tama Motown's claim to have the best black artists on their label, have adopted their rival's successful policy of issuing albums of their hottest single hits. And they score on these two albums, each of which is loaded with 12 great tracks — particularly from the Three Degrees, Billy Paul, O'Jays, Harold Melvin, The Trammps and Ebony's. Other, less important, contributions come from Bunny Sigler, Bobby Taylor, In-truders, MFSL, People's Choice and Derek and Cyndi. Superb music shows how Philly has progressed in its short life.

KEN BOOTHE

"Everything I Own" (Trojan).
His single, *Everything I Own*, was a gem; the album is a disappointment. Nothing is close near to the standard of *Everything*, but it's still pleasant. Backed by another fine Jamaican product — the Cimarrons — Ken handles the 12 songs in a competent, thoroughly professional manner. Pity it doesn't really come off. *Crying Over You*, *Evil*

THE UNDISPUTED TRUTH

"Down To Earth" (Tama Motown).
Uninspiring set from one of Motown's lesser-known acts. And if this collection is anything to go by, they'll stay that way. Truth, two girls and a guy, try hard but their version of Ruby and the Romantics' smash, *Our Day Will Come*, and Hot Chocolate's *Brother Louie*, the best on the album, don't match up to the originals.

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS

"In the Dark" (Dragon).
Brash reggae from one of the biggest and best artists ever to leave the shores of Jamaica. Here Toots takes a number of oldies, turns them upside down

Girl and the title track best of the lot.

THE THREE DEGREES

"Three Degrees" (A&M Intl).
1974 was the best year for these beauties. They have been on the audiences all over the world nearly six years before *Man and Woman* was released. Again thrust their spotlight — and sales — almost every other year. Both of their shattering hits are another nine tracks together, make it one of the Month. Buy it and the Degrees will go for the top charts as well.

BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS

"Natty Dread" (Island).
Bob Marley has spent 11 years singing of the point atmosphere of his tunes. His infectious rhythmic phonic rhythms have many other artists to thank. And this album is inspiring. For the first time adds a three girl chorus — Three — to his line-up. New look Wailers group cleaner, less-creaky than *Jah Seh* and *I Rebel* but the honours on this offering from Island.

WILLIE HUTCH

The Mark of The Beast (Motown).
Enjoyable third album. Willie Hutch shows by one of those artists turn out nice sounds — brilliant; a popular art will never be a waste. Hutch has been atop the Fifth Dimension, an award for his film, "The Mack" — not the one to put his Better luck next time.

JOHNNY NASH

"Greatest Hits" (CBS)
Recorded in 6 sessions, this brilliant collection of goodies by Nash, was released eight-year period. As Johnny to be one of the singers around. *He You Got Soul* and monster hits for him. He took a break an actor and returned later with *I Can Now* which, with synthesizer backing him the title of *5 Year*. Add *Bob M Star In Up* and *Guilty* you have the best Johnny Nash

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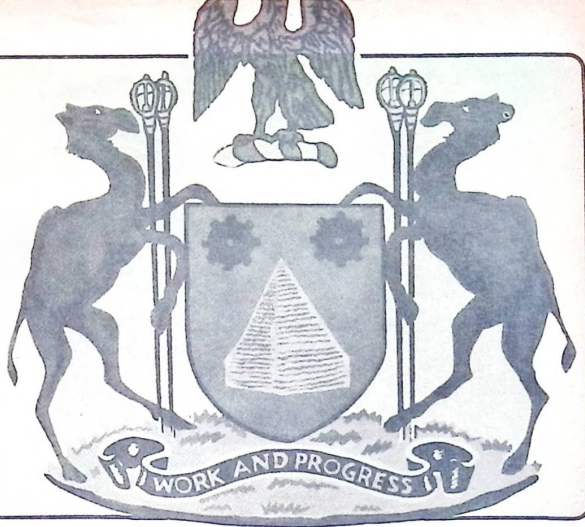
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KANO STATE



KANO STATE is just seven years old. When it was created on 1 April 1968, the state was nothing more than a plan on paper. The area was one of the most backward in Nigeria and the task of building a new state from scratch was formidable. The man appointed to turn everybody's dream of an improved life into reality was Police Commissioner Alhaji Audu Bako (left). DRUM went to find out how successful he has been and to learn what has happened in Kano State since its creation.

DRUM SPECIAL
REPORT



SEVEN YEARS
AGO, Police
Commissioner
Alhaji Audu Bako
was working on
his farm in
Kaduna when he
was told he had
been appointed
to govern the
newly-created
Kano State. He
did not believe
the news — until
it had been
confirmed by his
father, a former
police sergeant.
It has been a
busy and fruitful
seven years for
the Governor,
seen here
flanked by the
Emirs of Kano
and Hadeja.

AGRICULTURAL ac-
tivity in Kano State
has witnessed an un-
precedented revolution since
1967. Development in this
sector was particularly
accelerated during the
1970-74 Second National
Development Plan.

This was due to the
peculiar attention agricul-
ture has enjoyed from the
State Government.

The Ministry of
Agriculture and Natural
Resources, the govern-
ment's agricultural co-
ordinator, embarked on a
number of programmes and
projects, most of which have
been successfully executed.

The result is that both
foodstuffs and cash crops
have been quantitatively
and qualitatively improved.

This division (MANR)
has also provided a lead in
the development of the

State's agricultural re-
sources. It has initiated a
number of irrigation
schemes, fisheries develop-
ment, seed multiplication
and distribution, and
tractor and machinery hire
services.

To date, farm training
centres, farm institutes and
home economic centres
exist in different parts of the
State. It has also embarked
on training of staffs at all
levels in and outside the
country.

Other activities per-
formed to increase the
efficiency and effectiveness
of agriculture during the
1967-74 period include
orchard establishments,
agricultural shows and
demonstrations, and con-
struction of storage
facilities.

Loans worth N500,000
were issued to Farm In-

stitute leavers and other
farmers in the State.

The most serious
difficulty experienced
during the period under
review was the effect of
drought which seriously hit
the State in the last two
years of the Second
National Development
Plan.

The disaster, which nearly
eclipsed the efforts of the
State Government, was
successfully combated by
the Federal Government
quickly coming to the aid of
the State.

IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT

The development of
irrigation started in the
early 60s when Kano was
still a province under the
former government of the

Northern Region.
much was achieved
sector until Kano be-
came a fully-fledged State
under the present Military Re-

The total acreage
under the irrigatio
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can to date proudly
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irrigated land.

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Work is in progr

Long revolution

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SEVEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

WHEN KANO STATE was created by decree on 1 April, 1968 as one of the 12 states constituting the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it was something that existed on paper only. But the creation of Kano State was actually one of the best things that had happened to Nigeria in general and to the people of the State in particular.

Except for the ancient city of Kano itself, the 16,630 square miles which now constitute Kano State, had for long remained the backwater of the former Northern Region.

As a result, the new state had to be built from scratch. This was a formidable task, especially in the light of the impediments of a long history of feudal administration. The bulk of the people had to be

re-educated and the government brought nearer to the people.

Everybody in the state rightly expected that the creation of the new state would be a blessing for all and would produce a marked improvement in the living conditions of all: better and adequate food; improved housing; better

health services; more employment opportunities; adequate educational services.

It was a Herculean task and whoever was appointed to administer the government of the state had a grave and unenviable responsibility to discharge.

The office of the Military Governor of the

state went to Police Commissioner Alhaji Audu Bako, whose appointment by General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Federal Military Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces was a pleasant surprise.

It is exactly seven years this month since Alhaji Audu Bako was appointed Military Governor of Kano State.

Is his administration a successful one? To what extent have the policies of his government improved the living conditions of the ordinary people of the state?

Here's what DRUM found out.

on the land

the Resettlement Programme to resettle the farmers affected by land development under the Kano River Project. By the end of 1974 about 35,000 farmers had been settled in the 54 resettlement villages.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, on behalf of the KSG and NES Government, has arranged for a comprehensive survey of the land and water resources of the Hadejia Valley in order to formulate a detailed and sound programme for its development. Technical assistance has been sought from the Canadian Government.

It is hoped that the initial schemes would be developed over an area of some 10,000 to 30,000 acres during the Third National Development Plan period.

The Ministry has also surveyed new areas and acreage under minor irrigation has been substantially increased. For instance, the existing schemes of 90 acres at Jakaradi have been increased to 190 acres, 20 acres at Wawan Rafin Kazaure to 30 acres and 700 acres at Hadejia to 1,000 acres.

The out-dated small pumps have been replaced by more efficient big pumps with proper permanent pump-houses.

The KSG has appointed a consulting engineering firm for the feasibility studies, survey and designing of 8,000 acres in respect of the Tomas River Schemes.

Another section, known as the soil and water laboratory, is attached to the State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural

Resources. This section is charged with the responsibility of analysing soil and water samples for agricultural development. The department, since its inception, has not only served the KSG, but has also rendered useful service to some other State Governments in the Federation and some engineering consulting companies and individuals.

PRODUCE INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The importance of agriculture as the cornerstone of the wealth of Kano State cannot be over-emphasised.

This awareness led the Kano State Government to set up the Produce Inspection Division to deal

with marketing and improvement of its agricultural export crops. This division has helped immensely in improving not only the market condition but also in reducing substantially the number of notorious pests which have for long given this country a very bad name in the world market.

There is an increase in the permanent cotton markets to serve as an incentive to all cotton producers.

The Groundnut Inspection stations, which numbered only 55 in 1968, have now increased to 70, a high density in the compact area of Kano.

One of the greatest achievements since 1968 has been the introduction of the Field Inspection organisation. The produce inspection areas coincide

with the administrative areas of the States and each is controlled by an assistant produce superintendent based at the administrative area headquarters. Their development priorities are in accordance with the national directives.

Produce control posts are situated in the strategic areas of the State to prevent a large-scale smuggling of produce out of the State. Twenty of them were set up in 1971/72. Their function is not limited to smuggling-prevention alone. They also take security measures to improve the conditions under which the State's agricultural export crops are marketed. In a produce division, the security of seals, appliances and information of top priority are

PLEASE TURN OVER



The long revolution

Continued

attended to.

The Pest Control Unit has made a great stride in improving the health condition of the State groundnuts. It has, in no small measure, reduced the number of notorious pests in the Northern States Marketing Board groundnuts. This unit has also done much to control the pests that attack cowpeas and grains in the Kano Metropolitan Market.

The unit has not only helped to increase the quantity and quality of grains purchased by the government for reserved purposes, it has also built more modern and permanent stores for the grain. Prior to the period under study, the State had only one big government-owned and some hired stores in the Kano Metropolitan to serve the whole State.

But now the case is different: there are 12 big stores in Kano Metropolitan alone and at least three stores in each of the administrative areas of the State.

All grains received into the store for distribution to the drought-affected areas are fumigated to ensure that they are free from attack of pests.

THE VETERINARY Division of the Agricultural Ministry is vested with many responsibilities, among which are projects connected with animal health.

Other projects include the Kano abattoir, the Kano

modern cold meat market, hides and skins improvement and the improvement of cattle markets in general.

The resounding achievements the division has recorded in the projects mentioned above during the period 1967-74 cannot be over-emphasised.

Animal health clinical facilities have been made available to reach every livestock producer in the State. Thirty-five out of the 42 districts in the State each have a veterinary clinic. They are manned by well-qualified personnel.

A mobile veterinary clinic has been started to serve the remotest villages in the State. The veterinary laboratory and disease investigation service was re-established in order to control and eradicate the diseases which have affected the livestock in the State.

The Veterinary Division has successfully done a great deal to combat some of the major diseases. For instance, there has been no outbreak of rinderpest for five years.

Vaccination of cattle has been intensified to prevent the attack of bovine pleuropneumonia which has been a great threat to the life of our cattle.

The government has launched a female recovery programme in order to prevent the steady decline of population of cattle due to the increased slaughter of female cattle. This situation was halted by purchasing female cattle in the market maintained by the government.

As the demand for more



FROM THIS: one of the many areas of farmland badly scorched in the drought of 1973 — TO THIS: a lush, thriving and well-irrigated piece of land at present



meat rocketed because of the population explosion in the State, the traditional source of supply — the Fulani-managed herds — could not cope. The KSG therefore stepped in to solve the problem by improving the animal production and the market.

The government promptly took over 115 livestock markets from the local councils. The Kano Abattoir, for example,

which has been in operation for the past ten years, was enlarged to contain 400 cattle, 800 sheep and goats and 100 pigs, with a cold-storage facility for daily slaughter.

A modern meat market was set up in 1973 to promote the sale of meat under hygienic conditions and offer it at reasonable prices to the public. It is planned to build three more of such markets in order to

be able to serve the State adequately.

Hides and skins greatly grown in as a result of the registered markets. More than 600 markets with premises are now in frames as now skins has immensely improved vision of improvement for curing them the markets.



THE KANO Government has made great strides in animal husbandry during the past few years. The extent of improvement carried out to

PROGRESS in the starved conditions of 1973 drought TO this has been well primed for

Ideals of the people

KANO STATE'S coat of arms symbolises the main features of the state.

The shield is green and stands for protection of the citizens by the state.

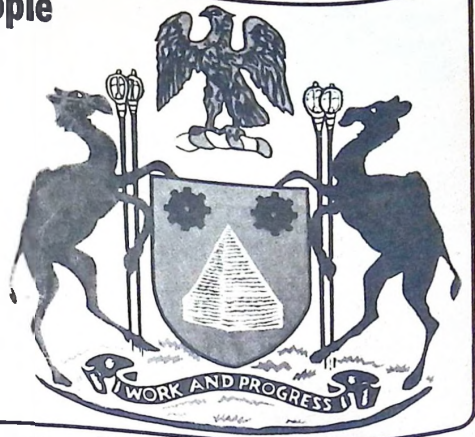
The pyramid symbolises trade, while the wheels represent industry.

The crest is an eagle perched on a wreath of green and white. The eagle represents the superiority of the Federal Government.

Supporting the shield are two camels, which represent transportation, and four staves of equal size which symbolise the equality of the four emirates within the state — Kano, Gumel, Hadejia and Kazauru.

The ground, with indigenous plant-life, represents farming.

The motto, WORK AND PROGRESS, summarises the motivating ideals of the people.



been established in Dambatta and each of the four emirates of the State. The centres serve as demonstration and training grounds for the farmers.

A poultry building complex is now under construction, and is being designed to handle about 50,000 day-old chicks. It is hoped that when this giant Government enterprise goes into operation, it will go a long way towards stabilising the ever-increasing prices of chickens in the State.

THE PROBLEM of water supply has been very acute in Kano State. Kano enjoys only a very short rainy season.

The result is that there is very little water available either for domestic or industrial use.

The problem becomes more serious with the population explosion and the State Government's recent emphasis on increased industrialisation and agriculture.

The supply of good and

Water, water...

adequate water in the life of a people cannot be over-emphasised. Round-the-year cropping can be assured if adequate water can be provided for irrigation.

Good water is needed in order to raise the standard of health of the people by eradicating such diseases and parasites as diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera and typhoid, the incidence of

which is directly related to an inadequate water supply.

Before the creation of Kano State, water distribution was poor and inadequate. With its creation, and especially during the Second National Development Plan, the policy objective of the State Government was further to expand and improve both the rural and urban water supplies throughout the State.

The high priority accorded the water supply project was indicated by the fact that out of the total capital outlay of N105 million for the Development Plan, the allocation for water sector alone was N9 million.

A great stride has been made in the implementation of this programme. The capacity of water supply in the administrative areas and district headquarters — viz: Gumel, Hadejia, Kano, Dambatta, Birnin-Kudu, Gwarzo, Kazauru, Kano — has tripled its former size, while under the improvement and extension works programme at 35 district headquarter towns the capacity has increased to between 50,000 and 100,000 gallons daily. More than 30 boreholes have been completed in some rural areas, each with a capacity of 4,000 gallons an hour.

PUMPING much wanted water from Baguda Lake.





Yakubu Gowon Dam Tiga: upheaval but no hardship

MORE THAN 12,000 people living in seven villages in areas affected by the giant N21 million Tiga Dam irrigation and hydro-electric power project in Kano State have now been successfully resettled in other areas not very far from their previous villages.

Not less than N4 million was spent on the project which took just over three months to complete.

The resettlement work was handled by a four-man authority appointed by the Military Governor of the State. Police Commissioner Alhaji Audu Bako. The authority was headed by Alhaji Zubairu Cedi, a principal Administrative Officer. Other members of the committee were: Mr. S. Blaszk, senior Principal Rural Development Inspector; Alhaji Umaru Dambatta, an Agricultural Superintendent, and Miss C. Redford, a planning officer.

All the 12,000 villagers affected by the construction of the Tiga Dam were paid a total of over N200,020. In addition, each adult was paid N20.00 to help in the work on new farmlands and the building of their new homes.

The seven new resettlement centres are in three districts: Rano, Kiru and Tudun Wada. The villages are Nata'ala, Faruruwa, Jili and Mahuta in Tudun Wada District; Rahama and Nasarawa in Kiru District;



ALREADY WELL-SETTLED in their new homes, these villagers from Rahama, not far from the Tiga Dam, are seen returning home after a day's work in the fields.

and Kauran Garba, Rano District.

Each of them is well laid out with streets, culverts and drainages. There are provisions for markets, schools, dispensaries and recreational centres. Work is already well under way on the construction of schools and dispensaries.

Abundant water supply is made available through bore holes and by water tankers. Some of the resettlement centres are now even enjoying pipe-borne water.

Each village administration is headed by a village head who is responsible to the district authorities.

The resettlement

authority ensured that the people were given enough land for the building of houses and the cultivation of both food and cash crops. Particular attention is placed on agricultural products which are the mainstay of the economy of the individual villager. Thus the committee, with the help of the Ministry of Agriculture, supplied the villagers with enough fertilizer and groundnut seeds.

Within three months these new resettlement centres were transformed into lively areas. One will be surprised to find living conditions in the areas as normal as any of the old and near-modern hamlets or villages anywhere in the State. Already provision shops and bicycle repair workshops are springing up.

A report from the authority handling the resettlement project stated that all the people were given one acre per person of one year and above; for example, a man with two wives and five children of

over one year would be provided with a total of eight acres.

The report said that the evacuation of the affected people in the reservoir of the Tiga Dam was a massive exercise which was carried out with precision. Free transport was provided to convey them, their properties and building materials.

The report said: "Although the authority came across some difficulties, it was able, with the help coming from the Tiga Dam staff, the Ministries of Agriculture, Community Development, Education and Health, to complete the work before the target date."

Already the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare

has provided dispensaries at Rano and Faruruwa. The Ministry of Education is providing schools in new villages. Nata'ala which has got one.

The report said that the South-West Area Council has provided schools in Rahama, Nata'ala and Faruruwa with permanent markets, one slaughter house and public latrines bins.

The report also pointed out that the problem of compensation to those who live on the reservoir, but which has been flooded dam is operational capacity. This is because the individual land had not been for compensation. A shortage of materials carry out the work estimated list of the land supplied by the heads was about 100 acres estimated between 4,000 and 5,000 acres.

It is, however, with the help of the Ministry of Justice figure will be payment made in months to a year.

When I toured the villages recently the people look happy and cheerful of the farm's hubbubbing with the

Today these resettlement centres villages, but the things as things are so that in the they will develop new towns.



A NEW dispensary for Rahama Village begins to take shape — left. On the right, villagers collect water for domestic use from the communal tank provided during the resettlement caused by the building of the Tiga Dam.



KANO
STATE



A great leap forward in the schools

TREMENDOUS progress has been made in the field of education in Kano State of Nigeria between 1967 and 1974.

The State set two objectives for itself in 1967:

- providing places for 15% of the school-age primary school children in primary institutions,
- places for 30% of primary school-leavers in post-primary institutions.

Both these objectives have been achieved.

Instrumental in this achievement are various expansion programmes that have taken place at all educational levels in Kano State.

During 1967 and 1974, 291 primary schools have been built which takes the total to 532. In 1968 there were only 241 primary schools.

Enrolment in primary schools in 1968 was 49,580 but now it has gone up to 110,106.

As it should be, the number of classrooms has risen accordingly. In 1968 there were a total of 1,374 classrooms in the whole of Kano State primary schools. The figure rose to 3,055 in 1974.

To cope with the geometrical progression rise in the number of classes and students in the primary schools, more qualified teachers were employed. The rise from 1,670 in 1968 to 3,889 in 1974 substantiates this and has brought the teacher student ratio from 1.28 from 1.30.

The decentralisation of Local Education Authority to the five administrative areas in Kano State, the establishment of in-service training centre and the strengthening of the State primary inspectorate there have enabled efficient supervisory controls over the primary schools.

Development in post-primary institutions has not been confined to the opening of new schools. The old ones have also been expanded to provide more spaces for students, as well as more facilities and the

introduction of new subjects.

Between 1968 and 1974, the number of post-primary institutions rose from 17 to 29 and the number of classes increased by 193. Enrolment figure too shot up by 6,373.

Technical education has not been left out of the educational revolution. Workshops have been constructed in all secondary schools and the craft school at Wudil has been upgraded to secondary technical school with standards acceptable and recognised by the West African Examination Council. In addition, the Kano State Technical College will soon be in operation.

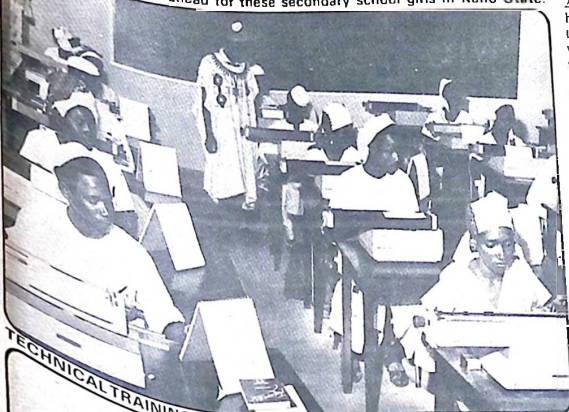
Graduate and NCE teachers constitute about 71% of the teachers population while the development of the NYS members has increased the percentage.

The Kano State Scholarship Board, though young has been making a lot of progress in the educational crusade going on in the State. It was established during the creation of the State and since then a lot of scholarship awards has been made in various disciplines to Kano State in-tergenes to acquire high qualifications both at home and abroad.

On the whole, 2, awards were made between 1969 and 1974 for further studies at home and abroad in various courses. Remarkably, these awards increased yearly.

Some 1,857 of the candidates of the awards were successful - 90% the total.

A BRIGHT FUTURE IS ahead for these secondary school girls in Kano State.



TECHNICAL TRAINING plays a leading part in the state's educational revolution.



NOT ALL WORK and no play in the schools; here a group of happy girls from the Mid-Western State is seen during one of many programmes of inter state students' visits.



MEET THE WHO GO KANO

To be a policeman was the last thing young Audu wanted to do, because it was at a time when many Nigerians were ashamed to join either the police or the army. As a result of constant appeal to his father, Malam Bako, a retired police Sergeant-Major Instructor, he reluctantly submitted himself for a test, just to please his father. When the expatriate Commandant of the Police College, Kaduna, announced that he had passed the test, Audu burst into tears. The Commandant, Mr. L. S. Clifton, had to put a guard around Audu to prevent him from running away.

Today, Alhaji Audu Bako is a Commissioner of Police and Military Governor of Kano State, an office which makes it his responsibility to cater for the welfare of 10 million people.

DRUM Editor OLU ADETULE interviewed the Military Governor at the Government House in Kano, and he spoke frankly about his life—past and present.

OUT of 53 doctors in the employ of this state at the moment, there are only three of Kano State origin. If I were to accept the wish of these sinister elements, it would be necessary for me to dispense with the services of these doctors and ask the public not to go sick until such time as Kano can produce doctors to cure them.

"In the field of engineering the number of engineers of different nationalities is 68. There is not a single engineer of Kano origin now serving in the State. Ladies and Gentlemen, can we afford to stop all our development until we have trained our engineers."

This stout defence of the "open door" policy of the Kano State Government by Alhaji Audu Bako, Military Governor of the State, is undoubtedly one of the

secrets of the remarkable achievements of the Kano State government since the past seven years.

That this obviously wise policy of attracting various talents and skills for the good of the general public of the State especially, and for the nation in general, came under severe criticism by some sinister elements in the State, is a pointer to the kind of serious problems which faced Alhaji Bako at every stage of his governorship.

The advice which Alhaji Bako's father gave to his son after his appointment as Military Governor was "Look after your job". That he has done so is evident from the rapid development in almost every sphere of human development in the State over the last seven years.

News of his appointment as Governor was broken to him while working on his farm, near Kaduna. Alhaji Bako did not believe it at first. But when he went to pay his daily visit to his father, the late Malam Bako who was then receiving treatment at Kaduna Nursing Home, his father confirmed the news. The old man said: you remember what I have been telling you since your boyhood days. The day has now come. Its now up to you. It is now that you can apply all my words of advice. "As I left him to enter my car and drive off, I was in tears.

My late father was a Hausa from Argungu in North Western State. My mother, Hadiza, is of Fulani stock

from Mariri, a village, seven miles from the city of Kano. My mother's grandfather came from Gezawa. The custom of her people forbids her to call me by my name, because I was her first child. And she also had to pretend that she does not like me until I became an adult.

When the white men first came to Nigeria, my father worked with them. My father was educated in Arabic. In 1902 or 1903 when the British arrived at Argungu, they approached the Emir and said "We want you to give us somebody brilliant and courageous to take us round". By then, part of Niger Republic was among Nigeria. The Emir replied that he would give them one of his sons to take them out and called my father. They left with my father and eventually educated him in their own way. After a little while, they made my father Sergeant-Major Instructor, the highest rank one could attain then in the Force.

During the campaign in the North and some parts of the South, when Lord Lugard was moving to Kaduna, my father, then a Sergeant-Major Instructor, was already very busy there. He was one of the men who really built Kaduna with Lord Lugard. Having developed Kaduna, he sent for his family to come and live in a place called Kaduna and some people from Zungeru. I understand that our house in Kaduna was the first to be built there. Really the whole family regard Kaduna as their home. Uptil now, all the family of my father live in Kaduna.

Alhaji Bako recalled: "My parents gave me a very strict upbringing. My father was particularly hard on me. Almost everyday, he would preach to me about one virtue or another. Sometimes, I got fed up. He would notice my feeling and say:

"You must appreciate today you have a life. I am telling you it is giving you good which will carry you life. But I cannot ever. When the day for you to lose me know, without be that you have lost. You may not like it, you may think I am too harsh with you, but you will find that when I am dead, there is no one who will advise you. I have been doing

Bad Advice

Speaking about the mediate problems of an office, Alhaji B.

My immediate were lack of under personal and intrigues and at some people to sit development by the criticism of people projects. Lack of planning is a result of ignorance. But I problems arising from giving by ignoring the making the intriga I lead by personal e I always did what was right. Each time proved right."

At the initial stage of administration, some gave Alhaji Bako his "At that time, I like people who tried to me, but I took the nobody. I relied on science because the advice is very easy by. But I am always listener."

About his immediate assumptions on assuming the Kano State Military said: "I knew Kai and out before I to I knew the diff the State and I did physical development. State straightaway all the few indus Kano were indus insufficient water in their factories. My

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What can be done with N1,000,000, I could do with half the amount because of foresight and personal supervision. By nature, I am a thrifty person, thanks to my parents."

Asked what would be his reaction to any suggestion that he has used his high office to enrich himself, Aihaji Bako said: "In Kano, if you are dishonest, you will be exposed within 24 hours, and nobody will listen to you. People who point accusing fingers at others think that every other person is as bad as they are. Right or wrong, a public man is a subject of suspicion and criticism, but only God knows the suffering that one has to bear. In Nigeria, innocent public people are sometimes falsely accused of corruption."

"Anyone in a high office is in a difficult position. For example, some people could dupe other people in your name without your hearing of it for ever. What stops a man who does not even know me to walk into the premises of Government House with a man he wants to dupe? He says: 'Wait for me while I go up and give him (meaning the Military Governor) the money.' The money could be any amount. The rogue then returns after walking around for 10 minutes and tells the unsuspecting man: 'I have finished your matter.'"

"Apart from the risk of one's name being dragged in the mud without one suspecting it, the man in public office such as ours is kept in a cage like a canary. You can't build a house without false rumours flying around."

"When the day comes for a publicman to leave office, does the public expect him to go into the street and beg for alms? That will be a disgrace even on the general public in the country. Whether in or out of office, a publicman must maintain a certain standard of life which will not bring disgrace to the people he governed. The big mansion in which he had lived, the air-conditioned rooms, the uniformed stewards, are some of the things his family are bound to get used to. Even if you came from a grass hut, soon you get used to it. If you can't get the same standard after leaving office, it is fair to try and maintain something near it when you are out of office. Otherwise, one can die of frustration."

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT
ISSUE OF DRUM



Aihaji Adu Bako examines a thing of interest with the Emir of Kano, Aihaji Ado Bayero.

MAN RATES ATE

therefore, was to provide Kano with adequate water. Sometimes the public taps remained closed for up to 12 hours, and people have to queue for water. Seriously, I tackled the pressing problems of housing. When we took over from the former Northern Region government, we had very few residential quarters. We embarked on large-scale housing.

"Then I tackled the Health Services. The only hospital in Kano was owned by the Local Government. My government took it over immediately. Other hospitals were built. We also built dispensaries."

"In the field of Local Government, I introduced reforms. Today, our Local Government system is a good example to others in the country. It has been commended by the Local Government Administration Unit of the Ahmadu Bello University. It has been acclaimed as the best, but we don't want to blow our own trumpet. We prefer to have other people blow it for us."

Gowon Dam was one of Aihaji Bako's solutions to the water supply problem. The dam, which is described by him as the "focal point" of the State's Development Plan, was at first criticised by people with little vision. When it was announced that the design and execution of the project would be done by Kano State Ministry of Works, some people snarled and laughed.

Corruption

Talking of priorities, he said: "Everything in Kano State is priority. When you hear of priorities, then there is a weakness somewhere, and I think I am not weak. When I took up governorship of this State, the first thing I did was to make a Development Plan. When asked to produce one, it was ready for presentation immediately.

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BY AN EDICY published in the Kano State Gazette of 11 September 1969, an authority entitled the Metropolitan Kano Planning and Development Board was created.

The authority has achieved a lot within a short period. Its objectives include planning and controlling development within the entire area of Metropolitan Kano and the adjoining home districts.

Development of roads, drains, sewage, preparation of industrial, commercial and residential layouts and provision of housing within its area of jurisdiction are all its responsibilities.

So far the 324 hectare (800 acres) at Sharada, planned as an industrial estate, have been partly developed. The estate is for dry industries and the services already provided include roads, railway sidings, water and

electricity.

One of the many achievements of the Board is the Yakubu Gowon Park which provides recreational facilities for the people of Kano State. It has, among other amenities, decorative fencing, a ceremonial arch, cafeteria, toilet facilities and children's playing facilities. The park serves as an ideal out-of-doors centre during the hot season.

The Board has completed 216 housing units out of the 1,050 housing units planned along Zaria road. The plan consists of six phases which will eventually accommodate 7,000 people.

To satisfy those who would like to build their own houses, another residential estate has been designed and developed along Airport Road, north of Sabon Gari. This residential layout is designed with careful consideration for modern amenities.

In pursuance of the Government's policy to provide suitable accommodation for its people, three new areas have been

developed to cater for low, medium and high density building along Wudil Road — south of the railway line to Zaria. Each of these areas covers approximately 243 hectare (600 acres).

Other outline development plans to cater for a population of about 750,000 people are in progress.

One of the major road projects which the Board has successfully completed is the reconstruction of the Hadejia Road which runs right across the commercial area of the town. The road cost N3 million.

One other major project which has been embarked upon is the Challawa Industrial area for wet industries such as the tannery industry. More than 1,500 acres are involved in this project and between N4 to N5 million is to be spent on this project.

The wet industries in Kano are now at Bompai which has been considered unsuitable for such industries because of lack of proper sanitation in the area.



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Local affairs go ahead

KANO State enjoys a system of sound local government administration which goes back to the days before British colonial rule.

While the essential elements of the local administration machinery have been retained, the State's steady progress has necessitated changes and improvements in the system.

Only recently the system underwent far-reaching reforms. Up to December 1968, the basic unit of local government in the State had been the native authority.

The emir was head of the authority in his area but policy decisions were centred in a formal councillor system associated with the emir.

The authority councils were composed of elected, nominated and traditional members. Each authority area was divided into districts and the districts into village areas, with each having a local council as well.

In January 1969, the whole state was divided into eight administrative areas. Five such administrative areas were created out of Kano emirate while Hadejia, Gumel and Kazaure Emirates each remained an administrative area.

One aspect of the reform is the discontinuation of the term "native authority." Each unit is now known as the local government authority.

The object of these reforms is to bring the Government closer to the people, to enable the people to participate in the running of their affairs, to bring about improved services to every section of the State and to ease administration in the more remote areas of the State.

Staff of the central organisation have been deployed to the administrative areas so as to have qualified administrative and technical know-how in the districts for better services.

Sub-treasuries were established in the administrative area headquarters to ease the congestion in the main treasury and to make things easier for the staff in the administrative areas.



IN THE HEART of the commercial area of Kano: a stretch of the reconstructed H

centre

There has been a rapid proliferation of industrial establishments in Kano in recent years although most of them are of small and medium size with starting capitals of under N100,000.

Among the types of industries in the State are: perfumes and cosmetics; wood and wood furniture; textiles; food and vegetable oil; candle and soap; tiles and concrete blocks; suitcases and corrugated cartons; sweets and confectionery; brewery; plastic and allied industries; iron, steel and metal; tanneries and leather-works; baking.

In addition, Kano now has a relatively good transportation system and an international airport and therefore easy access to other markets in the Federation.

Prospects for new investments are virtually unlimited. Foreign investors — outside sectors that come under the indigenisation decrees — are very welcome. Commercially viable projects abound which the foreign investor could take up either alone or, better still, in conjunction with Nigerian investors.

There is considerable scope for the development of industries in all parts of Kano State.

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MEDICAL Services in Kano State, even in Metropolitan Kano have yet to reach acceptable standards.

In 1970, there were only seven hospitals with a total of 708 beds in the whole State, or one bed to 7,650 inhabitants, and only 33 doctors, of which 25 were in Government service. The total number of beds now in the State is 920.

Beds in the divisions total 380, while there are 540 in Kano Metropolitan. There are plans within the Four Year Development plan to establish more health centres in district headquarters so that medical care will reach out to more and more rural areas.

With the division of the State into eight administrative areas, it was decided that each of the seven rural administrative area headquarters should have a general hospital of reasonable size.

Hadeja and Birnin Kudu and later Dambatta had theirs before the inception of the Four Year plan.

Gumel and Kazaure Hospitals, costing N204,000 and N195,000 respectively, are already in operation and each has 72 beds. Rano and Gwarzo were each in 1969-70 provided only with health centres due to lack of hospital staff. The upgrading of these centres into full hospitals at a cost of N455,000 each during the first two years of the plan is now almost complete.

These hospitals will cater for nearly all medical cases within their administrative

areas and will work hand with the units that will be each of them for white work. Hadeja, Kudu, Dambatta, and Kazaure have got their health Rano and Gwarzo later.

Laboratory Unit
At present, skeleton laboratories in the City Hospital the whole State.

A blood organisation has within the unit to problems of lower of blood but public is less than satisfied.

Metropolitan Kano the moment several hospitals and a small private department are the City Nassarawa Hospital Eye Hospital, by the Sudan Mission, an Orthopaedic Hospital belongs to Ahmadu Bello University.

Built in 1928 Kano Native started with medical officers, nurses and 70 is the oldest hospital State.

In 1963 it was by the Northern Government and the State Government the time the State hospital had accommodation



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Health
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all-Nigerian staff. No case of smallpox has been reported for the last three-and-a-half years. The incidence of measles has also greatly reduced.

Health education seminars on cholera, meningitis, malaria and health education procedures were held in all the administrative area headquarters with health staff, community development workers, agriculture extension workers and the public enlightenment workers.

Fifteen minutes of radio time is allocated to the unit for a health talk on the local radio station which is getting very popular. Posters and handouts are also prepared by the unit which helps the Epidemiological Unit with its publicity.

The Nutrition Unit holds food demonstrations in the seven Maternity and Child Welfare centres in the State, explaining the importance of balanced food for children, adults, expectant and lactating mothers.

RURAL SERVICES

The achievements made on rural health services of the state are:

(1) **Rural Health Office:** Since April 1971, extension of three offices and a store have been constructed to give rooms for increasing staff.

(2) **Mobile Clinics:** Two mobile clinics of three vehicles, a dispensary, clinic and an ambulance each, have been established to run Zaria and Hadejia Roads taking medical care nearer to rural areas where there are no medical facilities. There are now three fleets of mobile clinics.

(3) **Dispensaries:** More Government and Local Government authorities and community development dispensaries have been opened bringing the total to 121.

(4) **Leprosy:** A lot has been achieved in this field. —

- A pilot project has been established at Dambatta with a Government leprosy inspector taking charge under the supervision of World Health Organisation, Kaduna.

- **Training:** for the first time since the State was created, three Government leprosy inspectors have been trained at the Medical Auxiliaries Training School, Kaduna.

- **Leprosy clinics:** five Rural Health Centres at Malam-Maduri, Dawakin Tofa,

Ringim, Dutse and Gwaram are being constructed.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Some people still do not know the usefulness of the Social Welfare Division because its work is not as apparent as some others.

As the family is a vital unit in a society, whatever happens to the family affects the society.

There has been a great expansion in the social services provided. Kano and Hadejia Local Government Authorities have doubled their trained staff and

Gumel and Kazure have employed their own social welfare officers.

In 1968, there was only one government social welfare office in Kano but now there are social workers in Gumel, Birnin Kudu,

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A large extension has now a total of nearly 500 beds. A large open space near the new extension has also been acquired for further extension.

The City Hospital treats nearly 1,400 out-patients daily for not only people from the city demand its services but also those from the outlying rural areas.

Besides the proposed 500-bed new hospital for Kano Metropolitan, two urban health centres to cost N500,000 are envisaged to provide curative and preventive medical care in the peripheral areas within the Four Year Development plan. These will further ease the burden on the City Hospital.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

To overcome the shortage of trained nurses the Ministry of Health has opened three nurses' preliminary training schools in Hadejia, Dambatta and Birnin Kudu to supplement the one in Kano City.

The State has only one Government health office under the supervision of a Medical Officer of Health.

Besides a number of health superintendents, health inspectors and health assistants, there are a large number of sanitation, conservancy and anti-malaria staff attached to the office.

A Malaria Control Unit has been set up in the Health Office under the direct supervision of a Health Superintendent.

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Tourism: much to offer visitors

KANO STATE has a lot to offer the sight-seeing visitor. For centuries it had been a staging point for traders from the north to the south of the Sahara.

Kano City is one of the oldest settlements in West Africa.

But tourism, as in most of West Africa, is still undeveloped. The situation might improve with the construction of more good hotels in Kano and catering rest-houses in the rural urban centres.

The State Government has also embarked on building a tourist attraction complex in the Kano south-west administrative area. This consists of the ultra-modern Bagauda Lake Hotel, the Kogin Kano Game Reserve and the 44,000 acre Tiga Dam Lake.

Transportation is being improved with the introduction of a large number of Government-owned buses and taxis.

Outside Kano, budding Kogin Kano Reserve should not be missed.

While there, and completion of the Tigu at the end of 1974, boating and fishing is enjoyed on the Audu Bai Lake.

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Rock-painting is seen at Birnin Kudu 80 miles on the Kano Road.

Helping the families

Continued
Dambatta, Kano and Gwarzo.

Some of the causes of the problems in marriage are interference by in-laws, serious behaviour, disorders in children, physical violence, lack of maintenance allowance, drunkenness and unfaithfulness.

Family and social casework includes advising families about their matrimonial and other social problems. Problems of abject poverty, child delinquency, failure to provide for the family, forced marriage, unmarried father and/or mother, are brought for settlement.

In trying to assist, the social worker considers not

only the material cultural and psychological aspects.

In handling welfare cases, efforts are made bringing about harmonious relations not only between wife and husband but also who are in contact with them. An average of such cases are handled each year by both the Matrimonial and Local Authorities.

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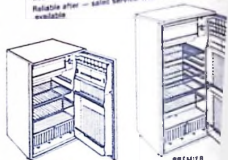
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This is Apapa Wharf in Lagos where new cars await collection by Nigerian motor agents. From there they go to showrooms or warehouses and then to you, the customer. Here DRUM describes some of the activities that go on behind the scenes before the car appears in the showroom.

How your car reaches you

MOST of us have never bothered to find out how the cars we use or the cars we see arrive at our garages.

Once we have paid the motor dealer or the importing firm, we do not really care how these vehicles are manufactured and how they eventually arrive at the dealers for sale to the public.

Most of us know the big motor manufacturing companies - Leyland, Nissan, Ford, Toyco Kogyo, Jeep International, BMW, Fiat, Toyota, Avtoexport, Citroën, Chrysler and many more.

The origin of these vehicle manufacturing companies and their present extent, vary. Many have less than 25 years of existence behind them. Many started as small workshops, buying plugs, screws and bolts and other components from other manufacturing companies.

A motor factory is a centre of activity where panel beaters, tough mechanics, artists and designers, test drivers, fitters and others work together to produce a safe, comfortable vehicle which is pleasing to look at.

Everyone on the assembly line has his allotted share of the work, and parts are assembled from various departments of the company.

When the cars leave the assembly line, they are checked



to ensure that there have been no omissions or loose or bad parts.

Finally the car is driven off the assembly line and taken out to be tested on even and rough roads. The testers go through a check list to look for failing brakes, gears, ignition and so on.

Now they are ready for sale. But how do these cars get to you from the manufacturing centre so far away?

When a car importer, such as Executive Motors or Sunny Asemota, places an order, the manufacturer examines the specifications and the brands and colour selections are assembled.

The manufacturer then books his order with a shipping firm which will bring the cars to Nigeria.

Six-week delivery

Relevant documents are sent to the Nigerian company's bankers. The bank, in turn, informs the local car dealer that his consignment of cars is arriving aboard a named ship.

The bank's documents are necessary before clearing the goods from the wharf. The ship takes some six to eight weeks to arrive. If there is no berth congestion, the cars can be off

loaded in good time. But, should there be a berthing congestion, the ship may have to lay off and customers waiting for their new models may have to be placated.

The port authority collect their daily dues on the cars for as long as the ship remains in Nigerian waters but not off loaded. This has a frustrating

way of increasing the prices of the cars.

The manufacturer's documents to the bank will then be given to a licensed clearing agent. This agent will handle the problem of clearing it through the customs. They prepare necessary local documents and calculate the shore handling fees to be paid on the cars to the

Nigerian Ports Authority and the Customs Department.

The Customs and NPA men then go with the relevant documents to check that the vehicles are the ones ordered. Then they order their release as soon as the necessary dues have been paid.

A team of motor drivers collect the cars from the wharf and take them to the car importer's depot or warehouse. At the gate of the wharf, documents on the imported goods are inspected again and the number of cars verified.

Adverts in the papers

When the cars are at the depots, advertisements are inserted in the local press to inform the public of their availability. And, of course, you go and buy.

Some of the main dealers are: UTC Motors, Rutam Limited, SCOA Motors, CFAO Motors, WAATECO, Leventis Motors, Phoenix Motors, NITECO, INCAR (Nig.) Ltd., INTRA (Nig.) Ltd., BEWAC Motors, Joe Allen, R. T. Brisco, Mandias Ltd., Nigeria General Motors, Executive Motors, Midwest Motors, Sunny Asemota Motors, Mosheshe Motors, Elizade Enterprises, Aba. Oshue Motors, Ibadan and Bao Motors, Mushin.



INSIDE story of how the motor car travels from a distant factory to Lagos is explained by Mr. G. O. Oladunra, managing director of Executive Motors, Ebute Metta, to Akinlolu Aje.

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Which car takes your fancy?



MARKETING manager for BEWAC Mr. George Amu describes the technical aspects of the Triumph 2000 saloon, very popular with ladies in Nigeria.

EVEN as kids, we often fancy certain brands of cars. Once, everyone was crazy about the German DKW. That was in colonial times when whatever the white man brought for sale was assumed to be the best. With its small engine and a sound which reminded people of motor-cycles, it was an enviable compact car in the days when few cars went places.

Then there was a time when the best vehicles seemed to come from the Chevrolet family. At other times it was Dodge; then Ford Anglias and Morris Minors.

Then big cars became the goals of the new rich and parliamentarians. The bigger the car, the greater the honour and popularity.

But suddenly — with the change of government and the Nigerian civil war — all ostentation was put in chains and left to cool in the cellar. The military regime is contemptuous of the wasteful life of the past.

Still the question pops up — which car takes your fancy?



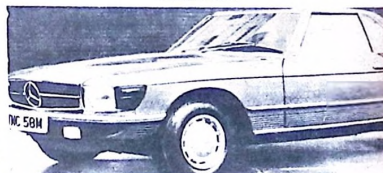
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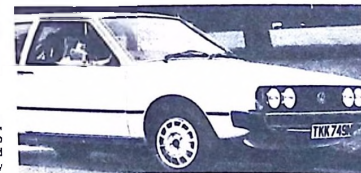
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Mr. Joseph Kimura and family outside their house in Nairobi with a friend.

We bought our first Datsun when we got married. It was a 1600. Now we've got this 160B. We spend quite a lot of time in game parks and doing long safaris to our relatives up country. That means miles of rough roads. A car

has got to be well built to keep going under these conditions and Datsun seems to stand up pretty well. So far...touch wood...it's never let me down. And, of course Datsun maintenance is easy.

I prefer the 160B to the 1600 I had. Everything is just that little bit better. My wife likes it too, but secretly I think she would like one of her own, then she could go off on her own without any worries.

Which car
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Not even the sort of illegal taxis which have appeared recently. These are the "kabukabu" cars, manned by men other than the city's bright young rascals.

"Kabukabu" is Yoruba for "Who wants?" and the question has become the motto of a new breed of young bluffs who work the offices by day and then come "pirate" taxi drivers by night.

A few years back, there were mainly secondhand cars and very old cars in the taxi business. But the public got discriminatory, preferring newer models. As a result, people in the countryside bought the old models and new ones appeared in the city.

City people can be

'KABUKABU?'

That's what the Lagos taxi pirates are shouting

hypocritical. At weddings, for example, they want private cars not taxis to carry the couple, their friends and family. In the past, all you had to do was to ask a taxi driver to clean off the word "Taxi" from his cab leaving only the green number plate. "Kabukabu" cabs perform the same service as taxis, but at lower prices. So many young men started buying new cars and putting them on the road for money. Most of these cars were bought on hire purchase.

Other "pirates" are business rascals who, having run short of

money, drive about town at night in office cars, carrying passengers and making some little extra for the morrow. Some of these young men, with friends whose offices lie along their own route, carry their friends too at an agreed rate. That means surer money for the car owner and for their friends, surer and quicker means of arriving at the office punctually, without having to struggle at bus stops.

Tell any of these young car owners that you want them to help you one day and you get

told: "Bring petrol money. Petrol is scarce, you know."

As for the taxi cabs themselves they play a more solemn game. They know most routes and areas and can get you to your destination most quickly. But although they put their "Taxi" sign up, they never use their taxi metres. Instead, you pay an agreed fare.

When metres were first introduced in the early 1950's, the Lagos City Council was much attacked for doing this. Taxi drivers protested against meter introduction because they felt it

was an attempt to pin down their daily receipts, making it difficult for them to squeeze extra money out of the original owner of the car.

But when taxi meters became law, it was not hard to manipulate the meter. Many meters suddenly developed faults.

The "Kabukabu" drivers had been doing well for themselves that is, until a few months ago when the Lagos State Government waged war against their illegal trade. Most of them were seized and not released till weeks after, while those who were not seized could not operate for fear of seizure.

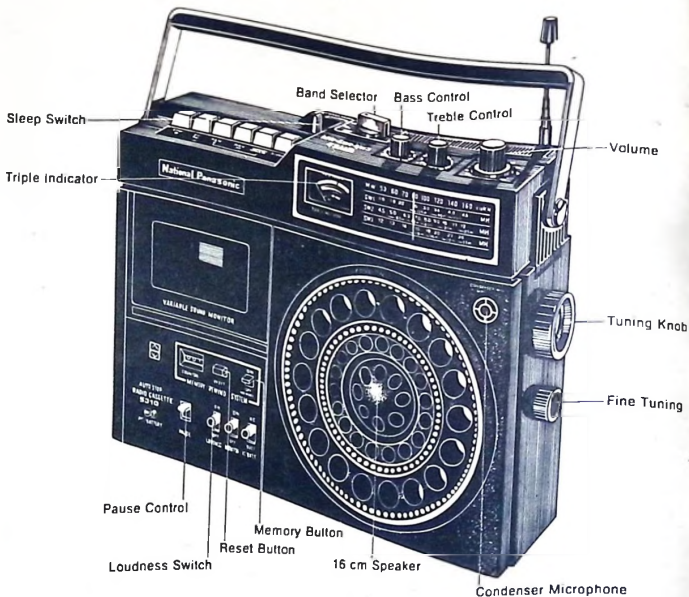
As a result of losing their trade, they could not keep up the hire purchase instalments. Many of the cars have been seized by the original sellers.

But Nigeria is a place where people rejoice at circumventing any regulation or law and the taxi-drivers are grumbling again. The pirates, it seems, are coming back on to the roads. Just listen for the shouts of "Kabukabu"!



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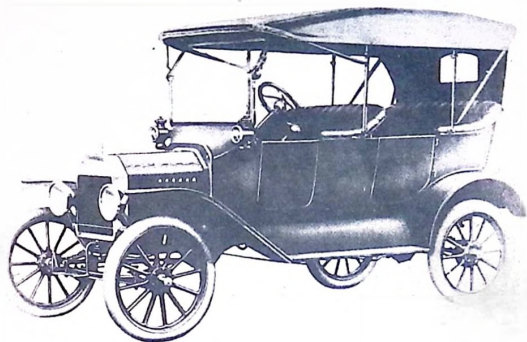
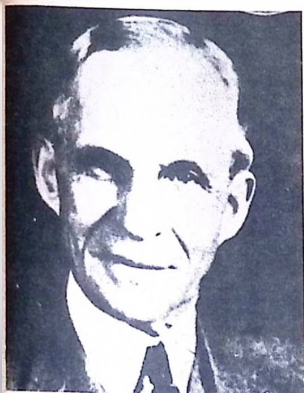
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Thus ran the thoughts of the first Henry Ford, referred to in the 1890's as "Mad Ford" and "Crazy Ford," one of the greatest of the early motor car moguls.

Henry was born on a farm near Detroit on July 30, 1863. He died in 1947 after a full life of 84 years.

As a child he was more addicted to machinery than books or housework or farm life and his father struggled in vain to get him interested in ploughing or milking. And because his mind was for ever occupied

with mechanical objects — cogs and pistons, wheels and gears — his school career was a failure.

He spent hours as a boy building steam turbines and water wheels and he spent his evenings repairing watches and clocks.

He hated farm work, left home at 16 and went to the city of Detroit. There he became a steam engine apprentice before getting a job repairing road engines for a firm in Detroit.

Anxious to get him back home and to get him interested in farming, Ford's father offered his son 40 acres of farmland if he came to work it. Henry returned home and worked the farm, at least long enough to marry Clara Bryant.

He returned in 1891 to Detroit where the car was still a luxury, owned only by the very rich and those cars that existed were steam-propelled.

Between 1891 — 1896, the people of Bagley Avenue, Detroit got used to strange noises coming from a woodshed

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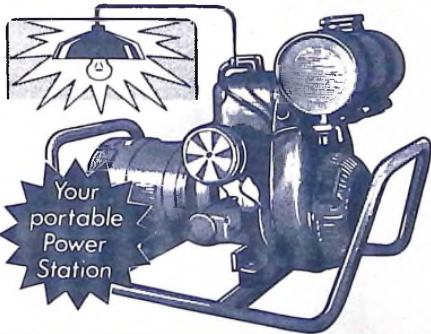
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behind one of the houses. They saw glowing lights in the woodshed late into the night and they would mutter: "Crazy Ford, still playing with his mad machine."

Henry kept working. Finally he got ready to try his car at 4 a.m. one Spring morning in 1896.

Henry had impatiently knocked a large hole in one of the walls of his shed. Through this he drove his first petrol-driven car out into the world. The neighbours could hardly believe their eyes.

What the neighbours saw was little more than a motorised four-wheeled bicycle. But it worked and it was the beginning of a revolution.

Henry continued to frighten the neighbours and local horses with his back-iring, spluttering "horseless carriage". At that

time, aged 32, Henry was an engineer at the Detroit Company. They asked him to concentrate on his work as foreman, and he resigned.

He was thus able to devote all his time to motor engineering. In 1903, he attracted a very rich man and together they started Ford Motor Company, which was the beginning of mass production.

It was the same year which, in 1906, launched Ford's famous "Tin Lizzie" - an incomparable Model T. This was the car that had been predicted: a motor car of multitudes, a car that could be bought.

Model T's were sold in 6,000 cars to 12,000 in months in 1909. By 1914 Ford company was producing half a million cars a year, and, as Henry had predicted, the price of the Model T had dropped.

Henry Ford died in 1945, founder of an empire.



FIRST car the inventor produced, pictured with himself, was little more than a four-wheeled motorist

WOMAN'S DRUM



Steer clear of sugar mummies

WE hear a lot about sugar daddies; they are older men who befriend girls who are young enough to be their children or grandchildren.

To some people, sugar mummies may sound strange. They are older women who befriend younger men of their son's age while the sugar daddies keep young girls mainly for sex, their male counterparts keep young girls for various reasons in addition to sex. Lagos and other cities in Nigeria swarm with sugar mummies.

It would be worthwhile at this time to classify these sugar mummies into their different categories. There are some who are never hind their parents who were over-protective of their daughters (to them it is like a girl to be seen and not heard), or guardians who work that them with too much social life.

When these girls grow up and are not to catch up on what they might have enjoyed their parents could be so hot that they cannot be satisfied sexually by their young men. These are the sex slaves of woman men. This kind of woman is mad about men as if they can make love to them as if they are making

Sugar mummies are found among wives of well placed men and among business women. Some sugar mummies are married to men who are so

engrossed in their business or other interests that they neglect their companionship and fill the gap. There are also some women whom their husbands regard as out-dated and run after young girls. These women are lovers — often to their young lovers with magical potions. It is also alleged that these sugar mummies are so powerful that they can turn their young lovers against their families.

From the stupid things some young men do after they have got into the clutches of sugar mummies, one is inclined to believe these stories. Some women are easily attracted to handsome young men. They feel young in heart when they are in the company of them to boost their ego, if for nothing else. They want people to think that they have the qualities which young girls lack. It is this class of women that should be watched by their daughters because it is not unusual for such women to snatch their daughters' boy friends or husbands.

One may wonder how some young men fall prey to these sugar mummies. Well, just as befriend one some girls who money and what money can buy, so also are there young men who want to make it in life in a very easy way. It is this type of greedy young men who get involved with sugar mummies — often to their ruin.

Sugar mummies use charms on their prospective lovers. After they have sighted them, they find out all they want about them. Armed with this information they set about enticing them with expensive and attractive gifts and food because to them money is no problem. Some even buy cars and hire rooms for men.

It is believed that these women rub whatever they give

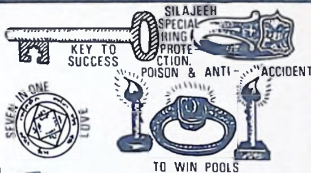
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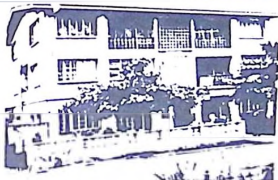
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Secondly, a man likes to be free of all problems pertaining to pregnancy and its prevention in a woman.

Thirdly, for some reasons not understood, it hurts a man's desire to have a sterilisation operation done on him. It is therefore very important to lay down certain facts so that men and women understand that the male sterilisation operation is not a problem.

A man's ability to impregnate a woman depends on his ability to produce sperm, transport it to the penis and deposit it in the vagina of a woman.



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STERILISATION OF MEN

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produced by the testis and this hormone gets into the circulation directly.

To sterilise a man, all that we surgeons do is to interrupt the tube vas deferens. Surgically, the vas is cut and tied. The gland or the testis that controls masculinity and potency is not touched and therefore, after operation, a man remains as masculine as before. There is no change in his voice, hair growth, muscle development, skin

appearance or genital organs. A sterilised man is capable of indulging in normal sexual activity and reaching normal sexual climax. Because of freedom from fear of pregnancy, if anything, there is increased and improved sexual response. He still produces seminal fluid which is ejaculated at intercourse but this does not contain any sperm and therefore cannot cause pregnancy.

The operation in men is done through two small incisions, one on each side of the penis. It can be done under local anaesthesia and does not necessitate hospital admission and therefore does not entail loss of working days. In many countries a man has an operation done on Saturday afternoon and is back in the office on Monday morning. Only as an exception is admission and general anaesthesia advised by the surgeon.

For all practical purposes, this operation is irreversible and permanent. Some surgeons have succeeded in rejoining severed

tubes but the success rate is very low. Therefore, this method of contraception is for a couple who have completed their family. In our continent of Africa, where we have a population problem and where family planning is essential, it is important that people are aware of this procedure of male sterilisation.

Once a couple has enough children and the modern concept is not exceeding a total of three children of both sexes, it may save pill taking for many years, coil in the uterus, depending on unreliable rhythm method and man using condoms, if the couple could discuss the matter and come to a decision in favour of permanent sterilisation in either of the partners.

If the decision is for the man to be sterilised, it is important to remember that the procedure is simpler and does not entail any complication. It cannot be over emphasised that the operation does not in any way affect man's ability to continue with his sex life as before.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Painful periods

I am 29 years old and was married three years ago. My wife is 18 years old and we have children. She gets quite sick every month. I have asked her three questions in relation to this—

1. Is her failure to conceive due to her painful periods?
2. What is the best time for a woman to get pregnant?
3. What is the cause of my wife's sterility?

Paul, Lagos.

Firstly, let me reassure you that you should not unduly worry because your wife is very young and you have got many more months of life. The fact that your monthly periods are painful does not really give a cause for sterility. (2) The best time for a woman to become pregnant is during the middle ten days of her monthly cycle. (3) There are many causes of a woman not being able to have a child. If, after a year or two, you are not successful, I suggest that both of you should have a medical checkup.

Blood-group

I am due to marry my girlfriend but I do not want to do so without having my blood tested. I am not sure if her Rh factor is the same as mine. Is

there any clinical or other indication?

Joseph, Busia.

Short of having your blood group done, there is no way of knowing the blood group and Rh factor of a person.

Heartburn

I have had heartburn for the last three years. I have taken many types of medicines but all in vain. What do you advise.

Blind poet, Mombasa.

I suggest a special X-ray of your stomach to see if you have an ulcer. If there is an ulcer, you will need to take appropriate treatment. If there is no ulcer, it is likely you are producing too much acid in your stomach. You can buy drugs from the chemist which will cut down the acid production. In addition you must cut down alcohol, smoking and spicy food.

Mary's Discharge

I am a 20-year-old girl. What worries me is a slight whitish discharge from below. A friend of mine told me that this means that I will be childless. I need your help.

"Worried Mary", Ife.

Slight discharge is normal. If the discharge is smelly and large in quantity, then you should have it examined in a laboratory. In any case, discharge from below does not mean that you will not be able to have children.

Eyes watering

I am a 14-year-old girl. My trouble is that my eyes do not stop watering. I went to see two different doctors and they have given me eye-drops but I am no

better. I need your advice.

O.L., Ibadan.

The tear-producing gland lies on the outside of each eye. The tears are produced here mainly to wash the eye. They then flow on the inside of the eye where there is a small duct which leads the tears from the eyes into the nose and back into the throat. Reading from your complaint I feel that the duct which drains the tears from the eyes into the nose is blocked in your case. I suggest you see an eye specialist who will unblock this duct and your problem will be solved.

I can't sleep

I am a mother of three children. My great worry is my sleeplessness. My health is good and I have no pain but I cannot sleep at night. I am 35 years old and will appreciate your advice.

Mrs. C. O. Y., Jinja.

Not being able to sleep without any pain or illness is known as insomnia. The medical advice for this problem is, firstly, not to sleep in the daytime at all. Before bedtime do not take any drinks which will keep you awake, have a light meal, try and cut out all noise and light. Pick up a book so that you are predisposed to sleep. If these measures fail, a small tranquiliser tablet an hour before you sleep, or a mild sleeping pill, is quite harmless.

If you have a medical problem, perhaps DRUM's doctor can help.

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Dear Dolly

continued

refrain from doing it before marriage because it is wrong. Now, do I make him know that it is not wrong?

Mekera, Kaduna.

It is wrong, girl. It is even in your own interest that you should refrain from having sexual intercourse while you are training because if you become pregnant you will be expelled from school. Be patient and concentrate on your studies.

Prevention is better than cure

My boyfriend is 22, while I am 18. We are very much in love. He wants me to get pregnant before he marries me. Do you think that he will not disappoint me after he has impregnated me? I love him very much and I would not like to lose him.

Blacky, Sokoto.

I cannot say for sure whether he will marry you if you become pregnant. Prevention, they say, is better than cure. If he is serious about marrying you he should make his intention known to your parents.

She is my only hope

She is 21 and I am 23. We started our friendship in 1964. We planned to get married after her studies. My relatives like her and treat her nicely. She never gave me cause to doubt her sincerity. I lavished expensive presents on her. It was when I went home last year that her father told me that

he would not allow his daughter to marry me. My girl later wrote to inform me that I should not visit her any more. I would have married since but for this girl for whom I was waiting. Please tell me what to do to get this girl? She is my only hope. I will go mad if I cannot get her back.

Martin, Kenya.

None is indispensable. Pull yourself together and face facts. You have lost her, but life must go on. Look for another girl and don't go mad because you are jilted. You will be the loser if you do.

She's a double-dealer

I am 23 and my sweetheart is a beauty aged 20. I fell in love with her in June 1973. She has always assured me of her love. It was when I went home last month that I discovered that she was already engaged to another man. I read two of her letters which she left carelessly in her room. I have not told her what I knew. Please Dolly, tell me what to do, for I really love her.

Tois, Ibadan.

Tell her that you learned that she is engaged to another man. If she denies it, you should show her the letters. With this evidence you've got, don't you think it is wise for you to leave her?

My first boy came back to me

I had a boy-friend whom I loved very dearly. We had a quarrel and we parted. He fell in love with another girl and I fell in love with another boy whom I now love very dearly. Recently my ex-boyfriend came to beg me to take him back. I discover that I still love him. I love my current boyfriend too. Please tell me what to do.

Worried, Nigeria.

You have got to choose one and drop the other. You may still love your first boy but he is not

reliable. He came back to you and another girl jilted him or she did not meet the standard he expected. Forget him and concentrate in making your life with your boy-friend happy.

Should I step down for my rival?

I am 24 and the girl I love is 18. We are to get married. When I visited her she met an elderly man who wanted to come there again. I am confused. I learned that my girl's parents have a rival whereas she still wants to be with me. I am in love with me and not with Dolly, please I need your advice.

A. R., Mombasa.

Since her parents have accepted you have given her to him, I would advise you to look elsewhere and leave her for the rival.

She loves her parents too much

I am 25 and my wife is 20. We are very much and we are fortunate with two children. The problem is the more time in her parents' house the more I complain, she tells me that stop visiting her parents frequently. When I complain, she tells me that stop visiting her parents frequently. When I complain, she tells me that stop visiting her parents frequently. When I complain, she tells me that stop visiting her parents frequently.

Mathew, Kisii, Kenya.

Your wife is very much attached to her parents. Talk to her and let her know how you neglect her duties towards the attention of her people. Threats do not change you are going to be a wife who will care for you. I am a change, but if she doesn't I am afraid of getting yourself another wife.

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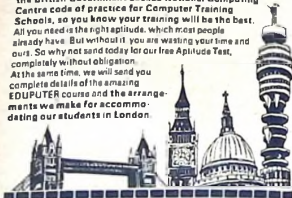
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