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The situation in some African countries today is aptly depicted by this English saying:

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OPINION

How many are honest?

"They catch the common thief or fellow who steals the goose from off the common, but leave the other fellow loose, who steals the common from the goose."

In other words, big rogues who ought to be in jail are in many cases untouched because they command the might to crush attempts to expose their crime.

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Let readers ask themselves: what would ancestors think if they to return today many cases, it is no wonder would weep for them for us.

Recent events in and Greece ought to be a lesson to all who hold exalted public office. The way the chief of these two countries the wisdom in the "No conditions permanent."

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I WOULD like to demand an explanation from the military authorities in Nigeria why as it had corruption has been too difficult for them to fight. The 'Bufran' war was a tough war which required clever military manoeuvres but the Nigerian military government crushed the rebellion. Logically, corruption is not a warrior in the sense that it does not possess arms but the government has not been able to defeat it.

Another example of the fallacy of the federal government was its armed crusade against armed robbers which, I need not tell you, was as successful as the war to crush the Ojukwu rebellion. The big question then is: why has cor-

ruption been too powerful for the federal military government to crush?

Can the army tell us what they intend to do to the monster corruption and its benefactors, who support and aid it, and who allow corrupt practices to eat deep into our flesh?

Thanks to Messrs. Daboh and Aku of Benue Plateau State for their affidavits, the nation has been told that corruption is waxing stronger in Nigeria.

Mallam Inua Abdulahi, Ilorin, Nigeria.

Those concerned have been trying to wage war on corruption. You can see the good work they have been doing from the way they handled the revelations made by Mr. Daboh

DRUM LETTERS

and Mr. Aku, who in his own case was clamped into detention. — Editor.

The Army should quit

COULD you please allow me some space in DRUM to air my views about the situation in Nigeria today. I was disappointed after reading General Gowon's 14th Independence Anniversary message. The Army, he said, need not after all return to the barracks in 1976 as promised earlier.

Honestly speaking, the Army has stayed too long. They should be told the bitter truth. It is time for them to start making plans for their final departure from public affairs. They should realise that a soup, cooked twice with the same ingredients, will have the same taste each time it is tasted.

Mallam Mustapha Aliu, Maiduguri, Nigeria.

A nation depends the government it gets. — Editor.

More job opportunities

I AM writing to support and endorse the opinion of Mr. Ogunsipe on the issue of free education.

In my view, free education at all levels in Nigeria is not essential.

Creating more job opportunities for Nigerians is my idea, not sending everybody to colleges.

Toyin Bolajoko, Ofa, Nigeria.

Why admissions by quota?

I HAVE not been told that admissions to the Trade Centre at Oshogbo are to be based henceforth on a quota system. I was shocked when I travelled to Oshogbo with my entrance examination form to sit the examination, only to be informed there that I could not sit the entrance examination. Why? The reason, I was told, was because I am not from that state. This is very discouraging indeed. I think it will do the school authorities a great deal of good if they can speak up.

F. R. Ijorhe, Benin City, Nigeria.
The authorities of the school should please comment on Mr. Ijorhe's story. — Editor.

Increased price of DRUM

I HOPE DRUM editor, Olu A. Adele, is aware that the increase in prices of goods and articles has caused a great inconvenience in many homes. This fast increasing cost of living tends to accelerate the growth of bribery and corruption in Nigeria. But why has the Editor increased the price of both DRUM and TRUST, our popular and widely read magazines?

Joseph Igbaudumbe, Bauchi, Nigeria.

There has been an acute shortage of newsprint and other printing papers throughout the world. This shortage has resulted in an unprecedented increase in general printing costs. The price of newsprint alone has gone up by about 25 per cent. We had therefore to increase the cover price of DRUM

and TRUST if we were to continue publishing. The increase in our cover price contains the increases in costs and does not allow for an increase in profit. — Editor.

Stop this car craze

I SEE no reason why some rich men in Warri who possess four cars should be competing among themselves for more acquisition of cars. This to me is unreasonable and wasteful.

I would like to appeal to this type of person to form a cooperative society and start a small industry in the town for the benefit of all young people, instead of making the poor people in the area feel sorry for themselves.

Mark Mikufuleze, Warri, Nigeria.

Well said, friend. — Editor.



A LITTLE more of Monica ... another of DRUM's lovely girls.

I fancy more of the cover girls

DRUM magazine is my favourite. It is on my priority list every month. My first fancy are the cover girls. Last year's July edition, for example, was fantastic. The cover girl was beautiful and charming. Her picture was faultless. Please can you show us more of Monica. I would love to see her.

Samailla Buba Gayus, Yola, Nigeria.

Thanks for your comments. DRUM has many pictures of many beautiful girls who are pleasant to look at and can make you water at the mouth. Be on the look out for DRUM each month and thanks for your interest. — Editor.

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ABOVE — Two Tiv men blowing horns to heighten the pleasure of the 'pipe smoker' in the dance called 'Ingouh'.
LEFT — Tiv drummers set out for a thrilling drumming session and to make the pipe smoker dance and sing.



Tivs prepare for World Black Arts Festival

DESPITE their long exposure to both Mohammedanism and Christianity, the Tiv people of Nigeria's Benue Plateau have managed to preserve their cultural heritage and are extremely proud of it. This cultural heritage is symbolised by the popular traditional men's dance called "Ingouh".

It is a Tiv dance with haunting contortions of face and to frighten people into an awareness of the evil forces.

When one wants to understand the cultural character of Tiv people, one has to look at the elders who are responsible for cultural transmission to the coming generation. To study Tiv people without studying the elders is to cut a vital link in the people's way of life and their cultural transmission. Perhaps this assertion explains why the elders, both male and female, take an active part in the traditional festivals. Much of their culture will be featured at the World Black Festival of "Ingouh Culture" to be held in Lagos later this year.

The funniest aspects of "Ingouh" are the appearances of non-professional clowns like the "Tiv pipe smoker" who bears scores of white crosses on his body, with charms around his waist and neck. With a long pipe hanging from his mouth, he dances to the tune of drum beats, and the music from native trumpets made of horns.



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Why they don't return home

FROM Zik's days of the Golden Fleece to tomorrow's guests for PhDs, there has hardly been one case of a Nigerian who left his country to travel to Britain, America or Europe, with the idea never to return home. Harshly.

My own experience of travelling the world has shown me that nothing is dearer to any Nigerian abroad than news from home. They want to know everything about everything. The price of *gari*, revenue allocation, the Black Arts Festival, the condition of the motor road from Lagos to Benin, the creation of new states, the functioning of the old, what is happening on the Lagos Marina, who married whom, but most important of all — what job can I get when I return, and how soon. How much will I be paid?

The reason why Zik went in search of the Golden Fleece was to return and create a dramatic change in his own life-style and in the lives of so many of us. The reason why the PhD seeker of today is spending sleepless nights digging into library shelves, is to be a totally different man from the salesman or ministry clerical officer who left our shores five years ago.

Serious and law-abiding

The result of all this 'qualification explosion' is that throughout the entire universe, wherever there is any kind of university, you will find at least one Nigerian. He is serious, studious, law-abiding, amibitious.

At the back of his mind is that thought: *One Day, One Day*. I shall go home. One day, I shall go home, a different person. If he was living in one room, he would like to live in a flat. If he was bussing, he would like to have his own car. Most Nigerian students in America must own cars to be more efficient in attending lectures. (A Nigerian student told me that his first car cost him 50 dollars — that is N30,82) — and he used it for three years.) If the Nigerian was earning N600 — before he left to study

for five years, he would like to earn whatever his qualification entitles him to earn — either in the Public or in the Private Sector.

Most of the students make it the very hardest way. No scholarship, living on tenterhooks, haunted day and night by the fear of failure. Driven by just that irresistible motivation: *one day*.

Long before that *One Day*, the Nigerian begins to put out feelers. He writes home, he talks to other students who travel to Nigeria during the summer holidays and return to continue their studies. He even attends sessions given by recruitment officers from Nigeria who from time to time appear at his university. The more he probes, the more discouraged he becomes.

Can't start at the top

He slowly begins to come to the conclusion that — despite Nigeria's manpower needs, it would be better for him not to go home, yet. Let me say another one year. Before he knows it, he has married, raised a family — and going home becomes still harder, once a routine of life is established.

One of the biggest attractions of living abroad as the student sees it, is the narrow gap between the rich and the poor. Small things. Cooking food is easier. Shopping is easier. Transport is easier. Communication is easier. In the United States, for instance, no matter where you live, no matter how remote, you have electricity, telephone, postal services, clean water, good roads. The student who thinks like this forgets that those facilities were once *not* there. They were created by people. My own home village, Nkwelle, is just four miles from Onitsha. One day we shall have water and light there, but so far, it is still part of a plan. In the United States, the railways, the telegraph systems, the power systems, were developed and built nation-wide by people.

When a Nigerian student tries to come home, he finds that he cannot start at the top; and not only that, those already

there treat him like a foreigner. In fact, they treat a foreigner better, and his reaction is to stay put and endure his exile for 'just one year more'.

I knew of a magistrate who gave up everything he had in a foreign country to return home, just to be home and be near his ageing parents, his native village. For nine months he was trotting from one desk to the other in his ministry, trying to get one of the many vacancies that were actually there. At last, after nine months, and after he had spent the very little money he had, he was reluctantly engaged.

On the other hand, many students remember the words of John Kennedy: *Think not what your country can do for you, think only of what you can do for your country.*

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Sacrifice for the Goddess of the Sea

"Imole Olukun Tutu," one of the earliest rituals of Lagos, is a dance to celebrate the worship of any of the following goddesses: Yemoja, Oluwari or Osun. These are all water deities otherwise referred to as "light of the goddess of the sea."

The annual worship of the goddesses is to be carried out. Official items are assembled by the worshipper. These include chickens, fowls, a white calabash, white cloth and cowries. The white symbols, especially the white cloth and cowries, are more to Olokun, a deity, who some people say, is always dressed in immaculate white. The pigeon is a symbol, while the cowries are usually associated with wealth rich in children and other earthly possessions. Her divination consisted of 16 cowries, according to tradition.

As times grow, change and are modified, much of the old ways carried over into the new. Relatively abrupt changes occur which over a period of time drastically change the life of the people. But, in the case of Lagos, and other cities of Nigeria, there has never been a complete break with the aspects of the past. Lagos has consistently maintained its culture, but with little and significant

YOUNG schoolgirl sings in praise of the goddesses of Lagos, offering them a white cloth and a horse tail. SONGS and dances accompany the final stage of the ritual.





IN LIFE Frank the schoolboy. His father couldn't believe that his son had killed himself because of apartheid.

THE BOY WHO WANTED TO BE WHITE

FRANK HEARNE was white in appearance and black by registration. This is not uncommon in South Africa, especially in Cape Town, the busy seaport which is a cross-road of world nationalities. Here, on the slopes of Table Mountain, Frank was born 17 years ago to a middle-class "coloured" family and grew up in the suburb called Walmer Estate where half the coloured people are fair enough to play white and the rest black enough to wish for the death of apartheid.

With his milk-white skin and light-brown hair, young Hearne attended the coloured Trafalgar High School where he was described as a quiet introvert. At home he seldom discussed his private life — and in apartheid Cape Town he played white with tragic results.

His close associates and family are convinced that his white masquerade was not a personal choice. At an early age coloured Frank was ordered off coloured-only buses when the conductors refused to accept his assurances that he was coloured. His frustration inevitably led to his use of white transport, then white bus queues and on into white cinemas, white friends — and a crazy race mix-up suicide which had repercussions in Parliament.

It is not known exactly why Frank Hearne took his life but sufficient is known of his struggle to live in two worlds that leaves little doubt that apartheid-frustration played a major role. On Tuesday,

Frank Hearne used to live in South Africa. Near Cape Town. He was white. His parents weren't. He tried to be coloured. He wasn't. He tried to be white. He wasn't. Frustrated, he took his own life. This is his story.

September 17 last year, he leapt from the seventh floor of the ten-storey Atkinson House in Strand Street Cape Town.

In typical South African style, witnesses who saw a white-skinned youth with fair hair plummet to his death, rushed to the nearest phone to call a white ambulance and to inform the police that a white person had just committed suicide.

Newspapermen arrived on the scene and the resulting headlines told of a white youngster's self-destruction. Frank's body was taken to the white section of the Woodstock Hospital where death was certified, and then removed to the white section of the Salt River Mortuary. Meanwhile, back at Frank's home the second part of the crazy apartheid tragedy began to unfold.

Mrs. Pamela Petersen, a next-door neighbour, opened an

envelope to find a short message written by Frank. It said: "Dear Aunt Pam. I wish you luck in the future. I am going to jump from Atkinson's Building at 3.30 p.m. this afternoon".

She told Frank's parents immediately. At first Hearne senior refused to take the note seriously. He did not believe that his quiet, soft-spoken son was capable of such desperate action. But as the evening wore on he decided to go out to search for the boy.

Accompanied by a friend he arrived at Atkinson's building to find it deserted and locked up for the night without evidence of the afternoon's drama.

From there, the still-hopeful father, Harold Hearne, went on a tour of the city's white night-clubs and tea-room cinemas. Being coloured, Hearne Snr could not enter these white premises and had to stand at the entrances to

make inquiries. He was told Frank Hearne had not been there.

Finally, fearing the worst, he called at the Caledon Square station and told the desk clerk that his son was missing and he had left a suicide note. The officer said that there had been a report of a coloured suicide white one.

The distraught parent was told there could be the possibility of mistaken identity. The officer suggested that he go and see the "white" suicide body in the State Mortuary. There, the officer said, there had been a report of a coloured suicide white one.

He was told that a coloured person was not allowed to "see" the body of a white person. Mr. Hearne's explanation of his son's appearance and his fears that his body may be that of his son did not change the mortuary attendant's stand. He was turned away. At the end of his tether,



IREMEN wrap up Frank's body before taking it to the white mortuary. His father was refused admission.

END of the road for Frank Hearne... his body was shattered on the road where he landed after jumping from the seventh floor of a skyscraper.

called on a white friend to accompany him to the mortuary.

There the body was identified as being that of Frank Hearne, a coloured youth whose body, even after death, was hounded by race consciousness. The report of this macabre incident was brought to the notice of Parliament.

On October 2, Mr. Warwick Webber (United Party, Maritzburg South) asked for an explanation. The Minister of Police, Mr. J. T. Kruger, replied that Mr. Hearne, after hearing a description of the suicide, himself decided that it would serve no purpose to view it, and when he was told about this statement, a disconsolate Mr. Hearne refused to be drawn into further discussion.

GOVERNOR AUDU BAKO TALKS TO DRUM

The Military Governor of Kano State of Nigeria, Alhaji Audu Bako, was interviewed exclusively for DRUM by Editor OLU ADETULE. In this second and final part of the story of his past and present, the Police Commissioner makes a passionate plea for Nigerian farmers.

Far from being an extravagant man, Alhaji Bako likes simple things. He said: "I like a simple and quiet life. Something ordinary, but clean and decent. The simplest of life is that of the farmer. It is a beautiful life.

"One of my problems is that I can't stay on for a week without spending something on a farm, mine or anybody else's farm. I enjoy sitting down with the farm folks. I mingle with them and exchange what some people might call 'foolish talk'. For example, when farm folks sit down together, you hear them narrate funny and fantastic tales. For example, one folk told me the story of a witch which caught a goat. He said that when the goat was slaughtered, it was discovered that the goat had been living and walking around without intestines. When I asked him what happened to the intestines of the poor goat, he replied: "The witch ate it. We all laughed at his interesting but incredible story.

"My philosophy of life is: Take life simple. When I am hurt, I say so immediately. Once I have voiced my feelings, that is the end of the matter. My praises are very dear. I give it where it is due. The man who earns it will know that he deserves it. When the time comes for me to settle, I will settle down and be a simple farmer and do nothing else but farming. Right now I have a farm in Kaduna. Somebody is taking care of it for me until I am free to settle there."

Asked if he would accept to continue serving as Military Governor if General Gowon allowed him to have a say in the matter, Alhaji Bako said: "I am a member of a disciplined force. I am used to discipline. I would not like to comment further. I did not appoint myself to this position."

The abundant luxury which surrounds State Offices in Nigeria has not spoiled Alhaji Bako. He prefers Nigerian food to European or Continental dishes. He said: "Give me any Nigerian food, I'll gladly eat it. But you give me European food, I'll eat it only if I had nothing else to eat there and then."

Alhaji Bako is a true African, unlike some people who see nothing good in their own culture, but ape the whiteman's way of life. What they make of themselves makes them unacceptable to either of the two distinctively different cultures. Proof of his pride in African culture is reflected in his address to Kano Students Association. He told them, among other things:

"As I often say, we should try not to allow our culture to be polluted by foreign cultures. I say this because an educated man in Nigeria tends to change from the realities of his culture and make foreign civilization or culture to supersede his own culture. At present, one can see both Western educated and non-educated Nigerians and how they call changing into what they call modern civilization, e.g. modern, hairy head, careless dress, high heel shoes which resemble more or less European ladies' shoes and above all, crown all this with drugs or 'KWAYA'."

The European attitude towards culture and civilization is always to educate and to render voluntary services to solve the social problems of their society, but our attitude towards culture is only to dress in an awkward manner. This is a disease in foreign countries which the people themselves resent but here we call it fashion, and some people give it the highest esteem. A European is always proud of his food but when a Nigerian receives western



"MY LATE FATHER was a Hausa from Argungu in North Western State. My mother, Fulani stock from Marin, a village, seven miles from the city of Kano. The custom of her people is to call me by my name, because I was her first child. And she also had to pretend not like me until I became an adult."

education, he or she reverts to European diet.

Asked if any of the people in his State had abused his government's open door policy, he commented: "None of them abused it. None of my people have molested the Nigerians from other states, either in public or in private. Kano has been a cosmopolitan town and remains the same."

On how he has managed to rule successfully without stepping on the toes of traditional rulers in the State, he replied: "In dealing with these traditional rulers, one must remember that their ancestors were everything before the whiteman came. They have to be given their due respect and encouragement to govern their people justly. They can wield a big and healthy influence among their people if you create a situation whereby they are respected by their own people then you are faced with a problem. And you can have difficulties from then on. I have faced no difficulties in this respect. The traditional rulers in the State have judged me by my character and personal examples. They understand me and I understand them too."

Asked to say the things for which he would like to be remembered, Alhaji Bako said: "I leave it to people and to posterity. Whatever I have done will be there for people to see. Great grandchildren of the present generation will come to meet them. I ask for no reward.

I am a Nigerian and whatever I have done was in the service of my country."

Apart from going down into history as the first man who administered the government of Kano State, Alhaji Bako will be remembered, certainly, first, as the Policeman's son from old Argungun who husbanded water supplies for the benefit of man and beast in an area of land where water was as rare to come by as a spare part of human eyes. Secondly, he will get credit from posterity as the farmer who made farming lucrative in Kano State, thereby enabling the farmer to afford to send his son to school and also buy himself a new bicycle. And better still, as the farmer from Kaduna who made it possible for farmers in Kano to have two rich harvests a year instead of one poor one a year. Above all, Alhaji Audu Bako will be remembered as the man who nurtured Kano State from a mere geographical expression to a progressive and prosperous state by attracting various talents, skills and investment from various parts of the country and the world.

Alhaji Bako should count himself lucky, that in his lifetime and even during his tenure of office, there are many men and women who genuinely appreciate that he has, to use their own words, "done quite a lot for Kano State." As one Hausa trader put it: "Audu Bako is a man," a Nigerian style of speech used in describing a man who has performed a feat.

But whatever Alhaji Bako has contributed to the military administration of Nigeria since 1967, he became Military Governor of Kano State, his address to the nation on July 5 in his opening address to the Annual Conference, Agricultural Society of Nigeria in Kano is a advice which if ignored will spell disaster. It is sure to bring prosperity, peace and stability to the country. It is also relevant to the situation in Nigeria that it was three years ago he gave it.

"When prices of commodities such as radio, motor cars etc. as a result of Adebayo increases, there was a outcry against him. But the farmer had Adebayo, neither did he have a commensurate rise in the price of what he produces. Thus the farmer's chasing power has been reduced by the salary and wage and the increased business of the middlemen.

"In order to see agricultural production in the nation the Federal State Governments must all they can to put into action and provide the incentives that need to produce what we need to produce, and enjoy the fruits of it like everybody else."



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GOLD is a rare metal, constantly in demand throughout the world and so usually very expensive. And because it costs so much, it is valued very highly, not only by those who are rich enough to purchase it but also by a large number of women, who want it to adorn themselves as a means of attracting men and outshining their rivals.

In Nigeria, many women are so fascinated by gold that they gladly sacrifice many things to possess it. In a country where the display of wealth is a way of life, some men have joined the women in the rat-race for gold.

For ages women in Nigeria have used gold earrings, bangles, necklaces, rings, brooches to decorate themselves and their children.

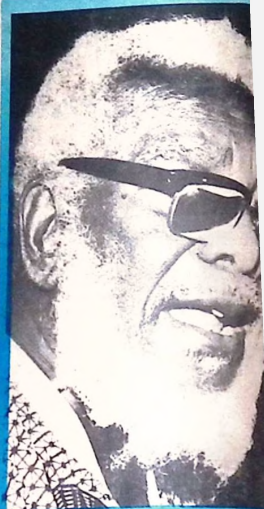
But it was so expensive that its possession was limited to a small number of privileged women, the wives or concubines of the rich; or the daughters of the affluent.

But any woman who could not afford them was free to borrow gold ornaments from her relations to do the favour. A hire system was soon introduced in Lagos.

Even when a woman came into sudden wealth, she still needed to wait some months before taking delivery of her order for gold ornaments from any of the goldsmiths available. So gold still remained a monopoly of the rich.

A Togolese goldsmith, then 31 years old, came to Lagos in 1920 and rightly observed that Nigerian women loved gold so much that he could further himself in Lagos if he brought the precious metal within the reach of ordinary people.

Within a few years, Mr. Alfred Ferdinand Hooper achieved his goal. In addition,



THE MAN WHO DEALS IN GOLD

WHEN a young Togolese came to Lagos he found that the city was a veritable mine for a reliable goldsmith. Today years later Alfred Hooper is reaping sweet fruits of hard work, honesty and vision. DRUM interviewed this goldsmith now more than 80 years old, at his home in the street which was named after

'We have been married for 54 years now and'

us goldsmith in Africa



TRAINING the young goldsmiths was formerly Mr. Hooper's job. Now his wife has taken over this essential task, while her husband does other important work.

his expertise made him as popular as his products.

When he promised to deliver an order on a fixed date, he kept his word. This virtue — still rare among goldsmiths in Nigeria — made many women patronise him.

Born in Ancho town in Lore, Togo Republic in 1899, Mr Hooper first lived in Lagos with his half brother, the late Mr Kwaku Alata, in a house at Oluophobu Alata. Two years later he moved to Cambell Street, Lagos in a room of his own.

"I observed," he recalled, "that the middle class people could not afford to wear gold. Then, the only gold beads known in Nigeria were called 'Ishala'. I decided to change the situation by making gold articles in various styles and sizes and selling them for a minimum profit. This opened the market to all and sundry."

BEAUTIFUL golden ornaments bedeck these beautiful Nigerian women. Mr. Hooper has contributed so much to make the country's women lovelier . . . and happier.



we never once quarrelled'

Asked how he achieved his objectives he said: "My success is due to hard work, honesty and respect for customers. By working hard, I improved my designs.

"By being honest, I gave gold for gold and never gave law metal in return. I treated customers with courtesy and often explained to them the value of gold, as regards their different carats."

Mr Hooper acquired his knowledge from one of his father's apprentices with whom he worked after primary school at their Ancho home.

Now he does no more than distinguish the metals, sorting out the true from the false and directing the day-to-day jobs for his employees.

He said: "I have in no small way inspired many youths to earn their living as goldsmiths. Most of these young men were trained by me and they are all

doing well. This means that goldsmiths have a future in Nigeria."

Almost everybody who wants genuine gold articles in Nigeria goes to him for help. Many highly placed Nigerians, and even foreigners, call there for their gold trinkets and articles.

Recently, Papa Hooper and his wife, Mrs. Monique Hooper, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding in their Surulere residence.

On what has sustained the marriage, Pa Hooper comments: "We have been married for 54 years, now and never once quarrelled. There is reason for this. We are always satisfied with whatever we have, whether small or big. My wife has never asked for more because she knows that such a request of a show of dissatisfaction, invariably results in big quarrels."

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Maugham said the Vicar always answered the contentions of the temperance people by saying that "God has ordered us to make use of the things of this world".

He exemplified his reply by keeping himself well supplied with whisky and liqueurs, which however, he kept carefully locked up in the sideboard.

"It is not good for all people to drink spirits", he said, "in fact it is a sin to put temptation in their way, and besides, they would not appreciate them at their true value."

Similarly, the new rich men in Nigeria would love to keep all the beautiful girls in Nigeria to themselves and enjoy them all alone, if the girls would co-operate. They would not even allow the struggling man to catch a close glimpse of what a beautiful girl looks like when she is not dressed like Joan of Arc.

But thanks to many Nigerian women, they have taught their daughters that although

poverty is a disease, there are many other things more important than money.

Miss Dupe Ajayi, an Advertising professional, in Lagos is one of the girls who have not allowed such a golden advice to fall on deaf ears. Slim, tall, gripable and with a voice as sweet as the night song of a Nightingale, she is one of the girls who like to bring sunshine into the lives of other people, as long as they don't start getting the wrong ideas.

Dupe told DRUM: "Thank God, one doesn't have to buy the ocean to have sea breeze in Lagos, and it has not yet occurred to anyone to buy the Atlantic Ocean. So, here am I enjoying God's gift with nothing to stop me but a prying DRUM Photographer".

Dupe is a highly promising girl who knows what she wants and how to get it without anyone getting hurt. She said: "My ambition is to work hard to enjoy the pleasures and luxuries of life. I like to eat whatever I like whenever I want to, and to open my wardrobe and ask myself: which dress should I wear? But I will not hurt anyone to get anything I want for myself."

"Also, I want true affection and peace of mind. That, you see, involves my getting married to a nice and decent man who will be a father of whom our children and I can be proud."

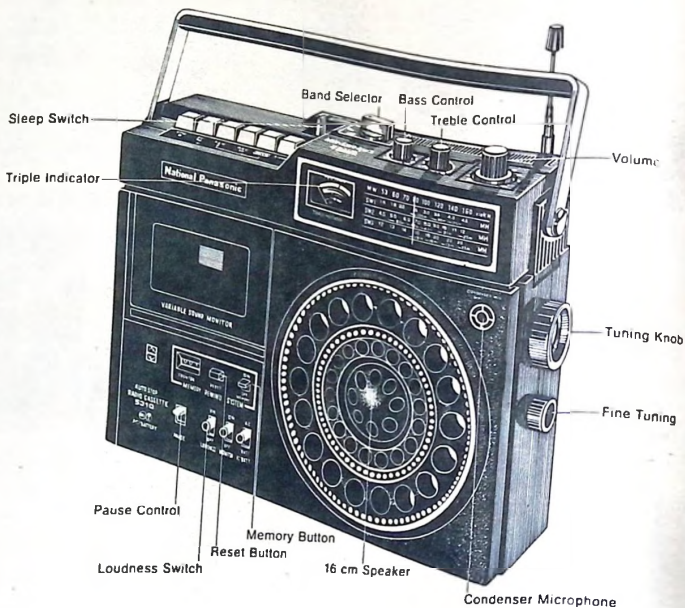
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SPECIAL FOCUS ON TOURISM

Final preparations are now being put in hand for the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture. The authorities responsible are now engaged in a serious struggle against time to make sure that the preparations are complete — DRUM's Akinlolu Aje reports.



NATIONAL THEATRE

FINANCED by a triangular run of new bridges is the ultra-modern N10 million National Theatre (pictured above) the centre of activities for the festival.

From a place now nicknamed "Lilipond" because it was formerly swamp and ponds) the new theatre is the largest and most beautiful of its kind on the continent of Africa.

Designed after the style of the Palace of Culture and Sports in Sofia, Bulgaria, the National Theatre is 31 metres high and covers some 23,000 square metres of ground.

The construction is being handled by a team of Bulgarian architects and engineers — with no aid of local manpower.

It comprises a theatre all with seating capacity for over 5,000, two large exhibition halls, a conference hall with seats for 1,600 and two cinema halls, each of which can seat some 600.

The theatre hall is also designed for instant conversion into a venue for film shows, meetings, variety concerts and indoor sports activities.

What the Black Arts Festival is all about

BLACK PEOPLE — whether they are from Africa or anywhere else in the world, whatever their past, wherever they were or whence they came will be on show to the world when the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture is held in Lagos from November 22 to December 30 this year.

About 70 countries from Africa itself and the rest of the world will be taking part in the festival.

There are three main categories of events, each broken down to separate items that will demonstrate black culture and identity to the world.

There will be exhibitions on "Africa and the origin of man", traditional domestic arts and crafts, others featuring archaeology, antiquity, culinary arts, hair dressing, cosmetics, fabrics, pottery, leather, metal and wood work, embroidery and textile crafts, jewellery, ivory work and calabash carvings.

Visual exhibitions include paintings, drawing, children's art, sculpture, photography, montage work and tapestry.

Traditional musical instruments exhibition will feature wind, string, percussion and other instruments. Black literature will also be on show and will include books on the history, works, achievements and contributions of black people.

In broad modern terms, there will be exhibitions on traditional and contemporary architecture, the black contribution to science, technology and invention, traditional chieftaincy, religion, liberation move-



THREE MEN who have played an important part in the staging of the festival (left to right) President Leopold Senghor of Senegal who staged the first festival in 1966, Dr Alioune Diop, secretary general of the World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture and Chief Anthony Enahoro, former Federal Commissioner for Labour and Social Welfare, who has organised the festival programme.

ments, influence of African art on European art and the impact of black culture on Brazil.

Expected to pull in the crowds will be the huge variety of dancing displays. These include ritual dances, masquerades, ceremonial, traditional Afro-American, Caribbean, Australasian, songs, orchestras, jujitsu and high-life.

There will be plays, films, poetry, essays, novels, short stories and a tribute to black and African womanhood.

Seminars will be held too, on black civilisation and education.

A spokesman for the Federal Government, Dr Garba Awajana, who was chairman of the 1974 Nigeria Festival of Arts, Drama and Culture said Nigeria will participate in all the events listed.

During the second festival, a durbar (horse-riding display) will be staged at Kaduna and a

boat regatta will be held on the Lagos lagoon.

There will also be a Nigerian National Exhibition depicting the history, development and achievements of Nigeria. This exhibition will be a permanent feature during the festival.

The first festival was held in Dakar in 1966.

President Leopold Senghor, a poet himself, felt the black race should be proud of its achievements and past. It was not easy to find a country to host the second festival until Nigeria accepted.

The festival organisers outlined the following objectives:

- To ensure the revival, resurgence, propagation and promotion of black and African cultural values and civilization;
- To present black and African culture in its highest and widest conception;
- To bring to light the diverse contributions of black and African peoples to the

universal currents of thought and arts.

• To promote black and African artists, performers and writers and facilitate their world acceptance and their access to world outlets.

• To promote better inter-racial understanding and

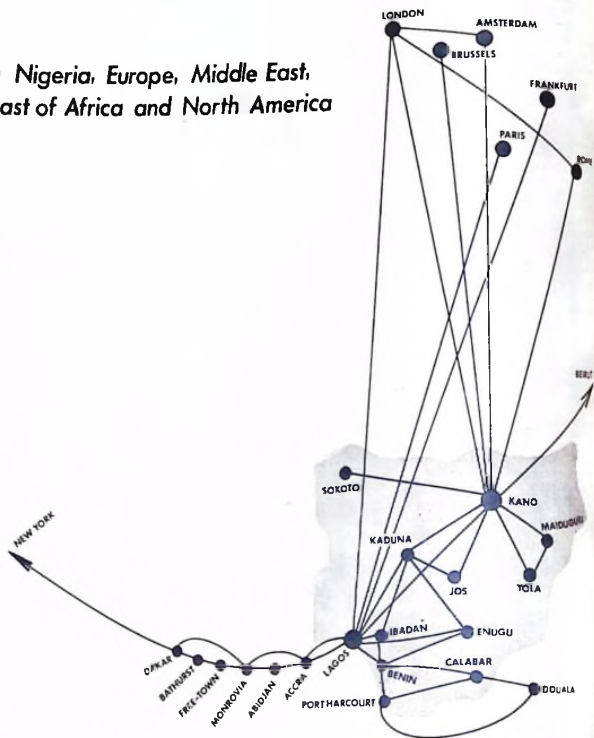
• To facilitate a periodic "return to origin" in Africa by black artists, writers and performers uprooted to other continents.

The governing body for the 1975 Festival is the International Festival Committee, representing the 16 festival zones: South America, the Caribbean countries, North America, United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe, Australia, Asia, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa (Community), Central Africa, and II, West Africa (Anglophone), West Africa (Francophone I and II), North Africa and the Liberation Movements recognised by the OAU.

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Nigeria's people and their culture

BOIT 200 Nigerian dancing troupes from about 256 sub-tribes in Nigeria will welcome some 25,000 foreign artists, performers and writers, taking part in the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture from November 22 to December 20, 1975.

Even though it will cost the country the sum of N240 million to stage the festival, Nigeria will derive more benefit than from the cultural aspect of it. From the tourism angle, any leading world industrialists and businessmen will see the opportunity offered the festival to know the country itself, its people, products and economic possibilities for the purpose of investments.

The visitors are coming with money which they intend to spend here in Nigeria. It is therefore obvious that they should see whatever benefits may be offered them, we shall be able to make them our propagandists and ambassadors to those who may want to visit Nigeria in future.

What sights, places, amusements, business or cultural matters will they see and where? In other words, what is so exciting and knowing?

Throughout the year, one of festival or another, will be going on. Everywhere he goes, the tourist will encounter people very well-dressed and proud to show him their riches.

Nigeria's greatest asset is her diverse culture which is reflected in the ways of life of the people from place to place, from tribe to tribe and from state to state.

A tourist to Nigeria can always find some tangible remains of our past. He might be attracted by our untapped natural resources, our accommodating spirit, our cultural heritage, the search for archaeological or anthropological remains.

Let us start with what the visitor might find in Lagos. Lagos, seat of the Federal Military Government, has a university, many colleges, and is being transformed from the old choked-up residential area to a beautiful city. See one of the world's greatest bridge complexes spanning the Lagos lagoon and facilitating traffic movements to other areas.

Some bridges are still under construction together they will cost over N100,000 million but the palace of the King of Lagos. This was originally built by the early Spanish and Portuguese traders. The seaside rail link is a section mark at Victoria Island, further known as the Beach. The confluence of the Lagos Lagoon and the sea will interest any tourist. See the huge stones separating the old State lives, is out of funds to visitors, but there is

no harm driving past it to Koyi, the VIP settlement of a mainly meant for expatriates.

The state house at Marina once housed the British colonial governors, gave residence to such important personalities as the late Prince of Wales (in 1925) and Queen Elizabeth in 1956.

Badagry, some 42 miles from Lagos, was the first seat of the missionaries and a great slave market. Iron chains with which slaves were manacled are still on display.

Abeokuta: Founded in 1830 after the Egbas fled from Ibadan. Olumo rock at Ake contains a huge cave in which the Egbas hid from the Ibadans, thus escaping annihilation. The town is made up of 152 little towns, all of which took side in the war which uprooted them from their original home near Oyo. There is always some festival going on in one of the "Ago" (villages). Visit West African breweries, the Akaka of Abokuta and enjoy the native dances at funerals at night.

Ijebu Ode: Visit the palace and pay homage to the Awujale of Ijebu Ode. This is the chief town of the Ijebus. A few miles away is Oke Ita, superstitiously said to be the Queen of Sheba's grave. Nothing grows on the grave. Ijebu and Agamu festivals are worth seeing especially as these bring to light the metaphysical powers for which the Yorubas are known. Mere incantations

could do wonders.

Ibadan: Seat of the Western State Government. Visit the military governor's residence, the secretariat (housing all the ministries), the Bower Tower, Mapo Hall, Ibadan University, WNTV, Agricultural Farm at Apata Ganga, Lodge at the Ambassador Hotel, a first class hotel. Ibadan is the largest native city in West Africa and was originally a Yoruba war camp. Chief festival is Oke Ibadan Cloth dyeing is women's trade.

Oyo: Political seat of Yorubas. The Alafin of Oyo is political head of all Yorubas and had authority to summon any Yoruba. Oba to join him to wage war or for other purposes, and is of more importance than any other Yoruba Oba (King). At Oyo, call on Alafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi, visit St. Andrew's College (for teachers) one of the oldest in Nigeria and hear the history of the Yorubas from the Oba minstrel. You can enjoy calabashes, woodwork and beautiful leatherwork there.

He: Pay homage to the Omi of Ife. Visit Ife University and the museum in the Omi's palace. Ife is the home of terra cotta. It is a place that should interest any archaeologist. Ife is the spiritual seat of the Yorubas and the first settlement of Oduduwa the progenitor of the Yorubas. Enjoy palm wine there. The people are very lively. See Opa Oranran (Oranran's staff) some 20 feet

high with curious writing on it. This staff dates back to earliest Yoruba history. See the "Idi" at the museum. This could be an ancient Koran or a tortoise-telling hook brought to Nigeria from across the Sahara from its original home.

Oshogbo: Noted for its Oshun Festival and the Mbari Cultural Group efforts. See the fetich group of Oshun (Goddess of Oshun River) said to confer fertility on barren women and was said to have saved Oshogbo from being captured by her enemies. Earmarked as a commercial zone by Federal Government. Visit the nightly market.

Ilorin: Seat of the Government of Kwara State. Visit the cigarette factory there, the Emir's palace, the governor's office and the secretariat. Interesting night market which used to close at 2-3 a.m., but now limited to 10-11 p.m.

Benin City: Ancient city and one of the empires most respected in Western countries in the ancient times. Spain and Portugal once sent permanent ambassadors there. Visit Ughoton, the port from which Benin punitive expedition of 1896 took off. Once known as "the City of Blood," it is the seat of the Midwest State Government.

See the Emotan Statue; visit the Oba's palace, Aro Olokun shrines, Aruosa (indigenous) church introduced by the Oba of Benin. Visit the University of Benin, rubber plantations, pay homage to the heir-apparent Prince Solomon Akenzua at Usefu. From Benin, visit Sapele, Warri, Asaba, Aghor, Ughelli, Uromi and back to Benin.

Ikebba: There is an impressive paper mill and saw mill away is the Niger Dam which supplies electric current used by the nation and which will soon be sold to the neighbouring countries too. Also near Jebba is Bacieta where there is a sugar cane

plantation and sugar factory. **Bida**: Nupes are a warrior tribe. They fashion all sorts of swords of brass and iron and are adept bead makers. Pottery is also manufactured. The Yorubas have a link with them as the Benins have with Yorubas (see Souvenirs of brass work).

Sokoto: Home of Othman Dan Fodio, architect of the Fulani Empire of Northern Nigeria. See Dan Fodio's grave at Wurno and Sir Ahmadu Bello's home and grave at Bahau. Visit Sultan of Sokoto (Sarkin Musulmin, chief of the Moslems), see the Ish festival and visit Birnin Kebbi.

Katsina: Home of Major-General (Prince) Hassan Katsina, a leading polo player, Federal Commissioner and former Governor of Northern Nigeria. Pay homage to Emir of Katsina. Visit Daura from there and compare life on the coast with that of the north.

Kaduna: Former capital of Northern Nigeria. Visit Iugard Hall. Good accommodation at Government Rest Houses. Visit industries there and the housing estate. Hamdala Hall is a luxurious accommodation centre. Has a military academy. The town was created by the colonial Government. Soldiers around make an interesting sight as they carry firewood for sale in baskets on their shoulders.

Zaria: Home of the terra cotta figurines fondly referred to as Nok culture. These excavated works date back to 500 BC-200 AD. Visit Ahmadu Bello University (named after the late Premier of Northern Nigeria, Sir Ahmadu Bello).

Jos: Between Kafanchan and Jos and around Jos are the primitive Biran people. They attract a lot of camera-toting tourists because of their nudity. Jos has an extensive museum containing many archaeological finds of Nok pieces. There is also a zoo and pottery-making nearby.



MASQUERADES are regarded in Nigeria as the gods of departed ancestors. Here is a group of them dancing on a festival day



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And no effort is being spared by the two giant hotel companies — the Tourist Company of Nigeria and the Nigeria Hotels Limited, for visitors' accommodation.

The former owns the Federal Palace Hotel at Victoria Island, built in 1959 on a 20-acre plot by the Lagos Lagoon and later purchased by the Federal Government.

The Federal Palace Hotel which has housed many African heads of state has television in every room, a night club, casino, cocktail bar, Chinese restaurant and the only sauna bath in Nigeria. It has banking and medical facilities, a boutique, travel agency, arts and crafts centre, an olympic-sized swimming

pool and a tea garden with a resident orchestra.

Development plans include a tower block of 32 stories of some 350 to 400 bedrooms. This complex will have a revolving restaurant, coupled with a multi-storey car park for about 1,000 cars, a marina, an all-purpose hall for cocktail parties or theatre activities. It will also have a cinema and auditorium.

Nigeria Hotels Limited have a number of hotels throughout the country. They are: Ikoyi Hotel, Lagos; Central Hotel, Kano; Bristol Hotel, Lagos; Hill Station, Ios, Lake Chad Hotel, Maiduguri and Sokoto Hotel, Sokoto.

The Ikoyi Hotel on Ikoyi Island caters for both the family man and the businessman.

There are 136 single rooms, 152 double rooms, and six smaller suites with double bedrooms.

Every bedroom has a telephone, radio and piped music and each bedroom is tastefully furnished, air-conditioned and has a private bath-shower.

The hotel has a Chinese restaurant on the 15th and 16th floor of the Atlantic block which also specialises in sea food. It has a bar and a colourful discotheque.

Another hotel which will play a prominent part during the forthcoming festival is the Bristol.

Situated right in the heart of Lagos, the Bristol is a retreat for Lagos businessmen and executives since it is very central and within easy reach of the main government offices and commercial houses.

There are 39 single rooms, 40 double rooms and a luxury suite all air-conditioned and equipped with private telephones, radio and piped music.

For the purposes of the festival a festival village is already springing up along Badagry road to house some 30,000 artists coming from 70 countries.

There will be 15,000 housing units, 11,603 for the participants.



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Sex and You



"Honeymoon frigidity" and nymphomania — continuing DRUM's look at sex problems

ANOTHER form of frigidity that involves younger women is the common "honeymoon frigidity." Adjusting to a delicate and intimate association like sexual intercourse can take a little time. To expect instant orgasm on the first night of marriage is courting disappointment.

Even if the wedding night is not the couple's first time in bed together, the anxiety and nervousness of the occasion may be enough to eclipse any chance of orgasm.

Like any other complex operation, sexual intercourse has a breaking-in period. The couple need to get used to one another's responses, they must learn to coordinate their sexual reflexes and sometimes they need to discard unrealistic expectations.

Copulation in its commercialised portrayals in films and books is depicted as two flawless, perfectly matched bodies ascending to the heights of human sensual delights. Theoretically this may occur, but it does not describe the average sexual experience.

The woman who expects pleasure beyond her wildest dreams each time a penis approaches her vagina is begging to be disappointed. Sex can be wonderfully gratifying but it is still a psycho-physiological interaction between two human beings and has all the limitations

and defects of any human endeavour.

Expecting too much guarantees disappointment. If everything isn't perfect the first time or the second time or even the 20th time, during the course of their marriage the average couple will have another 7,000 opportunities to improve their performance.

Yet many women do have trouble reaching an orgasm. This is because they are victims of an internal rebellion.

A woman who has an unsatisfactory relationship with a man — husband or boyfriend, it doesn't matter — is often unable to express her feelings openly. Her husband may be a good provider but indifferent to her sexual needs.

Consciously she is willing to settle for what he gives her, in spite of the emotional emptiness. Unconsciously, her emotions fight back.

If the woman doesn't recognise that her orgasmic impairment is an emotional problem, she may be in for a lot of disappointment. Sometimes the result is a "Jack Spratt" marriage.

A woman with frigidity problems unconsciously selects an impotent husband. He can't last long enough to stimulate her — even if he could, her orgasm probably wouldn't materialise. By selecting a man with a complementary emotional problem, a woman can insulate herself from ever

arriving at what is consciously wanted to avoid — sexual gratification.

Sometimes the result can be tragic. If she begins to feel that her orgasm is only a means to an end, she may decide to do something about it. The cure for such a condition is nymphomania.

The woman who has the real nature of the problem, goes from a man, from party to party, looking for "real stimulation." The man who satisfies her thinks she is "getting something."

Nothing could be further from the truth. The woman who has the problem, simply taking advantage of an unhappy victim's neurotic conflict, without the glamour or tragedy of any nymphomania, trades her "exciting" three orgasms a week for the "magic" one man she loves. He is doomed to failure by the obstacle to orgasm in the penis, not even if the vagina — it is in her mind.

In cases like this, the most problems, a woman can do much to help herself by becoming more aware of herself and the processes of her problem.

But always, the best understanding of a pathetic partner or work wonders. That's life's all about.

TAURUS

April 21 — May 20

A strong possibility this month of most Taurans benefiting from contact with their fellows with similar objectives. Fortune will follow those who decide to get engaged during this period. Care should be taken in formulating new plans.

GEMINI

May 21 — June 20

A change of scene is possible soon. Unforeseen setbacks should be countered by careful planning and attention to details. Stars controlling the emotions indicate slight irritations — so watch your tongue.

CANCER

June 21 — July 20

An elder person could try to influence your judgment in a matter involving your family. It is better to avoid committing yourself too definitely. Plans could crop up involving a change of work — these



YOU AND YOUR STARS

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should be followed up carefully.

LEO

July 21 — August 21

An intriguing development may involve the Leo subject away from home. Within the family circle you could find yourself entirely at ease and out of the rut finally. Business and involving property should go well. Finances seem well expected.

VIRGO

August 22 — September 22

A new departure from old habits is indicated. But try not to take on too many new adventures at once. Better to be safe than sorry. Concentrate on increasing your

overloaded budget. Care is needed when discussing problems with a relative.

LIBRA

September 23 — October 22

You could be feeling that this start where you are concerned. This depression will almost certainly lift before the first week is out and certainly you should do your utmost to counteract such feelings. You have a happy time ahead.

SCORPIO

October 23 — November 23

A staunch friend and admirer could show you the way towards more harmonious relations with your fellow men. Take heed of advice

given in the right spirit and concentrate on developing a better life for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS

November 24 — December 20

Nothing is likely to stand in the way this month of any proposed purchase of property or similar plans. Your stars influencing business are bright just now. A happy and pleasant month is forecast for the newly-married or just engaged.

CAPRICORN

December 21 — January 19

A portent of financial gain — however small — is in the air. A member of the opposite sex plays an important part in your life just now — even though this may not at first seem apparent. Follow the number eleven.

AQUARIUS

January 20 — February 19

Those Aquarians with a career

of their own may be a threat connected with a decision. The patience and a calm you should prevail on well stressed successes. A lasting made.

PISCES

February 20 — March 20

Good news brings you into contact with a new circle of people. Also mentioned indicated in which should find yourself to and your views for developments.

ARIES

March 21 — April 20

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The indications for Jaucans is the wild sparkling natural & simple of constancy and true affection. Disposed entirely in water were used for the treatment of unburned eyes. They were also thought to be a talisman of invincibility.

The Jaucan people is very worthy, reliable, charming and respectable. Had by Venus they are naturally delicate and a little forward in love of beauty. No other love well the Jaucan, emigration or developed Venus and partly sign. Your feet will never leave the ground. The receptive power of the Jaucan mind is great and they readily combined with their dogged determination and the charm of Venus make them one of the signs with a high percentage of success in their lives. Many Jaucans are found in the case of the Taurus, the lover of hands for politics sake. Never dips a Jaucan, nor then, sadly, bitter quarrels with them or they do not forget.



In love the Jaucan is a passionate romantic, very devoted to the opposite sex, but that overmastering child of Venus is committed to love it is very faithful, sincere and, Marianne can be a bit, harmonious if you will, learn to do their jealousy, their temper and the unwilling tendency to vendictive.

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symptoms until the time for the
next routine examination.

But patients are more
enlightened these days and this
sort of neglect is not found and
should not be counted as a

is whether I will be able to have
children in the future.

Clement, Ife.

*If the uterus testis is normal,
there is nothing to worry about.*

Constant Discharge

About a month back I slept
with a girl. Since then I have
been discharging pus from my
urinary passage. I have been to
three doctors and each one of
them gave me an injection. My
discharge continues. Can you
please help me?

Gidhera, Yela.

*If you say that you are suffering
from gonorrhoeal infection, I
suggest you go to a doctor who
will give a course of treatment.
This should cure you.*

Breast cancer

Is there any way of treating
breast cancer other than by
doing X-ray treatment?
Jane, Kampala.

*In early cases, operation is the
best treatment. Sometimes we
cure this by deep X-ray
treatment. Very rarely is deep
X-ray treatment given alone.*

Birth stitches

I am a 40-year-old man,
married to a 22-year-old girl.
We have now got two children.
Nevertheless, during her first
and second child, my wife need-
ed some stitches below. I am
worried that during her future
deliveries she might need
stitches again and this will
jeopardise her health. What do
you think?
Sam, Accra

*If you there is difficulty in get-
ting the child out, a doctor
usually makes a small cut on
the side of a woman's opening.
After delivery, this is stitched
up. Rest assured your wife will
come to no harm if she wants to
have children again.*

reason against the desirability
of medical check-up.

The second objection is the
likelihood of a patient becoming
too introspective following a
routine medical check-up. He
may then run to his doctor with
all sorts of trivial complaints.

Barring these two minor han-
dicaps, the medical world is
agreed that the general public
should be encouraged to have
regular check-ups.

As a general rule of course,
anything out of the ordinary
should be reported to a doctor
without delay. Thus a change of
bowel habits, a bladder action,
loss of appetite and loss of
weight should make a person
consider consulting his doctor.

In the case of a smoker, for
instance, development of a
cough different from the usual
smokers' cough is worth a visit
to the doctor.

People in special groups are
also recommended to go for
medical check-ups. This applies
to anyone whose parents are
diabetic or who have high blood
pressure.

In women, any unusual
bleeding or discharge from
below deserves medical opinion.
These days a cervical smear test
can be done routinely. Many
cases of very early cancers of
the uterus have been diagnosed
in this way and cured.

Furthermore it is very
necessary for women to learn
how to check up the breasts
regularly and, after a certain
age, check-ups of the breasts
by a doctor are necessary every
six months or yearly.

If anything abnormal is
found there may well be a sim-
ple medical explanation for it
and most of the time there is
nothing to worry about. If there
is anything seriously amiss, the
earlier it is detected and treated
the better it is for everybody.

In rich countries routine
medical check-ups have for
years been common practice.
Our countries, however, are get-
ting less poor and we should now
be ready to embark on this sort
of check-up for, after all, wherever
one is it is cheaper and better to
prevent than to have to cure.

epileptic fits

suffer from epileptic fits. I
 have gone to many hospitals
 but have not been able to get
 any relief. I have heard that a
 new drug has been developed in
 Malaya Hospital, Kampala.
 Please advise me.

Benjamin, Jinja.

*There are newer drugs available
 all over the world to control
 epilepsies. Though we cannot
 cure epilepsy, these drugs will
 prevent fits. I suggest you see a
 good physician in your home
 area and I can sure the right
 drug and the right dose will
 control your fits.*

bleeding gums

Every time I clean and brush
 my teeth, blood flows out freely
 from my gums. What should I
 do?

Chibi, Blantyre.

*If you say you have got infection
 of the teeth and vitamin C
 deficiency, I suggest you eat a
 lot of fresh fruit and keep your
 teeth clean by the regular use of
 tooth brush and paste. If there
 is no improvement, you should
 see a dentist.*

first sex

Why do some girls not bleed
 when they first sexual
 experience?
Ray, Lagos.

*First sexual intercourse breaks
 the hymen in a girl and it is this
 which might result in some
 bleeding. The presence of
 bleeding and its quantity
 depends on the size of the
 hymen and its rigidity.*

blocked tubes

I am a 20-year-old girl and have
 been married for two years, but
 have not been able to produce a
 child. Some months back I
 agreed to have an operation
 done and my doctor told me
 that my tubes were blocked. He
 said to open one. It is four

months since the operation and
 I have had no success. I need
 your advice.

J.S., Mbeya.

*Newer plastic organs have
 been devised for replacement of
 blocked tubes. I am not sure if
 this skill is available in your
 town. You may have to travel
 either to Dar-es-Salaam or to
 Nairobi in case this done.
 Though all cases do not succeed
 after operation, there is a
 reasonable success rate.*

Starvation

Famine has hit a number of
 African states in which people
 have died of starvation. Starva-
 tion causes pain and I wonder if
 there are medicines to take
 away the pain of starvation.
E.D., Oshana.

*Your letter seems very dismal.
 There are, in fact, no medicines
 to take away the pain of starva-
 tion, only food and better living
 conditions. Starvation makes a
 man very weak and, in the final
 stages, semi-conscious, where a
 man probably feels no pain
 anyway.*

Insulin

If one injects 400 units of
 insulin into a man, will it induce
 an onset of coma whether a per-
 son has diabetes or not?
John, Mtwaro.

Yes.

Large testis

One of my testis has grown
 larger than the other. My worry

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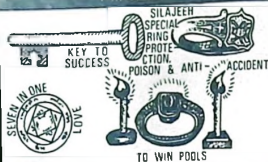
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Dear Dolly

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but her father had helped her to get rid of the baby. I was very shocked but the greatest shock is that she has married another man. What do you advise, Dolly?
Martina, Kampala.

Forget about her. Every disappointment, they say, is a blessing in disguise. Get yourself another girl. There are many good and sincere ones around.

She deserted me when I was in trouble

I am 24. I love a girl of 23 who told me that she loved me. I am in trouble and to my surprise this girl has not visited me since I got into trouble. Information has reached me that she has got another boy friend. Do you advise that I get back from her the things that I gave her?
O.K.J., Gboko.

Forget about her and the things you gave her. Try to free yourself from the trouble you are in and then get yourself another girl.

Father does not want me to marry her

She is 28 and I am 20. We love each other very much and we intend to get married as soon as possible. I have told my father but he objects to it

on the ground of the difference in our ages. This woman desperately wants me to marry her. She says that she will wait for me. Please, Dolly, tell me what to do.
Shadow, Nairobi

I agree with your father. You are only 20 and you should be thinking of making a success in life. Leave this woman and move with girls of your age group.

We don't understand each other's language

I was studying one day when a girl greeted me in a language I did not understand. I became interested in her and I managed to indicate to her that I liked her. She and I had sex later. We are still moving together but my friends advise me to leave her because we do not understand each other's language. I love her so please advise me.
Jide, Ikre.

You feel you love her because she allows you to sleep with her but when you put her in the family war, you will drop her quickly because she is not literate. I would advise that you break up the relationship between you and get yourself a girl with whom you can express yourself verbally.

Is this boy really serious with me?

I am an 18-year-old finalist in a secondary commercial school. I have a boy friend who is 20. Whenever I visit him he asks for sex but I refuse and this annoys him. I always meet different girls in his room. When I ask him about them he tells me that he is just having fun with them. He does not want me to have other boy friends. Please, Dolly, your advice is needed.
Alice Ndola, Zambia

If you love him enough to tolerate his other girls, you could continue with him. Let him have sex with you the way you want you too what he is now saying about himself is selfish of him to forbid you to have sex while he has girl friends.

This girl is taking me for a ride

I am 22 and my girl friend is 18. She visits me regularly but her attitude towards me has changed. She refuses to go out with me. She goes out with other boys. The way she is that she goes to the places which I do not go with me and when we meet in public she treats me like a stranger. Please tell me what to do.
Ifeanji, Aba.

Action, they say, speaks louder than words. If your girl is trying to tell you by her actions that she is no more interested in you, I would advise you leave her and find another girl.

What do I do about this married woman?

I am 27 and married. I was recently introduced to a new station where I met my brother who is also married. She introduced her husband who received me warmly. To my great surprise this woman has been several times to beg me to take her to bed. She is pregnant. Dolly, your advice is needed.
Agbagan, Maiduguri.

This woman is very mean and desperate. Avoid her as much as possible. Tell her in strong terms that she should stop talking to you.

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