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₦1m PALM PRODUCE ROT AWAY

₦87,000 workers' pay vanishes

From Chris Eluemunoh

ABOUT one million naira worth of palm kernel has been reported lying waste in various parts of Imo and Anambra States.

Business in the two states is also said to have been completely paralysed following the inability of the two state governments to pay debts totalling more than two million naira owed to Licensed Buying Agents.

A panel of Licensed Buying Agents told viewers during an NTV Channel 8 programme, "TELESCOPE" in Enugu that the situation had caused untold hardship to the agents who found it extremely impossible to continue with the business.

The panel disclosed that the situation was to a large extent caused by the creation of states adding that previously the defunct East Central State Marketing Board was making efforts to pay the debts.

The panel then warned that palm produce business in the two states was terribly declining and if not checked was likely to phase out completely adding that farmers who were the main source of the produce were most hit by the situation because of their inability to market the product.

It further disclosed that it was now difficult to raise loans from the bank because agents who took loans from banks three years ago had not been able to pay back as a result of the situation.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

Enugu who investigated the allegations by the panel, confirmed that a committee had already been set up to look into the matter.

A source close to the palm produce board in Enugu, disclosed that the situation was causing great concern to the two governments but denied that the situation was affecting their operations in the two states.

It stated that following the dissolution of the Nigerian Produce Marketing Board (NPMC) it had become difficult to get the Central Bank of Nigeria to release money to enable the agents to be paid.

"There is confusion and the agents have a good case, but we are helpless because the Palm Produce Board is not involved in the debt, it is entirely the busi-

ness of Imo and Anambra State governments, but what we are doing now is to try and see if we can help recover the money for the agents," the source further stated.

THE sum of ₦87,000 meant for the payment of the February salaries and wages of an oil company in Port Harcourt has vanished.

The amount was said to have been withdrawn from a bank as part of workers' salary for the month of February.

According to sources, the money was withdrawn on Friday and locked in the company's safe at Limokaku Street, D-Line, Port Harcourt, from where it was reported missing.

The source stated that at about 9 p.m. on Friday, some men armed with automatic weapons broke into the premises and carried out a lightning operation.

It was gathered that the unknown persons forced open the safe.

Meanwhile, some officials of the company, including the night guards, are being questioned by the police.



DR FESTUS OBIOHA
Commissioner for Agriculture, Imo State



Mr J. N. AFOKE
Commissioner for Agriculture, Anambra State

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THE Lagos State Executive Council has been reshuffled, and a number of commissioners re-assigned.

In a new ministerial posting, the Military Governor, Commander Ndubusi Kanu, appointed a new Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice for the state.

He is Mr Oluemi Isahola Alokolaro, a legal practitioner, who succeeds Professor Alfred Bamidele Kasumu.

The new Commissioner for Agriculture is Mrs Ajoke Shogba, who was formerly in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, while Mr Adeyiga Ajayi (currently in the Ministry of Agriculture) has been re-assigned to the Ministry of Economic Development and Establishments.

Mr Abimbola Odunlami, Commissioner for Information and Tourism, has been re-assigned to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives while Mr Patrick Sanwo, Commissioner for Sports and Social Development has been moved to Ministry of Information and Tourism.

The new Commissioner for Finance is Mr S. A. Laquda, who is now replaced in the Ministry of

Works and Planning by Mr M. O. Kosoko, (presently in the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Mr M. K. Gbani-biamila has been re-assigned to the Ministry of Sports and Social Development.

Others affected by the new postings are the Commissioner for Special Duties, Dr L. A. Balogun, who now moves to Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, while Mr Olafunji

SHAKE UP IN LAGOS

CABINET

Okunola, Commissioner for Economic Development and Establishments takes over the portfolio of Special Duties.

Two commissioners retain their portfolios. They are Dr Ola Olambiwonnu, (health) and Dr Abisoyun Leigh (education).

The new postings take effect from today.



MR EUSTACE E. EKE

Nigerian at Washington conference

The seventh annual Howard Communications Conference has opened in Washington with more than a thousand participants attending from Africa, the Caribbean and all parts of the United States.

Representing Nigeria at the conference is Mr Eustace E. Eke of Imo Broadcasting Service. Other distinguished African participants include filmmaker Ousmane Sembere of Senegal and journalism educator, Peter Mwaaura of Kenya.

In his opening address, Dr Lionel C. Barrow, Dean of the sponsoring Howard University School of Communications, described the theme of this year's conference, as "International, inter-cultural interaction through communications."

Mr Eustace E. Eke, commercial manager of the Imo Broadcasting Service, representing Nigeria at the conference is seen discussing the theme of the Conference.



Women doctors meet

A symposium and press conference was organised by the International Women Doctors' Association of Nigeria at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Idi-Araba recently.

Picture shows a group photograph of the Women's Association members.

'Only good leaders command respect'

THE new General Officer Commanding I Infantry Division of Nigerian Army, Brigadier D. Y. Bali has called on officers and men of the Nigerian Army to command respect and good leadership so that Nigeria could be proud of them.

The appeal was contained in the address he made during his recent tour of units under his command in Imo, Anambra and Niger states.

Talking to the officers, Brigadier Bali said, "The more difficult aspect of life is to command respect", he went on "It is only with good leadership that you will be able to command respect."

He urged them to maintain good internal relations with their men adding that the only way to effect this was by maintaining a good communication link and creating in your men "the most desired sense of belonging".

He then warned, "You are to protect and not to destroy, this is why you are being paid. You must refrain from all acts capable of tarnishing the good image of the Nigerian Army."

During the visits in Imo and Anambra states, Brigadier Bali stressed the opportunity to meet national rulers, including the Igbo of Uyo and various community leaders.

In Niger State, the G.O.C.

Bali tells soldiers

also called on the Emir of Abuja, Alhaji Sulaiman Hassan, and the Chief of Minna, Alhaji Ahmadu Banago.



MR S. B. AJE

UNESCO MAN

THE director of the National Library of Nigeria, Mr S. B. Aje, has been elected chairman of the UNESCO inter-governmental council on general information programme, it has been announced by the representative of the director-general of UNESCO, Mr W. Lohner, during the UN's Agency Regional seminar on bibliographic control in Africa which had just ended in Lagos.

The council, which was created by UNESCO at the 19th session in Nairobi in 1976, is to guide the planning and implementation of the general information programme and to promote the development of education, culture, science and technology through co-operation between member states in the context of the programme.

Port Harcourt

A 20-year-old man, John Nnamdi and two others, Aneke Ikem 25, and Chinedu Ude 17, have appeared before Magistrate O. Opre for violating property of Nigerian Ports Authority, Port Harcourt.

The accused persons on February 14, 1978, were alleged to have stolen two bags of rice having valued at N450 property of the Nigerian Ports Authority.

They pleaded not guilty to the charge and were given bail in the sum of N200.00 each. The case was adjourned till April 18, 1978.

Kwale

"Businessmen who use the margin of the profit they make through hoarding essential commodities to increase success in business were not only short-sighted but also doing irreparable harm to the state economy."

So said the Bendat State Commissioner for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, J. U. Ayo at Kwale in Bendat Local Government on a while addressing businessmen.

The commissioner warned them against hoarding local commodities to artificial scarcity in that "Without a customer there is no business."

Lagos

The Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Tourism, Mr Abimbola Odunlami, has urged businessmen to consider the general welfare of the state.

The commissioner pleaded to stop during discussion between him and other members of the Lagos State Executive Council.

BRIEFS

Uyo

SAINT Luke's Hospital, Anua in Uyo Local Government area of Cross River State may be reorganised, a government source has hinted.

It was further gathered that during the exercise, some officials of the hospital would be redeployed to other ministries.

The reorganisation plan of the hospital is not unconnected with the report of enquiry into frequent riot and conflict among management staff.

Enugu

WHAT has been described as an indiscriminate and illegal trade in elephant ivory has become a source of great concern to the Anambra State government.

So, the state's forestry commission has warned that it would take stern measures against any person who engages in this illegal traffic.

The commission described the practice as unproductive, saying it has involved the state government in heavy loss of revenue.

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Onitsha

A young man who thought it would be easier for him to end his life than to continue to appear in court to answer charges, had instead added another charge on the original one and will now have to spend more days appearing in another court charges.

The youth, Daniel Okoro was over the weekend docked before an Onitsha court charged with another charge for trying to commit suicide by throwing himself on an oncoming vehicle.

EDITORIAL

OF REGISTRATION AND JUGGLERY

ON WHAT criteria did the Federal Electoral Commission compute the projected figure of 39.9 million eligible voters for the decisive post-military elections? On what did it base the claim that 27.4 million people have so far been registered? It does not appear that the commission is attaching to the registration exercise the importance it commands in the political processes that are to precede the return to civil rule, or else it would have occurred to those concerned that mere jugglery with statistics is not the answer to what everybody knows as a fact to be a farce.

FROM all corners of the federation have come a common cry by millions of citizens who have not been registered. In many villages, people have not unto this day seen a registration official. In some areas, there are the peculiar problems of communications and transportation. The riverine and creek areas are a case in point. Are the people of these places to be excluded from exercising their civic rights because they originate or live in such areas? Are these people going to be exempted from the consequences of the potentially momentous events that lie before us?

WE ARE most reluctant to subscribe to the view being peddled in some quarters that there might be something sinister about the whole exercise. But this view must be seen against the fact that no person can vote who is not registered, and that voting is the soul of politics. And that politicians rely on the support of the majority in their constituencies to succeed. Would it be right to deny the people the right to elect a candidate of their own choice by failing to register them?

WE SHOULD remind the commission with the greatest sense of responsibility that this federation is made up of NINETEEN states. And that the Chief Executive under the presidential system that has been recommended for the country by the Constituent Assembly shall have the whole nation as his constituency. Would it be right if any section of the Federation is excluded from deciding on the choice of the incumbent of the most powerful office in the land? Is this a matter for nibbling?

NO ONE wants to politicise the registration exercise. However, it does appear that the commission owes this nation the duty to give a breakdown of the figures of the number of people of eligible voters who registered during the house to house exercise, state by state, and also showing the number of registered voters in each local government authority constituency.

IF THE commission accepts to do this, it will convince itself that the claim that the registration exercise was a "remarkable success" is laughable. And that the best cause is to extend the date of the house to house registration if millions of the people will not be denied their right to elect their rulers when the military quits the stage.

WHO GOT THAT MONEY?

Students of Anambra State origin in institutions of higher learning in this country continue to express concern over the much-publicised in-service award and the spending of N.8m for the payment of Supplemental Allowance to Anambra State students by the Anambra State Government.

As a matter of fact, many well thinking men and women in this country will not hesitate to applaud this worthwhile venture by the Anambra State Government but it is as well worthwhile for the general public to know that the Anambra State Government has succeeded in making life more difficult for her students in higher institutions.

The fact is that some time in 1977, the Military governor of Anambra State made an announcement that all students of Anambra State origin in institutions of higher learning will be paid allowances.

The news spread like wildfire. Parents, guard-

ians and friends felt relieved. Then the students efforts to convince these people of the true position of things proved abortive. The resultant effect is that help were suspended and students began to suffer, as the much publicised allowance did not come and allowances from parents and so on ceased.

The students are now hawtix and between. No student knows where to dance to, since the allowances from the government did not come and parents stopped sending money.

To the greatest surprise and embarrassment of the public in general and the students' body in particular



there came the publication in the Daily Star of February 10, 1978 which said that the Anambra State Government had spent the sum of N.8 million for the payment of In-Service Training Allowance to students of Anambra State origin in the institutions of higher learning. The question now is "on whom was the money spent?"

The public should not be deceived.

JOHN ODO OGBU
Owerri

NBC Port Harcourt must improve

IN the history of radio broadcast in eastern Nigeria, the Port Harcourt station could be regarded as elder brother of most of the other radio stations.

But there is a situation which suggests that the NBC, Port Harcourt has not improved on its services since the 1940s. Who is responsible for this state of affairs — the government or the management?

If the former, I must appeal to the government to grant enough fund to the managing director of the corporation to enable him install powerful transmitters for the NBC, Port Harcourt. This would enable more areas in the state to

receive its broadcasts.

If the latter, the sword of Democles should be unhesitatingly to prune the reactionaries in the corporation, to usher in a new spirit of change at the NBC, Port Harcourt.

Consider the Imo State broadcasting station, for instance. Though it came into being recently, it has captured the minds of the entire eastern States. Most people living outside Port Harcourt, even depend on it. The NBC, Port Harcourt should be able to come up to the standard of that young station.

A. O. CHOMA

Omoku.

Employ stenographers as teachers

MAY I know from the authority concerned why stenographers are not employed as teachers in secondary commercial schools, to teach such subjects as typewriting, and short hand?

I ask this question because Teacher's Grade II Certificate holders, City and Guild Certificate holders are employed as teachers. Since both are professional fields, I do not see why stenographers should not be employed.

There is currently shortage of teachers for short-hand and typewriting in our schools. Due to this, although some students will like to go in for courses in these subjects, they back out because of lack of prospect.

I think stenographers should be employed as teachers in our secondary schools.

SAMUEL B. GBENYU
Port Harcourt.

CONTROL FOOD PRICE

THE way price control man change beer sellers gives me the impression that most Nigerians are simply drunkards. Otherwise I see no reason why so much attention should be placed on the prices of beer while other essential commodities starve in price.

We should pay a little more to have in control the prices of foodstuffs.

OSIMOLA C. PREKUMO
Port Harcourt.

Stop demolishing houses

I MUST congratulate the Rivers State Government for the new roads it is constructing throughout the city of Port Harcourt. These roads have contributed immensely to ease traffic congestion in the city.

But there are disadvantages. The construction works have affected some residential areas. Thus hundreds of people have been rendered homeless.

Considering the acute shortage of housing accommodation in Port Harcourt, this pro-

blem should attract the attention of those who plan the construction works.

I am therefore appealing to the government to stop demolishing houses in Port Harcourt.

CHRISTIAN A. OSIMAR
Port Harcourt

Halt those drivers

THE deplorable way taxi drivers use Alkiko Street, a slobes throw to Mile one market, Diobu-Port Harcourt, as motor park is causing a lot of concern.

Due to this, people find it difficult to use the road. Apart from that, the taxi drivers pose a threat to life with their recklessness.

My humble suggestion

is that the Motor Traffic Division of the Nigerian Police Force should see to it that no motorist uses the road as a taxi park.

And all those hawks who swarm around the place should be forced to restrict their trade to the market.

A. I. I. DC
Diobu.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IS THE ANSWER TO URBAN MIGRATION

GOV LAUDS ABRAKA COLLEGE

Cherubim ordains new priests

The Chief Apostle of the Sacred Order of the Cherubim and Seraphim, Chief Apostle Abana Inchara of Imo and Anambra organisations recently ordained over 200 members of the Order as Apostles, evangelists, pastors, rabbi and prayer band in the Rivers State capital, Port Harcourt.

Picture shows the newly ordained priests posing for a group photograph with Chief Apostle Abana.

The Bendel State military governor, Commodore Husaini Abdullahi, has commended the Abraka College of Education for producing well-qualified non-graduate teachers for secondary schools and Teacher Training Colleges in the state.

Making the commendation at the graduation luncheon of the College at Abraka, Commodore Abdullahi said that both activities were vital to the solution of the education problems in the country.

He called on the college authorities to widen the scope of NCE courses to include technical and commercial education by October next year. Commodore Abdullahi, also called for the increase of the student population to 3,000 by 1980.

On the 500 acres of land required by the institution for expansion purposes, the governor appealed to the Abraka community to come to the aid of the college in support

of what government can provide with its limited financial resources.

He expressed gratitude to the University of Ife whose Faculty of Education had moderated the NCE examinations of the college from June 1974 to June 1977 when the University of Benin took over that responsibility.

The governor also paid glowing tributes to some agencies of the United Nations — the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), and the UNICEF for their contributions to the development of the institution.

He said the agencies had made available various types of scientific equipment to the

institution and that about 15 members of the College staff have benefitted from the UNESCO fellowship.

Earlier, Commodore Abdullahi had presented certificates to 228 graduates of the institution at its fifth graduation ceremony.

In his speech, the state commissioner for Education, Chief A. S. O. Ejoh, urged

the college to increase its present intake of 420 students to over 800 next session.

Chief Ejoh, said such a steep rise in annual output required necessary inputs such as additional classrooms, hostel blocks, staff quarters, laboratory spaces and play grounds for extra curricular activities.



NATIONAL BRIEFS

Lagos

OFFICIALS of the Lagos State Ministry of Education led by the permanent secretary, Mr O. O. Esan have visited the scene of the school building which collapsed at Ialo.

The team, which included the state's Chief Inspector of Education, Mr Y. O. Bashorun, was at the school to assess the extent of damage caused as a result of heavy torrential rain.

Briefing the officials, the principal of the Holy Saviour's College, Mr Oyenaye, indicated that alternative accommodation is being arranged for the affected students.

Calabar

IT is the intention of the Federal Military Government that farmers and Produce Co-operative Unions will be more involved in the marketing of their produce, while genuine and hardworking individual Buying Agents are not to be stifled or pushed out of business.

The Federal Commissioner for Co-operatives and Supply, Alhaji Umaru Mutalab, announced this while inaugurating the Nigerian Palm Produce Board in Calabar, capital of the Cross River State.

He said under such an arrangement much of the existing exploitation by middlemen would be removed if not completely eliminated.

Ulonna

THE Ido State government has approved a loan of ₦31,000 for farmers at the Ulonna North and South Farm Settlement near Ulonna during the current planting season.

This was disclosed by the state's Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr F. O. Omosha while speaking at the first Agricultural Show organized by farmers at the Ulonna North and South Farm Settlement recently.

Akure

THE Ondo State government attaches great importance to co-operative movement because of its role in the social and economic development of the nation.

The state Commissioner for Trade and Co-operatives, Mr S. Akintunde made the statement over the weekend when board members of Co-operative Supply Association Limited, heard him a courtesy call in his office in Akure during a one-day seminar on Ondo State.

Payment of legitimate debts underway

PLANS are underway for the Federal Military Government to pay legitimate debts incurred by the Nigerian Produce Marketing

Company. This was revealed by the Federal Commissioner for Co-operatives and Supply, Alhaji Umaru Mutalab,

during a courtesy call on the military governor of the Cross River State, Colonel Paul Omu, in Calabar.

He said that financial experts were busy examining the records of the Nigerian Produce Marketing Company at the end of which the total legitimate debts would be known and arrangements made for their clearance.

The governor had asked Alhaji Mutalab when the Federal Military Government would pay the debts owed by the Nigerian Produce Marketing Company to the former state Marketing Board.

The commissioner was accompanied on the courtesy visit by a number of senior officials of his ministry, the chairman and members of the newly inaugurated board which its headquarters in the Cross River State capital.

Before returning to Lagos, Alhaji Mutalab also visited the state's ministry of Co-operatives, the office of the Nigerian National Supply Company as well as the three warehouses of the company in the state capital.

Agreement for ₦3.9m housing units signed

AGREEMENT for the construction of the second phase of the Federal Government ₦3.9 million Housing Units in the Cross River State has been signed in Calabar.

The contract has been awarded to five indigenous contractors.

They are, the Ataque Works, Phisun Construction Company, Cunix Industrial and commercial Company, Tribuck Enterprises and Nyambi Builders.

The contract period is six months.

At a brief ceremony in Calabar, the state commissioner for Lands, Survey and Urban Development, Mr E. A. Bassy

emphasized that the state and the Federal Governments are committed to providing modern accommodation for its people.

He appealed to the contractors handling the project to ensure that the job is completed on schedule.

Altogether 188 housing units are to be sited at Calabar, Uyo and Oyo.

A break down of the units per location shows that Calabar will have 94 houses, Uyo 48 while Oyo will have 46, all totalling 188 units.

The project is in direct control of the military governor Cross River State, Colonel Ulonna Omu.

C S T GRADUATION DAY



IT WAS ALL COLOUR, FAN-FARE AND SMILES

College of Science and Technology Port Harcourt the first institution of higher learning in the Rivers State, over the weekend celebrated their third graduation ceremony at the college campus.

Pictures show the Chief Justice of the Federation Sir Darnley Alexander (left) chats with the Rector, (Chief Dr W. T. Wakama) before the ceremony.

Professor Tam David-West, the Rivers State Commissioner for Education read the exhortation on behalf of the State Military Governor, Col Zamani Lekwot.

And the Rector of the institute (Chief) Dr Wakama read the address.



A day
they'll
always
remember

The chairman of the college governing council, Dr Otu Wali handed over the awarded Diploma certificate to the students.

Picture here shows a female student of the School of Science receiving her Diploma with pride. Below is the academic programme from the amphitheatre in the platform in the afternoon.



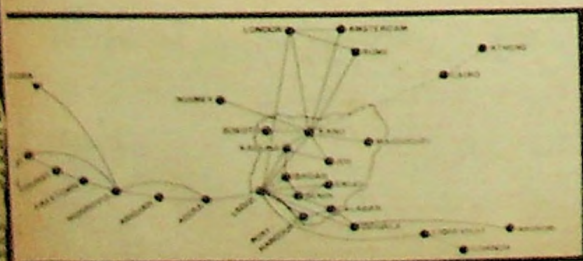


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Veteran Nationalist leader in South Africa is dead

ROBERT Mangaliso Sobukwe, 53, former leader of South Africa's banned Panafrikanal Congress (PAC) died in Kimberley Hospital last Sunday of cancer of the lung. It has been reported.

Mr Sobukwe had suffered from the illness for a long time and underwent surgery in Groota Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, last year.

He was admitted to hospital this time two weeks ago. He had spent six years in jail, three of them as a detainee. Mr Sobukwe, eldest of an African butcher's six children, was an intellectual and held a chair of African languages at Witwatersrand University.

In 1954 he led the movement which split the country's main Nationalist Organization, the African National Congress (ANC) founded in 1925, and set up his own Pan Africanist Congress.

Both movements were banned six years later by the South African Government following a campaign of civil disobedience, largely master-minded by Mr Sobukwe.

He was arrested on March 21, 1960, after the notorious Sharpeville shootings in which police opened fire on Anti-Pass Law demonstrators, killing 61.

He was sentenced to three years jail for inciting people to break the Pass Laws, but a special government decree kept him in prison for another three years.

After release he was returned to Kimberley and then authorized by the government to practice as a lawyer.

But as a "banned" person, Mr Sobukwe was not allowed

to take part in any political activities or to be quoted by the press.

Last month, however, he was named as a "conspirator" in a trial of members of his Pan Africanist movement which opened at Bethal near Johannesburg.

Mr Sobukwe broke with the African National Congress because he considered white communists were too influential in the movement.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela is still serving a life sentence in Robben Island prison.

A determined Nationalist and "Africanist" Mr Sobukwe was criticised for excluding whites from his struggle against apartheid.

He was fiercely anti-communist and was known to have an American-type model of development.

Three of his four children are currently studying in the United States and live with

Andrew Young, America's United Nations Envoy.

In December 1975 at the height of Prime Minister John Vorster, "Detente" offensive in Africa, Liberian President William Tolbert invited Mr Sobukwe to Monrovia.

The invitation was seen as a test by Mr Tolbert of South Africa's sincerity.

But Pretoria refused to allow Mr Sobukwe to leave the country and no explanation was given.

Mr Sobukwe's PAC went underground in 1960 after a brief attempt to launch a guerrilla wing POQO.

Both MC and ANC have been more active recently in the wake of anti-apartheid riots which broke out in African townships last year.

PAC, which has less outside support than its Marxist-leaning rival, has offices in Algiers and Dar Es Salaam. But its main leaders are in New York.

POOR COUNTRIES LOANS MAY BE WRITTEN OFF

A NUMBER of western nations are "seriously consider-

ing" writing off much of the official debts of the poorest developing countries as part of their aid programme, the Financial Times has said.

The paper saw this as "a significant change in attitude" but it said immediate action was unlikely.

In Britain's case, concessional loans of up about 2,000 million naira carrying annual repayments of 110 million naira, might be involved.

The Financial Times noted that the debt problem was due to come up on March 6 at a Ministerial meeting of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in Geneva.

Total estimated debt of the Third World is more than 150,000 million naira, the paper said.

"Western governments feel under increasing pressure for a more conciliatory approach because of the action last year by Sweden, Canada, Holland and Switzerland in writing off loans due from the poorest countries, and because of the present impasse in the North-South Dialogue", it said.

The paper thought countries likely to benefit would include India, Pakistan, Malawi, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Bangladesh and Botswana.

Death of Egyptian Editor: Trial begins

A COURT in Nicosia has begun with the pre-trial hearings in the cases of two men charged with the pre-meditated murder of Egyptian Journalist Youssef Sebati.

Mr Sebati was gunned down 10 days ago at the start of a 24-hour hijacking Odyssey that led to an airport battle in which 15 Egyptian Commandos were killed in Nicosia.

The hearings will last one week, to be followed by a trial before a district high court convened in special session.

Mr Sebati, who was Editor of the Cairo Daily Al-Ahram, was slain while presiding over a session of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AAPSO).

Indicted in the case are Samir Mohamed Karar, 28, holder of a Jordanian passport, and Hussein Ahmed Al Ali, 26, bearer of a Kuwaiti passport.

It convicted, both could get the death sentence.

Strict security precautions were in effect to protect the accused, whom Egypt has demanded should be handed over to face charges in Cairo.

Meanwhile in Kuwait, the Newspaper Al-Wakeel said the air had planned to kill also two prominent Palestinians attending the Aqaba meeting in a Nicosia-dated dispatch it named the two targeted as Khalid Fahoum, President of the Palestinian National Council, and Abdallah Hureidi, President of the Palestinian Council of peace.

Syrian leaders refuse meeting with US envoy

SYRIAN leaders have refused to meet US Middle East envoy Alfred Atherton on the grounds that his current mission does not serve the cause of peace, the newspaper Damascus reported recently in Damascus.

Technin said Mr Atherton, assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, had requested a meeting to flesh out his current shuttle between Cairo and Jerusalem.

"The Shuttle does not serve the cause of a just and lasting peace and therefore is of no concern whatsoever to Syria",

It said this marked the second time that Syria had turned down a US bid for a high-level meeting.

The Syrian leadership enthroned President Corneille when he entered through the area in January, Technin said.

BRIEFS

Brussels

Force of the outlawed Congolese National Liberation Front (FLNC) killed 20 Zairese troops and seized large quantities of weapons in clashes near Malonga, South-West Zaire, last week, it has been reported here.

An FLNC Central Committee communiqué said FLNC Guerrillas had also blown up an arms depot and destroyed two Zairese army lorries.

The communiqué warned "imperialist and capitalist powers, with France at the head" of the risks they were taking in propping up Zairese President Mobutu Sese Seko's "unpopular and corrupt" regime.

New Delhi

Former Premier Indira Gandhi was granted bail on Monday when the appeal before a court on charges brought against her by the Shah Commission inquiring into alleged excesses during her 21-month emergency rule.

She was allowed to have visited the Indian Penal Code when she refused to testify before the Commission Chairman, Justice, J. C. Shah, last month.

Addis Ababa

A three-man delegation of the all-Ethiopia Trade Union (AETU) left here for Addis, Ghana on Sunday to take part in a meeting of the All-Africa Trade Unions Unity Organization.

AETU First Vice-President Getachew Tekele, who heads the delegation, said he would urge the organization to take "appropriate measures" against imperialism and reactionaries conspiring to destabilize Ethiopia.

In another development a leader of the rival Ethiopian Democratic Union (EDU) and 30 of his followers were killed in a security operation mounted by Ethiopian government forces in the Matama district of Northern Gondar Province, it was reported at the weekend.

Stockholm

Two Ethiopians have demanded political asylum here after stowing away on a Greek boat from Somalia, officials have reported today.

The two, aged 22 and 24, arrived in the Southern Swedish port of Ahus over the weekend.

Their names have not been disclosed.

Djibouti

Extensive flooding was reported throughout Djibouti on Monday after 48 hours of rain.

Interior Minister Moumin Bahdon described the situation as "worrying" and said 20,000 people had been affected by the disaster.

Many homes were flooded by up to one metre (three) he added.

An estimated 10,000 (ten thousand) four and a half inches) of rain has fallen in the past 24 hours, the country's normal annual rainfall is 150 mm.

Nouakchott

Cape Verde's Economic Planning Minister Oualido Lopez Da Silva arrived here last Sunday for a three-day visit to Mauritania it has been reported.

He is to discuss trade and ocean transport issues with Mauritanian officials.

Osaka

A Japanese undertaker, 35, his wife and two of his children left for Florida in the United States recently from where they plan to set sail on a 20,000-litre (42,500-gallon) global journey in a 19 metre (yards) yacht.

Yusuke Nishikawa told newsmen at Osaka airport that he had sold his house and borrowed money from relatives to pay for the \$3,000 (three thousand) dollars yacht equipped with two main sails and 80 horsepower engine. The family plans to set sail in April and does not expect to return to Japan for between seven and ten years.

Hebron

ARAB students vomited Israeli vehicles at Khabat near Hebron.

They chanted slogans against the Israeli military occupation and against Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

Meanwhile, Israeli authorities took security steps to keep Rabbi Meyer Kahane and his followers from occupying a former Jewish hospital in the heart of Arab-inhabited Hebron.

The rabbi, former New York Rabbi, announced he would move into the hospital.

Taipei

TAIWAN will dispatch a trade delegation to Pretoria to discuss with South African economic officials an extension of the current trade agreement between the two countries.

Nationalist China and South Africa have a three-year trade agreement which expires this year.

Under the agreement South Africa supplies 450,000 metric tonnes of maize to Taiwan a year for three years.

Canberra

The special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting was opened in Canberra on Monday with the aim of setting up a regime for the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources.

But Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock, in opening the meeting raised the most immediate problem of solving the question of national sovereignty in the region.

He said that any "viable solution could not be destructive of any of the essential positions of any of the 13 consultative parties".

HOME MATTERS AT HOME

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Nimi Thom-Manuel

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Dram Night	RSP TAPE
05.43	Station Identification	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers	RSP TAPE
06.00	Moment for Thought	NP
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorial	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	"
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP CGR
06.35	ON Education Public Service Inlets	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	News Analysis	NP
07.15	Your Government And You	"
07.20	Midweek Treat	RSP CGR
07.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Ekiti and Eufade	NP
08.13	Public Service Announcements	RSP TAPE
08.15	A Date With R.I.S	NP
08.45	Educational Service	RSP CGR
09.00	News Summaries In Ilesha, Igbu and Ijo	NP
09.15	Melody Time (Compiled by Jara Orash)	RSP LIVE
09.45	News in Summary in Kanuri, Ijo and Yoruba	NP
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Promotion feature	NP
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	NP
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	NP
12.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Atko Taru (Ikwere Mag. Prog.)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Magazine A To Z	"
13.41	News in Edo and Ekiti	NP
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.01	Juke Box	"
14.30	Iron Onu life	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.01	Beat for Jump	RSP CGR
15.30	State News in English, Ikwere and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	A Disc for you	"
16.15	Educational Service	"
16.30	Educational Service	NP
16.45	News in Eufade and Hausa	"
17.00	State News in Khanga and Izo	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement	"
17.30	Let's Discuss	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Igbu and Izo	NP
18.10	Your Government and you	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Window on the world	"
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	FBI (In the Language	NP
19.00	News Phosonara	NP
19.30	Our Own Music on Records	RSP CGR
19.45	News in Kanuri and Ijo	NP
20.00	State News in English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News Summaries in Ikwere, Kalabari, Khana and Izo	RSP LIVE
20.30	Kumool Bestro life (Kolokoma Mag. Pro.	RSP LIVE
21.00	News in Yoruba	NP
21.07	Moment for Thought	"
21.10	Relax with	"
21.20	Evening Washup	NP
21.30	Features	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Analysis-Weather News	NP
22.15	Educational Service	"
22.30	Music of the Masters	"
23.00	News On The Hour	NP
23.03	Mid Week Music Room	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP TAPE

OFN NEWS VEGETABLE GARDENING

VEGETABLE is an essential ingredient in our daily meals, so that we find most house wives clustering at vegetable stalls in the market.

One would find a few stands of vegetables of different types planted around living houses.

This shows that the space used you need in plant vegetables for your family use.

To encourage more people is not much to grow this essential house hold food item, I shall today touch on vegetable growing.

You can cultivate vegetables in three simple ways.

The first way is by planting your vegetables on well tared beds using garden tools.

The second way is by inter-planting or planting vegetables inside your maize, yam or cassava plot.

And the third way is by planting some vegetable stands around your house.

If you have choice of land, especially if you intend to plant vegetables on a large scale, you have to take the following factors into consideration, when choosing a site.

Water for instance, is especially necessary during the dry season.

To ensure regular water supply you have to locate your garden near a stream, river, or by digging a well.

The land you choose should be as flat as possible, to prevent erosion which is usually more serious on slopy or hilly land.

The soil should be fertile.

This can be determined by visual observation of the performance of the vegetation around.

Around the house of course, your house waste refuse will improve the soil because of the humus the refuse will produce.

If your soil is not fertile, you can improve it by adding fertilizers, compost or manure.

The land should be well drained, so that water will not collect on the surface during heavy rains.

Strong winds may cause damage by knocking down the vegetable plants.

So site your garden away from the winds.

As the garden itself you will be using are very delicate, avoid stumps, trees and stumps.

Your garden should be sited about 70 metres from the surrounding bush to avoid too much shade.

The site should be close to your home so that you can care for the plants properly.

It should be near the road and marked if possible, so that the cost of transport will not be excessive.

Your vegetables will then reach the buyer in fresh condition.

G. D. Princewill

in the women's realm could be an exciting hobby.

Cookery of all nationalities will afford a variety on the dinner table.

What marvellous way to win the man's heart and make the children ask for more helpings?

Once again there are numerous cookery books to choose from, Indian, Chinese, Jewish etc.

You could also spend your leisure time swimming or dancing.

Making toys

If there are no existing clubs for these activities why not form them?

I really do relish making toys or dolls' dresses for children; making one's own toys could be both rewarding and money saving.

Below is a simple method of making a soft toy.

Material

- 1 yd of material
- 2 small black buttons for eyes

Outline the form of the animal which could be anything, a dog, cat, elephant etc on a piece of tracing paper.

Cut out the material using the tracing paper.

Now up all sides leaving a small space for stuffing.

Stuff with the rags. Fix buttons and mouth.

In an hour you can be making two or three different types of toys and they cost next to nothing.

Taking this hobby a little bit further, you could earn yourself some money by selling out these soft toys to friends or open up a shop.

In no time your hobby is turned into a big business.

Wouldn't that be most rewarding instead of sitting idle brooding over your sorrows or drowning in idle gossip?

—Nimi

STORY

SNAKE ENCOUNTER!

IN my childhood days, I had often heard of snakes, and seen them in pictures.

I had never had an encounter with one, and had prayed not to encounter any.

But unfortunately it came my way the day I walked into a small bush near my school to ease myself.

Behind I came across a very long snake which I later discovered to be a Rattlesnake.

It had a smooth and small head with a pair of glittering eyes; big and rainbow-coloured body with a slant and rough but a fat tail.

When I had finished easing myself, I felt very light and comfortable.

As I was getting dressed, I suddenly heard a noise in the direction of the foot-path. I ran into the bush.

I exclaimed "TA-MI-NO-E!" meaning, God-E!

There in front of me was a mighty clawing reptile gazing at me.

I became hypnotised by sight and could neither shut my mouth after the exclamation, nor did I remember I was dressing.

My pair of trousers slipped off my hands, and I shivered.

I wished I had wings to fly away or could perform some magic and disappear from that bush.

Fortunately for me and unfortunately for the snake, a passerby who heard me scream looked at the de-

rection.

He came into the bush and looked at me inquiringly as I could not make any move.

I then managed and lifted my left hand, and pointed at the creature on the ground.

He looked in the direction of my finger, saw the snake and immediately without a word retraced his steps.

As he returned the second time, I saw some people with look and machets for an attack on the snake.

By S. I. ALLISON

During the attack I hurriedly dressed and leaped, as the creature rushed towards me, as though I sent for the attackers.

Anyway, I succeeded and escaped with the help of the villagers who came just in time.

The snake was really overpowered and killed.

By the time it was dragged out of the bush, the whole school had got the information and ran out to see how big the snake was.

That notwithstanding the man who saw me first and called others for help told our headmaster that, but for him I would have been swallowed by the snake.

Our headmaster and class teachers thanked him immensely.

The headmaster quickly sent for a ruler and measured the length of the snake which was about 500 metre long.

The same news got home and my parents notified the man and his friends and my deliverance was celebrated.

NTV CHANNEL 10 PH

5:45	News in Brief
5:50	Puppet Theatre
6:15	Harvey Cartoons
6:30	Play of the Week "R"
7:30	World News
7:45	News Translations
8:05	The Debate (NP)
9:00	Network News
9:25	Papers Today
9:30	Band Stand
10:30	Crown Court
12:30	News Summary

'National interest motivated new policy on technical education'

EXHORTATION by the Military Governor of the Rivers State, Col Zamani Lakwo, visitor of the College of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, on the occasion of the third Graduation Ceremony of the college on Saturday, February 25, 1978, read on his behalf by the Rivers State Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West.

I always look forward to the Graduation Ceremonies of this college with unusual interest and expectation, and not without reason. In 1977 the Federal Government published a National Policy document on Education. That Policy document painstakingly set out the philosophy, objectives and implementation procedures for all facets of education including Technical Education. The objectives set out were:

- (a) to provide trained manpower in applied science, technology and commerce particularly at sub-professional grades.
- (b) to provide the technical knowledge and vocational skills necessary for agricultural, industrial, commercial and economic development.
- (c) to provide people who can apply scientific knowledge to the improvement and solution of environmental problems for the use and convenience of man.
- (d) to give an introduction to professional studies in engineering and other technologies.
- (e) to give training and impart the necessary skills leading to the production of craftsmen, technicians and other skilled personnel who will be enterprising and self-reliant; and
- (f) to enable our young men and women to have

an intelligent understanding of the increasing complexity of technology.

The government of the Rivers State expects this college to play a leading role in the implementation of the Federal Government policy on Technical Education especially as it applies to the local environment. I am delighted to find among your diplomats today a comprehensive range of skills for industry, commerce and agriculture. It is my strong hope that following this graduation, we shall have more and better personnel who will be responsible for the maintenance, care, design and development of engineering plant and machinery in industry, for the execution of engineering and agricultural projects in the Niger Delta River Basin under the guidance of the relevant authority, for effecting improvements in our power distribution, telecommunications and transport systems and for innovative activities in our business concerns.

I congratulate all those who are graduating today. They will note from what has been said that a great deal is expected of them. They are among the first ten sets of graduates of this college and may be regarded as forming part of the vanguard that will set the pace for others to



THE Rector of the college, Professor W. T. Wakama is seen reading his annual report while the Chief Justice of the Federation, Sir Dinnley Alexander, the chairman of the governing council of the college, Dr Obi Wali, Professor Tam David-West who represented the governor and others listen with rapt attention.

follow. I hope they will not be found wanting. At the end of November, 1977, students of this college, along with students from other institutions, withdrew en masse from the college campus in protest against the new Federal policy on Technical Education. I am highly pleased to observe that almost all students involved in the protest have now returned to the campus having accepted the terms of the policy as lately modified.

We are all aware of the short-fall in technical manpower throughout the country. We have to bear in mind that, in proportion to the aridity of our technological environment, we, as a nation, must sometimes evolve revolutionary solutions to our technological problems.

Hundreds of our young men and women are being sent overseas under the crash programme for technical education to prepare themselves for the nation's technological take-off. This, however, is a temporary measure. The New Policy on Technical

Education is a more permanent approach to a problem that requires a local solution.

It appears to me that the students lost sight of the great advantages of the new policy. More technicians will be trained in lesser time, the in-built inferiority of certain technician cadres is removed and an equality of opportunity for advancement is created for all technicians.

All this is achieved in the new policy without lowering standards. Besides, the educational emphasis in technical education is on the teaching of the practical arts and skills at all the levels of scholarship which constitute comprehensive higher education and which are required by modern professionalism. There should be fostered strong links with industry and Commerce and the professions.

The new policy attempts to achieve these goals by compulsorily extending the period of supervised industrial work experience. It directs that industry and professional associations

should be closely involved in the determination of course content and syllabi that centres work experience should be established to supplement the facilities available in industry.

There is no attempt ever to cage students from various climes. Negotiations can never be stressed. I am glad that had students a little more patience, time consuming sapping and near down repercussions followed could have been avoided.

Now that it is clear from various clarifications that government action motivated purely by national interest is to the students to demonstrate their patriotism, continually assisting implementation of the policy. Government in its part, endeavour to fulfil its own obligations.

I congratulate the entire Council of the college and its staff to impressive results have achieved and wish them to continue to



TONYE, my friend wrote from abroad wanting to know the type of political party I envisage for 1978. He also wanted to know how my vote would go.

In my reply, I made it clear to Tonye that it was premature to talk of political parties and how one would cast his or her vote. This is so because 1979 was still at large. Furthermore, the loss of political activities was still in force.

I informed Tonye that whenever the ban on political activities was lifted and our gallant political aspirants return the Freedom, I would let him know.

I lauded his enthusiasm over the advent of his country. However, I wrote that we should keep our pens and that he should face his studies with a serene and determination until the time was ripe for politics.

Tonye, in his latest letter also my reply and two weeks later he wrote back "you see, the parties of the first republic

were enthusiastic enough with capitalism and all the evils that one could imagine" adding "do you think Nigeria should afford to have such parties, where the minority group would triumph in perpetual slavery?"

Tonye, in his letter, later also talked about the vexed question of revenue allocation in the country with emphasis on the sufferings of the people from the oil producing areas and the neglect experienced by them.

After reading Tonye's latest letter, I had an alternative but to share with him his anxiety and concern for the future of his people.

What Tonye may not understand is that the Nigeria of today is quite different from what we had in the past three or four years of shame and confusion.

In order to create the stability of this country and to avoid history from repeating itself, I would like that this country now needs a stable leader-

ship. Talking about stable leadership therefore, this author has in mind a leadership that would ensure equality among all Nigerians, their place of birth and religious calling not withstanding.

I want a leadership that would be straight forward and a leadership that would completely eschew nepotism, tribalism, classism, tribalism, favoritism and all the "isms" that had caused this country to be in its present state.

This concept of unity much believed in mixed economy and therefore would like to see the growth of private enterprises in the country. People should own properties within the limits of their legitimate earnings. This is so because the "one man one plot" idea is very foreign in the African context.

My type of party therefore, is the one that would not concern itself with the importation of archaic foreign ideologies that would only cause more

confusion than what they are out to avoid.

The average Nigerian wants, food, shelter, peace and stability to enable him go about his legitimate undertakings without molestation.

What is more, my type of party would have the sympathy for the oil producing areas that are now experiencing hardships from oil expropriation.

It is a matter of regret that the areas under mention are faced with hardship, not either by design or default. Other Nigerians had better failed to take note of this situation. Therefore any political Aspirant who wants the votes must endeavour to appreciate the sufferings of these unfortunate people.

The important issue is the future leadership of the country must take very seriously the creation of National Unity. There is no gain saying of the fact that there is no unity in this country.

It is therefore imperative and

NEED FOR UNITY

mandatory on any political Aspirant to the leadership of this country to ensure that unity is united. This will make it possible to think of the things they come from.

In the past, Nigerians have talked glibly about the unity of the country, even though they never Easterners and

It must be observed that the creation of 14 states the country has not improved the situation, rather people becoming more state conscious than anything else.

Our past leaders had the opportunity to ensure unity of this country, but they failed to do so. They all showed cold feet, and as a result

Nigeria certainly needs and therefore any people or individual who brings about that unity, whatever platform would be the blessing of the nation.



₦71,800 gift to voluntary bodies

THE Lagos State Government has granted ₦71,800 to various voluntary organisations in Lagos State, engaged in humanitarian work, to help them with their activities.

Presenting cheques for the amount to the representatives of the organisations at a ceremony in Lagos, the former state commissioner for Sports and Social Development, Mr Patrick Sanwo, called on the voluntary organisations to identify the social ills brought about by our present socio-economic development and make efforts to find cures to them.

He named some of the ills as juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, prostitution, idleness, crime, especially among youths and unhygienic environment.

Mr Sanwo urged the organisations to make their impact felt in the field of social work also in the rural areas and not to concentrate their atten-

tion on Lagos alone.

The commissioner appealed to the organisations to join hands with his ministry in re-activating the Marriage Council so as to alleviate the problems of broken homes by a result of broken marriages.



MR PATRICK SANWO

500 GRANTS FOR IKA

Chief community development officer in Bendel State, Mr. H. B. Uku recently presented grants to some community IKA and Owan Local Government areas which embarked on I-HELP projects. Mrs. Uku (left) presents a cheque for ₦500 to Oshogbo (right), the Odifore of Ema-Oza Nsozogo in The Local Government while others look on.

Pilot literacy scheme takes off in Bendel

A PILOT experimental Functional Literacy Project has been launched at Ikomu, Bendel State.

Under the project, farmers and their wives in 16 villages of the Acharilo and Okoebho Local Government Council areas are receiving instructions on new varieties of seed, the use of fertilizers and herbicides and also about family health care, nutrition and diet.

The medium of instruction is their native dialect, Ishan.

In a speech at the launching ceremony, the Federal Commissioner for Education, Colonel A. A. Ali, described the project as a quiet revolution in literacy education. He said that the new schemes demanded an entirely new approach on the part of the teachers.

Instead of the authoritarian, paternalistic stance adopted

by almost all classroom teachers, he pointed out, this teacher of adults must surely change his role to that of a guide and a stimulator.

The commissioner said that in dealing with adult learners, it must not be forgotten that the primary aim must be to encourage in him the habit of independent thought, critical reasoning and self-reliance.

Colonel Ali disclosed that his ministry would experiment in three main areas of interest in urban programme, a programme for women, and a programme for an agricultural area.

Molestation of students alleged

THE president of the Cross River State Students Union Mr Oifiong Akwa has alleged that soldiers drafted to the northern parts of the state physically erect poor students who cannot afford school fees.

He told a news conference in Calabar, of cases where school children are asked to crawl on their knees on a mat for failing to produce their fees in time. And asked by newsmen if he knew a particular incident where such incident occurred, the president mentioned the Comprehensive Secondary School, Oboara, as an example.

His union he said was walking round the clock to get more facts about the alleged incident for proper reaction.

Mr Akwa called on the Federal Government to scrap-off the Emergency decree which he described as a "shy decree".

He contended that if the emergency decree was scrapped, citizens will be free to express their views without victimisation.

President Akwa said the Federal Military Government has not released any loan meant for students beneficiaries into the purse of the University of Calabar, where he said out of 1,000 students, only about 300 who are not on loan scheme paid their fees.

He condemned the recent increase of school fees in the Cross River State and called upon the Federal government to revoke the increase.

Hotel workers give deadline

Members of the Imo State origin of the Hotel Presidential Workers Union have given a two-week ultimatum to the permanent secretary, Ministry of Industries, Trade and Cooperatives, Imo State, to implement the agreement reached between the Anambra and Imo governments regarding their employment with Imo Hotels Limited.

This was contained in their letter to the permanent secretary dated February 10, 1978 and signed by the general secretary to the union, Mr. O. A. Akwahu.

The petition referred to the permanent secretary in the union letter HFWU/179 of August 2, 1977 informing him that workers of Imo State

origin of Presidential Hotel Enugu, were formally transferred to Imo Hotels Limited. They said that they had given him sufficient time to enable his ministry implement the agreement reached on the continuity of service of the workers of the state origin who were working in Hotel Presidential, Enugu but were recalled by his ministry.

They then appealed to him to implement the payment of their February 1977 salaries which they claimed was in arrears with the directors of his ministry.



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ONNE EXPERIMENTAL STATION,
P.M.B. 1173
ONNE, PORT HARCOURT,
RIVERS STATE.

NOTE: Only applications that show the requisite qualifications and experience stated for the position will be acknowledged.

Closing Date: 16th March, 1978.

**Classified
Adverts**

Change of Name

BENSTOWE — I, formerly called and addressed as Miss Beatrice Benstowe, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Miss Beatrice Joseph Benstowe. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Ministry of Rural Development and Social Welfare, Enugu and the general public should please take note. Mrs. Beatrice Joseph Benstowe.

COLE — I, formerly known and called Miss Rebecca Cole, now wish to be known and called Miss Rebecca Cooksey. All former documents remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, please take note. Rebecca Cooksey.

ALLEN — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Irene Allen, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Irene John. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note. Irene John.

IWORI — I, formerly known called and addressed as Iwori G. Imabibo, now wish to be known and called Godwill Imabibo. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Principal, FGTC Ndeke and general public should take note. Godwill Imabibo.

SONNY — I, formerly known called and addressed as Sonny A. Imabibo, now wish to be known and called Aglad Imabibo. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Principal, FGTC Ndeke and the general public should take note. Aglad Imabibo.

IKUFIRUGH — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Maxwell Imoany Idufirogh, now wish to be known and addressed as Maxwell Imoany Igw. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. International Bond for West African Limited Port Harcourt Branch and IBWA Ltd, Lagos and the general public should please take note. Mr Maxwell Imoany Igw.

VACANCY

Wanted Tutors, Apply in writing to:

The Rector,
St. James Orthodox Seminary,
Ibbo-Eboho,
P.M.B. 3382,
Port Harcourt.

Qualification: School Certificate needed.

Closing Date: 7th March, 1978.

SPECIAL INVITATION

The entire members of Ede United Brothers Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, cordially invite the members of the public to assist in their last closing ceremony of their award of certificates.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Civic Centre, Ede, Osun State, 4th March 1978.

R.S.V.P.
Ede United Brothers
Ede, Osun State.

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AIRWAYS HOUSE,
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IKEJA—LAGOS.

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- (1) Purchasing Officer
- (2) Transport Officer

Requirements:

- (a) Education — Good Educational Background
- (b) A Diploma of the Institute of Purchasing or its equivalent
- (c) 5 Years practical experience in this field

Salary: Attractive

- (2) (a) Education — Good Educational Background will be an advantage.
- (b) Professional Engineering
- (c) Good qualification in 5 years practical experience as Transport Officer.

Salary: Attractive

Method of Application: Applicant should state:

- (a) Age and experience
- (b) Photo-copies of all credentials and certificates
- (c) Two References
- (d) Application addressed to:-

The Manager,
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MEETING

THERE will be a meeting of members of Port Harcourt District Society of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria at Port Harcourt Primary School on Thursday 2nd March, 1978, at 6 p.m. prompt for important matters.

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PLEDGE SUPPORT

THE Head of State, Lt General Olusegun Obasanjo and his Liberian counterpart, President William Tolbert (Jr.), have reaffirmed their continuing dedication to the total eradication of racism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism on the African continent.

The two leaders also renewed their full support for the just struggles of the oppressed peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa.

The pledge was contained in a joint communique issued at the end of Lt-General Obasanjo's official visit to Liberia.

The two leaders, recognised the need to foster and expand these relations in all areas of co-operation.

The two leaders also renewed the situation in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East and expressed their full support for, and recommitment to the full implementation of the aims and objectives of the OAU.

They reaffirmed their faith in the OAU and the United Nations Organisation as effective instruments for the maintenance of peace, justice and security in the world.

The two Heads of State strongly condemned the murder of defenceless men, women and children, and fully rejected the Bamunan policy of the apartheid regime.

Rivers, Imo, Cross River, end meeting

THE zone one regional athletics competition among three Eastern States—Cross River, Imo and Rivers, ended successfully last Saturday at the Port Harcourt temporary stadium with lots of thrills and bits of disappointment in terms of RECORDS!

The two-day competition which brought together, some of the country's best field and track athletes aimed at selecting athletes stars in zone one for the final rounds in Calabar, Cross River State in April.

Athletes who outstandingly establish themselves in the Calabar final rounds will represent the country at the forthcoming Third All-Africa Games in Algeria, July this year.

The zone one elimination competitions witnessed a mixture of thrills and disappointment—thrills, in the sense that the athletes put up every grim determination to get a ticket to Calabar and disappointment in the sense that established national stars not only failed to set new records but also fell short of their previous records.

National star Utiufon Uko for example ran the 200 metres (women) in 25.2 secs and was also unable to break the tape for the 100 metres in less than 12.0 seconds.

Miss Bella Bell Gam's 1.62 metres in high jump (women) was still fairly far from Modupe Oshikoya's 1.78 metres (1975 Lagos).

E. S. Ekpé's 15.5 secs in 100 metres hurdles (women) was many seconds behind Modupe Oshikoya's 13.3 secs

in Chris-Church, 1974.

However, there were a pocket of heart relieving performance, from some established stars. Maxton Ojomu (member of Nigeria's quarter 4 x 100m relay to the Montreal politics-riddled commonwealth games) made the 100m (men) in

10.8 secs.

And although that time is yet to equal B. Majekodunmi's 10.3 sec (Mexico City 1968), it could be accepted as a fairly good one in view of the rough nature of the tracks.

M. Yale's 16.76 secs on 5000 metres (men) was also not unencouraging. Much as performances of the athletes were beyond expectation, one could dismiss much criticism of their low performances in view of some one or two strains.

The Port Harcourt temporary stadium, venue of the competitions, was not ideal ground for a competition of that nature. The tracks were not only rough but also not too well marked. They were very, very uncomfortable to the athletes—some of who are used to modern tracks.

The period was preparatory to a serious national competition and as such one may not have expected startling results.

Most of the athletes have not been training—at least, seriously—since the upwards of three, four months ago.

Interestingly enough, some fairly unknown athletes surfaced. One of them—a form II student, Ekaete Easien finished the 1,500 metres (women) in 5 minutes 25 seconds.

If exposed to serious training she could no doubt

by Chris Ogbondah

exceed G. Ebukuyo's 1974 Chris-Church 4 minute 38.4 secs in the foreseeable future.

School girl Rufina Uba's 12.2 secs in 100m (women), just 2 seconds behind Utiufon Uko, shows she could do better in Calabar or even give her rival an astonishing challenge.

The Port Harcourt Competitions ended successfully and smoothly. Thanks to Sports Council Officials—judges, starters, recorders—all.

Rivers finished with more number of certificates. They were followed by Cross River and Imo states in that order.

Tidesport



Picture shows Ekaete Easien finishing the 1,500 metres 5 mins. 25 secs. with almost the same speed she took with and with almost the same strides. Following behind Asole Woy — all Rivers!



Picture shows Imo State finishing first in the 4 x 400m relay (men) with 3:25.0 secs. Behind is Brown, finishing second for Rivers with a time of 3:27.2 secs.



Picture left above is Wills West, flying into the triple jump pit, recording 14.48 metres. Behind Wills Brown (also Rivers, 14.62m). Left below is the start of the 400 metres (men) I. Ezeigbo (Imo) won, returning 49.8 secs. Pic are immediately above shows 'man-mountain' Gg 14. Yale (NA, Owerri) finishing first in the 10,800 metres with 34:38.8 seconds. (More pictures on the competitions are coming)



16 Journalists for Ondo sports bodies

SIXTEEN journalists working with various media in Akure have been appointed into the newly reconstituted Ondo State Sporting Associations.

The journalists are to serve in the fourteen re-constituted sporting as-

sociations.

They are: Kola Afade-soun, Chief Idris Obahopo, Arthur Gboregun, Deeba Omisore, Kete Agbayo, Leka Afolajufu and Ayo Bedu.

Others are: Taiye Fariola, Ade Akilaya, Larre Dada, O. Jegede, Jisa Akinmurele, A. Dare, Lekan Odunjo, Sola Adetule and Soli Alakura.

Altogether about 300 persons are appointed into the reconstituted associations.

The fourteen associations reconstituted are Ondo Amateur Athletics Association, Amateur Badminton Association, Amateur Basketball Association, Amateur Boxing Association, Amateur Cricket Association and Amateur Cycling Association.

Others are, Football, Handball, Hockey, Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Squash Racket and Volley Ball Associations.

The Ondo State Sports Council's Chief Sports organiser, Miss M. O. Momo said that the re-constitution of the association is designed to encourage mass participation in the improvement of sports in the state.

She said that each of the association will be responsible to the sports council but non-the-less, they are free to organise and promote their various sports.

Ondo order 12,000 sport facilities

Ondo State Sports has embarked on drive overseas trainees for its coaches assessors.

In order to give local sports associations the necessary tools like state a model optimum development in the coun-

try to overseas courses, the sports has also ordered equipment worth 0,000 to help the ones in their trainees.

Details were contained in an address delivered by the chairman of State Sports Association, Reverend R. A. Olatunji at the re-constitution ceremony of the associations and the media committees were.

Dr Olatunji said re-constitution of the associations and the media committees will be at achieving results of good sports in the state.

That a set of four and organisers too Hungary last another batch is undergoing court-ship techniques in Lagos and Middle

Final plans have been decided to send a team to United States for sim-

Dr Olatunji noted that the overseas programmes and technical assistance to the sports by the Ondo State Council, and the Council has also provided facilities for the state. That the sports should be expanded to build up in the

complex of international standard in Akure and an altitude training camp in the state.

THE Federal Government College, Ilorin, celebrated its fifth-founder's day anniversary last week in Ilorin.

The four-day of various activities was earmarked for the celebration.

In a football match to mark the occasion, the Unity House of the college won "Chief Lekan Salami Cup" which was donated to the college by the Patron of IICC "Shooting Stars of Ibadan", Chief Lekan Salami.

FGC, ILORIN HOLD 5th FOUNDER'S DAY

They defeated the much rated Faith House by two goals to one.

Also in the inter-house competition which rounded up the occasion, the School House won the over all winners cup with 342 points to beat Unity, Charity and Faith to second, third and fourth positions respectively with 304, 296 and 261 points.



Picture above (top) shows Chief (Mrs Lekan Salami) presenting the cup to the captain of the Unity House, Olabode Wahid on

behalf of her husband. Picture above shows the Housemaster and the team of Unity House after the presentation of the cup. In-

deed they have every reason to be proud and joyful as the first winner of the cup in the college.

Boxing throne: Exit Andeh, enter Nwankpa

INCREDIBLE fantastic: but it is true that Obinna Nwankpa has become the new National, light welterweight champion of Nigeria. Ascending the throne was not easy as Obinna had to face the total support of fans in sports city. The character and hoodlum of the unpredictable Lagos fans called for a youth to mount the rostrum in that class weight.

Tony Andeh who was knocked out in round seven, also added colour to it as all he joined hands to clap with him.

Doubtless, he was cheered right from the dressing room through the first round up till the seventh round when against the man of play the former champion, Anthony Andeh, was flooded for the

survived before the referee stopped the fight in favour of the new champion, Obinna Nwankpa.

The fight started with Obinna Nwankpa, taunting the champion as he landed a solid left jab to his chin and a chopping right to the knee. Obinna dictated the first two rounds of the bout to the admiration of the fans who cheered him on as he fought straight from the Books with his head above his shoulder. With his dazzling foot work coupled with speed he made the champion miss most of his punches. Tony Andeh, however, connected beautifully before the second round ended.

Obinna Nwankpa having landed the heavy blows during

showed some signs of respect for the older pugilist as he retreated time without number. When ever the champion attacked Obinna was always darting backwards as a lobster shying away from trouble. Obinna occasionally threw some punches which landed on target but proved ineffective to hurt a fly Tony Andeh was

now in full command as he pounded Obinna Nwankpa every second round to a point of submission.

At this stage Obinna started to use foul language on the spe-

now, being angry he lost his composure as his barrage of left jabs were delightful to watch as the continued to land on the title frame of Obinna, but his appearance never really flicked.

All off a sudden, midway from Karibi Fombo, Lagos in the seventh round with right combination about the champion who left flat on his back. However, he was up before the mandatory count was over, still looking at the referee had to award the fight to him.

from Karibi Fombo, Lagos

NIGERIAN TIDE

Wednesday, March 1, 1978

Man who forged gov's signature gets bail

ALFRED Olotu, a secondary school teacher who is standing trial before a Port Harcourt Chief Magistrate's Court for forging the signature of the Rivers State Military

Governor, Col Zamani Lekwot, to secure ₦7,000 per annum job has been released ₦500 bail.

Alfred Olotu, also known as Herick Alfred Olotu was alleged to have forged a letter RSG 4/118/31 to terminate the appointment of the chairman of Operations School Management Committee, Mr. Idris Ogonna.

The accused, on January 11, used the said forged signature on a letter RSG 4/118/31 in which he appointed himself as chairman of the Schools Management Committee Ogonna.

When the case was further mentioned on Monday the presiding chief magistrate, Mr. O. Opene ruled that Olotu be granted bail in the sum of ₦500 and further hearing was adjourned to March 31.

NEPA MAKES A PROMISE!

from KENNETH GOLD

An emergency measure has been taken by the Federal Government to check the constant power cuts in the country. To this end, a contract worth N12 million has been awarded to the General Electric Company (G.E.C.) of the United States of America for the installation of about 60,000 kilowatts of three gas turbine generators at the Ijora power plant in Lagos.

The construction of the power station which started last December, has reached an advanced stage.

The NEPA Public Relations Manager, Alhaji Sanusi Olagunju, told newsmen when he conducted them round the site that the station was expected to be in operation before the end of May this year.

He explained that the installation of the turbines became necessary as a result of the Sahelian drought which had affected the inflow of water into the Kainji reservoir and thereby reduced the supply of electricity by about 60 per cent.

Alhaji Olagunju further explained that higher power



●MR YAHAYA DIKKO
General Manager, National Electric Power Authority (NEPA)

supply was expected in June when the water level of Kainji Dam would have increased, adding that this increase would be supplemented by the new gas

turbines being installed. The installation would also be complemented by the Sapelle power station of 120 megawatts capacity to be commissioned in

June, he added. The Field Project Engineer of G.E.C., Mr. William Jonson threw more light on the project by explaining that the installation of the gas turbine units would not require the construction of physical structures and they would be able to stand any weather condition. He said the station when completed would use about six hundred tonnes of diesel fuel daily.

No more
constant
power
cuts

WORKS CONTRACTORS PLAN SHOWDOWN

MEMBERS of the Anambra State wing of the Nigerian Chamber of Indigenous Contractors may boycott the handling of state government projects because of delay in paying for completed jobs.

This threat was issued by the chamber at the end of its conference in Enugu, Anambra State capital. The chamber said that the failure to pay for completed jobs had involved its members in considerable hardship especially in their dealings with the commercial banks. These banks, it said, were no more willing to grant loans to execute projects.

Although members of the chamber were committed to assisting the government in building up a virile and economically viable society, it stated this could not be done when members of the chamber were being subjected to obstacles in the discharge of their responsibilities.

The chamber, however, gave the assurance that its members would do everything always to meet its commitments to the government, if the government on its own part redressed its obligations by making prompt payment to members of the chamber.

On the other hand, the chamber appealed to the commercial banks to reconsider their decision to restrict credits especially to members of the chamber. The chamber is its par-

sonate plea called for the liberalisation of credit facilities to its members, in order to facilitate their work on projects.

The state government has cancelled the payment of mobilisation fee to indigenous contractors for the reason that some of the contractors used such funds for other purposes.

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