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WAR COUNCIL FOR NIGERIA

'Urgent response to crisis of military nature'

by Dapo Aderinokun

THE Constituent Assembly has been requested to embody the establishment of a War Council in its recommendations for a new Nigerian Constitution.

The request was made by the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs in a comment on the Assembly's amendments to the constitutional powers of the President. The Assembly had earlier amended Clause 119 of the Draft which deals with the exercise of executive authority of the Federation and it reads:

Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section the executive authority of the Federation shall be vested in the President and subject to the provisions of this Constitution, and of any law made by the National Assembly, may be exercised by him either directly or through the Vice-President and Ministers of the Government of the Federation or officers in the Public Service of the Federation.



● DR. BOLAJI AKINYEMI
Director, Institute of International Affairs

The President shall not declare a state of War between Nigeria and another country except with the sanction of a resolution of each of the Houses of the National Assembly".

The institute agreed that the President should not have the power to commit Nigerian troops on his own authority alone, but warned that the amendment approved by the Assembly could destroy the ability of the President to respond to urgent foreign crisis of a military nature.

The institute recommended to the Assembly the setting up of a War Council on whose authority the President could commit troops subject to the decision being ratified by the Senate within 21 days.

THE Assembly has ratified nine of the 14 statutory bodies recommended in the Draft Constitution.

These are the Civil Service Commission, the Council of States, the Electoral Commission, the National Defence Council and the National Economic Council.

Others are, the National Population Commission, the National Security Council and the Police Service Commission.

The Assembly, however, rejected the setting up of the National Commission on higher education, the Nigeria Police Council and the National Economic Planning Commission.

Others are, the Fiscal Review Commission and the National Council on Establishments.

The Assembly failed to reach a consensus on the type of bodies to be set up for each state of the federation.

Earlier, the Assembly resolved that only lawyers with ten years' experience could be eligible for appointment as the Attorney-general both at the state and federal levels.

But according to the provisions of the Draft, the Federal Attorney-General should have at least ten years' post-call experience as while his states' counterparts with fewer years of experience could be appointed.

The Assembly rejected section 126 (3) of the Draft which provided that the governor may appoint a person to perform the functions of the office of the attorney-general of a state although he has been qualified for a period of less than ten years.

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Chief M. A. Kwokwo,
For: General Manager-
Nigerian Palm Produce Board.

DUD CERTIFICATES SCARE EMPLOYERS

TRADING in educational credentials is feared to have reached an alarming level in parts of the country. For this reason, employers are now exercising greater care before accepting various levels of certificates from candidates seeking for jobs.

In Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, police sources claim to have discovered a syndicate that forges the West African School Certificate as well as the General Certificate of Education.

Last weekend, three teachers among them a woman, were known to be assisting police investigators. It was understood that detectives recovered three certificates during the check.

It was also gathered that the investigation took detectives to two colleges outside the state capital.

In another development, the police in Port Harcourt have ordered the arrest of an insurance executive in Lagos who assisted a woman, believed to be his friend, to counterfeit

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EMBARK ON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, SCOUTS TOLD

Warrant for new national Chief Scout

THE Head of State, Lt General Olusegun Obasanjo, has urged the boy scouts of Nigeria to engage in vigorous campaign to swell its membership in order to offer a worthier alternative to the pursuit of frivolity and foreign cultures that have been alluring the country's youths.

He made the appeal in Lagos at a ceremony in Dodan Barracks at which he presented the warrant of office to the new National Chief Scout of Nigeria, Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo Waziri.

Alhaji Jalo is the current chairman of the Bauchi State Public Service Commission.

General Obasanjo gave the assurance that the nation would eternally be grateful to the Movement for any success it might record in this regard.

He noted that the Scout movement's objectives, among other things, aimed at inculcating loyalty, patriotism, courage, self sacrifice and total dedication to public good, pointing out that there were what the country needed to make it a great nation.

He pledged the present Military Administration's continued assistance towards the attainment of these worthy goals.

Congratulating the new Chief Scout, the Head of State remarked that he considered him a most fitting and appropriate choice.

General Obasanjo, who is the Grand Patron of the Scout Movement, observed that over the years, Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo devoted his life to the service of the country in various capacities, adding that he demonstrated those qualities identified with the best of scouting movements throughout the world.

He said that he was confident the new Chief Scout would continue to work tirelessly for the promotion of the status of the Boy Scout of Nigeria.

The Head of State thanked the retired National Chief Scout, Sir Kashim Ibrahim, whose term of office, he noted, lasted two years, yet witnessed significant developments in the Scout Movement of the country.

After subscribing to the oath of office, Alhaji Jalo promised to do his best to help further promote scouting in the country.

He also thanked the government for the encouragement given his organisation.

The ceremony was attended by some members of the Supreme Military Council and senior officials of the Scout Movement of Nigeria.



GEN OBASANJO

Dud cheque: Chief charged

THE Aba chief magistrate's court has adjourned until March 20 a charge of false pretences preferred against a traditional ruler, Isaac Aiuonu Ikonne aged 45.

Isaac Ikonne, known as the Eni of Abana Obazu in the Obioma Nawa Local Government area, is charged with issuing false Standard Bank cheques Nos AA 1 846491 and AA 1 846482 for the sum of N4,666.00 to one Mr Callistus Nwachukwu of 67 Ehi Road, Aba, between July 12 and August 31, 1977.

The accused was said to have also obtained from the complainant the sum of N4,666.00 by falsely pretending that he (Ikonne) had a piece of land to sell to Mr Nwachukwu at Ikonne Street, Osusu Aba.

It was alleged that the accused stole the said sum of N4,666.00, property of the complainant. According to the prosecution the traditional ruler had no money in the bank when he issued the cheques.

He had earlier pleaded not guilty to the charges and was allowed bail on N1,000.00 with one surety in the same amount.

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EDITORIAL

THE BANE OF UNIBEN

THE DEMAND by the Nigerian Association of University Teachers (NAUT) for the removal of Professor T. M. Yesufu as the vice-chancellor of the University of Benin cannot be a surprise to anyone who has been following the push of forces there since he went to Uniben from the University of Lagos. In fact, the big surprise is that Professor Yesufu has not called it a day till now. For right from the beginning of his administration and since then, it was quite clear that the vice-chancellor, a distinguished scholar on any account, has not been able to grasp with the twin problems of the creative functions of a university on one hand, and good human relations with his senior academic colleagues and the students alike, on the other.

ONE CAN sympathise with Professor Yesufu's apparent inability to combine both academic erudition and the essentially mundane art of personnel administration. Not many at the level of his academic height are so gifted. What is in issue, however, is not the minor problem of the scholarly qualities or personal failings of individuals; what is in issue is the fate of the university itself, whose development and growth are being stalled by the chaos of personal and conflicting interests.

THE vice-chancellor is said to be high-handed and generally dictatorial and intolerant. These, according to his accusers, had created a crisis of confidence in the institution between the authorities on one hand and the lecturers and the students on the other. The crises, one after the other, led to the closure of the university and resulted in the termination of appointments of some lecturers, who were executive members of the NAUT. Some student leaders were also rusticated.

WE CANNOT attempt to set out, much less to estimate, the effect of all these on the university except to say that they must be baneful, and, indeed fatal, to the free pursuit of those ideals and goals for which Uniben was founded. All we seek now is an atmosphere in which both the teachers and the taught can devote their time to unfettered and creative endeavours.

SURELY, Professor Yesufu cannot operate meaningfully without enjoying the confidence of his colleagues and the students. He has long lost or forfeited this confidence. And it is a matter for regret that he has not taken his exit and that he may have to be pushed out after all, in the greater interest of the university and the nation. This is a decision the Federal Military Government has to take without undue delay, regardless of whether or not it may have to institute an inquiry into the administration of the university.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, the provisional council should be sacked and a new one constituted. It is imperative that the university should start anew, and that the learned professor and members of the provisional council may find fresh field elsewhere to conquer. There is no doubt that some will remember him for his contributions to the quality of learning in Uniben, but there must be many who would be very relieved to see his back, even among those who felt that the personal interests of the vice-chancellor are conterminous with those of the university and the nation at large.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

LET'S BUILD HOUSES

LACK of accommodation is a major problem facing this nation. In the urban areas as well as rural, people find it difficult to have shelter over their heads. The badly hit are the people in major cities like Port Harcourt.

Following the formation of Local Government Areas, people now find it extremely difficult to secure accommodation at the area headquarters with the result that many go to work from distant places.

But the irony of the whole situation is that while Government endeavours frantically to find accommodation for its workers, people who want to put up buildings from their poor means are being disturbed by some officials from the Ministry of Lands and Survey. They threaten and molest those who want to put up some structures in the rural areas with the result that villagers fear to build their houses, not to talk about houses for tenants.

I concede the fact that some buildings need plans and other official formalities, but this should not be extended to houses of two or three rooms.

As a matter of fact, prospective builders should be given an incentive with a view to minimising the acute shortage of houses we all suffer. For example scarcity of accommodation is very acute in Isiokpo, capital of Ikwerre Etche Local Government Area. Every place is combed by workers in a bid to secure accommodation. But to try to put up building of any sort invites the fury of officials.

I appeal to the authorities concerned to promote building of residential accommodation instead of prohibiting it.

MACAULEY WOSU.
Port Harcourt

REDUCE FARE ON HOVERCRAFT

THE recent extention of Hovercraft services to the riverine area of the Rivers State by the Federal Government is actually by all means welcome.

As was expected, the move is intended to alleviate the peculiar communication difficulties of the area. This in turn will raise the socio-economic status of the riverine people which has to long declined in the face of poor communication facilities.

Also, it is said, that the skeletal and experimental services provided meanwhile, would be expanded if it receives reasonable patronage from the people.

What interests me is the reality of this promises, to fact, I think the promise will never come true in the face of the conditions under which the services are operated at the moment.

To begin with, passengers with heavy loads are not allowed on board the craft. As we know, it is traders and other business groups that travel most with the current arrangement it is surely not possible for the Hovercraft services to receive the patronage of this group that forms the bulk of the travelling population.

Again, with the casual travellers like civil servants who travel mainly at weekends and during public holidays the situation is very much the same although the problem here is that of the high fare charged by the operators.

But there is another point, the fact that many people store petrol, kerosine and other highly inflammable materials in their homes. The recent fire at the Abonnema Wharf might be as a result of this.

I think people should avoid keeping petrol etc in their houses.

V. M. NYIADOBO
Port Harcourt

Controlling prices here

In the early part of last year prices of drinks and foodstuffs in Ogbia district were a bit low. Since last year, however, no one has heard of the activities of price control officials again.

I gathered that the work of the Price Control Board officials came to a stand still as a result of transport difficulties, and the non-payment of allowances to the workers.

In order to avoid further inconveniences, I suggest that the government should take immediate steps to hand over the duties of the Price Control officials to the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development and in the district.

N. J. OKU
Ogbia

HOW TO AVOID FIRE

THE daily outbreak of fire in Nigerian cities, and particularly Port Harcourt is most disturbing. Right now a lot of suggestions are being given as to the main root of the problem.

Certain people argue that it is an aspect of the crime wave that is on an increase in the country. They feel certain criminals might be fanning up these fires in order to be able to loot properties.

This is a possibility, with knowledge about the usual lootings that are recorded in places like the Nembe Waterside incident when thieves used the chance to promote their business.

But there is another point, the fact that many people store petrol, kerosine and other highly inflammable materials in their homes. The recent fire at the Abonnema Wharf might be as a result of this.

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Electricfication: please consider Eleme

AS the Rivers State Government has now set to embarking on rural electrification in the Rivers State, it becomes absolutely necessary to include Eleme that of towns to be electrified.

The country has its first oil refinery there. Very soon a new port complex is to be sited at Onne Eleme. The multi-million Naira Chemical and Plastic industry earmarked by the Federal Government, is also to be sited there in the very near future.

From the economic point of view, one realises that if one of these social amenities, like electricity, directly supplied from the Afam Power Station is given the area much will be derived.

It is absolutely correct to say that potential industrial base cannot manage with an ordinary Electric Plant, as this area is large and we have the three hospitals, hospital and the extended horticultural farm at Ekulu-Eleme, where the government settled the Indonesia from Equatorial Guinea, some Lebanese from Nsukka, some Ibadanites.

ALEXANDER CHU NGWEE
Port Harcourt

Needed: better performance

I MUST comment on the news in Khana broadcast over the N.B.C., Port Harcourt on January 14, 1978. I heard the programme at 6.06 p.m.

The translation was too poor. For instance, such things as 1979 Federal Elections, N#2,000 etc etc were not translated.

The voice was also very shaky and the pronunciation of Khana words is poor.

We need a better performance.

G. S. NAADUEBA
Mogho

FOCUS ON INDIA...FOCUS ON INDIA

INDIA'S STEEL INDUSTRY TAKES BIG LEAP

INDIA's steel industry has made remarkable progress during the last two or three years. In fact, so phenomenal is the progress that it will not be wrong to say that the industry has come of age. Until as recently as 1974, this industry was plagued with various ills.

There were the problems of under-utilisation of capacity and piling up of stocks. In other words, the country's three integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur showed a declining production curve.

After 1975—76, however, the prospects of the steel industry began to change for the better. In fact, the year 1976 marked a watershed in the fortunes of the industry.

The year saw a spectacular increase in steel production, and the problem of under-utilisation of capacity became a thing of the past.

India today occupies a significant position in the world as an important producer of steel. In fact, she is pushing ahead of even some Western countries.

India ranked 14th in world steel production in 1975, but in 1976 it pushed ahead by four places to become the ninth largest steel producer in the world. The four countries overtaken by India are South Africa, Canada, Belgium and Spain.

The most remarkable aspect of this achievement was that India secured a very high growth rate. The growth rate of steel production in the country during 1976 was as high as 21 per cent. This growth rate was the second highest in the world.

India's growth rate in the production of steel is thrown into bold relief by the fact that the growth rate in the other countries ranged only between 2 and 12.8 per cent.

India's achievement became still more creditable in view of the fact that in the case of Japan, West Germany, Italy and China, steel production, only did not register an increase, but actually declined by 2 per cent, 5 per cent, 4 per cent and 20 per cent respectively.

On the domestic front, the financial year 1976 — 77 was one of the record setting. During this year the steel industry set records in production, capacity utilisation and exports.

The year was marked by the highest ever production of saleable export of consultancy services.

Production of crude steel touched a record 10 million tonnes and that of total saleable steel came to 7.8 million tonnes, which was also a record.

The high growth rate in the production of steel was mainly due to the high capacity utilisation by all the steel plants. The increase in the productivity of all the steel plants was evident from another angle also.

In terms of ingot tonnes per man-year, the Rourkela and Durgapur plants showed an improvement of 11 per cent each over 1975 — 76, the Bhilai steel plant maintaining the lead with an even better record of improvement.

Coming to India's international trade in steel, the recent statistics show that while steel exports are going up, steel imports are going down. India now imports only special types of steel for industrial use.

Exports of steel during 1976-77 were valued at 3,310 million rupees three times more than in 1975 — 76. This has made the country a net exporter of steel for the first time.

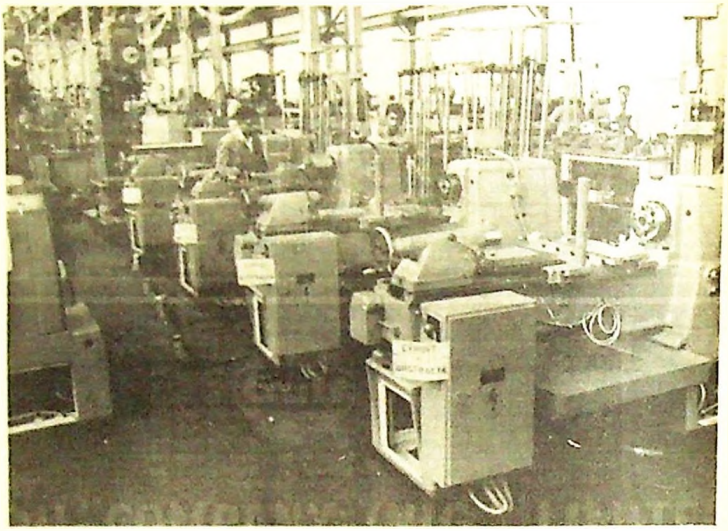
Indian steel goes to as many as 15 countries. These are Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, Poland, Yugoslavia, South America, Turkey, Jordan, Mexico, Rumania and Venezuela.

Of these, Egypt, Indonesia and Yugoslavia are regular customers of Indian steel. Recently the Hindustan Steel Limited signed an order for the supply of 50,000 tonnes of hot-rolled coils to the United States.

This is the heaviest item to be made in any steel plant in the country and the first of its kind to be introduced in the world market by India.

On the other side, the value of total imports of iron and steel has fallen from about 2,171 million rupees in 1972-73 to 1,336 million rupees in 1976-77. This trend is likely to continue for the next two or three years.

The government of India has decided to re-organise the Steel Authority of India as an integral company with various units functioning as management divisions of the company. This is expected to lead to a further increase in the production of steel in the country.



HEAVY machinery used at a steel factory.

ENERGY SUPPLY GROWS WITH EACH DEV PLAN

THERE has been significant growth in the installed power generating capacity in India since the beginning of planned economic development. The generating capacity increased from 2.3 million KW in 1951 to about 10 million KW in 1975 — 76 and to more than 23 million KW at present.

The new generating capacity added during 1974 — 76 totalled 1.8 million KW. Transmission and distribution systems have been established extensively to deliver the power to the ultimate consumers.

The total length of transmission and distribution lines in 1961 was about 30,000 circuit Kms and is more than 15 million circuit Kms now.

The per capita consumption of electricity in the country has increased from 17.6 KWH in 1951 to about 108 KWH in 1976 — 77.

Rural electrification has been given a prominent place in India's development planning. By the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan, about 240,000 villages will stand electrified and 3.1 million pumpsets energised. This will cover about 41 per cent of the total number of villages.

In 1961, only 3,000 had been electrified. Fifteen years later, the number rose to 45,000 and today it is around 1,95,000. The electrification of Harijan basis and backward areas is being given special attention.

Starting with RS 80 million in the First Plan, there has been a steep rise of investment on total electrication, with a Second plan outlay of Rs. 750 million which was doubled to Rs. 1500 million in the Third Year Plan.

The three Annual Plans which followed together represent an investment of about Rs. 2400 million. The Fourth Plan investment amounted to Rs. 7820 million while the Fifth Plan makes a total allocation of about Rs 8353 million for rural electrification.

The Rural Electrification Corporation which took over the development discipline in rural electrification has, at the end of 7 years of its operation, sanctioned over Rs 6,043 million for rural electrification projects all over the country.

Together with the rural electrification projects a Minimum Needs Programme has been initiated to rectify regional imbalances and reduce disparities.

These programmes are directed to the areas and classes where the degree of development is particularly low, like tribal, arid and hill areas.

The total investment on power projects up to the Second Plan was about Rs. 10,170 million. The investment at the commencement of the Fourth Plan was 26,290 million.

A sum of Rs. 29,830 million was added during the Fourth Plan bringing the total investment at the end of 1974, to Rs. 66,120 million.

The Fifth Five Year Plan envisages at investment of Rs. 72, 939 million in the power sector of which the break up is as follows:

Generation
Rs 43,945 million
Transmission and Distribution
Rs 20 813 million
Rural Electrification
Rs 6,843 million
Miscellaneous
Rs 1,329 million

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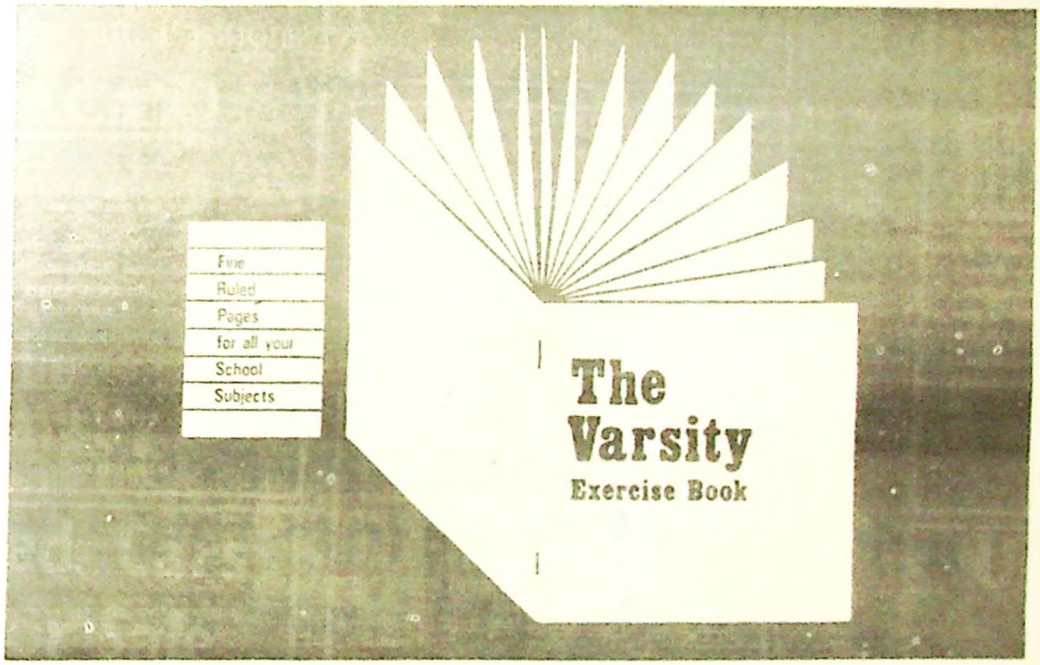

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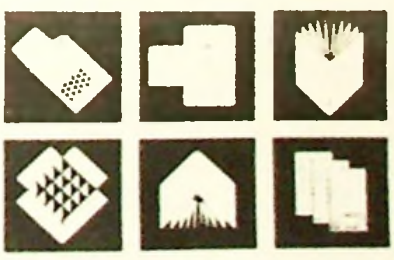

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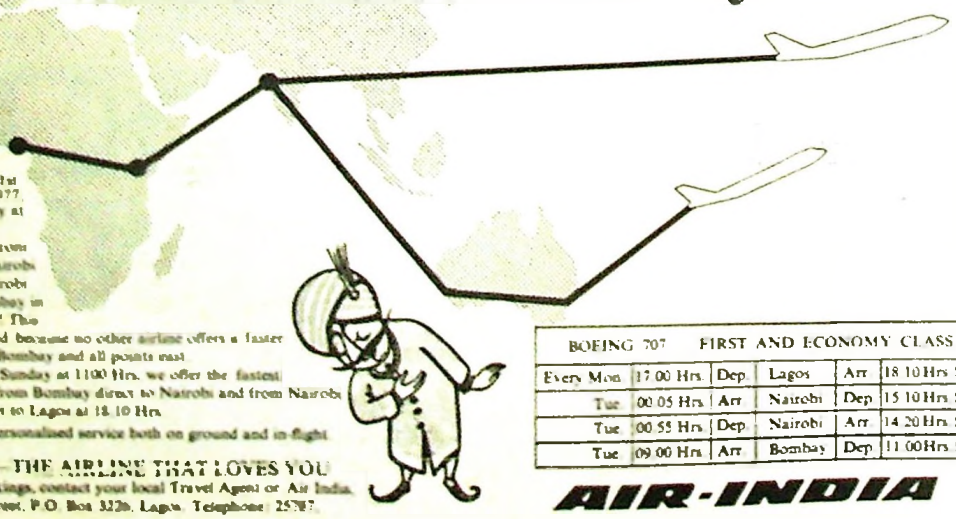

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AIR-INDIA

More money urged for health

THE Federal Commissioner for Health and Social Development, Dr Peter Ogbang, has appealed to all governments in the federation to increase significantly the proportion of their annual budgetary allocation for health services.

Dr Ogbang made the appeal at Calabar during a two-day meeting of the National Council on Health.

Earlier, the military governor, Cross River State, Col P. U. Omu, who declared the meeting open requested the federal government to take over the psychiatric hospital in Calabar and one of the leprosaria in the state for expansion and effective delivery of special care in the hospitals.

Replying to the governor's address, Dr Ogbang, who presided over the meeting, briefed the governor on the progress made in the implementation of national health policies and programmes.

The policies and programmes, Dr Ogbang stated, included the basic health scheme, establishment of health management boards throughout Nigeria, drug supply, health, manpower development and expended immunisation.

The commissioner, however, expressed the belief that the Federal Military Government would give priority in the allocation of limited resources to health, manpower development and provision of basic health services.

They wed after 25 years

Many prominent personalities including the Rivers State Attorney-General Mr Loveday Iyagba and Chief Okoghule Woyodi, chairman of the Port Harcourt local government council, attended the traditional wedding ceremony of a Port Harcourt based businessman, Mr Reginald Olunwa who is the managing director of the Standard Supermarkets and Mrs Rhoda Olunwa.

The traditional wedding ceremony consummated the couples 25 years of courtship.

They already have seven children.

Photograph shows Mr and Mrs Olunwa during the traditional wedding ceremony, flanked by relations and friends.



9 students sent out of boarding house

NINE students of the Western Ahoada County Grammar School in Ahoada have been expelled from the school's boarding house for an alleged indiscipline.

According to reports, the nine students were alleged to have beaten up the acting senior prefect of the school.

The acting senior prefect was accused of manhandling a female student.

The incident bordered on the replacement of the school's senior prefect with the acting senior prefect.

Reports from Ahoada said the disciplinary action against the nine students was taken after the staff of the school had looked into the whole incident.

Order for corpsmen on registration

Register where you are

ALL National Youth Service Corps members are to register in the current registration exercise for the 1979 general elections with the same local government areas where they are presently deployed and obtain their registration cards.

A release from the headquarters of the national Youth Service Corps in Lagos said this was in conformity with the decision of the Federal Electoral Commission.

To be able to vote in the 1979 general elections, when they must have completed their national service and moved to new local government areas, members were advised to report to the revising officers in charge of their new local government areas or constituencies and surrender their registration cards.

This would enable the revising officers to arrange for their names to be added in the registers of their new constituencies and for new cards to be issued to them after satisfying themselves that the movements were genuine.

The release added that certificate of national service would serve as authentic reason for such movement.

The surrendered cards together with the appropriate forms would be forwarded to the revising officers of their former constituencies with advice that their names be removed from the register of these constituencies.

According to the release, if at the end of the service year, a corps member moved to another place within the same local government area, he should go and vote at the same place he was registered since the distance would not be great.

"If the corps member is resident within the same state and his new local government area is contiguous with and in the same constituency as the local government area in which he registered, he should go and vote at the place he registered," the release directed.



MR A. E. OGBOBULA

Registration is a privilege —Ogbobula

"IF you do not register you cannot vote, or be voted for in the forthcoming general elections in Nigeria in 1979."

The success or otherwise of the federal military government political programme to return the country to civil rule will depend upon the response by people in the registration exercise.

These remarks were made by the chairman of the Ahoada local government council, Mr Abbot E. Ogbobula at Inuaba village during his continued enlightenment campaign tour of his constituency.

The registration exercise now going on in the country, the chairman urged, should be regarded by every well-meaning citizen of the country as a "mandate handed to us to elect a democratic government." He urged that such privilege should not be abused.

The chairman reminded chiefs, of their role towards the success of the registration exercise. They should educate their subjects on the importance of the exercise.

On their co-operation with registration officials, he appealed to them not to use their political disagreements if any, to disrupt the work of the officials.

"Those who disagreed with you during the last local government elections should not be regarded as your enemies if they have to work in your area" he warned.

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says Frank Emuchay Jr.

Federal School of Agriculture, Umudike—Umuahia

I REFUSE to ascribe to the views expressed by some pessimists that the Operation Feed The Nation (OFN) scheme has failed the nation.

From analysis and evaluation of facts, I see the OFN scheme as a continuous exercise. Which is to say that errors militating against its full success are daily being identified, pin-pointed and corrected.

However I strongly admit that there is one incipient, debilitating factor warring against the OFN which to my mind, is a collective oversight by our policy makers. And this very weakening disease which has for long, worried me, is nothing but our present school calender, where primary and post-primary institutions and even schools and colleges of agriculture in the country, go on long vacation during the period their services in the farms would have been of immense benefit to the country.

Candidly the question on the lips of every right thinking Nigerian is: What has this country gained from this in the light of the envisaged success of the all-embracing OFN exercise. Bluntly put, the answer is nothing!

The Gowon regime without considering our peculiar circumstances changed the school calendar from January-December system to the present June-September system.

This system, to say the least, is a very big drawback as far as the OFN scheme is concerned — Others, no doubt, may have been viewing this present system with a different telescope. But I am sorry to say that this is not my concern in the present situation.

All I am saying and will continue to say, is that we do not need a prophet from mount Arafat to tell us in this country that for many years to come our present so-called peasant farmers will continue to assuage the hunger of the teeming mouths in this country.

And it is an incontrovertible fact based on statistical data that with the present trend of our economic growth coupled with the hydra-headed inflation graph, the cost of labour these days has become and will continue to be prohibitive even in our so-called rural areas too.

The former January December system could have taken care of the present labour scarcity. School boys and girls could have been effectively utilized to help their farmer parents in the farms. This is how it should be and has of course been.

From experience, I am convinced that we, in Nigeria have basic farming instincts no matter our other pursuits in life. Why do I say this? Because I know of a commissioner in the Gowon era who always behaved then as if farmers were the accursed wretches of this world.

But today, this "ex-this, ex-that" commissioner is now comfortably entrenched in his village a successful farmer.

This is life — which is why I say that we are born natural farmers.

Pardon my little digression but all the same, there is no running away from the hard fact th naturally farm should do ever ble to enco growing of mo vis-a-vis our ex population.

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Mr G. H. Osarolbor, Rivers State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources addressing the staff and students of Okrika Grammar School during the formal Launching of the "Operation Feed the Nation" scheme at the school.

> "All I am saying and will continue to say, is that we do not need a prophet from Mount Arafat to tell us in this country that for many years to come our present so-called peasant farmers will continue to assuage the hunger of the teeming mouths in this country."

LET 'NEW BREED' ACCEPT CHALLENGE

by Segun Okeowo (MCA)

National President, NUNS



TWELVE years ago, when most of us were mere toddlers and when Nigeria was only five years old as a Sovereign Nation under a civil rule, the Army took over the reins of Nigerian government. The elder generation of politicians and the soldiers have, for seventeen years, dominated the political scene of this country with little or no challenge whatsoever from the younger generation.

It is not within the scope of this brief exposition, to give an evaluation of the seventeen—year post-independence orientation of the Nation under either or both of them. Our contention is that whereas the country belongs to all of us, (old and young) we, the younger generation, were never given even mere opportunity of consultation, talk less of participation.

Perhaps the fault was ours, may be because we refused to assert ourselves.

Today however, the younger generation can not and must not accept the status quo any longer. A revolutionary dawn of political awareness and nationalist orientation have emerged and as uncompromisable partners in progress, we should demand not only consultation but full participatory rights in Nigeria's national administration.

We must not be denied these fundamental rights or else the consequence will be confrontation.

It is not the case that the younger generation of this country wish to eject the elder generation from position and status of administrative authority that have unchallengeably monopolised for so long. Rather our contention is that it does not behove the younger generation to be politically inactive in the face of the present political situation in the country.

Politics is not a dirty game, it is the collectivisation of peoples potentials for communal welfare.

It is the absence of sound political motivation and awareness that are basically responsible for the profuse planlessness and distorted priorities that are characteristic of our current national orientation.

Perhaps one of the most progressive and rational decisions taken by the FEDECO is the reduction of the voting age from 21 to 18. Another dynamic step taken by the Constituent Assembly is the slashing to 35 the age of presidency which the CDC had earlier pegged at 40.

The FEDECO and the Constituent Assembly by these modifications, have perhaps inadvertently given wide opportunity to the youths of this country. It is now left for us to seize and utilize to our advantage the opportunity.

I like to wind up this message by reminding all youths and students of 18 and above to ensure that they are not technically rendered politically impotent in 1979. The only way to ensure this is by ensuring that we all register for voting at the registration exercise now going on all over the country.

It will be self-defeatism to think that we cannot effect a change in the system we all grumble about.

Let us do something pragmatic. Register for voting against 1979. The struggle continues! Our victory is certain!!



CHIEF MICHAEL ANI
National Chairman



MR JUSTICE UDO UDOMA
Constituent Assembly Chairman

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MR B. O. MAITNI
Federal Commissioner for Agriculture

deceive ourselves into believing that reform or even mechanised farming is the magic wand we need to wipe out the biting pangs of hunger in our midst today?

From now to the middle of May is our peak farming season, especially down south. And this is the very period rural farming communities need all the help they can get in terms of labour force for clearing the bush, tilling and doing the actual planting.

But what a pity that the needed labour force is difficult to come by these days and if available, the price is astronomically prohibitive. This indeed is the crux of the matter.

And to think of it, I wonder when Nigeria has begun farming in the rainy season. Do we have to copy everything the West does even though it is to our own detriment and disadvantage?

In this connection therefore, I strongly submit that it is time we reviewed our present school calendar system.

for decentralization

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the township are not available in the rural areas. Others argue that these employees are regular tax payers, who would not have their areas neglected, while others in the township enjoyed the fruits of the tax payer's money. A common reaction is stirred up: let's cluster up in our only city!

problem would not have arisen.

A place like Ndoni for an example, is quite a distance from Port Harcourt and one could only travel from there to Port Harcourt by our unreliable water transport. This journey, apart from the distance, is filled with hazards.

Despite all that a prospective teacher is expected to make the journey several times as the case may be, in order to gain employment as a teacher. Where the branches of the Teaching Service Commission and the School's Management



MR DAGOGO AIAGOMA
Rivers State Commissioner for Rural Development and Social Welfare

by our Stephen Ebikake

Looking at employment arrangements for teachers, one for instance, would think it wise to apply the method of decentralization on even a wider scope. This will go a long way to lessen the tension of work done at the headquarters of the Teaching Service Commission and the Schools Management Board and make matters easier for people at the headquarters to handle.

The problem is that any person intending to become a teacher must travel to Port Harcourt from any corner of the state, may be without even having any place of abode in the state capital. But if the offices were decentralized, this problem would not have arisen.

Board are given powers to employ teachers, such arduous journeys with all the waste involved could be avoided.

It could be noted that this type of centralisation hinders the educational system in all areas of our social and economic life.

Problems

This system of centralization causes overpopulation and congestion and brings about a lot of social problems in the cities.

Taking a look at the private sector, the problem of centralization assumes a greater dimension. Although one expects this sector to be able to take quick decisions and implement them, one finds that such is not the case.

Thus these concerns still have their activities centralised. People may talk of the market and the labour force in the rural areas, as hindrances to a policy of decentralisation. But the simple solution is easy communication.

All said and done, to decongest the urban areas, decentralization should be effected. The amenities people enjoy in the urban areas should be extended to the rural population.

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	"
05.50	Morning Prayers:	RSP LIVE
06.00	News At Dawn	RSP TAPE
06.03	Moment for Thought	NP
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	"
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP CGR
06.35	OFN Jingle	RSP LIVE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP TAPE
06.57	Moment For Thought	RSP LIVE
07.00	The News	NP
07.10	News Talk	"
07.15	Your Government And You Next Step	"
07.20	Mid Week Treat	"
08.00	News On The Hour	RSP LIVE
08.01	News Summaries In Edo, Ibo, Fulfulde and Hausa	NP
08.15	A Date With 8.15	"
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	RSP CGR
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Ibo and Yoruba	NP
09.15	Melody Tide (Comm)	"
10.00	The News	RSP CGR
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	"
11.01	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.01	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.19	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Aroke Fatu (Ikwerre Mag. Programme) Umuala (Ekpeye Mag. Programme)	RSP TAPE
13.00	The News	NP
13.10	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
13.15	Announcer's Choice	"
14.00	News on the hour	"
14.03	Juke Box	"
14.30	Join Our Ibo	"
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Beat For Jump	RSP CGR
15.30	State News in English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	News Talk (Rep. 1919)	"
16.15	Count Down	"
16.30	Educational Cast	"
16.45	News in Edo, Ibo and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News in Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Let's discuss	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Your Government and You	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Window on the World	"
18.40	Looking Ahead	RSP LIVE
18.45	Ed (In the Languages)	RSP TAPE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	Our own music on records	RSP CGR
19.45	News in Kanuri, Ibo and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ikwerre, Kalabari Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
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21.00	News on the hour	NP
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
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21.15	Sports Main Points	"
21.30	Features	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Stalk	"
23.15	Educational Service	RSP TAPE
22.30	Music of the masters	NP
23.00	News On The Hour	LIVE CGR
23.03	My Favourites	DUTY ANNOUNCER
23.15	Evening Worship (Hour Thy	NP
23.25	Just The Year	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP LIVE

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

NIGERIAN BECOMES ICON BOSS

ICON Limited (merchant bankers) has appointed a Nigerian as its managing director. He is Dr Ime E. Ebong.

Until his new appointment, Dr Ebong was the bank's deputy managing director.

He obtained his doctorate in economics from the University of Heidelberg, then worked for several years with the Deutsche Bundesbank, the German Central Bank in Frankfurt, and later joined the African Development Bank in Abidjan.

In 1975 he returned to Nigeria to become director of research with the Federal Ministry of Finance, and in September 1977, he joined ICON Limited as deputy managing director.

According to an announcement from the bank, Dr Ebong's promotion completes a three-year process which was initiated in 1975 when four financial institutions — the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank Limited, National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Baring Brothers & Company Limited of London joined together to form a new merchant bank, ICON Limited.

The announcement added that the former managing director of ICON Limited, Mr John A. Payne, would continue in an advisory capacity for a short period of time before returning to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

In another development within the bank, the announcement concluded, the shareholders had subscribed to an additional N500,000 (half a million naira) of capital raising ICON's paid-in capital of N2,000,000 (two million naira).



DR IME E. EBONG

Rise in Swedish industrial output

INDUSTRIAL production in Sweden is predicted to rise by 3 per cent a year over the period 1976 — 1982, or somewhat faster than in the first half of the 1970s, while the number of hours worked is seen to decline by 2.3 per cent a year on the autumn report of the National Industrial Board.

This development implies a comparatively higher rate of growth in productivity, 5.3 per cent a year, than previously in the 1970s, the report says. At a shortening of the working week averaging 0.8 per cent a year, industrial employment would decline by about 85,000 people between 1976 and 1982.

The Board's forecast for industrial investment indicates that the annual average over 1977 — 1982 will fall short of the investment level of 1976 by 13 per cent.

The overall figures mask considerable differences between various sectors of industry. It is emphasized. An annual growth in production of 4 per cent and more is predicted for the timber goods, chemical, rubber and plastics, electrical engineering, and instrument industries, while consumer goods sectors are likely to show a below-average growth. Drastic cuts is called are foreseen for shipbuilding.

Compared with the forecasts made in the autumn of 1976, the 1977 projections represent a downward adjustment of both industrial production and employment, the National Industrial Board says.



COMMODORE LAWAL.

Governor sees road projects

THE Military Governor of Imo State, Commodore Adekunle Lawal in his inspection tour of road projects in the state, inspected the Ava-Ohaji-Egbema and Umuapu-Orji roads still under construction.

He was conducted round the project by the managing director of Hardel and Enic (Nigeria) Limited, Mr E. C. Iwuanyanwu.

Mr Iwuanyanwu told Commodore Lawal that the area of the 14 kilometre road project had been cleared and ready for turning with lateritic base.

Commodore Lawal who had earlier visited other road projects being handled by Nigerian contractors stated that the government was doing all it could to encourage indigenous contractors but regretted that the performances of the contractors had not measured up to the expectation of the governments and people of Nigeria.

Governor Lawal was impressed however with the performance of the contracting firm of Hardel and Enic (Nigeria) Limited on the roads, and urged the company to speed up work so as to complete it on schedule.

Mr Iwuanyanwu gave assurance that the Okwelle Urualla Road contract would be completed on schedule.

In Anambra State, the company won contracts for the construction of the Independence Layout, the Aghani-Akpugo and Amaguzo-Isu roads and the uncompleted road project on the Imo-Anambra boundary.

Mr E. C. Iwuanyanwu assured that his company would not fail the governments and people of Nigeria in all contracts been awarded to it.

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Classified Adverts

Change of Name

AMADI — I, formerly known and addressed as Samuel Amadi, now wish to be known, addressed as Mark Amadi. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board Obio, please take note. Mr Mark Amadi.

JOHN — I, formerly known as Miss Elizabeth John, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Wobo Kinika. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education Schools Management Board, Government Secondary School, Ubeta and the public should please take note. Mrs Elizabeth Wobo Kinika.

SUNDAY — I, formerly known and addressed as Mr Amadi O. Sunday, now wish to be called Amadi N. Onuchukwu. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Principal, Grama Grammar School, Ministry of Education, Port H.P. Port Harcourt, and the general public please take note. Mr Amadi N. Onuchukwu.

JACK — I, formerly known as Miss Constance Jacko Mann Jack, now wish to be known as Mrs Constance Ene-ere Daniel Briggs. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board, Training Service Commission, Ikwerre Girls School, Port Harcourt and the general public please take note. Mrs C. E. D. Briggs.

DOKUBO — I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs Biere Dokubo, now wish to be known and called as Mrs Biere O. Abili. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture, and the general public please take note. Mrs Biere O. Abili.

OKULU — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Ikaingo Okulu, now wish to be addressed and known as Miss Ikaingo Gesiaka. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, the Principal, Degema Girls Teachers Training College and Teaching Service Commission should take note. Miss Maingi Dokubo.

AMU — I, formerly called Mrs Edna Amu, wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ruth Mmeka-onunogbu Sam Epelle. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note. Mrs Ruth Mmeka-onunogbu Sam Epelle.

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There will be a general meeting of the above association on the 31st January 1978 at Mr. Fine Country's office at industry road the association usual place of meeting.

Time:— 2 p.m

All the bakers in the Rivers State are requested to attend the meeting, any member that fails to attend the meeting will be liable to N10.00 fine.

Ag. Secretary.



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Time 8 a.m. till dawn.

P.S.V.P. Obia Asokinanwu Amadi

Tel Ezebunwo Amadi

St. Aquinas Sec. School, Elele.

PUBLIC NOTICE

28, OWHONDA STREET, FORMERLY 28 AMUCHA STREET MILE 2, DIOBU, PORT HARCOURT.

The general public is hereby informed that the public notice which appeared in the Nigerian Tide of November 3rd, 1977, concerning the landed property known as 28, Owhonda Street, Diobu (formerly 28 Amucha Street Diobu) is false and calculated to mislead the gullible.

The land on which the building indentified as 28, Owhonda Street Diobu was erected, was sold absolutely by Chief Abel Achor Ofonda to Mr Henry Mbonu Opurum on 26th November, 1959. Later Mr Mbonu developed the property and demised same to our client Mr Daniel Dike on 13th June 1964.

Relevant documents of title are available with our client Daniel Dike of No. 44, Cameron Road Aba, and it was on the strength of the documents that the Abandoned Property Authority as well as the Abandoned Property Implementation Committee dealt with our client as the owner.

Anybody who negotiates for lease, sale, mortgage or other such transaction concerning the said land and building with Chief Abel Achor Ofonda alias Chief Abel Achor Owhonda, does so at his/her own risk.

Dated at Aba this 21st day of January, 1978.

C. B. C. Ubah Esq.,
For: C. B. C. Ubah & Co.,
Solicitors,
82 Jubilee Road,
P. M. B. 7061, Aba.

Tour your areas, chiefs told

EMIRS and chiefs in Gongola State have been urged to undertake tours of their areas to enlighten and educate their subjects on the importance of registration of voters.

The State Military Governor, Colonel M. D. Jega stressed the need for this while formally launching the state's publicity campaign for registration of voters for the 1979 general elections in Yola.

Colonel Jega explained that the involvement of the Emirs and Chiefs in the campaign would help remove all obstacles which might bring misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the good intentions of present administration.

The governor also appealed to all those resident in the state who were 18 and above to make themselves available for registration.

Drunken lad is guilty

DRUNKENESS has earned a young man a fine of N10.00 or one month imprisonment.

The man Emeka Obiara of Ndioro Quarters ended up in the police net after excessive drinking which made him to conduct himself in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace and unlawfully destroying empty bottles and tumblers worth N14.00 at a beer palour at Ndioro village.

Prosecution told Umuahia Chief magistrate's Court presided over by Mr Bob I. Iwe that on the fateful day, the accused came to the beer palour of one Chukwunyere and ordered for a bottle of beer.

After gulping down the bottle he had no money to pay, but a good samaritan came to his rescue and paid his bill.

While going away, the accused took away a cigarette lighter, but when questioned, he reacted indecently. He moved to the counter and broke six tumblers in the tray. Not satisfied, he moved to a corner where empty bottles were stacked and pulled them down. Many of the bottles were broken, the court heard.

According to the prosecution, the accused seized the broken bottles and chased people at the Ndioro market causing panic.

The accused pleaded guilty to the two-count charge.

Pleading for lenience, he told the court that he was under the influence of alcohol, adding that he did not know what he was doing.

The court sentenced him to a fine of N10 or to go to prison for one month. In addition he was to pay the complainant N20.00 for the destruction done to his property.

Gulf

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University Scholarship Awards For 1977—78

Following interviews conducted by the GOCON Scholarship Board at Gulf House in Lagos, ten undergraduates doing their first - year degree courses in Nigerian Universities, have been selected for the 1977—78 Gulf Oil Company scholarship awards.

They are:

	NAME	DISCIPLINE	UNIVERSITY
1.	A. Ben Essien	Computer Science	Lagos
2.	Hamda Maliki (Miss)	Computer Science	Lagos
3.	Onorhievwe Akpovona	Civil Engineering	Benin
4.	Emmanuel O. Ekenta	Civil Engineering	Lagos
5.	Barnabas Giegbefumwen	Business Administration	Benin
6.	Olusegun Ogunwumi	Geology	Ife
7.	Michael O. Kehinde	Geology	Ahmadu Bello
8.	Olorunisola Oni	Mechanical Engineering	Lagos
9.	Ndidi B. Edeh	Mechanical Engineering	Benin
10	Phillip A. Eto	Land Surveying	Lagos

D. S. OKORO
SECRETARY
GOCON Scholarship Board.

GULF HOUSE
Lagos

Couple convicted for assualt

A COUPLE, Zakaria and Rowena Igbiri who were standing trial for assault before a chief magistrate's court in Port Harcourt have been ordered to pay N50 fine or in default to go to prison for two and one month, respectively.

The court was told that on January 10, 1976 at No. 190, Niger Street, Port Harcourt, the accused persons unlawfully assaulted one Eudora by beating her and causing her harm.

When the case first came up on June 28, 1976 the couple pleaded not guilty and were granted bail of N300 each.

Giving judgment, Chief Magistrate Opene ordered Zakaria who is 28 years old, to pay a sum of N50 or serve two months in prison.

The wife, Rowena Igbiri, 19, was ordered to pay a fine of N20 or in default to serve one month in prison.

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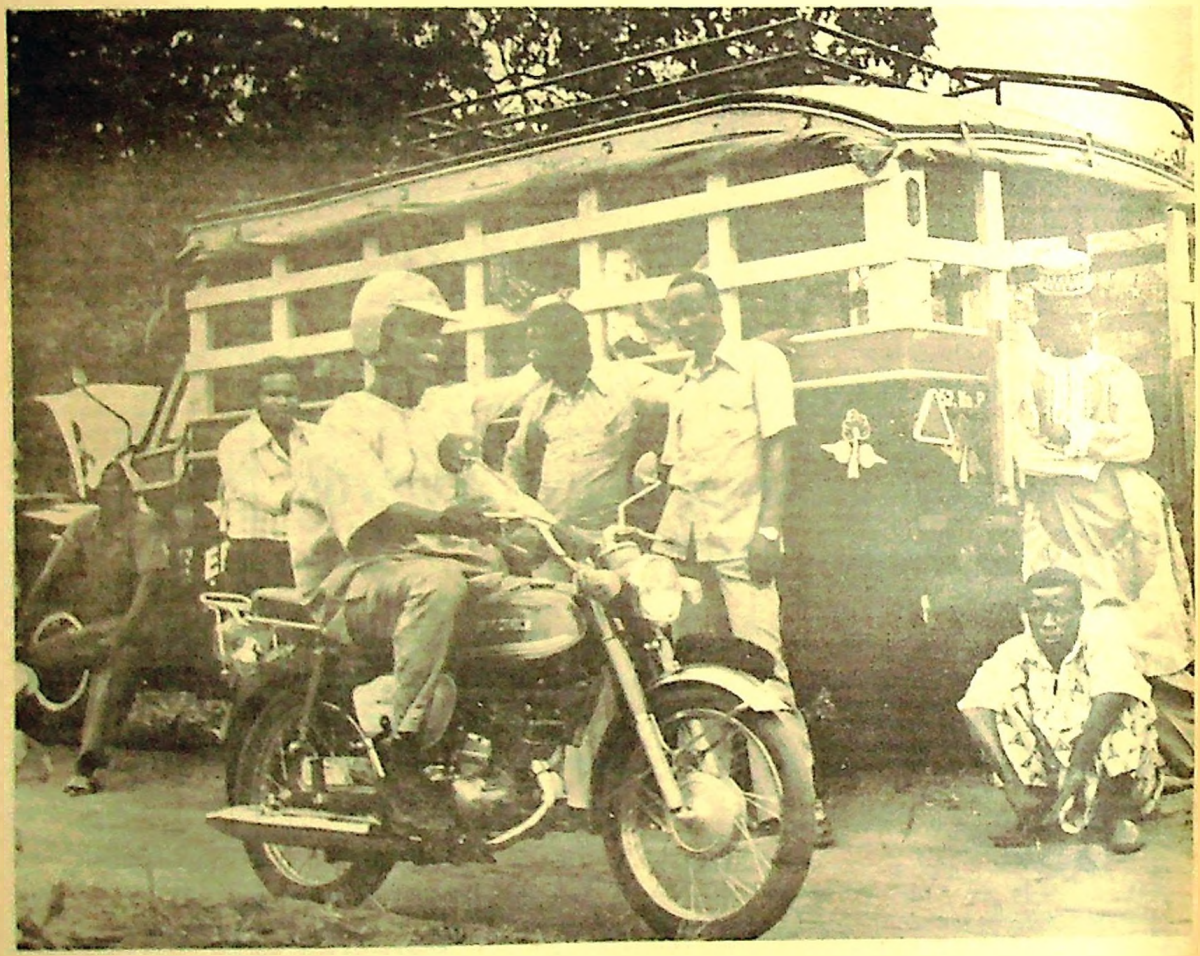

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Use them wisely.

Wonderful Pairs

Your wonderful pair for this week.

5-8 must.

FORMULA THREE

WWolves	—	1	— xxxxxxxCBK
LLuton	—	10	— xxxxxxxxxx
Leeicester	—	15	— 0000000000
QQ.P.R.	—	16	— 11111111111
Sounderland	—	17	— 22222222222
GGillingham	—	19	— £££££££££
RRotherham	—	21	— Chief BK
SShrewsbury	—	23	— Must Draw
PPlymouth	—	24	— Possible DR'n
BBury	—	27	— To Draw
WWimbledon	—	32	— A Nap is a
MMotherwell	—	40	— A Surprise

ROCKY

It was a wonderful week for us last week, as the result came out to be six draws only on the board, although thousands of stakers in thoe country lost to their promoters. But if you will continue in searching your favourable Tide, please there are three draws packed very openly in this paper this week to enable you collect thase lost money.

We have agreed to release 3 draws this week in one of the columns thisis week, it may be my column or any other on this page this week, whhat you have to do, just Nap one column with at least NI50 Yeen for your week 26.

Nap the following numbers for 3 draws.

10 xxxxxxxxxCBK	IF MY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE
25 xxxxxxxxxCBK	UNDERSTAND ME WELL AND
27 xxxxxxxxxCBK	FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS

STEPHEN BERGS

Friends,

Oh, this is a week of Cup matches. I have forgotten, well if this is a week of Golden Cup draws, Bergs is the answer. Nlothing on earth will disturb numbers 1 xxxxxxxxCBK, 211 xxxxxxxxxxCBK, and 40 xxxxxxCBK not to draw on Saturday.

It would have not been my pleasure to see someone failing to win in a week, but because of average in pools, you hsave to win this week, and lost to your counterparts next week. But those of you have already registered with me will loost weekly. My Tour of week 27 will be arranged as such.

SPECIAL DRAW BY MAC LEE

Because of my 3 States Tour of week 27, the following numbers are freely given to you. Nap it this week, and have mmoney to entertain me in your state or place of visit. Nap 211xxxxxCBK, 23xxxxxCBK, 25xxxxxCBK.

Dear customers, and the stakers in generality, the 3 numbeers given to you above are very good. Nap them.

Tour draws — free gifts, 23 xxxxx, 25xxxxxx.

KING OF DRAWS

If the forms will allow, these numbers are draws, nothing can earth to disturb them from drawing. They are numbers 155xxxxxxxCBK, 27 xxxxxxxxCBK, 51xxxxxxxxCBK.

Tide is really the people's choice in pools, this is what one of customers wrote to me.

For sure draws, always read, and keep a copy of Tide (Thursday Tide) in your office and the pools house weekly, doing this, you are well placed in line with those who win weekly by the aid of this paper.

The Chief Compiler has promised to feed stakers as soon as week 27 is over. Nap 15 xxxx, 27 xxxxx, 51 xxxx and use them wisely. King vrs 15 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxCBK.



DE-YOUNG

This is week 26, and a week of F. A. Cup Round 4, in which I promise the staking public 3 unfailing draws and one pair since the beginning of this season.

Now as a Cup Specialist, Bank on numbers 25 xxxxxxx, 21 xxxxxxx, 24xxxxxxxxCBKs. Your wonderful pair is at 15 27.

I have to remind stakers to forget about our bitter disappointment of last week, we will be even more determined to win a Major honour again. Perm 25 as your one banker with 47 teams on the Coupon.

De Young vrs 24 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxCBK.



4TH ROUND
F. A. CUP

BOB DE BANKERS

As week 27 is drawing near, I am preparing for Tour Now, and from Division to Division 5, I was told by my co tourists to select only one draw.

STEPHENBERGS — 1 draw
MAC LEE — 1 draw
BOB DE BK — 1 draw.

those are to be donated in week 27, before we proceed on tour to the 3 states. The reason we don't tour other states are, the 3 numbers contributed for the Tour will normally sind very well, and if we Tour other places plus the 3 mentioned states, promoters will be in trouble with us. The questions are can myself as a forecaster fail in producing one draw in week 27? Oh God, help me to get my draw correct.

For week 26 — Nap, 10 xxxxxx, 15 xxxxxxx, 40 xxxxxxx CBKS

Perm 1 xxx, 10xxxx, 15 xxxx, 23 xxxx, 40 xxxx and 51xxx

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DUD CERTIFICATES

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the West African School Certificate with which she procured an appointment in a primary school along Ikwerre Road in Port Harcourt.

Both the insurance executive and the woman lived together for three years. Things fell apart, however, when the man left the state capital for Lagos, and later leaked the secret of the deal.

When the woman was accosted by detectives, she was quick to link the man with the forgery.

Also, a tutor in one of the colleges in the state has been nabbed on suspicion of a similar offence.

The tutor was believed to have forged a Higher School Certificate purported to have been issued by the Continuing Education Centre, Warri, in Bendel State.

The deal came to light following a letter written to the state Teaching Service Commission for a review of salary.

When the commission stepped up inquiries into the man's credentials he became nervous and attempted to resign his appointment.

Man, 28, in court over firearms

A twenty-eight-year-old man, Innocent Ekpemandu, has appeared before an Umuahia Chief Magistrate's Court, charged with illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions.

The accused person pleaded not guilty to the charge and was granted bail in the sum of N100 and one surety in like sum while hearing was fixed for February 14, 1978.

In the same court an Umuahia-based businessman, Chimezie Chijioke, pleaded not guilty to a two-count charge of being in possession of a double cabin Datsun car, suspected to have been stolen or unlawfully acquired.

He was alleged to have forged a motor licence in respect of the vehicle.

Hearing in the case was fixed for February 15, and the accused was granted bail in the sum of N400 with one surety in like sum.

Big boost for rice scheme at Peremabiri

Koreans, FMG to sign contract

by Kenneth Gold

THE Federal Government would soon sign a contract agreement with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea towards the expansion of the Peremabiri rice scheme in Brass in the Niger Delta Development Authority area of the Rivers State.

The Federal Commissioner for Water Resources, Alhaji Ibrahim El-Yakubu, made this known in Lagos while receiving the economic delegation from the Democratic Republic of Korea.

Alhaji El-Yakubu pointed out that the first phase of the contract agreement would increase the 260 hectares of rice at Peremabiri to 1,200 hectares and the second phase of the project was expected to yield an ultimate of 60,000 hectares.

He explained that by a conservative estimate of five tonnes per hectare the scheme would bring an expected yield of about 300,000 tonnes of rice per annum from the area.

The commissioner said crop rotation would be carried out in the area in order to increase the crop yield of rice, adding that this would open the way for possibility of improving the products and by-products.

He revealed that plans were underway for the construction of a dam on the Nun River.

This, he went on, would boost agricultural production through irrigation.

He said appropriate agro-allied industries that could be established in the area could be examined so as to reap maximum advantage from the scheme and that flood control measure and erosion techniques would be used to increase the cultivable acreage of land in the area.

The Korean economic delegation, led by the Vice-Minister of External Economic Affairs, Gve Jang Hivan, had already carried out a feasibility study of the Delta area and Port Harcourt.

The agreement would include the establishment of a training school whereby Nigerians could earn on the projects after the Koreans must have left.

Alhaji El-Yakubu told the delegation that the Federal Government attached considerable importance to the project and hoped that the yield would contribute in no small measure to the rise in the economic standard of the country.



• MR G. OSAROLLOR
Rivers State Commissioner for Agriculture

500 CST students pack out of hostel

24-hour quit order

MORE than 500 students of the School of Basic Studies, College of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, have packed out of the school.

This was as a result of a quit order placed on the college notice board last Monday which gave 24 hours of grace to the students to leave the school compound.

According to the notice signed by the administrative officer, Hall's of Residence, Mr E. Okoro, urging them to leave their hostels before 6 p.m. yesterday, the authority could not help in the circumstance because accommodation was valid for one year.

Trooping into the news room of the Nigerian Tide yesterday, some of the students affected stated that they were accommodated when the technical students of the college bounded strikes last year.

They protested that after paying a huge sum of money for hostel accommodation and meal coupon, they were asked to pack away immediately whereas "we were not initially given temporary accommodation in the school".

The aggrieved students pointed out that over N17 million was charged into the coffers of the college by the Federal Government to enable it run its affairs, and said that the authorities were in a good position to provide accommodation since "they have done nothing with the amount up till now."

"When we met the Rector of the school, Dr W. T. Wakama, we were only told that the School of Basic Studies is not part and parcel of the College of Science and Technology and that preference would be given to the technical students who bounded classes due to the new policy," the student said.

CHRIST CHURCH
(INTER - DENOMINATIONAL)
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LAUNCHING OF BUILDING FUND

The Launching of Christ Church Building will take place at

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

PORT HARCOURT DISTRICT SOCIETY OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA

GENERAL MEETING

THERE will be a general meeting of the society at the Port Harcourt Primary School, Port Harcourt on the 26th January 1978, at 6 p.m. prompt.

Existing members are urged to attend the meeting because important matters will be discussed.

Members belonging to recognised accounting bodies who are not yet members of the society are welcome to apply for registration forms from the secretary, Mr E. W. Somorin P. O. Box 502, Port Harcourt.

For the interest of the institute and the profession, your presence is important".