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REVENUE FORMULA

Heated debate likely



● PROFESSOR ABOYADE

REVENUE allocation will certainly arouse heated and extended debate at the Constituent Assembly when it resumes on Monday, competent sources hinted in Lagos yesterday.

Already, the report which was submitted by the Aboyade Committee to the Chief of Staff, Brigadier Musa Shehu Yar'Adua, in Lagos on Wednesday, has been criticised by Dr Friday Nwator, from the Bori Local Government Authority area and a member of the Assembly.

Dr Nwator said the report did not reflect the different socio-logical and economic circumstances that prevailed in the country.

He indicated that some members would press for a review of the report.

In its report, the committee warned that the oil revenue was now declining, and that there would be no oil boom for the country at least for the next seven years.

He, however noted that the position would start picking up again towards the middle of the 1980's.

Professor Aboyade, than whom, Mr. is important, therefore, that the attention of the nation be directed more to the declining rate of growth of aggregate allocable resources than on the unproductive fund to be shared.

Realities

He said that the lessons of limited availability were especially grave all round for the Fourth National Development Plan.

Professor Aboyade, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ife, said that in the light of these realities the committee had rejected all existing principles, including the erstwhile factors of population, derivation and equality of status of the states.

He explained that the committee being the first appointed indigenous, non-interim technical body for revenue allocation in the country, had endeavoured to bring in a new and original formula.

He stated that the report represented the unanimous conclusions of all members of the committee and commended the co-operation of the state governments with his committee.

Receiving the report, Brigadier Shehu Yar'Adua said that the issue of revenue allocation in Nigeria had been a highly politicised and sensitive matter.

He hoped that the report would prove useful to the Federal Military Government.

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● DR FRIDAY NWATOR

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HOW GOVT HOUSE CAR GOT MISSING

—Court story

A driver, Stephen George, attached to Government House, Port Harcourt, appeared before Chief Magistrate R. C. Nzeribe yesterday charged with stealing a Peugeot 504 saloon car, from the Rivers State Government.

A prosecution witness, Inspector Ignatius Ofor described as the head driver of Government House, told the court that the car with a registration No. RV 901 PA was allocated to the accused.

The accused, he said on brought the car to the garage on November 30, 1977 saying it was due for servicing. The accused then parked the car and gave him the key.

As a result was subsequently made for a local purchase order so as to send the car to the S.P.I.A. Motors for servicing, witness said.

On December 1, witness went on the car disappeared, but its key was left in the drawer.

Under cross-examination by the defence counsel Mr Kola Balogun, Mr Ignatius said he kept the car keys and the duplicates left with the aide-de-camp in the garage.

by Julie Jumbo

In answer to a question, witness said he knew Samuel Amadi, a driver who took away the car for servicing for a period of two days without his knowledge.

Another witness, a soldier, Patrick Abara said he knew the accused. Abara said that on the day of the incident he saw the accused at about 4 a.m. but when challenged, he said he was sent on an errand.

The following morning, witness said the head driver announced the disappearance of the car. Cross-examined, Amadi said Constantine knew that the gate, but he was waiting for the next road was not guarded.

Testifying also was police sergeant, Sebastine Ofor, who attached to Government House. He said he could that on December 2 last, he was invited by the acting aide-de-camp and the principal secretary to initiate action on the missing car.

Witness said that an identification parade consisting of 15 persons was then conducted. Under cross-examination, Mr Ofor said he did not see Amadi driving the car. He did not also know that the car was missing for two days.

Hearing was adjourned to February 13, and the accused granted bail in the sum of N1,000.

3 new judges sworn-in

THREE new supreme court justices have been sworn-in at the Supreme Court in Lagos.

They were Justice Anthony Nnaemeka Chukwuma Aniagolu, Justice Kayode Eso second from right and Justice Muhammadu Bello Aruna (left).

Pictured is Mr Justice Aniagolu receiving his certificate after being sworn-in by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Sir D. A. B. Alexander.

LG board employs 1,862 workers

THE Imo State Local Government Service Board, after one year in office, has recruited a total number of 1,862 qualified persons working in various local government councils of the state.

Of this number, 48 persons were of senior staff grade, 26 persons were of the intermediate and 1,788 are of junior grade.

The chairman of the board, Mr G. U. Ukairo disclosed this in his office while giving account of one year stewardship of his board at a press conference.

He stressed the need for high level manpower and hinted that his board proposed within this year, to tour some universities, colleges of technology and youth corps centres to recruit personnel.

Mr Ukairo stated that the board inherited some 5,000 posted civil servants who helped to increase the staff strength considerably.

Other achievements, he went on, included preparation of staff nominal roll; processing of pension papers for retiring officers, evolving interview procedure and devising forms for the use of the board.



₦40,000 imported goods not cleared

THE manager of the Leather Tanning Industry, Owerri, Mr Godwin Nwankwere has disclosed that more than ₦40,000 worth of raw materials imported by the industry have been cleared from Port Harcourt wharf because of lack of funds.

Mr Nwankwere made the disclosure when the new Imo State commissioner for Industries, Trade and Co-operatives, Rev. Ifeanyi Anoka visited the industry.

The manager stated that there was great demand for the products of his company. The factory, he stressed required ₦1.5 million for effective operation.

Replying, Commissioner Anoka hinted that a project officer was being posted from the ministry to help in the running of the industry.

Rev. Anoka expressed optimism about the viability of the company and stated that the government would look into the financial problems of the company.

The commissioner later visited the site for the proposed co-operative estate in Owerri where the whole regional for co-operative societies, Mr. B. Tarry, told men that contract for the buildings would soon be awarded.

Rev. Anoka and his entourage also visited the Owerri Co-operative shopping centre, the Imo State Co-operative Wholesale Association warehouse and offices in Owerri.

Community raises ₦2,000

A TOTAL of ₦2,000 was realised when the Otuoke community in Ogbia District of Brass Local Government area launched the second phase of their ₦32,000 6-year development plan.

Speaking during the occasion at Otuoke a spokesman of the Town Planning Committee, Mr Obekpa Akpafu stressed the importance of self-help projects in community development.

Mr Akpafu urged the people to redouble efforts in community development, to enable them attract government assistance.

He, however, appealed to the state government for grants.

The projects to be undertaking include the supply of electricity, pipe borne water, market stalls and a standard town hall.

COMMITTEE PLANS TOUR

MEMBERS of the Implementation Committee on the National Policy on Education will arrive in Benin City from Akure, capital of Ondo State on Tuesday, January 10, 1978 to begin a two-day visit to Bendel State.

While in the state, members of the committee will pay courtesy calls on the military governor, Commodore Hussain Abdullahi and the commissioner for Education, Chief A. E. O. Ejoh.

They will also hold a working session with the permanent secretary of the ministry of education and meet members of the state Implementation Task Force for a review of policy on Education.

The team will leave Benin City for Enugu, capital of Anambra State on Thursday, January 12, 1978.



Chairman addresses wardmen

THE meeting of Ward leaders in Oredo Local Government area was held at the Exhibition Centre, Benin City.

Photo shows the chairman of Oredo Local Government council, Mr E. O. Imafidon (standing) addressing the leaders during the meeting, while others look on.

EDITORIAL

GOOD NEWS FROM THE AIRWAYS?

IT IS probably too early to expect any effect of the recent purges in the Nigeria Airways on its operational efficiency. There are signs however, that the corporation means business this time and it is determined to wear a new look. For the past one week, at least from this end, local flights have been fairly regular, unlike the past when the only certainty about a confirmed ticket is that it is not okay at all.

THIS quick reversal from the disgraceful past is commendable and the corporation should leave nothing undone to sustain the momentum. The country is in desperate need of an efficient and reliable airline service. It has a potentially large domestic market and this should be tapped to the fullest. This is what commerce is all about.

WHEN it has consolidated its hold on the domestic scene, it may then consider a venture into the highly sophisticated and highly competitive world aviation industry. But as we cautioned before, this has to be done warily to avoid disastrous economic failure. In fact we think branching into the world aviation market is one of those pretentious ventures we all talk about.

THE TASK FORCE that has been set up to reorganise the services of the Airways, we hope will do much more than concerning itself with the question of "image" in the public relations sense of the word. It should also examine thoroughly the industrial relations machinery of the corporation, with particular regard to the management/employee relations.

A SUBSTANTIAL chunk of the problems in the past had their origin in poor industrial relations and lack of effective means of communications between top management and the employees down the ladder. This had resulted in unnecessary disputes and industrial actions that seriously smeared the name of the corporation.

EFFECTIVE communications between top management and employees satisfy in some measure the human desire to be personally identified with the problems associated with the industry. Given time, it will be found that good communications will dispel some misunderstandings which would otherwise die hard with their consequent damage on morale and productive effort.

WE SINCERELY look forward to an improved Nigeria Airways in which this nation can take justified pride. An airline that bears our great emblem aloft should certainly compare with the best of its kind anywhere in the world. So, floreat, Nigeria's 'Skypower'.

1979 elections registration is a civic duty. The vote is a sacred trust. Don't be left out.

DON'T APPOINT LAYMEN AS MAGISTRATES

AMONG the policies of 1977 was the "appointment of laymen" including ex-administrators, ex-police officers and examiners officers as magistrates. The rationale behind this policy leaves much to be desired.

The maintenance of law and order is both significant and vital in any society. No economic activity ever strives well in a chaotic and uncertain economy.

While guessing what rationale must have prompted this policy, one may be forced to trace a little bit the source of law. Right from 1066 during the time of William the conqueror in England, history holds that the present English law (which also operates in Nigeria) stems up as a collective effort of the early jurists. Although those jurists did not have any formal education in law but, rather, they were conversant with both "local customs" and "General Customs" of the localities.

At that time there was no consistency in court decisions. Similar cases at different times may take different decisions, irrespective of the "ratio decidendi" of the earlier case — uncertainty, incoherence, discretionary motives and absence of judicial precedents riddled court decisions.

But with time, uneducated jurists (I mean men not educated in law) died away. Their passage ushered in the era of educated jurists. Today judges and magistrates are men educated in law.

Although, the man in the street may ask, "what of the members of Administrative Tribunals?" The answer to this question is included in Sir Franks Commission report of 1957. The report of Sir Franks Commission includes among other things that Chairmen of Administrative Tribunals be lawyers.

By and large, Administrative Tribunals are quite different both in outlook and actual functions from judicial courts. For Administrative Tribunals treat peculiar cases — administratively biased. Whereas magistrate courts perform among other things, criminal and civil cases.

The question of shortage of magistrates, and judges in Nigeria should not be one to be treated haphazardly or perhaps with levity. Since the nerve centre of the economy lies on the political stability of the country, the maintenance of law and order; and since the haves and have-nots confide their last hope in matters of society in the law courts, the appointment of magistrates deserves a deep and meaningful thinking.

With the sessional turnouts of lawyers from our universities offering law as a discipline, and supplement from overseas universities and inns of courts, one would see that the shortage of magistrates could not grow to the extent of requiring the appointment of laymen to magistracy.

A trial in improving both salary scale and fringe benefits of magistrates may suffice and jettison overboard the current policy of appointing laymen to the magistracy.

SAM ACHO
Uyo

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

Why Sharia courts are necessary

MANY contributions have been made in debating the Draft Constitution but one particular section of the constitution have been criticised out of ignorance. That is THE SHARIA.

To start with, what is Sharia?

The word Sharia literally means a way to water in a desert. In short, it is a way one takes to arrive at his heart desire, his pleasure and comfort.

Technically, Sharia means the law laid-down by Allah (God) the creator of the heavens and the earth for humanity to follow. It is the only law recognised by the Allah (God). It is the only perfect law in the sight of muslims. All other laws are man-made and so defective as man himself is not perfect.

From the above definition, one would agree with me that Sharia to mankind is like a hand-book given by the manufacturer of cars to be followed by all who may buy the cars. If the rules and guides given in the hand-book are disregarded one knows the consequence. It is equally so if humanity disregards the "Hand-book" of Allah (God) (i.e. The Sharia) the consequence is equally well-known.

The Sharia conceives of one legislator, one law and one justice for the whole society of mankind.

So muslims will be denied their rightful judgment if Sharia is not allowed to function, thereby contradicting the freedom of worship already guaranteed by the constitution.

This is why I commend the CDC for the inclusion of Sharia in our constitution.

POPO IGBONNA
Ilorin.

PAYING THE RETIRED

THE government gives six or twelve months notice to public officers who are due to retire.

But it is disheartening to note that the benefits of the affected officers (particularly the junior officers) are not paid until after a year or more and in most cases the payment is not made until the affected officers have engaged the services of barristers, or the issue referred to the Public Complaints Commission.

The six or twelve months notice given to the affected officers could be used to process their entitlements so that they do not die from the scorching heat of hunger and starvation.

S. NDA BOMS
Bonny

REVENUE ALLOCATION: LET'S BE RATIONAL

IS the revenue allocation principle brought up with a view to exploit only one man's wealth?

Why should oil be the pivot on which the wheel of revenue allocation rotates and why should the Rivers State have an oil doom instead of boom?

Nigerians should think back to those days of cocoa when we had no controversy over revenue allocation.

Let us be considerate and treat all men equally for the sake of national unity. My advice is for all Nigerians to be rational in the basis on the revenue allocation.

GEOFFREY BRAIDI
Port Harcourt

UPGRADE RSA EXAMS

RECENTLY, it was announced that with effect from next year, the GCE would be given the same grade level pass as that of the WASC. This is highly welcome.

It would be appreciated if the RSA Examination grading for a pass is also given the same treatment.

Such a step will encourage everyone involved.

SAMUEL B. GBENYIE
Port Harcourt

7 price law breakers jailed

THE price control division of Anambra State high court has sentenced seven traders to a total of 63 months prison terms with alternative of a fine totalling N3,950-00. In addition all their commodities are to be confiscated..

The court sitting in Enugu had found them guilty of contravening the price control law.

One of them, Chidoluwe Nwonye, earned six months without option of fine for obstructing a price control official in the course of his duty.

Another six months' prison term was passed on him with the alternative of N200.00 fine for employing a boy who sold a bag of Semovita above the beer for N1.30, one Vincent control price.

For selling a bottle of Sear beer at N1.30, one Vincent Nweze was sentenced to a jail term of nine months with an option of N750.00 fine.

He was also alleged to have sold one tin of Peak milk for 30 kobo.

Five other price law breakers at Awka Abagana and Ukpo were sentenced to prison terms and fines ranging from six months to nine months and N200,00 to N750.00.

One Jeremiah Uka, whose master also recieved a jail term of nine months or N750 fine in alternative, received six strokes of the cane.

OSBC canteen opened

THE staff canteen of Ondo State Broadcasting Corporation has been officially opened by Her Excellency Mrs R. T. Ikpeme, at Oke-Ile, Akure.

In the picture, 2nd from left Mrs R. T. Ikpeme cuts the tape to declare the canteen open while 2nd from right is the Chief Information Officer, Ondo State, Mr F. O. Shadare and on extreme left is Mrs Oyatoyin both members of the board of directors of OSBC with the chairman of the board, Rev. J. F. Ala (at the centre) listen to a tip from the general manager, Mr Dipo Babalola



Post-primary award for Eleme youth

A FORMER youth corper who had been serving in the Rivers State, Mr Christopher T. Manza of Borno State has made a post-primary scholarship award to the Eleme community in the state

Making the award at a send-off party organised at Ebubu in his honour, Mr Manza said that the gesture was in appreciation of the community's co-operative attitude and open door policy to strangers, particularly towards youth corpers serving in the area.

Both Messrs Manza and Adesina of Ogun State, were engaged at the Equatorial Guinea Resource project at Agbeta, Ebubu, as agricultural officers during their national service term last year.

The guests of honour expressed profound gratitude and delight at the cordial relationship and the noteworthy 'academic pursuits' among the youths of the area.

The scholarship award was expected to take effect in the current academic year.

Mr Adesina, on his part, donated a sum of N100 to the community towards their self help projects.

Speaking later, the chairman of the Agbeta Committee on the Equatorial Guinea project, Mr M. Y. Ogiru on behalf of his community and people of the area thanked the benefactors for their friendly and patriotic gesture towards the community and assured that the gifts would be judiciously utilised for the purposes they were meant.

The Manza award later went to a 12-year-old student of the Baptist High School, Port Harcourt, Master Ebenezar Onungwe, after a concessional examination conducted by a special committee in which he scored the highest mark.

'Wait' Order for Musa

A 30 YEAR-OLD man, Mohammed Musa is to remain in the prison custody till January 9, 1978 when a case of wandering without visible means of livelihood preferred against him will come up for hearing at the Umuahia chief magistrate's court.

The court presided over by Mr Robert Bee was told that the accused was arrested at the premises of an Umuahia resident judge at odd hour.

The prosecuting police officer, Mr T Ore had told the court that the accused was detected by a security guard who was on duty at the judge's quarters. When questioned, the prosecution alleged the accused could not give satisfactory account of himself and his mission.

The accused had earlier pleaded not guilty to the one count charge and was ordered to be remanded to prison custody.

Policy panel

THE implementation committee on national policy on education will on Tuesday January 10, 1978, visit the Bendel State.

According to a programme released by the Bendel State Ministry of Home Affairs and Information in Benin City, the committee would discuss problems connected with the national policy on education with the Bendel State counterpart.

The members would also call on the state military governor, the state's commissioner for education and hold working session with the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Education.



January the 9th to 15th is remembrance week: Support the Nigeria Legion, your ex-servicemen

AN end of year [illegible] organised by the Obu Akenzua II in his [illegible] has chiefs and [illegible] personalities recently [illegible] are chiefs of the [illegible] party.



BASSAMBIRI PLANS AHEAD

THE people of Bassambiri, Nembe in Brass Local Government area collected a sum of ₦6,750 during the launching of their ₦200,000 development programme recently.

In his address the chairman of the occasion, Prince Claud Ogusta, told the people that no amount of government development effort could transform all the social structure of rural communities without the involvement of the communities.

He stressed that the greatest demand from the communities was for the people to plan seriously for their development.

Prince Ogusta who is also the chairman of the Brass local government council warned that the pace for advancement would be delayed if communities looked on government for everything.

The chairman finally appealed to the people to show greater concern for the success of their development projects.

The projects to be executed include land reclamation, building a modern market and a postal agency.

133 births recorded

A TOTOL of 133 births were recorded at the Edeoha health centre in Ahoada district of Ahoada Local Government area between February and December last year.

Disclosing this at Edeoha, the staff midwife in-charge of the health centre, Miss Salome Hutten Tom-George explained that during the period, the centre recorded seven difficult birth cases.

She said a total of ₦1,796.00 was collected as ante-natal and post natal fees.

The midwife further disclosed that the centre runs an infant welfare clinic, and attendance of 595 was recorded during the period.

Bille youths fight erosion

THE Bille Youths Improvement Association in the Degema Local Government area has launched a scheme to help the community fight erosion which threatens the town.

At a ceremony at Bille during the Christmas holidays, the youths raised a total of ₦6,268.00.

A spokesman for the youths, Mr N. J. Carrie told the Nigerian Tide that money raised by the youths would be used in the building of a break water, designed to stem the menace of erosion on the town.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr T. G. Bolie who is a councillor in the Degema Local Government Council appealed to the youths to desist from social evils.

He condemned cigarette smoking and drug addiction.

Youths, he stressed should be more religious in their behaviours and devoted at all times.

In the photograph, the financial secretary of the association, Mr Victor Thompson, centre, receives a donation during the launching ceremony from Councillor Bolie, who was also chairman of the ceremony.

Bonny water works halted

by

Eleazer Kas-Nwegu

LIFE in Bonny is taking a new turn.

Water shortage is now very acute and water pipes being laid by the state government have been abandoned.

There is no visible sign of work going on them.

Most of the existing wells in the area have almost virtually dried up.

The worst situation is on the market scene where the existence of the price control body is a mere illusion.

A bottle of mineral in Bonny is sold at as much as 40k.

Price control officials have never been seen in Bonny.

Reports said bad road leading to the new general hospital commissioned late last year, is hampering the effectiveness of the hospital.

Water shortage posed another great impediment.

Meanwhile, work is still continuing on the staff quarters of the hospital.

OMU IS PHOTOGRAPHERS' MAN FOR 1978

The Nigerian photographic Society has held its first annual Christmas party and photographic exhibition at the Press centre, 6, Reservation Road, Benin City.

The Commissioner for Information, Social Development and Sports, Dr Fred Omu was the guest of honour.

Dr Omu who was honoured with the fellowship of the Nigerian Photographic Society (Hon F. N. P. S.) was also named the photographer's Gentleman of the year, 1978. In the photograph, the commissioner (1st from right) is toying his hands on one of the Tele. Cameras, while Mr F. B. Ogunjo, president, of the society (2nd from right), Mr M. Salami, financial secretary (2nd from left) and Mr Joel Eseniaze (1st from left) member of the society watch with admiration.



DONT EVER WASTE TAP WATER IT KEEPS YOU LIVELY

UN awards for 5 South Africans

THE chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid, Mr Leslie Harriman, has said that the struggle in South Africa is not a conflict between black and white but a struggle of all decent people against racism and human dignity.

To this end, he added, his committee would continue its work "on this basic premise until South Africa is free and takes its rightful place in the community of African nations".

Mr Harriman, who is Nigeria's permanent representative at the World, made the remarks in a citation at a recent ceremony in New York during which five south Africans were presented with the United Nations Human Rights Awards for Freedom Fighters.

The recipients are Mr Alan Paton, late Steve Biko, Mrs Winnie Mandela, the Reverend Beyers Nande and Mr Percy Qobuza.

The Nigerian envoy described the recipients as "symbols of National Liberation Movement through which thousands of people have struggled persistently for many decades for freedom, human equality and human dignity.

He added that they were honoured for their contribution to humanity's quest for freedom and international co-operation.

Mr Harriman reiterated that Africa would never compromise on apartheid and racism.

He pointed out that his committee did not look upon sanctions against South Africa as a punitive measure to punish the whites. Rather it was to make them aware that continued racist domination was impossible, adding that South African people themselves would punish their criminals.

Mr Harriman further explained that his committee called for the sanctions against the apartheid Republic because it was a means by which the rest of the world could avoid involvement in an immoral system.

MINISTRY INVITES TENDERS

THE Bendel State ministry of Education has invited tenders from reputable contractors for the supply of home economics equipment to secondary schools in the state.

According to the ministry, interested contractors must be registered in categories D and above with the Bendel State Registration Board or an equivalent grade with the Federal Registration Board on payment of a non-refundable deposit of N20 into the Government Treasury or any of its suboffices.

Each tenderer should in addition produce a tax clearance certificate, a copy of certificate of registration as a contractor in the appropriate category, evidence of satisfactory completion of similar jobs in the past and treasury receipt for the non-refundable deposit of N20.

A list of the home economics equipments to be tendered for is obtainable from the Home Economics branch of the ministry at No 3, Ita Street, Off Wire Road, Benin City, during office hours.

Prices quoted should include cost of delivery to the ministry's headquarters in Benin City.

Completed tender documents should be submitted in wax-sealed envelopes and marked "Confidential, Tender for the Supply of Home Economics Equipment" and addressed to the permanent secretary, Ministry of Education, Benin City to reach him not later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 1978.

STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

THE National Union of Rivers State Students (NURSS), University of Benin branch have elected their officials for the 1977/78 academic session.

The interim executive council was unanimously elected at a general meeting held in Benin City.

The following were the elected: Mr Ekwuru Apeah, president; Mr O. Akaeze, vice-president; Mr Fiere Harrison, secretary; Mr R. I. Udemba, assistant secretary.

Others are: Miss E. Afiagbo, treasurer; Mr Okoi Amodi Ukpa, financial secretary; Miss Bee Joseph, assistant financial secretary.

Also elected are: Mr J. Ogunsi, chief of protocol; Prince Bonsa Akiri, auditor and Mr Owen Abayeh, public relations officer.

RIVERS STATE HOUSING CORPORATION

STAFF VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies in the Rivers State Housing Corporation:

(a) Senior Architect
(b) Architect
(c) Chief Civil Engineer
(d) Chief Structural Engineer
(e) Principal Structural Engineer
(f) Senior Civil Engineer
(g) Chief Estate Surveyor
(h) Principal Estate Surveyor
(i) Senior Estate Surveyor
(j) Senior Quantity Surveyor
(k) Estate Surveyor.

2. **QUALIFICATIONS:**
(a) and (b)—A University Degree or Diploma in Architecture, membership of the Nigerian Institute of Architects or equivalent or any qualification registrable by ARCON plus not less than (four and two) years post qualification practical experiences respectively.
(c), (d) and (e)—A University Degree in Civil Structural Engineering and membership of the Nigerian Society of Engineers or equivalent or any qualification registrable by COREN, plus not less than (eight-ten) years post qualification practical experiences respectively.
(f) As in (c), (d) and (e) above, plus not less than (four) years post qualification practical experience.
(g) and (h)—A University Degree or equivalent in Quantity Estate Surveying, A.R.I.C.S., A.R.Q.S. plus not less than (eight-ten) years post qualification practical experiences respectively.
(i) and (j) As in (g) and (h) above, plus not less than (four) years post qualification practical experiences.
(k) As in (g) and (h) above, plus not less than (two) years post qualification practical experience.

3. **DUTIES:**
(a) Preparation of sketch plans, working drawings and specifications for various types of building projects. Supervision of building works undertaken either by contract or direct labour and other connected duties as may be assigned by the General Manager of the Corporation.
(b) Responsible for design of buildings and Housing Schemes under the Executive Architect. Preparation of working drawings and specification. Inspection of buildings under construction, etc.
(c) Preliminary investigation, surveys for all types of civil engineering undertakings particularly in road, bridges etc:
(i) To carry out soil and foundation tests and
(ii) Supervisory works either on contract or direct labour.
(d)—(e) Design of building structures whether in steel reinforced concrete or other materials including preparation of working drawings, schedules and specifications.
(f) Responsible for surveys for all types of civil engineering undertakings particularly in road, bridges etc; under the Chief Civil Engineer.
(g)—(h) Responsible for Estate matters including Leases and Covenants in Leases etc.
(i) Responsible for Estate matters including leases and Covenants in Leases etc., under the Chief and Principal Estate Surveyors.
(j) Responsible for Estimating, preparation of bills of Quantities for all types of building, preparation of schedules, contract documents and work measurement for the preparation of Interim payment and final account. Negotiating contracts and agreeing prices with contractors. Analysis of Tenders etc.
(k) Responsible for Estate matters including Leases and Covenants etc., under the Chief Principal and Senior Estate Surveyors.

4. **SALARIES:**
Very attractive and negotiable.

5. **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:**
All persons appointed (including Expatriates) shall be subject to the terms of the current Corporation's Conditions of Service as they are amended from time to time.

6. **METHOD OF APPLICATION:**
Applications in candidates own handwriting with photo-copies of credentials in properly sealed envelopes marked at the top "CONFIDENTIAL" Application for the post of ..... should be addressed to:

The Secretary,
Rivers State Housing Corporation,
15/17, Emekuku Street,
P.M.B. 5044,
Port Harcourt.
Rivers State, Nigeria.

Candidates in the Public Service should apply through their Heads of Department.

7. **CLOSING DATE:**
All applications should be forwarded under registered cover to reach the Secretary, Rivers State Housing Corporation on or before 28th February, 1978.

D. J. K. LAWSON,
Secretary.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1977.

THE WORLD

VORSTER'S HELL...

Detained editor escapes to freedom



MR JOHN VORSTER

NEWSPAPER Editor Donald Woods, who fled South Africa last week, arrived in Lusaka yesterday with his wife and their five children on his way to London.

Mr Woods, editor of the East London Daily Dispatch, fled South Africa last Friday by crossing the flooded Tele River into neighbouring Lesotho.

He had been under house arrest at his East London home since government crackdown on anti-apartheid organisations and individuals on October 19, 1977.

Mrs Woods said last night that her husband was considering asking the United Nations to declare South African Premier John Vorster and Justice Minister Jimmy Kruger "international outlaws".

She described them as "criminals. They have committed crimes against the family of man, against humanity," she added.

She said her husband would ask the UN to take action against Mr Kruger if Percy Qoboza, detained editor of the African Newspaper "World", were not released before the end of January.

Acid attack

Mrs Woods also blamed the South African Police for a recent acid attack on her daughter Mary, aged five. The girl received a parcel through the post which had been tampered with and impregnated with an acid substance.

The Woods family arrived late in Lusaka because their aircraft slipped off the runway in Francistown, Botswana, and was bogged down in mud for about four hours.

Mr Woods is scheduled to meet Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda before continuing his journey to London.

African dissident Mohammed Timol, under house arrest since October 19, has fled South Africa and taken refuge in neighbouring Swaziland, it was learned in Johannesburg yesterday.

He is the brother of Ahmed Timol, who allegedly committed suicide by leaping to his death from a tenth-storey window of police headquarters in Johannesburg in 1971 while under interrogation for pro-Communist activities.

Mohammed Timol telephoned a friend in Johannesburg after arriving safely in Swaziland.

11th Century crown reported missing

THE Crown of St Stephen of Hungary has been taken secretly from the Fort Knox gold vaults in Kentucky, it was reported on Wednesday.

The Crown was to have been placed yesterday aboard the plane flying the official American delegation of more than 20 people to Budapest.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, currently in Europe with President Carter, will join the delegation as its leader today going to Budapest from Brussels.

Legal moves by Americans of Hungaria extraction to prevent the Crown's return failed in the Supreme Court.

Hungarian refugees fleeing from the advancing Soviet Red Army gave the 11th Century crown to a U.S. Army unit in 1945 for safe-keeping.

Tradition has it that Pope Sylvester presented the crown to King Stephen in the year 1,000 on Christmas day.

ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE SOLDIERS CAN NOW GO HOME



MENGISTU

MORE than half the Ethiopian soldiers living in Sudan as refugees for the past year will return home tomorrow, the Sudan News Agency reported.

It said that 276 army men — out of a total of nearly 400 military refugees — arrived in Khartoum yesterday from Jabait in north-eastern Sudan, where they had been staying since fleeing across the border about one year ago when Eritrean Liberation Front guerrillas stormed the border village of Kabera.

Sudanese President Gaafar Nimeiri met the Ethiopian Ambassador in Khartoum last Saturday and the next day announced that Ethiopian officers and troopers who wanted to leave could go home.

The move follows an agreement last month between Sudan and Ethiopia to normalise relations after a year's deterioration marked by mutual recriminations about backing for dissidents.

The agreement was reached at a meeting in Sierra Leone of a mediation committee set up by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

Also agreed to were a halt to a "propaganda war" and a resumption of airline services which were cut last June.



PRESIDENT NIMEIRY

BRIEFS

Bangkok

RADIO Cambodia has broadcast a message from Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former Chief of State, giving full support to the Cambodian government.

New Year's eve communique denounces "Vietnamese aggression against Cambodia."

The letter was addressed to Prime Minister and Communist Party secretary Pol Pot. This was Prince Sihanouk's second announced initiative in Cambodian politics since he resigned from all his posts on April 5, 1976.

Camberra

LIBYA and Australia are establishing diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level. The Foreign Ministers, Andrew Peacock, released a joint communique yesterday declaring that "guided by the desire to promote friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries, the Australian and the Libyan governments will exchange ambassadors".

Los Angeles

THE police got wind here of a new weapon women could use to combat would-be rapists and other attackers.

It is a small plastic capsule called rapel which clips to a bra and contains synthetic skunk oil.

Khartoum

JETS bombed and strafed the Eritrean town of Tessenei this week killing 22 people and wounding 29 others, the daily paper Al Ayam reported here.

In a despatch from the Sudanese border town of Kassala the paper said several buildings, including a hotel, were destroyed.

Santiango

CHILEAN President Augusto Pinochet has hailed his referendum majority as a "repudiation" of United Nations charges of human rights violations by his military regime.

Although it had earlier been announced that more than six million Chileans were eligible to vote in the compulsory election, the final official result was given as 4,012,023 votes for the Pinochet regime, 1,092,236 against, and 244,923 ballots blank or void.

"There will be no more voting or elections in the next 10 years" he said. "That's all over. Now to work," the president said.

Washington

THE inflation rate in the industrialized countries as a whole moved up slightly in November after a period of slowing from July to October. It has steadily, Monetary Fund reported on the basis of the most recent statistics.

The IMF said that the average annual inflation rate in those countries was 7.6 per cent in November, as against 7.5 per cent in October. It has steadily fallen from 9.1 per cent in June to 7.5 per cent in October.

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WEEKEND COMMENTARY



SCHISM IN THE NUJ

NO ORGANISATION can determine its activities that there can be no disagreements in it. The conservative and the radical, the practical mind and the theoretician, the idealist and the realist, will be found in any organisation anywhere, many of them conducting the same argument in different ways.

To this extent one can say that there is nothing very strange about the disagreement within the rank and file of the Nigerian Union of Journalists.

BUT HOW healthy is the disagreement? Is it ideological or even intellectual? I cannot claim inner knowledge of the working of the union, for I am a mere nominal member.

IF, HOWEVER, all that one hears has any glimmer of truth, then the situation is very saddening indeed. How far is it true that the division in the union is being promoted by some tribal bigots who would want all elective officers to go to their minions?

I sincerely hope this allegation is untrue in all respects. There should be no room for such a scandal in a union of journalists for very obvious reasons. The Nigerian press has been loudest in shouting "Come Negroes". It has been loudest in condemning politicians who use tribalism as a platform to power.

It would be most disgraceful, therefore, if the NUJ allows itself to be used by some newspaper barons to feather their own nests. No other professional association in this country has permitted itself to be used against its own interest or that of its members.

Journalists have everything to gain by presenting a united front, particularly at this time when its very existence is now the subject of one of the greatest debates of our times. They should demonstrate that they are educated enough to govern themselves, for only thus can they justify the freedom they seek for their work, and which is being denied them on the ground that they might use it irresponsibly.

Are we arming our critics with a dagger with which to destroy us? I am not one of those people who expect every journalist to behave as if he were an angel or to write as if he were a kind of encyclopaedia. All the same, I believe that the NUJ should rise above the petty bickerings and personal animosities for which [illegible] other associations are [illegible]

[illegible] IER important point should be made. No matter how democratic the NUJ may strive to be, it should ensure that its leaders are big enough to lead. The union cannot afford to present as its leaders people who lack lustre or stature. The union cannot gain the respect of the public nor create any impact if it is led by mediocres. The union cannot afford, in the words of Chief Tony Enahoro to have "too many small men in big boots".

AGAIN, it cannot afford to profane the present division in its rank nor must it allow any extraneous body, no matter how well intentioned, to wade into the issue. I believe that there are enough matured and responsible men and women among Nigerian journalists who can heal the schism.

So in the words of the Holy Writ, I appeal to the warring factions to show charity and come together: 1 Corinthians Chapter 12: 25 — 26

"That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured all the members rejoiced with it."

13: 1 - 3

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and I understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

The Nigerian press is probably one of the oldest in this part of Africa, and its members should show maturity and discipline. They should consider themselves too proud to be bought.

All this means that they should not permit their professional integrity to be questioned through actions, pusillanimity or association.

Assembly in Camera?

THE Constituent Assembly will resolve itself into a committee of the Whole House when it resumes sitting on Monday. This is when the Third Reading for a Bill to provide for a new constitution.

I am therefore surprised that the Assembly has decided to exclude the press from covering the proceedings.

It is not being contested that the Assembly, arrogating to itself the status of a parliament, may not bar strangers from the House. But this is a custom that was never invoked by any parliament in this country within recent times.

I cannot remember of any time, even during the 1965 crisis, that the press was excluded from the House when it sits as the committee of the Whole House. I stand to be corrected.

The debate of the draft constitution in its final stage is vitally fundamental and it is a great pity that the Assembly is denying the public the right to be informed of its progress.

ONE sincerely hopes that the decision to conduct its debate in camera is not a reaction to press criticisms of its earlier debates. But the public is most likely to take this view. In any case, I do not think this is a wise or civilised thing to do in this day and age. I intend no offence, for I a quite sensitive to the sensibilities of the Assembly members. After all, the press has been reminded, as in the case of the Daily Times, that it has no business with the decorum of the Assembly members and that it is offensive to call attention to any breaches, and that the Assembly must be left severely alone to decide its own questions of decorum against the background of its sensitivity.

Is one permitted further comment?

Words of wisdom

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action —
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.
—Rabindranath Tagore.

THE OUTC

IS the "outcast" in today's Nigerian society necessarily a scum? Must a man regarded as an outcast dodge the eternal struggle for self-assertion? Should he wave himself off as a lunatic for his inability to accept the decadent values of the society?

These are some of the questions posed by "The Outcast", a play written by Mr Tongha Fiubode and produced by the Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture in Port Harcourt recently.

To start with, one must admit that the social unit treated could fit into any African community. That one identifies it immediately as Nigerian is only due to the writer's ability to ensure that the symbolisms he utilises in setting forth the questions posed are easily identified.

The play puts forward two principal characters — Oju and Fubara — both in conflict with an aspect of the broad society. Oju quarrels with her father, who thinks it morally justifiable for him to impose his ideals on her.

Fubara quarrels with the society which he sees as a

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UNESCO's announcement late in November that the General History of Africa being prepared under its auspices was about to be published ended speculation on what had become of the project.

For the past two years, students of African history have been waiting for UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to fulfil its promise to print the first of the envisaged eight volumes of the work following the approval of the manuscript by members of the International Scientific Committee at a meeting in Cotonou in Benin in September 1975.

The cause of the delay is not yet clear, but UNESCO is already totally behind schedule. When it drew up its plans in 1971, it had hoped that the last volumes of the history would go to press by 1978, but now it is only the first two volumes, "Introduction and African pre-History" and "Ancient civilisations of Africa", that are due for publication. The two volumes are edited by Professor Joseph Ki-Zerbo and Dr Gamal Mokhtar.

UNESCO's treaties is evoking considerable interest, because without being as exhaustive as most works, it promises to be authentic, total and dignifying. While being prepared in an international framework, it is designed to have an Africa image and to ensure that the continent's history is viewed essentially from within Africa. Never before has such a collection of African intellectuals been seen to take part in an African cultural project.

The International Scientific Committee was set up by UNESCO in 1971, and is charged with defining the scope of work, and with drawing up a synopsis and a timetable for the publication of the eight-volume General History. Two-thirds of the committee are Africans.

For the past six years the Committee has worked to maintain that "Black" image. Editors of the volumes are elected by a two-thirds majority. It was not, therefore, a surprise

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when at its first plenary session in Paris in March 1971, it nominated African editors for all the various volumes. They included for Volume III, which concerns the formation of African civilisation', His Excellency El Fasi of Morocco; for Volume IV, which will deal with Islam and European influences in Africa, Professor D T Niane of Guinea for Volume V, "Slave Trade", Professor Ogot of Kenya; for Volume VI, "The Partition of Africa", Dr J. F. Ade Ajayi of Nigeria; for Volume VII, "The First World War and Colonialism", Dr A. A. Boahen of Ghana; and for Volume VIII, "Africa since the Ethiopian War" Dr Ali Mazrui of Uganda.

Priority is being given to African contributors and authors who are either specialists in African history or authorities in allied disciplines such as linguistics, anthropology, oral tradition, history of religions, history of arts, sociology, law and so on. The committee is trying to ensure that contributors and authors come from different parts of the continent, though contributors are welcomed from non-Africans who display a thorough knowledge of the continent's history.

Writers are required to show the present state of knowledge, the main trends

PORTRAYAL OF SOCIETY?

Review by
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sises that this unity of like minds, when directed to progressive channels, is necessarily more morally stable than the values of the broader society.

As the plot reveals itself, it tends towards a climax. Oju finds it impossible to cope further with the problems at home. She runs to Fubara, weeping.

"I am not going back home again", she tells the apparently uninterested Fubara, "I have decided to stay with you".

Fubara replies: "You cannot stay with me. You must go back home. You have to remember your school". He convinces her.

Having won that moral battle, Fubara comes face to face with crisis under his own roof. It is time for the broader society to take the battle directly to him.

A policeman and a court official appear with a court order, to take possession of the property he had in the house. They are to be sold to make money for settling his many debts.

One would have expected that Fubara would be overwhelmed by this new attempt by the society to do away with "the outcast". No, he will not. He fights back, refusing to leave the room for them.

Just at the moment, when the entire world seems smashed, Fubara is taken up the heights of euphoria. There is good news all the way. He had been appointed a director by a filming company. And Oju's father who had always regarded him as a good-for-nothing lad has decided to have him as a son-in-law.

What impresses one very much is the candour of the two outcasts Oju and Fubara, in expressing their right to defend their values and all they stand for against the violent storm of hate flushed at them by the broader society.

And the fact that the society-signified by Oju's father and the company-eventually accept that the two outcasts are an important aspect of the society, demonstrate the writers' sensitivity to the question of moral and psychological acceptability within the ever-present questions in our society-where is the creative artiste's place in the society? Is he a scum? Is he a subversive element? Is he a powerful aspect of those factors that contribute to social regeneration?

In the victory of Oju and Fubara, Tongha Fiubode asserts that the so-called outcast is only an outcast as long as he does not fit into the transient definitions of the broader society.

The play is a brilliant effort to capture the dilemma of "the outcast" in a society whose decadent essence he fights to change it is emotive, vocal and remarkable.

But the production by the Rivers State Cultural Troupe fell below expectation. Tongha Fiubode agreed with my observation.

"They tried their best," he told me", but it obviously fell short of expectation. Even the passages were in most places merely swapped."

Tongha Fiubode is a senior reporter with the Rivers State Newspaper Corporation.

Professional status for 'witch doctors'?

AFRICAN "witch doctors" in the kingdom of Swaziland are to be given the same status as Western trained medical practitioners, and their victory may well be followed throughout Black Africa and other developing regions after a decision by the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva to broaden its definition of health care systems.

Dr Halfdan Mahler, the Director-General of WHO, comments that the provision of health care for all by the end of this century can hardly be attained without harnessing the resources of traditional healers, birth attendants, and herbalists, who still practise in virtually every country of the world.

"The training of health auxiliaries, traditional midwives, and healers may seem very disagreeable to some policy-makers," he says, "but if the solution is the right one to help people, we should have the courage to insist that this is the best policy in the long run, and is by no means an expedient acceptance of an inferior solution."

In Swaziland, the issue was decided when King Sobhuza recently summoned the leading medicine men to his palace, and gave them three months to form a professional association, to produce a code of ethics, and to make provisions for punishing offenders. In Geneva, the decision to include traditional medicine in public health policies was made after years of heated debate and despite the opposition of Western doctors.

A report recently placed before the executive board of WHO argued that most traditional healers were thoroughly trained and that they formed the essential

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core of primary health workers for nine-tenths of the rural populations of the developing countries, and that they were usually consulted in preference to other health workers.

Dr R H Bannerman, Secretary of WHO's working group on traditional medicine says that multi-disciplinary investigations into systems of traditional medicine will now be encouraged, and special attention will be given to laboratory and clinical investigation for identifying effective remedies comprising medicinal plants, animal products, and mineral substances.

Investigations will also be conducted into the psychosocial and anthropological aspects of traditional medicine, as well as the mechanisms of acupuncture and other healing methods.

"Traditional healers and some modern physicians depend to a large extent on herbs and medicinal plants for treatment", Dr Bannerman comments. "There are clear indications of a major breakthrough in therapeutics and health care delivery. Recently, we have received serious claims that herbs are being used in China, tropical Africa, and Central America for the control of diabetes mellitus. All these claims have to be investigated scientifically and authenticated."

His working group was established last year to foster a realistic approach to traditional medicine, to explore its merits in the light of modern science, and to promote the integration of proven, valuable knowledge, and skills in traditional and modern medicine.

One reason for the acceptance of traditional medicine by WHO has been the high rate of migration of expensively trained doctors from the developing countries to the West. Specialists at WHO consider that it would take the United States, Britain, and Canada seven years to replace their immigrant doctors with home-trained staff.

Wedding bells



IT was a society wedding between Mr Rowland Wagbara of the Judiciary Department, Port Harcourt and former Miss Gladys Ngozi Olunda. The couple were pictured after a church service in Port Harcourt to grace the occasion.



Happy Mr Bartholomew Onyeocha of the Nigerian Agip Oil Company, Ebocha, took to wife, former Miss Sarah Dakar recently. The wedding was solemnized at the Assemblies of God Church Omoku, amidst a mammoth congregation including friends and well-wishers.

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How not to usher in new year

LAST year 1977 is now gone forever with its ups and downs. In its place, we welcome 1978.

Despite the effects of inflation which made it rather difficult for most people to celebrate in a big way, there is hardly any person who did not feel a sort of joy in his or her heart when it was mid-night, December 31, 1977!

Yes, everybody who was alive to usher in the New Year had every reason not only to be grateful to God for sparing his life, but also to be happy and celebrate. However, it seems some of us carried our celebrations of the New Year too far.

It was not only embarrassing but equally barbaric to observe that some people, probably out of anxiety to send away the old year, resorted to acts of vandalism including breaking of bottles on the streets.

Some even set fire to old articles on the high way.

Apart from preventing the free flow of traffic on the high ways, these acts also caused some people unnecessary expenses. The broken bottles caused punctures to the tyres of motor vehicles. We could easily have spared our compatriots these unnecessary financial burdens if we had exercised a little bit of carefulness in our jubilation.

It is my sincere hope that in the present year we would not only be more disciplined in our national life but those of us who would be opportuned to live to celebrate yet another New Year would guard against these acts of vandalism which portray us as a nation of undisciplined people.

We must by all means show our happiness when it pleases God to allow us see yet another year, but we must certainly not allow our happiness to overide our sense of reasoning.

Lest I forget, even though the government banned the use of fireworks during the celebrations some people, nevertheless, used them in complete disregard of the ban. This in itself shows how lawless some of us can be. But it is my hope that we would allow our lawlessness to be a thing of the past.

Let us resolve to be disciplined, law abiding and dedicated to the building of a better nation in the present year.

Plain TALK



by KWAKU JOFFA

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I wish Mr Brisibe fruitful retirement days."

Better late than...

It often amuses me when I read farawell messages of certain retiring officers. This is so because more often than not some officers choose to speak the truth only when they are about to leave their positions. May be it is in line with "keeping our secrets secret".

Just for the reco... Mr F. H. E. Brisibe, a... tant inspector-genera... police (now retired) s... time last month in a ... well message to me... of the Nigeria Police F... made certain observa... pregnant with mea... which I think should ... most of our country... food for thought.

In Maiduguri, capita... Borno State, Mr Brisibe ... a farewell parade ... among other things, ... unfortunate that some ... mbers of the police ... now side-track the law... the land for mate... gains."

According to him, so... members of the force ... engaged in the most s... cious crimes including ... med robbery.

"Some police offi... and rank and file of ... force have twisted the ... of the land for their ... selfish advantage. B... he noted and obser... that there were others w... had on several occas... carried out such unla... acts before members ... the public.

Specifically, he cited ... an example, police ... caught riding motor-cy... without crash helmets, ... made it clear that soo... or later the law of re... tion would catch up ... the bad eggs in the force.

As an advice, the ... inspector-general of po... told members of the ... never to overestimate ... importance because ... naria can exist without ... but not us without N... ria."

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RELIGION AND POLITICS

by Bala Abdullahi, Kano State Ministry of Education, Kano.

It is in the national interest that cognisance be taken of the warning from one of the outstanding personalities in the country an influential member of the Constituent Assembly and a fervent, practising moslem who has come out frankly to condemn in no uncertain terms the growing religio-political union in the country. This is indeed a timely warning from Professor Iya Abubakar, vice chancellor, ABU especially at a time when men of great wisdom and reputation are gathered to discuss draft constitution and there upon produce a workable constitution for this country.

The Vice Chancellor in his warning made the following observations (N.N. 2.12.77) "We cannot allow external influences or agents of discorder and chaos or people with hidden personal ambitions to use university students and to foment trouble over religious issues". It is the wake of this that one would like to remind all and sundry that there are highly placed selfstyled presidential aspirants who have done what was behind as "excellent" home work by which they have formed operative bases amongst students using the external aids and subtly pressurising the powers' public for support over such things that appear to mention regardless of their inherent value to the nation.

That this country is a complex hetero-religious one is exceptional and indeed a fact to reckon with. It is in this light that one thinks of some vocal groups that are vehemently agitating for for religious representation in the constitution. There are some of these political hotties who are advocating for a religious system of law. It is to this connection that I would like to submit that the call by Iya Abubakar on the F.M.G. and all people of "good will" to strongly resist the emergence of religion as a factor in our body politic/state is both timely and of paramount significance in so far as peace and political stability of the country is concerned.

His emphasis on the fact that "this was necessary if we were to survive as a strong and united nation" is very realistic and an eye opener to the damage that the union of religion and politics is doing and can do to our national unity - hence there should be a clear distinction and demarcation between the two.

The hetero-religious nature of our country calls for an unalloyed secularization of our state. If not the government will then be iconoclastic or otherwise assuming a posture that will make the accusation of granting favour to one religion over the others very facile and punishable. In such a system the adherents of some religions will feel neglected and oppressed the ultimate result of which is going to be unhealthy rivalry from which will emanate the seeds of national ills against which we have been warned by Prof. Iya Abubakar.

The advantages of guaranteed freedom of religion in a secular state are obvious.

(a) The government can execute the development programs of the country without the accusations of religious favouritism.

(b) It will be impossible to build religion into the body politic, even to the extent of using university campuses as operational bases for political manoeuvres that are detrimental to national unity — the type that has been truely observed.

(c) It is easier for the government to deal with any religious group that fail to live by the tenets of the national constitutions.

From a critical analysis of the above considerations I would like to recommend the following to the Constituent Assembly and the Federal Military Government that: —

The secular nature of the country should not be a thing that exists in the planes of imagination, but must be rooted and entrenched in the constitution in clear and precise terms. The security of the country must include the following: —

(i) that the Nation shall have no religion or be affiliated with any religion whatsoever.

(ii) that the nation shall guarantee freedom of religion to all.

(iii) that no state of the Nation shall, at anytime or under any circumstances adopt a religion of its own or be affiliated with any religion.

(iv) that Sharia law should not be entrenched in the Nigerian Constitution, since this is a document meant to cater for the generality of the country irrespective of creed or religion. Sharia laws at state level are most appropriate to cater for such sectional religious interest.

It is my candid observation and humble submission that:

(i) The present religious given to the hajj pilgrimages by the F.M.G. has aroused doubt the genuineness of religion in the body politic. Thus such support should be stopped and all hajj operations be left to Muslim organizations to handle.

Similarly, arrangements for christian, who intend to go on holy pilgrimage to Rome and/or Jerusalem should be left entirely as the business of christian organisations. In the same wake "Ifa" worshippers who intend to go to Ile-Ife on their holy pilgrimage should have their arrangements undertaken by their religious organization. Similarly "Sango" worshippers etc. etc.

(ii) The F. M. G's active support in sending delegates to hajj along with pilgrims should cease since it is tantamount to giving greater recognition and favour to one religion over the others in the country.

(iii) The active support given to the National Pilgrims Board amounts to government's patronage of one religion to the neglect of many others and is a derision of the concept and practice of a secular state, and hence should be stopped.

(iv) The e waiting on the wall is clear: that the support given to any religion in the country makes it impossible for its adherents to see any difference between or good and politics - hence the present such emergence of religio-political unions which is being exploited for political propaganda and personal aggrandizement.

In conclusion Prof Iya Abubakar's call should not be allowed to go unnoticed. It is the naked truth and the obvious reality, and hence should be pursued, given the necessary attention by the Federal Military Government and of course all Nigeria who might to learn a lot from it.

AMAWOM WOMEN JOIN THE CRUSADE



The women folk in Imo State are no more sitting on the fence to watch the current crusade for rural development in the state but are actively involving themselves in self-help efforts of their various communities.

At the launching ceremony of the N1.9 million Amawom Community 3-year development programme in the Ikwuano Umuahia local government council area, the leader and president of the women wing of the Amawom Progressive League, Mrs Ugbodia Okoro assured that Amawom women would not yield until all the development projects planned for the community were fully executed.

She commended the men folk for their initiative and untiring leadership and assured that the women would give full support in all the efforts to bring radical changes in the economic and social life of the community.

The projects planned for the area include electrification of the town, the developments of Amawom Nbaruo market, building of a town hall and water supply.

Already the town hall project has reached advanced stage.

In the picture is Mrs Okoro making her pledge and second from left is Mr Orunta the president of the League and Chief Okoro (patron).

UAC promotes four

Four Nigerians have been promoted to full Management status, by Palm Line Agencies (Nigeria), a division of UAC of Nigeria Limited. They are Messrs V. U. Odiachi, G. B. Ekhori, A. N. Odunsi, and L. A. Adetunji.

Mr Odiachi joined the company at Port Harcourt immediately after leaving school in 1956, as a junior clerk. He has since held various posts in the division.

Born in January, 1937, he was educated at Kalabari National College, Buguma. He is married with five children.

Mr Ekhori joined the company in January, 1950 in the then Niger River Transport, Burutu as a junior clerk. He was transferred to what is today known as Palm Line Agencies (Nigeria) in 1952.

Mr Odunsi was born in Lagos in April 1933. He was educated at Dr Lucas Secondary School, Lagos and joined the company in November, 1955 as a junior clerk in what was then known as Anchor Limited.

Mr Adetunji was born in Lagos in October, 1938. He attended the National College of Commerce, Lagos and joined the company in 1960. He has worked in various departments.

Mr Adetunji is married with four children.



• MR. ODIACHI

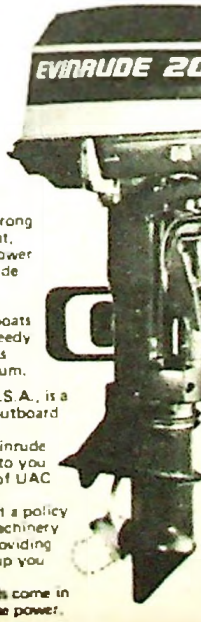


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Change of Name

EHIMA — I, formerly known and addressed as Barrister Ehima, now wish to be called and addressed as Barrister Ehie Ogani. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board and the general public please note. HARINA TOMKEE EHIE OGANI.

IKWUKA — I, formerly known and called Mrs. Comfort Obuke Ikwuka, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Comfort Obuke Ikedionu. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, Port Harcourt and general public should please take note. Mrs Comfort Obuke Ikedionu.

OWODORMI — I, formerly known and addressed as Maxwell Agbolo, now wish to be known and addressed as Maxwell S. Owodogree. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Administration Superintendent Nolisom Limited Eastern Area and the general public take note. Maxwell S. Owodogree.

NWANKWO — I, formerly known and called Mrs. Dorcas Nwankwo, now wish to be known and called Mrs. Dorcas Nwanoha Nneke. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Health, Medical Stores and general public should take note. Mrs. Dorcas N. Nneke.

IBERESIMA — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Barasio Iberesima, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Barasio D. Jack. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Government House, Port Harcourt and the general public should please take note. Mrs. Barasio D. Jack.

IDOLIGO ENIBA — I, formerly known called and addressed as Miss Enibe Dikibo, now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Enibe Uzochukwu. All documents, bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Health, Ministry of Establishments and the general public to take note. Mrs. Enibe Uzochukwu.

EBIE — I, formerly known and called Bernard Ebie now wish to be called and known as Bernard Ekpe. This was effected as a result of the change of my traditional chieftaincy title to the new one. S.S.M.B. Kings, Boys Secondary School, Opobo who are aware and the public in general and the general public please take note hereof. Ekpe.

Ijaw Peoples' Cultural Association

P. M. B. 5533, Port Harcourt.

ALL SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF IJAW LAND ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING OF IJAW PEOPLES' CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ON SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 1978 AT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL, MOSCOW ROAD, PORT HARCOURT, NEAR NEAP DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3.00 P.M. PROMPT.

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OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of our beloved father and uncle in the name of

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MR ISRAEL LEGBARA NNA
aged 55 years

whose death occurred on Thursday, 29th December, 1977, at the General Hospital Bori.

Burial will take place on Thursday, 5th January, 1978, at his home town, Bomu, Gokana, BOLGA by 2 p.m. precisely. All sympathisers and well wishers are invited.

Sigd. Ezekiel Nna — Son
Francis Bien — Nephew
for and on behalf of the family.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY in a fast growing engineering industry.

Qualifications And Experience:

Applicants should have sound educational background and must have successfully completed recognised secretarial training courses in shorthand and typewriting (100/50 or 120/50 w.p.m. respectively with a minimum of two years post qualification experience.

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Method Of Application:

A hand-written application stating qualification, experience and age should be addressed to:

THE PERSONNEL MANAGER,
Nigeria Engineering Works Limited,
P. O. Box 519,
Port Harcourt.

To reach him not later than 16th January, 1978.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our affectionate father, uncle & friend



IWO DASO BEREPIKI

who departed this life on January, 1969.

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Uriah Berepiki
Holly Berepiki
Clifford Berepiki
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Mina Berepiki and others

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FOR THE FAMILY

Public Notice

It is HEREBY notified for general information that the piece or parcel of land known and called St Stephens U.N.A. Church mission land situate Ogoloma Okrika with boundaries on the North, South, East, West by the Cementary Road Okpokiri family land Ogoloma Okrika Road and the Creek Forshore respectively with survey beacons EQ20714, EQ20715, EQ20717, RQ20715, EQ20722 and J6882 and delineated in plan No. ESP 4134 prepared by M. E. Eyo in 1965 is the property of the United Native African Church of Ogoloma now United Native African Church incorporated.

Any person or persons who does any act of trespass on the said land without the consent of the trustees of the said Church does so at his or her own risk.

Dated at Port Harcourt this 3rd day of January 1978.

Chief B. Gabriel Wnyte,
Solicitor for the above-named Trustees of the United Native African Church Incorporated.
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Applications in Candidates' own hand-writing stating age, qualifications, experience and present salary should be forwarded to:-

THE OPERATIONS MANAGER,
EASTERN PORT SERVICES LIMITED,
NO. 45, ACCRA STREET,
PORT HARCOURT.

To reach him not later than the 20th day of January, 1978.

BALDOMER WEDS VERONICA



THE most exciting moment in a man's life, people say, is when he chooses a partner and vows to cling to her for better and for worse.

Mr Baldomer A. Uso, a nursing superintendent in Saint Luke's hospital, Anua in Uyo Local Government area tasted the fruit of this excitement on New Year Day when he took former Miss Veronica Patrick Akpan of the same hospital to the alter in St Michael's Catholic Church, Nsukara-Offot.

Here the bride and bridegroom pose for a joint photograph shortly after the ceremony.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT

THE people of Igbere in the Bende Local Government areaof Imo State have been called upon to come together in order to accelerate the pace of community development in the area.

Making the call while addressing a meeting of the Igbere Welfare Union, the president general, Mr O. I. Okueghu urged all sons and daughters of the community to eschew petty squabbles and redeidicate themselves to the service of their fatherland.

He thanked the people for electing him the president and promised to do everything to ensure the rapid development of Igbere economically and socially.

Others also elected were Mr J. O. Kalu, vice-president, Mr E. Ibeka, financial secretary, Mr Mark O. Ukor, treasurer and Mr O. A. Ijioma, publicity secretary.

Business woman quizzed

A prominent business woman in Port Harcourt has been quizzed by detectives of the Rivers State Police Command for an alleged threatening of the life of one Alhaji Audu Mato.

The woman whose name is being withheld by the police was alleged to be hatching plans with some unknown persons in the town to get rid of Alhaji Audu Mato of 65 Bende Street, Port Harcourt, for reporting her to the police.

It was earlier alleged that the woman duped the Alhaji of the sum of N3,526 sometime in September last year.

"She has made a useful statement in connection with the case", and would appear in court soon", police source said.

Special plan for blind voters

ESCORTS TO BE AVAILABLE

ELIGIBLE blind and incapacitated voters will be free to nominate persons of their choice to accompany them to polling stations to cast their votes during 1979 general elections while adequate measures will be taken to ensure that the election is devoid of malpractices.

This assurance was given by the Resident Federal Electoral Commissioner in Bendel State, Mr E. C. Halim, when he visited the headquarters of Owan, Akoko-Edo and Etsako Local Government areas on the first leg of his state-wide tour.

The tour is meant to enable the resident commissioner assess the state's preparedness for the voters registration exercise as well as boost publicity campaign activities in the various local government areas.

The 46-day registration exercise will begin throughout the country on January 14 and end on February 28 this year.

Mr Halim assured them that the exercise had nothing to do with taxation.

He said, the compilation of a new register of voters other than that used for the last local government election was necessary as many people have attained the young age of 18 since that election.

He also urged religious leaders and traditional rulers to educate their followers and subjects on the need to register.

Mr Halim appealed to all citizens to register to enable them vote or be voted for, at the 1979 general election.

He said persons serving jail terms at the time of registration will not be registered but will have the opportunity of applying for the inclusion of their names in the register of voters on their discharge.

The Electoral Commissioner said provisions would be made for eligible voters in boarding institutions, police and military barracks to be registered.

COMMUNITY LAUNCHING NETS N5,000

THE people of Otuoka-Ogbia in Brass local government area realised N4,943.10 on the spot, during the launching of the second phase of their N35,000 four-year development plan.

This amount shows an increase of N1,235.32 over the previous year's figure of N3,707.78 raised by the community.

The chairman of the occasion, Mr Nicholas A. Dagha, in his opening remarks stressed the need for the community to emulate other areas which are involved in self help programmes.

He called for unity among the people, which he said was necessary for the progress of the community.

He commended the efforts of the people for raising the amount and appealed to them for more support so that the projects envisaged could be implemented.



PANEL MEMBER TAKES OATH

ONE of the panel members for the Eket/Oron land dispute, Dr Charles Ezenwere was recently sworn in by the Cross River State military governor, Colonel Ufuoma Omu in Calabar.

Pictured is Dr Ezenwere taking the oath of office while the acting SMG and Head of Service, Mr J. E. J. Asuquo looks on.

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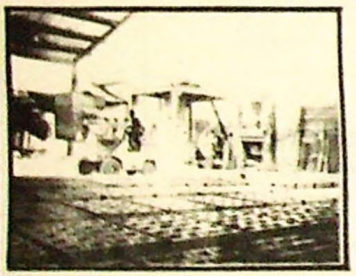
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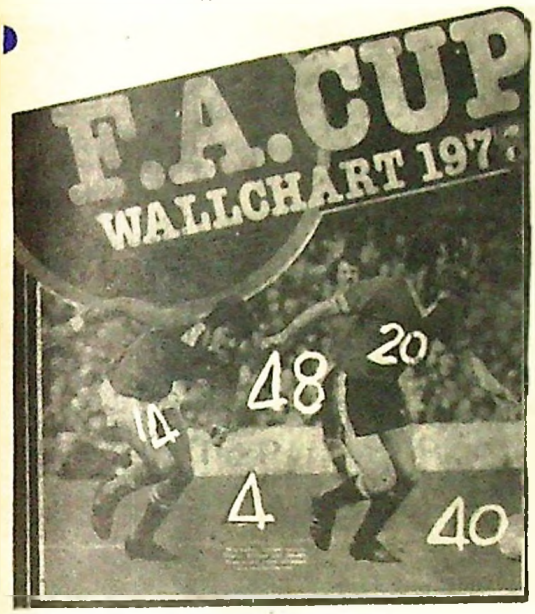
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9	Charlton	x
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11	Derby	x
12	Everton	x
13	Exeter	x
14	Gillingham Peterboro	—
15	Grimsby	1
16	Hartlepool	1
17	Hull	1
18	Leeds	x
19	Lutons	1
20	Mansfield	1
21	Middlesbro'	1
22	Notts For	1
23	Orient	0
24	Q. P. R.	x
25	Rotherham	1
26	Sheff. Utd.	x
27	Stoke	x
28	Sunderland	x
29	Tottenham	2
30	Walhall Portvale	11
31	West Brom	1
32	West Ham	1
33	Bradford	2
34	Bury	x
35	Barnsley	1
36	Huddersf'd	1
37	Reading	1
38	Southport	1
39	Wimb'ydon	1
40	Fork	x
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43	Dundee Utd	22
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46	Aberdn	2
47	Alloa	10
48	Arbroath	2
49	East Fife	1
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51	Queen O'Sth	1
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SUMMARY

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At PH Super League:

Prisons 'jail' NPA 1–0

AT the beginning of the Super League last Tuesday, the Prisons Football Club of Port Harcourt spanked the Nigerian Ports Authority Football Club also of Port Harcourt 1 — 0 at the Recreation Stadium, Port Harcourt.

Prisons took the kick-off at 4.35 p.m. and immediately raided their opponents goal area. But no sooner did they make that move, than the NPA boys took over control of the ball and Esuebio Eke facing an empty net, shot wide in the 3rd minute.

However the goalmouth scramble that ensued at the Prisons half forced the game to be suspended for about eight minutes. This was because of an open cut sustained by NPA's outside left, Patrick Enioama.

Game continued with both teams putting up a sweat battle for an early lead. And to raise the curtain was Prisons when Warder Soberekon overlapping, beautifully slammed home their one and only goal in the 30th minute.

By
Inengisa Somiari

Although the Ports Authority boys brought out all that was in them for an equalizer, they were warded off by the "Warder" boys who with their good combinations, controlled the play for about 30 minutes. They were robbed of many scoring chances by their former defence player Charles Obi who this time featured in the forward line.

First half ended 1 — 0 in favour of Prisons.

Resumption of play saw more interesting football by both teams. And there was no doubt that the NPA boys were this time not fighting for only an equalizer, but for a kill.

For them it was "if you miss the ball, don't miss the leg". This they coupled with off-side tactics, and with attacks and counter attacks they pressurised their opponents.

NPA's centre-half back, "Baba Uwa" was really in for business when he came in to play the remaining 45 minutes for his side.

Nigerian Ports Authority would have got an equaliser but for that dying-minute miss by inside-left man, Ridge Koniaemo.



MEMBERS of the Prisons football club of Port Harcourt with coach (extreme left)

NIGERIAN TIDE

Saturday January 7, 1978

Police nab 'night terror'

A man described as a "night terror" by the police in Port Harcourt has been nabbed.

The man was arrested in connection with a "Christmas Eve" robbery operation in the state capital.

According to police sources, the man was tracked down at a neighbouring town by some detectives as he was escaping with his loot.

He is believed to have robbed a business woman in Port Harcourt at gun-point. He was said to have pretended to be a labourer to the woman so as to trail her movements.

At the end of the day's job, the woman gave him Christmas present of naira. Later in the night, about 3.30 a.m. the police added, the man invaded the woman's house and demanded money at gun-point. The woman was said to have surrendered N350 to him.

Revenue formula

(Continued from page 1)

ment in its effort to solve the problems brought about by the issue of revenue allocation.

Brigadier Yar'Adua assured members of the committee that the report would be studied with all seriousness.

The committee which was inaugurated on July 1st 1977, had seven members with Professor Aboyade as the chairman.

Other members were Professor G. O. Nwankwo, head of the department of Finance, University of Lagos; Mallam Mamood Dauta, of the United Nigerian Textiles Limited, Kaduna; Dr Jerry Odamtu, Department of Economics, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Dr O. O. Omoruyi, senior lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan.

Others were, Professor Tahir, of the University of Ibadan and Mr C. E. Ofuebe of the Federal Ministry of Economic Development and secretary to the committee.



A SCENE of where the major damage was done. You can see the offending vehicle ditched in its act.

PH's major water source damaged

Board makes frantic appeal

by Goodluck Odu

THE Trans Amadi Pumping Station which produces more than 60 per cent of total water output in Port Harcourt has been damaged, according to Mr L. T. Domkpe, chief works engineer of the state's Utilities Board.

The damage that has occurred is on the 450m-m. trunk main line in Rainbow town of the municipality.

This is the main connection between the pumping station and the distribution system in town.

Mr Domkpe said the damage to the site means "we have to shut down the station as long as it will take to repair".

He said a company vehicle (Guifants) went off the road and landed on the valve chamber and broke it outside the tarred road.

The Guifants later bulldozed the trunk main line and damaged it. The damage was done at several points and sections.

Mr Domkpe said the magnitude of the damage and number of leakages in the town had rendered futile recent efforts to improve water supply to the town.

Such leakages, he said, had been caused by unauthorised activities of road contractors, telephone line contractors and unpatriotic citizens who carried out illegal tapping wherever they could find a water pipe.

The secretary of the Rivers State Utilities Board, Mr Chinedu Nwachuku, whose office handles the operations, appealed to the Nigerian Tide and the mass media to assist the board in educating the general public on causes of water shortage.

He said press comments on the need to conserve water would help everyone, otherwise undue hardship could prevail.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Installation

A new Chief is to be installed in Omoku on 7th January, 1978. He is Chief Harrison Nyeche Chukwu who succeeded late Chief Nnamdi Chukwu.

This was announced yesterday by the Secretary, Ramsome Council of Chiefs.

The installation will be performed by Chief Executive Nyeche Nnaim (The Appiah of Ramsome). The colourful ceremony will be watched by friends and well-wishers from the Town and from all over the State.

You are all cordially invited.

F. N. J. WOKE
(Organising Secretary)