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WORLD BANK PROJECT UNDERWAY

35,000 hectares of land acquired 400,000 seedlings set aside

AN agro-industrial project is to be sponsored in the Rivers State by the World Bank Oil Palm Scheme, according to the state Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr G. A. Osarollor.

The commissioner said during his inspection tour at Elele near Port Harcourt that his ministry was, meanwhile, considering setting up a nucleus estate and small holders plantation in the state.

Mr Osarollor stated that about 35,000 hectares of land had been acquired from Omerelu, Apani, Ubima, Umudioga, Egbu and thie villages in the state.

He said that the ministry had started developing roads leading from Omerelu to Apani to ease movement at the site.

Meanwhile, he went on, 400,000 seedlings had been set aside at Elele for nursery plantation.

He mentioned that the money for the payment of the acquired land was now available and would be paid to the owners as soon as survey work was completed.

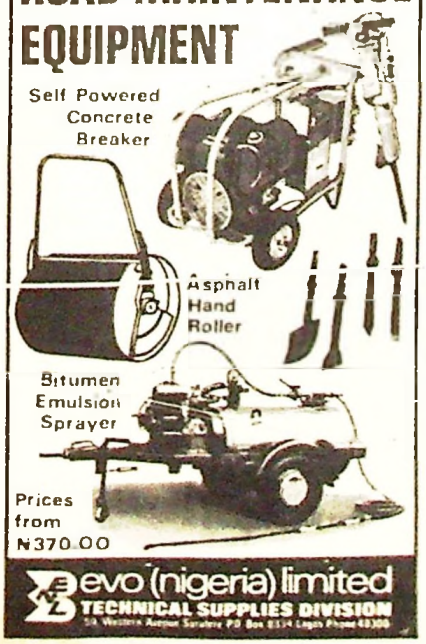
Mr Osarollor appealed to them to give more of their support to the workers so that the government would achieve its aim towards the project.

As a result of the fire outbreak, some staff of the Delta Rubber Company, Umuanyagu-Omoku, are reported to have been either suspended, dismissed or terminated.



● MR G. H. OSAROLLOR
Rivers State Commissioner for Agriculture

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Estate razed

MORE than 300 acres of the Odagwa Rubber Estate in Etche district of Ikwerre/Etche Local Government Authority have been razed by fire.

Information gathered said that a woman had come to a farm near the estate and set it on fire and that the fire spread to the estate in the night.

The woman was consequently arrested and detained for a period of two days at the Okomoko police post.

'Paper' suspect out of school

A WOMAN teacher-trainee who was suspected of gaining admission into a government teacher training college in Port Harcourt with a counterfeit certificate has been ordered out of the school by the Rivers State Ministry of Education and handed over to the police.

Also assisting the police in their investigation is the husband of the woman.

She is suspected by ministry officials of having forged a West African School Certificate and presented it to the authorities of the school as her eligible qualification.

The state Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West, confirmed the story and appealed to members of the public to report such cases to his ministry through its complaints box.

Craft centre to recruit trainees

The Rivers State Ministry of Rural Development and Social Welfare, has invited candidates in Ogba/Egbema district of Ahoada local government area for training at the Craft Centre at Omoku.

The centre runs courses in masonry and carpentary for men and in sewing for women.

A circular issued from the ministry's office at Omoku indicated that basic qualifications for trainees were physical fitness and common intelligence.

It advised candidates to indicate their place of origin and residence in their applications which must reach the ministry's office at Omoku not later than January 30, 1978.

KWARA POLICE LAUDED

The Police Commissioner, Kwara State Command, Alhaji Sakau Daura, has expressed satisfaction with security arrangements in the state.

After a review of what he called "state phenomena of security", the commissioner said he was contented with the vigilance of the state police command.

Alhaji Daura explained that to protect lives and property of citizens, the police had been maintaining a 24-hour patrol throughout the state.

The police commissioner who was speaking at the end of the year party organized by men and officers of the state command, said however, that no matter how stringent security measures were enforced in a democratic society, there was bound to be some lapses "unless the state was to be turned into a police state."

Alhaji Daura commended the public, judiciary and the state government for their co-operation, assistance and understanding with his men in the discharge of their duties.

He called for continued co-operation.

The police commissioner called on all policemen to strive to improve in their performance. He warned against acts of indiscipline which could tarnish the image of police force.



Poppy for Gov Ikpeme

The Ondo State Military Governor, Wing Commander Ita David Ikpeme was decorated with the Remembrance Day emblem during the sale of special emblems as part of activities to mark this year's Armed Forces and Remembrance Day celebrations in the state.

Pictured is Mrs J. O. Alayi (left), decorating Governor Ikpeme with the emblem.

Plea for virile co-op movement

If Nigeria is to get through in her bid to become a self-reliant country, she must pay more attention to the co-operative movement. To achieve this, efforts must be made to assist farmers in clearing their lands with modern agricultural equipments.

They should also be provided with better seeds and better marketing arrangements.

Middlemen must be kept out of the supply of input to farmers.

Professor Adebola Onitiri, director of the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER) made these suggestions while addressing the press in Ibadan on the outcome of a weeklong workshop on planning strategy in the 1980s in Nigeria.

The workshop, among other issues, discussed agriculture and rural development, economic infrastructure, industrial development, regional development, housing and environment.

Other items discussed were health, social development and population, defence and security as well as the planning strategy of the nation.

Professor Onitiri who expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the workshop and stated that what emerged from the deliberations represented "reasonably detailed proposals concerning how the planning and development of various sectors of the Nigerian economy could be done more effectively in the 1980s".

He regretted that too much noise had been made about oil boom "which has now almost become an illusion".

He added, however, that efforts were made at the workshop to correct this notion which had resulted to those living in the rural areas rushing to the urban areas to "share from the national cake".

The director pointed out that most Nigerians at present were very unproductive and warned that our attitude to work must be changed in the 1980s if the nation would develop economically.

He called for better infrastructures especially in the rural areas. There should be good roads, electricity, health facilities and steady services in those areas, he went on.

AN OPEN LETTER TO COUNCILLOR D. J. WELI

Dear Brother,

We refer to the publications in the Sunday Tide and the Nigerian Tide issues of 1st and 2nd January, 1978 respectively in which you were reported as spuriously claiming to be the spokesman of Eve community. We would not have bothered to write this letter if you had simply acted within the limit of your ward only. We are five councillors representing Eve in the PH City Local Govt Council and for any one councillor to claim to speak for the entire Eve community without the mandate of the people is an embarrassment to us councillors.

One would have thought that as a councillor, you would have consulted the accredited and installed Chief and the owhor holder of Rumuolumwere village from where you come particularly and in general the traditional leaders of your ward before rushing to the press. Perhaps you will pretend not to know that the chiefs and owhor holders of your community participated fully in the colourful installation of His Highness, J. W. Okocha, Eze Oha Eve. It is our sincere hope that, as councillors, we will desist from doing things or making utterances that are misleading and embarrassing.

Your Brothers,

Signed

1. Councillor Ogbonda Okpokiri
2. Councillor Clifford Amadi
3. Councillor Sidney Worlu

DRAMA SOCIETY CO MPLAINS

THE drama section of the Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture, the oldest in the Federation is tottering on the brink of collapse.

According to reports the arts council no long provides money for the running of the section.

As a result, it becomes very difficult for the drama section to stage plays, according to the report.

A spokesmen of the drama section lamented that almost all the old costumes were worn out and there had been no attempt whatsoever to replace them.

He noted that some old costumes would not even fit in with the new plays they were intending to stage. Besides, no publicity is being given to our plays to attract audience, he added.

Meanwhile, two plays which were to have been started since last December — the Swamp Dwellers and the Sexual wilderness — could not be staged because of lack of funds to print the scripts.

According to the spokesman, members of the drama section of the council are now virtually on French leave since they come to office and sit idly.

At the Arts centre, one member of the group said: "We cannot continue to rehearse a particular play for more than one month without any sign of staging it. We are not encouraged".

Lamenting the situation, a corps member said: "I was not posted here to waste away, if the Rivers people are not serious, they better post me back to where I will be useful after all, I studied drama".

When contacted, the secretary of the council explained that the council is doing all it can to encourage the drama section of this organisation.

He remarked that some necessary protocols in government organisations caused delays in the implementation of necessary programmes.

EDITORIAL

National interest

THE Federal Military Government has directed the re-opening of the colleges of technology and polytechnics that were shut last November following the boycott of classes by students in protest against the government's new policy on technical education. This is a welcome decision as far as it goes. It also directed that second and final year students should operate on the old two-tier programme and that fresh students should pursue the four-year diploma course along the lines of the new policy. By exempting students who have advanced in their courses from the new policy, the government would seem to have acted quite reasonably, for the older students will then not suffer any disruption in their course programmes.

IT WAS assumed that this decision would be acceptable to the Nigerian Association of Technological Students whose members have been idling away since last November, and that for all practical purposes the row was over. But we were wrong. As far as the students association and its leadership are concerned, the issue is far from settled. They would have nothing to do with the government's new policy. The government must take back its word or else the boycott of classes continues.

INITIALLY, the government was blamed for not talking things over with the students through their leaders. It was thought that the reaction of the students would have been positive if they fully understood the intent of the new policy. No one can say that now, for one government spokesman after the other has spoken on the policy and why it was considered necessary to introduce the change.

AT THIS stage one thing has to be made perfectly clear. It is not the prerogative of students to decide matters of policy. It is not for them to decide what the Federal Government's policy on Technical Education should be. The government cannot now or at any other time in the same or different circumstances, abdicate its responsibility for policy decisions to any extraneous body.

THIS does not mean, though, that the government is always right. Of course it can go wrong and it can be criticised as has often been the case. The basic fact remains, however, that responsibility for good or for ill is for the govment to shoulder. It is in this light that its new policy on technical education should be viewed.

THE fear of the students that their diploma will be worthless has been dispelled. The government has assured them that they will enter the public service on the same salary level (08) as their university graduate colleagues. Their problem now apparently is that they cannot pursue higher degrees after their course as would a university graduate who has a good degree.

IT IS quite clear that the new policy, while not stopping or discouraging people from pursuing university education, is deliberately designed to encourage technical education in order to meet the middle manpower requirements of the nation. And no government can be expected to ditch the interests of the entire nation in order to satisfy the desire of a class of people. The choice before the students is quite personal and clear. To those who wish to pursue pure academics the doors of the universities are wide open; those who opt for technical education should understand the precise meaning of their choice.

PUBLIC OPINION FORUM

EXPAND FIRE SERVICES

WITH the continued growth of our population, government should consider establishing more fire fighting stations in the country. The expansion will help in reducing the large quantity of properties burnt down by fire before fire brigade men come down to the aid of fire victims.

Since the end of the last civil war in the country a good number of fire incidents have occurred. In some cases, the fire brigade found it difficult to cope with the situation because the stations and personnel are too few to cope with the situation.

Here in the Rivers State, we have seen terrible fire disasters recently. There was, for instance one at Abonnema Wharf which called the attention of the Shell BP, Ports Authority and Airport fire brigades. Yet these brigades found it very difficult to put the disaster under control.

The government knows the importance of fire service but is slow to take action to improve the state fire brigade.

I suggest that the Ministry of Local Government to whom the state fire brigade is responsible should make lands available. The state needs more sub-stations especially in Port Harcourt where there are frequent fire or gas blasts.

The government should also consider establishing stations in Ahoada, Bori, Omoku, Abonnema, Brass etc.

I have to congratulate the state government for the establishment of sub-fire station in Borikiri recently.

Please act now!

EVANS ABEREPIKIMA
Port Harcourt.

Water scarcity: How to fight it

ONE notes with great concern the acute shortage of water in Port Harcourt and its environs. Right now the taps are dry and one encounters people carrying buckets and jerry cans in search of water, all over the city.

It is quite true that water is essential to life. No one could live without drinking water. And we cook with it. We use it for washing. Given these, the authorities concerned should be extremely worried at the present situation.

The Rivers State Utilities Board is known to be responsible for water supply to parts of the state. There has been an indication that some of the problems facing the board are due to shortage of manpower.

The question is whether this complaint should be allowed to condemn millions of people to the present untold hardship facing everyone.

A way out of the Board's dilemma might be the establishment of a Water Supply Corporation which should take off part of the burden now carried by the Utilities Board thereby leaving it to handle only electricity supply.

NNAMDI S. NWUGO
Ahoada

'Moment of truth'

MR Bobo Brown wrote on this topic recently. He wrote with feelings. He actually feels with the low income group, and sympathises with the man on top who seems to forget that NO CONDITION IS PERMANENT.

The condition of bus fares in Port Hadcourt is biting, and this is the brainchild of the bus drivers and conductors. They do it so surreptitiously that whoever boards them is well aware of what he or she is up to. They divide the spaces of the whole distance into reasonably long spans and charge the flat rate of five kobo per drop.

The Port Harcourt Local Government Authority does not approve of this, but since there is nothing it could do, it merely looks on.

The average citizen takes a bus at the Borikiri terminus and he is told very clearly and repeatedly "Borikiri to Lagos, five kobo!" They stand firm on that announcement and see to it that before they get to Lagos bus stop, every one has paid up his or her five kobo.

At Lagos bus stop, they shout again: "Lagos to Mile I, five kobo!" and "Mile I to Mile 3, five kobo." "Reasonably long spans of five kobo each" in Port Harcourt is the brainchild of bus owners and conductors, and passengers lump it since authorities neither condone nor support it.

But what do we see in Lagos? The government stands on the housetops to shout: bus fare 10k and 15k.

This gives the knife-handle to the ready-waiting profiteers to inflate all prices as they like. And it seems to puncture the efforts of the price control officials and the price control courts.

It runs the whole gamut. Thanks to Bobo Brown, it is the noble work of journalists, such as cried out when Nigeria needed "INDEPENDENCE!"

Now Nigeria faces economic Independence and I dare all journalists to brace up for the fight!

SIMBI WELLINGTON
Port Harcourt.

Thank you

I must not fail to thank the Constituent Assembly for approving the executive presidential system of government for the country. Congratulations.

LATEEF ALI
Lagos.

DISCIPLINE IN NIGERIA

DISCIPLINE is the popular sermon in the country today. Tracing the anatomy of discipline, we see that there are two major parts — self and imposed discipline.

Self discipline has to do with rules and orderliness attained from home, through such duties as sweeping one's room, washing plates etc and such rules as those which say do not steal or cheat. These little "dos" and "don'ts" prepare us for greater rules of the society.

While this is so, imposed discipline may be regarded as that which did not begin at home, (though in carrying out self-discipline, imposed measures may come in), but rather it is that which is forced into someone who did not apply his first training or self-discipline.

How do we ensure that people are disciplined?

People should train to be orderly in all they do. We should love ourselves. Self-restraint is also necessary.

FRIDAY N. ORLUOGWO
Port Harcourt.

Correction!

IN the January 4, 1978 issue of the Nigerian Tide it was reported under the headline "student killed" that a final year student of the Baptist High School was killed in Degema, whereas the incident actually occurred at Abonnema.

This mistake should be corrected.

D. Z. Amos

Degema.

Editor's: The error is regretted



Danjuma leads way in duel

THE Third Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army has emerged the overall winner in this year's Army Weapons Week which ended at the Ekenwan Army Barracks, Benin.

The Division which also won the championships at the previous meeting, had 2,819 points to retain the coveted chief of army staff trophy.

The Second and First Divisions were placed second and third with a total of 2,755 and 2,427 points respectively.

Although it came last at the competitions, the fourth Division had a feather to its cap when it emerged the best sub-machine gun formation.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the chief of army staff, Lt-General T. Y. Danjuma, urged members of the army to aspire to win not only at local competitions but also at international ones.

Lt-General Danjuma pointed out that the Third Division would keep the trophy if it wins the next duel by placing first.

He expresed gratitude to the Military Governor of Bendel State, Commodore Husaini Abdullahi, officers and men of the Fourth Division for hosting the competition after it became impossible for the competition to be held in Ibadan.

Earlier, Commodore Abdullahi had participated in two shooting competitions and won a prize in each.

Some of the highlights at the ceremony were demonstrations of two West German-made army operational vehicles on trial test with the Nigerian Army; display of new uniforms being proposed for the army in replacement of the existing ones, said to be of poor quality and unsuitable for tropical climate; senior officers competition and a novelty shooting match between the guest of honour team and chief of army staff team.

In the photograph, Lt-General Danjuma, in shooting position, opens the competition by firing at the target.

Watching him is Brigadier P. A. Eromobor.



COURSE ON WATER TAKES OFF SEPTEMBER

The first group of students for the proposed National Water Resources Training Centre are expected to start their course in September this year.

Disclosing that at his ministry's national briefing in Lagos, the Federal Commissioner for Water Resources, Alhaji Ibrahim El-Yakubu, said, depending on available facilities pioneer students of the institution might be all-day students.

Staff, he said, would be drawn from the department of water resources and from bilateral aid sources.

The commissioner explained that the centre would supply a part of the training component of the country's water resources development manpower needs.

It is also to act as centre for water resources data information as well as a national water resources project design centre.

25 loyal workers rewarded

MERITORIOUS service awards have been made to about 25 staff of the Golden Guinea Breweries Limited, Umuahia. The awards amounted to more than N3,000 in cash and kind.

The recipients are made up of three senior staff and 23 intermediate and junior staff of the industry.

The senior staff were each awarded an expensive dinner set, while the intermediate and junior staff received N100.00 each.

Each of the recipients also got a certificate of meritorious service.

Dr G. A. Wigwe chairman of the industry that a brighter and well planned future of the directors of the breweries at the occasion, assured all categories of staff awaited those who proved devoted and loyal to the industry.

Congratulating the recipients, Dr Wigwe said the brewery had just introduced a new training schemo, to ensure that the industry would not be lacking in its manpower needs, at all levels.

₦60,000 raised for secondary sch

The people of Akuma in the Oru local government authority area of Imo State have embarked on two major community development projects estimated to cost ₦90,000.

The projects being sponsored by the Akuma Welfare Association (federated) a cultural organisation in the area, included the building of a civic centre and a community secondary school.

Announcing this in a press release issued in Umuahia, the publicity secretary of the association, Mr Chima Amasiatu said, the civic centre, when completed would provide among other facilities, a conference hall, a library and recreation facilities.

Already, the association has invested more than ₦40,000 on the project which is expected to be completed by July this year, he said.

Mr Amasiatu further said that the community raised ₦125,000 for their secondary school project and hoped the school would open for classes during the next academic year.

To ensure the successful execution of the project, he said the association imposed levies ranging from ₦50 to ₦1,000 on adult male and females in the area both at home and abroad, according to their means.

Mr Chima Amasiatu also had his people's enthusiasm towards the major projects and urged them to continue to give their moral and financial support to the community's development projects.

Panel for development programmes

A SEVEN-MAN panel to plan training programme for development officers throughout the federation has been inaugurated in Lagos.

The panel which is headed by a lecturer at the Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, Dr Patel, also includes two women members.

The panel, among other things, is to assess the need and existing community development programmes in the country. According to its terms of reference, the panel is to draw up a comprehensive training programme with recommendations which take into account the local needs of the different parts of the country.

Soldiers open supermarket

The 2nd Infantry Division Garrison of the Nigerian Army has opened a supermarket at Iwo Road, in the city where members of the garrison can purchase commodities at reasonable prices.

Picture from left, the garrison commander, Lt Col David Laove, Col A. R. A. Mamudu, acting GOC, 2nd Infantry Division and Captain G. Okoro at the extreme right inspecting prices of the commodities at the supermarket during the opening ceremony.



TRAINING, SUCCESS, GO HAND-IN-HAND

Bid to increase food production

THE Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources attaches great importance to the development of manpower by training its staff, the Chief Agric Officer for the State, Mr. B. S. Ikara has said.

Speaking at the opening of a four-day training course for the Agricultural Extension staff of the ministry in the Ahoada zone, Mr. Ikara told the participants that the success or failure of the Ahoada zone would depend on their performances.

Mr. Ikara urged all the extension staff in the zone to meet the farmers in the rural areas and to be more realistic and practical in their approach to the National Accelerated Food Production Programme. He warned the extension officers against leaving their duty posts without permission.

If the National Accelerated Food Production Programme fails, the Ministry has failed, he stressed.

He charged the traders to influence the rural farmers wherever they are on the need for productivity.

The chairman of the Rivers State Committee of Operation Feed the Nation (OFN), Dr. N. O. Isirima told the participating officers that Nigeria today needs seasoned extension staff who would be able to discharge their duties effectively.

Speaking on the OFN he said that it was too early to assess the success or failure of the OFN in contrast to the various opinions being expressed in the newspapers.

Data keeping, Dr. Isirima said, would enable people to know of the farmers activities and the type of soil, or fertilizer required for a particular area. He imploired the trainee officers to help make the land development scheme to succeed.



Igbanibo capped Chief

The people of Bakana in the Degema Local Government area (DELGA) in the Rivers State, witnessed the installation of a chief in the Will-Braide group of houses in Bakana. In the presence of the Amayanabo of Bakana, Chief Samuel Will-Braide and other members of his council of chiefs, Mr. Kagan O. Charles Igbanibo was installed on the throne of his late father, Chief Charles Will-Braide. In the picture, Chief Igbanibo, 3rd from left, raises the cannon ball to show his preparedness to lead the people, seated opposite him is the Amayanabo of Bakana, Chief Samuel Will-Braide and other members of the Bakana council of chiefs.

Tighten ban on textile importation plea

THE Chairman of the Nigerian Cotton Board, Mr Lema Jibriku, has appealed to the Federal Military Government to tighten up the current ban on importation of textiles into the country so as to stipulate demand for the local textiles.

The chairman was speaking during the inaugural meeting of the board of directors of the Nigerian Cotton Board at Funtua, Kaduna State, recently.

Mr Jibriku emphasised the seriousness of the ban in view of the fact that Nigeria is a member of the governing International Institute of Cotton, an inter-governmental market development organisation for world cotton, established by International Treaty in 1968.

The Nigerian Cotton Board, he said, is now the sole organ responsible for the shipment and sale of all exportable cotton lint, cotton-seed oil, cotton-seed cakes and pellets as well as raw tobacco declared surplus to local demands.

He hoped the commissioning of the Funtua new ginnery which is the most up-to-date in Africa, and a milestone in the company's operations, would help phase out similar existing projects, in other areas as well as old ginneries.

Mr Jibriku was optimistic that the Board would strive to build and establish an effective marketing arrangement through the development and rehabilitation of the producing areas which would in turn create and sustain enhanched output in the commodities within the sphere of its operations.

HUSBAND, WIFE, SON FACE TRIAL

A HUSBAND, wife and their son have appeared before an Ahoada senior magistrate's court presided over by senior magistrate H. E. Wabara on a three count charge of administering dangerous drugs and injection with intent to procure abortion.

The prosecution alleged that the accused persons, Vidah Yellowe Oreke, Yellowe Oreke and Azubuike Oreke, on January 3, 1978 at Asabuka village in the Ogba Egbema district unlawfully administered an injection and drugs knowing same to be dangerous with an intent to procure abortion on Chika Solomon Isaac and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 228 of the criminal code.

The first accused, Vidah Oreke, a cook steward of the Sancta Maria High School, Omoku was alleged in count two to have administered injection to Chika Solomon Isaac.

And on count three and four, Yellowe Oreke and Azubuike Oreke student teacher and a post primary student respectively were alleged to have administered injection on Chika in order to cause her mis-carriage.

No plea was taken and the court granted them bail in the sum of ₦300.00 each and one surety in the same amount.

Hearing was adjourned to March 14, 1978.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ahoada

The Ahoada local government authority council is to embark on a number of projects throughout its area of jurisdiction costing about ₦.556 million in the current financial year.

The projects include major renovation of the council's temporary offices, purchasing of two graders for the maintenance of roads, purchase of cars and landrovers for the service of the council and the building of motor parks and market stalls and lock-up shops.

These facts were disclosed by the chairman of the Ahoada local government council, Mr Abbot Ogbobula during an interview with the Nigerian Tide in his office.

A break down of the projects shows that ₦360,000 would be spent to buy two graders, ₦70,000 to purchase cars and landrovers, ₦106,000 on council office renovations and a sum of ₦120,000 for the building of lock-up shops and stalls.

The council chairman said the amount would be spent after approval had been given by the government.

Omoku

THE ancient 'Ogudu' ceremony of Omoku in Ogba Egbema district of the Ahoada local government council area of the Rivers State began in Omoku on Sunday, January 22.

The ceremony which lasts for fourteen days is in honour of late chief, the Onbueli Okirie Nwaza who ruled fourty years ago.

According to the chairman of the Igbu society chief J. N. Aire the ceremony was heralded by a twenty one gun shot and the raising of the lung's flag.

Traditional dances also featured.

The highlight of the occassion will be a demonstration by the whole Ogba land beginning from the chief's compound to the traditional Ahia-Nkwo water side.

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THE WORLD

Amnesty by Smith?

Mugabe scoffs at offer

THE rebel government of Ian Smith injected a powerful booster into its current settlement talks with internal nationalist leaders with an amnesty offer to black nationalists outside and within the country.

A government statement said that steps had been taken to inform the nationalists that if they "return in peace" their lives would not be in danger.

"They have also been told how to take advantage of this offer of amnesty", the statement said.

The rebel government intended to pursue the amnesty programme "with the utmost vigour" to reduce bloodshed and return the country to normality as soon as possible, the statement said. "However, it must be understood that this in no way implies a slackening of resolve to prosecute the war with all the force at government's command against those who ignore this offer", the statement said.

But from Maputo Mozambique nationalist leader, Robert Mugabe's faction of black nationalists infiltrating Rhodesia from Mozambique has rejected outright the amnesty offer made by Ian Smith's government.

Quoting Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) vice-president Simon Muzenda, Radio Voice of Zimbabwe said in a broadcast that the only way for "terrorist Smith" to offer an amnesty would be for him and the white minority regime "to resign lock, stock and barrel".

Mr Muzenda told the Voice of Zimbabwe that the amnesty offer to black nationalists outside and within Rhodesia was "a shameless and empty gesture".

Nigerian Ports Authority

Vacancy Notice

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacant posts in the Computer Centre of the Nigerian Ports Authority which operates ICL 1901T with EDS 60 for its Management information system.

(a) Systems Adviser
(b) Programming Adviser
(c) Chief System Analyst
(d) Chief Programmer
(e) Principal System Analyst
(f) Principal Programmer
(g) Senior System Analyst.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

For (a) above, candidate should be familiar with ICL 1900 series equipment and must have had at least good six years experience as Senior Analyst with at least two years in Project Leadership position. The appointment will be on contract for two years and the successful candidate would be expected to develop a successor as well as meet normal systems commitments of the Department. A good University degree or Professional qualification is desirable.

For (b) Candidate should be familiar with the ICC 1900 series and also possesses a good University degree plus a minimum of six years programming experience in a senior position. The appointment will be on contract for two years and successful candidate would be expected to train a successor.

For (c) and (d), Candidates should possess good University degree or equivalent Professional qualification. Six years System or Programming experience is desirable and must also possess the ability to assume full leadership of the System or Programming Section of the Department at the expiration of the Contract of the Advisers.

For (e) and (f), Candidates must possess good University degree or equivalent. Two years System or Programming experience is desirable.

For (g), Candidate must possess a good University degree or equivalent. Two years System experience is desirable.

SALARY GRADE LEVEL:

For (a) and (b): ₦17,500 per annum Consolidated
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For (g): Grade Level 10: ₦5,460—₦6,434 p.a

Only Candidates of Nigerian Origin will be considered for items (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g).

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Applications giving details of current job present salary, experience, age and other curriculum vitae should be addressed to either:-

(i) Controller of Personnel,
Nigerian Ports Authority,
26/28 Marina,
Lagos.

(ii) Nigerian Ports Authority, London Representatives.

(iii) The Nigerian High Commissioner in Canada.

(iv) The Nigerian Ambassador to U.S.A. Washington.

(v) The Nigerian Mission in New York.

Nigerian Ports Authority Notice No. 3161
Dated 10th January, 1978.

J. F. KALU
As SECRETARY TO THE AUTHORITY.

Anthens

POWERFUL time bombs caused heavy damage in two American offices in Salonica, northern Greece, hours before the scheduled arrival in Athens of US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

No one claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blasts in the US Information Agency and American Express Bank and Travel Agency. There were no victims.

Moscow

MOSCOW children are to have courses in sex education, reports the Russian weekly newspaper "Nedelia".

The reason for this innovation, continues the report, is the need to improve the demographic situation and to stimulate a natural population growth.

Sex lessons will be given by class teachers or by biology or literature professors.

Teheran

THE airlines of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey have recommended discounts to students and diplomats as a means of promoting regional co-operation.

The flag carriers from the three RCD Regional Cooperation for Development states—made the recommendations at a meeting here and will hold a follow-up meeting in Pakistan in August.

Shizuoka

POLICE in Lahore have arrested the editor and three employees of an English language daily in connection with breach of Martial Law charges.

Police said the four were picked up under regulations that prohibit any attempt to spur contempt of the government of General Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq.

New York

AT least 21 people died as a result of the snow storm that hit the eastern United States at the weekend.

Many of them suffered heart attacks while shovelling snow, many commuters got stranded in snow ice in motion, the city's heaviest fall ever in 24 hours.

BRIEFS

Bujumburg

PRESIDENT Jean-Baptiste Bagaza has sacked the central of Burundi's only party, the Union for National Progress. It was announced here.

The decision was announced on national radio by Presidency Secretary-General Pierre Ngendi he said it was taken to correct "certain errors" which had become apparent, and been denounced, at recent seminars and meetings.

Blenheim

NEW Zealand is a gun-loving nation where parents give their children blood-thirsty values, a leading Canadian zoologist said here.

Professor F. R. S. Hall of Queens University criticised the country's attitude toward animals and native forests and said there was little respect for life.

He accused many New Zealanders of using wildlife such as deer and goats for target practice.

Kuwait

SAUDI Arabia has delayed signing a big arms contract with France to wait for the result of France's General Election next March, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan reported today.

The Saudi Government wanted to see if French lefts would change French policy toward Arab countries in case the left came to power, Al Watan said.

Mende

RESCUERS have been battling snowdrifts to free a train with 120 passengers on board, many of them schoolchildren, stalled on a bridge since Friday in France's "Massif Central" mountains.

Drifts piled up by 80-kilometre (50 miles) an hour winds blocked two rotary snow plows that attempted to reach the bridge by road and by rail.

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REMEMBRA
ITS SIGN

by MOSES AYOADE OTEC
Federal Ministry of Informa

Remembrance of the dead is a vital part of Nigeria's living culture. We honour our dead through memorial ceremonies in the belief that out of such reverence will come blessings for our endeavours and pursuits in life.

If we believe we owe so much to our individual dead ones whose memories we mark day in day-out as evidenced by the thousands of naira committed to in memoriam advertisements in the newspapers, what then is the depth of our gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives for the survival of the nation?

In the short history of the nation, Nigerians have been involved in three major wars during which several of her citizens in the prime of their youth paid the supreme sacrifice for the nation's survival. These were the first world war (1914 — 1918), the second world war (1939 — 1945) and our own civil war (1967 — 1970).

Other blood-shedding events of historical relevance included the coup of January 15, 1966; the counter coup of the same year and the assassination of our beloved Head of State, General Murtala Muhammed in February, 1976.

On these different occasions, Nigeria lost several of her illustrious sons. It is the duty of all Nigerians who are alive today to ensure that they did not die in vain. Certainly, there are several ways of ensuring that this supreme sacrifice was not made meaningless, by one of which is to set aside a day in the year to mark collectively the unforgettable memory of those involved.

Up to and until 1976, the day set aside to remember the likes of such great Nigerians referred to above was November 11 of every year. It was known as RE-MEMBRANCE DAY.

That day, however, has all the taints of our colonial past as it marked mainly the memory of those who died during the first and second world wars.

In keeping with the nationalistic fervour of the present administration, a day more relevant to our evolution as a nation has now been selected to remember our fallen heroes. The day has also been re-christened, perhaps to underline the heroic role played by the Armed Forces, the blood of whose members contributed in no small measure to the historical and national importance of that date.

Another important event that has helped to underscore the historical relevance of January 15 was the fact that it marked the official end of the civil war when peace was once more ushered into the country after two and half years of internecine bloodshed.

January 15 was celebrated throughout the federation as Armed Forces and Remembrance Day for the first time this year. But the name and date are not the only things new about the remembrance day this year.

In Lagos, the federal capital of Nigeria, the laying of wreath ceremony was in the past performed at the Idumota Cenotaph. This has been changed. The ceremony marking the new remembrance day took place at Tafawa Balewa Square on January 15, 1978. Throughout the federation cenotaphs were improvised for the celebration where none existed. There were also parades of officers and men of the Armed Forces and the Nigerian Legion at the cenotaphs and other places provided for that purpose.

The cenotaph at Tafawa Balewa Square, a recent construction and site of the January 15 ceremony in the federal capital, featured mounted statues of soldiers representing the fallen heroes of the first and second world wars as well as the Nigerian civil war.

The cenotaph situated in a semi-circular enclosure faces the Independence Building. The area is bounded on either side by Kings College building and Saint Saviour's Church.

With a big arched entrance gate for a facade, the cenotaph has an inner arc and a stylised pillar in the centre. This pillar which is hydra-headed carries the statues of the "unknown" soldiers.

In the past, the emblem of the remembrance day was the blood coloured "poppy". It is now replaced by the Armed Forces and Remembrance Day emblem. The structure of the emblem has also changed.

The new emblem has a heart-shaped symbol on an island of white and green surrounded by white with drops coming from the heart-shaped symbol in red colour to denote the blood of the fallen heroes.

At the top of the island is the eagle and the emblem is supported by a tape of sea blue, deep blue and red depicting the colours of the Armed Forces. The emblem is in three different sizes.

In order to ensure that the emblems got to most people in the country, the week of January 9 to 15, 1978 was declared remembrance emblem week during which the emblem was sold to the general public.

The amount of donation determined the size of the emblem given out hence the message, "donate generously to a worthy course; buy the remembrance day emblem".

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On Monday, 1978 at Dodan the Chief of Sta Headquarters. B Shehu Yar'Adu



Colonel Lekwot laying a wreath at the cenotaph in Port Harcourt during the Remembrance Day.



Rivers State Military Governor, Colonel Zamani Lekwot inspecting a guard of honour mounted by members of the Ex-Servicemen Union in the Rivers State as part of the Remembrance Day.

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HONOURABLE Commissioner for Education, Chiefs, Distinguished Guests, respectable participants, Ladies and Gentlemen, I deem it a special privilege to be accorded this opportunity to present this short address at this closing ceremony of the Teachers' Honorary Grade Two Certificate Course.

This is the first time in the annals of the Rivers State Educational system when such a concentrated course has been conducted for Honorary Grade Two Certificate aspirants. It is a moment of joy, fulfilment and dedication for these veteran teachers in the Rivers State.

It is joyful because it has been the expected reward from the Ministry of Education which has claimed the greater part of the lives of these teachers.

Founding fathers

The Ministry of Education, Rivers State, has right manifested in unequivocal terms, its appreciation and recognition for the long service rendered by these experienced teachers who are founding fathers and mothers of our present day educational system and perhaps, teachers of many of the educational administrators now sitting on this side.

To the Ministry of Education, it is a moment of fulfilment in the sense that it took a very long time for the ministry to plan the prosecution of this lofty programme. Contributions that came from the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Principals of schools, other professional bodies and the public can hardly be underrated in the finalization of this Plan. Typical of our dynamic Commissioner for Education, Professor Tam David-West, the plan was critically examined in the Ministry and finally lifted from the blue-print for action, action and action all the way. The preliminaries were precise to the month, day and hour and hence we can all see and appreciate the successful conclusion of this programme today.

The significant aspect of this course is the dedication, or I should say, the rededication of these veteran teacher-participants to the services of our educational system. It is a common knowledge among our elders that a village or town without experienced elders continue to exist without solid foundations.

The Ministry of Education finds it therefore inescapable to create that buffer of these category of teachers in our Primary schools. Some of them here have served in the system for not less than 35 years continuously, and no doubt have accumulated as many years of educat along with the discipline, chi lions, parent community serv

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launched the remembrance emblem week at a brief ceremony.

On Friday, January 13, 1978 there were Mosque services throughout the country. In Lagos, the Muslim religious service was held at the Central Mosque, Nnamdi Azikiwe Street, Lagos.

On Sunday, January 15, 1978 there were church services throughout the country. But in Lagos an open air church service was held at the Tafawa Balewa Square and it was interdenominational. Immediately after the church services the laying of wreath ceremony followed throughout the entire federation.



The Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier Shehu M. Mu'Azadu, launched the Armed Forces and Remembrance Emblem Week at his Dodan Barracks office, Ikoyi on Monday, January 9, 1978. Picture shows the Chief of Staff being decorated with a Remembrance Day emblem by Miss Yetunde Adedara on the occasion of the launching.

At the cenotaph in Lagos, the Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lieutenant-General Olusegun Obasanjo was the first person to lay the wreath before others followed suit. A similar ceremony was performed by all the governors in their respective states.

The Nigerian Legion played a prominent part in the ceremony throughout the country.

Later in the day and in order to give the occasion an Armed Forces out-look, there were inter-service visits among members of the Armed Forces.

moment of joy'

In the next few months soldiers will be posted to post-primary schools to check indiscipline. The necessity for this action

s delivered at the first Grade Two course held e Ministry of Education, January 13, 1978 by Dr Inspector of Education.

arose from the fact that there are excesses of indiscipline in the schools. At the primary level where the foundation of discipline should be rooted, there are fewer certificated teachers.

For example, they were not more than fourteen per cent in 1974.

The bulk of the other teachers were uncertificated, unrecognized, and untrained, even though they were experienced enough in the field.

As a result of lack of certificates they become 'dogs without teeth' or 'bulls without horns.' Discipline was mostly in the hands of the inexperienced certificated youngsters who sometimes share the same age-group with the pupils they teach.

Today, in the Rivers State educational system, particularly, at the Primary level, there is the combination of maturity, long service, training and experience for the category of matured teachers to counteract indiscipline at its root.



DR C. I. BEREPIGI

During the period of over four weeks concentrated training, participants have imbibed and demonstrated innovative processes in their approach to duties. The punctuality and sincerity portrayed by the 190 participants are pointer to a new life being injected into the primary schools on their return.

I must particularly thank the lecturers for the Arithmetic group for their dedication, devotion and self-discipline to get this course through, and I hope our experienced teachers have learnt a lot from their application to duties.

I must apologise to these elderly participants for my strictness on them by popping in and out to check punctuality and regular attendance, for without monitoring this course, all our endeavours and plans would have been fruitless. I thank you for keeping the pace in spite of personal inconveniences.

At the end of this course, some participants who have now fulfilled the last requirement i.e. Arithmetic will be ready to be awarded the Honorary Grade Two Certificates, while others will return to train in subsequent vocations until all the stipulated requirements are fulfilled according to the records with the Rivers State Ministry of Education.

I wish you good luck and better performance in your schools as you go into the educational field as DISCIPLES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, RIVERS STATE.

NBC PROGRAMME

05.40	Drum Signal	RSP TAPE
05.44	National Anthem and Pledge	"
05.45	Programme Summary	RSP LIVE
05.50	Morning Prayers:	RSP TAPE
06.00	News At Dawn	NP
06.03	Moment for Thought	"
06.05	From The Nigerian Editorials	"
06.10	Morning Glee (Comm)	RSP CGR
06.30	State News Summary In English	RSP LIVE
06.35	OFN Jingle	RSP TAPE
06.37	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	RSP LIVE
06.57	Moment For Thought	NP
07.00	The News	"
07.10	Your Government And You Next Step	"
07.15	News Talk	"
07.20	Morning Caravan	RSP LIVE
08.00	News On The Hour	NP
08.03	News Summaries In Edo, Efik, Fulfulde and Hausa	"
08.15	A Date With 8.15	RSP CGR
08.45	National Programme Educational Service	NP
09.00	News Summaries In Igbo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	"
09.15	Traders Special	RSP CGR
10.00	The News	NP
10.10	Network Programme Production NBC Forum Brains Trust	"
10.15	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.30	National Programme Educational Service	"
10.45	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.00	News On The Hour	"
11.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.33	National Programme Educational Service	"
11.48	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.00	News On The Hour	"
12.03	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.18	National Programme Educational Service	"
12.30	Bonsia Label (C. Kana Magazine) Ikeora Khana (Khana Magazine)	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	Sound Galore (Comm)	RSP CGS
15.00	News on the hour	NP
15.03	Sound Galore (Comm)	RSP CGR
15.30	State News In English, Ikwerre and Kalabari	RSP LIVE
16.00	The News	NP
16.10	Interlude	"
16.15	Money Miss Road	"
16.30	Educational Service	"
16.45	News in Edo, Efik and Fulfulde	"
17.00	State News In Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
17.20	Personal Paid Announcement (Comm)	"
17.30	Focus on the Rivers State	RSP TAPE
18.00	News in Hausa, Igbo and Ijaw	NP
18.15	Nigeria in the eighties the next step	"
18.20	Let's go farming	"
18.25	Ekpeye EbeRoi	RSP LIVE
19.00	News Panorama	NP
19.30	African Music on Records (Comm)	RSP LIVE
19.45	News in Kanuri, Tiv and Yoruba	NP
20.00	State News In English	RSP LIVE
20.10	State News summary in Ikwerre, Kalabari, Khana and Kolokuma	RSP LIVE
20.30	5th Kengema Siri (Magazine Prog. Kalabari	RSP LIVE
	12th Kirike Chiri (Mag. zine Prog. Okrika)	RSP TAPE
	19th Kengema Siri (Magazine Programme Kalabari)	RSP TAPE
	26th Kirike Chiri (Magazine Programme Okrika)	NP
21.00	News on the hour	"
21.03	Moment for Thought	"
21.05	Animals in Nigerian Folklore Continued	"
	Assembly	"
21.20	Interlude	"
21.30	Forum Brains Trust	"
22.00	The News	"
22.10	News Analysis	"
22.15	Educational Service	RSP TAPE
22.30	Cultural Landscape	NP
23.00	News On The Hour	LIVE CGR
23.01	My Favorites	DUTY ANNOUNCER
23.13	Evening Worship (Hausa Tiv)	NP
23.23	Just For You	RSP LIVE
00.00	News At Midnight	NP
00.05	Close Down — Pledge and National Anthem	RSP LIVE

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9.45	News in Brief
9.50	Children's Theatre
6.30	Nigerian Dances
7.00	Sports Report
7.30	World News
7.45	News Translations
8.05	Silence
9.30	Face the Nation (NP)
9.00	Network News
9.25	Papers Today
9.30	Play of the Week
10.30	Wrestling
11.15	News Summary

KABIYESI!



by Bobo Brown

RECENTLY a traditional ruler gave notice of resignation to his community. His Highness volunteered a very simple but sound reason: There was no good being a highness whose income was hardly adequate to silence the gnawing worms in a man's stomach at the appropriate meal times. An ordinary but well-fed citizen enjoyed a higher standard of living than His Highness and so, the Oba has clearly opted to join the ranks of the masses.

The present regime is still being applauded for its timely rescue of traditional rulers from abuse and misuse by party bosses in Nigeria before the military marched onto the political scene had embarked on a Yihad to control the institution of chieftaincy. In total surrender traditional rulers went for alms — begging at the relevant regional party headquarter which was coterminous with the state-house residence of the premier and in a probable move of appeasement that extended into Yakubu Gowon's suzerainty, chieftaincy titles were conferred on political leaders with maximum recklessness.

The result was a thorough bastardization of chieftaincy institution as traditional rulers dangled like puppets on financial ropes pulled by their political taskmasters.

Traditional dignity was given counterfeit value and its authority suffered manipulation in all derogatory directions. The result was chaos at the societal base.

Today anyone denying the significance and validity of the Emir or Obong in especially post-military politics in Nigeria.

General Obasanjo's regime has shown a positive evaluation of traditional authority and has repeatedly affirmed its desire to see traditional rulers occupy a more dignified platform.

But the question is: Are we doing enough to give the office of an Oba or an Amanyanabo the moral and financial support the office demands for a restoration of its ancient glory?

Government should work out the stipend figure that can reasonably sustain the traditional ruler and see that this allowance is paid regularly to them.

His community should do more than offer him elusive support in form of smartly executed prostrations. Kabiyesi will not dine on shallow obeisance. If the community recognises that the office is like a jewel from her cultural shrine she should contribute to the upkeep of her traditional ruler. Only then can one talk of responsible rulership!

For a hungry ruler will have his sense of judgement tilted towards the angle of financial support and this will not augur well for cultural dignity and stabilizing function.

Tradition demands among other things that Kabiyesi must be generous with costly drinks and gifts and that he must maintain a buoyant harem. How can he meet all that on a mere trickle of naira?

It is not enough to let off earsplitting greetings of "Kabiyesi!". We must let the man and the world know how much we value the office.

Precisely, if we leave traditional rulers to go cap in hand fending for themselves, they will have full stomach. The cost to society, as was the case before, would be staggering. But we can save this situation by backing our words and designs with action.

Emir or Obong

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TWELVE COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE LAND (PERPETUAL SUCCESSION) ACT CAP 98

NOTICE is hereby given to the general members of the public that the above named Society is applying to the Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ikoyi Lagos, for a Certificate of Registration under the land (Perpetual Succession) Act Cap 98.

Any person or persons who has any objection whatsoever to the registration of the said Society should forward his grounds of objection to the Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ikoyi within 21 days from the date of this publication.

Dated this day of Jan. 1978.

TWELVE COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS
Sgd. E. O. BOLAJI
General Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAND PERPETUAL SUCCESSION ACT REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF NEBO SOCIAL CLUB OF AKWAEZE

The General Public is hereby notified that the above organization NEBO SOCIAL CLUB OF AKWAEZE has applied to be registered under the Land Perpetual Succession Act, Cap. 98, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1958.

Persons wishing to object to its registration as aforesaid should direct their objections to the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ikoyi, Lagos, within twenty-one (21) days of the date of publication of this notice.

DATED at ENUGU this 28th day of February, 1977.

ZANDA IZUNDU & Co.
Solicitors to Nebo Social Club
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1978 Executive Development and Staff Training Courses

Walton Solomon & Associates Limited, Management Consultants will run the following courses in LAGOS, ENUGU and KANO from January – July 1978

DATE	DURATION	VENUE	COURSE TITLE
JANUARY			
9–13	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
9–13	1 Week	LAGOS	Store Management Course
16–17	2 Days	LAGOS	Switchboard and Reception Efficiency Course
16–20	1 Week	KANO	Foremanship & Supervisory Management Course
18–20	3 Days	LAGOS	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
23–27	1 Week	KANO	Field Sales Management
23–27	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Personnel Management Course
23–27	1 Week	ENUGU	Accounts Supervisor's Course
FEBRUARY			
30/1–3/2	1 Week	LAGOS	Foremanship & Supervisory Management Course
30/1–3/2	1 Week	ENUGU	Store Management Course
30/1–1/2	3 Days	KANO	Accounting Clerks' Course
6/–8	3 Days	LAGOS	Accounting Clerks' Course
6–10	1 Week	KANO	Store Management Course
6–10	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Personnel Management Course
13–15	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
13–17	1 Week	KANO	Accounts Supervisors' Course
13–17	1 Week	LAGOS	Branch Managers' Course
20–22	3 Days	LAGOS	Effective Storekeeping Course
20–24	1 Week	KANO	Effective Selling Course
MARCH			
27/2–3/3	1 Week	LAGOS	Business Leadership Course
27/2–3/3	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship & Supervisory Management
27/2–3/3	1 Week	KANO	Effective Personnel Management
6–8	3 Days	KAN	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
6–8	1 Week	ENUGU	Accounts Supervisors' Course
6–10	1 Week	LAGOS	Purchasing & Inventory Management Course
13–15	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
13–17	1 Week	LAGOS	Advanced Management Course (Residential)
13–17	1 Week	KANO	Branch Manager's Course
20–21	2 Days	ENUGU	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
20–24	1 Week	LAGOS	Accounts Supervisors' Course
20–24	1 Week	KANO	Management Course (Res.)
27–28	2 Days	LAGOS	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
27–29	3 Days	ENUGU	Accounting Clerks' Course
29–31	3 Days	LAGOS	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
APRIL			
3–7	1 Week	KANO	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
3–7	1 Week	ENUGU	Advanced Management Course (Res)
3–7	1 Week	LAGOS	Advanced Employee Relations and Communication Course
10–12	3 Days	KANO	Accounting Clerks' Course
10–14	1 Week	LAGOS	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
10–14	1 Week	ENUGU	Marketing & Sales Supervisors' Course
17–18	2 Days	KANO	Switchboard Reception and Efficiency Course
17–21	1 Week	ENUGU	Branch Managers' Course
17–21	1 Week	LAGOS	The Art of Selling Course
24–28	1 Week	LAGOS	Financial Aspects of Marketing Course
MAY			
1–5	1 Week	ENUGU	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
1–5	1 Week	LAGOS	Field Sales Management Course
1–5	1 Week	KANO	Effective Personnel Management Course
8–12	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Selling Course
8–12	1 Week	KANO	Accounts Supervisors' Course
8–12	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Personnel Management Course
15–17	3 Days	ENUGU	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
15–19	1 Week	KANO	Field Sales Management Course
15–19	1 Week	LAGOS	Finance for Non-Financial Managers' Course
22–24	3 Days	LAGOS	Effective Storekeeping Course
22–26	1 Week	KANO	Marketing/Sales Management Course
22–26	1 Week	ENUGU	Effective Business Management Course
29–31	3 Days	KANO	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries & Personal Assistants
29–2/6	1 Week	LAGOS	Foremanship and Supervisory Management Course
JUNE			
5–7	3 Days	KANO	Effective Storekeeping Course
5–7	3 Days	ENUGU	Accounting Clerks' Course
5–7	3 Days	LAGOS	Management Appreciation Course for Secretaries and Personal Assistants
12–16	1 Week	KANO	Marketing and Sales Supervisors' Course
12–16	1 Week	LAGOS	Effective Personnel Management Course
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KAISER — I, formerly known, called and addressed as Tamedorise Kaiser now wish to be called and addressed as Tamedorisa Kaiser Ogoriba. Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Teaching Service Commission, Schools Management Board and the general public should please take note Tamedorisa Kaiser Ogoriba.

MENEGBO — I, formerly known and addressed as Morgan Menegbo, wish to be known and called Dumle Kote. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Rivers State Ministry of Education, Schools Management Board, Principal of Government Secondary School Ogbia take note. Dumle Kote.

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This is to inform the public in general and the inhabitants of Rumuodomaya village and Bori Camp, both civilians and soldiers alike, in particular that Umejuru Services and Supply Company Limited, the absolute owner in possession free from incumbrances of ALL THAT piece or parcel of land known as and called Ekwu-Okpu-Oro lying and situate along the East-West Road at Rumuodomaya village Obio and covering a total area of over seven acres and bounded by survey pillars nos. RSN 878, RSN 877, RSN 876, RSN 875, RSN 874, RSN 873, RSN 872, RSL 444, RSL 445, and RSL 446, will after seven days from the date of this publication clear and brush the whole of the said land and begin contruction works thereon. As this is the final notice to all those who have unlawfully trespassed on the said land to harvest and remove any crops, vegetables and any other illegal things or structures they may have thereon, the said company will not repeat nor grant any further extension of time or any indulgence nor entertain or be liable for any claims howsoever arising in respect of its activities on the said land after the period of notice hereinbefore mentioned. You have been warned!

Dated at Port Harcourt this 16th day of January, 1978.

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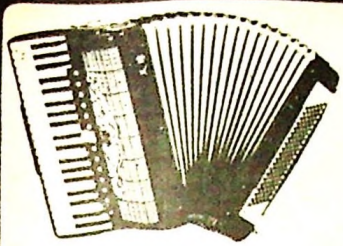
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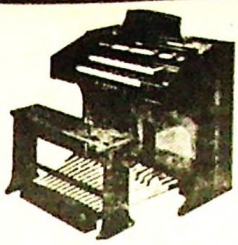
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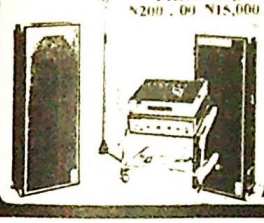
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Public Notice

I, Appeale Akaliro, a native of Okpu-ama village, Bonde, Imo State, for myself and on behalf of the family of late Mr David Akaliro Igbagha, hereby wish to notify the general public and the people of Bonde in particular that the publication in the "WEEKLY STAR" of the 13th day of November, 1977 on page 5, in which some properties were described and said to vest in the heirs of one late Chief John Ofor Igbagha who was said to have acquired the said properties through his sole endeavours, is false and without foundation.

Be it known to the world that the properties so described are the absolute beneficial properties of my late father Mr David Akaliro Igbagha and now the said properties devolve on his heirs Appeale Akaliro, Ofor Akaliro, Henry Akaliro and Uwechi Akaliro according to native law and custom of Bonde.

I, Appeale Akaliro, and my brothers and sisters and the Solicitors in the aforementioned publication and Mr Ogbonnaya Ofor on duty whatsoever of sending our particulars of claim to them as required by such Newspaper publications confer no title on individuals. Anyone challenging the interest of the children of the late Mr David Akaliro Igbagha in the said properties should take recourse to the law courts.

DATED AT UMUAHIA THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 1978

(APPEALE AKALIRO)
for: MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF LATE MR DAVID AKALIRO IGBAGHA

Free Education Association of Nigeria

1978 RIVERS STATE SCHOLASHIP AWARDS

AND

Launching of the Rivers State Branch of the Association

The Free Education Association of Nigeria is awarding 10 (ten) final year Secondary School Scholarships for the1978/1979 Session to sons and daughters of poor Nigerians of RIVERS STATE ORIGIN on the occasion of the Rivers State Branch of the Association.

THE AWARDS ARE DONATED BY LAWYER GANI FAWEHINMI FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FREE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA.

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2. You must produce a letter of recommendation from your Principal.
3. You must NOT be a son or a daughter of a rich parent.

INTERVIEW:

All applicants are to report for interview at Port Harcourt City Council Hall.

TIME: 10.30 a.m.

DATE: Wednesday the 1st of February 1978.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Presentation of the awards to the successful applicants of Rivers State Origin will be made at the same place (Port-Harcourt City Hall) on Saturday the 4th of February 1978 at 1 p.m.

MOTTO:

Our Crusade is for the Abolition of Poverty from the face of Nigeria. Let's abolish Poverty in the midst of plenty. Free Education at all levels must be the first step towards this objective. Let us do it Now.

General Secretary,
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38, Sabau-Ajose Crescent.
Surulere,
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College of Science and Technology,
Port Harcourt

Office of the Registrar,
(ACADEMIC SECTION)

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Public Notice

College of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt

TO RE-OPEN, 25TH JANUARY, 1978

The College of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt which was closed along with other Polytechnics Colleges of Technology in the country as a result of students withdrawal from classes in protest against the Federal Government New policy on Technical Education will re-open on Wednesday, 25th of January, 1978. Registration of students will start from the date of re-opening. Lectures will begin on Monday, 30th of January, 1978.

The College wishes to inform all returning students that their re-admission into the College is strictly under the new policy on technical education which specifies as follows:—

(1) "The new single-tier diploma course in Polytechnics/Colleges of Technology shall be of the same standard as the existing higher diploma courses and shall be styled the Nigerian National Diploma.

(2) The diploma programme will consist of three years of study period which will cover lectures and practicals and periods of industrial training **PLUS** one year of supervised industrial work experience, making 4 years in all.

(3) Entry qualifications into the Colleges will continue to be of the same standard as at present **except** that eligibility of candidates for admission shall be based on the attainment of the prescribed standard in the relevant individual subjects at the WASC and it shall be of no consequence that the candidate obtained the WASC at grade I, II or III. A candidate shall, however, be required to attain the prescribed standard in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry or other relevant subject required for the course which he wishes to take.

(4) The new programme is deemed to have come into effect as from the 1977/1978 session. However, the Government has approved that students who commenced the OND or HND courses, as the case may be, in the 1976/1977 session should be allowed to complete the second year of the appropriate diploma course in June 1978 under the old regulations for the two-tier diploma programme. Students who were admitted into the first year of the OND or HND courses, as the case may be, in September/October 1977 will be placed at the appropriate stage of the new Nigerian National Diploma programme."

First term courses which were suspended following the withdrawal will be offered during the first few weeks after re-opening. Returning students are required to undergo these courses and sit an examination scheduled to take place between 13th and 17th of February, 1978. Students who do not comply with these requirements are unlikely to complete their programmes as currently planned.

REGISTRAR

Tidesport

badan trials: National athletes make impressive marks

NIGERIAN athletes, currently in camp in preparation for the 3rd All African Games in Algiers next July, have continued to better their performance in various events.

The athletes are camped in various centres at Lagos, Ibadan, Calabar, Benin and Maiduna.

In the Cross Country championships held recently in Ibadan, three new course records were established.

One was in the 2 mile race where Timo Akinluyi of University of Benin reduced 11.31 secs. to improve on the former record of 9 min. 21.5 secs. held by Onasanya of National Camp, Ibadan.

In the 3.3 mile race, Ofi Ladomi of National Camp, Calabar, chipped 19 secs off the former record held by S. Malagu of Oyo State.

The most exciting event at the meeting was 6.6 mile race where J. Wuballa's 36 min. 17.0 secs record was shattered by G. Umoru of National Camp, Benin, who returned a time of 34 mins 51 secs.

Wuballa of National Camp, Ibadan who took part in the race placed third with 36.15 secs. coming behind I. Ishola also of National Camp, Ibadan, who ran the race in 35.43 secs.

The athletes in Benin are under the watchful eyes of Coach Ron Davies. At the end of the meeting, the celebrated Olympic

...new National records fall

Star athlete, Lee Evans, who is also an Athletics Coach with the National Sports Commission, distributed prizes to the winners.



G. UMORV of Nigeria, 10,000 metres star



● F. IMADIYI, 400 metres star.

JOHN CONTEH MAKES A COME-BACK TO THE RING

LIVERPUDLIAN John Conteh, former light heavyweight Champion of the World, makes his comeback after an absence of 10 months against Irish-American Bobby Cassidy in London in February.

The last time Conteh was in action, he successfully defended his world title against Len Hutchins in Liverpool. Eight weeks later he was stripped of his title for refusing to defend it against the tough Argentinian, Miguel Cuello, in Monte Carlo.

Conteh has been named as the official challenger to meet the winner of the contest between Cuello and mate Parlov of Yugoslavia. Conteh will want to put on a good performance against Cassidy for it is likely to be his only warm-up fight before he goes in against the new Champion.

Cassidy has a good record, having won 51 contests out of 64. Strictly on the form book, Conteh should have no problems, he won the world title by outpointing Jorge Ahumada, who knocked out Cassidy in 3 rounds. Conteh might feel a bit short of top shape after so long a layoff but he is sure to be happy at the prospect of climbing into the ring on business again.

Meanwhile, Billy Aird, the Liverpool heavyweight, always regarded as the man to avoid by the star names in European boxing, gets his big chance in Barcelona next month when he meets the Madrid-based Alfredo Evangelista for the European title.

Aird believes he should have been British Champion 5 years ago but Joe Bugner he says avoided him. Richard Dunn was the same. They all gave Aird a miss.



● JOHN CONTEH

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YOUR first exercise would be the Horse Stance exercise. This exercise is one of the first basic steps to the practice of Kung-Fu exercises. The exercise takes it's name from the position a horse rider takes when he or she is riding a horse. This position (the Horse Stance) is one of the most important, be it for self-defence or health purposes.

Step 1 — You stand erect, your feet are slightly apart, hands and they are held at the sides.

Step 2 — Still on the spot one position you keep your toes stationary on the floor, you force your heels outwards. In the same process the hands are folded into a fist then swing the hand to the front of the body at waist level.

Step 3 — This time you keep heels stationary and at the same time you force your heels outwards and your hands turned into a fist pulled back. Again keeping the toes stationary and heels are forced outward so that your feet become parallel to each other then bring the fist in front of the waist and at the same time they are planted at the upper thigh bone.

Step 4 — You draw your arms backward and the fist should face forward, at the same time you sink into a sitting position (I don't mean on the floor, but as if sitting on an imaginary chair). At this point you begin the deep breathing exercise (details of the exercise were given in the last issue). As a beginner you are only to hold the position as long as you can, but it should be held for at least 2 minutes.

...Horse stance exercise

Therapeutic Effect:

The posture combined exercise helps to strengthen your lungs, increasing their capacity, the position allows a better circulation of the blood, healthier with the deep breathing bowel and sex organ, stronger loin, legs and back muscles and better digestion.

If you want to practise Kung Fu solely for self defence, this position is one of the most important ones because your lungs would be stronger and that means a better stamina. The position awakens you to the presence of the body Chi as the exercise lowers the body's centre of gravity thereby giving you an evasability thus becoming an immovable obstacle to your opponent.

by Frank Ebi Ere

Nescafe squash racket competition opens today

THE Lagos State Squash Racket Association's 1978 season will take off with an open championship as usual.

Announcing this at a press conference held inside the board room of the Bowe Park Sport centre in Yaba, last week, the chairman of the association, Mr Joe Olarogun, said that the season will start with the **NESCAFE Cup open championships today January 23, and will end on Saturday, January 28.**

He disclosed that venue of all matches including the preliminary and the final rounds, will be the ultra modern squash courts of the National Stadium, Surulere.

He further disclosed that there would be no cash prizes but added that several valuable presents await all competitors who qualify for the quarter final, semi final, and the final stages of the competitions, whilst all spectators at the finals would go home with valuable gifts.

The championship will witness big names like Samuel Olatunjoye, Olanla won Martins, Solomon Current holder of the Oyo State open championship Cup, Mrs Godfrey Yaranadonah, Mrs Cybie Brewner, Mrs George, Mr Bayo Beeley and Prince Adedinan, participating.

Others taking part in the championships are up and coming Christopher Hamilton and gold medalist Alegbo.

The chairman disclosed also, that the championship is sponsored by Food Specialties of Nigeria to whom his association owes much gratitude.

Concluding, the chairman called on the press to give adequate publicity to his association's activities so that the squash can get to every home in the country.

NIGERIAN TIDE

Monday January 23 1978

PROBE ORDERED INTO LG COUNCIL

A JUDICIAL inquiry has been appointed to investigate the activities of the Abeokuta Local Government Council in Ogun State. The commission of inquiry, to be headed by Mr Justice Adegboyega Odunsi of the Abeokuta High Court, will among other things, find out the reason why the council has failed to hold its ordinary monthly meetings in October, November and December.

An announcement from the office of the military governor stated that the commission appointed by the state Military Governor, Lt Col Daudi A. Balogun, has been given six weeks within which to complete its task and submit its report to the governor.

The commission would also ascertain whether or not the failure to hold the meetings of the council between October and December 1977 has resulted in the Abeokuta Local Government not discharging its functions under the edict in a manner conducive to the welfare of the inhabitants of the area of its authority.

It will enquire into any other matter which in the opinion of the commission appears to be relevant to the foregoing and therefore ought, in the public interest, to be enquired into.



COL. D. A. BALOGUN
Military Governor of Ogun State.

700 yam traders stranded

MORE THAN seven hundred yam traders at the Enugu relief market are now stranded following a quit order served on them by the Enugu Urban Council.

As a result of the situation, yams worth more than N500,000 are now littered all over a section of the market formally occupied by the traders.

THE chairman of the Yam Sellers Association in Enugu, Mr Benedict Obunwanne, told newsmen that "it would be suicidal for the council to allow about N550,000 worth of yams to rot because of exposure in the hot weather.

He said that if nothing was done now to save the situation, the traders would be left with no other alternative than to leave Enugu en masse.

The chairman accused the council of irregularities in the allocation of stalls in the market, adding that out of the one hundred and twenty stalls provided for more than seven hundred yam traders only about thirty stalls were allocated to them.

He alleged that most of the stalls meant for traders had found their way into the hands of absentee landlords, especially civil servants who had skyrocketed stallage fees making it impossible for the traders to operate.

Mr Obunwanne stated that all efforts to get the council to release the stalls meant for the traders as advertised in the newspapers had proved abortive.

The council, he said, had also neglected their alternative suggestion for a place within the state capital where they could develop on their own.

He appealed to the Anambra State Government to intervene since the action would not be in the interest of the general public.

But the council in a statement said that the traders were occupying stalls not allocated to them.

GOVT'S QUIT ORDER

Don't bribe our men —Airways

THE Nigeria Airways in Port Harcourt has issued a frantic appeal to members of the public. People should not TEMPT its staff with BRIBES for services they should receive by right, said a statement issued after an on-the-spot assessment of the situation by the personnel manager, Mr W. O. Pariolo, with whom was Mr B. Toba, public relations officer.

The statement said both officers were directed to visit Port Harcourt by the Federal Commissioner for Civil Aviation, Professor Wilfred Onyeagu.

They were told to investigate allegations of malpractices by staff of the Airways, which had attracted press criticisms recently.

The statement continued: "From the investigation carried out and from on-the-spot monitoring of activities, the visiting officers admitted that a few cases of malpractices existed in the recent past but that concerted efforts are being made by the station manager Mr A. Akanbi and his senior assistants to stamp out all cases of indiscipline, inefficiency and malpractices from the airline's operations and services in Port Harcourt.

"An instance of this was the recent suspension of two aircraft loaders and a reservation clerk close to the station manager for malpractices", the statement said.

IAN SMITH LASHES OUT AT BRITAIN

REBEL leader Ian Smith has called on the British Government to "get off our backs and stop hindering the progress of our country in peace and prosperity."

Mr Smith used his address opening a new block civil administration building near Salisbury, to mount a bitter attack on the British Government and Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen.

Although the current informal settlement talks between the government and three black political parties fully satisfied the British government's five principles for peace in Rhodesia, the efforts have not been duly acclaimed outside Rhodesia, Mr Smith added.

"The principle of acceptability to the people of Rhodesia has gone by the board and the present British Government now says, in effect, that irrespective of the wishes of the people of Rhodesia they will not support a settlement unless it is acceptable to the terrorists and to the leaders of neighbouring states who harbour and nurture the terrorists and to the Russians who arm and equip the terrorists," Mr Smith said.

"Dr Owen speaks of internal acceptance, but what he really means is Russian acceptance and we all know that Russia has nothing to gain from a peaceful solution in Rhodesia," Mr Smith added.

He called on the British Government to stop decrying the current internal settlement initiative and attempting to frustrate their success.

Bonny Amanyanaboship

The attention of the Chiefs Council of Bonny has been drawn to a publication in the Nigerian Star of Wednesday the 4th January 1978 at page 2 by one Dublin Green, titled "BONNY AMANYANABOSHIP". In the said publication the writer abused and defamed the Chiefs of Bonny to his heart's content. Not only that, he also dragged in the Judiciary of the Rivers State into the matter by alleging that a High Court Judge of the Rivers State together with a collaborator from Chief Nunu Allison house are the brains behind the recent selection of a Prince of Bonny to be the Amanyanabo of Bonny. He also alleges that the written proclamation of the Amanyanabo was prepared by the High Court Judge.

For now, we are directed by the Bonny Chiefs Council to inform the General Public and the Authorities in particular that no High Court Judge is a Chief of Bonny, and no High Court Judge has ever meddled in the affairs of the Chiefs of Bonny nor in the selection of an Amanyanabo of Bonny.

We are also directed to inform the General Public that Bonny is proud of a history dating back hundreds of years. This will not be the first time a King has been proclaimed in Bonny. We have precedents from which we can draw inspiration. Moreover in the Council there is abundance of knowledgeable men who can easily draw up any intended proclamation. So that the question of a High Court Judge preparing a written proclamation exists only in the imagination of those who have no respect for the institution of Chieftaincy in Bonny.

However, the defamatory aspects of the article have been passed to some Solicitors for proper study, and immediately we have been fully advised, appropriate steps will be taken against the author.

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