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CHEERS FOR OBASANJO

IN PH

by Evans Osi

WARNING

The Benue State Government has directed all those who were allocated plots in Makudi on the creation of the state in 1976 to commence their development within two months or have such plots reallocated to other applicants.

In a statement in Makudi, the state's Ministry of Works, Lands and Survey, reminded the allottees that one of the conditions under which the plots were allocated was that they would be developed within two years.

The Ministry regretted that after three years of allocation, some of the beneficiaries had not made efforts to improve on the land. It warned holders of titles and rights of occupancy in commercial areas of the state capital that similar actions would be taken against them unless they commenced development of the plots allocated to them.

The Head of State, General Olusogun Obasanjo was given a roaring reception at the Port Harcourt airport yesterday on his arrival to begin a three-day "Thank You" visit to the Rivers State.

General Obasanjo was met on arrival by the state Military Administrator, Commander Suleiman Sa'idu, and the Commander of II Infantry Brigade, Col. Peter Adomokai, senior public servants and military officers.

Immediately on arrival at 9.45 a.m., the Head of State inspected a guard of honour mounted by a contingent of the Army, Navy and Air Force and was later treated to a display of traditional dances performed by the Owumiri Masquerade group from Okomoko-Etche, and the Kongema Iriwua group from Buquma.

Address

Earlier, the Head of State had been introduced to members of Rivers State Executive Council and First Class Chiefs in the state.

He addressed officers and men of the Armed Forces at Bori Camp yesterday morning before leaving for Owerri, capital of Imo State.

General Obasanjo is due back in the Rivers State today to inspect the University of Port Harcourt before departing for Lagos.

Customs impound ₦.1m goods

Men of the Customs Preventive Service in Kaduna State have impounded a vehicle carrying smuggled goods valued at ₦150,000.

The seizure, one of the biggest in recent months, was made on the Katsina-Kaduna road after an interception of a vehicle travelling from Niger Republic.

Among the seized articles were 514 rolls of Thailand-made light green tecton, two rolls of foreign-made polyester materials and 606 rolls of Korean-made high quality embroidery lace materials.

Others are 40 rolls of high quality embroidery material, 10 rolls of Polyester Korean-made materials, 363 dozen children's underwear and assorted kinds of textile materials.

Announcing the seizure at a press office, Alhaji Abubakar Musa, Area Administrator of the Department of Customs and Excise in Kaduna State, said the apprehended smugglers would soon be taken to the Revenue Court for prosecution.

Off to
Owerri
today

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• MISS Rahila Sa'idu here presents a bouquet to the Head of State on his arrival at the Airport.

CLERICAL OFFICERS ADVISED ON EFFICIENCY

The first batch of 59 clerical assistants trained at Civil Service Training Centre, Calabar, passed out at the end of a nine-months' course last weekend.

The clerical assistants were selected from 1000 candidates throughout the state to attend general courses in treasury and administrative duties. In his address to outgoing students, the Principal Secretary, Department of Establishment and Training, Mr. H. O. Okpang, on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Mr. J. B. Ikon, charged them to utilize the knowledge acquired during their course to improve their performances in their clerical duties.

He explained that the course was experimental and would only continue if the pioneer batch showed sufficient improvement in their duties and performances in their future examinations.

In an address read on their behalf by Mr. C. O. Ennet, the clerical assistants said that given the necessary encouragement, they would endeavour as much as possible to use the knowledge gained during their training to enhance their general output in their various Ministries.

They however enumerated the problems which, they said, had impaired their duties seriously.

These, they pointed out, included lack of electric light and toilet facilities in the classrooms, lodgings for those whose stations were in local government areas of the state, money with which to buy the required textbooks and other study materials due to non-payment of Local Council Allowance.

They suggested that, for the benefit of future students, a subject like Economics should be included in the curriculum.

FMG PLANS DISEASE FREE POULTRY

The Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Major-General Shehu Musa Yar'adua has said that the Federal Military Government had invested a lot of money on the production of about 40 million doses of various poultry vaccines to control poultry diseases.

Major-General Yar'adua explained that the government had embarked on the development of new vaccines for Gumboro and Newcastle diseases, the establishment of field diagnostic laboratories and the monitoring of disease outbreaks through an efficient disease-reporting system.

The Chief of staff made these known in his address during the opening ceremony of the continuing education course on poultry production and disease control in developing countries which began last weekend at the Ahmadu Bello University.

The speech was read by Commodore V. K. Oduwaye of the Supreme Headquarters.

Major-General Yar'adua disclosed that a new pest control department had also been established in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources for the effective and efficient handling of all animal and bird diseases.

He said, "It is an accepted fact that acquisition of skills and technology is a key factor in accelerating economic growth. For instance in 1973, an imminent meat crisis was averted in Europe due to the application of appropriate technology and



Maj-Gen Yar'adua

NEW EXCO BODY FOR NUJ BENUE

The Benue State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists has been reconstituted.

At an election to reconstitute the council which was conducted by a two man delegation of the National Executive, Mr. Charles Ayede of the Nigerian Television Makurdi was elected the chairman, while Mr. William Ashaku was elected the vice chairman.

Elected also was Mr. Chris Aba of the Nigerian Standard who now occupies the post of secretary with Mr. Hyacinth Ede as his assistant, while Mrs. Unice Eruka, woman page editor of the State Government Newspaper, the Nigeria Voice was elected treasurer of the council.

Others were Mr. Raymond Ashibi and Mallam Ibrahim Danladi as financial and assistant financial secretaries respectively, of the State Ministry of Information and Nigeria Television, while Mr. Godwin Ikereve and Mr. T. Tyosua were both elected publicity and assistant publicity secretary respectively.

Mr Emmanuel Audu, principal editor of the Radio Benue, Mr. Simon Ebandero, Benue State City Editor of the Nigerian Herald, Mohamed Salau,

State Editor of the New Nigerian Newspapers, Mr. Ese Agbo and Mr. Kureve both of the State Ministry of Information as ex-officio members.

Alhaji Yaro Maiduguri, who led the two man National Executive Council of the union including Mr. Lloyd Ajudua of the Kaduna State Council, who officiated at the election appealed to members to cooperate fully with the reconstituted state executive

council. Alhaji Maiduguri expressed the hope that members of the Union would live above board in the discharge of their duties.

In his post election speech, Mr. Charles Ayede, called for a sense of maturity among members of the council and expressed his gratitude for entrusting the affairs of the union into care of the elected executive.

capital inputs. "It is therefore essential that there must be continuing education to update the skills and knowledge of professionals like you. It is my hope that the course, in addition to

providing new information, will focus on subject matters that are related to practical field problems in the various parts of this sub-region", he headed.



RETIRING MANAGER FETED

The Universal Insurance Company Limited gave a cocktail party recently in honour of its retiring area manager, Mr. E. M. A. Okeye, at the Ima Hotel, Abuja. One of the highlights of the occasion was the presentation of a memento to Mr. Okeye (in law) and his wife.

Picture shows Mrs. Okeye receiving the gift from Miss Oshaka of the Abu Area Office, who made the presentation on behalf of the company.

Others in the picture are, from left, Mr. J. N. C. Odu, General Agency manager and the new Abu area manager, Mr. Eje Marus, General Manager.

Food crisis: US to the rescue

Emergency food shipments from the United States have been off-loaded about the same time on the East and West Coasts of Africa.

Ships carrying American wheat destined for the Ghanaian dock in Ghana's Tema Harbour while those carrying maize for Zambia were in the Tanzanian Port of Dar Es Salaam.

Both of these critical shipments came as part of the U. S. Food for Peace programme. The programme, which was 23 years old in July, is administered under U. S. Public Law 480 of the Trade and Development Act. Food for Peace provision about 1,000 million dollars to various countries in the form of grants and concessional loans.

Ghana, which is experiencing serious food and fuel shortages, received 38,000 metric tonnes of American wheat July 16.

Ghana Commissioner for Economic Planning, DR. J. S. Abbey was joined at the unloading site by U. S. Charge Edward Holmes, U. S. Agency for International Development director Irvin Coker, and U. S. Food for Peace officer William Carter.

The grant of 30,000 metric tonnes of maize to Zambia came in response to that country's food emergency caused by drought.

The grant, which is being coordinated by U. S. Regional Food for Peace officer Peter Strong, is actually a transaction between Zambia, Tanzania, and the United States.

The 10,000 metric tonnes of maize

already shipped to Dar Es Salaam's harbour are to be transferred to Zambia on the Tanzam railway immediately. Tanzania has a surplus of white maize and will give an additional 40,000 metric tonnes to Zambia with transport charges paid by the United States. In return, Tanzania will receive market-equivalent of 15,000 metric tons of much needed rice from the United States.

This kind of transaction features several advantages including: relieving Tanzania of storage costs for surplus maize, saving the Tanzanian government foreign exchange required to purchase the rice, cutting freight and transport costs, and utilizing local firms and labour in the process of transportation.

EDITORIAL

PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

REPORTS of clashes between border villages, intra-community wrangles, often over rights to land ownership and other related issues have so much arrested the attention of the government in recent years. Many lives have been lost in bloody encounters, and a good number of innocent people maimed or injured. Arson and mindless destruction of property had sometimes led to the devastation of some villages. On a comparatively higher scale, wrangles over land have taken the course of long-drawn litigations during which hard earned naira is wasted and communal projects grounded.

EARLY this year, two Military Administrators had to meet in two rounds of talks over intermittent clashes between two border communities before any semblance of peace prevailed. There was even the case of two communities which took to clandestine elimination of one another over fishing rights. And one of the villages was reported to have been nearly burnt down.

WE ARE in no way saying that such occurrences are peculiar to Nigeria. There are various constitutional means of settling disputes. And our Constitution amply provides many useful provisions to protect the rights of individuals and groups of persons. Our concern however, is the retrogressive effect such divisive situations have on our development projections, especially as they affect the rural areas. Such negative trends are obviously detrimental to the successful realisation of the aims of our local government reforms which demand unity, peace and mutual understanding among communities.

THE existence of this quality of understanding becomes more imperative especially in this trying period of our transition to civil rule to complement the good work of the Military Administration in its efforts of reconstruction towards the building of a greater Nigeria. It is pertinent here to mention the latest example of magnanimity and reason from two communities in the Cross River State who last week signed a peace accord after years of warring.

ACCORDING to reports, the two communities have undertaken not to take up arms against each other; they can now inter-marry and had also agreed to withdraw legal actions pending in the law courts against each other. And it was said that the peace accord was as a result of mediation by a religious sect. That is indeed commendable.

THE major causes of inter-community clashes could be traced to distrust, suspicion, avarice and mis-directed sense of superiority or self-acclaimed divine hegemony. Apparently, what the rural communities need most is education, more of enlightenment rather than formal. And the early a crusade is mounted in this direction the better.

A GOD - FEARING LEADER

A FEW days from now, Nigerians would go to the polls once more in the series of elections returning this great nation to a democratically elected Presidential system of government as from October.

This time, the people have to decide who becomes their first "Executive President" and the leader of this country.

For the past four weeks, eligible voters in this country have been struggling tooth and nail to elect

Our roads are flooded

THIS is to bring to the attention of the Rivers State Government and the Ahoada Local Government Council the deplorable plight of the people of Okporomini Clan.

Whenever it rains, the roads are flooded. The people of our area are farmers, who have to transport their products to Ahoada and Elele areas along the roads. I hereby call on the state government to come to our aid. I appeal to the authorities concerned to make efforts to ensure that rural areas are provided with enough social amenities to curb the migration from the village.

C. U. ONWUDWIC
Ahoada

Indeed, they've arrived

I HAVE observed with utter surprise, the type of life we are adopting in Port Harcourt Municipality nowadays. Less-I-forget, may I refer to the article of one of my friends Mr Fitz Bee, entitled: BEWARE, THE GIRLS ARE AROUND, in the Nigerian Tide of June 26, 1979, advising mostly bachelors and some so-called private car owners not to devote all their time to love affairs during this long vacation, but some people thought that my man was lacking when he wrote:

"Frankly speaking, I was ashamed being a man when I saw two pretty men who claimed to be private car owners, one with Volvo 244 DL, and the other with SA4 GL saloon car, exchanging hot words and blows at Garrison junction because of a girl, a student for that matter."

This happened when the man with SA4 hit the other from behind when they were struggling to give lift to that well-dressed beautiful girl, and poor me was standing there unnoticed.

Actually, there is an iota of truth in what Fitz Bee said. This is just the beginning of such happenings. Indeed, the girls have arrived.

CLEMENT U. OGBUJI
Port Harcourt

the best are picked out of the numerous candidates contesting to represent them in the civilian government when the army leaves for the barracks.

The end come of this struggle is the ableness to get our 95 Senators, the 447 Federal House of Representatives and 1,347 State Assembly members respectively, and the 13 states governors.

Notwithstanding, this has been the first time since the military took over the control of government in January, 1966 that Nigerian citizens have been allowed to decide for themselves, through the ballot boxes, the leaders of their choice.

It is therefore worthwhile for civilians to make good use of the provided "golden opportunity". This great task before us is costly inhuman life itself!

We should ask ourselves

Consider mechanised farming

Looking at the manifestos of some of the political parties, it seems they hope that through their huge promises we shall cast our votes for them.

For an efficient and powerful government, basic concept for this type of government is the provision of the three essentials of life which are food, cloth and shelter. Education which is the brain behind civilization is good but comparing it with the three essentials of life, they outweigh education.

Considering free education, if agriculture is not mechanised, it will be devalued and there will be left very few in the labour market since everybody will pursue the free education.

Deploy police to fight 'em

IT is my wish to summon the attention of the Rivers State Police Command through this medium about the happenings along Kaduna/Abak Road.

May I let you know that this is a very hot road, the highway to Port Harcourt from the hands of those menacing robbers who have their den along Kaduna and Abak Roads in Delta State.

Sometime ago, it was reported that the above mentioned roads have not been safe to those going through there at night. However, experience has now proved to have been obvious the scandal looks like.

It was observed recently that some youngsters had themselves a place along these roads when it is about 7 p.m. and above. They are seen loitering about the road sides with an ulterior motive which is to victimize anybody who crossed their trap.

Public OPINION FORUM

These questions "Does this man possess the qualities expected of a leader? Is he reliable, uncorruptable, and accessible in time of trouble? Can he solve our outlined numerous problems of inflation, unemployment, poverty, armed robbery, hunger, corruption, education, accommodation and finally maintain the peace and unity of this country?"

It is after we have got answers to these puzzles mentioned above (in our minds) that we can select a God-fearing leader
ERENEZER W. T. EREFAH
Port Harcourt.

The labourers and farmers will seek to be educated so as to attain white collar jobs. Production will eventually fall and the possible effect will be inflation.

Then shall we be educated and go hungry when everybody will leave the market to be educated in school? Unless there is mechanised farming, free education cannot cope.

So, for a good administrative system, I will like any party voted into power to apply free education to mechanised agriculture first to support the non-productive scholars who will benefit from the free education.

PIRAH S. LEKE
Deyin-Gokana

In some cases, passers-by do intervene but it always proved abortive measure. One should then think that such intervention is baseless, since it makes little effort to entangle the robbers and their machines.

It is my hope that the police should be deployed to the above mentioned roads, so they find around the operating area. Experience shows that any chase of those menacing robbers will never be a success because they dash into the bush, that is when I suggest a brilliant escape.

It is obvious that the above question will remain unanswered till the Rivers State Police Commissioner and his able men come to our aid.

Therefore, my plea goes to the authorities concerned to deploy their gallant men along Kaduna and Abak roads before it becomes insupportable. **MOSES M. AJAGBA**
Port Harcourt

ELECTION '79

NPN govt is for all - CIROMA

Teachers congratulate Okilo

MESSAGES of congratulation have been pouring in to the residence of Chief Melford Okilo on his recent election as governor for the Rivers State.

One of such messages is from the Nigerian Union of Teachers, Rivers State Wing.

The message contained in a statement reads: "On behalf of the Executive Council of NUT, Rivers State Wing, we congratulate you on your success as the governor-elect of the state. It is our belief your regime will usher in a sense of unity and common purpose among the Rivers people.

We will co-operate in the implementation of your programmes designed to introduce qualitative education in the state.

May God be with you. THE National Party of Nigeria will go out to seek the co-operation of other political parties even if it won an overall majority all over the country.

What the party is against is a conspiracy and general plotting to pervert the wishes of the electorate.

This was announced in Kaduna by the National Secretary of the party, Alhaji Adamu Ciroma who said one fact that emerged from the current elections was that as was the case be-

fore 1966, politicians don't accept losses with equanimity.

"Politicians don't go to the electorate with the mind that they would lose. That was the case before 1966 when they kicked and shrieked; they are doing so now and the only new thing during the current elections is that we are having alliances at the middle, not before or after an election", Alhaji Adamu observed.

The NPN scribe, who was speaking to the Tide at the Kaduna Airport shortly before he boarded a plane for Lagos, was optimistic of the future, particularly now that there was greater security and no threats of secession, settled by the civil war.

He admitted that campaign tactics contributed to voting along ethnic lines because there were direct appeals to tribal and religious sentiments.

"We know that some party leaders warned their people against 'selling their country to people from a different part of the country' while others told their people that they would win in other areas, thereby swaying their people to vote for them", he said.

These appeals worked because Nigeria was undergoing an evolution and integration.

Expressing optimism for the future, Alhaji Adamu

said Nigeria could not eliminate these vices over night, adding that as Nigerians interacted, each of these factors would have their impact on the thinking of the people. The divisive factors would then move to the background.

Pressed to come further on how he thought the situation could be arrested, the NPN scribe declared: "Nigerians are a very impatient people. We have found how to deal with the situation next time".

He announced that an NPN Government would have to look into among other things, the question of car advances and basic allowances as guiding principles, nobody was expected to have a working condition less favourable than what he had.

UPN stalwart dies

THE death has been announced in the Onitsha capital of a Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) candidate who was elected unopposed into the State House of Assembly.

He is Mr Taiwo Olorunju-Abe who contested election in the Ero II constituency.

Born on December 1942, the late Mr Abe had from Aiyetoro Ekiti the Ero Local Government area.

He was a product of the Joint Provincial Grade Teachers' Training College Ile-Ife.

Mr Abe started his political career in 1958 as member of the banned Action Group.

The state branch of the UPN sent a delegation to attend the burial which took place in his home town.

He is survived by a wife and three children.



MR KIO LAWSON

DEFEATED CANDIDATE COMPLAINS

THE UPN leader and gubernatorial candidate for the Kwara State, Mr J. S. Olawoyin, has protested against the conduct of the governorship election in the state.

Mr Olawoyin who lost in the last governorship race in the state declared at a news conference in Ilorin on Monday that the election was a rape of democracy.

The election he said was "a daylight robbery of my clear victory at the gubernatorial election in Kwara State by the NPN candidate."

He accused the state branch office of FEDECO of partial judgment and betrayal of public confidence.

Mr Olawoyin therefore appealed to the chairman of the FEDECO, Chief Michael Anu and the House of State to warn the commission's office to avoid any mischief "as is not being done in this state which might shake public confidence in the Federal Electoral Commission".

The defeated UPN candidate alleged that during the said election, US polling agents of his party were rejected from polling stations in Borge and Ilorin local government areas.

He said the agents were rejected on the orders of the assistant chief electoral officer in the grounds that they were GNPP supporters regardless of the GNPP and UPN record.

Mr Olawoyin said by the actions of the officers, he was denied to use men of his choice to represent him at the polls.

In Ilorin, Mr Olawoyin alleged that none of his counting agents was allowed to accompany the ballot boxes to the counting centre.

He added that those that managed to get in were brutally beaten by the police including the known stalwarts of the NPN.

The device according to him was to find ways of changing the official ballot boxes already stuffed with illegal ballot papers.

He maintained that there had been all along no compliance with the directives of the FEDECO chairman that all ballot boxes should be accompanied by agents of all parties.

More election petitions filed

THE Benue State Electoral Tribunal has received six more petitions bringing to 11 the number of petitions pending before it.

The latest petitions are in respect of the elections into the Federal House of Representatives.

Five petitions had earlier been filed in connection with the senatorial election in the state.

In the Oyo State Federal Constituency, Mr F. Edo filed his petition against the NPN successful candidate, Mr A. E. Agun, and three others.

Alhaji Halifu Auda of the GNPP in the Ibadan north Federal constituency directed his petition against the electoral officer in-charge of the area and joined the NPN successful candidate, Mr S. I. Dalwo.

Another election being challenged is that of Mr Patrick Okpabi, in the Oyo constituency, his challenger Mr David Ag, of the NPN with three others.

In Vandeyaki East, Mr T. A. Akpa is petitioning

ASSEMBLY MAN PLEADS FOR UNITY

MR W. H. Kio Lawson, member-elect for Degema Local Government authority Constituency I in the State House of Assembly has urged the people of Rivers State to close up their ranks and put hands on deck to forge the state based on stability, economic progress and peace.

Mr Kio Lawson who won the election on the ticket of the National National Party of Nigeria (NPN) made the appeal in an exclusive interview in Port Harcourt.

He contended that Rivers State was too small as compared with other States of the Federation as to be torn asunder by racism and division.

"We have the potentials and the human resources to achieve

our objectives if only we maintain the goodwill, sincerity, honesty of purpose and hard work and above all associate our actions always with the grace of God", he said.

The member-elect described the leadership of the governor-elect of the state Chief Melford Okilo and his deputy Dr Frank Eke as non-extremists even in very controversial issues.

He stated that the views of the two leaders had always been as modest and reasonable coupled with a sense of humanity.

As a member of the state's legislature, Mr Kio Lawson went on to be believed strongly that he could faithfully and certainly contribute his own towards achieving good objectives for the state.

The member-elect stated that even though the people of Degema felt that he would not win through the existing electoral process because of his background generally, he had a different opinion of the situation.

He said that in the context of Nigerian elections, he felt that there was always a marginal of uncertainties and imbalances because of the background of the propounding masses of illiterates that could easily be swayed over by demagogues, through their insinuations and local politics.

Mr Kio Lawson added to be maintained as a role he has had personal experience were very satisfied of the state at the polls, and demonstrated with apparent satisfaction.

UNISURE names new chairman

A NEW chairman has been appointed for the Universal Insurance Company Limited. He is Dr Dennis Nnam Nwatu who is also concurrently appointed the chairman of Premier Brokers.

The appointment which took effect from 11, 1979, was made by the Military Administrator of Anambra State, Col D. S. Abubakar.

Dr Nwatu is at present a lecturer in the department of political science at the

University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He had served as a member of the Nkanu Divisional School Board.

Dr Nwatu who hails from Akpugo in Nkafu Local Government area, of Anambra State is married with four children.



BIZMAN LOSES LAND SUIT

Workers pleased with re-organisation

THE entire junior workers of the Rivers State Government-owned Gulf Fisheries Limited have expressed implicit confidence in the new management of the company.

In a statement signed on behalf of the employees, by Felix Obiaka, president of the workers union, said that the recent re-organisation of the company's management would engender long

expected vigour into the life of the company.

Mr Obiaka hoped that the long suffering of the employees would receive adequate attention under the new ideology which the management would adopt for the smooth running of the company.

New secretary for LG Council appointed

A NEW secretary has been appointed for the Brass Local Government Council.

He is Mr Jenewari Ogin, who was until his present posting, an administrative secretary in the Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture.

In the new arrangement, Mr Ogin succeeds Mr Samuel Warder who was the acting secretary of the Brass Local Government Council.

Latest reports from the Local Government Service Board stated that Mr Warder would remain as an assistant secretary in that Council.

Mr Ogin has since assumed duty in his new capacity as secretary of the council.

MR OBI Woluchem, a business executive has been ordered by a Port Harcourt chief magistrate's court to pay the sum of N4,000 and N1,000 costs to Mr W. P. Daniel-Kalio as general and special damages.

The court also granted a perpetual injunction against Mr Woluchem.

by

Stephen Ebikake

This was the judgment of chief magistrate R. C. Nzeribe in a civil suit filed by Mr Daniel-Kalio and Mrs Virginia Egonu the plaintiffs against Mr

woluchem the defendant.

The story of the plaintiffs was that Mrs Egonu and Mrs Cecilia Oriji bought a parcel of land in Diobu from Chief Woluchem, father of the defendant before the civil war.

After the war, Mrs Oriji was no longer interested on the parcel of land and thereafter sold her share to Mr Daniel-Kalio and a deed of conveyance was prepared between Mr Daniel-Kalio and Mrs Oriji.

The land which had become a forest was cleared and buildings put up.

The defendant, OBI Woluchem accompanied with others with offensive weapons demolished the concrete fence surrounding

the parcel of land where buildings were put up.

The matter was later reported to the police. Mr Woluchem also filed several high court actions to frustrate the civil action pending before him, Mr Nzeribe, remarked.

The chief magistrate said he even dismissed an application by the defendant to transfer the case to the high court because it was not proper.

He said the hearing of the suit was adjourned at the

instance of the defence for more than ten times with excuse from the defence counsel, Mr Asuk Asuk.

Before judgment was delivered, the defendant did not show up to make his defence because virtually he has no defence, the magistrate pointed out.

The presiding chief magistrate described the conduct of the defence counsel as most fraudulent and unbecoming of a senior lawyer.

He ordered that since the defendant has no defence he is restrained further entering the land.

On the day of judgment, both the defendant and his counsel were not present in court.

Community urged to pay taxes

THE people of Umu-Ohali in Ogbaland of Ogha/Egbema in the Abiada Local Government area have been called upon to respect constituted authority of the land.

They should also pay their rates and taxes in order to assist the government of the day in her bid to develop the rural communities.

The call was made by the Eze Ohali of Umu-Ohali, in Ogbaland, Chief Moses Ezi Igwe II, at the occasion of the celebration of the new yam festival, otherwise known as "EGWU OHALI FESTIVAL."

Earlier, the 1979 celebration of the festival was announced at Ama village, the ancient traditional home of the

INDUSTRIAL ACTION GRIPS PH BASED COMPANY

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MORE than 800 workers of the Nigerian Engineering Works Limited Port Harcourt, have embarked on a work-to-rule actions since last week to back up their demand for better conditions of service.

A spokesman of the workers said in an interview with the Nigerian Tide that despite series of negotiations between the management and the employees only few among the lots of items presented were agreed upon "and none has been implemented."

He said that among those items agreed to be

implemented by the management were protective clothings for workers, vehicle allowances, housing allowances and increase of shifting allowances for the workers.

He stated further that it was the aim of workers to create a spirit of understanding between the management and staff but that the high officials of the management were always "killing our interests" by sitting on our demands.

All efforts to get the management's comments on the issue proved abortive.

TWO PERSONS CHARGED WITH STEALING

TWO middle aged man Johnson Samuel and Boniface Anwuri have appeared before a Port Harcourt Chief Magistrate's court on an eleven count charge of conspiracy and stealing.

The accused with persons still at large were said to have robbed several persons of cash and property on June 1 this year at Allu near Port Harcourt.

The prosecution alleged that the accused on the said date robbed Mr Okon Avery of the sum of N2,000 cash and a wrist watch valued at N113.00. They also robbed Mr Millil Amba Kederamo of the sum of N77.00 cash and a wrist watch valued at N16.00.

Mr Amadi Dikegu also lost the sum of N20.00 cash and Miss Stella Erekoama

lost the sum of N100 to the same robbers.

The prosecution further alleged that the accused and others still at large robbed Isuo Asuo Alwal Brown the sum of N275 in cash, Isaac Okpiri of a shirt and a trousers valued at N20.

Nena Harry was also robbed of the sum of N20.

Others are Mr Moore Briggs who lost the sum of N16, Mr Barfamin Agbi N10, while Mr Frank Ejike was robbed the sum of N600.10 in cash.

No plea was taken, and the accused persons were remanded in prison custody.

Hearing was fixed for August 14 this year.

Umu-Ohali by Moses Ezi Igwe II, traditional head of the Umu Ohali who is a Second Class Chief in the Rivers State.

Addressing the celebrants, the Eze Ohali called on his subjects to keep peace and love for one another.

The four-day annual festival which has ended attracted friends, sons and daughters to the area.

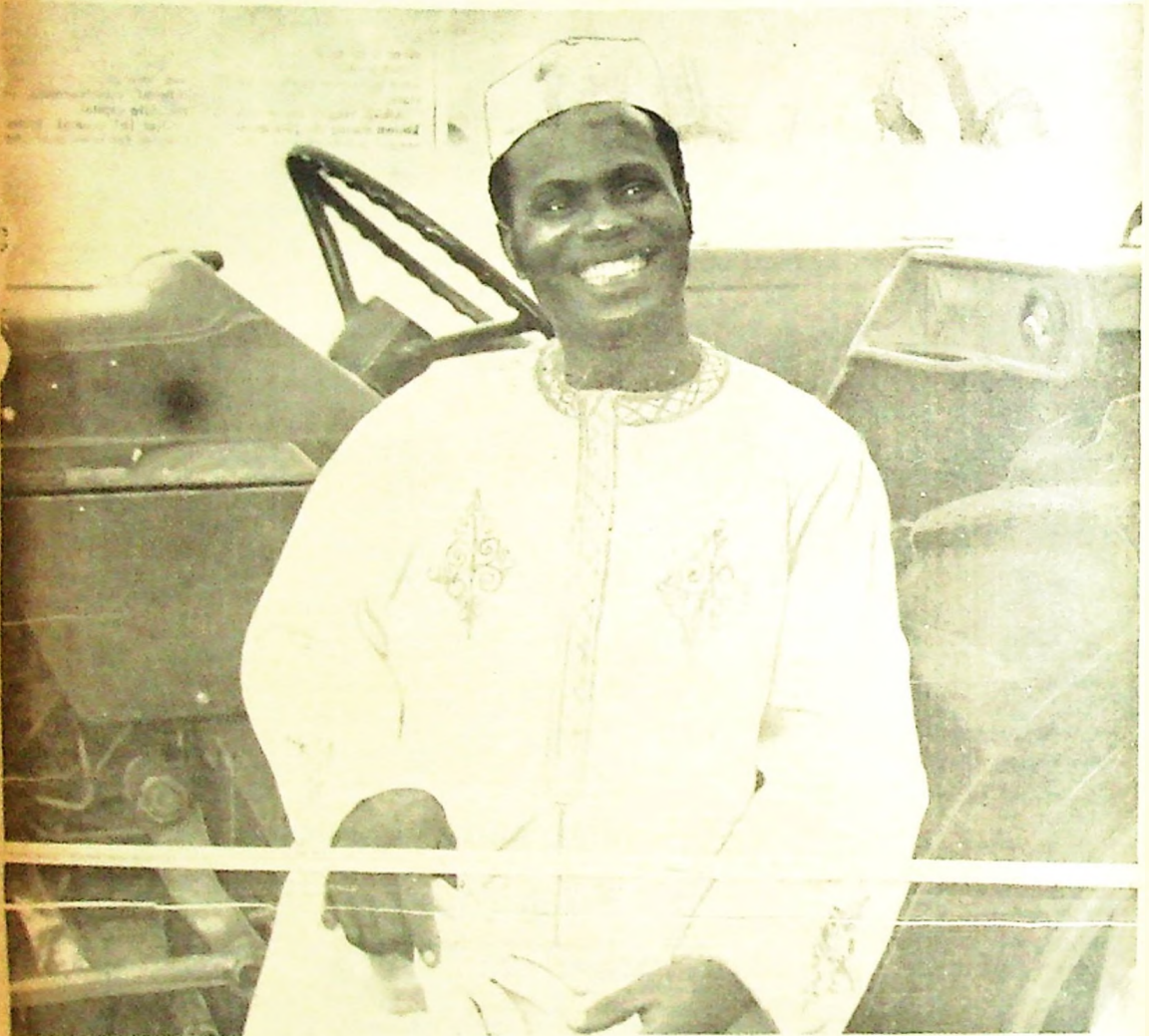
In the photograph above, the traditional Chief is seen in the centre with his subjects at one of the occasions marking the celebration.

Date fixed for community festival

THE Egi community in Ogha/Egbema district of the Abiada Local Government area, Rivers State will be staging their Egiu Ogha annual festival on Wednesday August 14, 1979, at Egi.

The celebration which will fall on Nkwota market day will feature different traditional plays.

A statement from the community has requested not only the sons and daughters of the area but also well wishers at and outside the area to attend.



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Co-operative exporters association ends meeting

THE thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the Association of Nigerian Co-operative Exporters Limited was held recently at the Obiwesan Hall in Ibadan.

Picture above shows the General Manager of the association, Alhaji Chief O. O. Bello (standing in the middle) addressing the meeting. On the G.M.'s left, is Mr S. O. Akinbohan the Chief Register of the Co-operatives, Akure in Ondo State and on the right is the president of the Association, Mr F. A. Aladenika looking on.

5 towns in CRS get light

FIVE more towns in the Cross River State, Obudu, Okpama, Akuku, Ogoja and Habu have been supplied with light under the national electrification programme of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA).

Announcing this in Enugu, the acting district manager in charge of rural electrification projects in these areas, Mr V. S. O. Udeh, said that two transformers were also being installed at the Nsukka main sub-station to ensure improved power supply to the University town.

NEPA, he said, also planned to extend electricity supply to IDAH in Benue State and Aka in Anambra State.

WORKERS WANT REPORT OUT

WORKERS of the Imo State Government-owned hotels have threatened to show "bitter resentment" if within fourteen days the state Ministry of Industries, Trade and Co-operatives failed to release the report of an administrative board of inquiry into the affairs of the Imo Hotels Limited, which was conducted since eight months ago.

A seven-point resolution adopted by the central working committee of the Imo Hotels branch of the National Union of Hotel and Personnel Services Workers in Owerri accused the ministry of unnecessary imposition of bad management on the hotel establishment.

The resolution, signed by the state chairman, Mr S. A. Eke, the secretary, Mr I. N. Onyerocha and the senior assistant general secretary of the union, Mr O. K. Akujohi, stated that the workers "participated effectively" in the inquiry in order "to save the Imo Hotels from maladministration", and wondered why the report of the inquiry should be pigeon-holed for so long.

According to the union,

there had been neither structural nor managerial change in the establishment to reflect whatever were the findings of the board.

It suspected that the inquiry might have been "a mere cover to perpetuate mismanagement, nepotism and corruption in Imo Hotels Limited".

The union, however, reaffirmed what it called its "traditional belief in peaceful co-existence, industrial harmony and social justice", but regretted that the present situation in the indus-

More vocational centres for Kaduna State planned

THE Kaduna State Commissioner for Education, Alhaji Magaji Inusa has said that the state Government is to open three vocational training centres in the state in various parts of the state.

Alhaji Magaji made this known during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Vocational Training Centre in Kaduna.

The celebration coincided with the passing out ceremony of 28 primary school leavers who attended a one-year course in general fitting at the centre.

In his review of the activities for the past 10 years, the secretary of the Kaduna YMCA, Mr I. D. Akpan said that about 85 per cent of the centre's production had been absorbed by industrial establishments in the state capital.

Over 165 general fittings have so far been produced by the centre.

In his speech, the outgoing German instructor of the centre, Mr Altbeyer Ebinger called for the approval of the centre's courses by the Federal Ministry of Labour and appealed to the state Ministry of Education to increase its annual grant to the centre.

Mr Ebinger said the present annual grant of N1,000 by the state could only cover the expenses of only one student.

He later handed over the keys of the centre to his successor Mr Caleb Turu who now becomes the centre's first indigenous instructor.

The Commissioner for Education who was the guest of honour at the occasion later formally opened the extension of the centre built at a cost of N28,000.

Traditional ruler denies report

THE Traditional ruler of Nara, in Nkano Local Government area of Anambra State, Chief Nathan Ogbu, has disassociated himself from any meeting allegedly held in the palace of a prominent chief in the area during which a plan to rig the current election was discussed.

A national daily, not the Nigerian Tide this month, published a statement credited to the publicity secretary of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP) Mr Ouyi Iyichu, to the effect that "this party had uncovered a plan by a rival political party to rig the current elections in Anambra State" and "that the plan was hatched at a meeting held by top members of a rival party in the house of a prominent chief at Nara on June 19th and 21st 1979 or there about".

In a statement in his palace, at Nara, Chief Ogbu, stated that as a traditional ruler, it would have been impossible for him to host such a meeting in his palace adding that the publication was aimed at causing some discord between him and some politicians in the state.

Chief Ogbu however made it clear that at the time the alleged meeting was held at Nara, he was out of the country a dining that the meeting wouldn't have been held in his palace in his absence.

He then appealed to politicians to face the business of politics and avoid casting aspersions on traditional rulers who have been insulated from politics by the Government.

He further made it clear that as a traditional ruler, he should regard every politician in the state as his subject.

NATIONAL BANK GETS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

A NEW Managing Director has been appointed for National Bank of Nigeria Limited. He is Mr S. O. Banjo, who until his new appointment was Director of Banking Operations with the bank.

Mr Banjo's appointment is effective from this month and he takes over from the former expatriate Managing Director, Mr J. A. Court, whose service with the bank will continue in an advisory capacity.

He became district manager, Lagos, on January 1, 1967; acting general manager in August, 1972; director of banking operations in November, 1973, and an executive director in July, 1975.

Mr Banjo, who is an associate member of both the Institute of Bankers and the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, attended the OMB Grammar School, Lagos, the South London College of Commerce, and the City of London College.

While in London in 1963, he won the Bursar Memorial Trust Award for bravery, gallantry and devotion to civic duty awarded annually by the London Metropolitan Police.

His hobbies are sports, football and fishing. He is married with children.

Nigeria for world christian confab

DELEGATES from 80 national Christian Associations from various countries of the world including Nigeria will be attending a 14-day world council meeting early next month in Greece, Athens.

The general secretary of the Young Women Christian Association of Nigeria (YWCA) Mrs Grace Oneyewere told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the four yearly meeting would be held under the auspices of the world body of Christian movements.

She added that the national president of the association in Nigeria, Mrs Tomi Ogunbaye and five other executive members of the association would represent Nigeria at the conference.

Mrs Oneyewere said that the most important aspect of the coming meeting is the nomination and election of executive committee members for the next session of the body.

The meeting will be chaired by the world president of the body, Miss Nita Barrow of Barbados while an executive of the associa-

tion in Nigeria, Mrs Julie Fajemison will be contesting election into the world executive committee.

The general secretary said that the meeting would discuss the activities of the International Year of the Child (IYC) and the extent of involvement of each national association.

The meeting according to her would find ways of helping youth, throughout the world with a view to making them more useful to their nations.

Global problems of migrants and refugees will also feature on the agenda of the world meeting.

The Christian body is the world's organization chief legislative body which brings together representatives of national YWCA associations to determine the main direction of the policy and programme on a four yearly basis.

The last world council meeting of Christian Association was held in Nigeria in July, 1975.

WOMEN'S TIDE

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STORY TIME

If you plan evil you get evil

Once upon a time, there lived an old man who earned popularity by giving charity to school children in his neighbourhood.

In a hut which he built very close to the school in his community, he kept a regular supply of fruits for any child who wished to have some.

The fruits were stored in a large box in the hut. The old man made sure that he filled the box with fresh fruits in the morning before school children would wake up to prepare for school.

This gave the children the opportunity to branch to the hut to have some free fruits on their way to school.

People were impressed by his inexhaustible generosity to school children in his community.

Many parents, guardians and teachers of the children often expressed their gratitude to him for his generosity.

As his popularity started to spread beyond his community, people from other communities came to him to praise him for supplying fruits free to school children.

There was one young man in his village who didn't like his being very popular and so he decided to do something to tarnish the old man's reputation.

The young man had serious wages, planning what to do to spoil the old man's good name.

At last, he arrived at a plan which he immediately set to work on.

He knew that the old man came to the hut only in the morning to refill the box with fresh fruit.

He decided to go to the hut in the evening to put a snake in the box before the old man's visit.

That's what he did but before the children started reaching into the box.

On one fateful morning, the young man took a snake in a sack to a hut very close to the hut and hid there until the old man left the hut. When the old man was fast asleep, the young man hurried into the hut and dropped the snake into the box containing fresh fruits for school children and closed the box.

He knew that school children would soon start to converge in front of the hut for fruits and so he walked away to escape notice.

The young man supposed that his intrigue against the old man was flawless and that the old man would be so grateful as soon as the snake bites the first set of school children who he opens the box of fruits that morning.

It never occurred to the young man to warn his friends about the danger of the hut, or his way to school that morning.

Unfortunately for him, therefore, his son was the first child to enter the hut for fruits that morning.

As the boy opened the box to collect some fruits, the snake bit him to death.

Other children who were coming behind him, retreated as they saw

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Ejioma Ejike

the snake launch a savage attack on the boy.

So the story was all over the whole place.

Parents and guardians accused the old man of hiding the snake in the box and started heading to his house to lynch him.

When the young man heard that people were yelling at the hut, he hurried to the scene to justify.

On reaching there and finding that his son was the victim of the circumstance, he was chastised.

As soon as he came forward, he confessed to the young crowd that he was responsible for his son's death, disclosing his evil motive.

His confession caused a dramatic change; the people stopped crying and also stopped their rage against the old man.

The lesson to be learned is that a man against an innocent person can come back and harm no more.

The young man's plan was designed to ruin the old man's reputation in his community.

As the story unfolded, it became clear that the old man's reputation was good because he was generous to all the children in the area.

We concluded that the young man's plan was a failure because he had done himself more harm than good.

Perhaps if you notice some problems in your social relations, you will be able to solve them.

On the other hand, if a person's reputation is good, it might face the same kind of criticism that visited the young man in the story.

You can choose to behave either like the old man or like the young man. But you will become the reward or punishment for your behaviour pattern.

SWEET POTATO GREEN SAUEGE (LIBERIA)

- 4 Pieces smoked salty fish with bones
- 4 Pieces pork with bones
- 4 Pieces beef with bones
- 11 large onion sliced
- 1 Teaspoon curry
- 2 Teaspoon baking soda
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 Cup vegetable oil

2 1/2 cups sweet potato leaves and shoots
Wash all the meat and fish, drain and reserve the meat juice for cooking the sauce.

Heat the oil, saute the vegetable with baking soda in the hot ingredients. Fry until the vegetables get soft.

Now add the meat and fish still and fry.

Stir regularly to prevent charring. Cook for 5 minutes. Add meat juice; cover in hot before stirring again.

Cook until meat juice is absorbed in the meat and vegetables. Serves 4.

Let them have a bite of national

The unemployed members of the community can't

Last week as I pulled up my car to speak to a friend, a burly young man, probably twenty-nine years of age sidled up to me and said "please madam give me ten kobo to buy something, I never chop all day".

I was actually moved by this gesture, not that I had not seen beggars before or there are no beggars around in Port Harcourt or indeed in Nigeria but because he was very physically fit and need not beg at all.

It is understandable that the disabled members of the community can go cap in hand begging for their daily bread, but not able-bodied members being reduced to such financial straits.

I then retorted "you don't need ten kobo at all, what you need is a job."

He then replied, "madam I don find work till I tire". I quite believed his story and my heart bled for him.

Taking the degree of hardship of all human and social problems, unemployment rates one of highest on the list of all possible problems.

When one man is unemployed its effects are not only on him but also on the society in which he belongs.

Like any other thing in this country statistics never gives us correctly the figures we want in order to deduce the magnitude of our problems and whereby find the exact solution to them.

Men (as are either shrouded to show to the outside world that they don't exist or are not given the adequate investigation required.

Unemployment is a protracted social problem which besets any society in the world both in the rich and poor countries and its solution is a world-wide one.

Let us for a moment, sit back and consider the problem with as much dispassion as can be mustered.

Why do people go unemployed?

Parasites

The answers are varied and many too.

Firstly there are the workshy group of people in our community. They feel certain types of job are too menial for them and so they would rather be out of job and starve to death than condescend to do such jobs.

Next there are people who simply do not want to work. They are the mythical few who in popular imagination lie abed munching corn and 'tuba' while others slave to bring the community a better place for all.

The group of people droop out of the work-a-day world of ours on their own volition and are satisfied with whatever that come their way by way of food and clothing — the human parasites of any community.

Others have often wondered if we all dropped out of work who then brings food or clothing to who?

Thirdly there are the group of people who are unemployed through no fault of theirs because they would most certainly take on any job at all that comes their way but are unable to secure one in the vicinity in which they live. My sympathy actually goes for such people.

Men and women have a right to work and surely they also have a right to work at what they were trained to do. Surely!

How many people initially choose in any real sense, the work they say is theirs? Does a farmer choose to go down to his farm digging slavishly all day with his antiquated farming implement?

Mostly he is forced to do this sort of job because this is the only job which exists in the area.

Does a girl "choose" to work in a supermarket, standing there all day serving hapless customers? Necessity alone is responsible and a functioning process that starts in a family, continues through school

Happy birthday



Miss Okachi Anandi on her 1st birthday.



Master Harold Epolle in a white shirt.



Princess ID on her 1st birthday.



Master Chiamara Obinika in a white shirt.



Miss Mariora Obi on her 1st birthday.



Miss Gloria Mpi on her 3rd birthday.

Little Chiamara

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opportunities they may have and quite a good majority of them feel this as a heavy burden.
Conflicts also arise through internal family arguments concerning unemployment and through lack of contact with other people.
In our community with its approved system of extended family, an unemployed young man in such a family will not only suffer but the rest of the family which depends on him too will feel the sting equally.
For girls who are unemployed they often seek a "classical" outlet, by marrying earlier than planned or going on the streets as prostitutes.
Reading through the numerous manifestos of all the parties before the election I would have expected the solution of unemployment to be the pivot of any electioneering campaign speeches rather than some trivia and wasteful projects some parties were promising their electorates.
This country needs a good step up in our industrialisation programme not a very rapid one though, since as political scientists

MEN COULD BE SUCH TALKATIVES

The last time I saw Celia was two years ago, so we had quite a bagful of stories to tell when we met again.
Moreso, Celia was married and we had to talk about how and what led to that particular guy hooking her, including the shape the union has been taking.
Incidentally, Tony, her husband was not in, so we had the whole house to ourselves.
Unknown to us, Tony had come in while we were busy with our chat.
"For Christ sake Celia, what have you two been gossiping about all day that you didn't even hear me call!" Tony burst into the room screaming.
"You always have to gossip about one boyfriend or the other".
"It's the same thing with you men too, I cut in", the slightest opportunity you have will be spent talking about your latest catch and all the by-gones."
"Men don't gossip, we discuss", he added.
"Discuss indeed". Men are the worst gossips than you can imagine.
A man will never tell you of rebuffs he's

received, instead he will go on and exaggerate stories about how good or bad you were in bed.
It goes out of hand when two or three of them are gathered round downing some beer.
They claim to be in high spirit and dares any woman who thinks she is tough to come near them, they will go on to say all sorts of things under the influence of booze.
They will boast about a lot of things they will do and how far their accounts are.
They will go on to mention one

from his wife
However, Jones still treated her the same way when they got back to Lagos, so she decided to get on well with him. He was not even married. "I got to liking him", she confessed.
Anyway, the affair never lasted any longer than it started.
Meanwhile, stories got to Nina that Jones's been holding her responsible for the break up.
He said such things like paying her flat rent for six months and buying her dress at least twice a week but she dashed off at the sight of another "bread" guy.
The funny aspect of it all is that, these kind of men when they get home, will prefer to be the perfect husband and gentleman.
If the wife tries to tell him about an interesting incident that occurred during his absence, he will quickly shut her up telling her to mind her own business.
He could even go to the extent of telling her what sorts of friends he wants her to talk and move around with.

Promises

or two girls they have helped to put in a reputable position.
One thing is certain, a man will never tell you a woman was responsible for whatever position he is in, if he is a prosperous one, he will simply say he has been working very hard and, if he is in a tight corner, he will tell friends that he spent all he had on you only for you to desert him later.
A couple of week ago, a girlfriend of mine met Jones during a tour, he treated her like gold, handling her with such care as if she was fragile.
He promised her all sorts of things like why don't you leave your job and be my secretary? [I] get you a new car and a nice flat too.
Nina passed him, as one of those "hungry" married men who wanted to make use of the opportunity his had been away

My findings have revealed that no man wants to feel that he is as good as the other men in their "escapades" and thinks that the number of catches he has had goes to prove how efficient he is in "field". So he tends to build up stories to cover his face.
If a man derives fun from discussing or gossiping about things they indulge in, I don't see any reason why women should not do the same.
After all, women too could have to talk about their conquests, the number of men they have rebuffed, comparing how keeping allowance and how to get extra money here and there!

says Mediline Tador

DE CARTOON



Prince Pura Kwak on his 3rd birthday.



Prince Solomon Akere on his 1st birthday.



Mr Weeks Nwamu recently wedded former Miss Roseline Little.



Mr Joseph Awodola wedded former Miss Grace Adesowale Adedoye at St. Paul's Church, Oshogbo.

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Betrayal of

Party alliances

It is no more rumour, as it appeared at first, that efforts were being made by nearly all the five political parties to co-operate in forming the next civilian administration. Earlier press reports of subterranean manoeuvres have since been confirmed by the party leaders themselves. And the issue has let out so much steam.

At the time of this write-up nothing concrete has emerged from the rather swift-slow talks of the much orchestrated alliances. Not even the most inquisitive newsmen has succeeded in obtaining a very positive answer from the party leaders who have continued to be evasive.

The position will definitely be clearer before the giant battle on August 11 for which the alliances are meant. That is supposed to be the last bend on our tortuous road to democratic rule in the country after the exit of military government.

Since the news about alignment talks broke loose, so much literature has poured out from non-partisan observers in the society and politicians themselves.

It has been variously pointed out by political commentators and analysts that party alliance is an accepted practice anywhere in the world. This is even clearly stated in the constitution.

The legality of co-

operation between parties is not debatable. Nothing therefore stops a group of political parties from evolving a working coalition agreement, if the relevant laws are not infringed. After all moderation and compromise are desirable virtues in politics.

In spite of this permission in law, many of us are so deservingly concerned and apprehensive. This

electorates

motivation

According to newspaper reports, the proposal of a working agreement between four of the parties is aimed at forestalling the victory of the other.

That a statement to this effect was credited to the leader of one of the four parties, already neck deep

current move to block the chances of a rival party.

Not even the claim of some of the aligning parties in working together in the interest of the nation is plausible. That in itself is illogical and a bare-faced attempt at politics of deceit. It is just not convincing enough for the four parties to avert working in the

of the common goal. The animosity came to head a few weeks ago in a mass resignation of ministers which culminated in a parliamentary defeat for the government.

One can count away many more of such examples all around the world. Spain, for instance, is another one that readily comes to mind. For several years, that country has had the misfortune to grapple with the problem of fragmented parliaments. But the Indian experience, a country with the level of development and an identical heterogeneous tribal society like ours, would serve as a better hindsight to our politicians.

FRUSTRATION:

Looking beyond the inherent elements of conflict in the coalition of political parties, there is more to it. For instance, alliance of parties in a crucial election has never been auspicious in many situations. Apart from the usual feature of distasteful inconsistency, it is harmful to the voting masses.

Additionally, fusion of parties in an on-going election is a betrayal of the electorate. This in other words, will be tantamount to frustrating the aspirations of the voters, to whom, according to our constitution, sovereignty belongs and from whom government derives its powers and authority.

Although there has been no clear-cut departure from the old regional allegiance in the manner of voting at all the elections so far held, one party appears to be more national in outlook and broad based. At least the results are there to show for this. This being so, it is hard to countenance any allegations that the Party which has made a spread rigging and so must be disallowed to get into power. What a political absurdity!

If we are not kidding, enough evidence abound in all parts of the country that all parties were involved in various forms of election malpractices. Any accusations of rigging therefore, should be dismissed with a wave of the hand and likened to the pot calling the kettle black.

And finally, it is admittedly true that Nigerians are so well known for their high sense, determination, dynamism and many more. The one area they are found wanting however, is being good sportsmen and women. For this reason, they refuse to agree that politics is a game. Otherwise they would have admitted that in any game, there are winners and there are losers.

Let us therefore be careful in our greed for power so that we do not wreck our hope for a healthy rebirth of democracy in this country.

by Patrick Ebikake

foreboding is rightly based on the dangers of unprincipled co-operation arrangements which may likely emanate from the talks.

If this is applicable to any country, the situation in Nigeria could be more hazardous.

For many cynical Nigerians (including the author) the quarrel is really not with the constitutionality of any such accord but the

in the coalition talks sounds very alarming. It smacks of annihilistic feelings and portrays, conspicuously, the traits of an inordinate ambition to rule.

Agreed that ours is a ludicrous society where people and their moods change overnight, it still appears to me very deplorable that the sermon of politics without bitterness has turned sour so soon. Or, how else can this be defended in the

NOT FOR OUTSIDERS

The Rivers State Public Service Commission is inviting applications for some top positions in the state Ministry of Justice.

The positions include that of Director of Public Prosecutions and his deputies.

Others are deputy solicitor-general; director of civil litigation; legal draftsman; head of law revision and administrator-general. It is a boom for legal practitioners in the Rivers State.

The post of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is a very sensitive political officer, I can say so here.

The DPP is in charge and exercise complete control over the department of public prosecutions in the Ministry of Justice.

He has absolute powers to institute and undertake criminal proceedings in the courts in the state.

It is apparent therefore that an aspiring DPP, in the state must be in a position to give maximum service and show a sense of belonging to the fortunes and misfortunes of the state.

As the post is a very demanding one, only men of proven ability with complete professional expertise could be considered.

Although, the author is neither parochial or sectional, I will submit that the position of DPP should not go to the reach of an outsider. Any thing out of this will be calamitous and unparochial.

In the past, the attention had been that lawyers of known State origin refuse to accept appointments in the Ministry, hence that area of government has been headed by outsiders. In the other hand politicians

MID WEEK WITH TONS FETE PIGI



thinking of reward

From the recent appointments into the state judiciary it is quite clear that the state was not in acute shortage of lawyers as one may believe.

If we can get men of high esteem into the bench, then there is no reason why we cannot get the same into the Ministry of Justice.

We can not continue to hand over our affairs to others to manipulate to our detriment this is because those we had given positions in the past have shown ingratitude and what is more they talked at large by making derisive remarks about the people and the state which had given them shelter and a means of livelihood.

It is this unpleasant situation, I am talking against. In the past we had experienced divided loyalties from the vicinities of those we had offered places.

Well, I will suggest that if our lawyers fail to show some interest then perhaps, the advertisement on these positions should be temporarily withheld to enable the incoming civilian government to look for capable hands from within the state.

I am saying this because, politicians have a way of persuading people to accept offers. Their style could temporarily withhold to enable the incoming civilian government to look for capable hands from within the state.

lawyers here had alleged that, the Ministry had refused to give them encouragement.

"It is difficult here to pass judgment on who is telling the truth.

However as done elsewhere, in a situation such as ours, we must endeavour to make do with what we have. And where such make fail to attain the requirements then the idea of looking further should come in.

I will not contribute to the story that lawyers here are unpatriotic and therefore would not like to accept appointments in the Ministry of Justice.

The law profession is one of the most honourable and gentlemanlike professions. Those who therefore need the services of good lawyers must make extra provision for their hire and keep.

My humble submission here is that, the lawyers in the state should be encouraged to join the Ministry to serve the state, for the overall benefit of humanity in the other hand, our lawyers should try as much as possible to make some sacrifices in the service of the state.

Financial consideration should not be their primary motive. They should learn to serve, without always

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1979 General Election Port Harcourt Local Government Area

All officers recruited for the general elections in Port Harcourt Local Government Area are advised to observe the following programme in respect of the Presidential election scheduled for Saturday 11th August, 1979.

Thursday 9th August, 1979 at 10 a.m.

Supervisory Presiding Officers to assemble at the City Council Hall, Port Harcourt for routine briefing.

Friday, 10th August, 1979 at 9 a.m.

Supervisory Presiding Officers and Presiding Officers for each Polling Station to report at the City Council Hall, Port Harcourt for collection of materials.

Saturday, 11th August, 1979
Supervisory Presiding Officers, Presiding Officers, Poll Clerks and Orderlies are to be ready at their reporting stations not later than 5.30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, 11th August, 1979.

Returning Officers and Counting Clerks to assemble at the Council Hall, Port Harcourt.

Dated at Port Harcourt, this 6th day of August, 1979.

V. O. OGUNWA,
Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

Port Harcourt Local Government Area.

Policy on training scheme explained

MRS IDOWU ADDRESSES SEMINAR

WATS BOSS COMMENDS FMG

The Federal Military Government has been commended for its efforts in awarding N3.8 million contract for the construction of Bende, Ohafia road in Imo State.

The commendation was made over the weekend on behalf of Ohafia community, by Mr F. O. Okorie, Area Sales Manager of the West African Technical Services Limited, Port Harcourt.

Mr Okorie, said that the government look prompt action to save the deteriorating situation in which the road was placed after drawing the attention of Imo State Government to the bad position of the road.

While appreciating the honour done to the people of Ohafia in liberating them from the bad condition of the road, Mr Okorie expressed disappointment that

such a major contract was handed over to an indigenous contracting firm "which would never do any job on the road."

He held that these contractors have no working materials but only to borrow equipment from the expatriate companies.

He said that within the process of borrowing the materials for work, the period meant for the job could expired.

He therefore appealed to the Federal Government to hand over the construction of the Bende Ohafia road to expatriate companies like the MCC, the Guffanti or other road constructing companies.

He expressed thanks to the government for feeling "concern over the neglected area of Ohafia in Imo State"

THE Deputy Chairman of Ogun State Executive Council and Commissioner for Trade, Industries and Cooperatives, Mrs V. W. Idowu, has said that Ogun State was vigorously pursuing a dynamic and results-oriented training programme to ensure that each public servant was developed to the best of his capability and government business transacted in a most efficient manner.

She stated that to this end, one of the first projects on which the government embarked at the creation of the state in 1976, was the establishment of a Staff Development Centre at a cost of N3 million.

Mrs Idowu made the remark in Abeokuta, while declaring open an Industrial Training Fund's seminar on training functions, holding at the Ogun State Hotel.

The commissioner added that substantial sums were provided annually for the training of staff to ensure

that the government's policy of training at least one-fifth of its entire staff every year was achieved.

All those efforts, she said, complemented Federal Government activities to ensure that the country had the much needed trained and economically effective manpower.

Asserting that the Federal Military Government was second to none in the priority it accorded to the development of manpower, Mrs Idowu listed many steps taken to achieve the aim.

They included, the establishment of the Industrial Training Fund, which was organising the seminar, the U.P.E. programme, approval of substantial grants to all state governments to finance secondary education, the establishment of many Federal Government Secondary Schools, Advanced Teachers' Colleges and other institutions of higher learning.

Other measures taken to speed up manpower development were the award of scholarships in both Nigerian and overseas institutions in the government's current crash programme for training technical and technological middle-level manpower.

The Commissioner, however, counselled manpower development planners to bear in mind the negative and counter-productive effect of unplanned and un-rationalised training efforts in accentuating unemployment problems.

Earlier, Mr I. O. Aiyanyo, the Ibadan area office of I.T.F., reading an address from the director of the fund, Alhaji M. Dikko, had stated that the two-day training seminar was designed to enlighten companies and other organisations of I.T.F.'s activities and services through their representatives attending the seminar.



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THE PRESIDENCY: WHITHER GOES NIGERIA?

THIS article is not a campaign for any political party. Rather, it is intended to serve as a political education for the benefit of a people who suffered untold political hardship unprecedented in the history of Nigeria.

This is not saying that other ethnic groups in Nigeria suffered less at that material time, but what I am saying is that the Igbo in Anambra and Imo States suffered most, in terms of their size more than any single group in Nigeria, both then and now.

The present state of roads, electricity and water supply, industries, social amenities of all kinds throughout Anambra and Imo States is an evidence at first sight, as to the truth of my assertion in this regard.

Seventy-five per cent of the voting strength in Imo and Anambra States, like other states in the Federation, are peasant farmers, women and men and illiterates who cannot read or write. The rest 25 per cent are literate, including professionals, big businessmen and women, company directors and executives, teachers, clerks and other literate "stay-at-homes."

If it is in this category of the population of registered voters that this article is meant, it is not meant to be contemplated in the least, to stir up, or attempt to reduce the reputation of any of the presidential candidates as a person, or as a political leader, nor is it to embolden the chances of any one of them at the polls. It is intended merely to educate the Igbo people by someone whom they know inside out.

This is to say, I believe that if I speak, the Igbo people will listen and consider. This is because I have never let them down. This is why I take the bull by the horn to write this article without minding whose ear is pricked in the interest of the unity of Nigeria.

If by doing so, the other words, if by being brutally frank certain political leaders feel slightly or strongly embarrassed, I would regard no quality as an embarrassment that I feel them the less, but that I love Nigeria the more.

When I speak of the possibility of the consequences of certain classic utterances, unprovoked political actions, chaotic political tendencies of certain political opponents, and the possibility of a civil war, I am not speaking of a civil war in the sense of a civil war between two political parties, but a civil war between the people and the government.

It is these people who stand most in their ill-wishes during the unfortunate crisis in our country between 1966 and 1979. Most of the people in the later category, that is to say, the big ones and their dependents, managed and manipulated most things and scuttled themselves out of the country leaving their less fortunate countrymen to face the brunt of their political odious and commissions.

It is clear from the evidence available from all angles in the words of our dear Head of State,

General Olusegun Obasanjo: "They learn nothing and forget nothing from the tragic experience of the first civil war."

It is a matter of great concern that most political opponents into our elective office or other never read the new Constitution, or that they even had never had a look at the copy of it whatsoever. Unless some of them intentionally meant to be deceived not only to themselves, but to the nation at this crucial time of our nation building.

Before I will go to the subject matter of this article, I will take you to certain specific provisions of our Constitution 1979, and to examine them in the context of what is happening in our political life now. Happily, some Nigerians, for example, had already seen the handwriting on the wall and have changed their traditional pattern of voting intentions. The results of the very last election, I mean that of the Houses of Assembly as conducted in the Rivers State, is an evidence.

There are certain pertinent questions to be answered as we go by. What will be the functions of an Executive President? How will he exercise his powers? How will he be elected? Will he after the election know the states that gave him at least one-quarter of total votes cast in that state? The answers to the first three questions can be found in the Constitution itself, which shall be effective at from October 1, 1979.

Let us have a look at Section 122 (1). I quote: "The President shall be the Head of State, the Chief Executive of the Federation and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Federation."

By this provision, it is beyond argument that the "Constitution 1979, walks past Nigerian conventions, gives the President tremendous powers of staggering magnitude, both in law and in practice, which have never been experienced before in Nigerian parliamentary politics.

By this provision, the President will be seen not as certain Nigerian politicians would like to see him, but as the servant of the people who is seen to be elected not under the platform of his party, stands aloof of every body else, including his own party, at the moment of his own election.

It is not only that, but the President will be seen not as certain Nigerian politicians would like to see him, but as the servant of the people who is seen to be elected not under the platform of his party, stands aloof of every body else, including his own party, at the moment of his own election. He, and his Vice-President are not members of the National Assembly, nor compelled to take on the floor of the National Assembly, while enjoying a wide range of executive powers, which he exercises personally or where he pleases, he delegates any of those to the Vice-President, or such ministers of his own choice, at his own discretion or other federal functionaries chosen by him.

It is a fact that during the tenure of office of former Presidents of the United States of America, Mr. Nixon, one heard more of Mr. Kissinger, an world politician, than anybody else in the USA. I mention this to prove to you that there shall be no party in opposition in the National Assembly. God bless us from October 1, 1979 and that the party that shall be in control shall be the

one that produces the President for the more satisfaction of being victorious in practice.

I have disposed of the first two questions. It remains the third question: How the President will be elected? This is the crux of the matter. Let us again go to the provisions of the Constitution to see how the president will be

elect a world of good in which they are required since Independence of Nigeria in 1960.

In my article published in the issue of Nigerian Mirror of November 16, 1978, and later published in full by the NIGERIAN TIDE, I called on the FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION not to renege and register many political parties and that they should not be more than two national political parties, because without that no single political party may win comfortably to be able to put letters of its ideology and manifesto into practice.

It is clear that the words of our National Anthem made no provision for rewards to our leaders in their lifetime, or ways and means of sharing elective office, or take into consideration our respective ethnic groups.

Rather it offers a challenge to all of us to place the nation first. It is my opinion that whoever claims responsibility of raising an alarm of clashing together of political parties merely to stop a winning party, is not fit in any way whatsoever to be President of Nigeria in the context of the Nigerian Constitution.

My observations here are intended to enlighten in our people a political awareness that called for one thing - that before we can make success of our new Constitution, and to stimulate a desire to understand its provisions in all its ramifications.

The greatest need in Nigeria today is the need for political education of our great people. This will usher a safeguard for every Nigerian citizen of average intelligence to understand his rights and to assert them. The best way to offer this political education is through the medium of the press. This brings to mind the role of the Press in our society now. This positions generates a responsibility of some sort on the part of the press. A responsibility to educate, to inform, and to defend the rights of citizens.

Let Nigerians pray hard that the President emerges after the first election. The parties who may lose can wait for the next four years, which it around the corner. I cannot see Nigerians twisting an electoral college system in electing a President sequel to the provision of the Constitution.



CHIEF OBIENUGH

elects. I refer to Section 124 (4) (5). I quote: "for the purpose of an election to the said office, the whole country shall be regarded as one constituency". This section refers to the office of President. Let us see subsection (5). I quote: Every person who is registered to vote at an election of a member of a legislative house, shall be entitled to vote at an election to the office of President."

Let us go a bit further to the provision of the Constitution for an election of a President in the context of what we find ourselves in Nigeria right now. In other words, I mean where more candidates have been nominated to contest the election where, there have been only two candidates for the election.

(4) He has the majority of votes cast in the election. (5) he has not less than one quarter of the votes cast at the election in each of at least two-third of all the states of the Federation."

By this provision only two candidates will stand election under the provision of subsection 4. I quote: 124 (4) "In default of a candidate duly elected under the foregoing subsections, the Federal Electoral Commission shall within seven days of the result of the election held under the said subsections, arrange for an election to be held (a) in each house of the National Assembly, and in the House of Assembly of every State in the Federation with a view to determining which of the candidates has the majority of the votes cast in the election."

For purposes of clarity it will be necessary to join the provision of subsection (5) also. I quote "Election to be held in accordance with subsection (4) of this section shall be held on the same day and at the same time throughout the Federation."

From the results so far released, it is clear to any impartial observer where the wind is blowing. It is not right to stop it by force or by intimidation or by political maneuver of dominance or by rigging of election or by other malpractices. Let us think of Nigeria first and not what any individual takes for himself.

I am therefore calling on all voters in Anambra and Imo States, and other people wherever they may be not to be a party in any cutting together of political parties aimed at stopping a winning party. To do this, they must have done

NOTICE

SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY OF HEALTH, PORT HARCOURT

A COURSE FOR LABORATORY ASSISTANTS

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for admission into a Two-year course for laboratory Assistants-in-training, starting at the School of Health Technology, Ministry of Health Port Harcourt in September, 1979. The course aims at training young School leavers in the basic techniques in medical and science laboratory work, so as to qualify them as laboratory Assistants and technicians. Selected candidates must be prepared to work in health centres and hospitals in the rural areas of the State.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The course is open to candidates who have attempted West African School Certificate (WASC) and obtained a pass in at least one Science subject.

APPLICATIONS:

All applications should be sent to the Principal, School of Health Technology, Ministry of Health Headquarters, Port Harcourt, to reach her on or before 15th August, 1979.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION:

All applicants whose applications have been received by the above date should then present themselves for an entrance examination at the Ministry on Tuesday 21st August, 1979. Please come with your Certificate (Original copy) Testimonial and passport size copy of your photograph.

2. The examination will be based on simple Scientific knowledge.

(Sgd)
Dr M.B. Torres
Principal
School of Health Technology.

BENDEL ATHLETES ASKED TO KEEP THE FLAG

FLYING

THE Bendel State contingent to the forthcoming National Sports Festival holding in Ibadan, Oyo State, has been told to strive for new records at the competition.

On the performance of the teams so far, the Director said that a lot of progress had been made, adding that the achievement of success at the festival was the goal of the sports council.



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at "Oluyole '79

The state's commissioner for Information, Culture and Sports, Mr. Asomike, urged them to excel because, according to him, Bendel State had always won the competition at previous festivals.

The commissioner also advised the athletes to be diligent in their training and to maintain high standards of discipline and conduct throughout the festival.

The State Sports Council called on parents to regard the exercise as a matter of pride and joy with which everyone should be concerned with.

Earlier, the Director of training in the State sports council, Mr. Jimmy Omagbemi, told the commissioner that a total of 726 athletes of the 915 expected, had already reported at the Afuze, Sabongida-Ora and Benin camps.

Mr. Omagbemi said that out of those present at the camp, 73 athletes were dropped after failing test trials.

Some of the problems facing the athletes at the Afuze camp are shortage of pipe-borne water and electricity, he said.

Mr. Omagbemi therefore appealed to the government to assist the athletes by providing them with these facilities.



Totty O. Totty, Rivers intermediate



NBB OF C CAN'T BE QUESTIONED!

"THERE is nothing the Nigerian Boxing Board of Control can do about a bad judgment once the officials for a bout have been chosen."

The secretary of the Board, Mr. Emmanuel Adeleye, made this statement over the decision in abantweight contest between John Ben of Cross River State and Young Alli of Lagos State at the National Stadium, Surulere last week.

The match officials, Messrs J. B. Oguntoye, Louis Majekes and Folurunsho Jacobs had awarded the fight to Young Alli on a split decision, two of them making it a draw.

As soon as the result was announced most of the spectators showed their disapproval by booing the match officials. The demonstration continued for more than 30 minutes as some spectators showered

money on John Ben while others left their seats to go and raise his hand as a victory sign.

A NAN correspondent at the scene thought that John Ben should have received a unanimous decision.

Mr. Adeleye with whom was another official of the board, Col. C. I. Ode said that the Nigerian Boxing Board of Control could not question a referee's decision.

They both added that "the reaction of the public is enough judgment on the officials."

Later, just before the main bout of the evening, it was announced that the board had ordered a rematch between the two boxers. The announcement added that the winner of the rematch would meet the Nationalbantweight Boxing Champion, Chris Emenogu for the title.

It could be recalled that the main bout of the tournament between Commonwealth and African Boxing Union Lightweight weight champion, Obisa Nwaikpa and Jacques Anatole of France was stopped in the fourth round when his manager threw in the towel to save Jacques from further punishment.

Earlier in the third round, Jacques suffered a cut in the right eye from

Obisa's left punch but insisted that the fight should continue.

In the first supporting bout which lasted eight rounds, Isaac Ewefa of Bendel State lost to Selvin Obeamsi of the Republic of Benin by a unanimous points decision.

Billy Famous of Lagos State had a similar unanimous points victory over Yunde King also of Lagos State in a light-eight contest.

The tournament was the second of a series of three planned by the Nigeria Boxing Board of Control with a view to raise funds for the World Boxing Council Medical Symposium beginning in Lagos on the 18th of this month.

4TH NATIONAL SPORTS JAMBOREE

Soccer draws now out

Rivers play Sokoto

Seventeen sports games will be featuring at the 4th national sports festival, "Oluyole '79", holding soon in Ibadan, Oyo State — and the cream of the games-football, will be played-off on September 1. Niger state will lock horns with Kwara state in the opening match. Thirty-eight teams in both senior and intermediate categories will participate during the sports fiesta.

According to NEA sources, none of the footballers invited into the "Green Eagles" camp, will be allowed to play for their states during the sports jamboree.

The football matches which will be played on knock-out basis will hold at four venues — Liberty Stadium, Olubadan Stadium, Adamasigba sports centre and the University of Ibadan football field.

According to the draws for the games (senior), Rivers State will lock horns with Sokoto State while defending champions, Imo are meeting Ondo. Anambra are playing against Bendel while winners of both will play out with Kaduna State.

Other fixtures are: Oyo State versus Plateau, Kano versus Benue while Borno state will take on winners of Niger/Kwara encounter. Lagos state are clashing with winners of Imo/Ondo match while Ogun will iron it out with Cross River State. Bauchi are meeting Gongola.

And in the intermediate category Rivers are meeting Cross River while winners of both will square up

against Plateau State. Other fixtures are Gongola versus Kwara, Imo versus Ogun, Niger versus Anambra and Benue versus Ondo.

Winners of Niger/Anambra are meeting Bendel while Bauchi will iron it out with Sokoto. Kano are billed to lock horns with Oyo while Lagos are meeting winners of Kano/Oyo encounter. Kaduna will play against Borno.

Obasanjo strokes to glory

The Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo proved superb last week at the Police Officers' Mess Squash Rackets Court Kaduna when he defeated three of his opponents 2-1, 2-0, 2-0 and 2-0.

In the first game played between General Obasanjo and Mr. Victor Pam, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, General Obasanjo won by 2-1.

The second game, played between Major General I.A. Akinnade, the 1 Infantry Division GOC, was also in favour of

General Obasanjo 2-0 games.

Also defeated by General Obasanjo was the Kaduna State Military Administrator, Group Captain Ibrahim Mohammed Alfa, who was beaten 2-0.

The Head of State however lost to the son of the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Daniel Pam, the 1st Kaduna State Junior (Closed) Squash Rackets Champion by 1-0 game.

Wednesday, August 8, 1979

WHO aid for medical research

₦50m boost for 2 hospitals



DR PETER OGBURN
Federal Commissioner for Health

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) will be spending about ₦50 million to bring the IGBOBI Orthopaedic Hospital in Lagos and the Aro Mental Hospital at Abeokuta, Ogun State, up to international standard in the next three years.

The amount will be spent on research and training in the two hospitals which the organisation is designating as international centres for research and training this week.

The Deputy Director-General of WHO, Professor T.A. Lambo told the News Agency of Nigeria (N.A.N.) that the centres would be opened to all English-speaking African countries for use.

Professor Lambo said that WHO's enforcement in the two medical institutions was in recognition of their potentials to perform the three main functions of providing diverse services to the people of Africa and Nigeria in particular as well as conduct research and offer training in their peculiar fields.

Great Nig. People's Party (GNPP)

The Great Nigeria People's Party (GNPP) in the Rivers State reminds the general public that the Presidential Election takes place on Saturday, August 11, 1979.

GNPP presents Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim as its Presidential candidate.

**WAZIRI FOR PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR
WAZIRI IBRAHIM**

(Signature)
O. E. OSUNDU



Guest at Govt house

THE chairman of the Grana Board of Nigeria, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau is currently visiting the Rivers State on an inspection tour of the board's operational offices in the state.

The chairman on Monday paid a courtesy call on the state Military Administrator, Commander Sulaiman Sa'ida at Government House, Port Harcourt.

Picture: Alhaji Ibrahim is seen signing the visitors book while Commander Sa'ida looks on.

No transfer please - Jakande

THE Unity Party of Nigeria, Governor-elect for Lagos State, Alhaji Lateef Jakande has described as unreasonable, the recent Nigerian People's Party (NPP) demand for the interstate transfer of electoral commissioners.

Speaking to the Tide in Lagos, he said if the NPP had discussed plans in some electoral commission it should have suggested their dismissal and not transfer.

Transfer from where to where, he asked. "All the five registered parties are national and there is no guarantee that a corrupt electoral officer in one state will not be corrupt if transferred to another state." You do not transfer a crook, you dismiss him", he pointed out.

On the shadows hanging over the projected alliance of four parties, Alhaji Jakande said they were the result of too much talking.

Most of the principal actors in that alliance drama are accomplished talkers who talked themselves out of any workable solution to a possible deadlock in the presidential elections, the Lagos State governor-elect observed.

He, however, expressed optimism and prospects of real co-operation between political parties in the country. Alhaji Jakande said the UPN will benefit if Nigerian politics would profit more from co-operation than from confrontation.

IMPROVED STANDARDS ENVISAGED

Sub-stations are to be strategically located throughout the country to offer first aid in order to save accident victims from loss of blood and internal haemorrhage.

A landing area is now being built at Igbobi to accommodate helicopters equipped to give first aid.

Research in the hospitals will cover operational, clinical as well as epidemiological survey to identify and find solutions to the kind of prevailing disability in Nigeria.

There will also be regular evaluations of researches and strategies in order to determine the progress and role of the hospital, as international centres for orthopaedics.

The Aro Mental Hospital which is to become a neuro-psychiatric centre will perform similar functions as Igbobi.

The ceremony for designating Igbobi will be performed today while that of Aro will be tomorrow.

He said that WHO chose the two hospitals in Nigeria because the country had both the infrastructural facilities and human resources required adding that it could be the first time the organisation was designating any institution in any part of the world.

On training, Professor Lambo said that it was hoped that the facilities in the hospitals would not only stop African countries from sending their scholars to train in Europe, but also put a halt to be brain-drain from the continent.

He explained that WHO would regularly send consultants out to Nigeria on long and short-term basis to conduct research and train doctors.

The Federal Government which will share equal responsibilities with the WHO in developing the two centres, will provide the infrastructure and immunity for consultants and experts from the WHO.

The WHO will provide the expertise for running the two centres. Services to be offered in Igbobi would include the production of artificial limbs and shoes for disabled people.

It's NMA, not NMC

IT is the Rivers State arm of the Nigerian Medical Association that has embarked on "war against quack doctors" and not the Nigerian Medical Council which is a different body. This was stated in Port

Harcourt by Dr. Friday Nwator, chairman of the Rivers State branch of the Nigerian Medical Association. Dr. Nwator was reacting to a publication in our issue of July 31 entitled "War against quack doctors."