

SHORT BIOGRAPHY: P. A. CURTIS JOSEPH.

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Born in 1920 of Nigerian parents. Self educated. Worked under UAC (successors to Royal Niger Company) 1936/1951 and reached managerial status. Left because of involvement in nationalists movements and writing.

Travelled widely attending international conferences on peace and disarmament. First Nigerian to write openly on USSR after three weeks visit 1961/62.

Member World Peace Council Presidential Committee. Left voluntarily in a Berlin conference in 1969 in protest against the split in Nigerian delegation, though I was recognised as overall leader, due to the civil war.

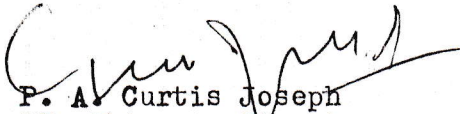
Founder and President of Nigeria Council for Peace. Member of Royal Commonwealth Society. Resigned in 1986 in protest against UK Government South African Policy.

Awarded GOLDEN MEDAL AND RIBBON in 1965 by Czechoslovak Society for Foreign Relations. Awarded International Lenin Prize in 1966.

Businessman 1952 to 1982 (export and light industry). Now settled down full time on research and writing about human problems-individual, national and international.

ENCLOSURES: (All photo copies)

1. Clippings from Nigerian newspapers, 1965/66.
2. Citations for the awards from Czechoslovakia and USSR.
3. Exchange of letters between The Royal Commonwealth Society and me on my resignation.


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