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ANPSO's Secretary (Moses Atukpe) is Dead

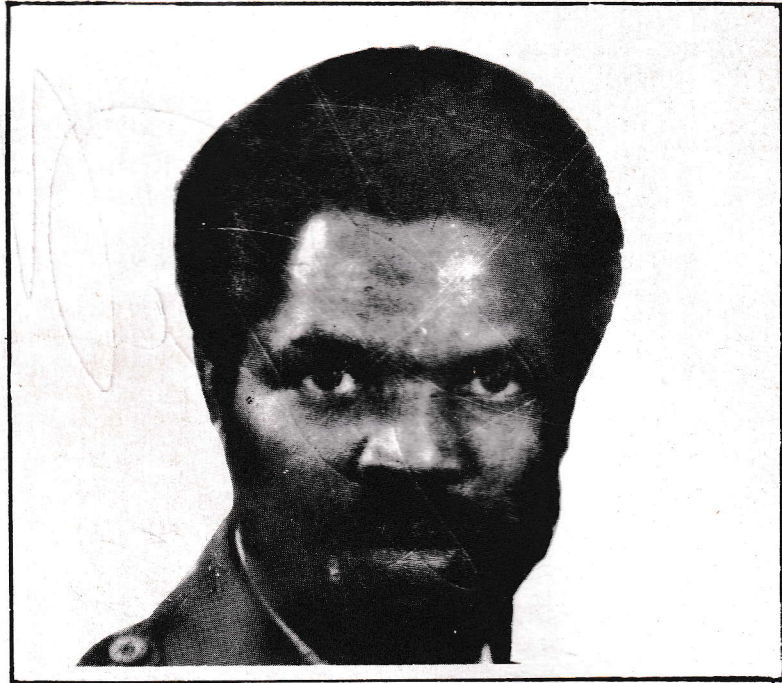
The All-Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation has announced the death of its 40 year-old General Secretary, Comrade Moses Atukpe.

He died in an East Berlin hospital on Saturday August 9, 1986 after a brief illness. He was buried seven days after in East Berlin..

Comrade Atukpe, fondly nicknamed "John Bull" by his ANPSO friends, was before his new appointment as General Secretary, the Commercial Controller of the New Horizon.

He is survived by a mother, his East German wife and two children. In a moving condolence message to his bereaved wife, the ANPSO Chairman, Comrade W.O. Goodluck described his death as shocking and irreparable loss and expressed the hope that his revolutionary spirit will keep marching on.

A special delegation of the ANPSO has paid a condolence visit to his aged mother, resident in Benin City.



LATE COMRADE MOSES ATUKPE

May his revolutionary spirit keep marching on...

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Sir,

I have been looking at pictures of May Day Centenary Celebrations in Lagos carried in our New Horizon Magazine of June, 1986 and they really do tell some stories.

How seriously we understand our role as workers in this repressive society and what our contribution should be seem: not to have been clearly registered in our bearings. Most other Unions should look carefully at the photograph of the N.U.R. contingent and copy them. Parades are really ceremonies with a purpose.

O.J. OGARANYA

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Education Bookshop,
Owerri, Imo State.

GHOST OF IMF

Sir,

The July, 1986 edition of your magazine was full of interesting stories. The most interesting one to me was the "Ghost of IMF Again?" written by 'Jide Salami.

The scientific analyses of the Nigerian economy shows that we cannot do without the IMF loan as the article has rightly pointed out.

The recent development in the economy

FROM OUR MAILBAG

of this country shows how the ghost of IMF is haunting us. How does one explain the introduction of the Second-Tier Foreign Exchange Market (SFEM)?

We rejected the IMF loan and its conditionalities through the 'front door' but gradually we are implementing all the conditionalities through the 'back door'.

The introduction of SFEM is another method of devaluation of the naira.

Until we dismantle the present dependent capitalist system which we are operating, the ghost of IMF shall continue haunting us for long.

'Wale Salami
Lagos.

POLITICAL PROBLEM

The instability of our country's political system has been the major cause of our economic woes.

We should have a stability of government in Nigeria by adopting Socialism.

We have tried almost every system in Nigeria except socialism and we have not yet laid a sound foundation for the country since independence in 1960. We have not also been able to build a virile nation because just in 25 years, we have had eight different governments, being six military and two civilian.

Now the country is facing economic crisis.

It is a transparent truth that all our past leaders illegally enriched themselves. They are all now proud owners of large-scale farms, the most expensive interntional hotels in Africa today, while some are running multi-million shipping lines.

The BIG question is; How did these past leaders come about their wealth? I mean, how much salary were they earning as civil servants?

It is now one year ago when President Babangida became the leader of this great nation, yet no improvement is in insight. Our economy is still in the doldrums. The introduction of SFEM will not solve the problem either.

Capitalism is the main problem because capitalism breeds corruption. It is high time we crave for socialism in this country as it is the only system that can help this nation out of the crisis.

Francis Lyonmana
Lagos.

Editor's Note,

Once again, we thank our numerous readers who have found time to comment on the issues being raised in this magazine.

More reactions, comments to the contents of 'NEW HORIZON' are welcomed. However, such reactions should be brief and should be addressed to the Editor, New Horizon Publications, 7, Omoniyi Street, P.O. Box 2165, Babalosh, Mushin, Lagos, Nigeria.

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THE NEW OATUU TO COME

Inspite of all the continuing struggle of opposites within the OATUU, Nigeria's Hassan Sunmonu a.k.a leader of the majority faction, recently expressed confident optimism that "the forthcoming congress will be the one to end all the current crises in the continental union, we look forward to it as a congress of unity, a permanent unity."

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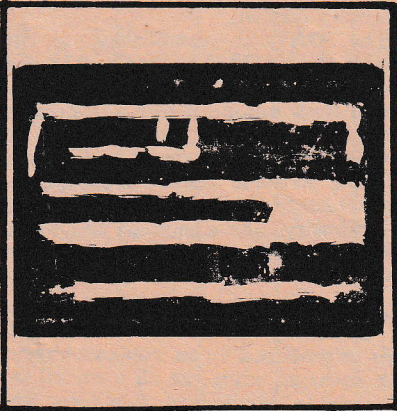
"What we are actually doing in WIN is that, we are analysing issues relating to women at the gender and the class level as well as fighting the gender and the class oppression of women. The WIN is aiming at a society where one class is not exploited by another as well as emancipating women generally."

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THE NLC POLITICAL MANIFESTO

"Labour in politics would halt the use of tribalism, statism and religious differences as instruments for manipulating the people; it would be mass oriented and above all, forge a truly united nation behind a definite ideological posture—which shall be Socialism."

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..... BY ANY OTHER NAME

"It will be too simplistic for anybody to believe that SFEM is now going to bail us out of our economic crises with the continuation of the economic imbalances in terms of ownership of capital, the nature of capital investments, which is more of consumerism rather than to productive sectors."

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