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THE WICKED WAYS OF DELTA STEEL

Sir,
The gas explosion which occurred at the Delta Steel company left ten workers seriously injured. Two paralysed and one amputated. This is a typical example of risking workers life in this industry, because the workers are being exposed to some dangerous toxics, liquids and gasses.

So our government should find some solution to these and the workers should be allowed to enjoy their pensions, and get medical attention free of charge from the management.

Musiliu Alowonle O. Sanni
14, Eletu Odibo Street,
Abule-Ijesha,
Yaba, Lagos.

SFEM

Sir,
Yesterday armed-robbers snatched a 504 Peugeot Saloon Car and killed the driver at Oshodi. Today armed robbers stormed a Commercial Bank at Marina and made away with unspecified amount of Naira in a get away car. Tomorrow armed robbers will break into residential apartment at Ikoyi. The reason for this is that the Government has refused to find them gainfull jobs so the criminals are trying to employ themselves. Automatically, it is the system that Nigeria has been operating for the past 26 years that is solely responsible for breeding criminals.

Emake Nwachukwu
Orile I. amu
Lagos.

OATUU

Sir,
I wish to congratulate Comrade H.A. Sunmonu as the new OATUU Secretary-General.

I consider this chance as an opportunity for him to execute some of his progressive policies to fight apartheid and equally protect the interest of the African Working Class.

I have no doubt that within the shortest period of time OATUU will put on a progressive and new out-look.

Meanwhile, I wish Comrade Sunmonu best of luck during his tenure of office.

Abbey Akin oshun
65, Apata Street,
Somola, Lagos.

NYSC

Sir,
One of the terms of the Decree which established the National Youth Service Scheme says that "To develop common ties among the corpsers and promote national unity by ensuring that as far as possible youths are assigned to jobs in states other than their states of origin." But can one honestly say that the scheme has achieved any unity? Perhaps it will achieve some sort of unity in future because no time limit is set for this unity that the Decree was talking about. I feel strongly that Unity will come after the Youth have been exploited!

Friday Odibo
Benin City,
Bendel State.

APARTHEID

Sir,
May I use this medium of your progressive magazine to appeal to all the African countries especially the frontline states not to relent their efforts in their struggle for the freedom of South African people and the immediate release of Nelson Mandela.

I am very optimistic that with the intensification of the struggle, Botha regime will soon fall and become a thing of the past. The struggle continues.

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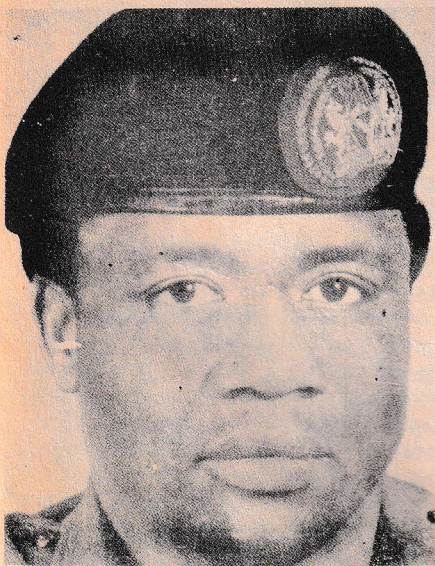
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PRESIDENT IBRAHIM BABANGIDA



PA IMOUDU (a.k.a. Labour Leader No. 1)

IMOUDU'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

"The year 1987 is just beginning and seems very pregnant. It is a pregnant year because it is the year of the harvest of SFEM. It is the year of the Political Bureau reports. It is the year of many things. Forecasters have been blowing out hot and cold at the same time. Chief Michael Imoudu, the fiery Labour Leader a.k.a. Labour Leader No. ONE sent a soul-searching message to workers". We publish his message on page 13

ONE MILLION NIGERIANS SIGN FOR WORLD PEACE!

"The All-Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation (ANPSO) held a big Peace Rally on Monday December 8, 1986, at the City Hall in Lagos where it launched a campaign for 1,000,000 signatures to a four-point appeal to the super-powers for world peace and disarmament.

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CAMPAIGN FOR ONE MILLION PEACE SIGNATURES GOES NATIONWIDE

Shortly after the launching of the Signature-For-Peace campaigns in the great City Hall of Lagos on December 8, 1986, the All-Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation has set up signature-collecting machineries in all parts of the federation. The main instruments in all states, and local government areas are the trade unions, students bodies, farmers organisations, women organisations, professional associations, religious bodies and associations etc etc.

Look out in your state or local government areas for the Peace Campaign secretaries.

SIGN NOW FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

**Join the ALL NIGERIA PEACE AND
SOLIDARITY ORGANISATION**