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**BRAVO, NEW HORIZON**

**RE- THE  
WICKED WAYS  
OF DELTA STEEL**

THE attention of management has been drawn to a news item in the December 1986 publication of the NEW HORIZON captioned, "The Wicked Ways of Delta Steel Company" and credited to the then Acting General Secretary of ISWUN, Comrade W.C. Adenuga.

Contrary to the unfortunate views expressed on the treatment of injured workers in Delta Steel Company Limited, at no time are injured workers forced or expected to work when they are sick and have been issued with excused duty certificates. Every member of staff of Delta Steel Company, right from the General Manager to the least staff, is insured for 24 hours four times his annual salary under the Group Personal Accident Policy. In every case of injury to staff, there are three categories under which compensation is paid.

**EXPLOSION OF 5TH APRIL, 1984.**

The industrial accident which is the case referred to in the said publication occurred as a result of an explosion in the Continuous Casting Department of our Company on 5th April, 1984. It was duly reported to NICON, our Insurers, and individual claims were filed accordingly in respect of each of the victims.

It is therefore crystal clear that not only the injured workers were insured like every other member of staff of the company, as you would want your undiscerning audience to believe, they were all well treated and are now happy and contented contributors to the overall effort of sustaining the Miracle here at Owian-Adadja.

We would like to suggest that you should cross-check your information relating to issues you hardly know anything about in the future, if it is an object of public consumption.

M.A.B. Efemini  
for General Manager/Chief Executive.

Dear Editor,

I commend you greatly for your immense and immeasurable contributions toward educating and enlightening the masses through the one and only paper *New Horizon* which has been fighting tenaciously with total commitment of exposing and revealing the brutal exploitation and oppression of the working class.

The rapidity with which Nigeria is sinking into capitalist morass with all its inherent irreconcilable social contradictions should be a matter of concern to all progressive minded people of this country.

Continuous decline in the standard of living and deterioration of the living condition of the mass of the people make life intolerably gloomy to millions of our people. With this appalling and miserable condition of the common man profit is growing progressively, primitive capital accumulation is going on unabated. Capital is now being placed above humanity. Capitalism is killing us. It is setting us against ourselves, let nobody talk of godliness and humanism, heinous crime and great atrocity are daily being committed in the name of capital.

We are in economic blind alley, groping in the dark but comprador bourgeoisie are preaching economic reliance while working for economic dependence, talking of economic prosperity while poverty and hardship are the answer. They talk of unity but are working for disunity, eulogising that Nigeria is our own while experience shows that Nigeria is for minority few, others are peripheral Nigerians.

It is obvious and indisputable that objective factors for a change is ripe and over-ripe. It is equally an irrefutable fact that the dominant class will use all powers on earth to maintain the status-quo. Regretably, the subjective factors are seriously lacking.

It will be a fatal miscalculation to assume that the working class will automatically smash and defeat the comprador bourgeoisie come 1992. The task before us is enormous indeed and all hands should be on deck to organise, harmonise and mobilise the workers, we must harbour no illusion, we must not deceive ourselves that all is well come 1992. We must devote all our efforts to enlightening and educating the workers ideologically and politically,

a great deal of work has to be done to develop the class consciousness of the masses.

The incident of May Day (Worker's Day) shows clearly how disoriented and disorganised the workers are in this country, labour leaders, it appears, seem to lead nobody and workers seem to follow nobody. Our labour leaders, it appears to me are working in isolation, distancing themselves from the people, they are not interested in mass movement, or curing the workers of petty bourgeois intoxication and themselves from opportunism.

They must wake up from lethargy and embrace reality. Capitalism cannot be defeated by phrase mongering and sermonising the theories of socialism, but by fervent resolute and decisive action of workers and their allies coupled with selfless and heroic actions of their leaders. Unprecedentedly vast majority of workers are waiting to be led but in the absence of leaders who will display heroism and revolutionary zeal, the workers will be leaderless and defenceless. Their actions will be spontaneous and unguarded.

Should we allow these negative phenomenon to continue uncorrected? History will not forgive us if we remain passive and disunited while the capitalist are mercilessly and rapaciously plundering and exploiting the workers.

I was extremely happy when All-Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation was launched late last year to raise the awareness of the people to tension looming over mankind and civilization.

ANPSO should be given enough propaganda and publicity, rally and other activities should be organised. We need a combination of specialised knowledge, strength and credibility to dispel any feelings of passivity and resignation and to foster in our people a spirit of activity and commitment in the struggle for the preservation of peace. I want to be a member of ANPSO and to contribute physically and practically towards making peace campaign known to majority that are still unaware of ANPSO.

Comradely yours,  
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"What the Bureau recommended was not socialism. Therefore, what the government rejected was not socialism. The Bureau recommended a name and the government rejected the name... if the government had accepted the Bureau's recommendation on ideology, we would have faced many problems."

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Lt. Gen. Theophilus Danjuma

### RETIRED GENERALS IN BIG BUSINESS

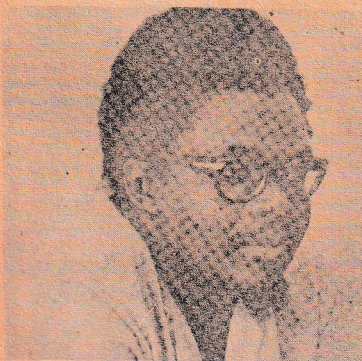
As the retired Generals step out of the barracks, so to say, another glittered step leads them onto big company directorship, or to fabulous farming fortunes or to bank-ownership or to airline, ocean-line or big transport proprietorships.

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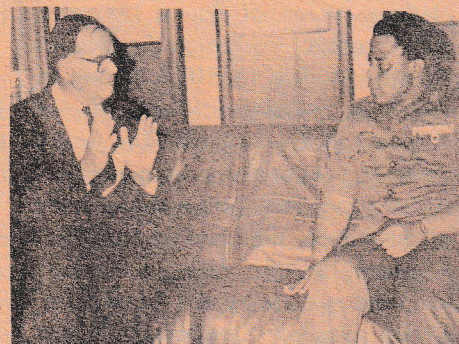
### AJAKUTA- THE WORLD BANK PRESSURE THAT MAY ABORT OUR STEEL PROJECT

Everybody knows that Nigeria's march to true technological age stands on Ajakuta. The President of the World Bank, Mr. B. Conable visited the ASC when he was here last month. He saw for himself, the progress at Ajakuta but the Bank is insistent that work must stop.

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Edwin Madunagu



Mr. B. Conable with  
 President Babangida

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# NUCLEAR DANGER!

1 The explosive power of the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima was equal to "only" 13,500 tons of TNT. It killed 100,000 people and subjected tens of thousands of others to endless suffering. Today there are more than one million "Hiroshima bombs" in existence on Earth.

3 In the event of an all-out war the immediate results of the use of nuclear weapons alone would be the death of at least 2,500 million people, or nearly half of mankind.

## FACTS TO PONDER

2 If nuclear munitions totalling "only" 100-150 megatons are used in a nuclear conflict, a "nuclear winter" will set in. It will last for several months, which will most likely result in the end of human life on Earth.

4 The destructive power of the arms aboard a single Poseidon submarine is three times greater than that of all the munitions used in the Second World War, including the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The fire power of one Trident submarine is eight times greater. The United States now has 31 Poseidons and six Tridents.

## ONE MILLION NIGERIANS SIGN FOR THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND! HAVE YOU?

Join the All-Nigeria Peace and Solidarity nationwide campaign for a nuclear-free world.

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