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ECOWAS: WAGES AND PRICES

Dear Editor,

Let me congratulate you on your recent economic research tour of some West African countries. The result of this tour by no means is your thought-provoking article, "Comparative Wages and Prices in ECOWAS markets" and this should be enough to make Nigerians bow their heads in shame and sadness. Actually when one assesses the natural resources of this great country of ours, against those of other West African countries, Nigerian workers should be enjoying more the fruits of their labour than workers of every country in this region. But it is not so, just because of the avowed exploitative policies of the various governments of this country since independence.

Through the medium of your fighting magazine, the NEW HORIZON, I will like to tell the human rights government of President Babangida to consider canteen allowance for workers in addition to the recent wish-washy salary increases embodied in this year's Budget Speech.

Musiliu Sanni,
Abule Ijsha, Yaba.

Sir,

Nigerian workers owe the NEW HORIZON and for that matter, Jide Salami your Deputy Editor who recently toured some ECOWAS countries so as to bring to us how workers in those countries are treated by their various governments. And the report is nothing good to write home about when compared to the wages, salaries, allowances and benefits of what Nigerian workers are entitled to in the midst of large reserves of oil, natural gas and cocoa, just to name but a few of Nigeria's natural resources.

Though President Babangida's 'human rights' government has thrown some crumbs in form of salary increases to Nigerian workers recently, I hope your fighting magazine will not rest on its oars but to continue fighting for the welfare of the toiling masses of Nigeria.

Ayeni Adedapo,
P.O. Box 2467,
FESTAC.

OIL SUBSIDY

Sir,

It is my duty as a right-thinking Nigerian to congratulate you on your Nov-December 1987 edition of the NEW HORIZON especially your write-up: "TROUBLE DE COME O!" This clarity and fearlessness of your stand on pressing national issues is commendable. Please continue your good work so far as you are telling the truth, the teeming masses will support you.

By the way your cartoon on "MASSES— THE EXPLOITED PRODUCTIVE FORCE" says a lot and it confirms the saying "Monkey de work, Baboon de chop".

S. Ayo Olatunbosun,
9, Okelele Street,
Ilorin.

Sir,

I have to give your revolutionary magazine, the NEW HORIZON special commendation on how you managed to remove the paragraph on removal of oil subsidy from this year's budget speech of President Babangida with your edition: "TROUBLE DE COME O!"

You actually showed the danger sign to the government through this particular issue and I am equally happy that the human rights government of President Babangida had taken precaution by not removing the controversial subsidy on oil. I also agree that since Nigeria is an oil producing country, there should be no levy placed on oil under the unholy name of subsidy.

NEW HORIZON is actually one of the few magazines which this country needs. Infact, the government should even subsidise its production.

M. Adamu,
Maiduguri.

I nearly collapsed when I read in the NOV./DEC edition of the NEW HORIZON that minimum wage in poor Benin Republic is ₦315- by far higher than in "rich" Nigeria. Why should this be so? Is it because of the exploiter class which is ruling Nigeria? What should

be the remedy? Mr. Editor, please tell us in your next issue.

Sade Olusei,
Joke Saheed
Tunde Lookman
Iganmode, Otta.

KARL MARX & JESUS CHRIST

Sir,

I wish to congratulate you on your story of Karl Marx and Jesus Christ which I read in Sept/October 1987 edition of the NEW HORIZON. It is no under-statement that Karl Marx and his Comrade Jesus Christ came to perform the same mission on earth because they all preached welfarism.

Myself and some friends now strongly believe that those who always condemn communism are all hypocrites. I cannot even say if these hypocrites are suffering from poverty of facts or diarrhoea of wisdom that is why they always accord the communists with no respect. I also agree with the writer that Christ and Karl Marx are true comrades and it is only some ideologically ill-matured people who have distorted the facts.

Once again, I congratulate you for your thought-provoking story on this all important subject.

Samson Edu,
Port-Harcourt

Sir,

I fully support your article, "How Two Comrades, Karl Marx and Jesus Christ, Co-fight Apartheid." The fact is when one carefully studies the lives of those two gentlemen, one can see that both stood for the same principles— No cheating, that's all. Those who like to cheat their neighbours will only say one is virtuous and the other is vicious.

Mr. Idowu Ajayi,
Oja-Oba,
Ibadan.

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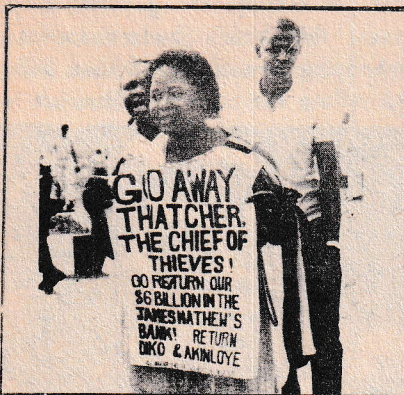
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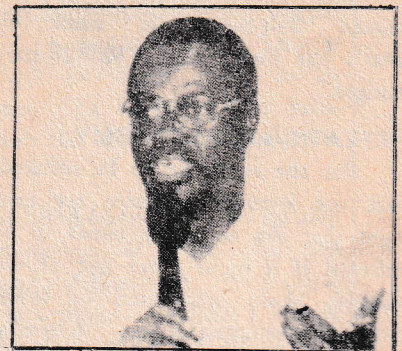


NLC AT 10

"The Nigeria Labour Congress will be ten years old this month-end. It is not yet clear whether a formal birthday party will mark the date. We know, however, that the four-yearly Conference of the Congress this time around will be a special anniversary one. The New Horizon will be there."
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CHIROMANCY FOR BENIN '88

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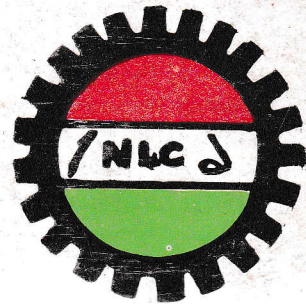
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NEW HORIZON

Nigeria's Marxist Monthly



The Management Board and Staff of the NEW HORIZON— Nigeria's Marxist Monthly— send warmest fraternal Congratulations to the 5 million members and the militant leadership of the Nigeria Labour Congress on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

The NEW HORIZON wishes the NIGERIA LABOUR CONGRESS and all its 42 affiliates success in their selfless service to the working class of Nigeria.

There is Victory for us in the struggle for a workers' Nigeria.

Solidarity for Ever

For the Congress Makes the Working Class Strong!

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