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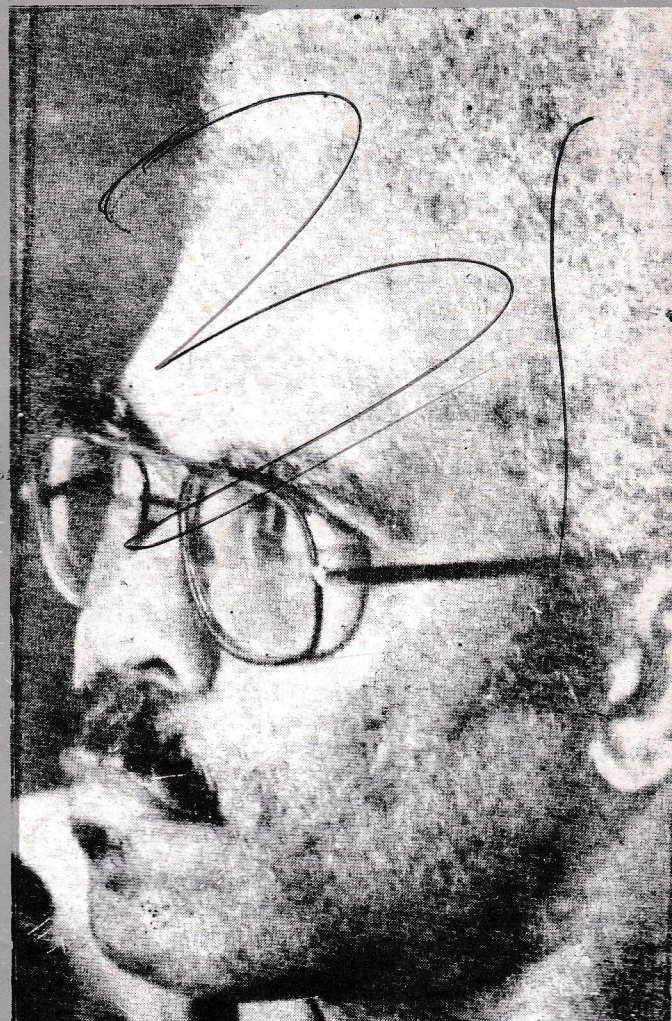
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# Who Bunkers Oil to South Africa?



**THE OTHER SIDE OF PATRICK WILMOT'S STORY**

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**FROM OUR MAILBAG**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

Dear Editor,

Your cover choice 'Open Letter to all Councillors, and Council Chairmen' of January 1988 came at the most appropriate time in this country's history. Unfortunately, Nigerians had been treated to the game of lootocracy by one set of elected men who the military called to order in 1983.

It is therefore noteworthy that a paragraph in your piece under reference advised the councillors and the chairmen to stay stainless, irrefragable, impeccable, and be above all temptations of contract kick-backs."

Musiliu O. Sanni,  
Yaba.

Dear Editor,

I am peeved at the law which makes it mandatory for any worker who aspires to any elective post in government to give up his job before coming to contest. This is sheer discrimination and moreover, a ploy to always make the poor workers the under-dogs. No doubt in most cases, one sees self-employed lawyers, doctors, businessmen, etc. always dominating the councils to the detriment of the masses.

I hope workers will be able to identify their allies and vote for them during future elections. This is the only way which leads to attainment of workers power.

John Arabambi,  
Kaura Namoda.

Dear Editor,

Your 'Code of Conduct' to all future Councillors and Council Chairmen country-wide will definitely go into history as one of the finest sermons that could only be equalled by the legendary biblical sermon on the mountain that took place over some two-thousand years ago.

If all these elected men whom this precious letter is directed will pay heed to the admonitions therein, how soon will the whole Nigerian society be synonymous with progress?

Ibikunle Lekan Dixon,  
Abeokuta.

Volume 8, No. 2 of February 1988 issue of the NEW HORIZON had gone a step further in educating Nigerian workers especially the fledgling unionists as to how the Nigeria Labour Congress came into being.

Notably, some people will see their names with joy in this particular issue of your reputable magazine while others will cover their faces in shame— those who played negative role in the whole episode. I mean those who sided with their various managements against the interest of the suffering masses.

Finally, I do not entertain any doubt that the NEW HORIZON will do its best to throw its Marxian search-light on the current Nigeria Labour Congress crisis for the benefit of the suffering masses.

Comradely Yours,

J.A. Bright,  
Minna.

**DEMONSTRATION**

Some of us are actually indebted to the Nigeria Labour Congress and the All Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation for the able way they executed a very successful demonstration to protest against the recent visit of the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

Though officialdom welcomed, dined and supported this lady of doom for our brothers and sisters in South Africa, I believe Mrs. Thatcher and the husband would not have been left with any molecule of doubt that Nigerian workers were not in need of her visit for any thing.

Afterall, what did Mrs. Thatcher want to achieve with her visit. She should send us our Umaru Dikko to come to answer charges of lootocracy prepared against him, but she refused. So what again?

With one voice, African workers told Mrs. Thatcher in black and white, to accelerate the quick release of Nelson Mandela but she refused. A dead-conscious human specie indeed

Apply economic sanctions against the Botha regime, Mrs. Thatcher refused and said, "that is not the solution to the South African problem."

Without doubt, every Tom, Dick

and Harry knows why Mrs. Thatcher refused an application of economic sanctions. Her husband's multi-million business empire would collapse in South Africa.

It is strange that while notable banks and business concerns are leaving South Africa probably because of the impending inferno which will engulf the area soon or late, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher are still behaving like the proverbial ostrich. Nemesis will soon catch up with them.

May God still protect their business empire in South Africa.

Daniel Sheriff Degbey,  
Ikorodu.

**THATCHER'S VISIT**

It became very clear how the Nigerian Press is selective about events that happen in this country. I don't think any segment of the Nigerian press was able to report what actually happened to Margaret Thatcher when she visited Kano. Well, if the press was aware at all of the events at Kano during her visit then they bluntly refused to report it.

Some of us were so overjoyed when we read, in the progressive NEW HORIZON of the hectic time she had in Kano.

It is a mockery that the so-called iron-lady escaped the press conference which she herself promised the Nigerian Press.

She rather substituted this for a faint and defeatist bye-bye wave to those who were at the airport to ask her some few questions on her role on the apartheid question.

Margaret Thatcher is indeed a coward!

Adetutu R. Balogun,  
Osodi, Lagos.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

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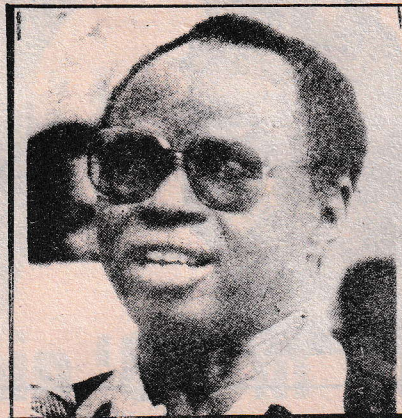
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### OIL SUBSIDY CRISIS NLC has widened it into popular Struggle

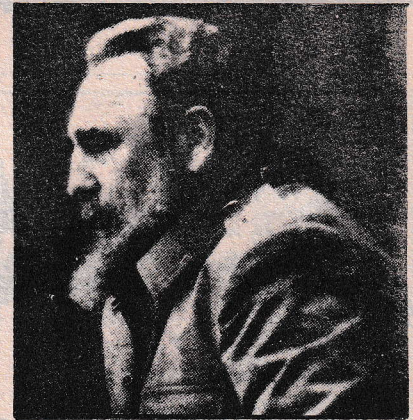
"But the most disturbing thing about the whole matter is that no one in government seems to know the exact percentage of the government subsidy to be removed, whether piecemeal or in one fell swoop. Nobody seems sure."

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### IMF DIGS DEBT PIT DEEPER FOR AFRICA

"As the amount of African loans and programmes expand the economies of African countries have worsened. This is not a mere coincidence. The more African countries implement IMF or World Bank programmes, the more they sink into the quick-sand of poverty and debt."

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