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Whose interests are the watchdogs protecting: The common man or the capitalist class?

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Kudos for N.H.

Dear Editor.

I have to confess that upon reading the NEW HORIZON from a friend who is your subscriber, I was filled with great joy and happiness that we have a magazine like this in this country to educate workers on their rights.

I am a youngman of 22 years of age and have discovered that the NEW HORIZON is a fighting magazine that never calls a spade a digging implement as a host of others in this country have been doing. Infact, your magazine is fantastically fearless and I urge you to continue till workers government is won by the masses for the masses.

Chukwuemeka Mba, St. Michael's Sec. School, Nimo, Anambra State.

Thank you very much for the helpful information you gave me about the NEW HORIZON.

I have to tell you frankly that I am in love with your magazine together with its supplement on international issues especially how socialism is growing stronger and stronger in other lands. As a matter of fact, things are not moving here in Nigeria as fast as in other socialistoriented developing countries. When shall the workers of Nigeria be free from their oppressors?

I hope you will continue to educate the Nigerian working class to take up its rightful position—workers power.

Ekhator Ojo-Osagie, Benin City.

I read with keen interest your May/June edition of NEW HORIZON, Nigeria's Marxist Monthly. Never, until that time I knew what your magazine stands for—workers rule.

I now realise missing a great thing in life so kindly let me have your last issues from January to Aprif 1988.

I would have requested for a whole lot of back copies including "Retired Generals in Big Business" of Aug/Sept 1987 but for my lean purse.

I hope you will continue with your fearless fight for the recognition of the working class as owners of the wealth of this country of ours.

Aluta continua!

FROM OUR MAILBAG

KARL MARX & JESUS CHRIST

I wish to congratulate you on your story of Kari Marx and Jesus Christ which I read in Sept/October 1937 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 diarhoea 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.

Daniel Sheriff Degbey, Ikorodu.

CHRIST: MYTH OR REALITY?

I am a regular reader of the NEW HORIZON. Your Nov/Dec. 1987 edition which carried: 'Christ: Myth or Reality' made very interesting reading and you promised to conclude this story in your subsequent issues. Lo and behold, I have searched through all the follow-up issues but could not find the conclusion of this very important story which has eluded mankind for over two thousand years now.

I will be grateful if you can conclude this story very soon. I am waiting anxiously for it. I am one of your faithful readers.

Dennis M. Shamaki, Fotia Via Gombi, Gongola State.

MANDELA

I AM appealing to Pieter Botha of South Africa through the medium of your fighting journal to release Nelson Mandela immediately without any condition.

Nelson Mandela has suffered too much in the racist prison. How can an innocent person like Mandela who sought freedom for his people be kept in prison indefinitely? Now Mandela is reported to be suffering from tuberculosis and we all know this illness was caused by ill-treatment and bad food in the South African jail.

Let Pieter Botha be warned that should Mandela die in prison, the whole South Africa will be on fire!

Olalekan M. Sanni, Yaba.

I WISH to congratulate the All Nigeria Peace and Solidarity Organisation for organising a mammoth rally in Lagos to celebrate the birthday of that illustrious son of Africa, Nelson Mandela

May ANPSO continue its fight against apartheid and human degradation relentlessly. We know Botha does not understand the language of peace but persistent pressure will win the fight.

Samuel Kolawole Ogunkande, Ado-Ekiti, Ondo State.

PRAISE be to the NEW HORIZON for drawing the attention of the world to the unjust imprisonment of Nelson Mandela. I read all about it with rapt attention in your July issue. It is equally commendable that the write-up was supported with lively pictures as if the Mandela episode happened only yesterday.

Sherifat Muktar, Kaduna.

SOME of us just can't understand why Botha continues to keep Nelson Mandela In prison. We feel an innocent and peaceful man like Mandela should not be made to waste away any longer. What offence has he committed? Posterity will soon tell the world how wicked apartheid is. We know Mandela will never die in prison.

Chukwuma Chid, Owerri.

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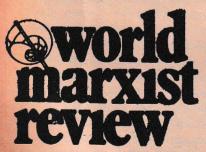
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INTRO

THIS issue carries a number of exciting features, two or three of which provide most of the talking points.

In an essentially capitalist or socialist setting or in a milieu of class struggle where two world economic systems are contending for dominant survival, can a newspaper or periodical be truly objective in its news presentation or impartial in its political news reporting?

Does freedom of the Press necessarily guarantee for the people the free dom to express their views as they please? Is press freedom the same thing as freedom of expression only the newspaper barons who direct or decide kind of speech can be made through their newspapers?

Has the common man a chance to be heard when the Abiolas, the Ibrus the Yar'Aduas, the Oluwole Awolowos and the rest of the press lords decide to black him out of sight and of hearing?

Whose interest are the privately-owned Nigerian newspapers (watchdogs) protecting today, that of the looter or that of the looted?

New Horizon, this month, tackles this question with a candour that's all its own.

Calabar has voted a Council Chairman, who, by all indications is cer tainly the only one in his new-type class in this country. He is journalist Bassey Ekpo Bassey who already is snaping Calabar Municipal government into the progressive form that the popular masses have been asking for.

Read all about the revolutionary programme of B.E.B's local government of a new type in this country.

The ripples of the April general strike and the fall-outs of the SAP, the petroleum price hike and the oppressive economic measures of the IBB administration are still in the public gossip. Listen to the people talk candidly.

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