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INTRO

THIS month, we bring you a lot of hot stuff. Some of them are

According to the transition programme of the Babangida administration, the ban on political activities will be lifted by the second quarter of this year. It is however no secret that both old politicians and the new breed politicians have been meeting in preparation for the D-Day. Reports have it that some political parties have already been formed. What are the Nigerian workers doing? Will they continue to sit on the fence for the bourgeois class to entrench itself perpetually in power? A number of socialists spoke their mind on this. Find out.

It is no understatement that Liberation Music started by Fela Anikulapo Kuti in Nigeria is fast gaining ground. No doubt a number of young Nigerian musicians have taken up the mantle. One of them is Victor Essiet who in his new album 'Rat Race' has cleverly exposed some of the wrongs being perpetrated against the people by the rulers. He has not asked the people to take up arms in retaliation but his forecast on Nigeria is: "The worst is yet to come."

Following the April 1988 fuel hike crisis, representatives of the 42 Industrial Unions met with the Government side and signed an agreement which is known as Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Military Government and Workers. Out of the blue, the Federal Military Government has unilaterally created a two-tier fuel price by the 1989 budget. Has the Federal Military Government dishonoured this Memo of Understanding?

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THE FMG must release and rehabilitate the NEPA Eleven.

They committed no crime against anybody, least of the state.

The right of workers to embark on industrial action in pursuance of their legitimate rights when denied is universally accepted. This administration cannot abandon the garb of decency for that of a fascist dictatorship.

Workers all working people united in solidarity appeal to release the NEPA 11.