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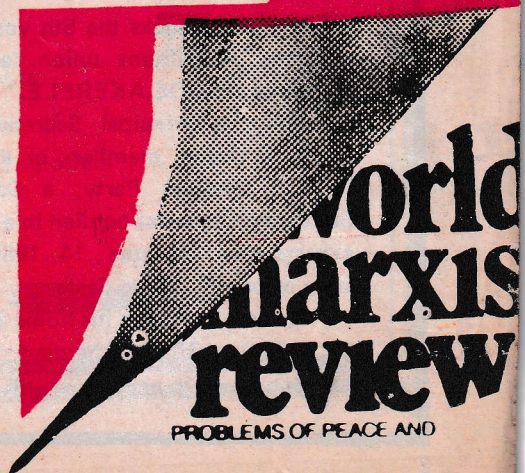
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That Anti-SAP Uprising

Statement by the Nigerian Socialist Alliance

THE Nigerian socialists in a statement signed by Eskor Toyo, Dapo Fatogun, Omotoye Olorode and Edwin Madunagu have condemned government's bloody suppression of the anti-SAP protests.

The statement is published in full below:

"The Nigerian Socialist Alliance (NSA), the umbrella organisation uniting socialist formations in the country, views the current anti-SAP protests sweeping through the country with the greatest concern and apprehension. Our concern and apprehension do not arise only from the unprecedented scale of the bloody confrontation between the security forces and the Nigerian people—resulting in numerous deaths, injuries, arrests, destruction of property and prosecutions. We are much more disturbed by the public statements, both official and unofficial, already put out by leading state functionaries in explanation for the protests and in justification of their armed suppression.

"For, by denying that the anti-SAP protests were spontaneous, popular and mass-based and by denying that they were caused by the regime of acute sufferings which the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) has imposed on our people, and by blaming the protests on "thugs" and disqualified politicians, the Nigerian State is only trying to sweep the root cause under the carpet. But history has taught us that the cause of a mass protest is not removed either by denying it or by ascribing it to a wrong source. We ought to have learnt, through experience, that every social policy—engendering mass protests—becomes more unacceptable when protests against it are violently suppressed.

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JOHN OLAYODE AKERELE 5 YEARS IN MIND

THIS month, clocks the 5th year of the accidental death of a very dear comrade, a militant union leader and a committed communist—JOHN OLAYODE AKERELE.

John, a Principal Secretary with the Civil Service Technical Workers' Union, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Working Peoples Party, a Secretary of the All-Nigeria Peoples' Solidarity Organisation died in a motor accident on the Shagamu-Lagos express way (on June 14, 1984), on his way back to Lagos from his state of origin—Ondo State.

He was buried in his home town, Okeluse, on June 23.

John was 40 when he died.

His revolutionary spirit still marches on.

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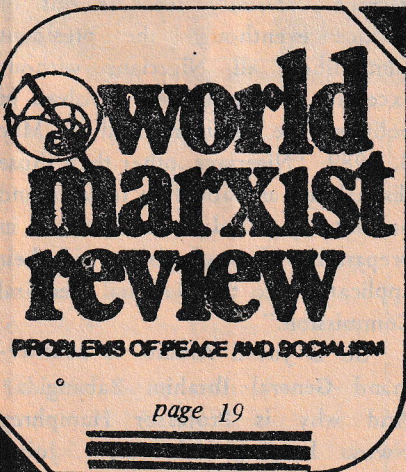
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EDWIN MADUNAGU INTRO

AS the political scene hots up with the proliferation of political associations, your ever lively NEW HORIZON, this month brings you some spicy news menu. Some of these are:

1 Dateline Lagos: May 20, 1989. The yearnings and aspirations of Nigeria's toiling masses were fulfilled. The NIGERIAN LABOUR PARTY was safely midwived. The event brought together people from all walks of life from all over the federation. workers, peasants, farmers, students and progressive intellectuals in an occasion that sent fearful waves across the political scene already bubbling with bourgeois masquerades. We serve you an indepth report on the proclamation of 'a party of a new type.'

2 Last October, when members of the National Electric Power Authority's Senior Staff Association embarked on a justiciable industrial action, little did they realise they were setting the scene for their individual families to walk the path of agony. Today, having been separated from their families, courtesy of the LIFE JAIL clamped on eleven of them, how do their families fare in their absence? Our incisive study answers the question.

3 May Day '89, though celebrated without the traditional vests and caps was never devoid of the traditional display of solidarity by the Nigerian workers. They trooped out in multitude at the Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos to show their displeasure at the government's anti-people policies. It's a piece you'll always want to read.

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SCRAP SAP !

**Students are crying,
That the People are dying
And they are not lying
The People are dying**

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today today !