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WIN calls for free medicare

THE Lagos State branch of the Women In Nigeria (WIN) recently launched a pamphlet stating its position on women's participation in politics at the Romney Hall of YMCA, Lagos.

Launching the pamphlet, Mrs. Bassey Cobham urged people to go home with a copy as it was not only WIN's position but that of the work force of the nation: working class, market women, peasants, traders and the self-employed.

At the occasion, while introducing the pamphlet, the Deputy National Co-ordinator of WIN, Mrs. Glory Kilanko said that the Political Bureau had accepted the pamphlet, praised and commended it only to be thrown aside by the AFRC.

She further stated that WIN believes all Nigerians, especially women should be involved in the debate and decision making on Nigeria's future political and economic system

COMRADE Bashiru Dania has been elected Chairman of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW). He was elected at the rescheduled Third Triennial Delegates Conference of the Lagos State council of the union held recently at the Michael Imoudu Hall of the Nigeria Labour Congress, Yaba.

At the one-day conference, officers were also elected for the union. These include: Comrades Rashidi Lawal and Kadiri Oba, First and Second Vice-Chairman respectively.

Also elected were Comrades A.K. Ariyibi and J.B. Oyebade both as Treasurer and Internal Auditor respectively.

Others are, Comrades Bamidele Thompson, Jimoh Balogun and T.O. Falade, all Trustees.

In his acceptance speech, the Chairman-elect, Comrade Bashiru Dania, re-affirmed his intention to improve the lots of the poor drivers who are members of the union. He

BY FUNMI FAGBOHUN

and that the pamphlet contained recommendations made in order to promote social justice.

The pamphlet contains amongst others: WIN's aims and objectives, its positions on philosophy of government, human and family rights, education and health.

As part of its aims and objectives, WIN seeks to defend the rights of women under the Nigerian constitution and the United Nations Human Rights convention.

Stating its position on the philosophy of government, it called for the expansion of democracy to include the elimination of all forms of exploitation, oppression and subordination.

On human and family rights, WIN urges the recognition of the right of all to organise and form alliances independently without bureaucratic control or property qualifications and the abolition of bride price and dowry.

In the aspect of work and labour, it stated that women should be allowed to enter all fields of employment without prejudice with the recognition of maternity and annual leaves as separate entitlements.

Educationally and healthwise, WIN called for the removal of all gender biases, adding that, there should be free and adequate medical and health services for all (including ante, post natal and child care) with free provision of drugs.

Speaking at the occasion, the Lagos State co-ordinator of WIN, Alhaja Raliat Daniju in her welcome address stressed that the pamphlet is a historic document and that women will not only be voters but active participants in building a just society for the benefit of all and generation, yet unborn.

She added that a major principle of WIN was to support and influence policies and programmes relevant and beneficial to women and the society.

Lagos NURTW Elects New Exco

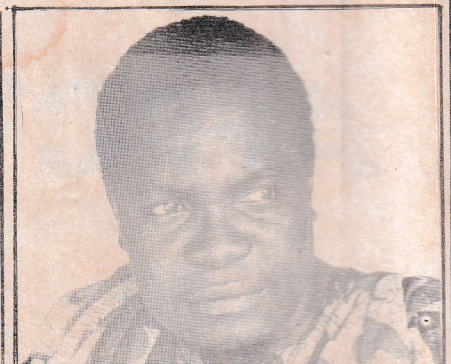
BY CHRIS ADEBAJO

also promised to build a state-owned secretariat of the union during his tenure.

Furthermore, he called for the re-union of the various opposing groups within the union to foster its progress— which, according to him, is paramount— if the union was to achieve anything at all.

However, before the elections Comrade A.K. Ariyibi, Chairman, Lagos State Caretaker Committee of the union called on the Lagos State Governor, Col. Raji Rasaki to lift embargo on the sale of the union Receipts outlawed last August.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Assistant National Secretary of the union, Comrade J.A. Olaoye called on



Com. Bashiru Dania
Chairman, Lagos State NURTW

all the local governments in the state to check the incessant harassment of their Towing Vehicles operators on his union members.

He finally called for the re-allocation of the One Million Dollar SAP relief fund made to the Lagos State Taxi Driver's Association by the Federal Minister of Transport to the Taxi Operators Division of the NURTW.

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INTRO

AS the gestating process continues for political associations seeking registration through the National Electoral Commission (NEC), the NEW HORIZON, in its usual down-to-earth manner this month brings you some socio-political analysis. Some of these are:

At the close of registration July 19, thirteen political associations submitted registration forms and papers to the National Electoral Commission for consideration as political parties.

However, out of this number, only two would be given the nod. Hence, 'political pundits' have started 'perming their two from thirteen.'

Our incisive analysis of the forms and contents of the contesting associations provides you the clue to the TWO SURE BANKERS. It's a MUST read for you.

When the NEW HORIZON sought to feature the people's lawyer, Chief Gani Fawehinmi in its special feature column for the March edition of the magazine, no one ever thought it was trodding a dangerous path.

However, July 4 made all the difference in the history of your fighting journal. A call up to 15, Awolowo Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, (State Security Service headquarters). But why?

Well that's exactly why you'll need to read the story.

The Nigeria Labour Congress, (NLC) is in financial mess simply because some affiliate unions have been failing in their financial duties to the Congress. Not only that, some fraudulently under-declare their membership strength to make them pay less to the Congress.

Which unions are involved in the fraud and how has the Congress been surviving? Our indepth investigation answers the question.

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FREE GANI !

FREE

DN2 DETAINEES !!

FREE

NEPA 11 !!!

**RELEASE
THE NEPA ELEVEN**

THE FMG must release and rehabilitate the NEPA Eleven.

They committed no crime against anybody, least of all 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, appeal for the release of the NEPA 11.

IBB must listen to the voice of the people.