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The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
P.M.B. 5049,
Ibadan.

Displaced Persons

P.322
I am directed to refer to His Excellency the Military Governor's letter No. SP/S.54/288 of 1st February, 1967 and to say that the Inspector-General of Police and all Regional Commissioners of Police are meeting in Lagos on 27th February, 1967 to discuss the subject of the properties left behind by displaced persons.

2. I am therefore to request that you supply, as a matter of urgency, the following facts:-

- (a) Names and addresses of persons wishing to collect their properties.
- (b) Location of properties.
- (c) Nature of properties.

(H. A. V. OMOOBA)
Ag. Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner of Police.



No. CB.0530/W/11A

The Nigeria Police HQ.,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

22nd February, 1967.

Copy to:-

✓ The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

For information with reference to your
letter No. SP/S.54/288 of 1st February, 1967.

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(H. A. V. OMOOBA)
Ag. Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner of Police.



WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RE.2 Vol.II/258

Date 25th February, 1967

Secretary to the Military
Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



Western Nigerian Staff of Eastern
Nigeria Statutory Corporations

With reference to your letter No. SP/S.54/375 of 23rd February, 1967 I wish it to be put on record that when the complaint was made on 17th December, 1966 that the repatriated staff of the Eastern Nigeria Statutory Corporations were not having their salaries paid the position was correctly stated at that moment of time because many displaced staff of Statutory Corporations did not in fact receive their November salaries until the end of December, 1966. In fact many of those affected came to my office several times to make frantic telephone calls to their respective offices in Enugu.

2. What no doubt happened was that the payment of salary was thereafter resuscitated probably as a result of your representation. The allegation of non-payment of salary was not 'untrue' at the time it was made.

(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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M. S. Adigun

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I think that the attached
are meant for retention
in your files since I already
have copies with me.

Hyndale

23/2/67

ckr.

The attached copies of letters are to
be filed away in "Resettlement Counter" file
pl. -

23/2/67

DEAN :

Telephone : Ibadan 22261/117

Telegrams : Ifevarsity Ibadan

THE UNIVERSITY OF IFE,

Faculty of Social Sciences,

~~IBADAN~~ NIGERIA.

DATE 12/2/67

The Registrar,
University of Ife,
Ibadan Branch, Ibadan.

The Registrar,
University of Ibadan,
Ibadan,

The Registrar,
University of Lagos,
Lagos.

The Director,
Nig. Institute of Soc. & Econ. Research,
University of Ibadan.



Dear Sir,

Resettlement of Displaced University Staff

Recently, the Western Nigeria Economic Advisory Council held a meeting with the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, the Chairman of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee and the Head of Service and Secretary to the Military Government to consider the resettlement of Western Nigerians who had returned to the Region from other parts of the Federation.

It was decided that, with respect to the displaced Senior Staff from other Universities who have been taken by your University into non-established posts, the Resettlement Committee should make funds available to you to cover the extra cost which your University incurs. The costs envisaged are:

- (1) Basic Salary
- (2) F.S.S.U. or Pension Contributions by the University
- (3) Housing Subsidy
- (4) Children Allowance
- (5) Basic Car Allowance
- (6) Annual Leave Pay.

It is expected that the staff so employed will be absorbed into the normal University budget in 1967-68 session without additional support from the Resettlement Committee.

Could you, please, prepare a budget in respect of such staff in your University covering 1966-67 academic session and let it reach Mrs. Fola Ighodalo before the ending of February, 1967. It will also be appreciated if you will indicate which staff you have employed into vacant posts and for whom you are not asking for reimbursement.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Aluko
S. A. Aluko

cc. Mrs. Fola Ighodalo, Chairman,
Western Nig. Resettlement Committee,
Secretariat, Ibadan.

Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Secretariat, Ibadan.

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UNIVERSITY OF IFE,

P. M. B. 27,

IFE-IFE.

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Ministry of Agriculture and
Natural Resources,
I b a d a n.



Dear Mrs. Ighodalo,

Resettlement of Displaced Staff - Supplementary
Budget 1966 - 67 Session

The University of Ife has offered appointment to
the following displaced University staff into existing vacancies :

1. Professor A.B. Fafunwa - Professor of Education
2. Dr. S. A. Aluko - Senior Lecturer in Economics
3. Chief I. O. Delano - Lecturer in Yoruba
4. Mr. F. A. Atoki - University Coach
5. Mrs. B. Fashola - Lecturer in Languages
6. Mrs. V.E. Akinwunmi - Asst. Catering Officer

The University has also offered appointment to the
following staff for which no budget exists and on behalf of
whom I am making a request for £8,900 from your committee
as follows :

Name of Staff	Qualifications	Post to which Appointed	Basic Salary for one session	Contribution of Superannuation Pension Fund	Children Allowance at £50 per child up to a maximum of 3	Basic Car allowance at £14:10: per month.	Housing Subsidy where applicable.	Annual Leave Pay £100 for married £60 for single where applicable	Total
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Mr. A. Lasebikan	Diploma in Fine Art	Lecturer in Fine Art	1,725	173	150	174	120	100	2,442
2. Mr. O. O. Ogundipe	M.A., A.L.A.	Sub-Librarian	1,725	173	-	174	120	60	2,252
3. Mrs. J. A. Aluko	B.Sc. Econ: Dip. Soc. Science: A.M.I.A.	Administrative Officer	1,100	110	-	174	-	-	1,384
4. Mr. K. N. Ogedengbe	B.A.	Asst. Lecturer History	1,000	100	50	174	120	100	1,544
5. Mr. A. O. Okubanjo	B.Sc.	Research Asst. Agriculture	840	84	-	174	120	60	1,278
			£6,390	£640	£200	£870	£480	£320	£8,900

It will be appreciated if you will treat this request
with the urgency it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

J. Idorunbolu
REGISTRAR.

cc: Head of Service and Secretary to the Military Government,
Military Governor's Office,
Agodi, Ibadan.

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SP/554
Olujide Adeleke,
84/338 Elokuro Street,
Ibadan.

17th February, 1967.



The Chairman,
Western Region Resettlement Committee,
Regional Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Dear Madam,

APPLICATION FOR INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER

I am writing this with greatest humility and sense of responsibility. I am one of the people repatriated from Eastern Region in October last year.

I hereunder give details of my status in the public service of Eastern Region:- I am a Plant Operator & Attendant Grade I, among the plants which I can operator and maintain are bulldozer, industrial tractors and other road-making machines. I was employed under the Ministry of Works, Eastern Nigeria on 4th January, 1958 and got my promotion to Grade I on 1/7/66 at Abakaliki, which was my last station.

From the above details, you will observe that I have been a Civil Servant with considerable length of service. Furthermore, my appointment has been confirmed since the past six years.

I wish to stress that what I am asking for as a Civil Servant is INTER-REGIONAL TRANSFER in order to make my service continuous. While I honestly realise the arduous task confronting your Committee in resettling us in our homeland, I am convinced that my humble request will not be too difficult for you to solve. In fact, it is common knowledge that many civil servants of Eastern Region origin are being transferred to the East civil service from other public services in the country.

Since I arrived here in October last year, I have been directed by your Committee to two prospective employers: one is Arab Motors (where I was told that my type of work does not exist there) and Asejire Dam Project (where I was told point-blank that there was no vacancy).

The present situation terrifies me a lot. I therefore, pray that you give this matter your careful attention. Imagine a Civil Servant enjoying security of employment now being thrown to the mercy of contractors whose employment is casual and ephemeral!

I am begging you in the name of all that you hold dearly and I pray that God's blessings may be upon you and that His grace may guide you in all your undertakings.

I have checked up in the ministries and I found out that my type of duties exist in the Ministries of Agriculture, Economic Planning and Works and Transport. I want you to give me the opportunity to prove my mettle.

I promise to do my best in serving my fatherland as it may God to give me the strength.

I am,

Yours obediently,

Olujide Adeleke.

cc. Secretary to the Military Governor
W.R.
cc. Chairman, Civil Service Commission

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishment.
" " of Works and Transport.

Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,

It has been brought to the notice of His Excellency the Military Governor that displaced Western Nigerians seeking to secure loans ~~offered by~~ your Committee to enable them re-establish in business and offering to secure such loans with building properties situated in Eastern Nigeria have been refused permission to do so, even when they have presented documents (e.g. conveyances) in respect of such properties.

2. What are the facts please?

(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.

4 March, 1967

Despatched.

C.O.O.

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Note:

To discuss p. 388 with Chairman Resettlement Committee. The petition was written on 19/12/66 and represents the position at that time. It is not known whether by now, the situation has not changed.

6/3/67.

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I have spoken to Mrs. Igboada who has since with drawn pp. 387-9. M. bl above 2 weeks.

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S.M.G.,



P.390
Reference your minute No. SP/S.54/390 of 4th March, 1967. No case has come to my knowledge of a displaced Western Nigerian seeking to secure loans from the Resettlement Committee and offering his building properties situated in Eastern Nigeria as security.

2. It has been however decided that in order to ensure effective backing for loans guarantors provided by displaced persons should be normally resident in Western Nigeria. In the same way securities being offered for loan should be situated in Western Nigeria or Lagos. If this condition is not imposed a situation will arise where a person seeking loan will offer guarantee in a Region where we cannot possibly reach to ascertain the authenticity and the value of such property. As things are in this country at this moment such property may not even be there by the time normalcy returns. It will ~~thus~~ be tantamount to offering loans without proper security or guarantee. The production of documents is not a sure evidence that the property is there and in good condition.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola, Ighodalo)
Chairman

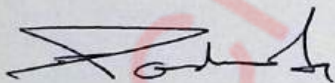
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

7th March, 1967

Y. E.

will recall that one of the points raised during discussion at the recent meeting of Y.E.'s Consultative Committee was that difficulty was being put in the way of displaced Westerners who wish to secure with house and landed properties held by them in the East, loans being given by our Resettlement Committee. I addressed the minute at page 390 to Mrs. Ighodalo on this matter. She has replied as at page 391.

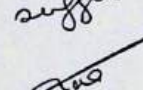
2. Page 391 has denied that any one has been so refused so far. Mrs. Ighodalo has, however, gone further in her paragraph 2 to suggest that such securities will be unacceptable. I am afraid I do not agree with her. I think the situation being faced by the displaced Westerners calls for more sympathetic consideration. If a displaced Westerner seeking a loan from the Resettlement Committee desires to secure such a loan with suitable housing or landed properties situated in the East and is able to produce a Conveyance or other documents in respect of such properties, my recommendation is that subject to the validity of the documents and properties being established on investigation, the Resettlement Committee should accept them.



(P. T. Odumosu)
S. M. G.

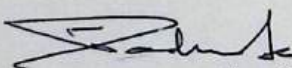
8th March, 1967.

Agreed with your
suggestion -


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C.R.C.

F. n. a. please,



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SMG,

above noted, p1.

Ighodalo
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10¹² March, 1967

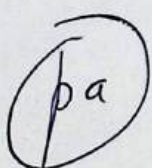
The President,
Ibadan Chamber of Commerce,
o/o Palm Chemists,
Ibadan.

Donation in aid of Displaced Persons of Mid-
Western Nigeria

PP. 394
P. 395 P. 2
I am directed to forward herewith, for your retention the attached letter No.S. 338/13/ of 6th March, 1967 signed by the Secretary, Rehabilitation Committee, Mid-Western Nigeria together with relevant receipt No.000118 acknowledging the generous donation of £10: 10/- made to that Committee by the Ibadan Chambers of Commerce.


(W. A. Adesina)

for Secretary to the Military Government



Our Ref. No.S.338/13/

Military Governor's Office,
(Political Division),
Benin City.

6th March, 1967.

Ibadan Chamber of Commerce,
c/o The Secretary to the Military Government,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Acknowledgment of Receipt

I am directed by the chairman and the entire members of the Midwest Rehabilitation Committee to thank you for your generous donation towards the Committee's appeal fund and to wish you God's blessing in return.

2. Please, find enclosed an official receipt for the sum of Ten pounds and ten shillings.

Yours faithfully,

(Toye Owolabi)
Secretary,
Rehabilitation Committee.

(Copy)

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No. 000118

MID-WESTERN NIGERIA REHABILITATION APPEAL FUND

Received with thanks from IBADAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Through Secretary to the Military Government Western
Region, Ibadan the sum of ten pounds ten shillings
No pence, being donation towards the rehabilitation
of displaced persons of Mid-Western Nigeria origin.

£10: 10s: 0d

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II 279204
Signature of Payer

TOYE OWOLABI
Secretary/Treasurer

✓
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Ref. 2145/65

SP/S.54

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8th March, 1967.

Mrs. Funmilayo Ransomekuti,
Imo - ABEOKUTA.

Dear Madam,

I am directed by His Excellency the Head of the Federal Military Government, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to acknowledge receipt of your telegram on the rehabilitation of displaced persons and to inform you that your views have been conveyed to the appropriate authority.

Yours faithfully,



(H. AHMADU)
Principal Secretary.

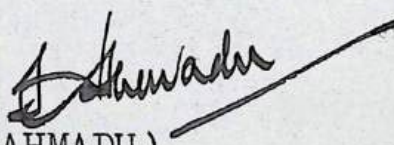
STATE HOUSE,
LAGOS.

8th March, 1967.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Military Governor,
Office of the Military Governor,
IBADAN,
Western Nigeria.

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For information. A copy of
Mrs. Ransomekuti's telegram is attached.


(H. AHMADU)
Principal Secretary.

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By:-

To:-

TM4 HEAD OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT LAGOS

ASSOCIATION OF DISPLACED PERSON MUST RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION
 NIGERIAN WOMEN WANT NO MORE VIOLENCE AND KILLING WOMEN WANT ALL
 NIGERIANS TO LIVE HAPPILY IN ANY PART OF NIGERIA THEY WANT
 HAPPY REHABILITATION AND NOT REMOBILIZATION MAY GOD HELP MRS
 IGBODALO =

FUNMILAYO RANSOMEKUTI

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From p. # 2 of 2 only ml.

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Name and address of sender to be entered on back (Not to be telegraphed)

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2. I shall let GUG see when submitting other more important papers in the w/f -

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March, 1967.

Mr. A. O. Badmos-Ogunsina,
c/o Olatunde Abudu,
132, Broad Street,
LAGOS.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Head of the Federal Military Government and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18th February, 1967 and to advise you to pursue the matter with the Office of the Military Governor of Western Nigeria.

Yours faithfully,

(E. A. KUYE)
for Principal Secretary.

Ref. No. 1985 A.

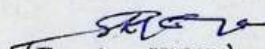
State House,
Lagos.

10th March, 1967.

Copy to:

The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Government House,
IBADAN,
Western Nigeria.

PP 400-401
PP. 2-3-8-9
For information. A photostat copy of the letter referred to is attached herewith.


(E. A. KUYE)
for Principal Secretary.

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A. O. Badmos - Ogunsina,
Ogunsina & Partners,
c/o. Olatunde Abudu,
132, Broad Street,
Lagos.

18th February, 1967.

Lt. Col. Yakubu Gowon,
The Head of Nigeria Military Government,
& Supreme Commander of the Arm forces,
State House,
Lagos.

Your Excellency,

XV I most humbly submit this appeal to your excellency as a refugee of western Nigeria origin displaced with family from Eastern Nigeria. I was a private Professional man as the managing Director of Messrs. Ogunsina & Partners, Building and Civil Engineering Contractors fully established in Umuahia - Ibeku where I had many building Contracts in and around Umuahia with Planning Jobs also at hand before I had to flee the Eastern region with my family of eight leaving behind all our valuable properties and business and all fees outstanding with my profession instruments tools and house properties.

Information has reached me that my house, business office, Building site and material Stores had been looted shortly after my departure from the region and all the Contracts fees due to me are not paid despite my several notes of demand to the owners of the Buildings, without any reply the chances of recovery of them is still worst. I learnt that all my belongings as stated above has been stolen. I have two letters to that effect, and again, I was also informed that the owner of a four flats Storey building one of contract owned by Mr. E. K. O. Ugha who is owing me £507 has continued his building there without giving me any notice or consultation or settlement.

I am appealing to your excellency for an immediate assistance to alleviate the present sufferings now being experienced by me and my family. I wish to give abrief back ground of my past professional experience and details of my financial position before I left Eastern Region and after, as I had been twice affected by west and Nigeria tragedies of 1962 and 1966 respectfully.

I was an assistant Engineer with Messrs. Nigersol Construction Company up to 1962. It was the Western Government crisis which resulted to suspension of Contracts that causes my losing such post.

I had since then established and settled as a Building Contractor since with good reputation, I had completed over £30,000 contract and had over £46,000 worth of Contract from where I had lost £6,100 as due to me on Contracts left behind as a result of fleeing the region, and my family valuable properties in our residential house at 1, Rivers Lane, Umuahia worth at face value £450, Business Office, Equipment, tools, furnitures, instruments valuable books, material in Store, Building plan in making all worth £580 approximately, Building work tools and 2 Concrete mixers, 1 block moulding machine with palette, 15 wheel barrows, scaffolding materials, plane 48 shovel and spades, 18 diggers, worth approximately £690, Building materials, on ground and in site stores, cement, gravel and blocks, bricks, nails etc worth £860 or more all these amount to £2,480. I had been heavily injured, imagine my great difficulty and how I am affected by the two crises, I am facing a very difficult situation like a roadblock, where I have lost my property and my family's difficulties, loss of my good name and my ability to re-establish my business, possibly I can not count my sleepless nights over the past few days.

all these and how to re-settle and be established my professional business.

I will be grateful should your Excellency take immediate action to relieve me and my family from further serious hardship by assisting me and to re-establish.

Either (A) To assist me to re-establish my building and Civil Engineering Contract work by an assistance to get some Contract, with an allowance to re-equip my business tools, instruments and few of other valuable equipments for a builder.

My past reputation record from the Eastern Region had been sent to the Secretary Fed Registration board, Fed Ministry of Works & Housing, Head Quarters, Lagos for Registration by the Eastern Region Registration Board. Your Excellency's assistance is highly required to relieve me and my family.

(B) To assist me with a loan within £2,500 to £5000 to help me re-establish and assist me to go into full immediate paying business. Payable back from the 1st month of the following year, apart from the regular payment of ~~all~~ the normal loan interest as may be required. I wish to state further that I am a hardworking and trustworthy man, I thereby promise to submit to any checking on such till I will balance the loan.

In the meantime, I will respectfully appeal to your excellency for immediate financial aid of about £100, to pay for accommodation and feeding of my family until I am properly established in my professional business.

We are Your excellency,

Mr. & Mrs. A.O. Badmos -Ogunsina & Children
displaced from the Eastern Region of Nigeria.

Signed.....*A. O. Badmos*.....

A. O. Badmos - Ogunsina
for: Ogunsina family.

SAS (11)

*I believe you may wish me to hold
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pp 7-9 on meanwhile until the main
file is available
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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. R.194/16.....

Date...¹⁵16 March, 1967

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



Displaced Western Nigerian Staff
of the Railway Corporation

With reference to my letter No. R.194 of 7th
February, 1967 I am glad to say that all the Western
Nigerian staff of the Railway Corporation whose appointments
were reported terminated have now been re-instated.

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

*File away,
A 17/3*

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S.A.S. (1),

I now re-submit pp. 399-401

Can the minutes at ft 2 p. 401 pl.

2. Yr attention is also invited to
para. 2 of the minute at p. 398 pl.

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S. M. G.,

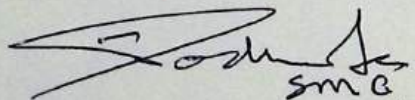
Pages 393-5, 396-7 are for your information only.

2. Reference pages 399-401, the petition at pages 400-1 is from a repatriate resident in Lagos and should, therefore, be properly dealt with by the Federal
X Rehabilitation Board of which Sir Mobolaji Bank-Anthony is the Chairman. If you agree, I propose to reply page 399 accordingly.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
23rd March, 1967.

SAS(1)

Your x above. Sir Mobolaji's Board is a national body set up to raise money. It is not, I was informed, ~~not~~ expected to function as an executive body. There is a separate body - older than Sir M's Board - set up to cater for the resettlement of displaced persons, and it is to that Body the writer of p. 400 should have been directed, except that you seem to have overlooked ~~at~~ top of p. 400 which is probably the justification for letter at p 399.


smc 28/3

Telegraphic Address :
COMPOL, IBADAN

Telephone : 21417
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**REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTERN NIGERIA,
IBADAN**

404
15th March, 1967.

Secret:

His Excellency the Military Governor,
Office of the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.



Recovery of Property Belonging to
Displaced Persons

PP 405-408
I forward herewith minutes of the Commissioners' Conference held on the 27th February, 1967 at Force Headquarters Lagos.

2. I have discussed the contents with the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, Western Region who is taking necessary action.

E. O. Olufunwa

(E. O. OLUFUNWA)
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
WESTERN NIGERIA.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, HELD ON MONDAY THE 27TH FEBRUARY, 1967, AT FORCE HEADQUARTERS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RECOVERY OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO DISPLACED PERSONS.

1. PRESENT:

Alhaji Kam Selem	Inspector-General
Mr. T. Omo-Bare	Deputy Inspector-General (Chairman)
Mr. T. A. Fagbola	Commissioner, Federal Territory
Mr. M. D. Yusufu	Commissioner, Special Branch,
Mr. E. O. Olufunwa	Commissioner, Western Region,
Mr. J. Adeola	Commissioner, Mid-West Region.
Mr. Baba Jimeta	Ag. Commissioner, Northern Region.
Mr. E. Nnodi	Ag. Commissioner, Eastern Region.
Mr. R. V. Jones	Ag. Commissioner, F.M.Q.

2. Introduction by the Inspector-General of Police.

The Conference opened at 9 a.m. and the Inspector-General welcomed those present. Stressing the importance of the deliberations, he charged the conference to make practicable recommendations, bearing in mind the problems of identification, transportation and previous looting. The Inspector-General sought the views of Commissioners on the advisability of permitting persons to return to their former Regions to facilitate recovery of property, but they were generally opposed to the idea, on the grounds of security (Para.4.) The question of the arrest of fugitive criminals was discussed and it was agreed that there should be no difficulty between Regions, provided the correct legal procedure was followed. Before handing the chair to Mr. T. Omo-Bare, the Inspector-General directed the conference to consider, before dispersing, a number of other issues which had been referred to Force Headquarters, including the evacuation of produce and alleged enslavement, (para.9)

3. Address by the Deputy Inspector-General.

Mr. T. Omo-Bare addressed the Conference as follows:-

"We are all assembled here today to discuss a matter of vital importance, the successful outcome of which will restore some amount of confidence in the Military Government and will further demonstrate our sense of responsibility and dedication.

As you are all aware, a lot has happened in this country, resulting in grave damage to the country and the individual citizen. I cannot proceed, if I do not, at this juncture, praise the role of the Police throughout the hectic period of last year. The Police were loyal and steadfast, irrespective of our tribal differences and have become a shining example of a disciplined Force at a time when everybody seemed to have lost their heads. I am equally proud to note that the Public look on the Police for sustenance and this is due to the mature leadership of the Inspector-General, the Regional Commissioners and their officers.

In pursuing the present purpose of our meeting, therefore, I would like this sense of responsibility and maturity to have full sway. A new chapter has been opened in the history of our country, with fellow countrymen abandoning their posts, leaving all they have behind, to seek refuge in their original homes. These refugees, if I may call them so, were once leading a happy life, were law abiding and were contributing their own to the progress of this country. To engender a feeling of belonging, it has been found necessary to arrange for the return of their property to them and the Force has been asked to assist in this. The successful outcome of this operation will further spell us out to the Public as a Government machinery that can be relied upon for efficiency and fair play.

Gentlemen, you are welcome - the technical know-how for a successful outcome of this operation is now the problem we are to solve."

4. General Discussion.

During general discussion, it was agreed that it was inadvisable to permit displaced persons to return, temporarily, to their former Regions, in order to identify and/or claim their property. The Conference was assured that steps had been taken by the Northern and Eastern Governments to schedule, secure and preserve property which now remained. It was agreed that Regional Rehabilitation Committees should set up machinery to document identifiable property and a co-ordinating centre should be formed at Force Headquarters to act as a link between the Regional and Federal Committees. The Conference considered the problems in respect of each class of property, together with the administrative procedures necessary to achieve recovery and resolved:-

5. Police Representation.

The Nigeria Police should be represented by a Senior Officer on each Regional Rehabilitation Committee.

6. Classes of Property:

Property will be treated under three classes, namely:-

a) Unidentifiable personal (Movable) Property

Such property already in the possession of the Police should be sold in accordance with normal rules applicable to the sale of unclaimed property, save that the proceeds will be paid to the Federal Rehabilitation Committee for equitable distribution between Regions. Further recoveries of unidentifiable property will be treated in accordance with these principles.

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b) Identifiable Personal (Movable) Property.

Such property, having been recorded in accordance with the recommendations in paragraph 7, will be labelled and repatriated through the auspices of the Regional Commissioners of Police concerned. In the case of repatriation between the North and East, and vice versa, the Commissioner, Mid-West, agreed to make appropriate arrangements for Benin to be utilised as a clearing house.

c) Real Property (Domestic Dwellings, etc.)

Recognising that some owners have already appointed agents to collect rents, etc. and to avoid frauds perpetrated by unscrupulous individuals, it was agreed that, in addition to the investigation of title and other records recommended in paragraph 7, appropriate steps be taken by the Federal Government to require purchase, sale, leases, etc. to be undertaken through the medium of the appropriate Ministry or Committee of the affected Regions.

7. Rehabilitation Committees.

a) Records.

Each Committee must, in consultation with and assisted by, the Provincial Administration, take active steps to secure and document identifiable movable property in their Regions, belonging to persons who have been displaced during recent disturbances. Property thus identified will be labelled and transported to a Regional centre for onward transmission to the owner's present domicile, through the auspices of Regional Commissioners of Police.

Unidentifiable personal property will be handed to the Police for disposal vide para. 6 a) above.

Efforts must be made to secure, record and establish ownership of real property.

b) Claims.

Displaced persons must be invited to submit ^{parti-} their claims in respect of personal and real property to the Rehabilitation Committee where they are presently domiciled.

(i) Personal Property. Such claims must include a description, value and last known location.

(ii) Real Property. Such claims must include a description, value, location and duplicates of the title documents or other proof of title. In the case of unregistered property or where copies of title documents are not available, the claimant must specify the names and addresses of witnesses to his title, e.g. persons of standing who can satisfy the authorities of the genuineness of his claim.

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8. Claims Co-Ordination.

To facilitate the repatriation of identifiable property and to co-ordinate the activities of the Regional Rehabilitation Committees in relation to the Federal Committee, a Claims Co-ordination Centre will be established at Force Headquarters, under the supervision of the A.C. Special Duties. Claims having been processed at Regional level will be forwarded through this Centre to the appropriate Region. Correspondence will be addressed as follows :-

The Inspector-General of Police,
Claims Co-ordination,
The Nigeria Police,
Force Headquarters,
Obalende,
Lagos.

Under no circumstances will any claim be entertained which has not been processed through the Regional Rehabilitation Committee.

9. Other Business.

In addition to recommendations in respect of specific complaints, the subject of separate minutes, the Conference was unanimous in recommending that the problems of unemployment and food supply call for an urgent return to the land at all levels of society.

(Sgd.) R. V. Jones
Ag. Commissioner, (F.H.C.)
for Inspector-General of Police.

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COL, IBADAN

Telephone : 21417

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WESTERN NIGERIA,
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23rd March, 1967

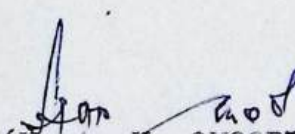
The Secretary to the Military
Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



Recovery of Properties left behind by displaced
Persons

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PP405-408
I am directed to refer to your letter No. SP/S.54/288 of 1st February, 1967 and to invite attention to this office letter No. CB.5260/W/75 of 15th March, 1967 forwarding minutes of the Commissioners' Conference on the above subject.

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disaffile attached
2. I am to ask if you would please advise Mr. S. O. Abiodun, the subject of your letter No. SP/S.54/338 of 6th February, 1967, to submit his claim through the Regional Rehabilitation Committee in accordance with the recommendations contained in the minutes referred to above.


(H. A. V. OMOGBA)
Ag. Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner of Police.

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SP/S.54/410

7th March, 1967

The Chairman,
W. N. Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Mr. A. O. Badmos-Ogunsina, Repatriate

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter dated 18th February, 1967, addressed by the above-mentioned person who is a repatriate from Eastern Nigeria to the Head of the Federal Military Government.

2. I am to say that it will be appreciated if you will take whatever action deemed fit on the petition.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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B. A. Shonibare

Banker

Co-operative Bank of Western
Nigeria

Lagos Address

28 Ikorodu Road Mushin
Lagos Phone No. 43819
Ibadan No. 23570 21487

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Office & Residence

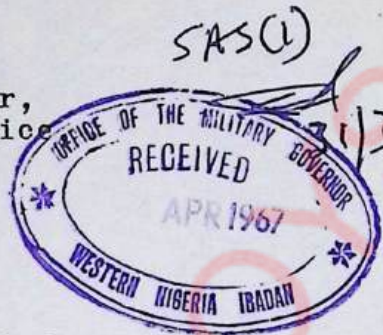
SW8/581 Molete Ijebu Bye Pass,

P. O. Box 278,

IBADAN

20th March, 1967

Through the Secretary,
To the Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office
The Secretariat,
Agodi, Ibadan.



Dear Sir,

I feel I should put forward to your Excellency the information of how my people have been mal-treated during their journey to the Eastern Region and the extent of damages done to my Bus by a crowd of people who mobbed my people at Aba sometimes between 10th and 11th of this month.

I am a Transporter and owned Buses plying different routes and located one particular Bus, LK 5186, to Onitsha in the Eastern Region. It happened on the 10th of this month that this Bus was travelling to Uyo on Charter by a person attached to the Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Ibadan. When the Bus got to Aba, suddenly, a crowd of people mobbed the bus and threatened to kill the Driver and the Conductors. My people were frightened and as they were running towards the police station to save their lives, the crowd started to throw stones and shot the tyres and broke the glasses thereby causing lot of damages to the Bus. They seized all the money with my conductor. But for the quick intervention of the Police Officer and the Army, my people could have been killed without any just cause. They have just conveyed the Bus down to Ibadan only yesterday and the cause of the damages done to the Bus and the Broken Tyres could be assessed to about £250. The money they seized from my conductor is £29. 13/-. Lorries and Buses from Eastern Region are plying To and Fro the whole of Western Region without any molestation at all.

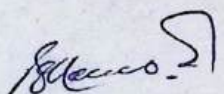
Military Governor's Office

20th March, 1967

I feel I should report this act of cruelty by the Eastern people towards Western people to your Excellency for whatever appropriate action your Excellency can think fit to take in the circumstance.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,


B. A. Shonibare.

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The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Recovery of Property of Displaced Persons

I should be grateful if you would, as a matter of urgency, ensure that the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee of this Region takes steps to put into effect all the recommendations enumerated in the minutes of the Commissioners of Police Conference held on the 27th February, 1967 at Force Headquarters, Lagos.

2. I should like to mention for information that a copy of the recommendations had previously been made available to the Chairman.

3. I should be grateful if you would delete the words "their claims" appearing in lines 1 to 2 of paragraph 7(b) of the minutes of Commissioners of Police Conference containing the recommendations and replace them by the word "particulars".

(Handwritten signature)

(E. O. OLUFUNWA)
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
WESTERN NIGERIA.

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REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTERN NIGERIA,
IBADAN

29th March, 19 67



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with C.R.C.
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No. SP/S.54/413A.

Ibadan: 6th April, 1967

Copy to:-

The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

For information. Your particular attention is invited to paragraph 1 above for your early action.

2. I shall also be grateful if you will amend your copy of the minutes of the Conference of the Commissioners of Police of the Federation held in Lagos on the 27th February, 1967 on the recovery of property of Displaced Persons, as advised in paragraph 3 above.

(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government.

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SP/3.5/444

April, 1967.

Mr. A. O. Sobande,
Area Manager,
Electricity Corporation of Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, Colonel R. A. Adebayo, to confirm His Excellency's order given to you personally this morning on the further importation of non-Westerners into the Region. His Excellency's order is to the effect that in view of the high state of tension in Western Nigeria created by the presence of thousands of Western Nigerians forcibly repatriated from other Regions, your Corporation may not bring into the Region on transfer or new appointment any staff or employee of whatever category, who is of non-Western Nigeria origin.

2. As His Excellency explained to you this morning, he has been obliged to take this measure in the face of the explosive situation which has arisen from the forcible exclusion of Western Nigerians from some other Region whilst His Excellency has decided to maintain the 'open door' policy of allowing all citizens freedom of movement in or out of Western Nigeria.

3. His Excellency regrets any inconvenience the new order may cause your Corporation. It is His Excellency's intention to keep the situation under review and to relax the order as soon as the existing tension makes that possible. His Excellency has, however, directed me to impress upon you the importance of strict adherence to the order as any defiance of it will certainly result in serious consequences.

4. The above order does not apply to non-Westerners already serving your Corporation in any part of Western Nigeria as at the date of this letter. If, however, you experience any difficulty in filling any post in your Corporation as a result of this order, I shall be glad if you will inform this office so that we can nominate suitable candidates from among the large number of Western Nigerian "repatriates" in the Region.

5. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the General Manager, E.C.N., Lagos and the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Lagos, for their information.

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.



(P. T. Odumosu),
Secretary to the Military
Government.

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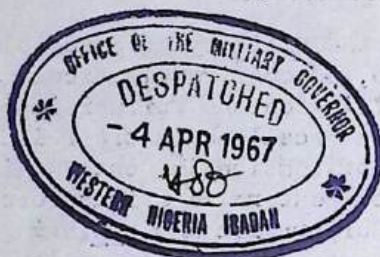
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Ibadan, 4 April, 1967.

Copy to:

The General Manager,
E.C.N.,
Lagos.

The Permanent Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Mines and Power,
Lagos.

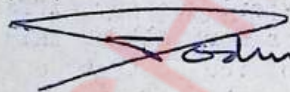
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(P. T. Othman),
Secretary to the Military
Government.

Y. E.

Following Y. E.'s verbal
instruction of this morning,
Y. E. may wish to see p. 414
issued to the Area Manager of
E. C. N. Ibadan.


Smt. C. 4/4

Thanks
This is good
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SP/S.54/416

S April, 1967.

Mr. E. A. Anon,
Territorial Controller,
Western Territory,
Ibadan.

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

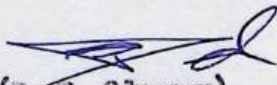
I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, Colonel E. A. Adebayo, to confirm His Excellency's order given to you personally this morning on the further importation of non-Westerners into the Region. His Excellency has directed that in view of the state of tension in Western Nigeria, resulting from the presence of thousands of Western Nigerians forcibly repatriated from other Regions, your Department may not bring into the Region on transfer or new appointment any staff or employee of whatever category who is of non-Western Nigeria origin.

2. As His Excellency explained to you this morning, he has been obliged to take this measure in order to sustain his 'open door' policy of allowing all Nigerian citizens freedom of movement in and out of Western Nigeria in spite of the fact that thousands of Western Nigerians have been forced to return home from other Regions in the Federation. His Excellency regrets any inconvenience the new order may cause your Department; ~~and~~ it is his intention to keep the situation under review with a view to relaxing the order as soon as the existing tension makes this possible. His Excellency has, however, directed me to impress upon you the importance of strict adherence to the order as any defiance of it will certainly result in serious consequences.

3. The above order does not apply to non-Westerners already serving your Department in any part of Western Nigeria and are in post as at the date of this letter. If, however, you experience any difficulty in filling any post in your Department as a result of this order, I shall be glad if you will inform this office so that we can nominate suitable candidates from among the large number of Western Nigerian "repatriates" in the Region.

4. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Communications, for his information.

5. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.


(P. T. Odumosu),
Secretary to the Military
Government.



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Copy to:

Ref. No. SP/S.5/417
Ibadan, 8 April, 1967.

The Permanent Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Communications,
LAGOS.

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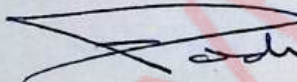


(P. T. Odumosu),
Secretary to the Military
Government.

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To deal with p. 413 and
refer pp 414-417 to C.R.C.
for her information.


smc, 8/4/67



SP/S.98/64

5th April, 1967.

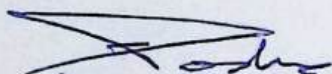
Mr. C. O. Lawson,
Permanent Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Communications,
Lagos.

Efficiency of P & T Services in Western Nigeria

His Excellency the Military Governor has recently had cause to complain about the efficiency of certain aspects of P & T services in Western Nigeria particularly the maintenance of tele-communications services. His Excellency has discussed the matter with the Territorial Controller who has explained that his great handicap is shortage of staff particularly at the technical officers and technicians levels. It is understood that the Department has a number of vacancies in these grades on its establishment for Western Nigeria which for some inexplicable reason remain unfilled.

2. His Excellency has in the circumstances asked me to appeal to you to use your good office to expedite the filling of above vacancies with a view to improving the efficiency of the Department in Western Nigeria. If there is any difficulty in finding suitable candidates I shall be grateful if you will let me know as we are in a position to nominate suitable candidates from the large number of Western Nigerian "repatriates" in the Region or make some other arrangements to make available candidates of the type required.

3. Copy of this letter goes to the Territorial Controller, Posts and Telegraphic Department, Ibadan for his information.


(P. T. Odumosu)

Secretary to the Military Government

Ref. SP/S.98/65

Ibadan. 5 April, 1967

Copy to:

The Territorial Controller,
Posts & Telegraphic Department,
Ibadan.

Copy for information.

P. T. Odumosu
(P. T. Odumosu)

Secretary to the Military Government

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SP/S.54/420

6th April, 1967

The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

I am directed to forward herewith for your information copies of my letters No.SP/S.54/414, SP/S.54/416 and SP/S.98/64 of 5th April, 1967 which His Excellency the Military Governor directed me to address to the Area Manager, E.C.N., Ibadan, the Territorial Controller, Posts and Telegraphs, Ibadan and the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Communications, Lagos.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government.

ck.

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Despt.
6/6

S. GRAY

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
SHELDON PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA
TELEPHONE: PORT HARCOURT 293

P. O. BOX 268,

PORT HARCOURT,
NIGERIA,
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16th March, 1967.



The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
IBADAN.

Dear Mr. Odumosu,

DISPLACED WESTERN NIGERIANS

I refer to your letter RC.VI/133 of 23rd February, 1967 on this subject and enclose a copy of our letter dated 17th February to the Chairman of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee in Ibadan. I trust this meets your requirements.

Yours sincerely,

S. Miller.

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Enc.

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17th February, 1967.

Thro' Head, LSA.
To The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
P.M.B. 5049,
IBADAN,
Western Nigeria.

Dear Madam,

DISPLACED WESTERN NIGERIANS

With reference to your letter RC.V.1/130 of 8th February, 1967, we attach herewith an up-to-date list of our employees of Western Nigeria origin who were repatriated from the Eastern Region.

Of a total of 55 displaced Westerners in our employ, we were able to place 28 in alternative jobs within the Company's operations outside the Eastern Region. We also placed 3 others with other employers outside this Region.

Yours faithfully,
For: THE SHELL-BP PETROLEUM
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF NIGERIA LIMITED

Original Signed By:-
D. G. M. CHESHIRE

Enc.

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YORUBAS MOVED DURING THE OCTOBER, 1966 EVACUATION
EXERCISE

NO	NAME	JOB TITLE	CATEGORY	RATE OF PAY	DATE ENGAGED	DATE LEFT COMPANY
1.	Philip Oyadeji	Control Panel Opr.	J/S	£516 p.a.	23/ 3/64	-
2.	Timothy Fadipo	Fitter Engine	O/P	£200 "	10/ 6/66	-
3.	Olayinka Miss Odubona	Punch Operator	J/S	£300 "	5/ 3/65	31/12/66
4.	Isikiru Olopado	Fitter Engine	O/P	£347 "	15/ 3/65	-
5.	Isaac Adegbenisoye	Rig Mach. Operator	O/P	£290 "	15/ 3/65	-
6.	Oladapo Oyeyemi	Machinist	"	£-/17/3 p.d.	1/ 8/66	31/12/66
7.	Lasini A. Idowu	Motor Mechanic	"	£290 p.a.	19/ 8/66	-
8.	Sunday A. Abodurin	Motor Mechanic	"	£290 p.a.	29/ 7/66	-
9.	Nathaniel Ajala	Fitter General	"	£-/17/3 p.d.	1/ 3/65	31/12/66
10.	Saka B. Yusuf	Instrument Mech.	"	£-/17/3 p.d.	5/ 7/66	31/12/66
11.	Fidelis A. Olokudo	Motor Mechanic	"	£290 p.a.	7/ 7/66	-
12.	Jacob A. Ajo	Motor Mechanic	"	£290 p.a.	6/ 7/66	-
13.	Danitale Adetoun	PRD. Maint. Fitter	"	£347 p.a.	5/ 4/66	-
14.	Philip Akinseni	Engine Driver	"	£9.14.8d p.wk.	16/ 6/58	31/12/66
15.	Festus Rotibi	Records Clerk	J/S	£324 p.a.	10/10/55	31/12/66
16.	Clement Ozanu	Machinist	O/P	£-/17/3 p.d.	15/ 3/65	31/12/66
17.	John Rowland	Marine Fitter	"	£-/20/9 p.d.	21/10/58	31/12/66
18.	Michael Akindola	Tracer	J/S	£421 p.a.	6/ 8/62	31/12/66
19.	Babajide Ogunfolu	Marine Fitter	O/P	£-/17/3 p.d.	15/ 3/65	31/12/66
20.	Kehinde Odumola	Quartermaster	"	£7.8.3d p.wk.	3/ 6/59	31/12/66
21.	Mufutau Bakare	Fitter Engine	"	£290 p.a.	23/ 3/64	-
22.	Emmanuel Olusanya	Quartermaster	"	£9.14.8d p.wk.	22/ 6/59	31/12/66
23.	Rafui Salami	Quartermaster	"	£9.14.8d p.wk.	3/ 6/59	31/12/66
24.	Clement Janahun	Marine Fitter	"	£-/27/3 p.d.	11/ 6/58	31/12/66
25.	Muhammad Bello	Engine Driver	"	£9/14/8d p.wk.	26/ 2/58	31/12/66
26.	Alpheus Ogunsho	Quartermaster	"	£7.8.3 p.wk.	25/ 8/56	31/12/66
27.	Samuel Abiodun	Engine Driver	"	£7.8.3 p.wk.	17/11/54	31/12/66
28.	Albert Lakanu	Junior Surveyor	HSS	£1350 p.a.	29/ 9/65	-
29.	Gabriel O. Ijivola	Radio Technician	SSS	£1015 p.a.	4/ 1/63	31/12/66
30.	Joseph Kunolu	Engineer	HSS	£2750 p.a.	8/ 3/63	-
31.	Remi Adesoye	Messenger	O/P	£-/9/6d p.d.	20/ 6/66	31/12/66
32.	Jonathan O. Dada	Air Con/Ref. Supv.	HSS	£1900 p.a.	3/11/61	-
33.	Theophilus O. Faluyi	Head Telex Section	SSS	£1145 p.a.	4/ 5/59	-
34.	H.A. Fadare	Accountant	HSS	£2625 p.a.	14/ 7/58	31/12/66
35.	E.O. Taiwo	Budget Engineer	HSS	£3370 p.a.	3/ 1/61	31/12/66
36.	Gabriel Alabi	Electrician	O/P	£347 p.a.	15/ 3/65	-
37.	Laleye Ayanwale	Fitter Engine	"	£290 p.a.	10/ 6/ 66	-
38.	Dauda I. Jegede	Palaeontological Asst.	SSS	£1115 p.a.	2/ 5/57	-

NO.	NAME	JOB TITLE	CATEGORY	RATE OF PAY	DATE ENGAGED	DATE LEFT COMPANY
39.	Laurence Fagbenigun	Sub Editor	SSS	£1320 p.a.	1/ 2/64	31/12/66
40.	Oredola, Miss Fashina	Geological Asst.	J/S	£420 p.a.	25/ 3/63	31/12/66
41.	Adedokun Gbajye	Agric. Extn. Asst.	"	£505 p.a.	2/ 5/66	31/12/66
42.	Samuel Onifade	Quartermaster	O/P	£6.3.3d p.wk.	4/ 4/56	31/12/66
43.	Johnson Adenaike	Asst. Instructor	J/S	£803 p.a.	8/ 8/63	15/1 /67
44.	Adesoji Awodola	Recruitment Clerk	J/S	£608 p.a.	7/ 9/59	31/12/66
45.	G.A. Bangbaya	Jr. Pot. Engineer	NSS	£2150 p.a.		-
46.	John Awode	Maintenance Supv.	SSS	£945 p.a.		-
47.	Babatunde L. Rowland	Jnr. Field Foreman	J/S	£445 p.a.	1/ 2/65	-
48.	Sheidu Momoh	Jnr. Radio Opr.	J/S	£367 p.a.	6/ 7/64	-
49.	H. S. Onasanya	Programmer	NSS	£2450 p.a.	15/12/60	-
50.	Gabriel Agbo	Fitter Engine	O/P	£290 p.a.	8/ 8/66	-
51.	Kekere Orisawo	Driver	O/P	£451 p.a.	28/12/49	-
52.	Shelabi Asani	Chargehand	O/P	£539 p.a.	10/ 3/58	-
53.	Briano Lasisi	Chargehand	O/P	£539 p.a.	8/ 9/54	-
54.	H. O. Diya	Surveyor	NSS	£3375 p.a.	19/ 1/49	30/11/66
55.	D.O.D. Sokunbi	PRO Mid-West	NSS	£2975 p.a.	23/ 4/58	-

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2. I believe that the letter to which
refence is made on p.421 was issued in
one of the "Resettlement Committee" files over
SMG's signature.

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CR.

S. M. G.,

Reference pages 411 - 412, Mr. B. A. Shonibare, a Transport Magnate, complains that one of his buses, Registration Number LK.5186, based at Onitsha was mobbed at Aba on the 10th of March, 1967 and damage estimated at about £250 was thereby caused, apart from a sum of £29.13.0d seized from the conductor. Mr. Shonibare, therefore, appeals to His Excellency to take whatever action deemed appropriate.

2. This Aba incident is a highly reprehensible one, both from the point of view of X/ in paragraph 2 of page 411 and from the fact that the Bus in question was all along based in the East and did not carry a Regional Registration number which could more quickly identify it. Mr. Shonibare reported that the Police and the Army intervened and the matter should, by now, be in the hands of the Police in Aba.

3. I think the un^{be}wisdom of operating a business, such as transport, in Eastern Nigeria in the present circumstances of Nigeria should by now have ^{been} brought home to Mr. Shonibare. I therefore suggest as follows:

- (a) Pages 411-412 should be copied to the Commissioner of Police, here, for a follow-up action with his counterpart in the East,
- (b) Pages 411-412 should also be copied to S.M.G. Eastern Nigeria for his information and any assistance he can render to obtain redress for Mr. Shonibare.

4. Reference pages 421-424, the Shell-BP has replied to a letter you issued from one of the files of Resettlement Committee and has furnished the information requested in respect of ~~the~~ firm's employees of Western Nigeria origin

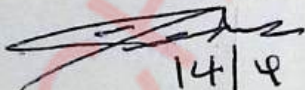
who have been repatriated from the East. Pages 423-424 indicate that only 27 out of the 55 employees were retained by the Company, contrary to paragraph 2 of page 422.

5. However, the more important thing is to find employment for the others and the Chairman, Resettlement Committee has assured me in a recent discussion that necessary recommendations on pages 421-424 will be submitted through you to His Excellency in due course.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S. (I),
10th April, 1967.

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T-y. pls. take action as
proposed in para. 3 above
and send a suitable reply
to Mr. Shonibare.


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17th April, 1967

The Secretary to the
Military Government,
Eastern Nigeria,
ENUGU.

Mr. B. A. Shonibare. Transport Magnate

I am directed to forward herewith copy of letter dated 20th March, 1967 from the above-mentioned person who reported that one of his buses, Registration Number LK.5186, based at Onitsha, was mobbed at Aba, on the 10th of March, 1967. According to Mr. Shonibare, damage to the tune of £250 was caused in addition to a sum of £29.13.0d which was seized from the bus conductor.

2. Mr. Shonibare mentioned that the Police and the Army intervened during the incident and presumably the matter should now be in the hands of the Police at Aba. The purpose of this letter is to request your kind assistance for a follow-up action with the Aba Police so as to enhance Mr. Shonibare's chances of redress.

(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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SP/S.54/428

17th April, 1967

The Commissioner of Police,
Regional Police Headquarters,
IBADAN.

411
Mr. B. A. Shonibare: Looting of Bus at Aba

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Mr. B. A. Shonibare's letter dated 20th March, 1967 in which he reported that one of his buses, Registration Number LK.5186, based at Onitsha, was mobbed at Aba, Eastern Nigeria on the 10th of March, 1967. According to him, damage estimated at about £250 was caused in addition to a sum of £29.13.0d which was seized from the bus conductor.

2. Mr. Shonibare mentioned that the Police and the Army intervened during the incident and presumably the matter should now be in the hands of the Police at Aba. The purpose of this letter is to request for your assistance for a follow-up action with your opposite number in the East with a view to obtaining redress for Mr. Shonibare.

3. I shall be grateful to know the developments in due course.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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SP/S.54/429

17th April, 1967

Dear Sir,

411
I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th March, 1967 in which you reported the recent mobbing at Aba of one of your buses based at Onitsha during which incident, damage to the tune of £250 was caused and a sum of £29.13.0d was stolen from the bus conductor.

It is reassuring, however, that the Army and the Police at Aba intervened and presumably the matter is at present in the hands of the Aba Police. An approach, accordingly, has been made to the Commissioner of Police, Western Nigeria, requesting him to liaise with his counterpart in the East with a view to pursuing this matter to its logical conclusion. Likewise, my opposite number in the East, i.e. the Secretary to the Military Government, Enugu, has also been requested for necessary follow-up action with the Aba Police.

I hope that all these measures will surely enhance your prospects of redress. I am to express profound sympathies for the loss you have thereby sustained. You will be informed of developments in due course.

Yours truly,


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

see p. 460
Mr. B. A. Shonibare,
SW8/581 Molete Ijebu Bye Pass,
P. O. Box 278,
IBADAN.

Despt.

W 17/4

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Telegrams: WESTELEC

THE ELECTRICITY CORPORATION OF NIGERIA

ESTABLISHED UNDER NIGERIAN ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1950



Private Mail Bag 5110,
Ibadan.



YOUR REF.

OUR REF

DATE

AMI/721C/66

11th April, 1967.

Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
I B A D A N.

SP/S.54

Dear Sir,

DISPLACED PERSONS: EMPLOYMENT POLICY

P. 414
I have for acknowledgement your letter No. SP/S.54/414 of
4th April, 1967 and hereby assure you of my co-operation and
those of my officers in the strict adherence to your instructions.

Yours faithfully,

A. O. Sobande
Ag. AREA MANAGER.

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15th April, 1967.

P. T. Odumosu, Esq.,
 Secretary to the Military Government,
 Office of the Military Governor,
 I B A D A N.

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

Please recall your endorsement No. SP/S.54/417 of the 5th of April, 1967, with which you forwarded to me copy of your letter to the Territorial Controller, Western Territory, Ibadan, on the above-named subject. You are probably aware that this Ministry employs in the Posts and Telecommunications Department in Western Nigeria, a large number of technologists and technicians of Mid-Western and Eastern Nigeria origin. For this reason, the new order of His Excellency, the Military Governor of Western Nigeria will have far reaching implications not only for the P. & T. in the West but for the P. & T. in the East and in the Mid-West and for the general employment situation in those two Regions.

2. Copies of your letter No. SP/S.54/416 has been sent to the Secretary to the Federal Military Government who has brought it to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief; copies are also being forwarded to the Territorial Controllers Kaduna and Enugu, and to the Area Controller, Benin. I will also bring the letter to the attention of the Trade Unions connected with the P. & T. Department because those Unions had previously written three petitions and held two interviews with me and had consistently suggested that P. & T. refugees of Eastern and Mid-Western origin displaced from the North be rehabilitated in the West because the Governor of the West had repeatedly told the public that he welcomed in his Region all Nigerians who were law abiding.

3. There is one point I would like cleared in your letter under discussion. I wonder if you would kindly confirm that the phrase "and are in post as at the date of this letter" occurring in the first sentence of paragraph 3 of your letter to the Territorial Controller, Ibadan, should be interpreted to mean those officers who are normally in post in Western Nigeria, even though they were away on vacation leave on the 5th of April, 1967. In other words, will a non-Westerner whose station is in Western Nigeria, but who was on vacation leave on the 5th of April, 1967, be allowed to return to his post in Western Nigeria at the expiration of his leave? And will any non-Westerner who goes on leave subsequent to the 5th of April, 1967, be allowed to return to Western Nigeria at the expiration of his leave?

4. Copy of this letter is forwarded to the Territorial Controller, Western Territory, Ibadan.

Submitted

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(C. O. Lawson)

Permanent Secretary.

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P R I O R I T Y

Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan

(P.T. Odumosu)

17/4/1967.

LAWSON PERMTEL LAGOS

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Ref.SP/S.54/432

YOUR LETTER MC/GA 1239/Vol.2/489 of 15 APRIL x

IT WILL BE IRREGULAR TO SEND COPIES OF LETTER CONCERNED

SUBORDINATE
TO THE ~~LOWER~~ AUTHORITIES AND NON-OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS

MENTIONED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL MILGOV WEST

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Y. E.

Letter at p. 431 submitted pls.

I consider it irregular that Mr. Lawson
shd. send copies of a Secret letter
~~to his~~ addressed to him to his
subordinate officers and even to
Trade Unions without the approval

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of the originators of the
letter. I have so informed
him in above telegram.

John In
smc 17/4

Good. Thank you
~~was~~
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Note

Mr. Lawson, accompanied by
Mr. Brown, met H.E. in my presence
Today. Pp. 417 and 431 were discussed.
Agreement was reached on
arrangement for ensuring that
sufficient trained Western Africans
are available to man key technical
posts in R.F.Y. in Western Nigeria in the
event of withdrawal of non Westerners
for any reasons. Mr. Lawson confirmed
that p. 417 has not been copied to anyone
apart from S.F.M.G. N.F.A. ~~John~~ 20/4

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Molete, P.M.B. 5350,
~~Box 136~~
Ibadan, W. N.

March 13, 1967.

His Excellency the Military
Governor of Western Nigeria,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

His Excellency the Military
Governor of Eastern Nigeria,
Military Governor's Office,
Enugu.

Your Excellencies,

The attached documents speak for themselves.

2. Ostensibly, there could have been no need for me to bring to the notice of Your Excellencies this type of case, but, because of the present political situation which puts me at a disadvantage, and because my former employee, Mr. Ejima Okorie, has cleverly brought in the Government of the East, by telling my clients (in form of circular letter) that by an "Act of Government" I was no longer qualified to practise in the East.

3. He has levelled other two serious allegations against me, pretending to be too loyal to the East Military Government; therefore, I seize this opportunity to refute his wild and unfounded allegations, and to present the facts of the case as follows:-

- (a) Mr. Ejima Okorie, returned from the North because of the trouble in the country. When I was in the East, he approached me for an appointment in my establishment and I gladly offered him one. I appointed him as an Assistant Accountant and later promoted him as a Staff Accountant in charge of my Aba branch on a salary of 2600. per annum, with free car, free accommodation etc. Immediately I left the East in compliance with the edict asking non-Easterners to leave, he seized the undue advantage of the situation and converted my practice to his, even without any reference to me and made a general announcement to that effect. I was able to recover the practice back from him through the co-operation of other members of my staff and my loyal clients in the East.

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He embezzled my money, failed to render account as expected of him, and removed away without my consent some of my movable properties from my office and house at Aba; all in the name of the present political situation.

(b) It is true, I was one of the signatories to the ultimatum asking the Easterners to leave the West and Lagos in their own interest, and when everything might have been alright they could come back as we too would go back to the East. The demand in our considered view was quite equitable, just and more constitutional than to have all of a sudden unleashed all sorts of atrocities and molestations against our brother Easterners in our midst here, without first of all letting our Military leaders and the whole world know of our grievances and resentment. Immediately the Military Governor of the West appealed to us and I looked into our complaints everything became more quiet in the West and Lagos. Our brother Easterners have been going about their business here without any molestation.

(c) He made another wild allegation that I "sneaked" into the Eastern Nigeria a Yoruba man to impersonate a Ghanaian. This is totally false and absolutely unfounded. I remember sometime last month (February) the Nigeria Police wrote me and informed me that one of my cars stolen by one of my drivers when I was about to leave the East had been recovered from him and I should come and collect it. I wrote back to say that, because of the ban, I was not safe to come and collect the car myself nor would any other Yoruba man be safe. I therefore suggested one of the members of my staff at Ibadan who is a Ghanaian to be allowed to come and collect the car. True to say, before this gentleman was allowed in at the Onitsha border he showed every documentary evidence as a Ghanaian. He has since returned to Ibadan. It is therefore a height of folly and criminal intent for my former employee, Mr. Ejima Okorie, to have alleged that I sneaked into Eastern Nigeria a Yoruba man as if Yoruba people were undesirables in the East and they committed criminal offences before they were driven out from the East. Your Excellencies, this type of thing does not make for good neighbourliness at all, if we should be bold enough to face the fact.

(d) I have never doubted the integrity of the able Military Governor of the East as alleged by Mr. Okorie, in his letter, and I have got no cause for that; I therefore seize this opportunity to affirm my implicit confidence in the Military Governors of both the East and West.

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4. Your Excellencies, because of the present political situation generally in the country, my accountancy practice in the East has been thrown into a jumble of mess, and I don't mind, because this is part of the price I can easily pay for the solidarity of our great country - Nigeria. I still have my skeleton practice in the East manned by my few trained Easterners; my request is just an assurance that the Eastern Government has never tampered with my private practice as alleged by Mr. Okorie.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellencies,

Olu Sanyal Adegemi
Olu. Adegemi.

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3, PARK ROAD,
P. O. Box 124,
Aba, Eastern Nigeria,
Telephone 2749.
March 9th, 1967.

The Principal Accountant,
Olusanya Adeyemi & Co.,
Private Mail Bag 5350,
I B A D A N.

Dear Sir,

P.S. I enclose herewith a copy of the circular letter Mr. Ajima Okorie, has been sending to all our Clients in this region, for your information and action.

P438 I managed to get a copy of this, from the letter he wrote Messrs. Akpan and Company Limited. Their Managing Director, brought it to our Office to ascertain the truth.

I greatly regret my inability of this time of our struggle for existence, at least, I could have gone round to see all our Clients and let them know the true position of things.

In the enclosed circular letter it is stated that a copy has been sent to you. Please may I know if you have received it and what actions have you taken.

If possible, write Ojukwu and know if he ever passed such an Act and if he never did, I think it will be more serious for Mr. Okorie to have told a lie against the government he claims to support.

Your earliest action on this will do us a lot of good.

Cordially yours,
for: OLUSANYA ADEYEMI & CO.

S I G N E D.

GIN/EMN.

G. I. Andy-nwanze,
Ag. Staff Accountant.

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EJIMA OKORIE & ASSOCIATES.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS

HOPE CHAMBERS
153, HOSPITAL ROAD,
ABA - EASTERN - NIGERIA

Telephone

E. OKORIE, A.B.S.C; F.E.A.A.; F.E.A.S. etc.

Our Ref _____

Date 1st March, 1967.

Your Ref _____

The Managing Director,

Messrs. Akpan & Company Ltd..

Ibiaku Ikot Oke, c/o Ibiaku P.A.

Via Ikot Ekpene

Dear Sir,

By an Act of Government, it is noted that your Accountant, Mr. Adeyemi is no longer qualified to practice in this region. You are aware of his treacherous and wicked demand that Ibos and Easterners, as published in Eastern Nigeria Guardian issue of 17th February, 1967, should leave the West and Lagos. You are also aware of the fact that he treacherously sneaked in a Yoruba man in this region to impersonate a Ghanaian.

Any amount of threats from the said Mr. Adeyemi should not burge you. Since he doubted the integrity of our able Military Governor, we of this Association have through a copy of this letter asked the Military Governor not to allow him to practice in this region any more.

His Landlord Magistrate Awazota is being requested to eject him from No. 3 Park Road, Aba, forthwith. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. Adeyemi at Ibadan for his information and any action he deems fit.

We now forward to you list of recognised practising Accountants and Auditors in Aba:-

W.M. Ninedays,
M.O. Udeagha,
J.N. Odocha & Co.
Samuel J. Akpan & Co. (Practising with their Associates:
Ejima Okorie & Associates).
P.O. Ekeji & Co.

Faithfully yours,
for: M/S. EJIMA OKORIE & ASSOCIATES.

S I G N E D.
M A N A G E R.

Associates: S.J. Akpan & Co. 57, Jubilee Road, Aba. Phone: 2770.

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GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

Tele. : SEMILGOV

Telex : none :

Your ref.....

Our ref.....PG/0830/312.....

(All replies to be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government.)



OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR
(POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION)
P.M.B. 1060
ENUGU

2/ April 1967.

The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria.



CIVIL SERVANTS OF WESTERN ORIGIN

I am directed to request that you confirm the announcement that all Civil Servants of Western Origin who left other parts of Nigeria for their home Region as a result of the present crisis in the Country have been automatically absorbed by the Western Government with effect from 1st April, 1967.

I am to ask that you let us know the names of those Westerners who left the Eastern Region who have been absorbed in your Public Service so that we can stop paying their salaries.

[Signature]
(N. A. UGWU)

for Chief Secretary to the Military Government,
(Political Division).

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Pls. reply asking for particulars of the announcement "that all Civil Servants of Western Nigeria origin who left other parts of Nigeria for their home Region as a result of the present crisis in the country have been automatically absorbed by the Western Government w.e.f. 1st Apr. 1967." In which public or official publication is this contained, as this Government is not aware of such announcement? You shd. first reply by telegram as confirm by letter, 25th

P R I O R I T Y

Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan

(P. T. Odumosu)

25/4/1967.

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SP/S.54/T/7

YOURLET PG/0830/319 OF TWENTY FIRST APRIL X
CIVIL SERVANTS OF WESTERN ORIGIN X THIS GOVERNMENT
HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CIVIL
SERVANTS IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY
ABSORBED X GRATEFUL FURNISH PARTICULARS OF ALLEGED
ANNOUNCEMENT AND BY WHOM MADE

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SP/S.54/T/8

25 April, 1967.

Mr. N. U. Akpan, O.F.R.,
Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Eastern Region,
Enugu.

Civil Servants of Western Origin
serving in Eastern Nigeria Civil Service

With reference to a letter No. PG/0830/319 dated 21st April, 1967 received from your office, I confirm the following text of a telegram which I sent to you this morning:

"Yourlet PG/0830/319 of twenty first April x
Civil Servants of Western Origin x This Government
has no knowledge of any announcement that Civil
Servants in question have been automatically absorbed x
Grateful furnish particulars of alleged announcement
and by whom made".

2. As stated in the telegram, this Government has no knowledge of any announcement "that all Civil Servants of Western Origin who left other parts of Nigeria for their home Region as a result of the present crisis in the Country have been automatically absorbed by the Western Government with effect from 1st April, 1967". I shall be glad if you will let me know who made the announcement or where it is contained. If possible, I should like to have an extract or a copy of the announcement in question. I confirm that as far as this Government is concerned, the position in relation to Civil Servants of Western Nigeria origin serving in the Eastern Nigeria Civil Service, remain^s the same as stated in paragraph 6 of your letter to me No. PG.0193/6 dated 5th December, 1966.



(P. T. Odumosu),
Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service.

Y.E.
may be interested to see from
p. 6. It seems that the Eastern Govt.
are looking for an excuse in this
matter.
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Yes Thanks
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I am resubmitting pp. 434 - 438 pl
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S. M. G.,

Please see pages 434-438 on which we have not yet taken any action.

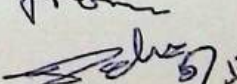
2. Mr. Olusanya Adeyemi, the principal of the firm of Accountants formerly based in the East, has written the petition at pages 434-436 through His Excellency to the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria to refute the accusations and erroneous statements made at page 438 by one Mr. Okorie, his former employee at Aba. Page 438 is a specimen of the circular letter addressed to Mr. Olusanya's clients in the East, no doubt, in an attempt by Mr. Okorie, incidentally a repatriate from the North, to snatch these clients to his own newly formed firm.

3. In addition to Mr. Olusanya's petition at pages 434-436, I think a more effective step will be a counter-action from Mr. Olusanya. He should arrange through his loyal Staff Accountant in the East, Mr. Andy-Nwanze, to send a circular round all his clients refuting all Mr. Okorie's statements and assuring them that his firm is still functioning in the East and will continue to give every satisfaction as before. This will remove any doubts in the minds of his clients as well as repair any damage already done by Mr. Okorie. I suggest that Mr. Olusanya be advised accordingly.

4. Secondly, pages 434-438 may be copied to the S.M.G. Enugu with a request for any action he deems fit.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
2nd May, 1967.

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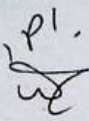
The orig. of p. 434/6 shd. not have been enclosed in the file. Pls. obtain another suitable copy from Mr. 'A' for forwarding to Enugu. 

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c/s.

Pl. type out pp. 434-8 to replace those pp. which
shd. be placed at b/c.


e/s

Action taken ^{pl.}


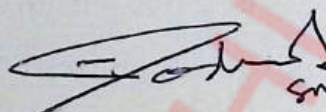
SMG

A copy of Mr. Orosanga's petition at pp. 434-8 is
placed at b/c. pl. Your min. overleaf refers.

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You may now proceed as in
yr. paras. 3/4 at p. 443.

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1st May, 1967

The Secretary to the Military
Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Enugu.

Mr. Olusanya Adeyemi, Professional Accountant

PP 434-8
I am directed to forward herewith for your information copies of a petition dated 13th March, 1967 and attachments from the above-mentioned who is a repatriate from Eastern Nigeria.

2. Mr. Adeyemi used to reside at Aba where he still has much of his practice as an Accountant. His petition speaks for itself and it will be appreciated if you will kindly take whatever action deemed appropriate in the circumstance.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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SP/S.54/446

12th May, 1967

Dear Mr. Adeyemi,

I am writing on behalf of His Excellency the Military Governor to acknowledge receipt of your petition dated 13th March, 1967 which has been transmitted to the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria.

I thought I should point out to you, in the meantime, that the harm Mr. Okorie might have done to your practice in the East requires an immediate counter-action. It is suggested that you arrange at once with Mr. Andy-Nwanze, your loyal assistant at Aba, to send round a circular to all your clients in the East refuting all Mr. Okorie's statements and assuring everyone of your clients that your firm is still functioning in the East and will continue to give every satisfaction as before. The circular, to give it weight, should be signed by Mr. Andy-Nwanze.

Such an action will certainly remove any doubts in the minds of your clients in the East as well as repair any damage that might have already been done by Mr. Okorie.

I shall let you know in due course the out-come of your petition to the East Military Governor.

Yours sincerely,



(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

Mr. Olusanya Adeyemi,
SW8/597, Ijebu Bye-Pass,
P. M. B. 5350,
IBADAN.

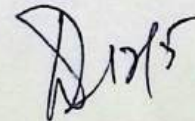
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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

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Our Ref. No..... RC.IV/Vol.II/207

Date.. 29th April, 1967.

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The Secretary to the
Military Government and
Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



Resettlement of Displaced Persons.

I forward herewith for your information

a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Western
Nigeria Resettlement Committee held on 19th April, 1967.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman,
Resettlement Committee.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTERN NIGERIA
RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 5 P.M. ON
WEDNESDAY THE 19TH OF APRIL, 1967

Present:

Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo	Chairman
Mrs. T. Adeniyi-Williams	Member
Mrs. Ronke Doherty M.F.R.	"
Very Rev. J. A. Adetiloye	"
Mrs. M. O. Ogunsola	"
Chief T. L. Oyesina M.O.N., J.P.	"
Rev. Father Patrick O'Neill	"
Mrs. C. K. Olawoye	"
Dr. A. Alakija	"
Prince I. A. Adebayo	"
Mr. O. Adeyemi	"
Mr. E. L. Omitola	"

Advisers

Mr. F. O. Thomas	Principal Labour Officer
Mr. S. F. Aboderin	Senior Welfare Officer

In Attendance

Mr. R. O. Adedokun	Higher Welfare Officer
Mr. C. O. Akioye	Press Officer
Mr. J. B. Adegoke	Treasurer
Mr. J. O. Ayodele	Secretary

Absent:

Lady D. O. Jibowu O.O.N., M.B.E.	} from whom apologies for absence were received.
Chief J. A. Ayorinde M.F.R., M.B.E.	

The Chairman introduced and welcomed to the Committee, Mr. E. L. Omitola, Assistant Commissioner of Police who was to represent the Commissioner of Police and whose immediate assignment was the Chairmanship of the Recovery of Property Panel as decided at the recent meeting of the Commissioners of Police in the Federation.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March, 1967

The adoption of minutes was moved by Mrs. M. O. Ogunsola seconded by Mrs. C. K. Olawoye and was unanimously carried.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 29th March, 1967

(1) Donation from members of the Committee

The Treasurer informed the meeting that there were few responses from members since its last sitting and that about £15 had so far been collected.

(ii) Training in Domestic

Dr. Alakija who would ^{be the} chairman the panel of interviewers of applicants informed the meeting that his panel met on 18th April, 1967 and decided to interview applicants early in May when it was hoped that the Secretary to the panel should have sorted out matters connected with the exercise.

4. Problem of un-employment:

The Chairman regretted that as she had no time to supervise the Secretary in preparing briefs on the problem of unemployment because she had to attend various launching of resettlement fund ceremonies in various parts of the Region, the briefs were not ready for the meeting.

5. The report of Loan Sub-Committee (copy attached) was studied and the following comments were made:

Recommendation I - Maximum loan of £500 - This amount had already been approved by His Excellency the Military Governor as the maximum loan which could be paid to one individual displaced person to resuscitate his business.

Recommendation II - Loans in kind - This was approved in principle.

Recommendation III - Viability of project - It was decided that in as far as possible feasibility study should be made on every project. The suggestion that two full time Trade Officers should be attached to the Resettlement Committee was not considered possible since the bodies were not available. At the moment one Trade Officer helped the Committee to investigate projects for which loan was being sought and if the Trade Officer could undertake this assignment full time he should be able to give satisfactory service. On the question of whether or not a

project was viable it was agreed that each case should be treated on its merit depending on the volume of capital required.

Recommendation IV - Guarantors - This was already approved by Government and provided for in the Loan Agreement form already prepared.

Recommendation V - Collateral securities - The acceptance of property left behind in their previous place of abode by displaced persons as securities had been approved by Government subject to careful and satisfactory investigation about the authenticity of such property. The Property Recovery Panel just set up would no doubt help to conduct the necessary investigation.

Recommendation VI - Loan Agreement - This had in fact already been prepared by the Law Officers and copies were made available to members at that meeting.

Recommendations VII, VIII and IX - Accepted in principle.

The Very Rev. J. A. Adetiloye then moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr. E. L. Omitola, and unanimously carried. The Chairman thanked the Sub-Committee for the work they have done.

6. Post Mortem on fund launching ceremonies by Local Resettlement Committees

The Chairman expressed her sincere thanks to all members who spared time to attend the resettlement fund ^{raising} ceremonies held in various parts of the Region. She commended Mr. Akioye for attending all the ceremonies as well as for the effective publicity which he gave to the ceremonies. Mrs. Ogunsola thanked the Chairman on behalf of the Committee for the efficient manner in which she undertook the business connected with the ceremonies. The meeting noted that the Local Resettlement Committee for Akure area would launch its resettlement fund on 25th April, 1967 and His Highness, the Deji of Akure would like the Committee to be well represented there.

7. Properties of Displaced Persons:

The Chairman informed the meeting that, following the

meeting of the Nigerian Military leaders in Aburi, Ghana, it was decided at a subsequent meeting of the Federal Commissioners of Police in Lagos that each Regional Resettlement Committee should set up a panel to look into matters connected with the properties of the displaced persons, which they left behind with a view to identifying and recovering such properties. A Senior Police Officer should serve on such panel. It was then noted that the Commissioner for the Western Region had nominated Mr. Omitola to be the Chairman of the panel for this Region. It was also noted that the panel would hold its first meeting on 20th April, 1967. The panel comprises:

Mr. E. L. Omitola	(Chairman)
Mr. R. O. Adedokun	(Member) Representing the the Ministry of Social Welfare.
Mr. S. O. Oyebola	-do- -do- Ministry of Trade
Mr. J. A. Thomas	" " Ministry of Lands & Housing
Mr. J. A. Falowo	(Secretary)

8. Statement of account:

Members noted the present financial position of the Committee as per statement of account, copies of which were made available to members at the meeting.

9. Any other business:

(1) Repatriates of Eastern Nigeria origin

The Chairman informed the meeting of the difficulty which had arisen in Oshogbo in connection with the repatriation of refugees of Eastern and Mid-Western Nigeria origin passing through from the North. In the past these used to be looked after by voluntary organisations like the Red Cross Society and the Catholic Mission. But as these two organisations had stopped doing so the Local Government Adviser was faced with the difficulties which the presence of destitute displaced persons created. As an emergency measure it was noted that the Chairman had authorised the Local Government Adviser to borrow money from his Local Council for the repatriation of

the displaced persons on the understanding that the Council would be reimbursed. Some members felt that the cost of repatriation of non-Westerners was not a proper charge on the resettlement fund. The Chairman explained that in fact all the Governments of the Federation had agreed that "Direct evacuation expenses by air, rail, road and sea" of all displaced persons should be paid for from the Resettlement fund and it was one of the operations which the Federal Government had agreed to subsidise. Members finally agreed that all such future cases should be handled by the local Red Cross Society in Oshogbo which could claim reimbursement from its Federal Headquarters in Lagos.

(2) Akanran Oil Mill Project:

Mr. Akioye informed the meeting that he paid a visit to the Oil Mill Project sited in Akanran and that the activities there would be televised shortly. In his opinion, the mill was working well.

(3) Memo from the Association of displaced persons:

It was unanimously agreed that members should study the memo, as well as the comments from the Committee's secretariat against next meeting when the matter should be properly tackled. Prince Adebayo then moved that, as some members would be attending the launching of the Resettlement fund ceremonies as from 25th of April, the Committee should hold its next meeting on 3rd May, 1967.

(4) Mr. C. A. Adegoke:

It was noted that one Mr. C. A. Adegoke, a repatriate impersonated Major Daramola when he (Mr. Adegoke) telephoned the Personnel Manager, N.T.C. asking him to engage Mr. Adegoke. The matter was being handled by the Police.

(5) Application for Grants:

The Committee considered the applications submitted by Messrs Tusso and Ade Wilson for a grant of £5 each to resuscitate their businesses of laundry and cabide making. In view of their old age and since each of them had confirmed that

the proceeds from their business activities would be enough to sustain them thus making it possible for the payment of subsistence allowance to be discontinued it was agreed that ^{an} outright grant of £5 should be paid to each of them. On a motion by Chief Oyesina and seconded by Mr. Adeyemi the grant of £5 was approved for Mr. Tusso to resuscitate his laundry business. On a similar motion by Prince Adebayo and seconded by Mr. Adeyemi £5 was also approved for Mr. Ade Wilson to restart his business of cabide light making.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

LOAN SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 5.15 P.M.
ON MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1967.

Present: -

Prince I. A. Adebayo	-	Chairman
Mr. O. Adeyemi	-	Member
Mr. S. O. Oyebola	-	"
Mr. J. B. Adegoke	-	"

The Chairman opened the Meeting with a brief explanation of the Sub-Committee's terms of reference as could be read in extenso in paragraph 4(v) of the Minutes of the main Committee Meeting held on the 8th of March, 1967.

After careful and exhaustive deliberations, members agreed on a number of recommendations. These are embodied in the attached Report which we now have the honour to submit.

The Meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

(I. A. Adebayo)
Chairman

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THE REPORT OF THE LOAN SUB-COMMITTEE
APPOINTED BY THE WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
ON MARCH 8, 1967

Preamble

Whenever a decision is made to put money into a business, there is always the risk element involved. This is so whether or not the money was obtained on loan. In the exercise of advancing monies to repatriates, therefore, the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee must be prepared to admit that risks could not be ruled out entirely. The most that could be done is to ensure, by various devices, that these risks are of minimum scale. Our Sub-Committee's task was therefore to advise the main Committee on these various devices.

We were reliably informed that most of the repatriates have accepted the principle that securities must be provided by those of them who wish to obtain loans from the Resettlement Committee.

Our Sub-Committee resolved on the following "Security" devices some of which are already being applied by the main Committee: -

I. Maximum Loan:

£500 as already agreed by the Resettlement Committee is recommended. Even so, the size of a loan must be realistic. Where a repatriate is suspected to have exaggerated his capital requirements, an impartial businessman in the same trade must be consulted for advice. The Resettlement effort to which we are all addressed is not essentially to put a displaced person on a lousy business set-up. We are expected to help him to start on a low beginning from which he should be able to grow by self effort.

II. Loans in kind:

Wherever possible, loans or part thereof must be given in kind. This will ensure that a beneficiary of the scheme does not dissipate his loan on any unauthorised venture. Moreover, the

Committee may be able to obtain a discount where a displaced person would have paid a full price.

III. Viability of Projects:

The project for which a loan is sought may not, in fact, be viable. Before a loan is issued for a project, therefore, the Ministry of Trade and Industry must ascertain that the project is viable within the context of the economy. In this regard, it is suggested that the services of two full-time Trade Officers be made available to the Resettlement Committee. This will obviate the delay that has attended the processing of applications to the annoyance of the displaced persons concerned. After all, the whole exercise is an emergency one and must be treated as such.

IV. Guarantors:

At least two guarantors must be provided by a repatriate seeking loan. Each Guarantor must be earning income or holding properties, at least, twice the value of the loan applied for.

V. Collateral Securities:

The Military Governor has directed that the Resettlement Committee could accept as securities properties left behind by the displaced persons. The following risks are involved in this: -

- (a) A dishonest repatriate may claim to own property which he does not in fact possess.
- (b) A dishonest repatriate may exaggerate the value of the property he left behind.
- (c) All repatriates can only claim ownership of the properties they left behind in the legal or theoretical sense. With the current situation in the country, there is little guarantee that they will ever regain physical possession of such properties. Most of the houses left behind in the East, for instance, may have been occupied illegally by the Ibos.

As a means of reducing these risks, our Sub-Committee advance the following:

- (a) No amount of care will be too much to ensure that a displaced person submits valid documents to establish his claim on distant properties.
- (b) Valid documents will invariably show the value of properties left behind by a repatriate.
- (c) Efforts to recover or dispose of the properties left behind by the displaced persons must not be relaxed. If this effort fails to yield the desired results, the Military Governor must hold in compensation all the immoveable properties of Easterners in the West. This recommendation has been made in the past and should again be formally conveyed to His Excellency.

A repatriate must not be denied access to the loan scheme purely because he holds no property in his former Region of residence provided that the loan he has applied for is not too high.

VI. Loan Agreement:

An iron-clad Agreement must be executed between the beneficiary and his guarantors on one hand and the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee on the other.

VII. Investigating Panel:

The Resettlement Committee should set up an Investigating Panel whose duty would be to inspect regularly the business for which a loan has been given. Such inspection should continue until the business is firmly on its feet. The Investigating Panel should advise the Committee immediately they are satisfied that a repatriate is not likely to do well.

VIII. Books of Accounts

A beneficiary of the loan scheme should keep proper books of accounts which should be opened

to inspection on demand by the Investigating Panel.

- IX. The right of the Committee to act as recommended in paragraphs VII and VIII above should be embodied in a covering letter which should accompany a copy of the Loan Agreement to be forwarded to each beneficiary of the scheme.

CONCLUSION: The only recommendation which should be submitted to the Government is the one relating to the recovery of properties left behind by repatriates in their former abodes - See Paragraph V above. It is our considered view that the other recommendations made in this Report are within the competence of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee to implement.

(Sgd.) _____
I. A. Adebayo
Chairman

(Sgd.) _____
O. Adeyemi
Member

(Sgd.) _____
S. O. Oyebola
Member

(Sgd.) _____
J. B. Adegoke
Member

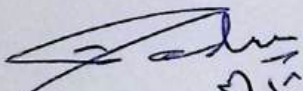
Dated in Ibadan this 17th day of April, 1967.

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From p. ⁴⁴⁷ for your info. only.

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I recently made some comments
in the appropriate R/Cutter's file
on X at p. ⁴⁵² w. p. r. to displaced
Civil Servants. I want extracts
made into this file.


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Pl. take n-a. on above.

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B. A. Shonibare

Office & Residence
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P. O. Box 278,

IBADAN

3rd May, 1967.

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Through The Secretary,
To The Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
The Secretariat,
Agodi, Ibadan.



Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter reference No SP/S-54/429 of the 17th April, 1967 expressing your sympathy for the loss sustained by the mobbing of my Bus at Aba sometime early in March which I reported to you by my letter of the 20th March, 1967.

I must express my thanks of appreciation for the action taken and I hope you will pursue the matter further with a view to redress me from the loss which I have sustained by this incident.

Yours faithfully,


B. A. Shonibare.

GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

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Our ref..... PG/0830/328

(All replies to be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government.)



OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

(POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION)

P.M.B. 1060

ENUGU

2 May 1967

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The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
IBADAN.

CIVIL SERVANTS OF WESTERN NIGERIA ORIGIN

I am directed to refer to your telegram of 25th April, 1967 from which it has become clear that there was no automatic absorption in your Establishment of civil servants of Western Nigeria origin displaced from other Regions. The authenticity of the announcement referred to in my letter PG/0830/319 of 21st April, 1967, cannot be vouched; you know that in these times a great deal of rumour gets into circulation, that is why a letter was forwarded to you seeking confirmation of the report received.

2. It is not unlikely however that a number of civil servants of Western Nigeria origin who left this Region may have found alternative employment. I should be grateful if you could let me have particulars of such officers to enable me avoid the possibility of continuing to pay them when in fact they are being paid in their new jobs.

if any

A. K. Hart

A. K. Hart

for Chief Secretary to the Military Government

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Pls. reply stating that

as these civil servants of Western Nigeria origin are still members of the Eastern Nigeria Civil Service, it is the writer - rather than ourselves - who should be in a position

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to furnish the information referred to
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1st May, 1967

The Secretary to the
Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
ENUGU.

Civil Servants of Western Nigeria Origin

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.PG/0830/328 of 2nd May, 1967 on the above mentioned subject. In regard to paragraph 2 thereof, it is regretted that the information requested is not available here. Since the Civil Servants concerned, as you know, are still members of the Eastern Nigeria Public Service, you are in a much better position than ourselves to furnish the particulars referred to in your letter.

Desp'd
BES.
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(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RC.IV/Vol.II/217

Date 10th May, 1967.....

The Secretary to the Military
Government and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

Pages 465-472

I forward herewith for your information a copy of
the minutes of the meeting of the Western Nigeria
Resettlement Committee held on 3rd May, 1967. A copy
each of the documents mentioned in the minutes is
pp. 473-479

attached.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Resettlement Committee

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTERN NIGERIA
RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 5 P.M. ON
WEDNESDAY THE 3RD OF MAY, 1967

Present:

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo	Chairman
Lady D. O. Jibowu O.O.N., M.B.E.	Member
Chief T. L. Oyesina M.O.N., J.P.	"
Rev. Father Patrick O'Neill	"
Mr. O. Adeyemi	"
Mrs. C. K. Olawoye	"
Chief J. A. Ayorinde M.F.R., M.B.E.	"
Mr. E. L. Omitola	"
Dr. A. Alakija	"
Prince I. A. Adebayo	"
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Mr. R. O. Adedokun	Higher Welfare Officer
Mr. C. O. Akioye	Press Officer
Mr. J. B. Adegoke	Treasurer
Mr. A. Atandeyi	Press Officer
Mr. 'Lanre Sokunbi	Labour Officer
Mr. L. Olu Oyelakin	Secretary

Absent

Mrs M. O. Ogunsola - from whom apologies for absence were received.

Very Rev. J. A. Adetiloye

Minutes of the meeting of 19th April, 1967

1.1 The last sentence of para 9 (3) was amended to read "It was agreed that as some members would be attending the launching of resettlement fund ceremonies as from 25th of April the next meeting of the Committee should be fixed for 3rd May, 1967." The adoption of the minutes was then moved by Rev. Father Patrick O'Neill seconded by Mrs. C. K. Olawoye and was unanimously carried.

Matters arising from the minutes

2.1 . Training in Domestic

The Committee was informed that the interview would take place on the 9th and 10th of May, 1967

2.2 . Application for Grants

The Committee was informed that the grants of £5 each to Messrs. Tusso and Wilson had been made. Mr. Oyebola (Trade Officer) and Mr. Adedokun (Higher Welfare Officer) went round with these two men to purchase all their requirements to resuscitate their businesses of laundry and cabide making. The balance of £3 : 4s : 6d was returned to Mr. Wilson and £2 : 6s : 3d was given to Mr. Tusso. On the suggestion by Chief Ayorinde supported by Mr. Adeyemi that additional grants to cover a few months rent should be paid to these men it was felt that this was uncalled for especially in view of the fact that they both had cash balances from their grant of £5 each after the tools of their trade had been purchased. They were also paid the usual subsistence allowance for the week subsequent to the issue of the grant.

Activity of the Panel on Recovery of Property

3.1 Mr. Omitola reported that his panel held its first meeting on the 20th April, 1967, and the Chairman of the Committee addressed them. It had been agreed that each person who claimed to have left property in his previous Region of abode should complete the printed proforma (copies were circulated at the meeting) giving details and location of such property. It was hoped that this would reduce considerably the number of claimants who would eventually have to be invited for interview.

3.2 He added that he had received letters from unregistered displaced persons seeking help to recover their properties. The Committee felt that if a claimant could produce satisfactory evidence that he was a displaced person then help to recover his property should not be withheld simply because he had not registered. On the suggestion which he had received from a displaced person about the possibility of exchanging landed property of displaced persons of one Region with the other it was agreed that this should be explored. The Chairman explained that the procedure for the exchange of landed property was likely to be intricate and would need agreement at governmental level.

3.3 Mr. Adeyemi pointed out that some people of non-Western origin had

ready been selling their belongings and felt that it would be against the interest of displaced Westerners to allow such unrestricted disposal of properties by these people to continue. Further discussion on this point was to await the first report of the Recovery Panel in three weeks.

Memorandum from the Association of Displaced Persons

4.1 Mr. Adeyemi submitted a list of the displaced persons he said had died of hunger and lack of medical care to support the allegation in paragraph 4 of the memorandum. Members did not think that the list was detailed enough to prove that the people really died as a result of these. After a long discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Adeyemi should supply more details including the address, time of death, place and the nature of death so that investigation could be made.

4.2 Transfer of Oil Mills - paragraph 2 (i) of Memorandum

The question was raised as to why this was included in the memorandum when Mr. Adeyemi, the Secretary of the Association and member of the Resettlement Committee was present at every meeting in which the negotiation was discussed and the take-over and operation of one of the mills were reported. It was felt that he should have kept his members informed of the correct position and dissuade them from making representation on a subject which had been disposed of. In answer to a question the Chairman explained that there were about twelve displaced persons in addition to Mr. Eweyeju working in the one mill taken over from the Ministry of Trade and Industry. A team consisting of suitable officers from the Ministry of Works and Transport, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Resettlement Committee had been appointed to visit and inspect the remaining mills to ascertain their present state before their take-over was finally negotiated.

4.3. Absorption of displaced Civil Servants into the Public Service of Western Nigeria - paragraphs 2 (ii) & 5 (a)

Members wondered why there had been ^{so} much delay in absorbing the displaced Civil Servants into this Region's Public Service. The Chairman explained that this point had been referred to ^{12c} Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service who was personally handling it and the position was that since none of the officers concerned was prepared to resign his appointment with the Eastern Nigeria Government and forfeit his pension rights their absorption into any other Civil Service required the concurrence of the

Government by whom they were currently employed. Moreover, the Eastern Government had assured the Western Nigeria Government in writing that it still required the services of the officers as well as those serving the Statutory Corporations and had given an undertaking to continue to pay their salaries until they were recalled to duty or transferred to another service. The Eastern Nigeria Government had also given an undertaking to forward application from any of the Civil Servants concerned who desired transfer to this or any other service and it was hoped that many of those concerned had taken advantage of this offer. The guarantee contained in His Excellency the ^{Military} Governor's recent broadcast to the effect that his Government had completed arrangement to absorb into this Region's Civil Service all displaced Civil Servants of Western Nigeria origin who could no longer be retained in the Eastern Nigeria Public Service still stood.

4.4 Members noted these points but did not think that the arrangement which was laudable for normal conditions would meet the present requirement. Since this was an abnormal situation they thought that it should be treated as such and there was no reason why the normal procedure should be followed. The Committee felt that the displaced Civil Servants were tired of this long holiday. Moreover, most of the people had said that the Eastern Government had stopped paying their salary. Whether the salary was paid or not, the people had said that they would not like to go back even if the situation returned to normal. Further, the Committee strongly believed that the Eastern Nigeria Government should not be taken seriously about its promises because they would not be fulfilled. It was a tactical move aimed at prolonging the service of Easterners in Western Nigeria. Since the safety of Westerners could not be guaranteed if they returned to the East it would be taking unwarranted risk to encourage them to go back. The Committee then resolved that:

- (a) the displaced Civil Servants and Statutory Corporation workers should be absorbed into comparative establishments in this Region with immediate effect.
- (b) notice of the intention to do this should be given to the Eastern Nigeria Government with whom negotiation for pension rights etc. should continue.
- (c) in the event of that Government refusing to meet its obligations

in this respect the Government of Western Nigeria should accept responsibility as part of the cost of the present crisis in the country. To compensate this Government it should withhold the pension rights of Easterners now working in the Public Service and Statutory Corporations of this Region.

These resolutions were to be referred to Government for immediate implementation.

4.5 It was brought to the notice of the Committee that a man's salary was paid into the bank at Enugu but was withdrawn by the Government almost immediately. This was to support the allegation that the Eastern Government had really stopped paying the salary of the displaced persons. The Chairman said that Mr. Adeyemi should find out more about this so as to be sure that the salary was actually not being paid. She then promised to refer the matter to the Secretary to the Military Government when all the facts had been made available.

4.6. Creation of Junior Posts paragraph 2 (iii)

The Chairman informed the Committee that she had sent a schedule containing names of displaced persons concerned broken into job categories to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments and Training who was working on it.

4.7 Loans to the self-employed - paragraphs 2 (iv) & 5 (g)

The Chairman said that Government had already approved that authentic property located either in the East or the North should be accepted as security after careful and satisfactory investigation had been made.

4.8 Subsistence Allowance - paragraph 5 (b)

This point was discussed in detail and it was agreed that the present arrangement by which each case was treated on its own merit and suitable allowance given after due investigation was carried out by the Welfare Officer should continue. The suggestion that a Sub-Committee of the Resettlement Committee should be set up to carry out this function could not be accepted because it would impede speedy action and would be difficult to operate. The suggestion that regulated subsistence allowance should be given to all and sundry could also not be accepted chiefly because funds were not available to do this. Moreover, the temptation to spoon-feed the displaced persons should be avoided as this might lead to great

Dissatisfaction among the many unemployed normally resident in this Region. The concentration should be on speedy resettlement into gainful employment. To allay the fears of the displaced persons reports of those seeking special aids and those given should be submitted regularly to the Committee.

4.9 Free Medical Treatment

Mr. Adeyemi stated that the displaced persons found it difficult to maintain themselves and therefore could not be expected to pay hospital bills. The Chairman explained that all those who had reported to the Resettlement Office as needing medical attention had either been sent to the doctor with notes recommending free treatment or taken to the hospital personally by the Welfare Officer. The allegation by Mr. Adeyemi that there had been a case where a sick person was turned out by the Resettlement Office and not given the necessary grant to pay for special diet was denied by the Chairman as untrue. Mr. Adedokun, the Welfare Officer then reported to the meeting that the case in question was attended to by him. It was true that a displaced person brought his daughter with a card bearing the prescription "Good food." As this could not be accepted to mean "special diet" as described in the letter by Mr. Adeyemi and as claimed by the father it was referred to the Medical Officer for clarification which was still being awaited. When this was received adequate allowance would be made if it was thought necessary.

4.10 Shelter - paragraph 5 (e)

Members felt that the question of providing shelter for displaced persons should not arise since the policy made publicly by His Excellency the Military Governor himself was that they should meantime reside in their family houses or with their next of kin. Mr. Adeyemi argued that ^{a lot} the people had lost contact with their relatives and therefore did not have a home to which they could return. It was decided that details of those who were destitute of accommodation should be supplied for the Committee to study.

4.11 Children's School Fees - paragraph 5 (f)

It was also decided that needy cases in this category should be submitted so that decision on them could be taken.

5.1 Dr. P. Kilde's report on problem of resettlement

Consideration of the report was deferred till the next meeting.

6.1 Statement of Account.

The Treasurer distributed the Statement of Account to all the members.

7.1 Applications for loan

The schedule containing two loan applications which were ready for consideration was distributed to members.

7.2 The first was from Mr. Folorunso who fled the Northern Region and had asked for a loan of £2,500. In the North he had a Radio Repair and spare parts store. The Trade Officer had conducted a study into his request and had recommended that Mr. Folorunso should be able to resuscitate his business in a modest way with a loan of £500. Members were of the view that since this was the maximum amount payable to any one person he would have to be satisfied with this.

7.3 The application of Mr. Rafiu Adedokun for £19. 14/- was also considered. Mr. Adedokun wanted the money to obtain timber permit. The recommendation from the Forest Officer that the fee be paid direct to the Licensing Authority was accepted and the loan of £19. 14/- then approved. The Trade Officer was to see that the money was used to obtain the required permit and other things needed for the felling of the timber.

Any other business

8.1 Mr. M. O. Ojo's application for loan

Mr. M. O. Ojo's application for a loan of £2,200 to open a Pharmacy Shop was mentioned by Mr. Adeyemi. The Chairman explained that the Chief Government Pharmacist whose opinion was sought on the proposal had advised against the granting of loan to Mr. Ojo to open a Pharmacy Shop because not being a Pharmacist himself, he would not be able to run the business efficiently. This fact had already been communicated to Mr. Ojo with the advice that he should submit proposals for any other trade he could carry out. It was decided that if Mr. Ojo would like to open a Patent Medicine Store an application from him to this effect should be considered.

8.2. Omovala & Omokayode (Ibadan) Thrift and Credit Societies

In answer to a question the Chairman informed the meeting that some difficulty had arisen on the applications from two groups of displaced persons who had formed themselves into co-operative Thrift and Credit Societies. The intention behind the advice that displaced persons should form themselves into co-operative groups was that people of like trade would bind themselves together for effective operation. What the two groups had agreed to do was simply not more than each carrying out his business individually and making whatever

savings he could afford to the common purse. In that case each would have to supply two guarantors for the loan he sought if the Society could not find joint guarantors for the loan they required. Members felt that the amount requested by each of the societies was too much anyway. Also unless they could bind themselves into a guild it would not be possible to treat them as one entity for the purpose of granting loans.

8.3 Introduction of new officers

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman introduced Mr. Oyelakin, the new Secretary and Mr. Atandeyi who had taken the place of Mr. Akioye as the Publicity Officer of the Committee. Members wondered why there had been such frequent changes in the secretaryship of the Committee. They opined that instability in personnel would impede effective administration. Mrs. Olawoye who represented the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments and Training apologised for the frequent changes which she said was due to staffing conditions. She said that whenever it became necessary to move an officer a suitable relief was provided and hoped that Mr. Oyelakin would be able to stay long. On a suggestion by Prince Adebayo it was agreed that a letter should be written to the Chief Information Officer expressing the Committee's appreciation for the excellent service given by Mr. Akioye as a Publicity Officer.

9. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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DETAILS OF PROPERTIES LEFT BEHIND IN
OTHER REGIONS OF NIGERIA BY DISPLACED PERSONS
OF WESTERN NIGERIA ORIGIN

Present Address.....

Nearest Telephone Number (if any) _____

Description	Value £ s d	Address or Location of Property
TOTAL . . .	£	

[PTO]

Description	Value £ s d	Address or Location of Property
TOTAL . . .	£	

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DETAILS OF PROPERTIES LEFT BEHIND IN
OTHER REGIONS OF NIGERIA BY DISPLACED PERSONS
OF WESTERN NIGERIA ORIGIN

Names in full.....

Present Address.....

Nearest Telephone Number (if any).....

**REAL PROPERTY (UN-REGISTERED) OR WHERE COPIES OF TITLE
DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**

Description	Value £ s d	Address or Location of Property
TOTAL . . . £		

Give name and address of competent witness below:

Name:

Address:

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DETAILS OF PROPERTIES LEFT BEHIND IN
OTHER REGIONS OF NIGERIA BY DISPLACED PERSONS
OF WESTERN NIGERIA ORIGIN

Names in full

Present Address

Nearest Telephone Number (if any)

CASH LEFT BEHIND INCLUDING DEBTS

Amount £ s d	Address of Banker, Holder or Debtor

Declaration

I hereby declare that the statements made in Sections 'A' to 'E' are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

GPI 596/467/18,000

Signature

DISPLACED PERSONS: APPLICATIONS FOR LOAN.

No.	NAME	ADDRESS	TRADE AND BUSINESS	AMOUNT APPLIED	GUARANTORS/SECURITIES	REMARKS	AMOUNT APPROVED
1.	F.Olu. Folarunsho	No.67 Salvation Army Road, Ibadan	Radio and Spare Part Store	£2,500	1) J.M. Akinola Esq., Ministry of Lands and Housing, Secretariat, Ibadan. 2) J.O. Ogunleye Esq., U.C.Hospital, Ibadan.		
2.	Rafiu Adedokun	No.140 Yemetu Road, Adeoyo, Ibadan.	Timber Works	19:14/-	1) S.A. Akande Esq., Provincial Forest Office, Ibadan. 2) D. Akinleye Esq., Provincial Forest Office, Ibadan.		

WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS AND GRANTS
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER, 1967 -
APRIL, 1967

I. Sundry Donations:

November, 1966	...	...	...	£292: =: =d.	
December, 1966	...	...	...	1,179: 15: 8	
January, 1967	...	...	...	1,616: 7: 11	
February, 1967	...	...	...	2,174: 9: 6	
March, 1967	...	...	...	410: 5: 6	
April, 1967	...	...	...	1,079: 15: =	£6,752: 13: 7d.

II. Government Grants:

A. Released

October, 1966	£200: =: =	
December, 1966	£20,000: =: =	
January, 1967	20,000: =: =	= £40,200

B. Deposited with Treasury	109,800: =: =	£109,800	£150,000: =: =
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III. Outstation Collections (Tentative Returns)

1. Oshogbo	£2,315: =: =	
2. Oyo	3,112: 6: 5d.	
3. Ado-Ekiti	902: 16: 1	
4. Abeokuta	450: =: =	
5. Ondo	557: 15: 5½	
6. Ilaro	215: 2: 4	
7. Ilesha/Ife	=: =: =	
8. Ikeja	=: =: =	
9. Ibadan	=: =: =	

7,553: =: 3½

Total £164,305: 13: 10½

IV. STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EXPENSES AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1967

1. Wages to Repatriates at Olokemeji	£1,220: =: 7d.
2. Wages to Repatriates at Iwo	282: 16: 3
3. Wages to Repatriates at Onigambari	279: 13: 9
4. Palm Oil Project	529: 14: 6

Total = £2,312: 5: 1d.

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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD
1ST APRIL TO 30TH APRIL, 1967.

A - Revenue

1. Balance Brought Forward	£43,374: 7: 1d.
2. Sundry Donations for April, 1967	1,079: 15: =
	44,454: 2: 1d.

B - Expenditure for April, 1967

1. Mr. Talibu Eweyeju Cheque	IC/I/110039	£34: 10: =
2. " Talibu Eweyeju (Imprest)	IC/I/110040	300: =: =
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests	IC/I/110042	36: 11: 3
4. Mr. T.S. Eweyeju	IC/I/110043	20: 11: =
5. The Chief Conservator of Forests	IC/I/110044	141: 5: ==
6. - do -	IC/I/110045	33: 2: 6
7. The Supervisor, Rest House, Ijebu-Ode	IC/I/110046	6: 9: =
8. The Cooperative Bank of Nigeria Limited	IC/I/110047	10: 10: =
9. Mr. Ade Wilson (Grant)	IC/I/110048	5: =: =
10. Mr. Andrew Tosu (Grant)	IC/I/110049	5: =: =
11. The Chief Conservator of Forests	IC/I/110050	128: 8: 9
12. Mr. Talibu Eweyeju	IC/I/113751	45: =: =
13. The Chief Conservator of Forests	IC/I/113752	32: 16: 3
14. - do -	IC/I/113753	30: =: =
15. The Engineer/Manager Palm Oil Project	IC/I/113754	109: 13: 9
16. Short Term Deposits	IC/I/110041	£40,000: =: =
	Total	£40,938: 17: 6d.

C - Balance of 'A' Over 'B'

	£44,454: 2: 1
Less	40,938: 17: 6
	£ 3,515: 4: 7d.

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1967

1. Balance as shown in Cash Book	£3,515: 4: 7d.
2. Add:	
(a) Cheques issued not yet cashed	
Cheque No. IC/I/110046 Sup. Rest	£6: 9: =d.
House, Ijebu-Ode	
- do - IC/I/110050 The Chief	£128: 8: 9d.
Conservator of Forests	
" IC/I/113751 Mr. T. Eweyeju	45: =: =
" IC/I/113752 Conservator	
of Forests	32: 16: 3
" IC/I/113753 - do -	30: =: =
" IC/I/113754 Engineer/	
Manager P. O. P	109: 13: 9
(b) Receipt in Bank Statement Adjusted	20: 17: =
Account	
	20: 17: =
	£ 3,888: 9: 4d.

3. Deduct (a) Bank Charges and Commissions:

(1)	Bank Advice dated	8/11/66	1/6d.
(2)	- do -	9/11/66	7/9
(3)	"	15/11/66	8/4
(4)	"	19/11/66	15/-
(5)	"	31/11/66	9/9
(6)	"	21/1/67	3/-
(7)	"	23/1/67	1/6
(8)	"	1/2/67	3/-
(9)	"	18/3/67	£1.8/9
(10)	"	18/4/67	4/6
(11)	"	24/4/67	1/6
(12)	"	22/4/67	3/- = £4: 7: 7d.

(b) Amount in Cash Book not yet in Bank £295: 3: 2d.

(c) Cheque from Donors dishonoured:

- (i) Chief Balogun - Epe 3: 3: =
(ii) United Labour Congress of Nigeria 90: =: =

£392: 13: 9d.

Balance as shown in Bank Pass Book

£3,495: 15: 7d.

SAS (1),

Yr minute on p. 459 refers pl. I'm sorry I have been unable to trace the comments to which the S.M.C. referred. The comments, presumably, might have been made on one of the files belonging to the Chairman, R/Commftee. You may however be interested to see pp-439-441 which, perhaps, may be relevant.

2. p 464 - 479 are also sub'd pl.

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The Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons

from the office of the general Secretary,
Sw8/597 IJEDU BYE PASS,
MOLETE, IBADAN.



Date..... May 10,1967.

* PRESS STATEMENT DISPLACED PERSONS MARCH IN WEST

Chief M. Owolabi Ojo, Mr. Olu. Adeyemi, President and General Secretary respectively, of the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons, have very vehemently deplored the demonstration staged by some displaced persons of Western Nigeria origin, even without their knowledge.

It is true that the Displaced Persons of Western Nigeria origin, have a good and a very genuine case against the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee, and particularly against the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Fola Ighodalo, but not to the extent of resorting to any unlawful demonstration to the embarrassment of the Military Governor of the West. Col. Adeyinka Adebayo.

The Military Governor has during our last meeting with him, assured us to always bring to his notice and in a friendly way, any complaint either against his Government or against the Resettlement Committee, for his personal attention.

Although, it is the complaint of every displaced person that the work of the Resettlement Committee, has been too slow and disappointing; but, to this effect, the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons, has submitted a 7 - point Memo to hasten the resettlement, which the Committee is considering at present.

We seize this opportunity to reiterate our earlier stand that we believe in peaceful negotiation with the Committee, therefore, members should keep calm and be law-abiding.

For and on behalf of the Western Nigeria
Association of Displaced Persons.

.....
Chief Owolabi Ojo,
President.

.....
Olu. Adeyemi.
General Secretary.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1967.

P.T.O.

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His Excellency,
The Military Governor of Western Nigeria,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Your Excellency,

The overleaf is for your information.

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency,

General Secretary.

SA 5 (G)

Page 40 is referred to you please.

transfer to the Resettlement Committee (General)

We discussed. I now resubmit

SA 5 (G)

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C.R.C.,

Reference your above undated minute. Your comments in para.2 of p.8 in respect of displaced Civil Servants are certainly inadequate. The answer to para.5 of the memo at p.4 ought to include among other things:

- (a) The fact that since none of the officers concerned is prepared to resign his appointment with the Eastern Government and forfeit his pension rights, their absorption into any other Civil Service requires the concurrence of the Government by whom they are currently employed, i.e., Eastern Nigeria Government;
- (b) the fact that the Government of Eastern Nigeria has given an undertaking (which has been mentioned to the Association of Displaced Persons when they met H.E. on this subject) to forward application from any of the Civil Servants concerned who desires transfer to this Civil Service or any other;
- (c) the fact that the Eastern Government has assured this Government in writing that it still requires the services of these officers as well as those serving the Statutory Corporations, and given an undertaking to continue to pay their salaries until they are recalled to duty or transferred to another Service;
- (d) the guarantee contained in H.E. Col. Adebayo's recent broadcast to the effect that his Government "has completed arrangement to absorb into this Region's Civil Service all displaced Civil Servants of Western Nigeria origin who can no longer be retained in the Eastern Nigeria Public Service."

2. It is important that the above points be widely circulated not only among the members of your Committee but also among the representatives of the displaced persons; please ensure that this is done.

(Sgd) P. T. Odumosu,
S.M.G. & H.S.,
26/4/67.

S. M. G.,

Reference your minute at page 459 a copy of the Minutes referred to is now filed at page 482.

2. Pages 464-480 are submitted for your information only, but I would like to invite your attention to paragraphs 4.3 - 4.5 of the Minutes of the Resettlement Committee at pages 467-469 where the question of the absorption of repatriates who are officers in the Eastern Nigeria Public Service and Corporations was discussed. Chairman, Resettlement Committee will be making a submission to you on this matter in due course.

3. Page 480 contains the Press Release by the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons dissociating itself from the action taken by some of its members who demonstrated sometime last week. The Press Release is for information only.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(G),
15th May, 1967.

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Para. 2 above. I have discussed with the Chairman to whom I expressed my surprise at some of the statements contained in para. 4.4 of the minutes. Pls. write to her and say that I wd. like to attend the next meeting of the Cottee to discuss the matter of displaced Civil Servants from Eastern Nigeria.

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SP/S.54/484

17th May, 1967

The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

P.464

With reference to your letter No.RC.IV/Vol.II/217 of 10th May, 1967 and the minutes of the meeting of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee of the 3rd May, 1967, I should like to inform you that Mr. P. T. Odumosu, M.F.R., will like to attend the next meeting of the Resettlement Committee so as to afford him an opportunity of discussing the question of displaced Civil Servants from Eastern Nigeria.

2. I shall be grateful if you will let me know the time and place of the next meeting.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service.

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Telephone: 21 320

WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RC. IV/231

Date.. 18th May, 1967.....

Secretary to the Military
Government and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. M. S. Adigun)

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

With reference to your letter No.SP/S.54/484 of 17th May, 1967 the next meeting of the Resettlement Committee will be on Wednesday, 24th May, 1967 in the Conference Room of the Electoral Commission's building which is now used as the Resettlement Office, at 5 p.m. I hope that this time will be convenient for Mr. Odumosu but if he likes he could join the meeting a little bit later at about 6 p.m.

Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo

(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo)
Chairman

Resettlement Committee

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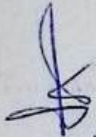
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SAS(I) Ms. inform Mrs. I that I wd. prefer to come at 6 p.m.

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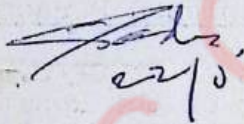
Ref. your min. at p. 483, you may wish to note
p. 485 pl.



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pls - see my note overlay.


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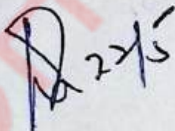
Note:

Mrs. Igmodale has been informed accordingly.

2. Bln 29/5/67 for minutes of the mtg.



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GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

Telegrams : SEMILGOV

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Telephone :

Your ref.....

Our ref... PG/0193/885

(All replies to be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government.)



OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

(POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION)

P.M.B. 1060

ENUGU

15 May 1967

The Secretary to the Military Government,
Military Governor's Office,
IBADAN.

SP/S.54



Mr. B. A. Shonibare, Transport Magnate

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter
No. SP/S.54/427 of 17th April, 1967. The matter
has been referred to the Police and I shall be
sending you a fuller reply when the Police report
is received.

F. U. Eneghara

for Chief Secretary to the Military Government

SAS(G)

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Above 2. f. i. wrt p. 427

2. I've noted the "bu" on p. 486, pl

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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

.....P.M.B...5049.....

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RE.22/15.....

SP/S.54

Date...19th May...1967.....

Secretary to the Military
Government and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Displaced Persons:
Progress Report

I forward herewith, in duplicate, a progress report on
the activities of the Resettlement Committee. The
attachments are also forwarded in duplicate.



(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Resettlement Committee

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RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS:
PROGRESS REPORT.

The main activities of the Resettlement Committee within the last few months have centred on:

- (1) raising of funds;
- (2) providing jobs for displaced wage and salary earners;
- (3) helping the self-employed to resuscitate their business.

2. Fund Raising

The resettlement fund was formally launched on 7th January, 1967 by His Excellency the Military Governor. The purpose of this was to collect voluntary donations from members of the public as their contributions to the cost of resettling displaced persons of this Region. A total of about £15,000 has been collected up to date.

3. Local Resettlement Committees

To make the work of resettlement effective, Committees were set up at local level with the Sole Administrators/Local Government Advisers as Chairmen. Each Local Resettlement Committee has co-operated fully in raising funds in its area of authority. Activity has now shifted to planning and establishing projects in areas of displaced persons' concentration. To this end the Chairman and many members of the Committee have paid visits to different displaced persons in Okitipupa, Akure, Ijebu-Ode, Ilaro, Ondo, Ado-Ekiti, Abeokuta, Ikeja, Oshogbo, Ilorin etc.

4. Absorption of Repatriates into existing Establishments

A number of displaced workers in the executive and middle grades have been found some form of alternative employment. After a protracted negotiation with the authorities of the Railway Corporation all its Western Nigerian staff repatriated from the other Regions were eventually absorbed into suitable positions in this Region or in Lagos. The Electricity Corporation of Nigeria authority has confirmed that all the 32 members of its staff repatriated to this Region have been absorbed. A final report is awaited from the Post and Telegraphs Dept. About 50 University staff of all grades from both Nsukka and Ahmadu Bello have found suitable positions in similar institutions in this Region etc.

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The position in respect of the other workers is as follows:

- (1) No. recommended to various business houses
and establishments: 956
- (2) No. called for interview: 281
- (3) No. known to be employed: 237

Of these 168 went to various agricultural and forestry projects and the others to commercial and allied establishments.

- (4) 95 of the farm and forestry workers and two of others have deserted their places of work.

- (5) Trade Tests: a total of 22 persons who claim to be artisans were sent for trade test but only 3 were successful.

- (6) Remarks:

The total number employed is likely to be much larger than 237 since returns are received on only a few of the recommendations sent out. Disputes between employers and displaced persons reported to the Resettlement Office are promptly investigated.

Arrangement to give employment to suitably qualified repatriates in the Public Service is actively in progress with the co-operation of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments and Training.

5. Provision of Job-Opportunities

To provide job opportunities for the semi-skilled and unskilled among the displaced it has been planned to establish a few small scale and rural processing schemes. To this end arrangement has been made for the Committee to take over from the Ministry of Trade and Industry the pioneer oil mills which are lying idle in the different palm-tree growing areas of the Region. In fact one of the mills- situated at Araromi Eleja has been so taken over and is at present being operated by 12 displaced persons. A total of 8 drums each containing 110 gallons of edible oil has been produced up to date. An experiment by which mud chemical solution instead of salt can be used to separate cracked

kernels from their shell has been successfully carried out. Also kernel shells are used as fuel in place of wood. It is hoped that these will greatly reduce the cost of the operation.

A team of experts consisting of a Mechanical Engineer from the Ministry of Works and Transport and a representative each of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Resettlement Committee has been set up to visit and inspect the other mills. When a report is received from this team as to the mechanical fitness or otherwise of the mills negotiation on their eventual take-over will be resumed with the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Other projects under active consideration include fishing in Ilaje - Okitipupa area, Mechanical workshop in Ife and Gari processing in Ilaro.

6. Training for career

A scheme for the training of the young lowly educated repatriates with a view to fitting them for work as domestic hands and in catering establishments has been concluded with the Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development. This will consist of a four weeks' orientation course in citizenship and leadership at the Community Development Training Institute, Shasha to be followed by eight weeks' course in cookery, housecraft, laundry etc. at Thompson's Cottage in Ibadan. This scheme has been rather slow in starting due chiefly to the lack of interest by the displaced youths in this type of job. Interview has, however, now been conducted to select the first batch to undergo the training. Out of 71 invited for interview only 31 turned up and 23 of these have been found suitable.

Other schemes for training are in progress at Araromi Eleja for operators and technicians for the maintenance of the oil mills; and being planned for mechanics at the proposed mechanical workshop in Ife.

7. Loan scheme for the self-employed

Action on the granting of loans to the self-employed is well under way. Between January and May 1967 about 150 applications were received.

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27 of these have been investigated (a high proportion of the applications only came in early in May). 15 of those investigated were recommended and out of these 5 have been approved by the Committee. Investigation is in progress on the financial standing of the guarantors nominated by the remaining 10. The individual amounts granted range between £5 and £500. Other applications are under active study.

8. Care and Welfare

A Higher Social Development Officer is attached to the Resettlement Committee to undertake welfare work in connection with the displaced persons. Up to date 115 repatriates have received subsistence and special allowances totalling £350. In addition over 200 people have been sent to the hospital for free medical treatment and a dozen women for free antenatal care etc. Payment for prescriptions not available in Government hospitals and dispensaries have been made from resettlement fund in deserving cases. The destitute and the aged have been and cared for given regular subsistence allowance. Three of these aged 64, 65 and 72 years respectively have now been settled in gainful occupation with facilities for satisfactory accommodation.

9. Expenditure

- (a) A total amount of about £350 has been paid out in subsistence and special allowances. Of this £250 was spent on subsistence, £50 on transport, £20 on medical care, and £30 on miscellaneous.

(b) Palm Oil Project at Araromi - Eleja

Expenses to date £750: 2: 1d

Of which Capital expenses = £453: 14: 3d

Wages and Allowances (for
12 displaced workers)
for the period 15/3/67-15/5/67 = £296: 7: 10d

(c) Wages to displaced workers - Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources Projects

(a) 16/12/66-29/4/67 Olokemeji 42 - £1,220: -: -

(b) 21/1/67-29/4/67 Iwo 8 - 282: 16: 3

(c) 21/1/67-29/4/67 Onigambari 9 - 279: 13: 9

(d) Business loans and grants - 1,030: -: -

(See Appendix 'A')
(See Appendix 'A')

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- (e) Amount of Loan under consideration
in respect of outstanding applications - £130,016:15: -d
(See Appendix 'B')

APPENDIX 'A'

BUSINESS LOANS AND GRANTS APPROVED

DATE	NAME	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
23/3/67	Mrs. J.A. Oni	To carry on Textile Trade	£500
22/4/67	Mr. Ade. Wilson	Carbide Light Making	5
22/4/67	Mr. Andrew Tossu	Laundry	5
13/5/67	Mr. R. Adedokun	To carry on Lumber Work	19:14: -
13/5/67	Mr. F.O. Folorunso	To trade in Radio & Spare Parts.	500

APPLICATIONS FOR LOAN

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Appendix 'B'

SERIAL No.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	P U R P O S E	R E M A R K S
1	Mr. J. A. Adebambo	£500	Textile Trade	Feasibility Survey
2.	Mr. E. O. Ayeni	£200	Photo Studio	Referred to Ministry of Home Affairs for advice
3	Mr. M. N. Elebute } *	£1,000	General Trading	Under Investigation
4	Mrs. M.A. Elebute }	£500	General Trading	Under Investigation
5	Mr. M.F. Longe } *	£300	T r a d i n g	Dropped. Applicant is a civil servant
6	Mrs. I.A. Longe }	£250	Food Canteen	Guarantors Under Investigation
7	Mr. S. K. Ajayi	£250	General Trading	Under Investigation
8	Mr. Michael Aladekomo	£500	T r a d i n g	Dropped. Applicant not serious
9	Mr. S.A. Adeola	£250	T r a d i n g	Under Investigation but applicant has not traded before
10	Mr. James Gbolade	£10	Pool House	Under Investigation
11	Mr. S. Ola. Alabi	£200	General Trading	To produce suitable guarantors
12	Mr. J.A. Sanusi	£100	Petty Trade	Under Investigation
13	Mr. A.O. Sanwo	£500	General Trading	Under Investigation
14	Mr. J.A. Olola	£1,000	General Trading	Under Investigation
15	Mr. E.A. Akande	£500	T r a d i n g	To produce suitable guarantors
16	Mr. J.O. Ogunmoroti	£250	General Trading	Under Investigation. Applicant is not experienced in trading
17	Mr. J.A. Obedeyi	£250	T r a d i n g	Under Investigation. Applicant is not experienced in trading.

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SERIAL NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REMARKS
18	Mrs. J.A. Oni	£1,500	Textile Trade	£500. Already approved and Paid
19	Prince Ade	£201	Pools House	Under Investigation
20	Chief M. O. Ojo	£2,200	Pharmacy	Disapproved on the advice of the Expert.
21	Mr. Y. O. Ojalatan	£180	T r a d i n g	Guarantor under Investigation
22	Mr. Y. B. Idowu	£380	T r a d i n g	To furnish details
23	Mr. G.C. Ribeiro	£432	Harbal Clinic	To furnish details
24	Mr. Y.A. O. Bakare	£265: 10s.	Patent Medicine	To furnish details
25	Mrs. G.O. Oni	£500	Provision Shop	Feasibility Survey in progress
26	Mr. J.T. Fagbohun	£200	Food Stuffs	Under Investigation but applicant not experienced in this type of trade
27	Mr. E.F. Sowunmi	£500	General Contract	Under Investigation
28	Mr. I.A. Ogunaiké	£500	Electrical Contract	Under Investigation
29	Alhaji A. Alimi	£216	Tailoring Service	To submit details
30	Mr. J. A. Yusuff	£262: 10s.	T r a d i n g	Under Investigation
31	Mr. Siaka Asiru	£500	Goldsmith and Trading	Under Investigation
32	Alhaji G.B. Shobalaje	£366	General Trading	To submit details
33	Mr. Sholaja	£173	Pools Agency	To furnish details
34	Mr. M.A. Badejo	£360	General Contract	Under Investigation
35	Mr. Ajayi Salami	£395	Petty Trading	To furnish details
36	Mr. Y. Tiyaṁiyu	£431	Provision and Patent Medicine	Applicant not experienced in this type of business.
37	Mr. E. A. Akinlolu	£304	Spare Part Shop	Under Investigation

SERIAL No.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	P U R P O S E	R E M A R K S
38	Mrs. Joke Ekundayo	£200	Provision Shop	To furnish details
39	Mr. Ganiyu Ayinde	£292	T r a d i n g	To submit guarantors
40	Mr. M.O. Oyebamiji	£319	Petty Trading	To give details
41	Madam A.A. Sindiku	£242	General Trading	Under Investigation
42	Mr. E.A. Orekoya	£498:10s.	General Trading	To give details
43	Mr. Oseni Omotosho	£305	Provision Shop	Under Investigation
44	Mr. J.O. Onakoya	£445:10s.	Petty Trading	To supply details
45	Mr. B. Mustapha	£500	Motor Scrap Dealer	Applicant has not traded before
46	Mr. L.L. Akande	£458	Food Stuff Trade	Experts have advised that applicant is too old to embark on trading
47	Mrs. A.A. Akande)	£253	Food Canteen	Under Investigation
48	Alhaji S.O. Sanusi	£500	T r a d i n g	For Trade Officer's Comments
49	Mr. Saibu Oladele	£242	Petty Trading	To supply details
50	Mr. Dauda Adio	£250	General Trading	Under Investigation
51	Mr. Ladoja Iyanda	£378	Petty Trading	To give details
52	Mr. K. Ishola	£361	Paints Trading	Under Investigation
53	Mr. Abasi Aliwo	£330	Food Stuffs Trading	To name guarantors
54	Mrs. Raliatu Abeje	£250	T r a d i n g	To give details
55	Mr. G. Alafe	£257	Trading	Under Investigation
56	Mr. Oseni Amosa	£259	Trading	Under Investigation
57	Mr. Bello Adediji	£252	Trading	To name guarantors
58	Mr. K. Ajagbe	£253	Trading	To give details
59	Mr. R. Adewunni	£260	Trading	Applicant has no previous experience in trading
60	Mr. Alabi Adeoye	£262	Petty Trading	Under Investigation

SERIAL NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REMARKS
61	Mr. J. Abefe	£254:10s.	Trading	Applicant has no previous experience in trading
62.	Mrs. C. T. Olunlade	£263:10s.	Trading	To give details
63.	Mrs. D. W. Fatola	£350	Trading	To name guarantors
64.	Mr. Raji Adio	£265	Food Stuff Trading	To give details
65.	Mr. R. Anifowose	£265	General Trading	To give details
66.	Mrs. T. Anifowose	£210	Provision Store	Under Investigation
67.	Mr. B. A. Salami	£286	Trading	No previous experience in this business
68.	Mrs. Lyia Ajayi	£60	Food Canteen	To name guarantors
69.	Madam Sholagbade	£429	Hotel & Provision Shop	To supply details
70.	Mr. A. Ogunniyi	£297	Gold Smith Shop	Under Investigation
71.	Mr. A. Onadipe	£351	Gold Smith Shop	Under Investigation
72.	Mr. K. Iyanda	£395	Gold Smith Shop	Under Investigation
73.	Mr. F. A. Shoremi	£406	Patent Medicine Store	Referred to Experts
74.	Mr. R. A. Totibi	£235	Electrical Shop	Under Investigation
75.	Mr. I. O. Williams	£382	Electrical Contract	To name guarantors
76.	Mr. Yesufu Agboola	£300	Mechanical Shop	Under Investigation
77.	Mrs. F. O. Balogun	£181	Provision Shop	Under Investigation
78.	Mr. B. O. Balogun	£336	Food Stuff Store	Under Investigation
79.	Mrs. F. Shonusun	£160	Provision Store	Under Investigation
80.	Mr. Taiwo Shonusun	£243	Trading	Under Investigation
81.	Mr. K. Jimoh	£250	Food Stuff Dealer	Under Investigation

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SERIAL NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REMARKS
82.	Mr. M. O. Ajayi	£431	Spare Part Motor Part Trader	Under Investigation
83.	Mr. Yesufu Alabi	£352	Liquor Hotel	Under Investigation
84.	Mr. O. M. Parcle	£360	Electrical Shop	Under Investigation
85.	Mr. F. A. Akintunde	£294	Automobile & Electrical Services	Under Investigation
86.	Mr. D. A. Otubogun	£235	Contract Work	Under Investigation
87.	Mr. T. O. Onafuwa	£500	Patent Medicine	To furnish details
88.	Mr. S. A. Adesanya	£55	Provision & Tailoring	Under Investigation
89.	Mr. I. A. Ajao	£247	Tailoring	To furnish details
90.	Mr. Y. Salawu	£202	Tailoring	To supply details
91.	Mr. H. Ogunkunle	£212	Tailoring	Under Investigation
92.	Mr. R. Amose	£212	Tailoring	To furnish details
93.	Mr. A. Lawal	£204	Tailoring	To name guarantors
94.	Mr. S. K. Ajayi	£260	Tailoring	To name guarantors
95.	Mr. M. A. Adebayo	£340	Tailoring	Under Investigation
96.	Mrs. E. O. Onakoya	£193	Sewing Institute	Under Investigation
97.	Mr. S. L. Adegoke & Ekundayo	£500	Building & Civil Engineering Contract	Has no previous experience of this business.
98.	Mr. B. Akano	£252	Butcher	To name guarantors
99.	Mr. A. Adesanya	£215	Barbing Saloon	Under Investigation
100.	Mr. S. Adelakun	£196	Spray Painter	Under Investigation
101.	Mr. P. O. Ogunleye	£300	Bread Bakery	Under Investigation
102.	Mr. E. I. Olusanya	£2,000	Import and Export Business	Under Investigation

SERIAL NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REMARKS
103.	Mr. T. A. Otegbayo	£450	Petty Trading	To give details
104.	Mr. O. Adesegun	£300	Petty Trading	Under Investigation
105.	Mr. F. O. Folorunso	£2,500	General Trading	£500 approved and paid
106.	Madam M. Ayoka	£500	Textile Trade	To supply details
107.	Mr. F. A. Siwoniku	£100	Petty Trading	To furnish details
108.	Omokayode (Ibadan) C.T. & C.S. Limited	£35,000	Co-operative Credit & Thrift Society	Referred to Ministry of Trade & Industry for advice.
109.	Mr. M. Elikaya	£200	Petty Trading	To supply details
110.	Mr. K. Dejiya	£500 - £1,000	Radio T.V. Sale & Service Business	Under Investigation
111.	Mr. S. Lawal	£500	General Trading	Had never traded
112.	Mr. S. O. Atulute	£300	Petty Trading	Expert advice is against. He has not got the necess- ary business expertise
113.	Omowale (Ibadan) Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd.	£32,000	Co-operative Credit & Thrift Society	Referred to Ministry of Trade & Industry for advice
114.	Ipetu Ijesha Association of Yam Sellers Ipetu-Ijesha	£12,000	Co-operative Trading	Under Investigation
115.	Matthew Abodunrin	£200	Photo Studio	Referred to the Ministry of Information.
116.	Ade Wilson	£5	Laundry	Approved and Paid
117.	E. A. A. Oyewole	£250	Photo Studio	Investigation of guarantors
118.	A. A. Adekile	£1,500	Printing Press	Under Investigation
119.	Mrs. Florence Alabi	£115	Provision & Cosmetic Shop	To give details

SERIAL NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REMARKS
120.	Mr. Andrew Tosu	£5	Cabide Light Making	Approved and paid
121.	Mr. Matthew Abodunrin	£200	Importation of goods	To furnish details
122.	Mr. S. G. Ekundayo	£1,000 - £3,000	Building & Civil Engineering Contract	To furnish details
123.	Mrs. Joke Ekundayo		Provision Shop	To furnish details
124.	Mr. Joseph Ogunse		To establish piggery	To name guarantors
125.	Mr. D. I. Oweye	£202	Electrical Engineering Shop	Under Investigation
126.	Mr. B. Lawal	£500	Contract Work	Under Investigation
127.	Mr. A. O. Shoremi	£406	Patent Medicine Store	Under Investigation
128.	Mr. O. Obiyomi	£1,500	Gold Smith Shop	Advised to modify
129.	Mrs. Florence Alabi	£300	Food Stuff Trade	Under Investigation
130.	Mr. M. O. Fadina	£303:10s.	Tailoring	Under Investigation
131.	Mr. Fariu Akanbi	£445	Building & Maintenance Contractor	Under Investigation
132.	Mr. Saka Ogundeji	£165	Trading	Under Investigation
133.	Mrs. Matilda Ayodele	£104	Food Canteen	Under Investigation
134.	Mr. S. A. Lawal	£193	Printer & Designer	Under Investigation
135.	Madam Awanatu Adebisi	£140	Foodstuff Trading	Under Investigation
136.	Madam Alimotu Akintomo	£300	Foodstuff Trading	Under Investigation
137.	Mr. Gidion Adesanya	£165:10s.	Cabinet Working	Under Investigation
138.	Mr. S. O. Ajayi	£436:15s.	Corn Grinding Work	Under Investigation
139.	Mr. Israel Deji	£202	Electrical Engineering Work	Under Investigation
140.	Mr. F. B. Ogunkoya	£324	Patent Medicine Dealer	Under Investigation
141.	Mr. R. A. Adedokun	£19:14s.	Lumber Work	Approved and paid

* Indicates suspected application from husband and wife. It is proposed to treat these as joint applications from family units.

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2. Spare copy is abc.

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I think the mlf is back in the Registry.

2. If so, pl. merge papers and re-submit.

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Papers have been merged, please
pp. 489-501.

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S. M. G.,

Reference pages 489-501, pages 490-501 contain the Progress Report of the Resettlement Committee which is submitted for information only.

2. There are four major matters which have to be highlighted in the Report, namely:

- (a) The Committee has been able to raise £15,000, so far, from the fund-raising scheme launched last January;
- (b) 237 repatriates are known to have been found jobs out of 956 recommended;
- (c) A loan scheme for repatriates has been introduced; five of them have been granted loans and 141 loan applications are being processed, details of which are at pages 495-501, and (d) Local Resettlement Committees chairmanned by Divisional Advisers have been set up.

In regard to (c), greater speed will be achieved if more Trade Officers can be released by the P.S.M.T.&I. to carry out necessary investigations of the projects for which loans are sought.

3. You may wish H.E. to see and, if necessary, detach a spare copy of the Report at back cover.

(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(G),
24th May, 1967.

Y.E.

may be interested to see above
min. and detach copy of progress
report by our Resettlement Officer. a, b, c.

[Signature] 27/5
S.M.G.

[Signature] 27/5

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directives at p. 446. pl.

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There is nothing we can now do. Nfrs pl..

13/6/67

P.A.

The Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons

from the office of the general Secretar
SW8/597 Ijebu Bye Pass,
Molete, Ibadan.

Date May 17, 1967.

The Private Secretary to
the Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Application for an Interview with His Excellency

I am directed by the Executive Committee of my
Association to humbly request for 6 - man delegation to
interview His Excellency anytime next week, with a view to
discussing certain problems confronting us about our resettlement in the Western Nigeria.

Thank you for an early response.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) Olu Adeyemi
General Secretary
W. N. A. of Displaced Persons.

Y.E.,

May wish to grant an audience to the representatives of
the 'displaced persons'. Perhaps Mrs. Ighodalo and S.M.G. may
be requested to attend.

(Intld) E. Koleoso 20/5/67

Okay
(Intld.) R. A. Adebayo

27/22

25 May, 1967.

The General Secretary,
Western Nigeria Association of
Displaced Persons,
SW8/597, Ijebu Bye Pass,
Molete,
Ibadan.

Sir,

P. 504A
I am directed to refer to your letter of 17th May, 1967 and to say that His Excellency the Military Governor would receive your 6-man delegation in his Office on Thursday 1st June, 1967 at 10 a.m.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

See P. 504C
(Sgd.) J. O. Awopetu
Private Secretary

COPY: p. 102 file 2 vol 2 "H.E. Interview"

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29 May, 1967

The General Secretary,
Western Nigeria Association of
Displaced Persons,
SW8/597, Ijebu Bye Pass,
Molete,
Ibadan.

Sir,

P. 504 B
I am directed to refer to my letter No. 2T/22 of 25th May, 1967 and to inform you that the appointment fixed for 1st June, 1967 has been postponed as His Excellency the Military Governor will not be available on that date. Another date will be arranged in due course.

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2. I am also to request you to submit details of the points you would wish to discuss with His Excellency the Military Governor.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. O. Awopetu
Private Secretary

Western. Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons

from the office of the general Secretary,
Sw8/597 IJEBU BYE PASS,
c/o P.M.B. 5350, MOLETE, IBADAN.

Date.....June 3,.....1967.

The Private Secretary to the -
Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 27th May, 1967, I subpend
below the following points, the 6-man delegation would
like to discuss with His Excellency:-

1. General plight of Displaced Persons.
2. Property left behind.
3. Displaced Civil Servants & Corporations' Personnel.
4. Displaced Self-employed people.
5. Effect of the Federal Military Government's
economic sanction against the East.

Yours faithfully,

Olufemi Adeyemi

Olufemi Adeyemi.
General Secretary,
W. N. A. of Displaced Persons

E.O. (G#7).

Above submitted pls.
12/6/67.

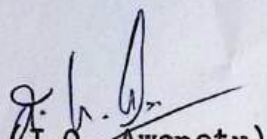
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Priv. Sec.,

Please see S.M.G.'s minutes at foot of p. 100 and my letter at p. 102.

2. The association has now indicated at p. ⁵⁰⁵ 126 the points they would wish to discuss with H.E. at the interview they request for.

3. You may now wish to refer the original request to S.M.G. under whom comes the question of displaced persons.


(J.O. Awopetu)
E.O. (G.H.)

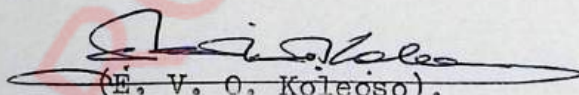
12th June, 1967.

S.A.S. (G),

Please see the above minutes by Mr. Awopetu.

2. As you are aware an appointment previously arranged for the Western Nigeria Association of displaced persons was cancelled on p. 102. The Association has now submitted at p. ⁵⁰⁵ 126 the points which they intend to discuss with His Excellency at the proposed meeting.

3. Please confirm that a date may now be arranged for the meeting with Mrs. Ighodalo attending.


(E. V. O. Koleoso),
Priv. Sec.,
13/6/67.

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S. M. G.,

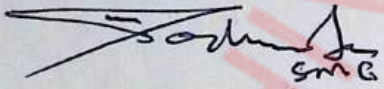
Please see the minutes overleaf.

P. 504 C
2. Before H.E. is approached to name a convenient date for a meeting with representatives of the Association of Displaced Persons (the earlier meeting at page 102 had to be cancelled), you may wish to see page ⁵⁰⁵126 which contains details of the points to be discussed with H.E., Mrs. Ighodalo will be informed as soon as H.E. names a convenient date.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(G),
13th June, 1967.

CAC.

Have you any comments on
⁵⁰⁵p. 126 please?

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Your minute at p. ~~125~~.

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2. The letter at p. ~~125~~ does not indicate what aspects of the subjects listed are proposed to be discussed with H.E. The first of these, i.e. "General Plight of Displaced Persons" is so vague that it is difficult to know what comments to make. In any case, most of the points listed at p. ~~125~~ ⁵⁰⁵ have been the subject of constant discussion between the representatives of the Association of Displaced Persons and the Resettlement Committee. In April, the Association sent a 7-point memorandum to the Committee and this was fully discussed at two meetings and the result of the Committee's deliberations was forwarded to the Association in a letter dated 31st May, 1967. (A copy each of the memorandum, the record of the Resettlement Committee's discussion on the memorandum and the letter forwarded to the Association is placed a.b.c. for your information please). By a letter dated 5th June, 1967 the Association have however, said that they have 'rejected the Committee's letter in its entirety because it does not meet their demands.'

3. It is likely that the same ground will be covered again by a delegation of the Association. The following may, therefore, serve as background information should H.E. decide to grant the interview requested:

(1) Property left behind

The Panel set up to handle this subject has been working continuously for over two months under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Local Government Police Force. A total of 650 proforma were sent out. Out of these, 605 have been returned and these have been broken into 'identifiable' and 'unidentifiable properties,' 'real property' and 'cash.' In addition, owners of landed property have been asked to indicate whether or not they

will consider exchanging their property^{ies} located in Eastern Nigeria with those of Easterners located in the Western State. Many have indicated their agreement with this arrangement if it can be implemented. Copies of the analysis of properties left behind and of the letter on the proposal for the exchange of property are also placed a.b.c. In view of the new development in the national crisis which has resulted in the sealing off of the Eastern States no further action can, for the time being, be taken to recover movable property and dispose of immovable ones.

(ii) Displaced Civil Servants & Corporations' Personnel:

You are personally handling this and the position as I understand it is that arrangement to get this category of displaced people absorbed into the Western Nigeria Civil Service is nearing its final stage.

(iii) Displaced Self-employed people:

The operation of the loan scheme to help these to resuscitate their business is in full swing. A total of £5,500 has been paid out as loan to eleven individuals; one Partnership consisting of three members, two Co-operative Societies consisting of 34 and 18 members respectively. In addition, displaced persons are working in Olokemeji, Onigambari and Iwo on Ministry of Agriculture projects; in Araremi Eleja on the palm oil project. A second palm oil mill at Aradagun in Abeokuta is being repaired and will start operation within the week. The training in domestics for a total of 26 candidates will start on July 2nd, 1967 and this will cost about £550. The proposal for the establishment of a Co-operative Sea Fishing for about 200 displaced fishermen in Ilaje, Okitipupa Division is actively being worked out with the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The first estimate submitted by that Ministry is £45,000 but the Permanent Secretary is himself re-examining this with a

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view to cutting down cost where possible. Plans for co-operative farming projects for displaced persons in Elkiti, Akure and Owe and gari production in Egbado are being worked out.

4. Below is the total amount of money so far expended on the different resettlement schemes:

(1) Palm Oil Project	£1,042 : 8 : 1d
(2) Wages to Workers	
(a) Olokemeji	£1,604 : 1 : 10d
(b) Onigambari	£ 375 : - : -
(c) Iwo	£ 395 : 6 : 3d
(3) Business Loans and Grants	£5,500 : - : -
	£8,916 : 16 : 2d
(4) Subsistence and other allowances to Sundry Persons	£ 467 : 10 : 6d
Total	£9,384 : 6 : 8d

5. Mr. Adeyemi, the Secretary of the Displaced Persons' Association is, in his capacity as member of the Resettlement Committee, aware of the different schemes and the progress so far made on each. There has been complaint about delay in the granting of loans. Such delay has generally been caused by the failure or unwillingness of the displaced to meet the conditions of the loan especially that of providing suitable guarantors or securities. Also the proposals submitted by many have been quite fantastic and have no bearing on the applicants' past experience or future business capability. The number of those needing subsistence and special allowances has increased slightly in the last few weeks and each deserving case has been granted. The Committee has, however, resisted the Association's constant pressure to grant regulated allowances to all and sundry because there is just no fund to meet this. Also not all who claim to be destitute are really so. There have been ^{cases} ~~many~~ of impersonation, false claims etc. All these have taken a lot of the time of the Resettlement Office staff to sort

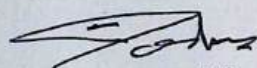
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out. A number who have been found employment have deserted their places of work; others lost their jobs because of incompetence, insubordination etc. Many will not take the job found for them or be willing to re-start life from modest beginning. All these have added in no small measure to the problems of resettlement and appeals for co-operation have constantly been made to the Association through their Secretary or delegations and individual displaced persons visiting the Resettlement Office and other members of the Committee.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Resettlement Committee

19th June, 1967

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These pp. shd. first be removed into appropriate ~~Re~~ file on Resettlement of displaced Yorubas, or that of the Association of Displaced Persons.


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Pl. take note on Engr's min. above. The
involved are 505-511
H, 126 etc. seq.

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SECURARIA IBADAN

GRATEFULY GRANT THE REQUESTED INTERVIEW URGENTLY
WESTERN DISPLACED PERSONS ASSOCIATION

From :-
(To be Telegraphed)

FGP M 2157

Private Sec. to H.E.,

Above submitted pl.

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Ref. 848(G) min. above.

Pages 505-511 have been removed into this file. The two suggested files do not exist and the one in existence is that of displaced Civil Servants of western States, which deals exclusively with matters relating to C.S. from other States only.

2. As p. 505 is an Association of all classes of displaced Yousubas, irrespective of their Trades and professions, I feel it would be appropriate to deal with these papers in this file.

3. Moreover, the Association previous paper - p. 480 - was dealt with in this file.

H. May I seize this opportunity to resubmit p. 487 as directed by you at p. 488 pl.

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Ref. yr. min. at p. 511, Hq. 505-10 are now
subd. in Resettlement Center file. We have no
file for Assoc. of Displaced Persons yet and
Mrs. Igbadabo's min. at Hq. 508-511 is best
filed in this file.

2. Your attention is also invited to the Assoc's
telegram at p. 512.



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Ref.No. TCW. 7002/ 63

Date 11 APRIL, 1967

SP/S. 54

P. T. Odumosu, Esq.,
Secretary to the Military Government,
IBADAN.

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

P-416
This is to acknowledge receipt of your memo
No.SP/S.54/416 of 5th April, 1967. The Permanent
Secretary, Ministry of Communications will be
communicating you further on the issue.

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(E. A. Amon)
Territorial Controller
Western Territory

c.c. C. O. Lawson, Esq.,
Ministry of Communications,
P.&T. Headquarters, Lagos.

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Ref. No. TCW.7002/65

Date 12th April, 1967

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P. T. Odumosu, Esq.
Secretary to the Military Government
Ibadan

Displaced Persons: Employment Policy

Further to my TCW.7002/63 of 11th April, 1967, I have been authorised to recruit a number of Asst. Technical Officers-in-training and Technicians-in-training. The educational qualifications and conditions required for each grade of officers are as follows:

1.1. Asst. Technical Officers

- (a) W.A.S.C. with credit in English, Mathematics and two other subjects including one of the following science subjects:

Physics
Physics-with-Chemistry
or General Science.

Candidates with a pass in English but qualified in all other subjects may be considered.

- (b) G.C.E.(O) with passes in the subjects mentioned above.
- (c) A four year junior Technical Institute Certificate.
- (d) Candidates (school leavers) should normally be under 21 but in exceptional cases a maximum age of 23 may be allowed. A candidate must have good normal vision and colour discrimination. The basic salary is £198 per annum. A candidate must produce evidence of his educational qualification preferably, the original of his certificate or signed detailed results sheet where the certificate is not available and the testimonial from the school last attended.
- (e) All officers appointed into the training grades of Asst. Technical Officers-in-training on the salary point of £198 to £354 per annum inclusive are required to enter into Bond as a condition of their employment. Copies of Bonds will be made available to the trainee for completion before appointment and no one will be appointed until the completed Bond is returned to the appointing officer.
- (f) At the successful completion of the training, after three years, he proceeds to the salary of £476 - £855 per annum in the scale P9, P7. Promotion levels for Assistant Technical

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Officers are:

Technical Officer	- £684 - £1,164 (scale P7, 6, 5)
Higher Tech. Officer	- £1,212 - £1,314 (scale P4)
Senior Tech. Officer	- £1,368 - £1,584 (scale P1)
Principal Tech. Officer	- £1,860 (Group 8).

Promising Asst. Technical Officers are eligible for selection for university degree course to become professional engineers.

1.2. Technicians

- (a) The candidate should have the minimum qualification of West African School Certificate. Candidates who failed the W.A.S.C. can be accepted. Generally, the difference between acceptable candidates for this post and that of the Asst. Technical Officer is that quality of result of the Asst. Technical Officers, the West African School Certificate, should show highest grade and brilliancy. Candidates with border line pass certificates are acceptable for Technician grade.
- (b) Officers who are appointed into the training grade of Technician-in-training will be on the salary of £198-207 per annum. Where for lack of suitable candidates, it is necessary to employ candidates who have passed the W.A.S.C. but failed in English Language, they will be started on £189 per annum.
- (c) The progressions in the grade are as follows: The training grade £198 - £207 per annum (scale P11). In the 3rd year when he should have reached £219 per annum he takes the Preliminary Test and on passing he jumps to £279 - £303 (scale P11) and if he passes the Advanced Test at this stage, i.e. three years after passing the Preliminary Test he jumps to £349 - £448. The promotion outlets after passing the Advanced Test are as follows:

Senior Technician II	- £476 - £596 (scale P9)
Senior Technician I	- £624 - £828 (scale P8)
Chief Technician	- £888 - £1,164 (scale P6, P5).

If he is a very brilliant type he could be chosen for training as Asst. Technical Officer any time after passing the Preliminary Test mentioned above.

- (d) Candidates should be below 17 years of age.

2. If you have qualified candidates among refugees that you wish to rehabilitate and are interested, please let them report in the Territorial Headquarters, P. & T., Ibadan, on Friday 21st April 1967 for interview. Although I have limited vacancies in each grade, please send as many as possible, i.e. possibly 40 to 50 of each grade of officer. Qualified sons of refugees can be helped in this way too.

3. I intend to ask the Federal Labour Exchange to send candidates too and also all known candidates who can be

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obtained, in order to give wide selection of qualified candidates, will be interviewed.

(E. A. Amon)
Ag. Territorial Controller
Western Territory

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17th April, 1967

J. O. I. Longe, Esq., M.F.R.,
Chairman,
W. N. Employment Committee,
c/o Min. of Trade & Industry,
Ibadan.

Vacancies in the Posts & Telecommuni-
cations Department, Western Nigeria.

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P. 516

I am directed to refer to recent discussions you held with Mr. P. T. Odumosu, M.F.R., on the above-mentioned subject and to forward herewith for necessary action by you a copy of letter No.TCW.7002/65 of 12th April, 1967 addressed to Mr. Odumosu by the Acting Territorial Controller of Telecommunications, Western Territory, Ibadan.

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(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.



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Y.E.,

Last month a request was received from the Secretary of the Western State Association of displaced persons asking Y.E. to receive a six-man delegation of ~~its~~^{his} association "with a view to discussing certain problems confronting us about our resettlement in the Western Nigeria". The papers were not properly routed and before those who are in charge of the subject knew anything about it, Y.E. was advised to agree to receive the delegation. Y.E. had other engagement which prevented your receiving the delegation on the scheduled date and the opportunity was taken to ask the association to submit details of the points they wish to discuss with Y.E. This produced their letter at p.505 of this file in which they listed 5 subjects. These 5 points are the subject of comments by the C.R.C. at pp.508-511 of the file.

2. Apart from the last item at p.505 (over which no one here has any control) Y.E., I am sure, can bear out that all the items are being satisfactorily taken care of as revealed in Mrs. Ighodalo's minute at pp.508-511. All the points made in this minute are known (or should be known) to Mr. Adeyemi, the Signatory to p.505 as a member of the Resettlement Committee. One of the reasons why Y.E. appointed him to that Committee was to enable him to know what is going on and to keep his members informed. Whilst I have no objection to representatives of this association meeting Y.E. to discuss matters of policy or important issues on which officials have failed to satisfy them, I consider it will be a waste of Y.E.'s time to be asked to discuss matters which have not previously been thoroughly discussed with the officials concerned.

However, in view of the fact that there was a previous commitment on Y.E.'s part to receive a delegation of the association, it might be advisable to grant them an interview and seize the opportunity to bring home to them the points I made above.

[Signature]
(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.
27 June, 1967.

Agreed
Please arrange
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Private Sec.

Pls. write to the Association inviting their representatives to meet HE. at his office at 12 noon on Mon. 10th July. Pls. return file to me for ref. to C.R.C.

[Signature] 28/6/67
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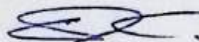
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Olu. Adeyemi Esq.,
General Secretary,
Western Nigeria Association of
Displaced Persons,
P.M.B. 5350,
Ibadan.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of 3rd June, 1967 and to inform you that His Excellency will be pleased to meet representatives of your Association in his Office at 12 noon on Monday 10th July, 1967.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,



(E. V. O. Koleoso)
for Secretary to the Military
Government & Head of Service

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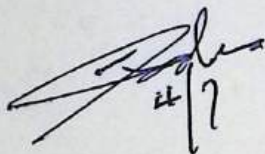
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From:

The Military Governor
Ibadan

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What do they want again?

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Have you not 30/6
written to them about
interview? 47

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From:

The Military Governor
Ibadan

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Ch I have already
sent the letter referred to
in SMG's minute. We may well
file the telegram. I will do that
& bank the file back. 3/1 -

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This file is reqd to be brought up
(hand by hand) w/o fail to the SMG. on 10/7/67 -
page 523 refers.

7/7/67.

Note

P. 524. Meeting held today - C.R.C.
Mrs. Ighale, has been asked to
provide me with a list of all outstanding
applications for loans and the
reasons why each has not been
approved. K.I.V.

[Signature]
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