

... We who claim to be non-aligned must have the right to choose the political and economic philosophy which we consider most suitable for our rapid development and advancement.

— Dr Kwame Nkrumah  
(Speech delivered at the Second Summit of Non-Aligned States in Cairo, 1964)

A healthy environment ensures a healthy and intelligent people.  
AKWAABA! Black Starlets.

— Green Forum For Development (Environmental Journalists and Communicators)

**Women Asked To Work To Eliminate Institutions Which Place Them At Disadvantage In Society**

**Women and Development** urged women in Ghana to work to eliminate institutions and traditions that have placed them at a disadvantage in society. This was contained in a statement issued by the NCWD in Accra on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. It said Ghana, recognising the adverse conditions and situation of women in the economic, social, cultural, political, educational and health spheres, acceded to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. The convention which came into force in Ghana on February 1, 1986 was ratified in 1985. Since then, Ghana has initiated and implemented various laws and policies that address the unequal position of women. The statement cited the Intestate Succession Law, The Administration of Estates (Amendment) Law and the Customary Marriage and Divorce Registration Law aimed at addressing some aspects of culture which are based and unfair to women.

**Grand Opening Of NAM Ministerial Conference Today**

By E. G. K. Delewa  
The Foreign Ministers Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) officially opens at the Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) today. The Chairman of the PNDC, Flt-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings will perform the opening ceremony. Senior delegates of the 101 countries attending the preparatory meeting since Monday have prepared the agenda at a plenary session for the Foreign Ministers Conference. Only The Bahamas will not be represented at the 10th Ministerial Meeting of the 102-member Movement.

gates to the conference have arrived at the Kotoka International Airport. Speaking to newsmen yesterday, Mr Omar Sey, Gambia Foreign Minister said the economies of Third World countries would continue to decline if they do not co-operate effectively to achieve their developmental goals. report Abigail Bonsu & Siisi Quainoo. He said even though the East-West tension has eased considerably the current world situation points to the emergence of a new economic power. Mr Sey stressed that with the envisaged economic unity among European countries which co-

**Four Under Investigations In Custom Duty Evasion Case**

FOUR persons have been remanded in custody in connection with allegations of tax evasion and non-payment of customs duty running into millions of cedis.

They are Kwame Fosu, president of the Ghana Institute of Freight Forwarders (GIFF), based at the Kotoka International Airport (KIA), George Ayeah, director of Royal Bridge Agency. Samuel

Donkor and Joseph Hutton, both of Accra.

A release from the National Investigations Committee (NIC), said the GIFF held a press conference in February, this year to refute allegations of corruption made against them by the Customs, Excise and Preventive Service (CEPS).

At the press conference, the release said, the GIFF made allegations of malpractices against certain customs officials.

So far NIC investigations into the allegations made by GIFF have revealed that in 1990 alone 134 cheques, totalling C113,676,609 belonging to large reputable companies operating in Ghana appear to have been used by some members to clear goods belonging to others, mostly traders, the release said.

The goods of the companies were then smuggled out and the money paid by the traders as duty was then appropriated by a CEPS cashier, at least one and others yet to be

identified. The release said on Friday, August 29, Kwame Fosu of NIFS UNIQUE, a clearing house at KIA was invited for an interview when his complimentary card was found on Joseph Kwame Hutton then being investigated in connection with a misapplied cheque belonging to CEPS.

He admitted receiving a payment order which had been dishonestly acquired. His company is also associated with the use of stolen cheques worth C43,354,873.45 in 1990, the release said.

The release further stated that this payment order was used by a clearing house at Tema called Royal Bridge Agency of which Fosu is a director. Fosu admitted that he instructed another director, George Ayeah, to use this cheque to clear goods belonging to an importer who neither owned nor had purchased this instrument.

A commission of C150,000, the statement said, was to be paid to Kwame Fosu for disposing of the payment order.

Kwame Fosu and Ayeah have so far paid C1,050,000 to Joseph Kwame Hutton, who acquired the payment order dishonestly through Samuel Donkor, the release said.

A docket is being prepared for the four to be prosecuted.

**VOTERS REGISTER TO RE-OPEN FEB 1992**

By Ebenezer Ato Sam  
THE National Commission for Democracy (NCD) will re-open the Voters Register by February, next year to prepare the country towards constitutional rule.

This confirms the announcement by the Head of State and Chairman of the PNDC, Flt-Lt J. J. Rawlings in his new year message to Ghanaians on January 1, this year.

Disclosing this to newsmen at his office in Accra yesterday, Professor E. A. Haizel, Secretary to the NCD, stated however that the re-opening of the Register would be subjected to the outcome of deliberations of the Consultative Assembly on the next stage of District Level Elections (DLE) to be organised in March, next year.

The voters register was last opened in 1987.

Prof Haizel said since the legal term of office of the District Assembly members expires in March 1992 there is the need to organise the elections since it falls in line with the proposals of the Committee of Experts on the Draft Constitution for the Consultative Assembly.

He announced the formation of a special NCD Task Force which would prepare modalities for the successful conduct of a nation-wide referendum on the outcome of all deliberations on the draft proposals submitted by the

Committee of Experts for consideration by the Consultative Assembly.

According to Prof Haizel, the Task Force will among other things, see to the impartial redemarcation of all the

electoral areas to prevent unfair advantage by other electoral areas.

He mentioned that so far the NCD has discharged all the task assigned to it including the production of the NCD report on the

District Assemblies collated at the regional forums.

He said the Commission would provide Citizens Identity Cards to all Ghanaians latest by April, next year.

Prof Haizel refuted

claims by certain groups that the NCD is a political organ of the PNDC and made it clear that by the very structure of the Commission, it cannot refuse to be responsible to govern-

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**Starlets Given Heroic 'Akwaaba'**

**... As World Champions**

By Felix Abayateye

A TUMULTUOUS welcome, the type reserved for only heroes, was accorded world champions, the Black Starlets on their arrival home last night from Italy, where they conquered the world at the FIFA-JVC Under-17 soccer tournament.

A multitude of people, ranging from kindergarten to the most elderly imaginable, was at the Kotoka International Airport last night to give the glorious Starlets that heroic welcome. The balcony and the departure halls of the airport building were all choked to sweltering levels.

Amidst that discomfort, the noise of drumming and singing in praise of the little heroes filled the atmosphere. T-Shirts, bearing various inscriptions like: "I love Starlets," "I am Starlets fan" etc were the commonest costume while mini flags in the national colours held high by the human sea completed the night's apparel.

And when the Ghana Airways DC 10 plane that brought our heroes was spotted in the night's sky going through the landing rituals, a booming noise from the cheering crowd came off. The stage was therefore set for a stampede as the plane finally touched down at 8.15 p.m.

Side-stepping protocol and giving little room for the security to operate, the crowd surged onto the tarmac and almost swallowing up the Government welcome delegation, led by PNDC member, Mr P. V. Obeng, himself

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• Time for pouring of libation to the gods of Ghana for the safe arrival and victorious performances of the Black Starlets football team, in the FIFA/JVC Under-17 World Cup series in Italy as seen here yesterday at the Kotoka International Airport (KIA). The man in charge of affairs is Okyeame

Akwasi Akuffo, State Linguist (extreme right). The Starlets players are all wearing white headbands (sign of victory) in the company of Mr P. V. Obeng, PNDC member, and Mr Kwame Saarah-Mensah, Secretary for Youth and Sports.

Picture by Emmanuel Quaye

## What Salim Said About NAM

By Abigail Bonsu and Siisi Quainoo

MR Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), has expressed the view that the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) needs to re-assess the current world political and economic situation and see how best it can play its role in the context of the new realities.

He said this has become necessary because "the realities of yesterday are no longer the same, while the East-West divide is no longer relevant in the classical sense."

Mr Salim made these remarks in Accra on Monday when he spoke to newsmen on arrival by road from Togo enroute from Ethiopia.

He described the meeting taking place as very historic in both the history of the movement and in shaping its future trend in the African perspective because the continent constitutes a considerable force within NAM.

He indicated that the current world situation tends to suggest a trend towards the marginalisation of Africa and stressed on the need for the move-

ment to work together to diffuse this marginalisation and to make an impact to the realisation of the new world international order.

"We are for this new order but it is important that this new order takes into account the legitimate interest and aspirations of countries like those in Africa — We are for a just world and it seems to me that Accra is the right place to focus on this issue and to see to what extent we can play a role in shaping order", he said.

On problems and conflicts in and among NAM member countries, Mr Salim said it would be useful for the NAM to examine how it can play an active role in support of efforts towards conflict resolution and the promotion of South-South Co-operation and to move from rhetoric to the concrete realisation of this fundamental objective.

The OAU Secretary General said this is particularly necessary now that experience has taught that the trend in the world is towards the formation of larger and greater economic entities even among powerful countries.

On trade and the problem of external debt facing many NAM countries, Mr Salim said the situation calls for solidarity and explained that though there has been a number of initiatives towards this end, there are still many areas of concern which need to be addressed.

## Voters Register

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He explained that it is not wrong for the PNDC to place a ban on partisan political programmes while the Consultative Assembly is at its elementary stage of drawing up a Constitution for the people of Ghana.

He also stressed that people should not misconstrue the composition of the leadership of the NCD to justify their claim that it is being controlled by the PNDC.

Rather, he said, people must see the Commission as a transitional structure for the collation and evaluation of dissenting views of the citizenry toward a mass representative and functionally replicable system of governance for the country.

Prof Haizel stated that it is not common for a government of the day, to institute a structure without effecting the necessary supervisory or control machinery to enable it to be responsive and accountable to the task for which it was commissioned.

He disclosed that the NCD has identified certain inhibitory structures within its set-up and has consequently applied to the PNDC to re-structure it so as to enable the Commission to conveniently measure up to its impartial functions.

## Black Starlets Return To Rousing

Hundreds of thousands of Ghanaians yesterday welcomed home the World's Under-17 soccer champions at the Kotoka International Airport.

The Starlets beat Spain to win the coveted JVC Under-17 trophy.

Picture ONE shows hundreds of thousands of Ghanaian fans cheer the Black Starlets on arrival.

In Picture TWO, Alex Opoku, the Starlets captain (with the JVC Under-17 trophy in hand), Youth and Sports Secretary, Mr Saarah-Mensah (on his left), and other members of the team respond to cheers from a section of the crowd, while in Picture THREE, PNDC member, Mr P. V. Obeng (middle) leads an enthusiastic crowd of fans which includes Mr Kwamena Ahwoi, Secretary for Local Government, to cheer the world champions.

Pictures by Emmanuel Quayee.



## World Champions

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dressed in one of the "I. love Starlets" apparel.

Some of the surging crowd almost jumped the gangway, anxious to meet the Starlets players at the very base of the entrance to the aircraft, but at that stage they were impeded by an extraordinary security guard.

The first to appear with the ultimate prize — the FIFA-JVC Cup — was the captain of the team, Master Alex Opoku. He lifted the cup to the gaze of the shouting and beaming crowd. Following Opoku, were Master Osei Kuffour, coaches Otto Pfister and E. K. Afranie, while the others, Masters Sebastian Barnes, Ben Owu, Kofi Mbeah, Kofi Nimo, Mohammed Gargo, Emmanuel Duah, Dan Addo, Willie Brown, Abdul Mid-

jima, name them, follow in the file all immaculately attired in well-tailored brown suits and wearing white calico head bands — signifying victory.

But before Opoku and Kuffour could get to the foot of the gangway to the warm embrace of Mr Obeng and his delegation, the two soccer heroes were swept off their feet by excited fans who had no time for niceties.

They swarmed over the players and in the process Kuffour fell heavily onto the tarmac before the security men meandered their way through the thick human cover to lift him away into the waiting bus which had already been besieged by the unrestrained crowd.

In the melee, they even created protocol problems for Dr Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who must have had hectic time conducting his guests to the NAM Ministerial Conference to the VIP Lounge, some of whom were on the plane that brought the gallant lads last night.

There the State linguist Okyeame Akuffo poured libation to welcome the little heroes home after which Mr P. V. Obeng took the platform to officially welcome them on behalf of the Chairman of the PNDC, Flight-Lt. J. J. Rawlings.

He ended his powerful and patriotic address with three kisses to the captain of the team, Alex Opoku in a moving spectacle that saw press cameras clicking and flashing their lights in rapid succession to create the atmospheric scene of lightning without thunder.

## Call For New Approach To Issues Facing NAM

By Lloyd Evans

SENIOR delegates of the Republics of Egypt and Yugoslavia at the preparatory meeting of the ministerial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Accra yesterday called for a new approach to issues affecting the Movement.

According to the delegates the language, audience and issues of the Movement since its inception 30 years ago have dramatically changed.

The delegates made these suggestions when they contributed to the plenary session which prepared the agenda for today's meeting of foreign ministers.

### 'Don't Cheat The Defenceless'

From Yaaba Yamikeh, Takoradi

MR E. K. Mensah-Bonsu, Rev. Minister in-charge of Apowa Methodist Church near Takoradi, has called on christians not to hide under the umbrella of religion to cheat defenceless people.

He said they should rather see people suffering as

part of theirs and adopt strategies to assist the poor, needy and the mentally retarded in the society.

Rev. Mensah-Bonsu was speaking at the first anniversary and the election of new officers of the Methodist Men Fellowship at Apowa last Saturday.

He urged them to get themselves actively invol-

ved in the affairs of the society and to discard outmoded and negative beliefs that christianity and the State are at variance with each other.

He charged christians to pray ceaselessly for the successful transition to constitutional rule and to be wary of politicians who want to manipulate the people for their selfish interests.

### Workshop On Family Life Education Opens

From James Mensah, Cape Coast

A TWO-WEEK workshop on population-family life information, education and communication for Assistant Regional Family Planning Co-ordinators opened at Cape Coast on Monday with a call on the participants to endeavour to come out with strategies to dispel false rumours about family planning especially among the rural communities.

Mr B. K. Abban, Central Regional Administrative Officer who made the call, said one of the important reasons for the rather low acceptance of family planning

while Cuba called for co-ordinated actions on the part of NAM member states at the Security Council of United Nations General Assembly.

He said the time has come for the NAM to play a more effective role in international and regional conflicts, especially between member and non-member states.

The delegates from Iraq called for the non-discrimination of the enforcement of UN charters, and stated that every nation should be treated equally before all international laws.

The Nigerian delegate on his part called on the Movement to look critically at the issue of nuclear and conventional disarmament and find better ways of addressing regional conflicts.

### Plan To Educate Muslim

From Adu Gvamerah, Nvamofo

THE Muslim Education Unit, in the Brong-Ahafo Region has embarked on a campaign to educate the muslim community on the advantages of formal education.

As part of the programme, open days are being organised in various com-

munities in the region to expose muslim parents to what their children could do.

Speaking at one such function at Nvamofo, Mr Hassan Assis, the Deputy Regional Manager of the Muslim Educational Unit said the unit has recruited 60 teachers to strengthen the position of the teaching staff.

methods was the rumours that contraceptives could adversely affect a woman's child-bearing capacity.

The objective of the workshop is to train and equip the participants, drawn from all over the country, with the needed skills to enable them to effectively communicate, inform, educate and counsel the people to appreciate and accept family planning.

Mr Ian Howie, United Nations Family Planning Agency (UNFPA) Country Director in Ghana, said the workshop is an orientation training course and therefore called on the participants to take the course very seriously.

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• Chairman Jerry John Rawlings, Head of State.



• Late Dr Kwame Nkrumah, a founding father of NAM.

## All Set For NAM Confab

FOR six days beginning from next Monday, the prestigious Accra Conference Centre will host delegates from 101 countries to the 10th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

The meeting which will review and appraise international political and economic situations is the first in Ghana in the 30-year history of the NAM.

The ministerial meeting of the movement

### Referendum On The Constitution Will Be Our Oath Of Allegiance

By Kofuya-Tetteh

IN line with its programme to return the country to constitutional rule, the PNDC has come out with a time table for a smooth transition.

Under the programme which was announced by the Chairman of the PNDC, Flt-Lt J. J. Rawlings, at the inaugural ceremony of the Consultative Assembly at the Accra International Conference Centre last Monday, presidential and parliamentary elections would be held latest by the last quarter of 1992. The 258-member assembly is to debate the constitutional proposals prepared by a Committee of Experts.

A national referendum to approve the fourth Republican Constitution would also be held in January or February next year.

The referendum and other elections would be observed by international observers.

According to Chairman Rawlings, immediately after the referendum, the necessary legislative enactments would be made on issues that require legal backing such as representation of the people and political organisation.

He said until such time that the Consultative Assembly completes its work there will be no lifting of the ban on partisan political

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precedes the summit a year earlier. The summit is held once every three years. The latest summit was in Belgrade in 1989 and the first was also in Belgrade in 1961.

The lack of a permanent secretariat for the movement hampers its smooth operations and observers expect delegates to look at the issue critically. But the gap is partly filled by the useful work of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the NAM comprising 48 countries including Ghana which meets regularly at the United Nations, at the level of Permanent Representatives to the world body.

Ghana is also a member of the 29 nation standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Co-operation whose purpose is to facilitate better implementation of the Action Programmes for Economic Co-operation of Non-Aligned countries.

The Accra conference is seen as a turning point of the movement as it is the first in the

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## STARLETS GOING FOR THE GOLD

From Sam Okaitey, Montecatini, Italy

A TWO-WEEK soccer jamboree, spread over five Italian towns of Montecatini, Viareggio, Carrara, Massa and Livorno, ends this evening in Florence with two survivors of an initial 16, robbing nerves for the ultimate prize.

The starting line-up had youths from Italy, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, the U.S., Cuba, Congo, Sudan, Ghana, the United Arab Emirates, China, Qatar and Australia representing all the six continental confederations affiliated to FIFA.

All the youths descended on Italy with a common will to mark a priceless phase of their education in world's greatest game — soccer.

Some ambitions got shattered early. After the preliminaries, the list was halved, Italy, China, Congo, Mexico, Sudan, the Emirates, Cuba and Uruguay all dropped out, some with regrettable consequences.

Italy's much-hyped passion for football has been proved to be solely limited to big names but the hosts early fall-out also contributed greatly to their near aversion for youth football as being observed here.

The biggest attendance recorded so far has been the opening match between Italy and the United States. It pulled 4,100 fans but after that poor Italian opener, the attendance has been between 500 and 1,500 on the average.

An important ingredient has thus been missing in this tournament — the crowd effect that lifts player spirit and nourishes the game. But members of the Ghanaian group here have filled the void to their own advantage, drumming and singing ceaselessly when their boys take the stage.

• Sudan, having set a 4 - 1 pace in their opening

match against the Emirates and China with so much World Cup experience up their sleeves, caused disappointment by not advancing beyond the preliminaries.

The quarter-final line-up looked good though; with Argentina and USA coming out of Group 'A'; Qatar and Australia from Group 'B'; Germany and Brazil from Group 'C' and Ghana and Spain from Group 'D'.

The general impression that Group 'D' was the toughest, gained currency as the competition went on. Two from that group pushed on to the semi-finals as did one each from Group 'A' and Group 'B', Argentina and Qatar, respectively.

It became undisputable when the same two teams that had kept group 'D' alive, also

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### Blow Man, Blow!

• Seventy-five year-old Yaw Ketewa of the Assin Darman Brass Band, busy at it giving his bass instrument the gush of wind that is required to get the sound out.

This was at Swedru last Saturday when a three-day festival of brass band music came to a close. The instrument, bought in 1946, attracted a good deal of attention from the audience. (See Page 11).

Picture: Yaa Serwaa Manu.



• Meet the Starlets squad. They are from left (standing): Kelvin Essien, Emmanuel Duah, Kofi Nimo, Mohammed Gargo, goalkeeper Ben Owu and skipper Alex Opoku. Those kneeling are (from left): Kofi Mbeah Odariety Lamptey, Sebastian Barnes, Isaac Asare and Daniel Addo.



# My Turn

J. K. ARTHUR  
Teacher

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ANOTHER history is in the making (in the realm of international conference) as the "gulfroot" preparations are far advanced for the impending NAM Conference.

So far hotels have been constructed, state buildings renovated, road resurfaced, walls erected and slogan re-echoed: NAM - Soccer, NAM - Drama, NAM-Song, NAM-Cycling, NAM-Fair, NAM-Walls etc.

Really, Accra is rejuvenated. Bravo to Ghana, and I wouldn't be surprised if everybody is asked to put on his NAM-Wear at NAM-Time.

Meanwhile, some busy but remote roads in the capital have been left in their sorry state. Such roads are surely going to shock NAM's adventurous participants who will stray to those areas: NAM SHOCK. This reminds me of a prominent columnist's criteria of determining a gentleman: Let him remove his trousers and shirt and examine what he wears underneath. Also prominent among the slogans is the "catch-your-man-or-destitute" campaign by AM.

Does AMA know that some people want to win international sympathy? There are some people who have it: their civic or social responsibility give aims to "invalids". To keep the NAM-destitutes off the road is to deny such people the chance of exercising their NAM-responsibility.

It will also deny the "invalids" their great opportunity of being "NAMSCADISED" - a word which would also be inimical to their civic rights, freedom of movement, if arrested when seen in Accra only and not begging too. Why not appeal to relatives to rehabilitate their "invalids" and then do them (invalids) a favour by finding them a place very close to the International Conference Centre so that if even they do not "earn silver and gold", as even discipline



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Taxi here  
If you're single,  
One front.  
If you are double,  
Two man front.  
If you are plenty,  
Back seat.  
Labadi/Labone.  
Taxi here.  
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Taxi here.  
If you have a load,  
Inside the boot  
It will cost you extra.  
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But arrive safely,  
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Alien to the pleasure and pomp of life and living Intimate with penury and pain of death and dying Not knowing when but sure enough that someday our star shall also come up



• The Leader of the Revolution, **Flt Lt J. Rawlings**, mounts the podium to inaugurate the Consultative Assembly at the Accra International Conference Centre last Monday.

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The Leader of the Revolution stated that the PNDC is interested in a constitution which will provide guarantees of freedom, justice, peace and stability for the people and not a document that will seek to provide for peace and stability of a government.

On women, he said since they constitute a majority of Ghana's population their dynamism in our socio-economic life, key role in ensuring domestic stability and prosperity and their role in the production of life itself makes it inexcusable and undemocratic to be marginalised in the nation's affairs.

He said the need for constitutional recognition of this issue has been highlighted in the report of the Committee of Experts and expressed the hope that the Assembly would deliberate further measures that would give women in Ghana equality of opportunity and equal participation in the social and political decision making as well as the right of children for responsible parenthood since it is a self-generating value which helps to provide responsible citizens.

The Leader of the Revolution further said the achievements so far recorded have been made within the framework of structures which are provisional and that the inauguration of the assembly represents the final stages of the processes of phasing out the provision structures in order to ensure the continuity of the advances made and certainly not to return to the previous situation.

Earlier, members of the assembly and the Speaker, **Pe Ayagitam II**, the **Chiama Pio**, were sworn in before His Lordship, **Mr Justice P. E. N. K. Archer**, the Chief Justice.

At the first sitting on Tuesday, when the assembly elected **Mr Justice Hayfron-Benjamin**, Chairman of the Ghana Law Commission as Deputy Speaker and also appointed a 25-member committee of selection to deal with all subject matters of the constitutional proposals, almost all members wanted their voices to be heard and that made the work of the Speaker a bit difficult.

The deliberations were characterised by so many points of order, each of them trying hard to catch the attention of the speaker.

The Speaker of the House, a soft-spoken man in his late fifties, however was able to steer affairs with short and precise answers which saved a lot of time.

He was not however happy about the attitude of the women assembly members, most of whom looked on as observers while their male counterparts "scrambled" to dominate proceedings.



• **Ghan Rawlings** discusses a point with the Chief Justice, **Mr Justice P. E. N. K. Archer** shortly after the inauguration. With them are PNDC members and the Constitutional Experts.



• **Service Commanders**, other heads of the Security Services and Secretaries of State at the inauguration ceremony.



• The Speaker of the Consultative Assembly, **Pe Rowland Ayagitam II**, the **Chiama Pio** (inset) swears in members of the assembly a few hours before its inauguration by Chairman **Rawlings**.

Pictures : **Yaa Serwaa Manu**.



Popular democracy does not stand on the same ground as ignorance, myth and superstition. Genuine democracy — the ability to participate and the exercise of that right — implies the right to information and the critical mastery of knowledge.

— Maurice Bishop

# People's Daily Graphic

so too does a wealth of fauna and flora, genetic resources of immense value to human welfare.

There are about 80,000 species of edible plants but only a few have ever been cultivated.

Diminishing genetic resources means that the world will find it difficult to feed the ever-increasing numbers of people.

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## GNTC Orders C300 million Goods

By Kofi

**Yeboah-Agyemang**  
THE Ghana National Trading Corporation (GNTC) has through its own resources made purchase orders to the tune of over C300 million direct from foreign manufacturers or accredited suppliers for the supply of goods to its seven divisions.

Already about 70 per cent of the Letters of Credit (L/Cs) which under the terms with the bank handling the transfers had to be established 30 days after the actual shipment of the goods have been established.

The Pharmacy Division had the biggest orders of C104,563,000; General Goods Division C59,946,600 while C55,149,024 went to Metal Division.

Others are Technical Di-

vision (C41,871,536; Bottling C31,913,380 and Department Stores settling with C3,406,980).

Mr Emmanuel Osei-Kumah, Executive Chairman who disclosed this to the Graphic in Accra yesterday in reaction to allegations of low liquidity following the withdrawal of government guarantees, spate of resignations and low morale among workers observed that certain prudent measures put in place by the present administration have aroused the displeasure of some people.

The executive chairman said that the abolition of buying imported goods lo-

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## Stock market watcher

By Lloyd Evans

SHARE prices of three companies, CFAO, Metaloplastica Ghana Ltd (MGL) and Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) rose by C2, C3 and C8 to settle at C32, C66 and C460 per share respectively at the close of business yesterday in Accra at the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE).

Three others, GGL, SCOA and UAC had their prices dropping by C1, C4, and C5 respectively to close at C32, C55 and C985 per share respectively.

Total volume of shares traded in 1992 dropped from last Tuesday's close of 18,700 to 17,400. However, total market capitalisation slightly rose from the previous session of C31.05 billion to C31.11 billion.

The DSI slightly rose from its previous position of 83.75 to 83.91 points, thus repre-

senting an increase of 0.19 per cent. The DSA also rose from its previous position of 233.71 to 233.97 points, thus also registering an 0.11 per cent increase.

Meanwhile some companies have started submitting either their annual audited reports or the half-year unaudited results to the GSE.

According to the audit, financial report of SCB, the consolidated profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1991 recorded a turnover of C2.16 billion, 10 per cent below that of 1990 figures while profit after taxation stood at C1.16 billion.

The Bank herefore declared a final dividend of C40 per share, about C576 million.

Guinness Ghana Ltd, on the other hand has declared a final dividend of C3 per share as against C1 per share for 1990. Turnover for

the company stood at C12 billion as against C8 billion for the year under review.

Based on its operational performance, PTC has declared a final dividend of C3 per share for the year ended December 31, 1991. If approved by its shareholders payment would be effected by June 15.

According to PZ, the turnover for the half year ending November 30, 1990 shows a turnover of C989 million as against C728 million Profit before taxation stood at C110 million, while profit after tax stood at C56 million as against C20 million during the period under review.

The following are the last prices of securities: ABL C152, CFAO C32, EIC C112, FML C113, GGL C32, KBL C81 and MGL C66. The rest are MOGL C379, PTC C73, PZ C43, SCB C460, SCOA C55, UAC C985 and UTC C32.

# ASSEMBLY COMPLETES WORK

By Debrah Fynn & Joe Okyere

THE draft of Ghana's Fourth Republican Constitution is to be presented to the PNDC on Tuesday, March 31, to bring the curtain down on the assignment given to the Consultative Assembly.

Nana Otuo Siriboe II, Juabenghene and Chairman of the Business Committee announced this after the Consultative Assembly had adopted the

final text at its 99th sitting in Accra yesterday.

Nana Siriboe, who represented the Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs at the Assembly said the completion of the assignment on schedule is in fulfilment of the House's assurance to finish its work within the first quarter of 1992.

He observed that in spite of occasional outbursts and stormy sittings, members ended deliberations without rancour or ill-feeling towards one another.

"We have worked harmoniously and in the spirit of compromise and reconciliation", he said, adding

that "we have, no doubt, demonstrated to the whole country and the world at large that Ghana is one country with a common destiny."

Nana Siriboe expressed the hope that the draft Constitution will be acceptable to all Ghanaians. Earlier during the third reading of the final draft, some members had made fruitless efforts at making last-minute amendments.

The areas they wanted to revisit included dual citizenship, appointment of Justices of the Superior Courts, proportional representation, mandatory rejoiners and retiring age of Justices of the Superior Courts.



• A Snapshot from yesterday's sitting of the Consultative Assembly. Inset: Nana Otuo Siriboe II, Juabenghene who is the Chairman of the Business Committee addressing the session. Pictures by Seth Ashianor.

## April 28 Referendum Is An Innovation, Says Tsatsu

From Kate Hudson-Tema

MR Tsatsu Tsikata, Executive Chairman of the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), has said that the fact that the referendum on the draft constitution scheduled for April 28 is an innovation does not mean people should not like it or that it should not take place.

He said the referendum is not a waste of time nor money as some people have been saying, because it will create the opportunity for the people to either reject or affirm the document to enable it become a national document or law by which the country will be governed.

Mr Tsikata said the referendum is an important innovation in the country because it will also create the opportunity to have a final check with the people to determine whether all the efforts that have been made in the last couple of years have really been successful.

Mr Tsikata said these when he spoke on "The fourth Republican democracy in Ghana, constitution as a basis for sustainable democracy in Ghana" at a two-day workers' seminar on "Ten years of revolutionary transformation in Ghana: the new worker the constitution and the fourth Republic" at Tema.

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## World Bank To Help UST Improve Facilities

From Asiedu Marfo, Kumasi

PROF F. O. Kwami, Vice-Chancellor of University of Science and Technology (UST), Kumasi, has announced that the government is in contact with the World Bank to seek financial assistance to improve on academic and residential facilities to cope with the large intake of students at the university.

Besides, he said, all the halls of residence at the university are currently under renovation except the Queen Elizabeth Hall where renovation works have been completed.

The Vice-Chancellor made this known when he led the chairman of the UST Council, Mr W. S. Parker and the acting Ashanti Regional Secretary, Mr J. Y. Ansaah, to inspect the halls of residence and the construction of a central classroom block at the university to establish basic facts and conditions under which students live.

The Central Classroom block project is estimated to cost C263 million and that a total of C166.79 million has so far been spent, on the project, according to Mr R. S. K. Humphrey-Akumey, acting Director of Works and Development of UST.

The first phase of the project has been completed while the second phase is nearing completion. About C96.21 million will be required to complete the second phase of the project.

Prof. Kwami said the Central Classroom Block Project which consists of about 46 lecture rooms has been designed to accommodate 2,000 students during lectures.

He said the university has established a Central Classroom Committee to oversee the allocation and

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The National Chairman and his Executive wish to announce that the  
**9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the Association comes off from 3rd- 5th April, 1992, at the Archbishop Porter Secondary School, Takoradi.  
**The Conference Theme:** is "PARTNERS WITH CHRIST"  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** PNDC Regional Secretary  
**Guest of honour:** Rt Rev. Prof K. A. Dickson  
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## World Bank To Help UST Improve Facilities

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utilisation of lecture rooms.

Prof. Kwami said the university, with 1,882 cubicles and 4,103 resident students has enough rooms to accommodate adequately two students in a room or a maximum of three in some cases, adding that these are nowhere near "ghetto conditions".

He stressed that the hall administrations have never allocated more than three students in a cubicle and that where there are more than the number, then it is the students' own arrangement to harbour non-resident students in their cubicles against the rules of the halls.

Concerning the re-opening of the university, he said the University Council will meet on Tuesday, March 31, to consider the appeals so far received from concerned organisations and individuals on behalf of the affected students.

However, Prof. Kwami, said the university authorities are prepared to re-open to law-abiding students who will use statutory channels that are available to redress their grievances.

He said, should the university be re-opened the students would be made to respect the rules of the university and restore normalcy and go about their academic work peacefully to enable the University Council to consider any appeals in an atmosphere of serenity and not under duress.

"It is unreasonable for students to think that they can break the laws of their society and remain unpunished and that is totally unacceptable to break the rules and prescribe their own punishment", Prof Kwami stressed.

He noted that the original aim of the Students Representative Council (SRC) on the matriculation day was to get the freshmen to boycott the ceremony because the freshmen, illegally put in the VIP guest houses by the SRC has been prevailed upon to vacate the places an action that hurt the plight of the SRC.

He said granting that the students have genuine grievances over poor accommodation, insulting university authorities, throwing chairs and sand and spraying water on first year students among others, were not the appropriate means to seek redress.

Mr Parker said that the

university is a channel for economic growth and gave the assurance that the council will do everything possible for the reopening of the university.

He, however, appealed to parents UST alumni, people of goodwill, and NGOs to assist financially in the university's expansion programme.

In another development, the executive committee of UST Academic Board on Wednesday, March 25, met a five-member delegation of parents of students at the university to discuss the current impasse.

In a communique signed by the Registrar, Mr Saint Gyimah-Kessie, after the meeting, the two parties noted with grave concern the valuable time being wasted as a result of the closure of the university. Consequently, both parties reached a consensus that the disciplinary procedures of the university should apply and that the University Council be mandated to consider the appeals from the affected students.

## 'Referendum Is An Innovation'

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vested.

He explained that when the group of constitutional experts came out with the proposals for a draft constitution for Ghana, it became necessary to get the members of the Consultative Assembly who represent the views and aspirations of the people to deliberate on the proposals to express their views on them or see what contributions they can make on it.

He said, in line with the PNDC's guidelines, members of the Consultative Assembly, were made to interact with their people and get feedback from them. "The referendum therefore needs to follow this process as a necessary step to cross-check with the people," the GNPC Executive Chairman explained.

Mr Tsikata noted that some people questioned the rationale about the involvement of a broader group of people in the Consultative Assembly or the need to have various groups or interests represented such as the hairdressers association, farmers, and fishermen, market women or meat sellers or butchers' Association among others in the minds of those people, the

## GNTC Orders \$300 million Goods

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He said in Italy, another credit line of \$500,000 was obtained from Olivetti, hence the creation of a unit Ocom Division, to handle Olivetti products.

The executive chairman commended his predecessor for having the foresight to win the agency for Komatsu trucks and equipment with Ashanti Goldfields Corporation (AGC) as the main suppliers together with the Bottling Division which has become the livewire of the corporation.

Mr Osei-Kumah, however, observed that more concentration and efforts have been put into these areas to enable their enormous potential to be tapped.

He also disclosed that the oxygen plant for the Kumasi Bottling Plant has been completed and plans

# Political Interference Affects Journalism

## ... Eshun Explains At Workshop

By Sisi Quainoo

**MR Isaac Eshun, a former editor of the Daily Graphic has said that unnecessary political interference since the First Republic has adversely affected the practice of journalism in the country.**

He said on many occasions, editors have been prevented from exercising their own editorial judgements on issues of national concern. "This situation has not changed today and we must all know that when the profession is undermined, it is the country that suffers" he stressed.

Mr Eshun said these during the sixth panel discussion at the workshop on "the Press in the anti-colonial movement and under the post-colonial state" organised by the School of Communication Studies and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Mr Eshun pointed out that editors are normally forced to serve those in the higher authorities faithfully only to be kicked out by the next government.

"The situation might not change unless something is done", he emphasised.

He advised journalists, especially editors, to endeavour not to please politicians of the day since it is the same people who will disregard them in the end.

The former editor said what journalists must do is to seek the truth and report accurately without having the notion of pleasing anybody.

He said they have the right to criticise and expose corruption in the society.

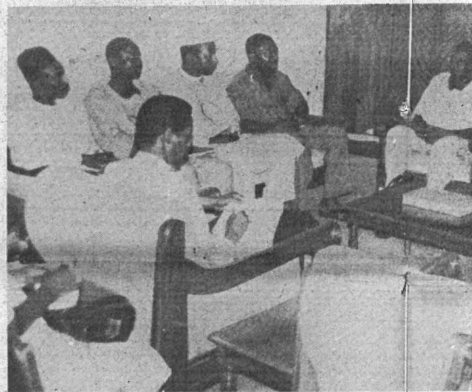
Mr O. B. Amankwa, a veteran journalist called on the government to privatise the media houses.

He said as far as the newspaper industry is in the hands of the government, it will always seek to manipulate it.

Mr Willie Kwarteng, former editor of the 'Weekly Spectator' said even though impediments might be put in the way of journalists, they must fearlessly strive hard in the discharge of their duties.

Mr Oscar Tsedze, formerly of the Graphic, advised journalists to use their brains in the discharge of their duties.

He said the ability to use one's wits was very



• Dr Chamba (right) addressing the members during the meeting. Picture

## Ibn-Chambas Meets Hajj Agents In Accra

By Adwoa Van-Ess

**DR MOHAMMED Ibn Chambas, Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has appealed to the Association of Moslem Hajj Agents to endeavour to ensure a smooth and successful pilgrimage this year.**

He made the appeal yesterday when he met five executive members of the association at his office in Accra and said the purpose of the meeting was to try and correct the causes of the poor treatment given to the pilgrims last year.

Dr Chambas said the PNDC viewed the abandonment of the pilgrims and the lack of accommodation with serious concern and is, therefore, in constant touch with the Ghana Airways Corporation to avoid a repetition of that act.

He said the government will not countenance any such treatment in future and would, therefore, ensure that the fare of Ghanaair is at par with that of other airlines.

Dr Chambas said as agents who are the link between Ghanaair and the pilgrims they must ensure that the pilgrims do not overstay.

He said this year, the government will not tolerate the situation where pilgrims from other countries are ferried by Ghanaair at the expense of Ghanaians.

Dr Chambas said arrangements for the package deal has not been finalised yet.

Alhaji Mustapha Dauda, an executive member of the association, expressed appreciation of the association and moslems in Ghana to the PNDC for the concern it has shown to the cause of moslems in the country.

## Course Ends

Yaabo Yamikeh, Takoradi  
**A SIX-WEEK course for 20 auto electricians of the Ghana National Association of Garages (GNAG) ended at the Takoradi Technical Institute yesterday.**

The course sponsored by the World Bank in con-

junction with the government was aimed at updating the participants' skills and knowledge and introducing them to new technology.

The electricians are the third batch in a series of a four-year programme

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which one would you  
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# People's Daily Graphic

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**The rural-urban population drift in  
Africa must be seen as a consequence of  
the collapse of the rural economy.**

**This situation has forced many rural  
poor off the land and into the towns  
and cities in search of non-existent jobs.  
Slums, crime and health-related  
problems are on the increase.**

**The revival of the rural economy is  
the best guarantee for Africa's economic  
progress.**

**— Green Forum For Development**

By Lloyd Evans

**VOLUMES of shares traded in at yesterday's session of the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) in Accra significantly rallied up after a long period of poor trading.**

From a level of 5,700 shares that changed hands at the close of last Friday's session 30,300 shares were traded in at the close of business yesterday.

However, prices of three equities, CFAO, SCOA and UAC rooted firmly in the negative territory as they lost ₵1, ₵1, and ₵3 to close at ₵30, ₵45 and ₵952 respectively.

The DSI was not affected as it managed to remain at its previous position of 78.49 points. The DSA slightly lost 0.27 points to settle at 227.23, thus representing a negative 0.27 per cent.

With the exception of EIC, MGI, PTC, PZ and SCB all the companies had their equities being traded in.

A total of 520,800 shares were offered as against 46,100 that were bid for.

Total market capitalisation dropped from the previous close of ₵29.91 billion to ₵29.11 billion.

The following are the last prices of securities: ABL ₵142, CFAO ₵30, EIC ₵110, FML ₵111, GGL ₵44, KBL ₵74 and MGL ₵69. The rest are MOGL ₵378, PTC ₵61, PZ ₵47, SCB ₵462, SCOA ₵45, UAC ₵952 and UTC ₵34.

## Quarry Operators Stop Work At Achimota

By Victoria Odoi

**QUARRY operations along the two-kilometre stretch of land near the Achimota School yesterday ceased following a publication in the Graphic.**

The Graphic reported that despite a pledge by the operators to cease their operations by April 30, this year, after they appealed to the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources to extend an earlier deadline of December 1991, the

operators were at work as at last Monday.

When a team of officials from the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources and the Police moved to the site yesterday to ensure that the ban is complied with, they discovered that the operators had since yesterday morning stopped their activities.

Talking to the Graphic at the site, two officials of the Land Reclamation Committee of the Ministry, Messrs Tabi Agyarko and Fredua Agyeman said due to the continued operations at the area, a decision was taken to forcibly eject the operators last Friday but it rained heavily on that day.

Consequently, they said the exercise was fixed for Tuesday but the Graphic publication alerted the people before they got to the site.

The police however apprehended one truck driver loading stones and the officials mounted a sign board prohibiting any quarrying.

Additionally, they said a request has been made to the Civil Defence Organisation (CDO) to mount a permanent surveillance to ensure that the ban is enforced.

The officials of the committee explained that apart from the dust pollution, the activities are getting too close to the Achimota School through destruction of the land base.

On the reclamation of the land, they said the services of a competent contractor would be engaged and the cost surcharged to the association of quarry operators.

Asked about the activities of other quarries that are operating in dangerous areas, they said steps are being taken to ensure that these are addressed to forestall any problems to the environment.

Consequently, they said the Department of Mines is arranging with the Geological Services Department to find suitable places for quarrying activities.

## Rawlings Signs Public And Political Party Office Holders Law

**THE Chairman of the PNDC, Ft.-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, has signed another law, the Public and Political Party Office Holders Law (Declaration of Assets and Eligibility) in Accra.**

An official statement issued in Accra last night by the Ministry of Information said the law stipulates that certain categories of PNDC appointees including all PNDC Members and Secretaries who have held office at any time since December 31, 1981 are to declare their properties or assets in respect of the period of office held or upon ceasing office.

In the case of PNDC appointees who have ceased to hold office, the declaration shall be made in respect of the period they held office.

Declared assets are to be made to the Auditor-General, and these shall be published in the Gazette within 14 days of submission.

An allegation that a person has made a false declaration in his declared and published assets may be lodged with the Ombudsman who will on receipt of

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• Front view of Parliament House in Accra. Picture by Emmanuel Quaye.

## Parliament House Under Repair

By Barbara A. Quarcoo

**THE Public Works Department (PWD) is rehabilitating the Parliament House in Accra during which the seating capacity will be increased from 104 to 250.**

This is among a number of official buildings being rehabilitated by the Department in readiness for the Fourth Republic.

Mr Alex Dodoo, Engineer-in-Chief of the PWD, who disclosed this to the Graphic in Accra yesterday, mentioned some of the buildings to be rehabilitated as the Peduase Lodge, Flagstaff house and the Castle.

Mr Dodoo said the Peduase Lodge is being rehabilitated to serve as the official residence of the President, whilst the Flagstaff House would serve as offices

and residence for the Vice-President. The Castle will serve as the offices of the President but residential facilities will be improved to enable the President

spend the night there whenever it becomes necessary.

Mr Dodoo was hopeful that barring all problems the projects would be completed before the offi-

cial handing over to the Fourth Republic.

On how the project is going to be financed, Mr Dodoo said plans are far advanced to send a proposal to the government for approval.

**THE Political Parties Law 1992, setting out the regulations for the formation and conduct of political parties has been promulgated by the PNDC.**

An official statement issued in Accra last night by the Ministry of Information said the Interim National Electoral Commission (INEC) will register all political parties under the Law.

The Law deals with the registration of political parties and stipulates among others that no party shall be formed on ethnic, regional, professional or religious basis, or use words, slogans or symbols which could

arouse ethnic, regional, professional or religious divisions.

It states that every citizen of voting age has the right to participate in political activity and that anyone who suppresses or attempts to suppress the lawful political activity of another person is guilty of an offence punishable by law.

On the method of registration of a political party, the law stipulates that an application is to be made to the Interim National Electoral Commission accompanied by the following: (a) Two copies of the constitution and rules and regulations of the party. (b) A list of the full names and addresses of at least one founding member from each district, and (c) A full description of the

identifying symbols, slogans and colours of the party. The Electoral Commission shall within seven days after the receipt of an application issue the political party with a provisional certificate of registration. A final certificate will be issued after the provisions of the law have been fully complied with.

The Interim National Electoral Commission shall not register a political party unless it is satisfied amongst others that its constitution, rules or regulations conform to democratic principles as provided in the constitution approved at the referendum held on April 28, 1992.

In addition the party to be registered must have branches in all the regions of Ghana and should be

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# POLITICAL PARTIES LAW PUBLISHED

# Political Parties Law Published

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organised in not less than two-thirds of the districts in each region as well as have its executive officers elected under the supervision of the Interim National Electoral Commission. Above all, the membership of the national executive committee of a party must reflect membership from all regions of Ghana.

Armed Forces, Civil Service, Statistical Service, the Audit Service, the Parliamentary Service, the Fire Service, the Customs, Excise and Preventive Service, Immigration Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Political Parties Decree (1979) (SMCD 229) has been repealed but the political parties banned under that Decree as well

as under the Political Parties Decree of 1969 remain proscribed.

No Political Party can be registered under any of those names or under abbreviations which are the same as those of any proscribed Political Party or with a symbol, slogan, colour or name that is similar to those of a proscribed political party.

The proscribed parties

which are 21 in number include the United Party, the Convention People's Party, the Progress Party and the National Alliance of Liberals. Others are the All People's Republican Party, the People's National Party, the All People's Party and the Popular Front Party.

The law comes into force on Monday, May 18, 1992.

## Law On Public And Political Party Office Holders

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such a complaint cause the matter to be investigated.

Where the Ombudsman finds that a false declaration has been made, he shall rule that the affected appointee is ineligible to hold public office and may take such further action as he considers appropriate in respect of the results of the investigation.

Under the Law, persons appointed to specified public and political party offices are required to submit a written declaration of all property or assets on a questionnaire provided for the purpose by the Auditor-General.

Principal office holders of every political party have 30 days from the date

of their election within which to declare their assets to the Interim National Electoral Commission.

The law also states that a person shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed as a principal office holder of a political party if he is a person who has been found by a Commission or Committee of Enquiry, the NIC or ORC to have, amongst others: (a) defrauded the state; (b) acquired any assets unlawfully or (c) misused or abused his office.

The Law stipulates that no one shall be appointed or elected as a principal office holder in a party if he has been convicted and sentenced to death or imprisonment for

an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or violence.

The Law, however, states that a person shall become eligible to hold public office if 10 or more years have passed since the date of the publication of the adverse findings or if the person has been pardoned.

This dispensation does not, however, apply to a person seeking office as President or Vice President.

The Law defines principal office holders of a political party as including the national chairman, the leader, the general secretary or equivalent designation, the national treasurer and the other members of the national executive of the political party.

## SSNIT To Extend Injury Benefit

From C. S. Buabeng, Sunyani

STUDIES are being undertaken to enable the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) to institute employment injury benefit for contributors who are injured but not permanently incapacitated.

Under the present scheme, it is only contributors who become permanently incapacitated who benefit from the invalidity provision.

Mr K. Osei-Bimpong, Assistant Public Affairs Manager of SSNIT told newsmen and representatives of GNAT and the Civil Servants Association at a meeting at Sunyani on Monday that the studies

will also look at the Workman's Compensation Act which has come under strong criticism of late.

He said so far the SSNIT pension scheme has caught on well and so far a total of 1.5 million people are contributing under the scheme introduced about a year ago.

He said SSNIT has decided to intensify its education through 'face to face' approach to enable contributors appreciate the prospect and problems of the scheme.

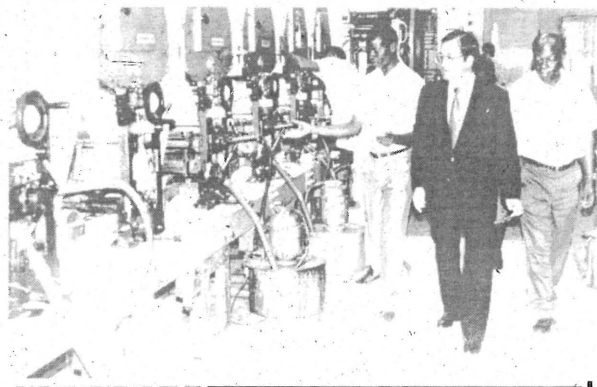
Mr Osei-Bimpong indicated that 1,000 contributors to the scheme have benefited from the old age scheme while 18 out of 40 applicants for the invalidity provision have been catered for.

He said as from July next year the minimum amount to be paid to pensioners will be C5,000 a month.

He made it clear that SSNIT's social insurance is to provide guarantee for the contributor when he is out of employment. Consequently, the trust invests in areas which could sustain the scheme.

On his part Mr B. A. Hassan, regional manager of the trust explained that SSNIT flats are meant for middle level staff of various institutions who should be able to afford the required rent.

He said the trust is not a charitable organisation and appealed to contributors of the scheme to be realistic in their criticism of its policies.



## ROK Envoy At Graphic

The South Korean Ambassador in Ghana, Mr Hyohim Shin on Monday, paid a familiarisation visit to the Graphic Corporation in Accra to acquaint himself with the production of the People's Daily Graphic and The Mirror. The Ambassador visited various departments including the Photo Composing, the press room, and the Graphic Packaging. He was conducted round the departments by Mr Aki Assani, acting Managing Director of the Graphic Corporation.

Mr Godwin Tondo (left), printing room manager of the Packaging Department explains a point to Mr Shin. With them is Mr J. K. Arthur (right), Chief Engineer of the Graphic Corporation.

Picture by Ebo Hanson.

## Accra Ebony Lions Club

There will be a meeting of the Accra Ebony Lions Club today, May 13, at 6.30 p.m. at the Golden Tulip Hotel.

All members must attend this meeting at which final arrangements for the charter night will be discussed.

## Wesley College Past Students Associations

The monthly meeting of the Wesley College Past Students Association comes on at the Methodist Church Headquarters on Thursday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m. Agenda include discussion and approval of the draft constitution of the association and final arrangement for election of officers and inauguration of the association.

## Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony and fund-raising in aid of the college building of Obogu State Agricultural Technical School will come off on Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m.

All old students and the public are invited to attend this important function.

## Odoben Citizens Assoc

The general meeting of the Odoben Citizens Association, Accra/Tema, is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 17, at the Emit Electronic Institute, Kaneshie at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Issues of very great importance will be discussed.

## Hans Memorial Club

All members of Hans Memorial Club are duly informed of the postponement of the picnic at Fete (near Winneba) scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Any inconvenience is deeply regretted.

## Sarbah Hall Alumni

All Mensah Sarbah Hall Alumni are to meet at 5 p.m. today, May 13 at the Centre for National Culture (formerly Arts Centre).

The agenda for the annual hall week celebration which begins on Friday, May 16 will be discussed and the team for the football match between the old and present members of the hall would be selected.

## WASS PTA

The West Africa Secondary School (WASS) Parent-Teacher Association will hold its general meeting at the school's premises at Adenta on Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. A bus will depart from the AAMS Hotel, Circle at 1 p.m. prompt and then pick up members at Accra New Town, Pig Farm and 37 Military Hospital for the meeting.

## Obituaries

The death occurred at Saltpond on Friday, May 8, of James D. Reynolds (alias Opayin Kwesi Ebaah). He was 96 and was the uncle of Mr E. K. Baiden, retired Health Superintendent of Saltpond and Mr George and Myles C. Hagan of Accra. Burial arrangements will be announced later.

The sudden death is reported of Mr Joseph Donkor, Managing Director of ROKNOD Co Ltd on April 26. He was 72. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## Burials

The death is reported at Kwahu Daah of Madam Abena Gyeduah on Monday, May 4. The late Madam Abena Gyeduah was the mother of Esti Duraa of Kwahu Daah, Akua Debrah of Lagos, Kwadwo Baa of Accra and also Obuoha Kwadwo Kwakye of Graphic Corporation. She has since been buried and final funeral rites will be announced later.

Wake will be kept at Agbozume on Friday, May 15, of Madam Stella Ayawovi Abielekpor and burial at Anlo-Afidenyigba at 10 a.m. the next day.

The late Stella Ayawovi Abielekpor was the mother of Mr Redeemer D. K. Kowu, Environmental Protection Council, Mr Godwin Y. Kowu, Barclays Bank, Rejoice and Akpene Kowu, Accra.

Burial takes place at Medie near Amasaman on Saturday, May 16, of Madam Selina Katsana Aflakpui. She was the mother of Mr W. K. Aflakpui, formerly of Agriculture Mechanisation, Bolgatanga, aunt of Mr C. K. Tedam, former member of Parliament for Paga in the Second Republic and mother-in-law of Mr H. Kafui Demanya, formerly of Graphic Corporation, Accra.

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### GHANA INSTITUTE OF PURCHASING AND SUPPLY GENERAL MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the Ghana Institute of Purchasing and SUPPLY AT THE Ghana Supply Commission Conference Room, 7th Floor Republic House, Accra on Thursday, 14th May, 1992 at 5 p.m. Members who have not submitted their completed registration forms are requested to bring them along.

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## Medicine — Normeshie

graduates who have completed a three-year course in herbal medicine at Owuram in the Eastern Region, he said despite great efforts and contribution made by herbal medicine in the country, many people have paid lip-service to its effectiveness and impact.

Dr Normeshie expressed regret that efforts to even get officials of the Ministry of Health to test the efficacy of some of his drugs at the centre have proved futile despite several invitations.

Mr T. A. Boama, Eastern Regional pharmacist, called for a joint effort between the Ministry of Health and traditional herbal practitioners to work out appropriate methods of herbal preparations, extraction and preservation to ensure their acceptability both locally and internationally.



## CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

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# People's Daily Graphic

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The realisation that environmental problems do not respect national borders poses the greatest challenge to the world community — developing and developed.

The effects of environmental degradation in one country often impacts on its neighbours. Human activity resulting in desertification, deforestation, loss of fresh water and coastal resources, air and water pollution are examples of this trend.

A global strategy is needed to save the environment.

— Green Forum For Development

# RESULTS FROM 94 DISTRICTS DECLARED

By Graphic Reporters

RESULTS of last Tuesday's referendum on the draft constitution from 94 out of the 120 electoral districts had, as at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, been declared by the Interim National Electoral Commission (INEC).

A total of 2,599,290 voters from these districts voted for the adoption of the constitution whilst 387,534 voted against the draft.

The full results from the Greater Accra, Central and the Upper East Regions have been declared.

In the Greater Region a total of 314,572 voted 'yes' as against 25,107 who voted 'no'. In the Ashiedu Keteke district,

18,495 voted 'yes' and 1,361 voted 'no'. Ablekuma 'yes' 55,381, 'no' 4,266, Ayawaso 52,717 voted 'yes' and 4,414 voted 'no'. Okaikwei 'yes' 33,506, 'no' 2,951. Osu Clotey 22,548 for 'yes' and 1,559 for 'no'.

The rest are Kpechie 'yes' 33,442 and 'no' 2,643. Tema 35,155 voted 'yes' and 2,616 voted 'no'. Ga 34,787 voted 'yes' and 3,862 voted 'no'. Dangme East, 16,428 voted 'yes' and 759 voted 'no' and in Dangme West 12,113 voted 'yes' while 676 voted 'no'.

In the Upper East Region 168,183 voted 'yes' while 14,786 voted 'no'. In Bolgatanga, 34,767 voted 'yes' and 3,047 voted 'no'. Bongo 'yes' 21,947, 'no' 1,268, and Bawku East 42,054 voted 'yes' and 6,688 voted 'no'.

The rest are Bawku West 'yes' 15,584, 'no' 1,805, Builsa 'yes' 16,487, 'no' 1,750 and in the Kassena-Nankana District 37,344 voted 'yes' and 228 voted 'no'.

In the Central Region 269,074 voted 'yes' while 28,375 voted 'no'. In the Cape Coast district 21,673 voted 'yes' and 1,622 voted 'no'. Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem 17,884 voted 'yes' and 1,835 voted 'no', Mfantseman, 27,293 voted 'yes' and 2,986 voted 'no', Abura-Asebu-Kwamankese 17,204 'yes' and 'no' 1,738 and Awutu-Effutu-Senya, 'yes' 19,276 and 'no' 1,999.

The rest are

Gomoa 'yes' 36,010, 'no' 3,464. Upper Denkyira 'yes' 22,489, 'no' 2,288, Twifu-Heman-Lower Denkyira 'yes' 19,776, 'no' 1,775, Agona 'yes' 24,859, 'no' 2,868. Asikuma-Odoben-Brakwa 'yes' 14,847, 'no' 2,253 whilst in Ajumako-Enyan-Essiam district 'yes' got 19,601 with 'no' having 3,419.

For the 10 districts in the Volta Region where the results had been declared as at 6 p.m., yesterday, 335,190 voted 'yes' with 19,387 voting 'no'. The breakdown is: Ho 'yes' 64,590, 'no' 3,270; Hohoe 'yes' 50,843, 'no' 1,831; Kpandu 'yes' 37,612, 'no' 2,711; Jasikan 'yes' 33,881, 'no' 1,530 and Kad-

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## INEC Asked To Make Better Contingency Plans For Duty Policemen

From Kwame Penni, Sekondi

SECURITY officers detailed to supervise voting at the polling stations on Tuesday have appealed to the Interim National Electoral Commission (INEC) to make adequate provisions for those who will be on official duties to cast their votes in future elections.

Most of the officers, mainly policemen on duty at the polling stations, could not cast their votes because they could not leave their duty posts to exercise their franchise.

Speaking to the Graphic in an interview the peace officers expressed regret that no provisions were made for them to cast their votes.

They said some of their colleagues who registered in Sekondi and Takoradi were sent on duties either at Tarkwa, Axim, Princess Town or elsewhere.

This, they noted, denied them of exercising their voting power and said "we hope it will not happen during the forthcoming presidential and parliamentary elections".

An official of the District Election Commission

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## World Population To Hit 6 Billion Mark In 1998, Says UNFPA Report

By Rosemary Ardayfio & Victoria Odoi

THE World Population will be 5.48 billion by mid-1992. It will reach six billion in 1998. Annual additions to world population in the next decade will average 97 million.

These facts are contained in this year's state of the World Population report which is published annually by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The 46-page report entitled "A world in Balance", said nearly all of this population growth will be in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The report calls for immediate and determined action to balance population, consumption and development patterns to put an end to absolute poverty to provide for human needs and yet protect the environment.

Commenting on the state of Ghana's population at a press conference to launch the report, Dr E. Otu-Boateng, Government Statistician, said the size of Ghana's population which stood at 12.3 million in 1984 is now estimated at 15.3 million.

The overall population density for the country, he said, has also increased from 52 persons per square kilometre in 1984 to 64 persons per square kilometre as at now.

Dr Otu-Boateng said this major objective of the government's health policy is to increase access of the population to quality health services through the implementation of effective primary health care

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## Foreign Observers Describe Tuesday's Referendum As Fair

INTERNATIONAL observers to Ghana's referendum have described it as smooth and fair.

"Any problems we have seen so far have got to do with lack of experience of voting procedure by the electorate," Ms Laurie Cooper, leader of the three-member International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), Washington DC, said in Accra yesterday.

Ms Cooper is the programme officer for Africa of the Foundation.

The team visited about 50 polling stations in Greater Accra and Eastern regions.

She said all materials arrived on time and electoral officials were helpful to the voters. The other members of the IFES team are Dr Fred M. Hayward and Mr Anthony W. J. Lee.

Her team has visited Congo, Senegal and Burundi to observe electoral practices there. — GNA

## Friday Is Public Holiday

THE Ministry of Interior has announced that Friday, May 1, is a statutory public holiday and it should be observed as such throughout the country.

Meanwhile, the Trade Union Congress (TUC) has come out with a programme on this year's celebration of May Day throughout the country.

According to a press release signed by Mr H. T. Mblah, Administrative Secretary of the TUC, there will be a mammoth workers' parade at the Len Clay Sports Stadium, Obuasi, at 9 a.m., on Friday, May 1, to commemorate the occasion.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Trade Unions in a Changing Society".

The release said similar workers' parades will take place at all the regional capitals.

It, therefore, invited all workers to participate fully in all activities during the celebrations.



It is the wish of many people that notwithstanding all our problems, facilities must be made available for early counting and publication of general election results like Tuesday's

national referendum. This, if done, would reduce the anxiety which such late publications give the public.

This picture taken, on Tuesday night by our

cameraman Emmanuel Quaye, shows the disappointment created by the late arrival of election results on the faces of people who came to Accra's Independence Square for that purpose. We must learn from our mistakes.



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## Research Into escent Sexuality

recreation, how and when to meet members of the opposite sex, how to prepare for careers as well as preparation for adult life, including marriage and parenthood.

He expressed the view that the apparent break- down of the traditional in- stitutions, particularly in the urban setting, has not helped parents in the up- bringing of their children.

"We are aware of teen- age pregnancies, and yet we stay away from making contraceptives available to adolescents", Mr Kwafon said.

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• Commodore Obimpeh delivering his inaugural address. Picture by John K. Essel.

## Help Stem Rate Of Drug Abuse — Obimpeh

By Abigail Bonsu

COMMODORE (rtd) Steve Obimpeh, Secretary for H&H, has appealed to parents, school authorities, churches and charitable organisations to help stem the alarming threat which the abuse of drugs is posing to the good mental health, particularly of the youth in the country.

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promote good physical as well as social being because he said for a person to live a fruitful life, he or she needs a level of sanity which would allow for a better relationship with one's self and with others.

Commodore Obimpeh, noted that, while the delivery of mental health needs a lot of dedication, sympathy, empathy and education, the community psychiatric nurses attached to the regional hospitals need to exercise a lot of caution while performing their duties.

In her address, Mrs Margaret Kumi, president of the MHPNA, drew attention to the absence of a national policy on mental health after more than 100 years of its introduction into the country and said this shows the degree of lack of interest and neglect in that aspect of health.

She listed a number of problems including the shortage of qualified personnel in the psychiatric hospitals to carry out specialised and other needed works.

She said currently, the total number of nursing staff in the three hospitals and 10 regions is 588 while the approved establishment should have been 1,596 leaving vacancies for as many as 1,008 psychiatric nurses.

## Results From 94 Districts Declared

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jebi 'yes' 15,672, 'no' 978.

The rest are Nkwanta 'yes' 19,761, 'no' 1,848; Keta 'yes' 41,628, 'no' 1,257; Sogakope 'yes' 11,756, 'no' 1,209; Denu (Ketu) 'yes' 39,220, 'no' 3,724 and Akatsi 'yes' 20,227, 'no' 1,029. The results from Krachi and Adidome Districts are yet to come.

In the Eastern Region the 10 districts declared so far indicate a massive 'yes' vote. 302,455 voted 'yes' with 23,871 voting 'no'. The breakdown is New Juaben 24,981 voted

'yes' with 1,991 voting 'no'. Akapim North 'yes' 16,882, 'no' 1,823; Yilo Krobo 'yes' 27,836, 'no' 1,58 and Asuogyaman 'yes' 14,973, 'no' 1,450.

The rest are Birim South 'yes' 27,733, 'no' 3,63; West Akim 23,914 for 'yes' votes and 1,937 for 'no' votes. East Akim 'yes' 38,49, 'no' 3,139; Kwaebirem 'yes' 29,92, 'no' 2,958; Kwahu South 'yes' 80,638, 'no' 3,63 and Fanteakwa 'yes' 18,462, 'no' 1,739.

Results from Suhum, Kriboa-Coastal, Akwajon South, Manyu Kribo, Afram Plains

and Birim-North are outstanding.

In the case of Brong Ahafo Region, the results declared so far in nine districts also speak of a resounding 'yes' votes. A total number of 351,355 cast their votes to approve the draft constitution as against 21,903 'no' votes.

The breakdown is Wenchi 'yes' 48,853, 'no' 3,381; Sunyani 'yes' 28,970, 'no' 2,504; Tano 'yes' 31,227, 'no' 2,383 and Atebubu 'yes' 29,233, 'no' 1,539.

There are Berekum, 'yes' 36,664, 'no' 1,569; Jaman 'yes' 56, 038, 'no' 2,309; Dormaa 'yes' 52,418, 'no' 2,752; Asufo 'yes' 42,994, 'no' 3,318; and Asutifi 'yes' 24,958 and 'no' 2,148.

Results from Techiman, Senne, Nkoranza and Kintampo are yet to be declared.

In the Northern Region, 196,521 voted 'yes' and 15,512 voted 'no'. The breakdown is Yendi 'yes' 17,286, 'no' 1,249; Gushiegu-Karaga 'yes' 19,856, 'no' 1,056; Saboba-Chereponi 'yes' 16,238, 'no' 550. Zabzugu-Tatale 'yes' 14,623, 'no' 446; Tamale 'yes' 37,411 and 'no' votes 3,881.

The rest are Tolon-Kumbungu 'yes' 18,469, 'no' 2,821; Savelugu-Nanton 'yes' 16,439, 'no' 1,514; Nankumbungu 'yes' 19,932 and 'no' votes 1,847. Those yet to come are East Gonja, West Gonja and West Mamprusi.

In the Upper West Region, 74,767 voted for the draft constitution as against 3,892 who voted against it. The breakdown is Nadawli 'yes' 19,166, 'no' 836; Lawra 'yes' 18,892, 'no' 1,021; Jirapa-Lambussie 'yes' 16,606, 'no' 1,346 and Sissala 'yes' 20,103 and 'no' 689. The

only outstanding result is from Wa.

In the Ashanti Region out of the 21 electoral districts, 17 results have been declared and 467,568 people voted for the constitution and 39,915 voted against.

The details are: Asante Akim South 'yes' 19,368, 'no' 1,826; Atwima 'yes' 37,844, 'no' 4,828; Amanse East 'yes' 45,771, 'no' 4,549; Adansi West 'yes' 26,475, 'no' 3,301; Adansi East 'yes' 20,559, 'no' 3,011; Ahafo Ano North 'yes' 10,553, 'no' 1,172; Ahafo Ano South 'yes' 29,133, 'no' 2,053; Ejura-Sekyedumase 'yes' 40,479, 'no' 661.

Others are Afigya-Sekyere 'yes' 23,764, 'no' 2,135; Kwabre 'yes' 23,852, 'no' 1,926; Offinso 'yes' 34,031, 'no' 1,772; Ejisu-Juaben 'yes' 21,014, 'no' 2,194; Bosomtwi-Atwima-Kwanwoma 'yes' 26,007, 'no' 2,271; Bantama 'yes' 33,894, 'no' 2,804; Manhyia 'yes' 38,803, 'no' 2,786; Subin 'yes' 21,206, 'no' 1,516; Asukwa 'yes' 38,579, 'no' 3,245. Results from Asante Akim North, Amanse West, Sekyere East and Sekyere West are outstanding.

In the Western Region, 186,909 voters supported the constitution as against 14,786 who voted against from the seven districts

whose results had been declared. The results of six districts are yet to come.

The details are: Bibiani/Anhwiaso/Bekwai 'yes' 20,604, 'no' 1,884; Juabeso-Bia 'yes' 64,373, 'no' 3,552; Jomoro 'yes' 24,392, 'no' 2,931; Ahanta West 'yes' 12,172, 'no' 1,078; Shama 'yes' 10,424, 'no' 1,642; Takoradi 'yes' 33,999, 'no' 2,158 and Sekondi 'yes' 20,945, 'no' 1,541.

Results from Sefwi Wiawso, Wassa West, Mpohor, Wassa East, Aowin-Suaman, Wassa Amenfi and Nzema East are yet to be declared.

Meanwhile, Mr Isaac Boateng, Northern Regional Electoral Officer had indicated that voting went ahead in the 14 polling stations in the "Overseas" areas of the West Mamprusi District in the Northern Region.

Mr Boateng said acting on information that the area was flooded, canoes and bicycles were commandeered within the area for the distribution of ballot boxes and papers.

He mentioned some of the villages as Kibiri, Yagaba, Tatale, Licha, Kubugu, Kumbungu, Yizesi, Yizibisi and Yakpangou. The "Overseas" area which borders the Builsa District in the Upper East Region is for most part of the year very inaccessible, especially when the rivers are overflooded.

## Parents Are Wanted

Osei Kwaku Banahene, son of Osei Banahene the musician is in the custody of Mr Appiah Fordjour of the Audit Service, Kotoka International Airport and resident at House No. K24 at Tema Community 4.

Mr Osei Banahene should therefore call on Mr Appiah Fordjour for his son.



## Golden Souvenir Raffle

The Golden Souvenir Lotto Raffle winning numbers for the 31st draw held on April 29 at the Organiser's office, Tesano are: 80, 84 46 - 38 - 5.

## AMANFO Meeting

Prempeh College old boys (Amanfo) resident in the Greater Accra Region will hold their April meeting at the YMCA Hall at 5.30 p.m. today. The agenda include the report on emergency board of governors meeting and report on the impending fund raising dance.

Amanfo in the other regions will also meet at their respective places on same date and time.

## Ketascho 1964 Group

Keta Secondary School 1964 Year Group meets at Aerostar, Kotoka International Airport at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. All concerned must endeavour to be there and on time.

## PRESEC '68/69

### Groups

Old Boys of PRESEC, Legon, 1968/69 Year Groups will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 30, at 5.30 p.m. at the Office of J. M. Addo and Sons, Okashie. Outcome of Old Boys General Meeting held on Saturday, April 11, 1992 will be discussed.

## Aquinas Old Boys

The Aquinas Old Boys Association will meet on Saturday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the Cocoa Board Club House (near Afrikiiko). The main agenda will be the anniversary dinner. All are invited.

## Koforidua Sectech Old Boys Association

The next general meeting of Koforidua Sectech Old Boys Association comes on at Accra Polytechnic at the New Classroom block Room 1 on May 2, at 2.30 p.m. The Planning Committee will give its report on the Silver Jubilee Celebration. You may call Tel: 229156 for more details.

## Akuafu Hall Annual Dinner Dance

This year's Annual Dinner Dance organised by the SCR comes off on Friday, May 1, at the Akuafu Hall, Fellows Garden at 8 p.m. The Frisones Service Dance Band will be in attendance and the rate is ₵2,500 flat.

The occasion will be used to formally launch the Ofosu-Appiah Memorial Fund instituted to encourage scholarship in the Hall. Alumni of Akuafu Hall are specially invited.

## Marshall Fund Raising Dance

All invited guests to the Marshall fund-raising dance on Friday, May 1, are to note that the venue has been changed from Hotel Shangri-La to the SSNIT Guest House on Ring Road. The time is from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Any inconvenience is very much regretted.

## Obituaries

The death is reported of Mr Forster Nketsia Gyasi, Assistant Director of the Information Services Department. He was 56.

Mr Gyasi, until his death, was the Press Liaison Officer of the Department and a Director of the South Akim Rural Bank at Nankese.

Wake will be kept on Friday, May 8, at Nankese Ahenfie from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Burial will take place at Nankese on May 9.

The death is reported at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital on Friday, April 17, of Miss Prudence Tandoh, a nursing sister of the Tarkwa Goldfields Hospital. She was the daughter of Mr & Mrs Tandoh of Sekondi and sister of Mrs Grace Mensah-Nyarko, Ma y Tandoh, and others.

Funeral arrangements would be announced later.

The sudden death has been reported of E. A. Daaku formerly of GNTC Motors through a tragic motor accident on the Accra-Kibi road on April 11. He has since been buried.

Final funeral rites would be announced later.

The death is reported on April 21 in Lome, Togo of Mr Edward Assiba Johnson, formerly Managing Director of Asiapa Fisheries, Tema and Accra. He was the husband of Mrs Gloria Johnson of Ghana Airways, Accra.

Funeral arrangements would be announced later.

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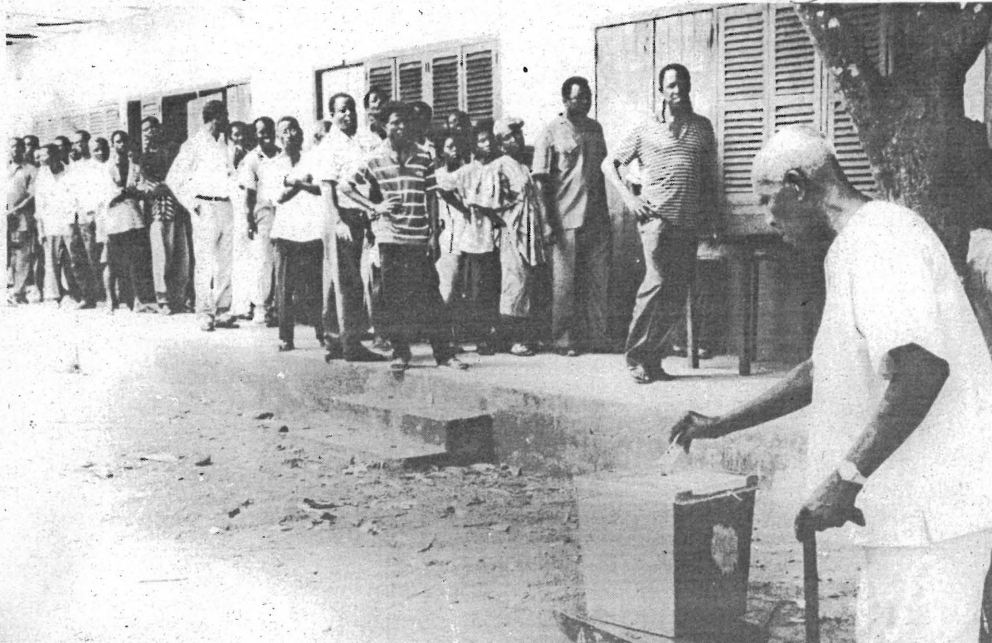
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# People's Daily Graphic

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Our aim must be to build a sustainable society. A society that does not destroy the natural resources and environmental systems on which it depends. But the success of this project requires a profound political, social and economic restructuring involving the major segments of our national activity.

— Green Forum For Development Environmental Journalists and Communicators



• Picture shows a voter casting his vote at Abossey Okai 4 & 5 polling station in Accra whilst others wait for their turn. Picture by Ebo Hanson.

# VOTERS' TURN-OUT WAS VERY ORDERLY

GHANAIANS yesterday voted in a national referendum for the adoption or otherwise of the draft constitution as part of the process to constitutional rule.

A 'yes' vote will mean the adoption of the constitution and pave way for the lifting of the ban on operations of political parties on May 18, presidential elections on November 3 and parliamentary elections on December 8.

Voting started orderly and peacefully in most

parts of the country as electoral officers and polling assistants were on time.

At the Abossey Okai 4 & 5 Mixed School in Accra,

'OVERSEAS' AREAS VOTE TODAY  
VOTING in the referendum in about 14 polling stations in the 'overseas' areas of the West Mamprusi District in the Northern Region will come off today instead of yesterday because of communication difficulties.

The 'overseas' area which borders the Builsa District in the Upper East Region is for most part of the year very inaccessible, especially when the rivers are overflooded.

A military helicopter that was expected

voting was slow and although voters were divided into two queues, voters spent long time before it got to their turn, reports Yaw Boadu-Ayebofoh.

The problem was more on the identification of names on the voters register as the list has not been orderly arranged. Whilst some of the list started

with the christian names, others began with surnames or day names.

Because of this, some voters, including myself had to spend over two and a half hours in the queue to cast our votes. Some voters with registration slips who could not trace their names were asked to check at other polling stations as they went away dejected.

A number of voters asked the essence of the slips if people have to be turned away from voting even when that was proof of their registration.

At the former Ham School polling station in Dansoman, Accra, there was no indecipherable ink for

the cross markings of those who had voted besides the ink-pad for the thumbprint. This happened in some other polling stations.

Mr Simon Kwadwo Dankyi, who registered in the North Swalaba Unit of Children's Hospital zone of Ashiedu Keteke metropolitan council who could not vote even though he had the registration receipt came to the Graphic office to complain and appealed to the Interim National Electoral Commission (INEC) to resolve the issue before the presidential and parliamentary elections.

Voting at Sunyani in the Brong Ahafo Region started on a brisk note as polling stations were filled with long queues of people waiting to cast their votes in the referendum, reports Kwame Asare-Boadu.

At 7.30 a.m. when the Graphic visited the Abonsua polling station, about 20 people had cast their votes while over 50 people were waiting patiently to cast theirs.

By 10 a.m., Graphic had visited 80 polling centres in the Sunyani township where the exercise was going smoothly with some few problems.

As at that time, 115 people out of the 1,482 registered voters at the Atoagya polling station

the document with 1,622 others saying 'no'.

In the New Juabeng District, 24,981 voters said 'yes' while 1,991 voted 'no'.

The story was not different in the Bantama (Ashanti), Okaikwei (Greater Accra) and Savalugu-Nanton (Northern) districts, where final 'yes' votes stood at 33,894, 33,506 and 16,439 with 2,804, 2,951 and 1,514 'no's

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## First Results Trickle In

By Graphic Reporters

PRELIMINARY results of yesterday's referendum on the draft Constitution showed an overwhelming 'yes' vote in favour of the Constitution.

The first result declared at 10.40 p.m. at the Independence Square in Accra was that of the Cape Coast District, where 21,673 approved of

## ELECTORATE WANT VOTERS REGISTER REVIEWED

By Albert Sam, Kumasi

A NUMBER of voters in the Kumasi Metropolis have called for a review of the voters register to ensure that the list of names are re-arranged in alphabetical order to make for easy reference

for future elections.

They described the present arrangement whereby surnames are mixed up with christian names, day names or titles as cumbersome and stressed the need for the envisaged list of names to be strictly on surname basis in alphabetical order.

A visit to some polling centres in the metropolis during yesterday's voting indicated that even though, the voting procedure was very simple, there were delays as a result of the poor arrangements of some of the names of eligible voters.

Some of the affected voters openly expressed their sentiments and called on the authorities to ensure that in future such flaws are avoided.

Another observation was that some voters did not check on their names during the exhibition of the voters register, as a result they were delayed as the registration assistants checked through the pages to locate their names.

In one particular instance, a voter had to visit four different centres in the same locality before tracing his name.

One other observation was that while seats were provided at some centres for the comfort of voters awaiting their turn, the opposite was the case in other centres, as people queued up in the scorching sun or under sheds.

A presiding officer at South Sutresro Estates, stressed the need for adequate security arrangements at the polling centres in future.

Meanwhile, Asiedu Marfo reports that there was an encouraging turnout of voters in Kumasi to exercise their franchise.

There were queues at some of the polling centres as early as 7.30 while turnout of voters at some polling centres were not impressive in the morning.

At the Presbyterians

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## Stock market watcher

By Lloyd Evans

VOLUME of shares traded in the Ghana Stock Exchange yesterday rallied up slightly from last Friday's close of 9,300 to 10,900 shares but prices did not fare any better.

The share of UAC, a trading company lost 14 on its previous price of ₵969 to send the DSI and DSA spiralling downwards.

The DSI which previously stood at 80.71 was down by 0.11 to settle at 80.60, thus representing a negative 0.14 per cent. The DSA also went down by 0.80 to settle at 228.65 from a previous position of 229.45 points; thus also registering a negative 0.35 per cent.

Total market capitalisation also dropped from its previous position of ₵29.93 billion to ₵29.89 billion.

At the close of business, six companies

had their equities changing hands as against five at the close of the previous session.

Total shares offered slightly dropped from last session of 566,100 to 564,200 with total bids standing at 31,000 as against the previous session of 26,300.

Companies that had their shares being traded included Accra Brewery Ltd (ABL) 1,000, CFAO 2,000 and Guinness Ghana Ltd (GGL) 2,600. The rest are PZ 100, UAC 4,200 and UTC 1,000.

With the rise of the share price of PZ and UTC of ₵4 and ₵1 respectively, all the equities retained their previous prices.

The following are the last prices of equities: ABL ₵142, CFAO ₵31, EIC ₵110, FML ₵111, GGL ₵44, KBL ₵74 and MGL ₵69. The rest are MOGL ₵376, PTC 73, PZ ₵47, SCB ₵462, SGOA ₵50, UAC ₵955 and UTC ₵31.

Meanwhile, the offer price for subscription of the Home Finance Company (HFC) Unit Trust as announced by the Fund managers from the close of business on Monday, April 27 until May 4 is ₵211 per unit. Last week it stood at ₵220 per unit.

On the Forex Bureau the dollar is being bought at ₵418 and sold at ₵440. The British pound stands at ₵720 as against ₵745, while the German mark stands at ₵248 as against ₵253.

However, on the inter-bank market according to the Financial bulletin of Standard Chartered Bank, the Spot Export Rate for the US dollar is ₵411 as against Spot Import Rate of ₵416. The British pound is ₵725 as against ₵737, while the German mark stands at ₵248 as against ₵253.

# CONSTITUTION, BASIS FOR DEMOCRACY — HERITAGE CLUB

By Joe Isaac Haizel  
**OUR Heritage Club, a group of Nkrumaists, has said that the draft constitution offers the basis for restoring democratic rule in the country.**

The club noted that even though it has serious reservations about some aspects of the Transitional Provisions, the document in its generality, offers an opportunity for future political growth.

Addressing a press soiree to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of Dr Kwame Nkrumah, first President of Ghana and the first anniversary of the launching of the club

at the Sunrise Hotel in Accra on Monday, Alhaji M. S. Farl, spokesman of the club stressed that Our Heritage is committed to a peaceful and non-violent transitional process.

Alhaji Farl emphasised that the immediate task facing the club is to build a disciplined group to work for a peaceful transition to democratic rule.

He said the club is committed to sustaining Kwame Nkrumah's heritage now and in the Fourth Republic and, therefore, would support efforts at uniting all Nkrumaists under one umbrella.

Hestressed that in line with Dr Nkrumah's dic-

tion that organisation and unity are decisive factors in development, Our Heritage Club, would continue to educate and mobilise Ghanaians to meaningfully meet the challenges of today and the future.

Alhaji Farl reminded Ghanaians of the dynamic role Dr Nkrumah played in the emancipation of the African continent.

He pointed out that though Nkrumah's contribution to Ghana and the world are priceless, yet like all mortals, he was fallible and might have made some mistakes.

"These mistakes, however, do not detract from

his immense contributions to Ghana's greatness and the progress of humanity", he emphasised.

Alhaji Farl urged the youth to draw lessons from Nkrumah's humble beginnings to become a world statesman and aspire towards greater achievements.

He reminded Ghanaians that "in our search for progress and prosperity for our nation, we need to be guided and inspired by Nkrumah's vision and achievements."

He reiterated that Nkrumah's vision and objectives remain as relevant today as they were dec-

ades ago.

Nana Addo Danquah III, Okauphene, who chaired the function, urged Ghanaians especially the youth to commit themselves to the ideals of Dr Nkrumah and forge a united front for the future.

Present at the function were General E. A. Erskine, former UNIFIL Commander, Mr Kwesi Armah, former Minister in the First Republic, Alhaji Iddrisu Mahama, leader of the proscribed Social Democratic Front, Mr Tony Thompson, a publisher, Mrs Monica Evans-Quayson and Mr Freddie Blay, both legal practitioners.

## Voters' Turn-out Very Orderly

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 had cast their votes.

The presiding officer of the station, Mr Anthony Kwasi Addison said some people, including even literates found it difficult to understand the exercise.

Nana Boakye Yiadom and Mr Kingsley Osei Bonsu, presiding officers at the Ahenboboano Cooperative Bakers and Ahenboboano Rural Development Stores, polling stations respectively mentioned the same problems at their stations and said they were in a fix as to what to do about the problem.

In the Eastern Region, the response of voters at polling stations visited by Mr A. K. Arhin, the Regional Electoral Officer, Lt. Col. (rt'd) Lawrence Kudjiku, a member of the Interim National Electoral Commission in charge of the region in connection with the referendum and Mr Fred Ohene-Kena, the Regional Secretary in four districts was encouraging as voters turned up to cast their votes on the draft constitution, reports **Salome Donkor**.

At the SDA Middle School polling station at the Ahenboboano electoral area at Kukurantumi in the East Akwem District where Mr Ohene-Kena cast his vote, 65 voters had cast their votes by 7.30 a.m., while others formed long queues waiting to cast their votes.

At the Effiduase Methodist Middle and the Koforidua Anglican Boys' Schools polling stations both in the New Juabeng District, 162 and 290 people had cast their votes at 9.05 and 9.15 a.m. respectively.

At the Nankese Ghana Cocoa Board polling station in the Suhum Kraboa-Coaltar District, 31 people as at 8.30 a.m. cast their votes while at the Methodist polling station at Okroase in Akwapem North District and the Court House polling station at Nkrakan in the Yilo Krobo District, 82 and 64 people had cast their votes respectively at 9.30 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. respectively.

The polling station assistants in these areas said since most of the people have gone to their farms, they will cast their votes when they return.

Mr Yelibora Antunmini, Upper West Regional Secretary, and Alhaji Mori Bondiri II, Wa-Na and President of the Upper West Regional House of Chiefs, were the first to exercise their franchise when polling began at Wa,

reports **Ghana News Agency**.

Voting for the acceptance or rejection of the draft constitution got off throughout the region with enthusiasm but quickly.

Mr Antunmini visited a number of polling stations to assess the turnout of voters.

At three polling stations in and around Wa, there were long queues of voters who had turned out as early as 7.15 a.m. to cast their votes.

Many of the voters who came on bicycles to the various polling stations, said they wanted to vote early in order to get to their work places since the day was not declared a holiday.

There was confusion at some of the polling stations when those who did not have their names on the register were referred to newly opened stations.

At Kapanye Number One, voters threatened to return home without voting because they could not trace their names.

They were referred to a new polling station located about a kilometre away where they had originally registered but most of them were adamant.

Mr Antunmini appealed to the aggrieved voters to go to the new station.

At the Kabanje Number Two polling station, however, most of the voters who turned out found their names on the register and were able to exercise their franchise.

Voting got off to an encouraging start at most of the 114 polling stations in the Tamale municipal-

ity when polling opened at 7 a.m.

The usual hustle and bustle at the town centre and the market place during the morning rush hour was virtually absent as voters headed for their polling stations.

At the Kalpohn polling station where over 800 people were expected to vote, a long queue had already been formed by 6.45 a.m., awaiting the start of the polling.

Most were workers who wanted to vote early before going to work.

Hundreds of registered voters in Bolgatanga turned out very early to cast their votes, report **Iddrisu Seini** and **Abdul Aziz**.

By 6.30 a.m., orderly queues had been formed at some of the polling stations, particularly at Bukuri 'A' and 'B' and Dapoortidongo where most workers had registered.

As a result, a total of more than 1,000 people had cast their votes by 9 a.m. in eight polling stations.

Among the early voters were Mr L. K. Molbila, the Regional Secretary and his deputy, Mr Simon Abingya.

It was, however, realised that a good number of registered voters at the 17 polling stations the Graphic visited could not trace their names on the register.

Some of such people had to go round about 11 polling stations before they came across their names.

Others with registration slips who could not

trace their names went home disappointed especially at the Day Nursery 'A' and 'B' and Experimental Primary Schools 'A' and 'B' polling stations.

Madam Victoria Adengo, assembly member for Daweo-Kumbangree electoral area suggested that registered voters who cannot trace their names on the registers should be allowed to cast their votes in the presidential and parliamentary elections if they produce their registration slips.

Voting in and around the Cape Coast municipality was quite encouraging as people turned out in their numbers at most of the polling stations to exercise their franchise, report **Kojo Sam** and **James Mensah**.

At the Wiseway polling station at Ayekoyeko, a queue of voters started forming as early as 6.30 a.m. when even the polling station had not been opened.

Most early voters were paramedical staff, nurses and other workers on morning duties who rushed to cast their votes before reporting for work.

At the Mensah Sarbah Centre, however, voting was slow as voters trickled in at intervals.

The usual early morning heavy traffic on the streets of the municipality, especially by taxis was virtually absent, indicating that most of the drivers had gone to vote.

In an interview with some of the voters, they said they did not understand why their registration numbers were quoted on the counterfoil of their

ballot papers.

They were of the opinion that by quoting their numbers on the counterfoil of the ballot papers, their vote no longer became secret, since, reference could be made to their names to determine what they voted for.

Mr J. S. Yeboah, a private businessman, and Mr Joseph Akwasi Asar, a Cape Coast-based contractor who voted at Monte Souri polling station and the Mensah Sarbah Primary School respectively, were among those who complained about such a system.

When contacted on the issue by the Graphic, the electoral officer, Mr S. A. Yirenkyi and Mr Barton Oduro, a member of the INEC, explained that the quotation of the serial numbers on the counterfoils "is only to cross-check the genuineness or otherwise of the voters."

The Graphic, however, observed that while some polling assistants quoted the serial numbers of the voters on the counterfoils, others quoted the registration numbers of the voters.

At the Legion Hall at Amafo and Etwinndzitwi polling stations at the Buckman Avenue, a predominantly fishing community, the polling officials, Mr George Appiah and Miss Paulina Korsah respectively said their only problem was that the names of most of the people who turned up to vote could not be found in the voters register or had different addresses attached to their names.

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Date: Saturday — May 2, 1992  
 Time: 9.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

SPEAKERS shall include Colonel William Anim for Accra, Mr K. Owusu-Tabiri for Airport, Evangelist F. G. Hutchful for Gateway, Dr Maxwell Arwee for Adabraka, Mr Richard Cudjoe for Ada, Evangelist Peter Aseanful for Winneba, Mr Kwaku Boateng for Akim-Oda, Mr K. O. Acheaw for Tarkwa, Mr E. Opoku-Mensah for Bibiani, Mr F. K. Boateng for Obuasi, Mr Dan Owusu-Ansah for Sunyani, Mr Kofi Agyeman-Badu for Sefwi-Wiwaso, Mr R. O. Ankrah for Kpando, Evangelist Anim for Drobo (B/A), Mr Joe Appiah for TEK (UST), Mr Paul Ismael Sallah for Akatsi, Mr Kwabena Darko for Tafo-Pankronu (Kumasi), Mr S. G. Adadai for Effiduase-Ashanti and Mr Joseph Kwaw for Juaso (Asante-Akim).

#### Information

1. Chapter manuals are now available for sale at National Office at C200 per booklet.
2. Number of Local FGBMFI Chapter currently stands at 85.

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## Sek-T'di Goes To The Polls

A large number of voters in Sekondi-Takoradi turned up to vote in the referendum yesterday at various polling stations within the twin-city.

Some of the voters in a queue at the Presbyterian Primary School in Takoradi, whilst a woman voter casts her vote. Picture: by Samuel Adjei-Boateng.



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# People's Daily Graphic

Pollution-inflicted damage to human health and agriculture costs the nation a substantial percentage of its gross national product each year. Pollution slows down economic progress and takes a heavy toll on human life.

GHANA is yet to assess the health costs associated with pollution. The Economic Recovery Programme must provide policy instruments to reverse environmental decline.

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## Stock market watcher

By Lloyd Evans

THE shares of Metalloplastica Ghana Ltd (MPL) will shortly be traded on the floor of the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) in Accra.

This follows the approval of the formal admission of MPL to the Exchange's first official list by the Council of the GSE. The sponsoring stockbrokers of MPL is National Trust Holding Company (NTHC).

With the admission of MPL, the total number of listed companies on the GSE now stands at 13.

The Metalloplastica Ghana Ltd has a total outstanding shares of 6,000,000 with 48 per cent being held by its foreign principal and the remaining 52 per cent by Ghanaians.

The financial position based on its annual report for the year ended March 31, 1990 states that net profit of the company before tax stood at C106.8 million while net profit after tax was C40.1 million.

The stated capital of the company was C75 million with net assets of C129.6 million.

Earnings per share at the close of business on March 31, 1990 was C6.68 with a net assets per share standing at C22. Dividend declared was C2 per share.

The Council of the GSE has also amended the share price capping rule.

According to the Council, "where, however, there is no trade at the subsequent session, the presiding officer may fix a new price which should be within plus or minus five per cent of the last price bearing in mind the general direction of the market at that session."

With this rule now in force, the shares of four companies, PTC, PZ, SCB and UAC depreciated by C5, C4, C18 and C65 to open the week at C105, C74, C342 and C1,235 respectively.

The only gainer at the close of business yesterday was Fan Milk Ltd (FML). It gained C8 to settle at C68 per share. Guinness Ghana Ltd (GGL), however, maintained its previous price of C22.

With the appreciation of the share price of FML and the maintenance of the share price of GGL, the DSI has positively moved from its previous position of 77.16 to 77.61 points. The DSA also appreciated from its previous position of 263.39 to 264.16 points.

Total market capitalisation at the close of business was C27.65 billion as against C27.49 billion at the close of last Friday's session. In all, 13,300 shares successfully changed hands against 9,000 in the previous session.

The following are the last prices of securities: ABL C135, EIC C132, FML C68, GGL C22, KBL C104 and MOGL C390. The rest are PTC C105, PZ C74, SCB C342, SCOA C17, UAC C1,235 and UTC C24.

## Chief Kidnapped At Sovie

THE Police at Kpando are investigating how Togbe Kotoku Dzaha V, chief of Aveme-Awrokosi in the Kpando District of the Volta Region, was kidnapped last Sunday night at Sovie to an unknown destination by a group of people alleged to be operating from Aveme-Drah.

Mr I. A. Kugbey, Assistant Superintendent of Police at Kpando described the case as "a serious one".

The name of the kidnapping group is being withheld.

He said a report was made to him yesterday morning that Togbe Dzaha arrived at Sovie at about 11 p.m. from Awrokosi to board a vehicle to Accra.

On reaching Sovie in the company of one Mr Francis Akuamoah, 25, a fisherman, the group arrested them and forced them into a waiting pick-up vehicle and drove off in the direction of Accra.

Akuamoah managed to escape at Vakpo where the vehicle with registration number ACA 9762 had some fuel problem. — GNA

## Member Pressurised To Apologise For Speaking His Mind?

By Debrah Fynn & Joe Okyere

A HEATED debate on two issues characterised the plenary session of the Consultative Assembly in Accra yesterday.

The debate, which cropped up just before the House broke into "closed door" subject matter committee meetings resulted from utterances made by a member of the Assembly to the press as well as a seminar organised for selected members of the House in Accra over the weekend.

The member, Mr Hunoor T. K. Boboobi, who is representing the Inland Canoe Fishermen Council and currently serving on the Committee on Powers of Government and the President, had expressed misgivings about the manner in which the discussion of the committee was being handled in a story carried by the Graphic in its edition of Saturday, October 19.

It all started when the Speaker, Pe Rowland Adiali Ayagitam II, Chiana Pio, drew attention of members to the publication which alleged that intellectuals on the committee were being given priority over other members in the discussion.

The Speaker, however, said that even though Mr Boboobi had confirmed the story, he had asked him (Speaker) to apologise to the House on his behalf.

Osagyefuo Kuntunkunuku II, representing the Eastern Regional House of Chiefs, requested that Mr Boboobi should be made to apologise personally before the House.

But Mr Sam Pee Yalley of the Accra

Metropolitan Assembly, was of the view that the subject matter of the publication be referred to the Privileges Committee for decision.

Mr Yalley was also not happy about the seminar organised for selected members of the house.

He questioned the essence of singling out some members of the Assembly to attend the seminar and wanted to know the intentions of the organisers.

He was of the view that opinions could be formed in the course of such seminars which might endanger the work of the house.

Dr U. E. Sobotie, representing the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, argued that if the House feels aggrieved by the said publication, it should call the attention of the Speaker or the Clerk.

On the seminar, Dr Sobotie observed that since everybody is entitled to his opinion, members have the liberty to discuss whatever issues anywhere.

Another member, Togbui Kwao Anipati IV, a government appointee although agreed that it was in order to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee, said Mr Boboobi also has the right to apologise and once he was willing to do so, his apology should be accepted.

Mr Martin A. B. K. Amidu, a CDR representative, who agreed with the member's utterances said that at a certain stage of the committee's discussions, some of its members felt deceived about the manner the proceedings were being conducted.

He, therefore, urged that the context in which Mr Boboobi expressed his genuine feeling should be understood.

Mr Tony Aidoo, another CDR representative, blamed the reporters for carrying the story without investigating.

The Chairman of the

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## Self-Reliance In Consultancy Services....

# M.F.E.P. TO ADOPT SPECIAL PROGRAMME

By Ebenezer Ato Sam

THE Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MFEP) has adopted a policy framework for the government under which the institutional training and capacity needs of sector ministries, manpower development institutions and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) would be strengthened to enable the country to become self-reliant in its consultancy services within the next 10 years and rely less on expatriates. Consequently, the Mi-

nistry has been charged to assist the Ministry of Education, which is the largest user of technical assistance

and consultancy services from donors, to train enough personnel under the government's educa-

## Lord Gifford Assesses Democratic Process

By Lloyd Evans

LORD Gifford, a leading British human rights lawyer has described the Consultative Assembly as a serious, independent and representative body committed to producing a democratic and lasting constitution.

He said the consultative process through the assembly is working very well as people representing different interests are contributing very forcefully and fully without any hindrance.

Lord Gifford who has since left Ghana for the United Kingdom after a week's talks and observation of the working process of the Consultative Assembly told the Graphic in an interview on Monday that the resulting constitution which will emerge out of the assembly will have the advantage of coming out of a very wide-expression of views of the Ghanaian people.

During his stay, Lord Gifford was received by the Head of State and had series of meetings with the Chairman of the National Commission for Democracy (NCD), Attorney-General, Secretary for Local Government, the

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tional reform programme to facilitate the objectives of the self-reliance drive in the nation's human resources.

These were disclosed to the Graphic in an interview in Accra yesterday by Mrs F. E. Ampratwum, an official of the Manpower

Division of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

She indicated that ini-

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## New Market Turning Into Slum?

Accra, Ghana's capital city has got two previous development plans, the implementation of which have been overtaken by events. We mean, they had lagged behind the growth of the city. Plans are in progress to upgrade them or draw a new one. That is good news.

Now the site of Old Fadama which some time ago was said to have been earmarked for the Korle Lagoon Tourist

Development Project is now being used to resettle market women.

We are not only worried about the new use this site is being put but the process of its development. No standards are being set. Very soon, we would create a new slum area as depicts this picture. Watch out. See page 3 for story.

Picture by John K. Essel.



# trench -Obeng

## Atmospheric Pollution: GHACEM Sued

By Graphic Reporter  
A. TEMA resident, Mr John Ale Hamah, has instituted legal proceedings against the GHACEM Company Limited at Tema for its continuous release of impurities and noxious vapours into the atmosphere.

The plaintiff is therefore claiming 415 million damages for the said nuisance.

He is also seeking a perpetual injunction to restrain the defendant from continuing to produce until the nuisance is stopped and certified by the Environmental Protection Council (EPC) as so.

Mr Hamah is further claiming 5 million as medical insurance for his family to cover future medical expenses arising out of

the effect of breathing noxious substances released into his premises by the defendant.

In his statement of claim, the plaintiff indicated that he has been resident of house number 17 Site 17, Community One, Tema for the past 10 years.

He said a year after he had moved into the said premises, his family developed chest problems as a result of continuous inhaling of the cement dust released into the air by the company.

The frequency of the pain led the plaintiff to contact a doctor who diagnosed the regular chest problems and other bodily pains as the effect of regular exposure to contaminated air of cement dust.

According to the plaintiff, when he entered into a

contract to sell his house in 1988 to one Adama, the said purchaser later withdrew from the contract because at the time of inspection of the rooms, they were filled with white dust released from GHACEM.

Mr Hamah stated to date, he and his family have had to endure breathing the impure air of cement dust.

He said on October 29, 1988 for instance, he and his family had breathing difficulties on account of the massive cement dust. The plaintiff said he was therefore compelled to take his children to hospital where he was warned that unless he leaves the premises his family would run the risk of serious lung diseases.

According to the plaintiff, he took his children to the factory site on the following date where he complained to the management about the nuisance being caused to his residence.

Mr Hamah indicated

that his own investigations have revealed that the defendant company has maintained a very low quality production standard in the country than it does in Norway, the mother country.

Besides, it has over the years exhibited gross disregard for the lives of the people near the area of its operations whilst some of the workers have died probably because of being exposed to poisonous smells and vapours.

It will be recalled that the Graphic carried a GNA story on Monday, October 21 in which it was reported that the timely intervention of the Tema Municipal Administration prevented the AFKO Fisheries and Tema Shipyard and Drydock Corporation from taking legal action against GHACEM.

GHACEM was established in the early 1960s to produce cement for the construction of the Tema Harbour and Tema Motorway.

## Chief Inspector Placed In Custody

From Iddrisu Seini, Bolgatanga

**CHIEF Inspector Kunyegah Homenu of the Bolgatanga District Police Station, has been placed in custody pending investigations into his involvement in an alleged shooting and wounding of two passengers in a Bolgatanga-**

**Zuarungu tro-tro vehicle last Sunday.**

The wounded are; Madam Asibi Anthony who has been admitted to the Bolgatanga Central Hospital with a compound fracture on the right shoulder and Akugure Azeko who was treated for bullet wounds on one of his buttocks and discharged.

The hospital authorities have recommended six pints of blood for Madam Anthony who is reported to be responding well to treatment.

According to reliable sources, Chief Inspector Homenu stopped the vehicle with registration number Gd 7183 at about 5 p.m. last Sunday on the Bolgatanga-Bawku main road and asked the driver, Kojo Asante to produce his driving licence.

When Mr Asante said his licence was in the house, the Chief Inspector directed him to park well since there was another vehicle coming from the opposite direction.

The sources said just when the car was parking from the main road, the police officer allegedly fired shots into the vehicle carrying 15 passengers.

All attempts to get the police version of the story yielded no results.

## Lord Gifford's Assessment

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Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Legon, the Chairman of the Committee of Experts, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Consultative Assembly and sat in at the proceedings of the assembly for two days.

Lord Gifford said he was very impressed about the way in which the debates are carried on at the assembly and stated that he had the chance to read all the Hansards and minutes and spoke to several dozens of members of the assembly.

Dealing with the various aspects of the draft proposal, Lord Gifford said the most important issue that came out during his attendance at the assembly was whether the President should work with a Prime Minister or a Vice-President.

He said so far as that issue

was concerned, one of the Sub-Committees of the assembly demonstrated its independence by rejecting the proposal of the Committee of Experts and stated however that, that issue is not yet finished.

"What is needed is a solution by which the President's powers will be effectively restrained by the need to work with other representatives such as Parliament," Lord Gifford said.

On the legal procedures in the country, Lord Gifford expressed the hope that the constitution would be designed in such a way to speed up the legal processes in the country.

He said there is the urgent need to pay more attention to the tools of the High Court judges to make them more functional.

"The judges are badly equipped with their tools of trade and I feel there is the need to pay some at-

tention to such resources," Lord Gifford said.

He said such equipment and books, are the embodiment of the law that the judges have to apply, and added that the courts should see to it that the individual rights of all Ghanaians are upheld.

Talking on the performances of the Ghanaian press, Lord Gifford said, he was highly impressed about the amount of international news covered by the local media and that there is great room for improvement.

He said there is the need for Ghanaian journalists to do more of investigative reporting and to bring out whatever is happening in a fair and objective manner.

"I hope that the new democracy will see some opening up of the media not just as an expression of opinion but also as discovering what is happening in the country," he said.

## Assembly Member Pressurised To Apologise

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Committee, Dr I. K. Chinueah, was contacted on the allegations of Mr Boboobi before the story was filed.

Odecho Boa Amponsem, another government appointee was of the view that Mr Boboobi made utterances to the Press because he was aggrieved.

He said the fact that the House is also aggrieved

about the utterances does not mean what "it is not happening. We must be very realistic, factual and impartial".

On his part, Nana Anarfi Kokorto of the Asante Akim North District Assembly sided with Mr Amidu and referred to the utterances as very true but, however, said that Mr Boboobi should have been a little bit diplomatic.

On the seminar, Nana

Anarfi Kokorto said it was open and that he did not agree that members should be stopped from attending any of such seminars.

He said those who attended the said seminar, have conscience and that the seminar should not be viewed as an indoctrination.

Justice George L. Lamptey, representing the Judiciary expressed worries as to why the utte-

## Old Abuscodians

Members of the Greater Accra Branch of the Old Abuscodians Association are requested to attend a very important meeting to discuss the school's forthcoming Speech and Prize-Giving Day celebrations at the YMCA on Thursday, October 24, at 5.30 p.m.

## GHANTOA Meeting Postponed

The emergency GHANTOA Delegates Meeting scheduled for October 24, 1991 has been postponed to 10.00 a.m. October 31, 1991 at the National Secretariat, Accra.

The meeting will elect Interim Executive Officers and review the financial position of the Association. Each region is to send 4 delegates including the Regional Chairman.

## ACCA Students

The tutorial/revision classes for the December 1991 series of the ACCA Exams continues at ATTC. Subjects offered are Level 1 Financial Accounting and Cost & Management Accounting 1, Time 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Level 2 Advance Accounting Practice and Cost & Management Accounting 2, Time 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Interested students should register at ATTC on Saturday.

## Bechem PRESEC

The National Executive of the Bechem Presbyterian Secondary School Old Students Association will formally inaugurate the Sunyani branch on Saturday, October 26 at the Sunyani Civic Centre at 12 noon.

All Old Students in and around Sunyani are cordially invited. Meanwhile the school's silver jubilee celebrations take place at Bechem from November 10 to 17. All members are kindly requested to take active part in the celebrations.

## Dzordzorme Family

All descendants of Dzordzorme and allied families of Amedu, and Dzikunu etc. of Konu/Anyako, both paternal and maternal, resident in Accra/Tema area, are invited to an important meeting at the residence of Madam Selina Yanikye Dzordzorme at Kotobabi Down, Accra on October 27 at 2 p.m. prompt.

## WEY GEY HEY '65

All are cordially invited with husbands/partners to a get-together in honour of Mrs Beatrice Joe-Abbey (Nee Parry) on Sunday, October 27, 1991 cocktails from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Maggie's Place, Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m. (dinner) at Dolly-May's Dzorwulu. For further details contact Maggie on 667168, Mary 221713, Constance 665401 Ext. 391/392 or 491, Lydia 665401 Ext. 223, Mrs Akuetteh 221984.

## Nsuta-Atonsu Kuo

All members of Nsuta-Atonsu Nkosuo Kuo and natives of Atonsu in the Sekyere West District are invited to the inauguration of the association as well as fund-raising ceremony in aid of the electrification and health centre projects for the town at Quashie Idun Hall, Centre for National Culture, Kumasi on Sunday, October 27 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Obituaries

The death has been announced of Mr Alex K. Sarkodee-Addo of West Yorkshire, on September 24, 1991.

Funeral rites will be announced later.

The death is reported of Mr Jonathan Odoi Quaye, alias Tom James, Managing Director of Onaq Distilleries Limited, Nungua, in a motor accident on the Mankeessim road on October 4, 1991. Jonathan Quaye 57 an ex-employee of State Fishing Corporation, was the brother of Nii Odoi Ayiku G. M. Quaye, Mantse and Judge G. M. Quaye, Circuit Court, Kumasi.

Burial and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Burial takes place on Thursday, October 24, 1991 at the Awudome Cemetery of Madam Christiana Adoley Coffie after burial, memorial and thanksgiving service at the Mamprobi Nazareth Methodist Church at 12.30 p.m.

The late Madam Christiana Adoley Coffie who died on October 4, was the elder sister of Joe Coffie of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation and others.

blacks." He supported a phased removal of sanctions saying: "removal of economic sanctions should be triggered by establishment of multiracial interim government."

Mr Obeng said with the crumbling of bi-polarism, the question that arises is whether the world would become unipolar or multipolar.

"Whichever finally emerges, it is necessary for the international community to put in place a mechanism that would guard against the dangers of bi-polarism."

Mr Obeng held discussions with Mr Nelson Mandela, President of the African National Congress of South Africa and Mr Mohamed Bolkiah, Foreign Minister of Brunei investment opportunities for Brunei industrialists in Ghana. — GNA.



• A queue of some residents of Accra and their pets at a vaccination centre in Accra. Picture by Rockson Asmah.

## Anti-Rabies Campaign Launched in Accra

By Barbara A. Quarcoo

IS year's anti-rabies vaccination campaign is launched in Accra on Monday.

The campaign is launched annually by the Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Animal Health and Production Department (AHPD).

Launching it, Dr A. M. Laryea, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (Livestock), stated that, there has been a steady rise in the incidence of rabies in animals in the late last year.

He said immunisation centres have been set up throughout the country to vaccinate animals free of charge.

He, therefore, appealed to owners of animals to help break the rabies transmission cycle by immunising their animals.

Dr Laryea further stated that, once the signs of rabies are observed in a human being, there is no cure. Prevention, he noted, is therefore, very important in the control of the disease.

He stated that although animals commonly affected by rabies include dogs, cats, bats, foxes, monkeys, lves, jackals, mongooses and squirrels, dogs and cats are mostly responsible for cases of human rabies in the country.

Dr Laryea further stated that, a strategy has been developed in collaboration with the various municipal district assemblies to impound all stray dogs for destruction after the three week campaign.

Mr A. G. Kango, Deputy Director of AHPD, expressed the hope that, by the end of the campaign, 60 per cent of all dogs and cats in the country, would be immunised.

## Council Meeting

urged union executives to mobilise their members to undertake communal activities to enhance their communities well as donate generally towards the National Trust Fund.

He said his doors are open to all members for advice and mutual interaction at all times but he would not entertain any sectional or selfish interests and lobbying which would tarnish the image of the union.

He said the fact that the House is also aggrieved

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No amount of constitutional checks and balances can completely ensure accountability unless at the same time ordinary men and women have the self-confidence and vigilance necessary to challenge wrongdoing and to hold officials accountable.

**Ft-Lt Jerry John Rawlings**  
(Interview with Africa Report magazine May-June 1991 issue)



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— Green Forum For Development  
(Environmental Journalists and Communicators)

## Second Phase Of Transport Rehabilitation Project To Start

from Kofi Akonor, **Deputy**  
THE Ministry of Transport and Communications, in conjunction with the International Development Agency (IDA) an affiliate of the World Bank, has launched a training programme for artisans, craftsmen and drivers engaged in the road transport sector.

The objective of the programme, which constitute Phase Two of the Transport Rehabilitation Project is to enable the various categories of personnel in the industry to improve upon the quality of their work in order to sustain the ERP.

Mr J. Y. Vodzie, Principal of the Ho Polytechnic, disclosed this during the inauguration of the Dzodze branch of the Ghana National Association of Garages (GNAG) at the weekend in the Volta Region.

He said over 22,000 master and assistant master mechanics drawn from the GNAG, GPRTU and the state transport companies such as the State

Transport Corporation (STC), Omnibus Services Authority (OSA), and the City Express are expected to be trained under the programme.

Institutions earmarked for the training include the Accra Technical Training Centre (ATTTC), Kumasi Technical Institute, Ho Polytechnic, Takoradi Technical Institute and Tamale Polytechnic.

Mr Vodzie said the programme which spans a four-year period is arranged in phases of six and 12 weeks for the master and assistant master mechanics respectively.

He said at the end of their training the trainees will be awarded certificates and given motivational tools free of charge.

The Regional Chairman of GNAG, Mr E. K. Katakaha, commended the govern-

ment for showing interest in the development of artisans and advised members of the association to make effective use of the training opportunity offered them.



• Dr S. K. B. Asante  
— Chairman



• Mrs Annie Jagge  
— Member

# CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS NEED OBJECTIVE STUDY

... Says Committee Of Experts

By Lloyd Evans

THE Committee of Experts appointed to draft proposals for Ghana's future Constitution has called on Ghanaians to study calmly and objectively its proposals since the country's constitutional process will be characterised by a peaceful and constructive dialogue.

Dr S. K. B. Asante, Chairman of the Committee, made the call when he presented a draft report of the Committee's proposals

to the nation at a press conference in Accra yesterday.

Dr Asante said the 328-

page draft report contains all the basic ingredients of a democratic order which he stressed is a product of genuinely independent work.

Dr Asante, who was assisted by seven other

members of the nine-member committee, said they took into account the 1957, '60, '69, '79 Constitutions as well as the National Commission for Democracy report of March

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## UST Team To Conduct Survey To Determine Radon Levels In Building Materials

THE department of Physics of the University of Science and Technology (UST), Kumasi, is to start full-scale survey in October, this year to determine the levels of radon, a radioactive element, in the various types of building materials used in rural and urban areas throughout the country.

The survey, which will among other things, measure the emission rates of radon gas for the different materials, using Solid State Nuclear Track detectors (SSNTDs), is expected to be completed by July next year.

Professor Keshaw Singh, Head of the Department, disclosed this in an interview with the Ghana News Agency in Kumasi yesterday.

He said building materials are known through studies to contain radon and emit various degrees of radon gas which is toxic, adding that the degree of toxicity depends on the level of the element in the material.

"Exposure of living be-

ings to large amounts of the gas over long periods can be very disastrous," he said, noting that in the case of man, exposure for more than 0.3 REM (Radiation equivalent for man) could result in death.

Professor Singh said preliminary investigations conducted by the Department had shown that buildings constructed with bricks have higher emission rates than those with cement blocks.

The Department would

after the survey advise on directions for improving the quality of certain building materials to reduce their radon levels, he added.

Meanwhile, the Department has declared that residents of UST campus and nearby Ayeduase are living within the internationally accepted safe limits of radon gas, set by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR). — GNA

## Four Armed Men Steal C263,000 From Petrol Station At Labadi?

FOUR armed men attacked a Mobil filling Station at Labadi, an Accra suburb early Monday morning and bolted with about C263,000 cash.

Mr Kudzo Hoenyameh, an attendant at the station, told newsmen that, the robbers who arrived at about 3 a.m. in a taxi cab with registration number ACA 8893 locked up the night attendant and three others who were sleeping at the station.

Mr Hoenyameh said the armed robbers beat up their hostages into submission before making away with the money which was the previous day's sales.

Both the Labadi Police and the Police Headquarters Information Room in Accra when contacted by the Ghana News Agency, said they had no knowledge about the robbery. — GNA



• Oseadeyo Agyeman Badu — Member



• Dr Charles Jebuni — Member



• Mrs Sabina Ofori-Boateng — Member



• Mr Ebo Bentsi-Enchill — Member



• Dr Afari Gyan — Member



• Mr L. J. Chinery-Hesse — Member



• Dr E. V. O. Dankwa — Member



# Plan To Re-settle Destitute Blind People

**THE Ghana Association of the Blind** is to go into poultry and livestock rearing to raise funds to re-settle destitute blind people in the Western Region.

for funds in aid of the livestock project at Takoradi Catholic Star of the Sea Cathedral.

Mr Bendel said only a small per-

tage of blind people in the region are in gainful employment while the rest earn a living through begging for alms at street corners.

He said funds realised from the appeal would be used to start the project and urged the public to support them financially. — GNA

## Self-help Projects At Cocoa Town

**THE chiefs and people of Cocoa Town near Elubo in the Western Region** have completed two projects under a three-year development programme at a total cost of C21 million.

The projects are a six-classroom block with an office and a store for the local primary school and the construction of a five-kilometre road linking Cocoa Town with the main Elubo-Takoradi international road.

Nana Assi Awuah I, chief of Cocoa Town, who conducted newsmen round

the projects at the weekend, said the primary school cost C12 million while the road cost nine million cedis.

He said citizens of Cocoa Town resident in Cote d'Ivoire contributed C14 million towards the projects.

Nana Awuah said the people have also cultivated a 20-hectare oil palm plantation to supplement their developmental efforts.

He said they have also decided to construct a clinic at an estimated cost of C15 million through communal labour and special levies yet to be determined.

Nana Awuah appealed to the Jomoro District Assembly to help provide furniture for the primary school. — GNA.

## Range Of Investment Opportunities

"Nevertheless, a new process has begun and Ghana is on course for a better future," he emphasised.

On the Kpedze water project, Mr Ampratwum said every effort is being made to get the necessary funds to complete it as early as possible.

The out-going president of the club, Mr L. Y. K. Hagan, said the club has made significant contribution to the development of the community.

Some of the projects undertaken by the club included the provision of public urinals at various points at Ho, construction

of a 10-unit KVIP at Dome, a suburb of Ho and the offering of career guidance counselling in schools in and around Ho.

Mr Hagan made it clear that in future the club will undertake projects only in places where the local beneficiaries are prepared to get involved.

## Proposals Need Objective Study

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25, 1991 on "Evolving a True Democracy," during their work.

Based with appropriate modifications, the committee relied substantially on some of the provisions of the 1969 and '79 Constitutions and also introduced several innovations, all deemed to enhance the prospects of stability.

The chairman said particular attention was also paid to constitutional practices and experiences over the first, second and third republics, the lessons of the National Redemption Council, the Supreme Military Council and the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council governments and general political developments within the past 10 years.

Dr Asante said these innovations were attempts to strike a balance between freedom for effective government and that of inculcating constitutionalism and to forestall and avert major constitutional confrontations that threaten stability.

He said the primary concern of the committee was to devise viable mechanisms to ensure stability, the rule of law and no conform to the requirements of a particular constitutional model.

On the various proposals covered under the proposals, Dr Asante said the committee proposed an Executive President elected by universal suffrage, a Prime Minister, appointed from members of Parliament who must command a majority in Parliament and a Council of Ministers elected from within and out Parliament.

He said the committee proposed a Council of State which should be bipartisan, and consist of officials of the state, representatives of all regions as well as people from various walks of life, civilian and military. He said this Council will

have constitutional functions of counselling all organs of state on matters of constitutional or national significance.

The committee also proposed a legislature to be elected on the basis of universal adult suffrage.

According to Dr Asante, the report also addressed other areas of economic significance such as land administration and the financial institutions.

He said a notable feature of the proposals is the prominence accorded to individual rights adding that the traditional guarantees for human rights have been extended to a wide variety of social and economic rights for women, children and the disabled.

Dr Asante pointed out

that during the committee's deliberations, members kept in mind the important principle that a catalogue of rights, however elaborate, is meaningless without an effective enforcement mechanism.

He said the committee therefore proposed entrusting the enforcement of the constitution to particular institutions including the office of the President, the Council of State, the Judicial Committee of the Council of State, the Judiciary, a Special Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice and a Media Commission, to be charged with the responsibility of the state-owned media from government control and to promote high journalistic standards.

Other members of the committee are Nana Agyemang Badu, Mrs Justice Annie Jiagge, Mr L. J. Chimery-Hesse, Mr Ebo Bentisi-Enchill, Dr K. Afari Gyan, Dr Charles Jebuni, Dr E. V. O. Dankwa and Mrs S. Ofori-Boateng.

## Friendship Association

**THE leadership of the Ghana/Japan Friendship Association** has been called upon to evolve exchange programmes in agriculture, industry, fishing and science between the two countries.

The call was contained in an address read on behalf of Mr Fred Ohene Kena, Eastern Regional Secretary, at the inauguration of the Pano and Esikam branch of the association at Pano at the

weekend.

Mr Ohene Kena said the programme would provide a basis for technology transfer and cultural interaction between Ghana and Japan, and enhance the bonds of co-operation.

He recalled how the Japanese emerged from the ruins of World War Two to become an economic giant, and said the decision to form the Ghana/Japan Friendship Association was a wise one. — GNA

Key roles of guidance and counselling services in the education of the child is to help him during school education in the right choice of subjects that will help his future career.

## Ankamu Akwanbo

**THE chiefs and people of Gomaa Ankamu** will celebrate their annual Akwanbo festival from August 19 to 26.

Highlights of the celebration include a clean-up exercise, a general meeting of the people to discuss national and local issues and a grand durbar of chiefs and people on August 24.

The activities will be rounded off with a non-denominational church service on Sunday, August 25 and a specially organised beach show on Monday, August 26.

All sons and daughters of Ankamu and the general public are invited.

## Girls For STME Clinic

Girls invited by the Ghana Education Service to participate in this year's Science, Technology and Mathematics Education (STME) Clinic should report at the Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon on Saturday, August 17, 1991 from 12.00 noon onwards and should report in time for registration and supper.

Girls should carry along bedsheets and pillow cases, school uniforms, house dresses, dress for church or outing and toiletry.

## KETASCHO '66

The monthly general meeting of Keta Secondary School 1966 Year Group comes off at the residence of Prosper Cudjoe at North Kaneshie on Saturday, August 17, 1991 at 2 p.m.

## Relatives Wanted

The death of Thompson Gidiglo, a Ghanaian aged 46 has been reported at sea near the Island of Grand Canary, Cape Verde.

Relatives should contact the Legal and Consular Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Accra for further details.

## Beecham Family Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Beecham Brothers and Sisters at Abandze on Saturday, August 17, 1991 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to discuss the funeral arrangements for the late Chief J. B. Beecham. All should endeavour to attend from the length and breadth of the country.

## Catholic Lawyers Guild

There will be a general meeting of Catholic Lawyers Guild of Ghana (CLAGG) on Sunday, August 18, 1991 at Christ the King Parish, Accra at 10 a.m. to discuss the final Legal Week Programme. All Catholic Lawyers are cordially invited.

## WEY-GEY-HEY

All year groups of Wesley Girls High School Old Students Association (WEY-GEY-HEY) will meet at the Methodist Headquarters in Accra at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18.

## Oddare Nursery School

The Management and Staff of the Oddare Nursery School, Dansoman, Accra, in conjunction with the P.T.A., will hold this year's graduation day at the school premises on Saturday, August 17, at 3 p.m. All parents/guardians are cordially invited.

## Obituary

The death is reported of Mr Fieldgate Kwasi Nyonator (Carpenter, Keta) at the Keta Government Hospital on Friday, August 2.

The late Mr Fieldgate Nyonator was the father of Dr Kwadwo Nyonator, District Medical Officer, Sogakope; and others. Burial and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## Burials

Burial takes place at Akwatia on Saturday, August 17 to be followed by funeral rites of Opanin Kwesi Komkom. Opanin Kwesi Komkom was the elder brother of Mr J. A. Kuntoh, Public Relations Officer, Tarzan Enterprise Ltd., an Assembly member of Kwabebirem District Assembly and Dinah Kuntoh (London). He was 70.

Burial takes place at Konongo on Saturday, August 17 of Obaapan-ying Agnes Abena Saah, after wake-keeping on Friday, August 16. Memorial service will be held the next day, Sunday, August 18. She was 120, mother of Mr M. K. Abrokwa, Director of Ashanti Furniture Company, Accra, George Yaw Badu, Accra, Madam Ama Botwe and Madam Akosua Nyamekye of Konongo.

Burial takes place at the Woe public cemetery on Saturday, August 17 of Madam Asinu Huzey Wegba, after wake-keeping at her residence at Tegbi-Kpota on Friday, August 16. She was 83.

She was the aunt of Prof. G. K. Nukunya of Legon and mother of Mr Jackson Kwasi Wegba Akpaloo, chief fisherman of Tegbi, W.O.I. Richard K. Akpaloo of Castle Annex, Accra, Madam Soemede Akpaloo and Madam Afashie Akpaloo.

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— Walter Rodney  
(Social Commentator)

# People's Daily Graphic



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— Green Forum For Development  
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# PROPOSALS OF CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS NOT FINAL DOCUMENT

From Kofi Akordor, Mepe

ALHAJI Mahama Iddrisu, PNDC member, has assured Ghanaians that the report of the

Committee of Constitutional Experts is not a final document being imposed by the PNDC on the people as the country's new con-

## — Iddrisu

stitution.

That report, he said, is a basic document which will be the starting point together with previous constitutions and other relevant materials for the deli-

berations of the Consultative Assembly.

He was addressing a durbar at Mepe on Saturday to mark the annual

Afenorto festival of the people of the Mepe traditional area in the North Tongu District of the Volta Region.

"When it is published, let no one think that this is a PNDC draft constitution, for it will be presumptuous on its part to impose such a document on the people of this country," the PNDC member explained.

Alhaji Iddrisu asked Ghanaians to express their opinion on the proposal as soon as the report is published.

He further urged members of the Consultative Assembly to let their contributions reflect the views of those whom they represent.

Alhaji Iddrisu said the purpose of political parties is to offer choices and options in the day-to-day governance of the affairs of

the country and must not be allowed to degenerate into a divisive contest for sectional interest.

He therefore expressed the hope that when the time comes, Ghanaians will exercise their civic and constitutional rights with a high degree of responsibility motivated solely by the progress and prosperity of the country.

The PNDC member made it clear that the PNDC will ensure that the transition does not disrupt the programme for providing the basis for economic and social development in every part of the country.

"It will be irresponsible on our part as well as a betrayal of the principles for which we have worked

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## Obimpeh Assures Nation Of Favourable Supply Of Major Staples Despite Floods

From Nehemia Owusu-Achiaw, Kumasi

COMMODORE (ret'd) Steve Obimpeh, Secretary for Agriculture, has assured the nation that despite the heavy rains and the attendant destruction to food crops, food supply situation in the country is expected to continue to be favourable in the foreseeable future.

"There is therefore no cause for alarm so far as the major staple foods — maize, cassava, yam, plantain and cocoyam — are concerned," he stressed.

In spite of the excessive rains there are good pro-

spects in the major food producing areas of Brong Ahafo, Ashanti, Eastern and Northern Regions as well as northern part of Volta Region," the Secretary said.

Commodore Obimpeh gave the assurance at the closing session of the fifth mid-year agricultural review conference in Kumasi at the weekend.

The three-day conference which broke into sessions and committees after the initial opening ceremonies, examined in great details, the country's food supply system and relevant issues which militate against food production.

Arisen out of the detailed analysis, the conference

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## SDA Integrated Survey To Start In September

By Kofi Yeboah-Agyemang

THE Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is to launch a full scale Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) integrated survey early next month.

The survey which is adapted to Ghana's special circumstances is designed to provide in-depth explanatory data on how Ghanaian households respond to changing economic conditions during structural adjustment.

Disclosing this to the Graphic in an interview, a source close to the GSS said that with the assistance of GSS and the government statistician, Dr E. Oti Boateng, SDA staff have field-tested the prototype versions of both priority and the integrated surveys. "The next stage is the crucial test of putting the first integrated survey into the field," the source added.

The survey, the source stressed "is a challenge for which the GSS is well prepared to meet." It has twice implemented the World Bank's Living Standard Measurement Survey (LSMS), which is

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## Ashanti-Mamponghe's Palace Set Ablaze In Mob Action

From Nana Yaw Barimah, Ashanti-Mampong

THE Ashanti-Mamponghe's palace and his private Hyundai Saloon car were at the weekend set ablaze by a group of youngmen from the town.

They also smashed all the louvre blades of the palace.

When a detachment of the police rushed to the scene they were attacked by the mob with stones and clubs and smashed the glasses of their vehicle.

Eight persons including a woman have been arrested in connection with the incident.

According to ASP W. A. Darkwa in-charge of Mampong Police District, the chief, Nana Akuamoah Boateng Ababio, who filed an appeal against the judgement of the Judicial Committee of the Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs on July 16, drove straight to the palace when he returned from Accra on Saturday evening to stay at the palace to perform the Akwasidae the next day without informing the police.

The group which the police described as coming from an opposing section of the Mampong chieftaincy dispute went to the palace in the night and started throwing stones.

One armed policeman who was on his normal duties at the palace was confronted and in an attempt to defend himself from the angry mob shot into the thigh of one member of the group.

The group got incensed and set the palace and the saloon car ablaze and the chief who was at the palace at the time of the incident was later found safe by the police in a nearby house.

The Judicial Committee of the Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs on Tuesday, July 16, this year, nullified the nomination, election and installation of Nana Akuamoah Boateng Ababio as the Mamponghe.

Nana Ababio has, however, filed an appeal against the committee's declaration at the National House of Chiefs.

The kingmakers, chiefs and elders of Mampong on Tuesday, July 23, rejected the judgement of the Judicial Committee of the Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs.

They contended that Nana Akuamoah Boateng Ababio was properly nominated, elected and installed and that all customary processes of installing a chief were duly observed.

## Senior Journalists Attend Workshop On Environmental Reporting

From Joe Isaac Haizel, Kokrobite

DR Ken Aryeetey, Medical Officer in-charge of Mamprobi Polyclinic, has emphasised the need for concerted and co-ordinated efforts, to redress abuses to the ecosystem and degradation of the environment.

He said diseases such as cancer and lung complications have increased because of degradation of the environment.

Dr Aryeetey was speaking at the closing of a two-day seminar/workshop on 'reporting the environment' at Kokrobite in the Ga District, for senior journalists at the weekend.

The seminar which sought to create awareness on the problems of the environment was organised by the "Green Forum for Development", an organisation of environmental journalists and communicators who seek to foster co-operation among environmental journalists to inform the public better on the environment.

It was sponsored by B. P. Oil Ghana Limited.

In this direction, Dr Aryeetey stressed the need for environmental communicators to intensify their watch-dog roles and sensitise policy makers to consider long term effects when planning for the environment.

He noted that it is important to come out with cogent reasons to compel government to enact ap-

propriate environmental laws and effective enforcement strategies.

He suggested the need for communicators on the environment to play active roles in educating industries to understand the effects of their activities on the environment, with the view to replenishing or contributing to a fund to address environmental problems.

In the opening address, Mr Yaw Klingo, Regional Sales Manager of British Petroleum, (BP) called on environmentalists to focus their attention on a wider

spectrum of target groups in mapping out strategies to combat environmental issues.

He said environmental journalists need to strive to create the necessary awareness on the endangered ecological system.

He emphasised that it is only when such target groups as policy makers and opinion leaders are presented with alternative models of combating environmental hazards that harm done to it could be stopped.

Mr Klingo lamented that there had not been adequate education on

problems of the environment with the situation going worse for rural communities.

He urged governments, industrialists and philanthropists to finance efforts at preserving the environment.

Mr Kojo Yankah, Director of the Ghana Institute of Journalism and President of Green Forum, said the seminar would be extended to other regions.

He expressed the hope that the seminar would come out with concrete suggestions to serve the development of the nation and Africa at large.



o A group photograph of the participants and resource persons to a two-day seminar/workshop for senior journalists on "Reporting the Environment" which ended at Kokrobite near Weija in the Ga District yesterday.

The programme was a collaboration of efforts by BP Oil Ghana Limited and Green Forum, a club for journalists and

communicators on the environment.

Among them are Mr Kojo Yankah (2nd right), President and Dr Christina Amodako-Nuamah (2nd left) Vice-President of Green Forum.

Picture by Emmanuel Quaye.





Immanuel Korto.

# 100 Years of the Ada Festival

are ahead for the Sege area to be connected to the Aveyime Cattle Ranch for water supply as well as that of Lolonya, Welkumegbe and Goi.

He said beside the 22 selected communities which are benefiting from PAMSCAD projects, the district has had four KVIP places of convenience completed with eight hand-dug wells currently under construction.

In his welcoming address, Nene Abram Kibu Akuaku III, Paramount Chief and president of the Ada Traditional Area, commended the government for contributing towards a number of projects in the area.

He appealed to the government to release all funds due to the traditional council as well as upgrading the Ada-Foah Health Centre into a hospital.

## Integrated Survey

lat entry training package which is now almost completed for the field visit to start early next month.

The source said that as the field operations get underway, the data produced by specialists will turn to developing the data tabulations and analysis programmes, stressing that the timely production of data from this survey programme is a top priority.

Graphic investigations have also revealed that the two earlier LSMS surveys are still being analysed to

discover many aspects of the socio-economic conditions of Ghana's population. Household income and expenditure accounts are being produced using data from the second round of survey data.

It was revealed that this information, which in due course could be combined with the data from the first integrated survey, will show how living conditions in Ghana have changed over time.

### Donation

By Mike Attadeve

**THE chairman of the Anomabo Advisory Council, Supri K. B. Annan has donated ₵100,000 towards the early completion of the Senior Secondary School (SSS) building in the town.**

Supri Annan, also a civil engineer and a building contractor, who presented the donation through the Accra-Tema branch of Obonoma Korye Kuw, a benevolent society said it is the responsibility of every citizen to contribute towards the development of their area adding, "if you do not do it nobody will do it for you."

He called on all citizens of Anomabo residing in the country and abroad to assist in the face-lift exercise going on in the area.

The chairman of the Advisory Council congratulated members of the Accra-Tema branch of the association which is headed by Mr Sam Manah for their contributions towards the rapid development of the area.

### Scheme for Farmers

hen to adequately maintain their farms.

Mr Fosu-Gyeabour advised farmers to agree to the kilo deductions on their produce to enable them to get funds to support development programmes and for their general welfare.

Nana Fosu-Gyeabour said the association has in stock a quantity of good quality mats for sale to farmers, and appealed to the various cocoa societies to place their orders for collection.

Addressing the meeting, the Brong Ahafo, Regional Manager of the Produce Buying Company (PBC), Mr A. Y. Osei, said the COCOBOD has drawn up a programme to rehabilitate a number of cocoa sheds in the region before the end of the 1991/92 season. —GNA

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over the past years to preside over the disintegration of programmes initiated for the well-being of the people, especially our rural communities," he said.

The paramount chief of the Mepe traditional area, Togbi Kwao Anipah IV, in his welcoming address, said the citizens have completed a building for a rural bank, two blocks containing four workshops for the Mepe Technical Institute and are now putting up a community centre.

He appealed for extension of electricity to the town and the absorption of the technical institute into the public educational system.

## Grand Sales '91 Ends

By Faustina Ashirife/Ebenezer Ato Sam

**THE first-ever "Grand Sales '91" organized by the Ghana Trade Fair Authority (GTFA), at the Ghana International Trade Fair Centre (GITFC), ended in Accra yesterday with an appeal to government to consider a review of some of the monetary and fiscal policies being pursued under the Economic Recovery Programme (ERP).**

The purpose of the 11-day fair, was to boost internal trade and business.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Mr J. Y. Brobby, Second Vice-President of the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce, who made the appeal, explained that the current stringent fiscal and monetary policies do not encourage industry and commerce to expand fully to be able to provide employment for the mass of the unemployed as expected.

He pointed out that the easing of the present tight monetary policy, will further enable manufacturers to acquire good working capital to enable them to replace their worn-out machines and equipment and in addition allow them the opportunity to procure the needed raw materials for production of quality goods for the local and foreign markets.

Mr Brobby stressed that the availability of credit facilities at reasonable interest rates for the use of business with emphasis on the productive sectors, are quite indispensable for the improvement of the business atmosphere in the country.

Referring to the grand sales programmes, Mr Brobby expressed regret that in spite of all the efforts of participants to boost sales by reducing prices of their goods, the response from consumers was not encouraging and attributed that state of affairs to the impact of the ERP on the average Ghanaian.

The Director-General of the GTFA, Colonel (ret'd) Seth C. Kwawu, expressed his profound gratitude to all those who in diverse ways helped to make "Grand Sales '91" a success, particularly the press and also expressed the hope that the authority will receive similar support in its subsequent programmes.

Mr Bebaako-Mensah, the Chief Director of the Ministry of Trade and Tourism, who chaired the function, asked industrialists to strive to perform creditably so as to win the confidence of the banks.

## Accra Symposium

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expanded exports would permit.

Such points as Dr Tutu raised in connection with the country's BOP needed more analysis instead of drawing conclusions by going just behind the "balances."

As for borrowing, even one of the top three economic powers has had to go on Marshall aid during some period in her history. Today, the USSR is literary on its knees looking for funds to borrow. In the case of Ghana, an important consideration is the fact that since 1988, our debt service ratio has declined and has been programmed to decline further to a minimum acceptable level. Moreover, borrowed funds have been applied to sectors and activities which will lead to the generation of sustained development at a rate which will lessen our need for external credits in the future.

A point was made during the symposium that the minimum wage in Ghana is less than \$1, which at the official exchange rate means ₵370. In fact, this argument has featured consistently in statements issued by the so-called opposition group. It sounds nice in the ear but does not really help in advancing scientific arguments about our economy. By the way, the consolidated salary of the lowest paid in the civil service is ₵459 per diem.

In any case, translations of cedi incomes into dollars are not very useful. Using today's exchange rate to translate salaries in Ghana into dollars may show that our incomes are low as compared to other economies in the region. If the government decides tomorrow to revalue the cedi back to 2.75 to the dollar, without any real effort, Ghanaians would automatically become the highest paid in the world. Perhaps, this is the type of exchange rate policy which those who condemn the present exchange rate regime will go for. Such a choice will only be the result of partial analysis.

Another issue which attracted critical comment was the country's inflationary trends. It was argued by some that the deceleration in inflation this year could be attributed to the benevolence of nature which has made food abundant and cheap. And yet in that same presentation however, it was claimed that poor performance of agriculture was an indication of the failure of government policy! The inconsistency aside, poor and good rains showed up both during the ERP period and the period prior to it. Anyone who understands monetary and fiscal developments as well as the effect of price incentives should look for analytical reasons why since 1984, even years of poor rains, and therefore, poor harvest, did not send inflation back to the triple digits of the previous decade.

One conclusion this writer drew at the end of the symposium was that there is the need to guard against abstract theories, partial analysis and above all, the kind of sophistry which contributes little to the search for solutions and answers to our economic malaise. All the same, the Accra symposium had its significance in that it provided a forum for discussion.

## Lotto Results

The winning numbers drawn in the National Weekly Lotto in Accra on Saturday, August 3 were 87, 81, 63, 25 and 39, the Department of National Lotteries announced. — GNA

## Video Rentals Assoc.

The newly-formed Video Rentals Association (VIRA) within Accra-Tema Metropolis will meet at ESN Video Theatre, behind Sadsico Hotel, Kokomlemle, Accra on Wednesday, August 7 at 2 p.m. prompt, for a very important discussion.

All old and new members should make it a point to attend and be punctual.

## Gold Price

The minimum guaranteed price for 22 carat gold for the week beginning today August 5 is ₵116,400 per ounce.

A statement issued by the Precious Minerals Marketing Corporation (PMMC) in Accra said the selling price for 22 carat gold to goldsmiths and jewellers is ₵119,892 per ounce.

The world price for an ounce of gold is \$361.75.

## Missing Video Deck

Mr Albert Anash of House Number D3 Community 7, Tema reports of his missing Video Cassette Recorder, Model-Casio VX - 4500, Pal/Mesecam, Serial number V/H/11011754 from his residence. Finder should please report to either the News Editor, Graphic Corporation or any nearest Police Station for a handsome reward.

## Mando Akwanbo Fiesta

The chiefs and people of Ajumako-Mando in the Central Region will celebrate their annual Akwanbo festival from Tuesday August 6 to Sunday August, 11.

Activities marking the celebration include Fun Raising Rally on Wednesday, August 7 in aid of the KVIP project. There will be grand installation of Mputuhene and Mputuhema on Friday, August 9.

The festival will be rounded off with Fun Football match between Nananom and Town Committee members on Sunday, August 11.

## Medical Lab Week

The School of Medical Laboratory Technology invites the general public to activities marking the Medical Laboratory Week from August 6 to 10.

The theme for the programme is "Effective Laboratory Diagnosis — a pre-requisite to achieve Health for all by the year 2000".

This programme seeks to emphasize on the importance of the Laboratory in the health delivery system and health for the rural people.

## Ajumako Kyebi

The chiefs and people of Ajumako will celebrate their annual Akwanbo festival from Tuesday, August 6 to August 11.

Highlights of the festival include the sprinkling of mashed yam "Oto" as well as purification of the ancestral stool to be performed by the Odikro who will also sit in state to receive homage from his people. There will be fund-raising on Thursday, August 8 and a picnic on Sunday, August 11 to round off the festival.

## Burials

Burial will take place at the Awuley Monaa Royal Cemetery, Ofankor, of Emmanuel Kortey Botchway on Wednesday, August 7, after wake-keeping on Tuesday, August 6, at House No. A742/2, Off Link Road, Mamprobi, Accra.

The late Kortey Botchway, aged 67 was the husband of Madam Comfort Akweley Aryee, father of Moses Botchway and others, brother of Mary Botchway, Samuel Botchway, David Botchway, V.R.A., Tema and others.

Burial takes place on Saturday, August 10 at Cape Coast of Mr Kwamina Andoh Korsah, formerly of Volta River Authority who died on July 4. He was the elder brother of Dr K. K. Korsah.

Burial takes place at Anloga on Saturday, August 10, of the late Abraham Atsu Gamli Ayiti Kportufo, aged 69. He was the father of Mad Bernice Tebeavi Kportufo of Anloga and Felix Kwame Kportufo, Accra.

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# OPINION POLL FAVOURS PROCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

By Janet Quartey

MAJORITY of respondents in an opinion poll on the current political process have expressed favourable sentiments towards the process of returning the country to constitutional rule.

The poll also indicated that majority of the respondents had information on the political programme from the mass media.

The survey conducted by Social Research Associates (SRA), a private research institution in June, this year involved 625 persons randomly selected from Accra, Tema, Koforidua and Agona Swedru.

They were made up of 493 males and 131 females aged between 18 and 69 years.

The survey sought responses on topics including knowledge and awareness of the stages in the political process an assessment of their significance or usefulness.

Other questions were on sources of knowledge or information about the stages in the process and views on, and preference for alternative political processes, political systems and parties.

The respondents are mainly educated: 22.9 per cent had had middle school education, 38.8 per cent had secondary education, 35.6 per cent with tertiary

education while only 1.9 per cent have had no education.

Presenting the findings to the press in Accra yesterday, Dr S. S. Kwakye, Director of SRA, said 72 per cent of the respondents preferred the Consultative Assembly and the subsequent referendum alternative, 30.3 per cent of this category of respondents said they preferred it because of the opportunity it would afford the majority of people to decide on the constitution. Five per cent preferred it because of its representation of members from different backgrounds.

On the constituent assembly alternative, Dr Kwakye said 18.6 per cent

of the respondents favoured it with 33.6 per cent of these justifying their choice by submitting that it will ensure that the constitution was drawn by experts to save time. 8.2 per cent of them felt government cannot influence the outcome, 4.9 per cent favoured it because the deliberations would be final whilst 2.5 per cent liked it because of precedence.

On the evaluation of government statement on the NCD report, he said 50 per cent of respondents considered it favourable while 18.2 per cent thought it unfavourable. About 18 per cent did not read the statement while 13.4 per cent would not pass any judgement.

Dr Kwakye said 32.9 per cent of respondents supported the return to constitutional rule, 17.1 per cent favoured the appointment of Consultative Assembly and 8.4 per cent in support of multi-party system.

Sixteen per cent of the respondents did not like the continued ban on political parties, 8.2 per cent were against consultative assembly representation while 3.4 per cent and 1.7 per cent of the number did not like the NCD supervising elections and the delay in setting a date for elections.

Dr Kwakye said 81.9 per cent preferred civilian government as against 11.2 per cent.

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## Ghana Gets Second Discount House

By Lloyd Evans

DR Kweisi Botchwey, Secretary for Finance and Economic Planning, has called for fair play, healthy competition and commitment among discount houses.

He said an orderly and disciplined conduct of the houses is the only way that can make the financial markets real vehicles of economic growth.

Dr Botchwey made these remarks at the inauguration of the Securities Discount Company Limited in Accra yesterday.

This is the second discount house to be in operation. The first was Consolidated Discount House Limited in Accra.

Securities Discount Company was incorporated in September, last year as a discount house and commenced business

in June, this year.

The shares of the company are being held by International Finance Corporation (IFC), Pryor, McClendon, Counts and Company Inc, Continental Acceptances Ltd, Social Security and National Insurance Trust and Ecobank Ghana Ltd.

The rest are Agricultural Development Bank, Ghana Commercial Bank, National Investment Bank, United Africa Trust and Inter-Afrique Holdings Ltd.

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## Advisory Board For Ministry Of Local Government

By Abigail Bonsu

MR P. V. Obeng, PNDC member, has said the Civil Service Law is being reviewed to make for the decentralisation of the recruitment, development and management of the staff of the assemblies.

Mr Obeng who was addressing members of the ministerial advisory board of the Ministry of Local Government, after its inauguration in Accra yesterday said the measure is part of initiatives being

taken to actualise the decentralisation programme which he said is the framework for effecting grass-roots participation.

Among its duties, the board will assist in identifying and removing the impediments which militate against the rapid implementation of the programme and assist in designing strategies for effective implementation by all sectors involved in the programme.

Members of the board include Mr Kwamena Ahwoi, Secretary for Local Government who is chairman, Commodore (rtd) Steve Obimpeh, Secretary for Agriculture, Dr. T. B. Wereko, director of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) and Mr Fred Ohene Kena, Eastern Regional Secretary.

Mr Obeng who is also Chairman of the Committee of Secretaries noted that the drawing up of such a law is very necessary to ensure the orderly performance of all the regional, and district political institutions so far set up.

He pointed out that the continued centralisation of some of the facets of the programme including financial administration, do not make for the proper and orderly implementation of the decentralisation programme.

He explained that because of this situation those who do not support the programme always take solace in the Civil Service Act and stressed the government's sincerity to come out with a law that will reflect the will to decentralise.

Mr Obeng said the enthusiasm generated by the programme in the people is demanding a faster pace of implementation and said the constitution of the

board at this time is therefore very opportune.

The PNDC member therefore, highlighted some of the outstanding issues which

require the attention of the members and urged them to be innovative enough to be able to work out tangible

solutions to the problems within their limited finances.

Particularly, he drew members attention to the

need for them to institute a revenue generation and sharing study to provide effective district financing

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## 'It Is Premature For US To Lift Sanctions'

GHANA on Thursday expressed deep regret at the decision of the United States to lift economic sanctions against South Africa.

While admitting that there have been positive developments within South Africa in recent times, the government considered the U.S. action premature and said it should have awaited the adoption by the South African Government of real measures which would remove all obstacles to genuine negotiations.

An official statement issued in Accra said Ghana's stance is in line with the Harare Declaration and the United Nations General Assembly Declaration on apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa adopted at its 16th Special Session in December 1989.

It said these two declarations enunciated certain conditions which must be fulfilled before sanctions could be lifted, one of which is the release of all political prisoners.

These, the statement said, include detainees

and those sentenced to death, but noted that this condition has not yet been fully met.

According to the statement, Ghana stands by the objectives stated in the Harare and U.N. Declarations and affirmed its belief that there was a continuing need to maintain pressure on South Africa until transitional arrangements and modalities on the process of the drawing up and adoption of a new constitution, and of the transition to a democratic order, including the holding of elections, were agreed upon.

"The government equally stands by the recent Abuja Declaration on South Africa which states in part that African countries commit themselves to review the question of sanctions with a view to readmitting South Africa into the international community, should the South African government adopt measures which lead to positive, profound and irreversible change towards the abolition of

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Picture shows Mr P. V. Obeng (4th right) in a chat with some members of the committee. Among them is Mr Kwamena Ahwoi (3rd right). Picture by Anthony Freeman-Mensah.



## Stock market watcher

By Lloyd Evans

THE equity shares of Mobil Oil Ghana Ltd (MOGL) has been listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) and would be traded in from Tuesday July 16.

Additionally, the GSE has approved the trading in of the additional shares of Pioneer Tobacco Company (PTC) as the result of its stock split announced at its last annual general meeting.

Though business was quite brisk at the Exchange yesterday, total volume of shares traded in, dropped from 5,300 at the close of last Tuesday's session to 4,400 at the close of business.

In all, eight companies had their shares being traded in as against four in the previous session. Two companies, PTC and UAC, saw a depreciation in the prices of their shares. Both lost C14 and C1.00 respectively on their previous last prices.

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) was the only company that registered an increase in its previous share price. It gained C2.00. With the movement in the share prices of PTC, UAC and SCB, the Data Bank Stock Index has moved from its previous points of

77.12 to 76.69 a decrease of 0.43. This represents a percentage decrease of 0.56 per cent. The Databank Stock Average (DSA) also dropped from its previous position of 250.81 to 249.67. This also represents a decrease of 0.46 per cent.

Total shares offered decreased from 223,500 to 221,300 at the close of business yesterday. Bids also dropped from 34,500 to 31,400.

The shares of Enterprise Insurance Company (EIC) stood at 52,000 on the floor of the Exchange. The other companies are PTC 65,800, PZ 34,600 UAC 14,700 and GGL 23,200.

The following are the last prices of securities: ABC C141, EIC C158 FMC C18, GGL C23, KBL C110 and PTC C600. The rest are PZ C83, SCB C321, SOCA C17, UAC C1,339 and UTC C23.

Meanwhile, the GSE commemorative registered stock 1995 (Com Stock 95) with a face value of C100,000 is discounted at C76,260 with a current yield of 34.09 per cent and maturing in 1995 at 37.34 per cent.

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(Deceased) and  
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"Seeking advice is not the same as saying that you are bound by it or that the law demands it", he

## Process Of Constitutional Rule

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 per cent who preferred military rule and 6.6 per cent could not make a choice between the two.

Those who favoured civilian government gave reasons including the fact that it ensures democracy, peace, free-speech, freedom and justice, that election of leaders is a basic right and it being better than military dictatorship.

Dr Kwakye said the main reasons given in support of military rule were civilian governments are corrupt and have failed the people, military protection and can-rule better, civilian governments are unstable in Africa and that military government ensures stability and accountability.

Twenty point nine (20.9) per cent of those who could not choose between the two were of the view that both are the same.

On the political system preferred, Dr Kwakye said 68.1 and 26 per cent were in favour of "party" and "no party" system respectively.

The problems of the youth of today are lack of human values education. Let us all make conscious and collective effort to help, save and protect our future citizens, leaders and posterity.

vely, 5.9 per cent could however, not choose between the two.

He said reasons given in support of party system were people should elect their own representative, ensures right to participate in politics, there is need for an opposition in government, most nations adopt party system and ruling party is accountable to the people.

On the other hand, he said, those in support of the "no party" system said party system brings rivalry and violence, has failed Ghana, breeds corruption and that "no party" brings peace and prevents violence.

The Director said those who did not make any choice said both systems have good and bad sides.

On the question of the number of political parties for the country, Dr Kwakye said the majority of 39.4 per cent preferred two parties, 25 per cent three parties and 17 per cent and 15.4 per cent preferred four or more parties and one party, respectively.

According to Dr Kwak-

ye, 58.5 per cent were in support of the state sponsoring political party campaigns while 39.7 per cent favoured political parties sponsoring their own campaigns.

He said the main reasons given in favour of the state sponsoring campaigns were, it avoids embezzlement of state funds after winning elections, prevents rich parties dominating poor ones, parties spend too much on campaigns, will give chance to poor politicians and financial dealings can be supervised.

Those who supported political parties sponsoring their own campaigns, he pointed out, said state funds are not to be wasted on politics, state cannot influence elections and that the people form the parties themselves must fund their campaigns.

The findings, Dr Kwakye stressed, revealed that while gender differences in political views were slight, there was generally a greater preponderance of women not taking definite stand on most of the issues examined and therefore, suggested intensification of political educational programmes for women in the country.



## Malian Ambassador Pays Farewell Call

The Malian Ambassador to Ghana, Mr Moussa Coulibaly yesterday paid a farewell call on the Chairman of the PNDC, Flt-Lt Jerry John Rawlings, after twenty months of duty-tour.

Present at the meeting included Dr Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Chairman Rawlings and Mr Coulibaly during discussions.

Picture by John K. Essel.

## Avoiding Teenage Pregnancies...

# Irresponsible Males Need Harsh Punishment

By Graphic Reporter

**MADAM Alice A. Appea** of the Ghana national office of the SOS Children's Village has called for tougher and more stringent punishment to be meted out to males who refuse to accept responsibility for teenage pregnancy.

Madam Appea, affectionately called Grandma was speaking during the presentation of a cheque for ₵450,000

by the ladies club of the Ghana Film Industry Corporation (GFIC) to the SOS Village as the club's contribution towards alleviating the plight of orphaned, abandoned and needy children in the country.

The presentation took place at the SOS national co-ordination office in Accra yesterday.

Grandma Appea disclosed that the number of orphaned or abandoned children admitted to the SOS village is on the increase apparently

because society has failed to hold men responsible for compelling frustrated teenagers to throw their babies away.

Miss Theodora Laryea, treasurer of the club presented the cheque to madam Appea while Miss Naadu Lartey, president of the club also briefed the press on the aims and objectives of the club.

Earlier, Mr William Grant, Administrative Manager at the SOS national co-ordinating office in Accra, explained that, one of the objectives of the SOS concept is to provide security for destitute children.

## At The Trial Of Kwame Safo-Adu

By Samuel Sarpong  
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said, adding that "this was a peculiar emergency situation."

The accused rejected a suggestion from the prosecution that since the East Legon laboratory was not built for large scale operations, it was unsafe to use it for commercial purposes.

Questioned on when he first met the Registrar, the accused could not readily say when, but told the tribunal that he invited him sometime in April 1984, by which time the ICL had installed machines at the East Legon premises prior to starting production.

Asked what the Registrar came to do, Dr Safo-Adu said he was invited in order to seek his opinion as to the suitability of the laboratory for commercial usage.

The accused rejected a suggestion from the prosecution that the Registrar came to the East Legon premises in 1988 at the invitation of Kwamena Bartels, a director of ICL, who is jointly charged with the accused.

Dr Safo-Adu, in dismissing the suggestion, told the tribunal that the ICL was in 1988 producing at the Pharco Laboratories in Accra.

## (Discount House)

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 short term investible funds. The company will also assist these institutions to manage their short-term funds more efficiently by providing them with avenues to invest their cash surpluses and if needed sell off their financial assets to make up any temporary cash deficits.

It will also trade in securities such as bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, Bank of Ghana Bills, Government stocks and promissory notes.

Dr Botchwey said although the company has

## Advisory Board

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 to solve the problem of people's reluctance to accept postings to deprived districts due to lack of incentives.

Welcoming members of the board, Mr Ahwoi drew their attention to the responsibilities which he said include local government matters, implementation of the decentralisation programme, co-ordination of the poverty alleviation programme of PAMSCAD as well as its responsibility for the environment.

just commenced business, it has already taken some commendable steps in co-operation with market participants in introducing corporate rate system as a means of boosting the acceptance and commercial paper markets.

He announced that the Bank of Ghana is already working out details for offering rediscounting facilities to eligible bills within a framework to be advised to the banks soon.

Mr Afare A. Donkor, chairman of the company, said with the development of the national economy there is the need for discount houses to operate in the money market.

Mr Fred Oware, Managing Director of the company, assured the shareholders and investors that the company would live up to their expectation.

## Nkwatia Youth

A new governing body the Nkwatia Youth Association, a benevolent association of Nkwatia-Kwasi citizens resident in Accra will be sworn-in on Sunday July 14, 1991, at the P.O. Cinema Hall, near Princess Louise Hall (Children) Hospital, Accra at 2.30 p.m. promptly.

**Centralisation of power at the top  
indifference at the local level  
people feel divorced from the  
decision-making process.**

— Dr K. N. Afful, Lecturer,  
University of Cape Coast.

# People's Daily Graphic

*Rapid population growth in Africa is steadily bringing human numbers into collusion with the resources required to sustain them.*

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— Green Forum For Development  
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## MUSIGA Probe Osofo Dadzie Affair'

The Musicians Union of Ghana (MUSIGA) is to set up a committee to investigate allegations of irregular practices against members of the Osofo Dadzie Drama Group.

It was announced at a meeting in Accra yesterday by Okyerema Amanaba, Chairman of the Interim Board of MUSIGA. The Osofo Dadzie Drama Group belongs to the

group alleged that Mr. Samuel Opong and Mr. Darko, also known as 'O.D.', two members of the group arranged with a promoter to recruit 18 people to the group to obtain passports and visas for the United States when the group was scheduled to perform.

Two men and the promoter, Mr. Paddy Amanaba, a Ghanaian based in Washington, charged with the people C1.6 million as passport and visa fees. He further alleged that Amanaba said he was reaching MUSIGA to inform that Ghanaian members have been taking the group abroad under the name of being members of the group.

He regretted, was the group.

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• Chairman Rawlings (right) sharing a light-hearted issue with Chief Alex Akinyele, Nigerian Federal Minister of Information at the Castle, Osu yesterday. Picture by Rockson Asmah.

## Babangida's Message To Rawlings

By Joe Bradford Nyinah

**THE Leader of the Revolution, Chairman Jerry John Rawlings has said that Ghana is charting a new constitutional path with the hope that the attempt will not take away the vital ingredient that has made it possible for the country to enjoy 10 years of stability.**

Chairman Rawlings who was speaking when he received the Federal Minister of Nigeria for Information, Chief Alex Akinyele at the Castle, Osu yesterday, also expressed the hope that the new constitution will give the country true freedom, justice and democracy.

The Nigerian Minister was in the country

to deliver a special message from President Ibrahim Babangida to Chairman Rawlings.

The message centred on Nigeria seeking Ghana's support to win the vacant seat of the Chairman of the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Chairman Rawlings noted that everything possible would be done to ensure a smooth transition to constitutional rule.

Dr Mohammed Ibn Chamba, Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said what characterises the transitional periods in Ghana and Nigeria is how to meet the true aspirations of the people and chart a new constitutional order and ensure true democracy.

He said the two countries are desirous to

avoid the shortcomings of the past where a few elites hijacked the political process for their narrow interests at the expense of the basic needs of the people.

Dr Chamba expressed the need for both countries to create new political institutions that will ensure that the survival needs of the people are met.

The Deputy Secretary expressed the hope that Ghana and Nigeria will not copy foreign models which have no relevance to their national culture and experiences.

Chief Akinyele said the people of Nigeria identify themselves with Ghana's programme

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## Assembly Considers Report On The Media

By Debrah Fynn & Joe Okyere

**THE Consultative Assembly at its thirty-eighth sitting in Accra yesterday, unanimously adopted for consideration the report on the Freedom and Independence of the Media, presented to the House by the Committee on the Rights of the People.**

The report was, however, adopted after a lengthy debate on its general formulations and principles.

It spells out the freedom and responsibility of the media, responsibility of state-owned media, as well as their limitations, media rights and freedoms and independence of journalists.

It also advocates the establishment of a National Media Commission to promote and ensure the freedom and independence of the media, among other things.

The 12-member Media Commission, according to the report, shall consist of one representative each nominated by the Ghana Bar Association, publishers and owners of private press, training institutions of journalists and communicators, Ghana Association of Writers, Ghana Library Board, the Public Relations Association of Ghana and the Ghana Advertising Association.

The Ministry of Information would also be represented on the Commission while Parliament can also prescribe other bodies to serve on it.

Two persons shall be nominated by the Ghana Journalists Association while the President shall appoint two other persons, one of whom shall be a woman to the Commission.

Moving for the adoption of the report, Mr Yaw Osafo Maafa, representing the Ghana Institute of Engineers and Chairman of the Committee observed that any successful attack on human rights starts with the suppression of the freedom of the press.

"Once this basic right or freedom is denied, governments are free to abuse basic human rights without any publicity and frequently with impunity," he stated.

Mr Osafo-Maafa stressed the vital role the mass media have to play as watchdogs in ensuring that the Constitution is respected by the rulers and the ruled.

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## Battle Over Political And Socio-Economic Systems ...

# AFRICA IMPOVERISHED BY ALIEN IDEAS

By Lloyd Evans & Thomas Nortey

**Transformation of the African continent should be pursued under compulsion of philosophy with enduring value which can consolidate the integrity and unity of African States, Professor L. K. Goma, a former Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Zambia, has said.**


Goma who was once the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zambia said this at the first in a series of lectures which form part of the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Ghana, Legon on Monday.

The lectures which form part of the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Ghana are themed: "The hard road to transformation of Africa."

Goma speaking on the topic: "The battle over political and economic systems" Prof. Goma said Africa is deeply affected for existing in an interdependence world and that the continent has not been able to escape from turbulent international economic environment.

Therefore, he called for the adoption of concepts that

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### Stock market watcher

By Lloyd Evans

**SHARE prices remained relatively stable at the close of a quiet trading day at the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) in Accra yesterday.**

The only gains made were in the share prices of Fan Milk Ltd, which registered an increase of C10 and Metaloplastica Ghana Ltd (MGL), which also gained C2 to open the week at C130 and C46 respectively.

The share prices of Accra Brewery Ltd. (ABL), however, lost C7 and that of Pioneer Tobacco Company (PTC) C5 to close at C127 and C100 respectively.

In all a total of 21,800 equity shares changed hands as against 112,400 as recorded in the last Friday's session.

Companies that had their shares being traded in are ABL, FML, GGL, MGL and MOGL. The rest are PTC and SCOA.

With the price movements of ABL, FML, MGL and PTC, the DSI has dropped from its previous position of 81.63 to 80.63 points. This represents a percentage decrease of 0.74 per cent.

Total Market capitalisation also dropped from last Friday's close of C29.16 billion to C28.94 billion.

The following are the last prices of securities: ABL C127, EIC C119, FML C130, GGL C22, KBL C95, and MGL C46. The rest are MOGL C380, PTC C100, PZ C78, SCB C380, SCOA C79, UAC C1,250 and UTC C26.

Meanwhile, the directors of MGL have decided to recommend to the shareholders at its annual general meeting scheduled for December 6, a dividend of C3 per share for the year ended March 31.

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# Report On Media

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power, a free, responsible and independent press and mass media provide channels to obtain feedback on its performance," he emphasised.

He said the essence of political democracy is that politicians and rulers are subordinate to the public in whom are vested the fundamental rights of free citizenship, opposition and dismissal, adding that "a political system in which the public surrenders to the government or political power, the right to criticise, oppose, express divergent views and dismiss by way of voting out of power, is certainly undemocratic."

The public, Mr Osafo-Mafo said, must therefore, be guaranteed the right to know and that of access to information as a basic human and constitutional right.

On limitations of the mass media, he said the report provides for the protection of the State and individuals against irresponsible freedom of expression.

Contributing to the discussions that ensued, Mr Mike Afedi Gizo, representing the Dangme West District Assembly said in granting such freedom, the media will only be a channel through which information would

flow to the people and government.

He urged members of the assembly to disabuse their minds that press freedom would only be to the advantage of journalists and the mass media.

Mr Anthony Envious Amoah, representing the Mpohor-Wassa-East District Assembly said almost every member of the House believes that there is the need for a responsible press.

He reminded members of the need for the provision of information to journalists since, he said, adequate information is the basic raw material for media operation.

As the debate went on, two key issues — the composition of the National Media Commission and State ownership of the media, stood out as the most controversial.

While some members described the composition of the commission as overloaded with media practitioners, opinion was also divided on State ownership of the media.

Togbui Anipati IV, a PNDC appointee observed that if the commission should be overloaded with media practitioners, it would create a situation whereby "they may sit on their own judgement."

Nana Yaw Frimpong Abbrese II of the Offinso District Assembly said since farmers constitute the great majority of the population, they should be represented on the Commission.

Mr Kwadwo Adjei Oarko of the Sunyani District Assembly suggested the inclusion of a clause in the report that would empower institutions and organisations who are represented on the Commission to recall such representatives when it is established that they are not performing well.

On state ownership of the media, Dr J. H. Addy of the Ghana Medical Association, Nana Anarfi Kokorto of the Asante Akyem North District Assembly and Osagyefo Kuntunkunuku II, representing the Eastern Region House of Chiefs were among members who felt that the State should divest itself of the ownership of the media.

They suggested that shares in the state-owned media should be floated to the general public to enable them to serve the public better.

Throwing light on the issue, Mr J. C. Amonoo-Monney, PNDC appointee said members tended to equate public or state-owned media with government-owned media.

The two, he said, are completely different adding that the government in power can have its own party paper while views of the public finds expression in the public-owned media.

Summing up on behalf of the chairman of the Committee, Mr Edward Ameyibor, representing the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) said if adopted, the provisions in the report would mark the beginning of media revival in the country.

The report, he said, is also a challenge to the public to establish private media houses.



# Asked To Show

Confidential adjustment is supposed to be a global concept, the developed countries have continually postponed structural adjustment, thus resulting in greater cost and distortion to international trade and the world economy.

The burden, he said, has therefore fallen disproportionately on developing countries which have embarked on the difficult path of structural adjustment at great social cost.

— GNA

# Alien Ideas

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controlled economies versus market forces.

He said when African states achieved independence, the leaders were confronted with big problems of national development and called for fundamental changes and transformation and not just adjustments.

The former Vice-Chancellor said the quest for transformation and modernisation has made the advanced countries to force different ideologies on the continent which have saddled Africans with many systems that are not responsive to their socio-economic needs.

He, therefore, urged African leaders not to consider the dependence syndrome as the only alternative to economic growth, adding that aid assistance should be accepted only if it will complement the developmental efforts of the recipient countries.

Prof. Goma said the dominant political and socio-economic systems which have been embraced by or forced on African countries are reflecting in the one party, multi-party, socialism and capitalism or centrally or state-

# Message

whether the two nations in Nigeria the expression of political opinions, Chief said all political parties are represented in the parties.

explained that since government did not hijack and politicise the political parties, it decided to make it easier to fund two

Federal Minister that from experience his political programme emanated from and religious tenets and said three times so far conducted the two political parties not experienced such tendencies.

He said MUSIGA became involved in the matter because the allegation came from a member

— GNA

of the group and not from an outsider."

Mr Helwani said as a measure to stop the "illegal immigration," some embassies had assured them that only MUSIGA-approved musicians would be given visas in future.

He assured the public that MUSIGA would continue with its house-cleaning exercise until discipline amongst its members was eradicated.

— GNA

# Press Accreditations

The Information Services Department request all media representatives who have applied to cover next month's International Forum on Health and Development to be held in Accra and officers selected to work at the Press Centre to be kind enough to report at the Department's Conference Hall at 10 a.m. on November 28 in connection with their accreditation.

# Nsaba Citizens

Members of the Greater Accra branch of the Agona Nsaba Citizens Association (ANCAGA) will meet at the Mountaineers Lodge, Kokomle on Saturday, November 30 at 2 p.m. prompt.

Discussions will be on the Communal Labour/Picnic during next week's Akwanbo Festival.

# Ketasco 1959 Group

Keta Secondary School 1959 year group will hold its annual general meeting at the residence of Mr P. A. Abotsie, Tesano, Accra on Saturday, November 30 at 2 p.m. All must make it a point to attend.

# My Hope Society

There will be a general meeting for all members of "My Hope Benevolent Society at their usual meeting place YMCA on Sunday, December 8, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. prompt.

# VRA Pensioners Assoc

All VRA Pensioners are requested to note that there will be a general meeting of the Association at the VRA Club House, on Thursday, November 28, 1991, to decide on a very important issue.

# Akim Manso Citizens

The next meeting of Akim Manso Citizens is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 1991, at 2 p.m. at the same venue. Please be punctual.

# Konongo Agona Abusua

The official inauguration of Konongo Agona Abusua Kuo will come off on Sunday, December 1, 1991, at Konongo New Station Bar. Nana Mpatfo Acheampong-Nti, Konongohene, will chair the function.

# PRESEC '74/75/76

Members of the 1974/75/76 year group of PRESEC, Legon meets on Thursday, November 28, 1991, at Presby Church Head Office, Accra at 5:30 p.m. All must attend this important meeting.

# Larteh Anglican

The Parochial Church Council, the Harvest Committee and the entire congregation of St Augustine's Anglican Church, Larteh, invite all members, friends and well-wishers to their Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, December 8, 1991, at 9 a.m. at Larteh.

# Obituaries

The death is reported in Accra of Mr Charles A. Lotsu, former Director of Community Development.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The death occurred in Accra on Tuesday, November 12, 1991 of Mr Kobina Taylor, senior partner of Taylor, Folsom & Associates. He was the first Ghanaian Chief Accountant of the University of Ghana, Legon. He was 64.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

# Burials

The death is reported of Opanvin Kwabena Osei at Akwasiho Kwahu on October 24, 1991. He was 120.

Final funeral rites will take place at Akwasiho from November 29, to December 8, 1991.

Burial takes place at Akropong-Akuapem on Saturday, November 30 of the late Albert Saffor Yirenkyi who died on November 20.

The late Yirenkyi, 69, left behind six children. He was the uncle of Nana Awuku Frenee, Apagyahene of Akuapem and Mr Felix Danquah of Merchant Bank, Accra.

The first anniversary celebrations of the late Mr Kofi Smith, formerly of Graphic Corporation, comes off with wake-keeping on Friday, November 29, at House Number B.321/16, Atico, Bubuashie, Accra. Thanksgiving Service at Darkuman Methodist Church at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 1.

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AGE: Not below 40 years.

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QUALIFICATION/EXPERIENCE

Private Secretary's Certificate from Government Secretarial School, N.V.T.I. or a recognised equivalent i.e. 120 w.p.m. — Shorthand and 60 w.p.m. (or typing) and be thoroughly familiar with office routine.

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— Dr N. K. Afful, Lecturer, University of Cape Coast.

# People's Daily Graphic

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1991. NO. 12761, PRICE: C\$50.00

The search for sustainable development demands a political system that secures effective participation in decision-making.

But freedom from hunger and malnutrition which is a basic right of every human being can only be secured on a sound management of the environment.

— Green forum for development (Environmental Journalists and Communicators)

## OBSTACLES STILL EXIST AGAINST CHILDREN — Nana Konadu

By Mavis Quaiicoe

NANA Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings has observed that although the plight of children has improved dramatically over the last

decade, obstacles still exist which span the full range of educational, health and social services.

She, therefore, expressed the hope that continuing efforts linked up with achievements such as the

Intestate Succession Law, the educational reform programme and the legislation on the rights of children and women would help improve their standard of living.

Nana Konadu was speaking at the opening ceremony of an exhibition and debate for school

children by the Ghana National Commission on Children (GNCC) in Accra yesterday.

She was hopeful that as the country turns a new chapter in its political history the modest achievements made would serve as guiding principles to be followed by successive administrators.

She also stressed the need for the public to be sensitised on the problems of the Ghanaian child, adding that it is everybody's responsibility to ensure that children inherit a better nation.

Mrs Alberta Quartey, chairman of GNCC, said the occasion is to take stock of the commission's activities and acknowledge efforts being made by the government to raise the status of children.

She said the government has constituted a task force to draw up a national programme of action to ensure the proper implementation of the goals of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and their achievement by the year 2000.

The programme of action, she said, will provide a solid foundation on which all future programmes for child survival and development would be based.

children, the government is also considering recommendations made by the commission to place the administration of pre-

school under one administrative body to help streamline programmes for the proper running of those

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### Background Document From WHO For Accra Forum

DESPITE decades of development, a combination of newly emerging health hazards threaten to plunge the globe into an "unmanageable" health crisis, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned.

This is contained in a new analysis by the WHO entitled, "Health dimensions of economic reform". The publication will be used as a background document for the International Forum on Health scheduled to open at the Accra International Conference Centre today, December 4.

It notes that the emergence of health hazards in the industrialised countries, continued prevalence of malnutrition and epidemic diseases in developing countries as well as the AIDS pandemic necessitate urgent global action.

The three-day forum on the theme, "Health: a conditionality for economic development", will seek to tackle the health crises through policy changes on how to break the cycle of poverty and inequity.



According to Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, Director-General of WHO, "the industrial world is becoming aware of the magnitude of the health hazards resulting from industrialisation and poor lifestyles.

At the same time, Dr Nakajima says in an introduction to the document, that many developing countries carry a double burden which threatens to become overwhelming.

While they struggle to cope with poverty, as well as malnutrition, diarrhoeal diseases, respiratory infections, AIDS, malaria and

other illnesses, they also face a rising health crisis associated with industrialisation, urbanisation and changing life-styles." — GNA.

From Joe Bradford Nyinah, Yendi

THE Chairman of the PNDC, Fit-Lt Jerry John Rawlings has commended the chiefs and people of the Dagbon Traditional Area, for their effort at reconciliation aimed at bringing lasting peace

to the area. Chairman Rawlings gave the commendation at Yendi on Monday when he addressed chiefs and people there as part of a working visit to the Northern Region.

He said though there has



Top: Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings (middle) in the company of Mrs Alberta Quartey (2nd right) and other guests inspecting miniature mobile science and technical workshop items at an exhibition mounted by children at the Ridge Children's Park in Accra yesterday. [Above: A section of the school children present. Picture by Courtesy of New Times Corporation.

## Reconciliation Efforts At Dagbon Commended

been court and government actions, these could not hold but noted that since the current initiative comes from the people themselves, they are likely to hold and lead to lasting peace.

The PNDC Chairman called on the people to accept compromises and work towards peace since it would be unfair to add conflicts to the poor circumstances of the people.

He noted that there are some people who derive their social and financial strength from the division among the people and said the government's strength rather lies in the unity of the people.

Chairman Rawlings said that with the political programme that lies ahead, the people of Dagbon could expose themselves to exploitation if they remained divided.

He also advised the people to hold on to the attempt to eradicate guinea worm infestation in the

area by not going back to the old practices that give rise to them.

Chairman Rawlings explained that it was difficult to get doctors posted to the Yendi Hospital because nobody wanted to go to

work in a war zone, but noted that now that the conflict is ending, no doctor will refuse posting to the area.

On development projects, the Chairman said

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## Stormy Debate Over Media Report

By Debrah Fynn & Joe Okyere

THE report on the Freedom and Independence of the Media was virtually put on the carpet at the 42nd sitting of the Consultative Assembly in Accra yesterday when three out of six amendment motions that came up for debate were endorsed by the House.

One of the motions was rejected by consensus while one was withdrawn upon consultation and advice.

There was, however, a compromise on the last motion which had sought to confer on Parliament the right to establish the National Media Commission as against that proposed in the report.

The amendment motions that went through were initiated by Mr L. B. Akaiyah of the Catholic Secretariat, Mr Peter Vaughan-Williams of the Ghana National Association of Garages and Mr

Seidu Paakana Adamu, representing the Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai District Assembly.

Dr Tony Aidoo of the CDRs and Mr Rowland Atta-Kesson, a PNDC appointee lost and withdrew their motions respectively.

Mr Akaiyah whose amendment was considered first inserted a new clause that makes it obligatory for "any medium for the dissemination of information to the public which publishes a statement about or against any person shall be obliged to publish a rejoinder by the person if any."

Giving grounds for the amendment, Mr Akaiyah said much as he cherishes freedom of the press, such freedom would be meaningful if it is exercised with responsibility.

He said such an insertion would ensure that the reputation of citizens are respected by the media.

Seconding the motion, Dr Al-Hassan Abubakar

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## Rebel Soldiers Capture Koffigoh For Eyadema?

TOGO'S Prime Minister Joseph Kokou Koffigoh was captured by renegade soldiers in a bloody attack on his residence yesterday morning which left at least 13 people dead.

Reporters visiting the morgue at the Central Hospital in the capital Lome following the dawn assault counted 13 bodies, 12 of them soldiers.

Both the assailants and about 60 loyal troops defending the Prime Minister suffered casualties.

Meanwhile, a presidential communique issued later said Mr Koffigoh after his capture was taken to President Gnassingbe Eyadema for talks.

The talks, late yesterday morning, took place at General Eyadema's residence, according to the communique sent to AFP in Abidjan.

The troops captured Koffigoh after storming his headquarters, on the fifth day of a coup by supporters of President Gnassingbe Eyadema.

Shortly afterwards, Eyadema confirm that Koffigoh was "safe and sound" and ordered the "putschists and the Prime Minister's guards" to "lay down their arms." — AFP/GNA.



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chairman of Culture who on his behalf the members are 60 languages developed and alphabets.

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guage committees to exchange ideas, evaluate their performance and to prepare themselves to face the challenges posed by the educational reforms in the area of the study of Ghanaian languages.

Dr. Abdallah noted that in a situation where different symbols are used to represent the same sounds in different languages, it becomes confusing for a comparative study of the languages to be made.

He described the seminar as a measure of a manifestation of the cultural re-awakening that is sweeping through the country because it makes the beginning of integrated action intended to broaden the scope of Ghanaian languages.

He noted that while the great interest and support shown by the government has provided

a great impetus to the development of Ghanaian languages, the goal of promoting their use cannot be satisfactorily attained without the support of speakers of the languages themselves.

Dr. Abdallah therefore called on teachers of the languages and users to communicate in literary ways, write books in it and to edit manuscripts in a manner that would enable them apply rules and decisions on how the languages should be written.

Mr R. J. Mettle-Nunoo, co-ordinator of the Non-Formal Education Division of the Ministry of Education who spoke on "The role of the indigenous languages towards national development", called on writers who stopped writing because of various forms of frustration to come back to the fold.



Yendi durbar grounds.

## Forum

Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) who arrived Monday, said that the success of health programmes depends on political and economic stability.

Dr Nakajima explained that the Primary Health Care (PHC) programme has not achieved the desired impact because of the failure of some countries to implement it fully.

The Director-General said he is hopeful that the outcome of the forum would pave the way for the programme to achieve the desired goals.

Mrs Thelma Sawyer, wife of the Interim President of Liberia, Dr Amos Sawyer has also arrived in Accra in connection with the forum.

## Thousands Flee Togo Carnage

THOUSANDS of Togolese nationals are fleeing that country into Ghana through unapproved routes following the storming of Prime Minister Kokou Koffi's residence by renegade soldiers yesterday.

The soldiers have closed the border but are not harassing those who are fleeing. Many of those arriving

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PNDC appointee said it would be suicidal to grant the media unbridled freedom, adding that "if we do not make it mandatory for rejoinders, the media would hold this nation to ransom."

Members who supported the motion included Odeefuo Boa Amponsem III, Denkyirahene and a PNDC appointee, Mr Rowland Attakession, Mr Malli Alhassan Yakubu of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Movement and Professor D. K. Agyepong of the Cape Coast Municipal Assembly.

They were of the view that freedom of the media should go with limitations and responsibility.

The opposing side which felt that trenching the clause in the Constitution was dangerous and that it could be dealt with by the Media Commission was made up of Mr J. S. de Becks of the Ejisu-Juabeng District Assembly, Alhaji A. B. Futah, representing the Federation of Muslim Councils, Togbui Kwao Anipati IV, PNDC appointee, Mr Edward Aneyibor of the Ghana Journalists Association, Mr A. B. K. Amidu of the CDRs and Miss Rosemond Sumayatu Kumah of the Zone One Market Women Association.

Mr Vaughan-Williams in his submissions deleted Article 2 clause 2 of the report which states that "editors and employees of state-owned media shall be appointed by the National Media Commission in con-

sultation with the Public Services Commission and shall not be removed or in any way influenced by the government or any other agency of government."

He stated that the Media Commission should only be concerned with the protection of the media against government interference and that the Commission should not be seen as the governing body of the state-owned media.

Seconding the motion, Mr Akwasi Asare Ankomah of the New Juabeng Municipal Assembly was of the view that each state-owned media must be made independent and manage its affairs.

Nana Anarfi Kokorto, Hwidiemhene and representative of the Asante Akyem North District Assembly argued that the Commission should not play an appointing role but should leave that to the Public Services Commission, which is competent enough to carry those functions as well as take care of public interest.

Other members who supported the motion were Mr M. Y. Z. Ahiabile of the Ketu District Assembly, Mr K. Eyi Acquah of the Ghana Association of Writers, Mr Ato Ampiah of the Ghana Chamber of Commerce and Nana Yaw Frimpong II, representing the Offinso District Assembly.

Those who opposed included Dr R. S. Amegashie of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and Mr P. K. Owusu, representing the Adansi West District Assembly.

At this stage, Mr Justice Hayfron Benjamin, the Deputy Speaker who had taken the chair called for a consensus on the issue and after a short consultation, the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

Three other motions, which had the same objective were, therefore, withdrawn.

The next motion by Mr Seidu Paakuna Adamu also deleted Article 3 of the report and inserted a new Article to read "the above provisions are subject to laws that are reasonably required in the interest of national security, public order, public morality and

for the purpose of protecting the reputations, rights and freedom of other persons."

Propounding reasons for the motion, Mr Adamu said the original Article tended to negate the desire or guaranteeing press freedom.

He said it also looks ambivalent and liable to double interpretation adding that "press freedom should only be limited by the rights of other people."

Mr Kosi Kedem of the Hohoe District Assembly, who seconded the motion said the original article went too far to tie the hands of the press.

Mr Yaw Osafo Maafa, Chairman of the Committee on the Rights of the People at this instance endorsed the amendment and the Deputy Speaker, therefore, ruled that there had been a consensus that the Article should be deleted.

The last motion which was compromised on was moved by Mr T. K. Adzoe, a PNDC appointee, who sought to delete Articles 5 and 6 of the report.

He proposed a new Article 5 to read "Parliament shall by law establish a National Media Commission to endorse the provisions of this chapter."

Articles 5 and 6 of the report spelt out the establishment and functions by Act of Parliament, the National Media Commission.

He contended that should any of the bodies forming the Commission become defunct, the Constitution would have to be amended to find a replacement.

Mr Atta-Kesson seconded the motion on the grounds that Parliament is capable of composing the Commission better.

After exhaustive debates for and against the motion, a compromise was reached to allow Parliament to set up the Commission and that the Assembly would identify 12 bodies to be represented on the Commission.

To this effect, the Deputy Speaker delegated the Committee on the Rights of the People to confer with Mr Adzoe and interested parties who are also advocating similar amendments to make a proposal on the identifiable bodies to the House.

Sittings continue.

## Private Newspaper Proprietors Meeting

The Private Newspaper Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINTAG) will hold an emergency meeting at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Information in Accra at 10.00 a.m. Friday, December 6. All members should endeavour to attend this meeting at which very important issues will be discussed.

## OKESS Old Students

The monthly general meeting of Osei Kyeretwie/Ashanti Collegiate Old Students Association comes off on Saturday, December 7, 1991 at the School's Assembly Hall (Old Site).

Ahenemba should note that the meeting is to finalise arrangements for the end-of-year get-together. Attend only your numbers.

## New Lions Meet At Golden Tulip Hotel

New Lions will hold a meeting at Golden Tulip Hotel, Accra, today, December 4, at 6.00 p.m. to finalise arrangements for a new Chapter of Accra Lions Club. All persons who have indicated their willingness to become Lions are kindly requested to attend promptly.

## Nsutaman Korye Kuo

The Accra branch of the Nsutaman Korye Kuo will hold its last general meeting of the year on Sunday, December 8 at the Metropole Night Club at 3.30 p.m.

The meeting will discuss the funeral of the wife of the National Vice-President, Mr Dapaah of Dapoco Ltd., Kumasi. We will also visit the national president, Mr D. S. Brifo of Danbri Co. Ltd., Accra.

## Agona Nsaba Akwanbo

A week-long activities marking this year's Akwanbo Festival of the Omanhen, chiefs and people of Agona Nsaba will commence on Friday, December 6. There will be a grand fund-raising rally at the "Sakora Park" on Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. prompt. All are cordially invited.

## APSU 1966 Group

The 1966 Year Group of St. Augustine's College Past Students Union (APSU), will meet on Thursday, December 4 at the Way Home at 5.30 p.m.

## APOGABA Anniversary

The 1991 Founders' Day Anniversary celebration of the Abokobi Presby Old Boys and Girls Association (APOBAGA) is coming on between December 6 and 8.

There is going to be a grand durbar at the school on December 7 and a Thanksgiving Service on December 8. Members and non-members are cordially invited to the celebrations.

## Swedru School of Business Speech Day

The Swedru School of Business will hold its annual speech and prize-giving day on Saturday, December 7, 1991 at 10 a.m. prompt at the school.

There will be old students/PTA meeting before the ceremony.

## Mamong Akwapem Presbyterian Church

The annual harvest of the Mampong Akwapem Presbyterian Trinity Church will take place on Sunday, December 8. The harvest is in aid of the construction of the new Church Hall. All sons and daughters of Mampong Akwapem are cordially invited.

## Found Certificate

A certificate of the Institution of Plant Engineers bearing the name of Mr E. B. Anie-Annan has been found and deposited with the News Editor, Graphic Corporation, Accra.

## Burial

Burial will take place at Madina of the late Emmanuel Adotei Sacker, formerly of University of Ghana Bookshop on Saturday, December 7 at Madina.

The burial will be preceded by wake-keeping at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Madina, on December 6, 1991 behind the taxi rank.

The late Emmanuel Adotei Sacker was the son of Mrs Josephine Sacker, popularly known as Maame Sacker.

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