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BIAFRAN ON BIAFRA

by Chigbo Ekweozor

Twenty months ago, Nigeria started a war of genocide against the people of Biafra. The British Government officially involved herself in the war by providing Nigeria with arms and ammunition, mortar bombs, ferret and saladin armored cars, trucks and 'technicians'! To date the British Government has continued to supply Nigeria with these weapons of destruction.

In the British Government s scramble to be a good meator to Nigeria, she found good allies in the Soviet Union and Egypt– an unholy alliance of incompatibles! While Russia supplies Nigeria with jet bombers and 'technicians (there are about 1000 of them in Nigeria since the outbreak of the war), Egyptian pilots fly the jet bombers with which they bomb innocent Biafran civilians indiscriminately. In characteristic tradition, Egypt is helping her Muslim brothers of Northern Nigeria to crush the 'pagan Christians of Biafra!

But why does the British Government finance, sustain and direct the operational control of the Nigerian army to destroy Biafra and Biafrans? Why is she so passionately obsessed with the doctrine of a so-called ONE NIGERIA?

There are several reasons, but the following two will suffice. First, the British Government wants to perpetuate her economic stronghold in the country through the manipulation of the Northern-dominated but London-guided Federal Government of Nigeria. The investment of British industrialists in Nigeria totals more than two billion dollars. Over one billion dollars are invested in oil production in Biafra. An autonomous Biafra may not be easy for the British diplomats and hard-core businessmen to manipulate and control.

Second, the British Government regards the break-up of Nigeria as a slap in her face and as an indication of the failure of her colonial policy in Africa, Hitherto, Britain had portrayed Nigeria as a show-piece of successfull experiment on parliamentary democracy in Africa.

Inspite of the massive military aid from Britain and Russia, Nigeria has failed in a 'quick-kill of Biafra. But she has, with the complicity of her supplier of arms, succeeded in killing and maiming millions of Biafrans. Hospitals, markets and churches are the main targets of Nigeria s daily bombing and mortar-shelling raids.

Not yet successful in her desire to wipe out all Biafrans, Nigeria (supported by Britain) employs all artifice and devices to forestall the efforts of philanthropic organizations to fly relief supplies to Biafra. Their latest conspiracy was their ability to persuade newly independent Equatorial Guinea to disallow the International Red Cross from using the island of Fernando Po to fly supplies to Biafra.

Nigeria s advances have been halted. The war has virtually stalemated. Yet Nigeria is fighting because of the military backing of Britain and Russia. Had Britain accepted to stop shipping arms to Nigeria, the war could have ended.

Gowon, the Nigerian pocket dictator, coul d have seen the wisdom of settling differences via a conference table. It has become evident that unless Britain ceases to supply arms to Nigeria, Vietnam will be child's play compared with the likely course of hostilities.

If this happens and guerrilla warfare predominates the conflict, the outcome will be disastrous. Whatever, the outcome, the full weight of the responsibility will fall squarely on the shoulders of Prime Minister Wilson of Great Britain and his Government.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

To the Editor:

After many hours of serious deliberation over the radical views of Jim Ehmann concerning women s permissions, we God-fearing students of Allegheny find ourselves unable to cope with this proposal, morally.

We agree with Mr. Ehmann s belief that the system of freshmen women s permissions should be altered. However, are we heading in the right direction? After all, most freshman girls (for they are merely girls) have not had the responsibility of staying out past midnight since high school.

Can they make this readjustment? As so many psychology students know, the assumption of such serious responsibility as bisexual inter-digital manipulation could definitely lead to crippling psychological disorders as seen in the case of the 'Executive Monkey.'

We d like to modestly propose a return to the days of our forefathers when the hours after dinner were held sacred. Being that we are here to partake of the wisdom to be found in Reis Library, we feel that time should not be wasted in such frivolity as real life.

Since some people find it necessary to have occasional social intercourse with members of the opposite sex, we d like to present the following proposal which is in keeping with the traditions of our beloved ancestors:

1) During Matriculation, each freshman girl will receive the basic Allegheny security kit consisting of:

A) Two shackles to be removed after good behavior at the end of the junior year.

B) Secret decoding ring for use in opening timed fail-safe devices on dormitory doors to be used when leaving for and returning from classes.

C) High-frequency whistle designed solely for the ears of Pinkerton men to be used upon the approach of a threatening male.

D) Chastity belt with a triple lock. The three keys shall be distributed as follows:

1) One sent to parents

2) One key kept in Bentley safe

3) The last key shall be kept under an assumed name in a safety deposit box in a neutral country.

If a girl wishes to extend her lavatory permissions (her only permission until senior year) she would be required to:

1) Submit an application in triplicate one month prior to desired date stating why she is worthy of such a privilege.

2) This application shall be reviewed by her R.A., faculty, President Pelletier, Board of Trustees, Governor Shafer, U.S. Supreme Court, God, and Dr. Lewis.

3) If accepted she will be required to proceed to the grave of Timothy Alden on an overcast night of the full moon during the vernal equinox where she will be contacted by a registered eunuch (or Wayne Newton), a member of the AFL-CIO, the abominidable snowman (only in season), and one non-hunting McCarthy-supporting Meadville resident with more than a third grade education (exculding graduates of Meadville Vocational School), each of whom will give the application one digit of a non-existent phone number for further instructions. If it rings, you ve got the wrong number.

In this way, Allegheny College could have a system of women s permissions which would provide for both necessary and unnecessary restriction. If you like THIS idea, the number is Hoboken....

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FRESHMEN AND FEDERAL AID

The answer to this year·s large freshman class might come from Uncle Sam·s 'moneybags·. One of Allegheny s authorities on the whole question of government aid and enrollment is Mrs. J. Hunter LeSueur, Director of Student Aid.

Mrs. LeSueur said that government funds were cut to $118,000 for the 1968-1969 year. Through an agreement with the government, the college is allowed to lend money paid back from old loans.

Mrs. LeSueur went on to say that, ·The college must also make its contribution (to the loan funds). This amounts to 1/10 of the total loaned.· She added, ·President Johnson s new budget recommends a cut here, I see.· The conditions that must be met to qualify for Federal Aid will still be the same, she said. This being an analyzed need based on the Parents Confidential Statement.

What does all this have to do with the increasing freshman class? The amount of aid is dependent on the size of the incoming class, with respect to the percentage of boys and girls. A college spokesman reported last that the college hopes to increase its number to 1750 by 1972.

Another question that arises with a class increase is whether Allegheny will maintain its standards of selectivity. The proposed plan is to maintain the selectivity as it is now until after reaching the 1972 goal. By then it is hoped that the number will be stabilized, and that there will be no perceptible changes in the college s admittance standards.

INTERRACIAL FORUM SLATED FOR AFRO WEEK

Aforum conducted by the Youth Interracial Council, known as YIC, will highlight Afro-American Week, slated for Feb. 16 through 22. William Luddy, vice chairman of YIC, will head the panel scheduled to speak from 10 AM until 4 PM, Saturday, Feb. 22, in Ford Memorial Chapel



The Youth Interracial Council began small scale operations three years ago in an attempt to bring the civil rights question to the white community. The YIC recognized the need to involve the ordinary middle class college student in implementing adequate solutions to existing racial problems.

YIC members are generally agreed that the simultaneous growth of white backlash and black nationalism constitutes a dangerous polarization of racial interests in American society. Now, more than ever, they feel that an organized effort is necessary on all levels to end the lack o f understanding and the indifference to social problems.

Editor of the YIC pamphlet, 'Society in Crisis, William Luddy anticipates a grim future for American society if social progress is not swift and massive. Mr. Luddy said, 'The problem for moderate social reform is truly immense.

Group discussions and tutoring programs were the first attempts of the YIC to 'bridge the ever-widening gap between the ghetto and the suburb. Since then, it has expanded its programs in two directions. It has first undertaken work with many community centers in several cities and is participating with the Street Academy projects of the National Urban League in Harlem and in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The second major aim of the YIC is the educational goal of the Traveling Panel System. The realities of racial problems, the civil rights movement, and the positive role of the student in concrete programs of social reform are all explored through this presentation. It employs sophisticated and dynamic techniques as a means of evoking response and commitment from fellow students. This college forum has been designed to fulfill the paramount objective of the group which is involvement.

A nucleus of YIC members provides the material for the forum. The members are themselves students. Luddy, for instance, is a senior at Fairfield University, the center of the the Youth Interracial Council.

These forums are most instrumental in promoting understanding of the methods and goals of YIC and have met with so much success that they are now a main thrust of group activity along with the social action programs. Through these presentations YIC has gained a reputation for creating awareness in students that leads them towards involvement in these most pressing social problems of America. The most recent forums took place on the campuses of Rosary Hill College and D·Youville College in Buffalo, New York.

Sophomore Class

To all members of the sophomore class:

Throughout first term, your class officers have endeavored to carry through the idea of a sophomore class council patterned after that of the freshman class. Since this was a rather new concept, certain groundwork had to be developed before our council could be realized. For instance, what would be its role on a campus of this nature? Would we be able to obtain adequate support from the class at large? In answer to these questions, we met with several administrative officials, such as Dean Ragan and Mr. Sherman, who basically favored the council idea and provided several possibilities for such an organization on campus (i.e.: financially aiding the Foreign Students Committee, social activities, preparing for our senior calss 'pledge to Allegheny, helping to bridge the unfortunate but definite gap between non-Greeks and Greek elements within our class, etc.). These people also had doubts as to the feasibility of such a council.

With regard to our second question concerning adequate support, we held a general meeting of the sophomore class. Because of the poor turn-out (35 sophomores attended), apparent lack of interest, and generally negative attitude, we began to have real doubts as to the council s plausibility. Once again, we sought the Dean s advice. He felt as we did about the impracticality of such a council and agreed that we were being realistic in discontinuing the idea.

No one is to be blamed for this lack of interest in the council; we realize that there are sufficient organizations on campus to which we can and must pledge our support.

But this is not to say that we cannot be active on campus, if enough interest in a project is shown. We're open for suggestions.

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by Warren Kaplan

THE SEEKERS LIVE!

Group breakups seem to be the latest vogue in pop music, and a by-product of this is a bevy of very good 'farewell' albums released as last efforts.

This is the case with the Seekers who are disbanding to pursue individual careers in music. Their last album, "The Seekers LIVE!(Capitol ST135), recorded live at London's Talk of the Town, consists of the group's most popular songs and a few original pieces. These include 'Morningtown Ride', "A World of Our Own", 'I'll Never Find Another you', and "Georgy Girl' which are the quartet's biggest hits.

One of the album's strongest points is that it overcomes the special problems of recording live. There is no question about the presence of a live audience, but their reactions and participation in no way interfere with the music. The instrumentation is strong with the Seekers backed up by the Talk of the Town Orchestra which does a good job in all but 'Georgy Girl' where they become too overpowering in attempting to cover the audience's enthusiasm.

The Seekers LIVE! is an enjoyable album with a happy, carefree sound that is easy to listen to.

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

George Benson is a young jazz guitarist with a great deal of talent and versatility. His new album, Shape of Things to Come (A&M SP3014) reflects these qualities beautifully.

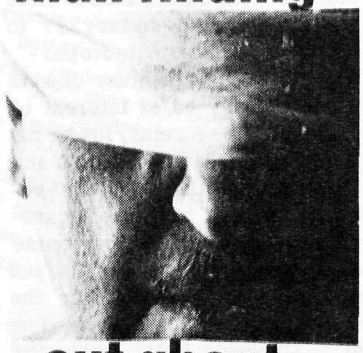
The album starts off with 'Footin' It,' a country-blues piece that sets the mood for the whole record. This is soft, natural jazz as opposed to the hard, city sound of most of the jazz-blues groups around today. The individual note is of the utmost importance in Benson's style as he does not rely heavily on the tremulo to produce his tune, which tends to conglomerate notes into a barrage of sound.

On the album's title song, 'Shape of Things to Come', from "Wild in the Streets, Benson picks things up with a wild doubled sound that makes this the album's best cut.

Other cuts include 'Face It Boy, It's Over' which is very reminiscent of "Stoned Soul Picnic and 'Last Train to Clarksville' which is the bluesiest cut on the disc.

'Shape of Things to Come' is an album that is not demanding on the listener; and will be best for those who enjoy soft jazz and pleasant music.

There's just one thing worse than finding



out about cancer.



Not finding out.

Letter on Biafra

Many Americans are concerned about the war between Nigeria and Biafra. They are asking the American Government to do something for the sake of humanity. They seek to prevent further deaths of 14,000 people every day in Biafra. You can join thousands of others in requesting your Senator or Congressman to do something. Cut out this petition, sign and mail it to your representative in Congress.

MAIL NOW AND SAVE MORE LIVES!

BIAFRA RELIEF COMMITTEE

Dear Senator/Congressman,

The massacre and starvation of millions of people of Biafra calls for humanitarian assistance and concern. Please, Senator/Congressman, pressure the President to:

(i) order direct mercy flights of food and medical supplies into Biafra to save millions who are dying of starvation.

(ii) employ diplomatic pressure on Britain to stop shipment of arms and ammunition to Nigeria.

(iii) bring pressure on Nigeria to cease-fire, and to bring both Biafra and Nigeria to a conference table for negotiations.

(iv) to recognize Biafra.

Do something TODAY to save lives. Because of her neutrality, influence and resources, only America can stop this futile war.

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Occupation

The Modern Language Department is sponsoring a display of objects from other lands in Reis Library from February 17 to March 1. You are invited to participate by bringing any objects you feel may be of interest to others to the secretary in Murray Hall on weekdays between 9 and 5 by Friday the 14th of February. Please have them carefully identified as to owner, name of object, country of origin and any pertinent data. After the display, items may be picked up at Murray Hall beginning March 3.

The College Union will again prepare a calendar of spring activities for wide distribution this coming April. To this end, you may wish to submit an organization or departmental list of activities and events with which you are concerned.

We hope you will agree with the promotional value of the calendar and submit your schedule to the office of Mr. Casale before February 17.

Applications for the A.S.G. Scholarship are available at the CU Desk. Please fill them out as soon as possible.

People volunteering to serve the community at the Doman Clinic, Meadville Community Action Center, and Conneautville Schools attended a reception last Sunday in Quigley Lounge.

Tutoring and patterning at Doman were discussed by their chairman, Lex Vujan and Kathy Griffith. ACE's chairman, Paul Bielowiez then spoke about the organization's beginning in 1966 with 50 students. ACE now has 200 students working in eleven programs in the area and new opportunities for service are made available as the number of volunteers grow. As Paul said, 'We have to start with one step at a time, we can't just change the world.' ACE is taking those steps.

The College Union Recreation Tournaments will take place Feb. 17 through 20. The areas of competition will be Bridge, Chess, Pocket Billiards, and Table Tennis.

Prizes will be awarded the winners in Bridge and Chess, while trophies will be given to the first and second place winners in Table Tennis and the winner of each class in Billiards.

Table Tennis will be played as a double elimination tournament on Mon., Feb. 18 in Montgomery Gym.

The Chess Tournament will be held on Tues., Feb. 19, and if necessary on Thurs. Feb. 21, in the CU South Lounge at 7 p.m. The eliminations system for this event will be announced shortly after the close of registration.

The Duplicate Bridge Tournament will be played in the South Lounge of the CU on Wed., Feb. 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

Pocket Billiards, classes A & B, will be played throughout the week, starting on Monday. It will also be double elimination.

The registration fee for each event is $1 per participant for each event with two people entering as a team for bridge. Registration blanks are available at Brooks and CU desks and should be returned with the fee to either Mrs. Huff in the Director's Office or the CU desk.

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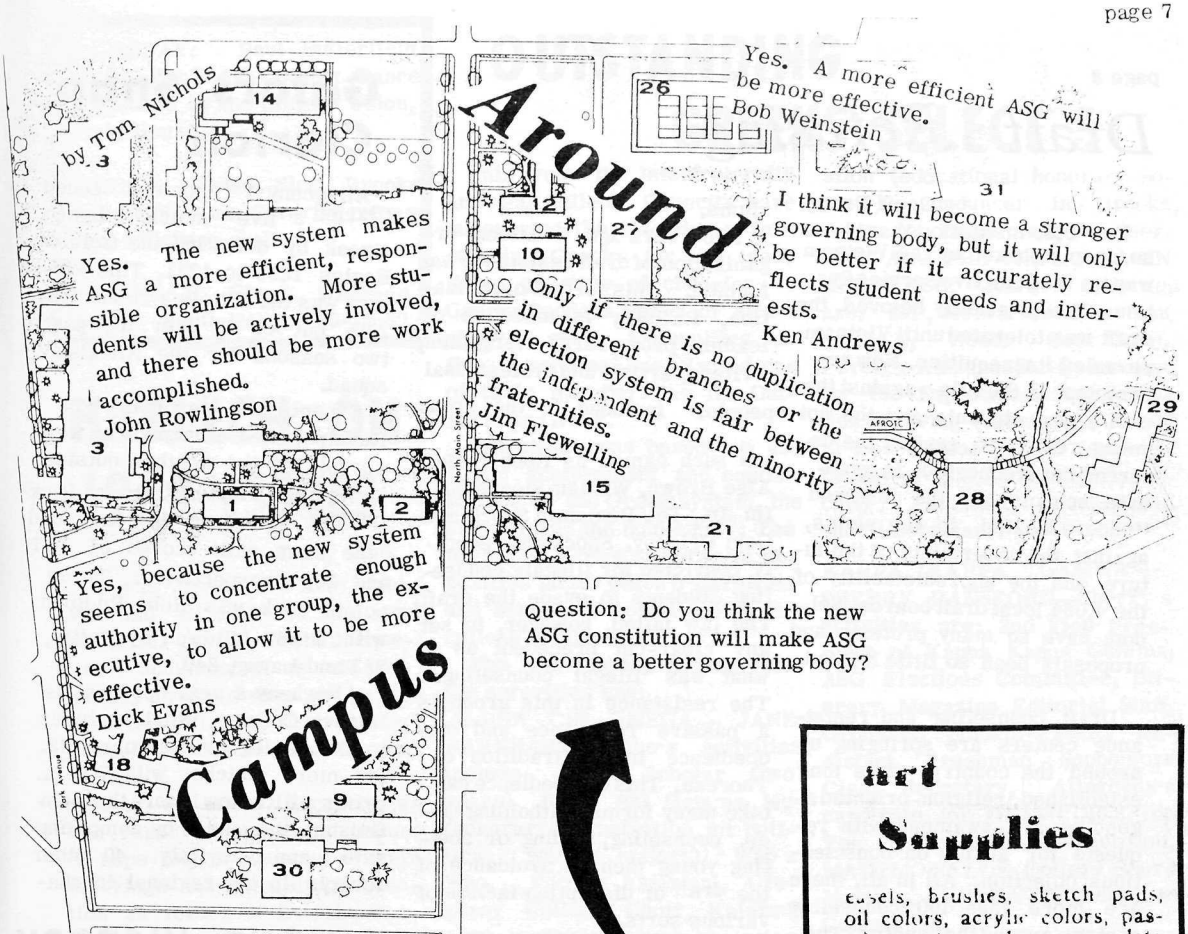
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The intramural games which were to be played the first week of the basketball tournament will now be played the first week of February. The finals will then be played on the following week. Crawford Freshman have won 3 games and are leading.

Remember the swimming meet this Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 in Montgomery gym. Everyone is welcome!

Another reminder to those interested in a physical fitness and weight reducing program. Bod Squad will begin the first week in February. The first meeting will be from 6:30 to 7:00 on Tuesday, February 4th in Montgomery gym.

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Draft Refusing

by Geoff Bragg

Few U.S. institutions have been so deeply shaken by the Vietnam war as the Selective Service System. Never exactly beloved, the draft was tolerated until Vietnam revealed its inequities. New resentment is the rule--against the cool young students and the hot young resisters, against the deferred 'overeducated' in graduate schools and the deferred "undereducated in the slums, against the uncertainty of the future and the unpredictability of the 4,084 local draft boards. Seldom have so many protests and proposals been so little heeded.

Draft counseling and resistance centers are springing up around the country, while long established, religion-oriented agencies are swamped with requests for advice on conscientious objection. All in all, there are more than 100 counseling centers around the country. The aim of all of these groups is to aid the man who does not want to fight. Traditionally, the avenue of escape has been conscientious objection.

Until a few years ago, the C.O. in good standing had to belong to one of the recognized religious groups--notably the Friends, Mennonites or Church of the Brethren--that ar totally opposed to war. However, recent Supreme Court rulings have opened the door to a broader interpretation of religious training and belief. But C.O. status is still difficult to achieve and besides, there are easier ways to beat the draft. Some of the counseling centers look for legitimate deferments that the man had not been aware of. Some common examples are a 'trick knee , 'asthmatic condition or 'homosexual tendencies. Now and then they help men, especially Negroes, vanish in the city slums.

Two years ago, a national organization of draft resistance was formed. This formal organization, RESIST, is made up of leading professors, clergymen, writers, artists and professional people. Included in the group are such names as Robert McAfee Brown, William Sloane Coffin Jr., Dr. Benjamin Spock and Carl Oglesby. Spock was recently convicted for illegaly counseling students to evade the draft. The law failed, however, to set any clear-cut precedent as to what was illegal counseling. The resistance in this group is a passive resistance and disobedience in the tradition of Thoreau. This disobedience can take many forms: witholding taxes, counseling, aiding or abetting young men on avoidance of the draft or disruption tactics of various sorts.

Perhaps one of the major complaints is the charge that the U.S. Army has become a "Poor Man s Army". The system operates on this premise: the more educable of draft-age men or those with fathers who can afford to keep them in college should be spared the duty of risking their lives for their country. For this reason, young blacks especially resent the student deferment. As a ghetto youth in Newport News, Va., put it: 'The ones that have the money go to college. A Negro doesn-t have the money, so he ends up in Vietnam. The percentage of Negroes in Vietnam verifies this statement.

Indeed, draftproof is the name of the game. Gung-ho is gone, and few hate the enemy or feel personally menaced by him. It is the age of the 'dutiful war, and military service is not only the most uncongenial duty but, also, the most easily avoided.

Gators Snap Clarion

Allegheny s shooters ended Clarion s five match winning streak by defeating the Golden Eagles 1296 to 1271. This victory was the 17th in a row and the 24th out of 25 over the past two seasons for the Allegheny squad.

Except for freshman Rob Rudolph, the Gator gunners were as cold as the weather outside.

Against Clarion, seniors Rick Fields and Greg March paced the team with scores of 267 and 265 respectively. Three points back was Rob Rudloph with a 262 followed by Reilly, 253 and Layng, 249.

Allegheny s next opponent is Geneva College, which ventures to Meadville on February 22. Six more matches with WPIAL teams will follow before the team finishes its season by competing with approximately 40 other schools in the regional tournament.

SECOND VICTORY

A.C. s swimming Gators swam to their second straight victory Friday over the W & J Presidents, 49 – 46. This puts their record at 2 - 5, with Carnegie-Mellon coming up on Tues., Feb. 11.

W & J put the pressure on, but junior Capt. T. Melvin Mann came through witha first place in the 200 Breast, the event which put the meet on ice. Other outstanding wins of the day were the Medley Relay of Dick Wright, Mann, Jim Haas and Chet Burrell, as well as the one-two combination of Wright and freshman Randy Forster in the 50-yard Free. Sophomore Rick Terry had a first in the 200 Free, as did freshman Craig Seger in the 200 Back.

Helping give the Gators the necessary points were Jeff Ludwick with seconds in 1,000 and 500 Free, Haas with a second in the 160 Individual Medley, and Jerry Snyder in the 200 Butterfly.