

The decision to make the donation was taken at the central working committee meeting of the front, which has just ended in Kano. The meeting was presided over by Alhaji Aminu Knao. The announcement added that the Progressive Front has decided to send a petition to the forthcoming conference of Commonwealth prime ministers on the South African apartheid policy and on the treason trial there. The meeting also discussed the forthcoming federal elections and the present political situation in Nigeria. The assistant general secretary of the front, Malam Tanko Yakassai, said that the party was delighted that workers called off the strike.

POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN IFE UNIVERSITY DENIED

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(Text) Western Nigerian Minister of Education **Olumofin** said on 19 June that a vendetta is being carried out against Ife University. In a statement in Ibadan on recent resignations in the university and of subsequent press reaction, the minister claimed that the vendetta was being carried out by those he alleged swore to destroy the institution. **Olumofin** warned those he called saboteurs to steer clear of the affairs of the university so that it can thrive. He said that his government is perfectly satisfied with the running of the university and that there can be no justification for dragging the name of the government into the domestic affairs of the university. **Olumofin** claimed that those who resigned did so not because of politics, and he also denied any political interference in the work of the university.

(Editor's Note: Lagos Nigeria Domestic Service in English 1200 GMT 17 June reported: Nine lecturers at the university of Ife, five Nigerians and four expatriates, have resigned. The five Nigerians are Dr. Olunloye, Dr. Babalola, Mr. Ijike, Dr. Oke, and Dr. Paiga. Some of the lecturers expressed critical views about the university's administration and claimed that the university has not been sufficiently insulated from politics.)

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OBANDE REJECTS NURSES' DEMAND--Federal Establishment Minister J.C. Obande has expressed his inability to accede to the demand of the Nigerian nurses association calling for a team to examine the salary grading of nurses. The association's demand was contained in a letter addressed to the minister on 19 June in which he was given a three-week ultimatum to meet the demand. In his reply Obande pointed out that the recommendations contained in the Morgan report are at present the subject of negotiations between the government and the Joint Action Committee. Under the circumstances, he said, no action will be taken on any of those recommendations in anticipation of the outcome of the negotiations. (Lagos Nigeria Domestic English 1800 GMT 20 June 1964--N)

SECONDHAND CLOTHING FRAUD--The federal government suffered a loss of more than 40,000 pounds between January 1961 and January 1964 as the result of fraudulent practices in customs duties on secondhand clothing. This was disclosed in Port Harcourt on 19 June by the collector of customs in charge of valuation while giving evidence before the commission inquiring into fraudulent practices in the importation of secondhand clothes. He said that this amount did not include minor cases of fraud. Earlier another witness, an assistant superintendent of police, had alleged during cross-examination that customs officials contributed to the fraud in the business. He added that the problem of fraud affects imported goods generally. (Lagos Nigeria Domestic English 2000 GMT 19 June 1964--N)