First Census in Decade Starts Today in Africa's Largest Nation

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Nigeria is the awakening giant of Africa, by far the largest nation in the Dark Continent. With its first census in a decade starting today, Nigeria is setting out to learn just how big it is, and to take stock of its human assets.

Official forecasts are that the census will count some 40 million people. But this first census since Nigeria gained its independence from Britain on Oct. 1, 1960, will count more than noses. It will check age and ethnic groups and request information on the occupation, religion, education level of literacy of each citizen.

The job will take 45,000 workers three weeks. When the results are in Nigeria should know not only how many people it has, but who they are and what they can do.

A Mammoth Task

It will be a mammoth task, embracing every little village from the deserts of the north to the tropical jungles of the Nigerian coast.

Nigeria is the giant of old Africa as well as the new. By comparison Egypt has 26 million persons, Ghana 6.7 million and The Congo, roughly 13.8 million.

The country's size alone has placed Nigeria quickly in the race for leadership in Africa. It has the resources not only of manpower but of nature that most of its neighbors envy and some of them frankly fear.

Nigeria's progress to independence within the British Commonwealth was orderly. Its transition was peaceful — in sharp contrast to events in the Congo and in other areas of Africa where birth pains have given rise to violence, irresolution and confusion. Independence came after a century and a half of British influence.

Nigeria was particularly fortunate in its colonial history. The British found groups of Africans with ancient and highly developed cultures, and the standard of colonial administrators sent out by Britain was particularly high. Local government was delegated to emirs and chiefs over a wide area and educated Africans were encouraged to enter government work.

Thus when independence arrived there was in Nigeria a small but highly trained civil service, plus the traditional rulers who still exerted an influence over local government and had not lost touch with the people.

Largely Moslem

In the north, the population was largely Moslem, in the eastern and western regions of the south, predominantly Christian.

Tribal tensions could have made Nigeria another Congo but the British turned over power to trained African hands and to a people ingrained with a belief in the traditional authority of their leaders.

Nigeria had the major advantage of starting its independent life two years ago politically unified, although it has no common language, no common religion and no common past.

It is a land of 250 tribes with almost as many languages and dialects. Under the new federation, the three semi - autonomous regions of the north, east and west are tied together. After 60 years of colonial rule, English was the lingua franca amongst the educated.

Yoruba are Townsmen

The Yoruba tribes of the western region are the townsmen, builders of cities and cocoa farmers.

In the eastern region live the Ibos in hundreds of little villages without chiefs but ruled by democratic councils of elders. They are Nigeria's most energetic and individualistic people; oil-palm farmers, traders, and successful businessmen.

In the north there is quite another civilization based on the great deserts and looking to Mecca rather than to Oxford and Cambridge for inspiration.

Their society is Feudal, ruled by Moslem emirs of the Fulani tribe.

Most Powerful Region

Numerically the north is the most powerful region, with nearly 60 per cent of the population. The last census showed it contained 16.8 million people; The west 6.4 million and the eastern region 8 million.

In the two years Nigeria has been independent, these regional rivalries have paradoxically been one of the main guarantees of the country's continuing democracy.

The federal parialment in the capital city of Lagos is one of the few in all Africa with a functioning opposition party.

Sir Abubakar Tafewa Belewa, the federal prime minister, dominates the Nigerian scene.

Speaks in Moderation

Sir Abubakar's public manner is to make himself as inconspicuous as possible. His soft and persuasive voice speaks always in moderation. He was once labelled "a turtle-dove amongst falcons."

As a deeply religious Moslem, reticence, contemplation and modesty are the central part of his personality. He is no demagogue and has little sympathy with the methods of Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana or Guinea's Sekou Toure. In fact he has split openly with Nkrumah on the Ghana president's dream of a United States of Africa. He has condemned the violent anti- colonialist speeches of many African leaders.

By these actions, Balewa seems to have established firmly his credentials as a leader of emergent independent Africa. He made Nigeria's voice heard throughout the world in an impressive appearance before the United Nations. And he followed this up by sponsoring the Monrovia conference of African States, thereby pointing another course in foreign policy for Africa to follow in contrast to the strident left-wing militancy of the Ghana-Guinea group of the Casablaca powers.

Announce Details

To further consolidate the country the Nigerian government announced in April details of a huge $1.8 billion six-year economic development plan.

Announcing the plan in his budget speech, Chief Festus Okotie-Eboh, federal minister of finance, said the government's financial policies were first to raise the money for the plan and secondly to avoid serious inflation during the period of its execution.

The plan's object is "To maintain, if possible surpass, the average rate of 4 per cent per year in the growth of gross domestic product." For this it was said to be necessary to invest approximately 15 per cent of the gross national product in primarily "productive" sectors of the economy.

Foreign Aid Plan

Foreign aid for the plans is expected to provide $949.2 million or half the planned expenditure. From domestic sources, $752.2 million of capital is expected.

The two outstanding and most exciting projects in the six-year plan are the Niger Dam Development and the education program. The Niger Dam, estimated to cost $190.68 million, should come into operation during the plan period. It is planned initially to build a dam, power station and locks across the Niger at Kainji, 600 miles from the river's mouth. The education program is planned to provide trained manpower to run the country. Some 29 million pounds sterling ($81.2 million) has been allocated for the bold education scheme.

A start on the education program already has been made with the foundation of three major universities in the eastern, western and northern regions to supplement the existing university college at Ibadan. A fourth new university will be opened soon in the federal district of Lagos.

By 1970 Nigeria hopes to have between 2,000 and 3,000 graduates a year from these five universities and from students sent abroad for their degrees. Another 5,000 technicians of all kinds are expected to be merging annually from new technical institutes. A 60 per cent increase in secondary school is planned by 1970.

Britain has already started the education ball rolling with an outright gift of $14 million.

Last summer during the July and August school holidays the British board of education flew out 55 British specialist instructors to Nigeria to give refresher courses to Nigerian teachers.

In February this year Britain asked for more volunteers and in less than a month 2,000 applications had been received. They will arrive in July.

In the midst of all this excitement and activity of an emerging nation the figure of Sir Abubakar sits wrapped in his mountainous white robe, holding a tight rein on all the huge expenditure.

If the six-year plan is a success, the federation will be further cemented and Nigeria will be a dominant force in Africa.

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Gutjahr To Attend Airport Conference

Gilbert Gutjahr, airport manager and assistant city manager of Medford, will be one of the delegates attending the 35th annual conference and exposition of the American Association of Airport Executives May 20 in Los Angeles.

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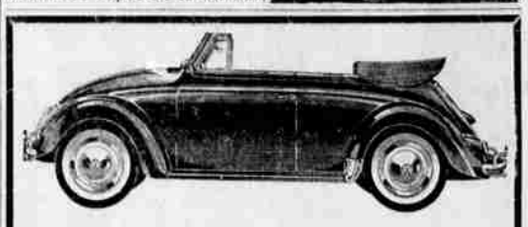

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OFFICIAL MEASURES BALLOT

67A — OAK GROVE PRECINCT
JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON
At the Special Election to be held on the 18th of May A.D., 1962

Make A Cross (X) or a Check Mark (V) Inside the Voting Square for the Answer Voted For

Referred to the People by the Legislative Assembly

1 SIX PER CENT LIMITATION AMENDMENT — **Purpose:** Revises constitutional provision governing 6 percent limitation. Prevents loss of tax base by taxing bodies. Permits first year levy without election. Fixes Election dates. — YES ☐ NO ☐

2 SALARIES OF STATE LEGISLATORS — **Purpose:** To amend Constitution by providing that legislators' salaries shall be established and paid in the same manner as the salaries of other elected state officers. — YES ☐ NO ☐

COUNTY

3 PROPOSED JACKSON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER — A county constitution for self government in local matters; provides for nonpartisan election of seven commissioners, appointment by them of five administrative officers now elected. — YES ☐ NO ☐

CITY

Submitted to the Registered Voters in the hereinafter described territory by Ordinance of the City of Medford.

53 * Shall the territory contiguous to the City of Medford, Oregon, and more particularly described below be annexed to the said city? — ANNEXATION YES ☐ ANNEXATION NO ☐

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that property lying between the present city boundary and the following described line: Beginning at a point on the present Corporate Boundary of the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, said point being 40.0 feet North of the Northeast corner of Donation Land Claim No. 43 in Township 37 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence southerly along the west line of Donation Land Claim No. 43 to a point 190 feet south of the north line of Donation Land Claim No. 43. Thence westerly parallel to and 190 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the north line of Donation Land Claim No. 43, the north line of Donation Land Claim No. 83 and the north line of Donation Land Claim No. 82, to the easterly line of Peach Street. Thence northwesterly to the southeast corner of the property described in Volume 509, Page 435, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence westerly along the southerly line of said property a distance of 145 feet to the southwest corner thereof. Thence northerly along the westerly line of said property a distance of 100 feet to the northwest corner thereof. Thence northwesterly to the southwest corner of the property described in Volume 428, Page 119, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence northerly along the westerly line of said property a distance of 120 feet to the northwest corner thereof. Thence westerly parallel and 150 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the north line of Donation Land Claim No. 82, a distance of 1120 feet to the westerly line of Donation Land Claim No. 84. Thence southerly a distance of 150 feet to the southwest corner of Donation Land Claim No. 84. Thence westerly a distance of 191.4 feet to the northwest corner of Donation Land Claim No. 82, said point being on the easterly line of Orchard Home Association Tracts. Thence southerly along the east line of said Orchard Home Association Tracts a distance of 534.39 feet. Thence westerly to a concrete monument that is 534.39 feet south and 459.36 feet west from the southwest corner of Donation Land Claim No. 84, and continue westerly along the southerly lines of the properties described in Volume 239, Page 446, and Volume 190, Page 400, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon, to the west line of Lot 14, Block 6, Orchard Home Association Tracts. Thence northerly along the west line of Lot 14, Block 6, said tracts and continuing northerly through the center of Block 6 and Block 2, Orchard Home Association Tracts to the northwest corner of Lot 20, Block 2. Thence westerly along the southerly line of Lot 18, Block 2, Orchard Home Association Tracts to a point 178.85 feet easterly of the southwest corner of said Lot 18. Thence northerly parallel to and 178.85 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the easterly line of Orchard Home Drive to the southerly line of the property described in Volume 476, Page 85, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence westerly along the southerly line of said property and the extension thereof to the westerly line of Orchard Home Drive. Thence northerly along the westerly line of Orchard Home Drive to the southeast corner of the property described in Volume 461, Page 362, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence westerly, parallel to and 522.8 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the centerline of Stewart Avenue, to a point 181.24 feet east of the easterly line of Thomas Road. Thence northerly parallel to and 181.24 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the easterly line of Thomas Road, to the southerly line of Stewart Avenue. Thence easterly along the southerly line of Stewart Avenue, 60 feet, more or less, to a point opposite the southwest corner of Sunset Park Subdivision. Thence northerly along the west line of Sunset Park Subdivision, to a point 200 feet southerly of the centerline of Sunset Court. Thence westerly parallel to and 200 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the centerline extension of Sunset Court to a point 123.73 feet west of the westerly line of Clover Lane extended southerly. Thence northerly parallel to and 123.73 feet distant westerly from (when measured at right angles to) the southerly extension of and the westerly line of Clover Lane to the south line of the property described in Volume 479, Page 216, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon, (northerly line of Meadows Lane). Thence westerly along the southerly line of the above described property 45.9 feet to a point 169.6 feet from the westerly line of Clover Lane. Thence northerly to a point 169.3 feet west of westerly line of Clover Lane and 642 feet south of the centerline of the Jacksonville-Medford Highway. Thence westerly to the southwest corner of Lot 9, Block 2, Central Park Subdivision, Jackson County, Oregon. Thence northerly along the west lines of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Block 2, and the extension thereof, said subdivision to the south line of Lot 2, Block 2, said subdivision. Thence westerly 20 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 2. Thence northerly along the westerly line of said Lot 2 and the extension thereof to the northerly line of the Jacksonville-Medford Highway, a distance of 160 feet. Thence westerly along the northerly line of said highway to the southwest corner of the Oakgrove School property described in Volume 396, Page 455, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence northerly along the west line of the above described property to the northwest corner thereof a distance of 584.38 feet. Thence easterly along the northerly line of the school property as described in Volume 396, Page 455, Volume 174, Page 24, and Volume 252, Page 246 to the westerly line of Donation Land Claim No. 76, Township 37 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon, a distance of 306.7 feet. Thence northerly along the westerly line of said Donation Land Claim to the northwest corner thereof. Thence easterly along the northerly line of said Donation Land Claim No. 76, a distance of 1303.5 feet to a point 1312.5 feet west of the centerline of Ross Lane. Thence northerly along several common property lines to the south line of Sweet Road. Thence easterly along the south line of Sweet Road a distance of 37.2 feet to a point 1255.3 feet west of the centerline of Ross Lane. Thence northerly along a common property line to the south line of Donation Land Claim No. 73 at a point 1255.3 feet west of the centerline of Ross Lane. Thence westerly along the south line of Donation Land Claim No. 73 a distance of 54.8 feet. Thence northerly along a common property line to the south line of Weldon Subdivision. Thence along said south line S 89° 32' 40" W to the southwest corner of said Subdivision. Thence N 0° 14' 50" W along the west line of Weldon Subdivision a distance of 456.04 feet to the northwest corner thereof. Thence N 89° 32' 40" E along the north line and the easterly projection of said north line to the westerly line of Ross Lane. Thence southeasterly to the intersection of the easterly line of Ross Lane with the northerly line of the property described in Volume 442, Page 402, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence easterly along the northerly line of said property 187.80 feet to the northeast corner thereof. Thence southerly along the easterly line of said property 100.00 feet to the southeast corner thereof. Thence westerly along the southerly line of said property 37.80 feet. Thence southerly parallel to and 150 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the easterly line of Ross Lane, to the northerly line of the property described in Volume 400, Page 324, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence easterly along the northerly line of said property 67.80 feet to the northeast corner thereof. Thence southerly parallel to and 217.80 feet distant easterly from (when measured at right angles to) the easterly line of Ross Lane to the northerly line of the property described in Volume 366, Page 291, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon, a distance of 425 feet. Thence westerly along the northerly line of said property, to the northwest corner thereof a distance of 425 feet. Thence southerly along the easterly line of said property to the southeast corner thereof, a distance of 100 feet. Thence easterly parallel to and 528 feet north of (when measured at right angles to) the centerline of Maple Park Drive to intersect a point 160 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the centerline of McAndrews Road. Thence N 42° 09' E parallel to and 160 feet distant from the centerline of McAndrews Road to intersect the tier of north and south property lines that are 1146.38 feet west of the south quarter corner of section 24. Thence N 0° 19' E along said west property line to a point 1303.8 feet north of the south quarter of Section 24. Thence along a dividing property line east a distance of 240.6 feet to the west line of the property described in Volume 167, Page 85, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence along the west line of said property N 0° 50' E to the northwest corner thereof. Thence westerly along the extension of the northerly line of said property to a point south of the west line of the property described in Volume 395, Page 235, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon. Thence northerly along the extension of and the west line of said property to the northwest corner thereof. Thence easterly along the northerly line of said property to the southwesterly line of Sage Road. Thence northeasterly at right angles to Sage Road a distance of 200 feet from centerline of Sage Road. Thence southeasterly parallel to and 200 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the centerline of McAndrews Road. Thence parallel to and 200 feet distant northwesterly from the centerline of McAndrews Road to a point on the northeasterly right of way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Thence along the northeasterly right of way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, S 35° 08' E to a point at right angles to and 140 feet distant from the centerline of McAndrews Road. Thence northeasterly to a point on the northeasterly line of North Central Avenue said point being 70 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the centerline of McAndrews Road. Thence along the northeasterly right of way line of North Central Avenue N 35° 08' W to the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 1, Bunker Hill Addition. Thence northeasterly along the north lines of Lot 2 and Block 1 and the extension thereof to the westerly line of Lot 16, said Block 1, said addition. Thence northeasterly along said westerly line of Lot 16, Block 1, said addition to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 16. Thence northeasterly along the north lines of Lot 16 and 17, Block 1 and the extension thereof to the southwesterly line of Block 3, said addition. Thence along the westerly line of Block 3, Bunker Hill Addition to the northwesterly corner thereof. Thence along the northerly line of said Block 3 to the northeast corner thereof, said corner also being on the corporate limit line of the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

Medford Student Helps Build Apollo Model

Corvallis—William D. Rupp, Medford, was one of the 65 cadets who worked on a full-size, detailed model of the three-man Apollo space craft constructed by Air Force ROTC cadets at Oregon State university.

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