# Uprising In Nigeria Could Set Off Bloody Civil War

IN LAGO, NIGERIA — The British Broadcasting Corp. reported last week that Eastern Nigeria has seceded and declared itself the "Republic of Biafra" (cross hatched area on insert.) The announcement brought to a head 18 months of tribal dispute. The central government of Lt. Col. Yakubu Gowon, top, 32, had tried to head off the secessionist move by the oil rich but dissident Eastern Region by splitting Nigeria's four regions into 12 smaller ones. The move appeared only to anger Eastern military ruler Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu. (UPI Telephoto)

## Largest African nation totters on Army rule

By A. N. SAID

Seven years ago, in the new nation of the Congo, a wealthy African announced the formal secession of his diamond-rich province of Katanga from the central government.

The world hasn't forgotten the results of that evil action taken by Moise Tshombe. Tshombe's act sparked a widespread bloodshed that cost the lives of many of his countrymen, foreign nationals, Patrice Lumumba and Dag Hammarskjold.

Only through the use of force by the central government and the United Nations peace-keeping forces, was Tshombe defeated.

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IN 1967, another wealthy African has taken the preliminary step down the Tshombe path. Only time will tell whether this one will be more luckier than Tshombe.

As you read this story, an African nation that was peaceful only a year ago, is on the brink of civil war trying to gain control of one of its richest regions.

The country in trouble is Nigeria. The "rebel region" is the Eastern, (also known as 'the Republic of Biafra as of May 30).

The man who declared it independent is Lt. Col. Chukumeka Odemegwu Ojukwu, 33.

**Ojukwu's region has been threatening to secede from the Nigerian Federation for the past ten months. It contains 14,000 of Nigeria's 56,000,000 people.**

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AS A united country, Nigeria is the largest nation in the continent of Africa.

It is situated in West Africa and is one sixth of the United States in size. There are some 250 tribal and linguistic groupings — with the major tribes being the Hausa and the Fulani in the North; the Ibo in the East and the Yoruba in the West. The Moslem Northerners are the majority.

Nigeria was ruled by rich kings and chiefs in early days before British colonial era.

The British occupation started in 1862 and ended in 1960.

Under the guidance and political maturity of the late Premier Balewa, Nigeria achieved independence without bloodshed.

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THE FIRST conference that led to freedom was held in London in 1953. The Nigerian delegation and the British agreed on the following three points:

1) That a federal, not unitary state, was best suited for Nigeria.

2) That regional governments would be controlled by African ministers with a premier as head.

3) That by 1956 full internal self-government would be available to those regions desiring it.

These three steps were 'the major guidelines in bringing independence to Nigeria. Several other important meetings followed during which a 1960 date for independence was set.

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AMONG THE GREAT men who led Nigeria to orderly independence are Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Sir Ahmadu Bello, Dr. Mnamdi Azikiwe and Chief Obafemi Awolowo.

**Nigeria is no longer ruled by a civilian government. The men behind the wheel are young Army officers, headed by Lt. Col. Yakubu Gowon, 32.**

At the moment, their biggest problem is the crisis in the Eastern region, headed by their rival colleague Col. Ojukwu.

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THE GOVERNMENT crises of Nigeria are believed to have started following the disputed 1964 election. The election brought charges of fraud by the Western region.

About 100 people died in the riots that followed the election when the ruling party won. The dispute was healed by re-balloting in some districts.

Two years later, on Jan. 15, 1966, the civilian government was toppled by a bloody military coup.

The Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, along with Western Region Premier Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello and Federal Finance Minister Chief Festus Okotie-Eboli, were murdered.

Dr. Mnamdi Azikiwe, the country's president, was in London at the time, for medical reasons. Although he has been back since, he no longer heads the government.

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## Situation recalls Congo conflict seven years ago

country was temporarily headed by Maj. Gen. Johnson T. U. Aguiyi-Ironsi, 41. He in turn appointed military governors to run the other regions.

**The military at the time announced that the aim of the revolt was "to end corruption, nepotism, gangsterism, and violence."**

Ironsi was not successful in fulfilling that goal. His government was overthrown on July 29 and Ironsi murdered. His body with a bullet in the neck was found in Ibadan three days later.

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COL. YAKUBU GOWON, a Northerner, was named as the new leader of the government on Aug. 1, 1966. So far, he hasn't been able to eradicate the "corruption, nepotism, gangsterism, and violence."

Thousands of Nigerians have lost their lives since the military rule was introduced to the country. The unity that was achieved by hard work seems to be going down the drain.

**Added to their other troubles, the secession of the Eastern region has hit the military rulers right on the race. A slight miscalculation could plunge the whole country into a long and bloody civil war.**

Just before the secession, Col. Gowon, the federal chief of state, tried to halt the Eastern region's push for independence by ordering it split into three states within the federation. This was done to weaken Col. Ojukwu's stand.

The action didn't help at all. It added fire to the conflict between the two rival and ambitious Army leaders in their struggle for power.

EVER SINCE that second coup in which Ironsi, along with thousands of his Ibo tribesmen were murdered by Northerners, there has been communications breakdown between the leaders in Lagos and in Inugu, capital of the Eastern region.

No matter how hard the military chiefs in Lagos try to maintain the tranquility of precoup days, the latest developments in the East seem to cast a dark shadow over peace.

Reports from Lagos indicate that the country is in a state of emergency and a general mobilization is underway.

In its campaign to crash the "rebel regime of Biafra," the central government of Col. Gowon has called up all reservists and anybody who is able to fight. Gowon also denounced the secession as an "act of rebellion."

ON THE OTHER HAND, Col. Ojukwu has reached a point of no return and only a miracle would make him change his mind. He says he is ready and militarily able to defend his oil rich Republic of Biafra.

**It is unlikely that he will succeed. However, he is stubbornly willing to take a crack at it. He says that several nations, including Israel, have recognized his regime.**

Israel's ambassador in Lagos told newsmen that "I have strong doubts that is so." He did not believe his government was in touch with Ojukwu's regime.

Ojukwu, who switched jobs from military governor of Eastern region to that of chief of state of the breakaway regime, is the son of a millionaire.

His father who died last year was regarded as the country's wealthiest man.

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OJUKWU WAS born into wealth on Nov. 24, 1933. He was educated in Nigeria and studied history in England.

Upon his return from England he became a district officer under the British administration. He served for several years and resigned to join the Army as a career soldier.

He is married and is father of two small children — a boy and a girl.

**He often identifies himself and his Ibo tribesmen with Israel and the Jews.**

"Israelis are hard-working, enterprising people. So are we. They've suffered from pogroms. So have we. In many ways, we share the same promise, and the same problems," he says.

It is hard to say how many of his tribesmen share in his reasoning. Regardless, there seems to be some fallacy in Ojukwu's logic.

## Shop okayed at 1110 Dukeland

The use of the building at 1110 N. Dukeland St. for a tailoring and clothes cleaning shop was approved Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Among other appeals approved were these requests at the following locations:

201 N. Fulton Ave. — first floor carry out shop with the condition there will be no juke box or vending machines on the premises; 4993-95 Denmore Ave. — terrace level front for grocery store; 1715 W. Baltimore St. — operate auto repair garage.

The Board, however, rejected an appeal asking an enlargement of a grocery store at 627-29 N. Fremont Ave.

No hearings are scheduled for the coming Tuesday, due to the special Constitutional Convention election.

## Blacksmith shop converted to summer theatre

Annapolis — The abandoned Shaw Blacksmith Shop, a historically significant building until recently degenerating into an eyesore in the heart of Annapolis's Registered National Historic District, is now being restored.

It will breathe new life as a cultural landmark when it is reopened on June 22 as the Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre.

Gilbert A. Crandall, head of Maryland Dept. of Economic Development, said that this exciting new use for a landmark coincides with his agency's point-of-view that historic buildings should not only be preserved, but should also find a vital utility as travel promotion for the well.


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## Dr. Patterson praises colleges as Livingstone graduates 138

SALISBURY, N.C. — An overflow commencement audience and 142 candidates for degrees at the 85th Livingstone College graduation service heard a distinguished American educator praise the historic past of the predominantly colored colleges and make a strong plea for enlarged support for strengthening their programs.

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York City, in his address paid high tribute to the colleges reminding his listeners that they were started at a time when only a few people in the nation thought non-whites were educable.

He traced the early history and development of the colleges, noted their struggles for survival against astounding odds and indicated that they were determined not to abandon the idea of training their own. "Recently," he said, "these colleges have been criticized as they attempt to move into the mainstream, but historically they made the highest educational standards within their means their first concern."

He spoke of the rise and growth of Livingstone College and commended the president for the significant contribution the college is making to the local community and the nation. A former president of Tuskegee Institute in Ala., and the founder of the United Negro College Fund in 1944, Dr. Patterson, more than any other single individual has devoted a life time to improving education in the predominantly colored institutions.

DR. S. E. DUNCAN president of the college, conferred 142 degrees on the candidates including 129 in the College of Liberal Arts, nine in the Hood Theological Seminary and four honorary degrees.

Getting honorary degrees were Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koonts, Salisbury, and Mrs. Sue Bailey Thurman, San Francisco, Cal., who were awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Two AME Zion Church ministers, the Rev. F. M. Allen, Charlotte, and the Rev. C. V. Flack, Cumnock, received the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

Lamont S. Jones, Mobile, Ala., gave an oration with Salutatory, entitled "To be a Man for the Twentieth Century," and the Rev. James A. Arnold, Sanford, gave an oration representing Hood Theological Seminary, entitled "Education, The Lamplighter."

Bishop W. J. Walls, a 1908 graduate of Livingstone from Chicago, Ill., and chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, announced that he and Mrs. Walls were giving the college a Heritage House ceiling approximately $75,000, and that as soon as the plans were completed construction would start on the campus.

Those receiving degrees included:

Thatcher Y. Malwa, Lusaka, Zambia (With highest honors); Melvin Y. Carson, Salisbury; Demetria A. Davidson, Swannanoa, Carolina; Davis, Charlotte; Monnie A. Flack, Cumnock; Shirley A. Gaither, Raleigh; Ruth T. Gordon, Rockingham; Betty F. Greenard, Salisbury; Willie Mae Kennedy, East Spencer; Joyce T. Lofton, Kinston; Shirley Mae Mitchell, Mobile, Ala.; Joan W. Abrams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bennie C. Adams, Raleigh; Linda Ann Barner, Lawndale; Katherine Bennefield, Augusta, Ga.; Hiawatha Bray, Marsiale and Betty Brannon, High Point;

Ida M. Brown, Lilesville; Yvonne Burkett, Detroit, Mich.; Marion Cauthen, Norfolk, Va.; Isabella Coleman, Rowland; Mavis A. Greenfield, Granite Quarry; Elizabeth A. Davidson, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Charles A. Dark, Pittsboro; Cynthia Davis, Fayetteville; Frank L. Davis, Buckingham; Phyllis C. Duncan, Mocksville; Dorothy R. Edwards, Salisbury; S.C.; Carol M. Fitchelberger, Thomasville; Elizabeth Fields, Salisbury; John E. Fuller, Oxford and Clemetie J. M. Fuller, Washington, D.C.;

Patricia Gabriel, Stateesville; Ruth L. Gaines, Rocky Mount; Harriett Grant, Chester, S.C.; Clara Harris, Red Springs; Andrew Harris Jr., Heath Springs, S.C.; David Haynes, Rowland; Mary J. Henderson, Thomasville; Barbara A. Herbert, Waterbury, Conn.; Robert S. Hickey, Washington, Pa.; Curtis E. Hines, Washington, D.C.; Taft Hogan, Roseboro; Leroy M. Holloway, Raleigh; Lawrence J. Houston, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sidney Howton, Mt. Ulla; Agnes D. Howard, Roseboro; Debra O. Irvin, Roanoke, Va. and Carlotta L. Jordan, Elizabeth City;

Also Jerry E. King, Spartanburg, S.C.; Carolyn A. Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mary E. Lester, Marion, S.C.; Alice R. Lyons, Trenton, N.J.; John A. McCollough, Salisbury; Vera McCollough, Salisbury; Jerry McIntyre, Lumberton; Ruth McMillian, Gastonia; Christine M. Maddox, Holbrook, Mass.; Vernoca Michael, Philadelphia, Pa.; Judy M. Oakley, Salisbury; Carolyn Palmer, Hebron, Md.; Elizabeth A. Parker, Shelby; David M. Pitts, Spartanburg, S.C. and Delores J. Pouncy, Washington, D.C.;

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Also, Lamont S. Jones, Mobile, Ala.; Dorothy M. Chambers, Spartanburg, S.C.; Mary E. Barnes, Williamsburg; Queen E. Brown, Charlotte; Carolyn Dickerson, Bridgeton, N.J.; Barrees D. Flowers, Southern Pines; William A. McNeill, Wilmington; John Abercrombie, Spartanburg, S.C.; William Abernathy, Hickory; John L. Adams, Aiken, S.C.; Annie J. Alexander, Columbia; Pierrell Alston, Nashville; James Barnes, Goldsboro; Robert Bennett, Clinton and Estelle Berry, Rock Hill, S.C.;

Larry Bowen, Belmount; Valeria Campbell, Statesville; Virginia Cash, Boston, Mass.; James C. Corbett, Spencer; George B. Cowan, Stony Creek, Va.; Dorene Friday, Stanley; Joe M. Funchess, Sumter, S.C.; Brenda Galloway, Leakesville; Charles R. Gibson, Rowland; and Bernice Hargraves, Townsville.

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Awarded the B.D. degree from Hood Theological Seminary were James A. Arnold, Sandford; Gordon N. Coleman, Charlotte; John Johnson, Strawberry Plain, Tenn.; Charles Lewis, Newburgh, N.Y.; Robert L. Pyant, Mooresville; Lisbon B. Sellers, Winston-Salem; and Milton M. White, Salisbury.

The B.D. degree went to Frank Gibson, Hamlet, and C. L. Wilcox Jr., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.


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## 5 charged for eatery abuses

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — Suits were filed in federal court Monday charging two South Carolina businessmen with operating segregated public accommodations.

In a suit filed in Columbia the Justice Department said John E. Deloach was maintaining racially segregated restrooms and refusing to serve colored persons on an equal basis at his Pure Oil truck stop and restaurant in Beaufort County.

In a suit filed at Greenville, the Department said Jack Davis, owner of Jack's Ice Cream Co. at Spartanburg, was refusing to serve non-whites on the same basis as other customers.

Three more suits were filed in the following locations against the named defendants:

Savannah, Ga. — Buddy J. McAffe, owner of McAfee's Shell Service Station, Wrightsville, Ga.

Savannah, Ga. — C. W. Motley and W. T. Sizemore, owners of Lyons Shell Service Station, Lyons, Ga.

Tampa, Fla. — Peter H. Barlas, owner of the Corney Island Sandwich Shop, St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Dorm-cafeteria for Southeastern

This week Southeastern Business College began construction of a new combination dormitory cafeteria building. The $150,000.00 building will be named the M. Rebecca Stith Memorial Hall.

The T-shaped brick veneer building will have a two-story dormitory wing and a single story cafeteria wing. The cafeteria wing will include a student lounge and an apartment for the house mother. Other features include a snack-bar and a laundry with automatic washers and dryers.

The building will be ready for occupancy for the 1967-68 school year.


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Washday Miracle Tide Laundry Detergent giant pkg. 81¢ For Automatic Washers Dash Laundry Detergent giant pkg. 79¢ For Heavy Duty Washers Breeze giant pkg. 83¢ Assorted Colors Lux Soap 3 reg. size 34¢
Personal Size Ivory Soap 4 bars 31¢ Pure Mild Ivory Liquid 22-oz. bot. 59¢ Pink Liquid Swan For Dishes 22-oz. bot. 59¢ Kind To The Hands Lux Liquid 22-oz. bot. 59¢
New Improved Blue Cheer giant pkg. 81¢ Assorted Colors Camay Soap 2 bath bars 33¢ Fabric Softener Final Touch 38-oz. bot. 79¢ Heavy Duty Liquid Wisk quart bot. 73¢
With Bleach Duds Oxydol Laundry Detergent giant pkg. 83¢ Pre-Measured Detergent Salvo Tablets giant pkg. 79¢ Improved Blue Silver Dust giant pkg. 83¢ Cold Water Surf Laundry Detergent giant pkg. 81¢