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Biafra student solicits aid

Unless relief comes in the next few months the entire nation of Biafra will face annihilation by starvation.

An effort to do something about this situation was brought to the University campus by James Bob Achebe, an Illinois Institute of Technology graduate student from Biafra.

Achebe was in Nebraska to help co-ordinate a relief fund being organized in the state by various religious organizations. It is part of a national "Keep Biafrans Alive" campaign.

"We are going to students at Nebraska's colleges because we think they have the capacity to get things done," Achebe said.

He suggested that some kind of Biafran relief organization needs to be organized to raise money for the starving Biafrans.

Achebe hopes that non-African students become involved in the campaign so that it becomes a "real study in humanitarianism."

According to John A. Anaza, an economics graduate student from Biafra at NU, there are eleven other Biafrans on campus. His group is willing to participate in such a campaign, he said, but he wants the student body to generate response.

"The students, generally, are not as familiar with the situation as they should be," Anaza said. "We will try to hold discussion sessions to give them background on what has happened in my country. But we want them to organize the actual relief fund drive."

In Omaha, a dance has already been organized to raise funds for the campaign; Lyle Skinner, president of the Skinner Macaroni Co., donated 500 cases of macaroni products to the Biafran cause. And an account has been opened at the National Bank of Commerce to handle any funds raised in Lincoln.

Now all that is needed in Lincoln is response, Achebe said.

"Unless food is sent at the rate of one thousand tons per day," he continued, "five million Biafrans are doomed to die of starvation within the next three months. I would hope that students on campus would realize that their help is needed."

Anaza compared the situation to the one in Vietnam:

"If students are concerned about genocide there, I would think they would show concern in Biafra also."

Achebe discounted the widely-held notion that food was not getting into the country itself.

A phone call was placed to the New York headquarters of the Catholic Relief Service, one of the inter-denominational participants in the campaign, on Friday, Sept. 13.

The office reported that 13 flights had taken place that day, and that 215 tons of food had been flown in during the past week.

"The food is getting in," Achebe said. "We just need more of it."

At this point, though, no campus

organization has taken the challenge of the Biafran situation, Anaza said, but he is willing to get students active in the drive.

He plans to speak at Thursday's Hyde Park session to explain Biafra's attempt to gain independence.

"I hope, then, we can find the students who are willing to work for my starving countrymen," Anaza concluded.

John Anaza, Biafra native and NU graduate student hopes to enlist University aid in a drive to help his homeland.



Benefits include reduced travel and program rates . . .

University now NSA trial member

ASUN is paying \$21 this year for a trial membership in the National Student Association (NSA).

Student government executives promise that the student will begin reaping the benefits of the membership, okayed in student elections last spring, "soon."

Those possible benefits include: **OPPORTUNITY** to take a student-discount-rate tour of Europe.

OPPORTUNITY to buy a life insurance policy at reduced rates.

FREE NSA calendars with capsulized information about the University campus.

CHANCE to join a special student discount record club.

FREE toothpaste, shaving cream, hairdressing and so on in a proposed saturation distribution of these products on campus by ASUN.

POSSIBILITY that ASUN may book big-name entertainers or speakers at reduced cost through an NSA service.

Most of these special programs won't be available on this campus just yet, according to Bob Zucker, ASUN's NSA coordinator. ASUN still needs time to organize the

programs and distribute literature on them.

But ASUN senators and executives are moving ahead with the NSA in other areas.

Seven senators and executives including President Craig Dreeszen, attended the annual NSA congress held at Kansas University in August.

Dreeszen said ASUN executives are "most excited" about the NSA's new Center for Education Reform, an information exchange

agency to keep member schools informed about student government achievements on other campuses.

The center can provide schools with the nuts and bolts plans of successful student movements on campuses all over the country, Dreeszen said.

The center is funded by a three-year \$315,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

Many NSA programs are paid

for by private foundations and government grants. In the past NSA even accepted funds from the CIA. There are 250 member schools which pay dues of \$21 to \$280 a year, depending on enrollment.

ASUN's dues go up to \$280 next year, providing the University decides to keep the membership after this trial year.

DREESZEN said NSA "reflects the campuses that are its members, and that includes everything

from Berkeley to Briarcliff."

The full-time national staff, all former students, is decidedly liberal to radical, Dreeszen said. "All of the people in the national office are pretty sophisticated about handling student problems," he said.

The University is a member of the Iowa-Nebraska region of the NSA and is the largest NSA affiliated school in the region.

Zucker was elected regional chairman at a summer meeting.

And on the left we have . . .

Campus action group organized

Peace and Freedom.

MEDCALF SAID the group rejected the Peace and Freedom label because many of the members want to see the organization more closely linked with the campus than with the Nebraska Peace and Freedom Party.

The choice of a specific name

for the group was left for the second meeting set for next Monday night.

Dave Bunnell, one of the organizers of the meeting, opened by stating, "This will be an organization that is not dogmatic, that is democratic, that embraces all of the ideologies on the left."

Bunnell and John Hughes, members of the campus Students for a Democratic Society last year, were the announced organizers of Monday's meeting.

Bunnell indicated that he hoped the new group would move away from the SDS image.

"SDS HAS never been very successful (on this campus) because

SDS has come off very dogmatic," he said.

He cited several possible goals the group could work for including organizing dormitory residents to ask for changes in dorm operation, educating the University community about New Left politics and establishing a student government.

Bunnell also said the organization "must seek to unite black and white students against the administration."

He said he hoped for an action organization. "It is not enough to give a damn," he said, "it is a time for action."

The group made plans for action on three projects:

WRITING a constitution in order to become a recognized student organization.

RAISING funds to aid Ernie Chambers' campaign for the Omaha School Board.

ORGANIZING a Midwest Regional Conference on Movement Politics to be held on campus Sept. 27-29.

Choir serves to promote Greek system

The University's first all-Greek choir, composed of 35 students, will promote the Greek system in Lincoln and on other campuses, according to its organizer, Dan Goodenberger.

The group is currently practicing two nights a week and will probably perform sometime in October, Goodenberger said. No concerts have been scheduled yet.

Choir members are personally paying for music and other expenses. The group will charge for concerts and eventually plans to become self-sustaining.

Terry Eggerichs will direct the choir.

Residential college decision imminent

Action on the proposed residential college at the University is imminent, according to Dr. Merk Hobson, vice-chancellor and Dean of Faculties.

The Board of Regents will receive a formal proposal concerning the experimental college probably in two weeks, Hobson said Monday.

HOBSON WOULD not comment on the exact contents of the formal proposal, but he said, it is essentially the same as the Centennial College Committee report submitted on the matter last spring.

That committee was created by Chancellor Clifford Hardin in September, 1967, to study the feasibility of a residential college. The committee forwarded its report to Hobson in March, 1967. A formal proposal was not completed until recently.

The committee envisioned a college selecting several hundred volunteer undergraduate students. The proposal hinges on group participation. The measure does not depend entirely upon faculty and students living together, although that is desired by many.

This "live together-learn together" concept has intrigued college educators throughout the country who are looking for solutions to problems posed by the tremendous size of many

universities.

While many of the proposed college's features have been attempted at other schools, Hobson said no school has had quite the same objectives as the University.

HOBSON REPORTED that the proposal must yet be discussed informally with Hardin and the Board of Regents before any official action is taken.

Present plans call for initiation of the experiment next year, Hobson revealed. He thinks that goal is attainable.

While University administrators act on the proposal, Dean C. Peter McGarath and other officials from the College of Arts and Sciences are seeking financial support from various foundations.

Hobson stressed that while foundation support is desirable, it is by no means contingent to the operation of an experimental college.

"I am heartily in favor of continued effort by the University to accomplish its educational mission. We have hardly scratched the surface in understanding human learning," he commented.

NOT EVERYONE learns the same way, he continued. In a large University, there is such a diversity of interests and talents that one format can never serve everyone.



A sentinel of freedoms stands watch over the tower on the plains.

"Students for Hamilton" will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, according to Rodney Johnson, press secretary. "The purpose of the meeting is to attract and organize students and faculty who support Bruce Hamilton, New Party First Congressional District Candidate for Congress, and those who wish to see all of the issues discussed by all of the candidates in the upcoming Congressional election," Johnson continued.