

ANTHROPOLOGY

Gives Throne for Science

Nigerian delegate to International Student Assembly believes he can serve his people best by study of anthropology in the United States.

► THE NIGERIAN delegation at the recent International Student Assembly in Washington was one of the most active in trying to promote international cooperation, along the lines of freedom and democracy for all.

At least two of the Nigerian delegates are royalty—Crown Prince Orizu, who is now studying political science at Ohio State University, and Dr. Julius Okala, who turned down the offer of a throne in order to become a doctor in anthropology at Northwestern University.

Dr. Okala thought he could best serve his people, not by ruling them, but by bringing back American ideas in public health, education, and production of raw materials. He says his people have a greater respect for American methods and education than those of Europe. Nigeria is a British protectorate in West Africa.

After another year or so of study, Dr. Okala plans to return home with his American bride who is now practicing in Harlem as a public nurse. This

young couple have great hopes of improving conditions in Nigeria.

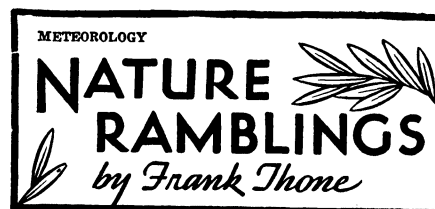
On public health, Dr. Okala said, the Nigerian government is now spending about 25c a year per capita, for a population of 33,000,000. This, combined with the shortage of doctors, keeps the people dependent on native "witch doctors." Another difficulty, he said, is that British doctors are paid twice as much as native doctors, even though they have had the same training in Edinburgh medical schools. Nigeria now has its own medical school, with 102 "excellently trained" graduates so far, and Dr. Okala hopes that these physicians will some day be given more responsible posts than they have so far held.

He and his friend, Crown Prince Orizu, are actively campaigning for free cooperation of all United Nations, as equals. The fight for freedom against the Axis, they explain, means fighting to be free—not fighting for somebody else's freedom.

To them the most dangerous issue of the war is the continued use of the terms "backward" and "primitive," which even their allies still use in describing certain races or countries. The African, Indian and Chinese delegates feel strongly that these words should be reserved for the backward people or areas to be found in every country.

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Fish meal is one of the supplemental foods used for fattening pigs.



War Weather

► GOING the rounds again is the venerable superstition that this summer's abnormal weather, which has been unusually wet over most of the country, is somehow traceable to the war.

Some of the pseudo-scientific speculations blame the explosions in the maneuver areas where troops engage in mock battle and target practice, as well as the heavier detonations of bombing practice with live ammunition. Others seek a similar explanation on a remote-control basis, placing the responsibility for a disturbed world-weather picture on the wholesale firing on the Russian, Chinese and other battle-fronts.

We had the same cycle of speculations in 1918. It doesn't seem to make any difference to the self-constituted weather experts that the abnormal weather that summer was drought instead of too much rain.

Actually, of course, the heaviest bombardments that war-waging man has ever staged have no effect on the course of the weather.

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