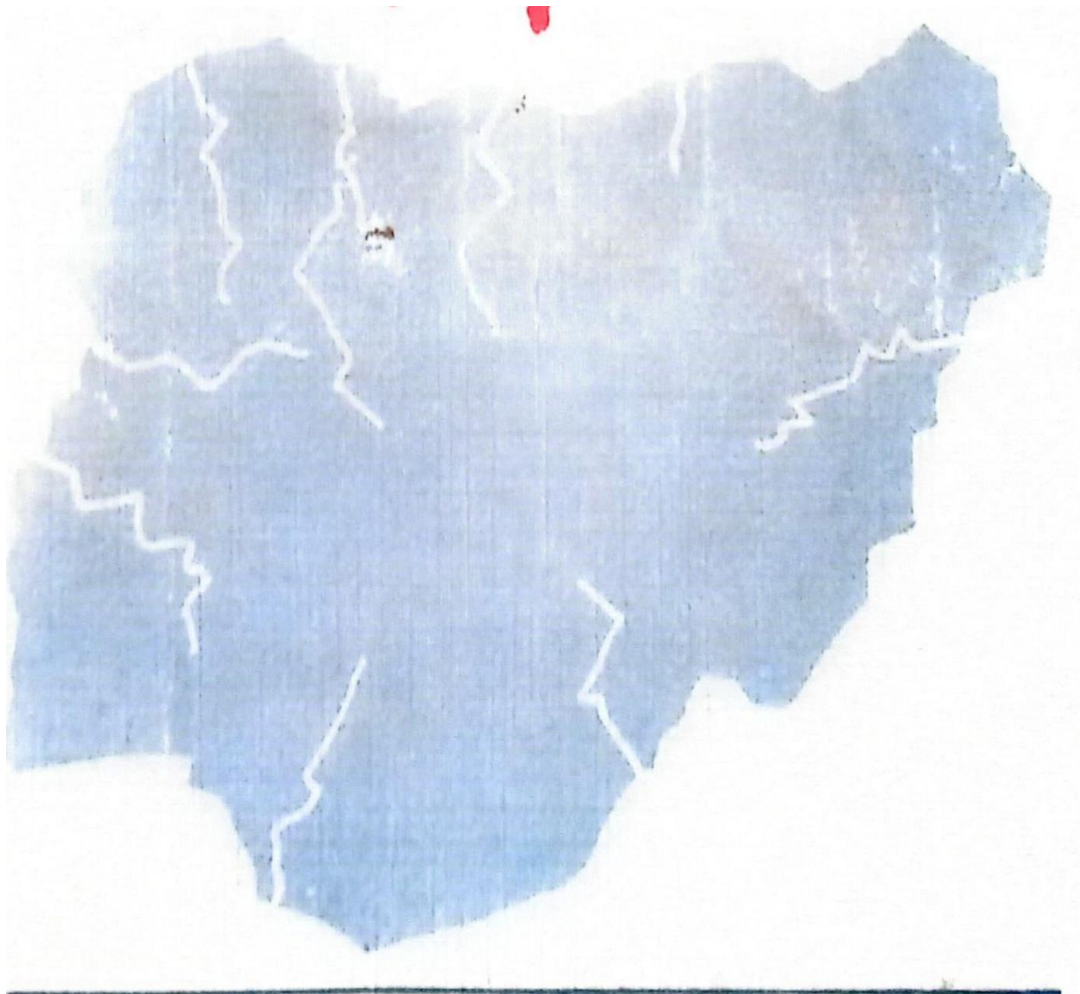


INTRA-UNION

CRISIS

THE NUPENG EXPERIENCE



Richard Okujeni

&

Richard Uzegbu

INTRA-UNION CRISIS

The Nupeng Experience

by

Richard Okujeni & Richard Uzegbu

DELTA of Nigeria

First Published 1992 by
Delta Publications (Nigeria) Limited
172 Ogui Road, P.O. Box 1172,
Enugu, Enugu State Nigeria.

© Richard Okujeni & Richard Uzegbu, 1992

ISBN 978-2335-87-8

All rights reserved

The Copyright Act of 1956 prohibits the making of copies of any copyright work or of a substantial part of such a work, including the making of copies by photocopying or similar process. Written permission to make a copy or copies must therefore be obtained from the Publishers in advance. It is advisable also to consult the Publishers if in doubt as to the legality of any copying which is to be undertaken.

Made and Printed in the Federal Republic of Nigeria
by Chuka Printing Company Limited,
72 Robison Street, Uwani, Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria.

TABLE OF CONTENT

	PAGE
Acknowledgement	ix
Dedication.....	xi
13	
Foreward.....	15
19	

roduction		13
eward		15
APTER 1: Inauguration		19
2	1st Bi-Ennial Delegates'Conference- 1980	27
3	The Controversy Over Dubre's Status	37
4	The Sudden Retirement of Otu	48
5	Accelerating Factors of the Crisis	57
6	Dissolution of NEC	69
7	1983 Special Delegates'Conterence	84
8	NUPENG Broke Into Factions	104
9	Dubre Injuncted	131
10	The Metamorphosis of Dubre	143
11	Intervention of Relevant Organs	168

12	Chiroma, Kokori & Dada Floored	180
13	Other Interventions	205
14	Factional Conferences Held	226
15	Factions Dissolved: IBB Appoints Administrator	240
16	Administrator Takes Over NUPENG	251
17	Administrator Conducts Elections	281
script		309
ssary		318
endix		322

CRISIS!

Suddenly a premier national industrial labour union cut into a course of political self-destruction. Brethren and comrades alike went for each others' throat across a well-defined ideological battleline.

Intra-Union Crisis is an honest and moving account of how the National Union of Petroleum & Natural Gas Workers, one of the 42 affiliate national industrial unions of the NLC, was engulfed in intra-union squabble, the magnitude of which remains unprecedented in the history of labour movements the world over.

It was a crisis in which over N.7m oil workers' check-off-dues were wasted, and defied all solutions, including intervention by judiciary, the police, personalities and institutions, climaxing in a threat to undermine the economic security of the Nigerian nation. Only the timely intervention of the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Ibrahim Babangida, saved the day.

A well researched, honest account of the four-year fratricide in NUPENG, *THE NUPENG EXPERIENCE* is rich and colourful in power-play and intrigues, well strewn together by deep insiders.

A thought-provoking epoch, it could transform the history, principles and practices of labour relations and politics in Nigeria and elsewhere.

PRICE: N80

ISBN 978-2335-87-8



the first chapter in great publishing