

The study mission was favorably impressed with Prime Minister Balewa, who was his country's first Prime Minister following independence as well as during the 2 years preceding full independence. A Moslem and son of a tribal chieftain, he attended college in northern Nigeria. He later studied at London University in England. In 1955, and again in 1961, the Prime Minister visited the United States, the latter a state visit at the personal invitation of President Kennedy.

Prime Minister Balewa devoted his life to the welfare of his people and all Africans. He had great respect for all nations and peoples and led African resistance against bigotry toward non-Africans.

The study mission regrets the death, by assassination, of Prime Minister Balewa. He was considered one of Africa's leading statesmen. His loss leaves a void in the ranks of leadership in Africa and the free world.

PEACE CORPS

There are 659 volunteers in Nigeria, 504 of whom are teachers. The study mission's meeting with the volunteers brought to light some constructive criticisms:

(1) There is a need for orientation in the local customs of a country during the basic training period before and after arrival in the host country. This is the time also for training in the language of the specific country to which the volunteer is being assigned. Many volunteers have received language training for one country and have been sent to a country where a different language is spoken.

(2) There have been problems resulting from difficulties in adjusting to the British educational system in use. Some Peace Corps volunteers felt the American system should be employed, if possible, in the Peace Corps programs.

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

U.S. economic aid to Nigeria in grant and loan funds has totaled \$142,320,000 from 1954 to May 1965. The major areas of development grant assistance are those of education, agriculture, and industrial development with supporting activities in the field of public administration.

Studies are being made for the promotion of small- and medium-sized business enterprises. As in most of the developing countries, there is great need for the training of private entrepreneurs. The study mission recommends that greater emphasis be placed on the training of Nigerians in the techniques of business so that the responsibility of economic development may be shared by Government and private enterprise.

The discovery of new oilfields and the development of the oil industry and the growth of foreign investment in many fields indicate Nigeria has the potential to develop industrially. Despite the potential of the petroleum industry, however, there is no one on the U.S. teams specializing in this field.