

# UNICEF and Canadian helping starving Nigerians

A Vancouver man's invention is helping save the lives of starving children in Nigeria.

George Mar, who has worked for UNICEF for 22 years, developed a special feeding bottle for victims of kwashiorkor—a protein deficiency disease. The cure is high protein food, but even if it is available, children in the final stages of starvation are not able to absorb food normally.

Consequently, George Mar developed a special feeding bottle and a special high-protein liquid food compound "K-Mix-1" which

can be introduced through the nose with a thin plastic tube.

UNICEF has just flown out 35 additional tons of K-Mix-1 to Nigeria from its warehouse in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Funds raised in the UNICEF/Nigeria national appeal will be used directly to supply aid to mothers and children in dire need in Nigeria.

While in most cases, adults will be able to walk back to their villages and resume normal life, the children, many of whom are separated from their parents or are

orphans, have to be treated on the spot.

The most urgent need is for high-protein food and medicines. Medical centres have to be set up and education restarted.

During the Nigerian civil war, UNICEF arranged the shipment of \$20 million worth of contributed goods to mothers and children on both sides of the fighting.

Of all tropical diseases, one of the most terrible to look at—and the easiest to cure—is yaws. One shot of penicillin and great gaping sores are healed in a week.

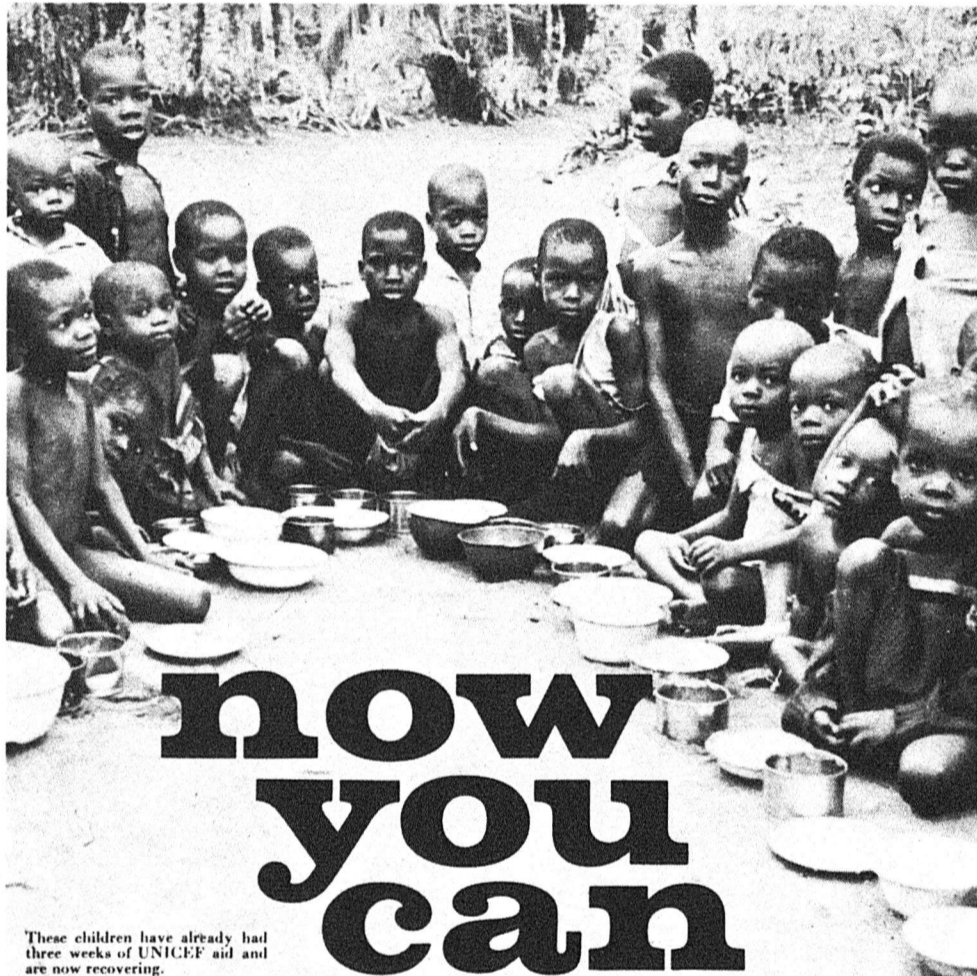
While UNICEF has been helping eradicate yaws in Nigeria since 1954, the dislocations of war have left many more cases to cure. It's always difficult to get someone in a village to take the first penicillin shot, but UNICEF teams usually manage to persuade a few bold ones to have the vital jab. Then the team goes away. Meanwhile, the cure is so dramatic that when UNICEF returns a week later, lines of yaws sufferers are waiting eagerly to receive their shots.

Kwashiorkor—a protein deficiency disease—has been known for a long time in Africa. UNICEF has been treating it ever

since 1954. Protein diets are the real answer, but while food is normally relatively plentiful in Africa, the average diet is low in protein.

Hence, the importance UNICEF places on its long term child care programs—to teach mothers to improve the diets of their children.

UNICEF has been helping Nigeria since 1954 with programs for the control and eventual eradication of yaws, leprosy and kwashiorkor. During the Nigerian civil war, these long-term programs continued in areas away from the fighting zone.



These children have already had three weeks of UNICEF aid and are now recovering.

# now you can help!

Throughout the Nigerian conflict, UNICEF helped mothers and children on both sides. Nigeria at peace has recognised this work and asked UNICEF to continue it.

The door is open. Rehabilitation can start. But we need money—urgently—for food, drugs, medical centres and education. Give generously: now, more than ever, YOU can help UNICEF help Nigeria's children.



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## Students stage bank burn

More than 1,000 persons—protesting both the Vietnam war and what one student called, "Increasing police repression aimed at stifling political dissent"—controlled streets in Santa Barbara Wednesday for the second consecutive night.

Street battles broke out Wednesday after a phalanx of riot-equipped police charged a large demonstration at downtown Perfect Park.

Retreating demonstrators pelted the officers with rocks and bottles as they took to the streets, smashing windows in commercial buildings and setting numerous bonfires.

Fire gutted a bank building and a police car was fire-bombed before the California Highway Patrol declared a state of emergency and sealed off the Isla Vista district near the University of California campus in Santa Barbara.

Demonstrations began Tuesday

night after sheriff's deputies on patrol stopped and questioned a black former student, recently expelled from the Santa Barbara campus.

One policeman was injured and at least six persons were arrested Tuesday, during a ten-hour outbreak which saw demonstrators erect street barricades, smash bank windows and firebomb a patrol car.

Sheriff James Webster described the demonstration as "completely out of hand," and asked Governor Ronald Reagan for 500 National Guardsmen.

Students told reporters the branch of the largest U.S. commercial bank was fired because "it holds money for the war in Vietnam."

Police officials have attempted to link the demonstration to a speech on campus Wednesday by William Kunstler, a defence attorney in the recent "Conspiracy 8" trial at Chicago.

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Public Lecture Fri., Feb. 27, 8 p.m.  
GRADUATE STUDENTS' LOUNGE  
Tory Bldg., 14th floor  
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