

Burke's Biafran Crusade Said Front for Gun-runners

Hamilton (CP) — Stanley Burke's crusade to aid starving Biafrans is a front for gun-runners, angry Africans charged.

Nigerians, some of them students at McMaster, hit out at the former television newsman when he visited the university on a fun-raising tour.

They said Mr. Burke is well-meaning but misguided. Mr. Burke was speaking at McMaster University.

Mrs. Mary Attah, wife of a

McMaster graduate student and a native of Calabar in the break-away state of Biafra said she did not believe money raised by Mr. Burke's organization was being used to buy food for the people of Biafra.

Themoney is being used to buy guns for the troops of Lt. Col. Odumegwa Ojukwu, the Biafran head of state, claimed Mr. Attah.

Mrs. Attah and her husband Edward, came to Canada three

months ago from England where they lived for almost two years.

The couple left Nigeria before the civil war broke out but have tried to keep close touch with relatives there.

Mrs. Attah, a member of the Etik tribe — one of Nigeria's many tribal units — charged that Col. Ojukwu is starving his own people.

Her remarks were echoed by other Nigerians, including McMaster science student Vincent Kalaiti who claimed his family in Biafra has been wiped out.

Speaking outside the Faculty Club, after Mr. Burke's talk, Mr. Kalaiti said he thought Mr. Burke should know more of the facts from both sides.

He suggested Mr. Burke was well meaning but deceived.

Joseph Zirimenya, a 26 year old McMaster engineering student from Uganda, called Mr. Burke "an agent of Ojukwu."

"The money will be used to buy food for the secessionists or arms for their soldiers" he said.

Schams Ahad, a fourth year chemical engineering student from Pakistan, claimed that food is not being flown into Biafra.

"There is no way they can get food in. Only the gun-runners are getting in," he claimed.

Mr. Ahad said his government has constantly supported Federal Nigeria and added "No Asian government supports the secessionists."

On one point, Stanley Burke and their Nigerians at McMaster were in agreement: the shipment of arms to both sides in the Nigerian civil war should be halted.

Ghana Permit Ruling Starts Alien 'Siege'

Accre (AP) — Immigration officers in Ghana are under virtual siege as streams of aliens, many of whose grandparents came here more than a generation ago, try to get residence permits that will allow them to stay in the country after Dec. 2.

More than 2,500,000 persons, mostly from Nigeria, Mali, Togo and Upper Volta, are affected by a recent government order that they either

get the permits or get out.

Most Ghanalan citizens have supported the directive, saying the 'open door' policy has led to an influx of foreign nationals and has accentuated problems such as unemployment, robbery and smuggling.

But the persons affected by the move are frantic to get their permits. For many, Ghana is the only home they have ever known.

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