

# ***In the name of humanity***

**I**N the eyes of the civilised world Nigerians, both Biafran and Federal, have sunk to the level of the German Nazis.

Not since the concentration camp atrocities of a quarter of a century ago has there been such a hideous display of man's utter inhumanity to man.

That must be the only verdict on the blunt rejection by the Lagos authorities of all proposals to fly relief supplies to the millions starving to death. On the blatant use of starvation by the Biafrans as a means of winning sympathy. And on Biafra's refusal to accept aid sent by road.

"The suggestion that any portion of Nigeria should be internationalised and handed over to a foreign agency is unacceptable," says a blunt, official Nigerian statement.

**WHAT CALLOUS, BRUTAL RUBBISH !**

Yet there are still people who seem prepared to swallow that sort of stuff.

Some British MPs for instance. Like Mr James Johnson, the Labour MP for Kingston-upon-Hull West. He returns from a visit to suggest, quite seriously, that a Federal military onslaught, which would certainly bring a terrible massacre, might be the best means of settling the Biafra problem once and for all.

## **Bland disinterest**

Other gullibles include many African member-nations of the Organisation of African Unity—those mostly undemocratic dictatorships who are always shouting about democracy and freedom and one-man-one-vote (but only, apparently, for black Rhodesians).

And then there is the bland disinterest of the United Nations, which take drastic steps against Whites in orderly Rhodesia, but none against massacre and genocide in black, chaotic Nigeria.

Most people, however, are no longer fooled by the cynical posturing of all Nigeria, including Biafra.

For at last it is being realised that starvation in what is left of breakaway Biafra, cruel though it is there, is only a fraction of the terrible problem. A fraction that is being emphasised equally by both sides but in differing ways to divert attention from the truth of the matter.

And one truth typical of the callousness on both sides is that the Federal Government is doing practically nothing—and must be accused of actively preventing anyone else from doing much—about hungry millions in **AREAS OF NIGERIA UNDER ITS OWN CONTROL**.

It is now **SEVEN WEEKS** since our reporters, Graham Stanford and Noyes Thomas, broke through to the small town of Ikot Ekpene, around which the Biafra war was raging.

What they found was a waking nightmare. Men, women and children starving by the thousand. Vultures, too well fed to eat more, strutted like chickens among the dying and the dead.

## **Shocked world**

The reports and pictures they brought out were reprinted all over the world. And shocked the world.

They gave detailed reports to the Federal Government and the British High Commission in Nigeria. They talked personally with Lord Shepherd, a Minister of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

And they know that he passed on their views to the Prime Minister and to Lord Hunt, who was leaving for Nigeria at the head of the British relief mission.

Ikot Ekpene became known as the blackest spot in the whole black picture.

But then the Federal Government clamped down. They refused to let Lord Hunt or any members of his mission go near the place. Journalists and photographers who tried to get through were turned back, often at gunpoint.

An area commander solemnly told one reporter: "If you want to see suffering, why don't you go to Rhodesia?"

In the seven weeks all the thousands in dreadful Ikot Ekpene, without any food or medical supplies, must have died.

And these people are starving to death because of the blinding inefficiency, the bloody mindedness and the cold callousness of a handful of Nigerians (and that includes Biafrans) in authority.

**HOW LONG CAN THE WORLD TOLERATE THIS SHAMEFUL STALEMATE ?**