jurists.

Attempts to treat politics at a more however unwillingly, to accept. They

were made by Dr. Azikiwe, during and after his tenure of the office of Professor academic rather than a demagogic level

Now for Nigeria.

British windows on

the doorstep

are too strong for him, and he destroys himself. No Longer at Ease,

the second in the series, deals with high standard with an international Osadebay with a book of collected poems, Africa Sings, and Kunle Akinsemoyin. Local literary journals such as Odu and Black Orpheus maintain a

For in marrying the former Colonial Editor of *The Times*, Flora Shaw, which he did early in his High Commissioner-

pany's huge territory.

Sir George Goldie seems to have been a man of big ideas, and what was at first an aim to make a financial success of his company later turned into an of rule inside a steadily growing Nageria.
Only in 1900, was the charter revoked. a royal charter for his company and the Royal Niger Company began 14 years poly trading rights and certain titles land. At last, in 1886, Goldie obtain local rulers that gave his company monohis emissaries penetrated up country along the river, and signed treaties with and did the British Government at last administrative liability for the comdirect financial, ights and certain titles to in 1886, Goldie obtained political, and

of his company later turned into an e ambition to be Britain's proconsul in Nigeria, and to have effective political control. Indeed, in the last years of the charter, Goldie was proposing that the company holders. activities and use the taxes it was allowed to raise merely to cover the cost of administration and dividends to should cease all

#### A HANDICAP

was working under a handicap—Goldie destroyed all his papers—nevertheless it really is misleading to call this book a really worked. It is simply a rather breathless account of the traders' rela-tions with the British Government, of of Britain's eventual rejection ambitions and the decision t pany bear the burden and expense of expansion in Nigeria, of the final parcelrousing Britain from her reluctance to waste money in Nigeria, of the govern-ment's decision to find the easy way out by letting Goldie's Royal Niger Combook assumes that the reader already knows a great deal about the making of and money to administer directly; and of Britain's eventual rejection of his direct rule forced on him by lack of men the territories through which the Niger flows; of Go'die's introduction of inof Goldie's journeys to Africa, nor does he explain how the Niger Company biography. He tells virtually nothing the way he was motivated. Dr. Flint ambitious man that was Goldie, ing story has been turned into a rather commonplace account of reluctant flows; of Goidie's ling out between Britain and France French Nigeria into a British colony. Nigeria, and certainly what is a fascinat-Unhappily, Dr. Flint quo describe the character territorial ambitions at last Flint quite

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Federal House of Representatives and the former Premier of her Western Region, Chief Obafemi Awolowo stands

that polities fare politics, arguing that "in a deve- just begun. Nigeria should regard power s as "poison" and choose wel-

"ceased to nurse any doubts about twentieth century, that surprises by its British sincerity on the question of early wealth of material and frequent distinct independence for Nigeria". He urges tion in writing, and which serves as an admirable reprimand to those believe that Nigerian history has only



### CONFUSION FORESEEN

questioned and criticized; that after all is the function of officials, as Flora Lugard, at least, understood. It is rather verted. On this occasion he accepted the officials' view and the officials' view was of Lugard. He behaved, after all, preprovinces, or simply the employment of a man with the known characteristics the absence of any consecutive thought struck by the weakness of the London Office unrolls, it is impossible not to be between the Lugards and the Colonial ministrative confusion ensued as foremade it a condition of accepting the task practice for a couple of years-he right. When Lugard put his scheme into cisely as might have been expected of the North, the uniting of the two consequences or any serious attempt to foresee whether the policy were the subjugation The Under-Secretary was not conamalgamating the Nigerias-It is not so much that the officials But in general, policies approved,

provement the indirectness of its rule diminishes. Lugard was a horn his governor-generalship Lugard moved on from the concept of "indirect rule" sures of the second phase, financial, cational, judicial, even economic own thinking of 10 years before. them when they could not be discovered, and then to "regenerate" them. His improver. His policy, as it emerges from this book, was first to use the exist-ing sources of authority (or to invent As soon as an imperial power proceeds with bolstering up the emirs, segregating the North, creating artificial chiefdoms; name is associated with the first phase; from keeping order to promoting imin its purest form: the office stood still but the centralizing and reforming mea-When it is thought based on Lugard's

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