

extrajudicial killings, although generally not of a political character. During frequent fuel shortages, the police and military deployed to maintain order at filling stations repeatedly killed customers and operators, according to press reports. During the month of November alone, members of the combined police and military anticrime task force known as "Operation Sweep" reportedly committed at least 16 extrajudicial killings. Although some improvements were made, harsh prison conditions and denial of proper medical treatment contributed to the death of inmates. While Gen. Abubakar apparently began a serious effort to release political detainees, the lack of authoritative information regarding the exact number of remaining detainees served to confirm the fact that Abacha-era security forces were able to put persons in detention with very little concern about due process or accountability.

In addition, several of the important military decrees, which grant the security forces sweeping powers of arrest and detention, remain on the books.

Given the longstanding pattern of human rights abuses and some uncertainty about how widely accepted the new civilian president will be, the report acknowledges that there is significant potential for a continued unacceptable human rights environment in Nigeria.

Mr. President, I have long been concerned about the human rights situation in Nigeria. I have introduced several pieces of legislation designed to encourage democratization and respect for the rule of law in that country. I desperately want to support an active and proactive U.S. policy toward the country. For now, most signals seem to indicate that the transition will continue to be smooth and peaceful. However, I am concerned that in truly wishing the best for the Nigerian people and in looking for ways to support the transition, the United States will in effect hold Nigeria's rulers to a lower standard of good governance than it traditionally has demanded. I know that the administration is anxious to work with the new government, and if all goes well, I would encourage that.

The conduct of the elections last weekend did not inspire much confidence in the process, and this is a great disappointment. However, it does not mean we should throw in the towel in the fight to foster a democratic Nigeria. No. In fact the opposite is true. We must continue to be vigilant and encourage Nigeria and its new leadership to follow the right path. This means the United States should continue to help Nigeria develop democratic institutions and to strengthen political and civic organizations at all levels of government. We should help the military remove itself from political life and become integrated into democratic society. But we should do this carefully and thoughtfully. And

that is the best way we can help Nigeria help itself.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of a March 1 New York Times editorial on this subject be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the New York Times, Mar. 1, 1999]

NIGERIA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Olusegun Obasanjo, a former general, will be the next president of Nigeria, according to preliminary election results. His selection reflects the complexities of power in Nigeria today. When the country's current leader, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, took over last June, he promised a transition to civilian rule after 15 years of disaster under general after general. Mr. Abubakar has kept his promise. But the transition is incomplete. Military officers, who largely bankrolled Mr. Obasanjo's candidacy, will continue to loom over his government. Mr. Obasanjo will have to break with them to have any success in improving life in Africa's most populous nation.

General Abubakar took power after the death of Gen. Sani Abacha, one of the most corrupt and certainly the most despotic of Nigeria's recent military rulers. Their thievery and mismanagement turned Nigeria, one of the world's richest nations during the oil boom of the 1970's, into one of the world's poorest. General Abacha snuffed out political life in this once-vibrant country, jailing many of his rivals, including General Obasanjo.

In his nine months in power, General Abubakar reversed much of the political crackdown. Most political prisoners are now free. Newspapers publish openly. This election was the first in many years in which the Government did not dictate the number of parties, although General Obasanjo's opponent has complained about fraud in Saturday's voting.

But General Abubakar's early promises to bring corrupt or brutal officers to justice have melted away. Some political opponents arrested on trumped up charges are still in jail. General Abacha's decrees muzzling the press are still on the books, and lately some journalists who write sensitive stories have been harassed and their publications confiscated. Police have killed protesters, with the worst repression in the Delta, Nigeria's poorest region despite being the source of its oil wealth.

Many Nigerians hope that Mr. Obasanjo's government will end the military's political role, but this is unlikely. Mr. Obasanjo, who was president from 1976 to 1979, is the only military ruler to leave office voluntarily. Yet he is still close to the armed forces. Military men finance his party, and one of its biggest supporters is Ibrahim Babangida, among Nigeria's less savory former military rulers. That money allowed Mr. Obasanjo to build a political machine that won a majority in both houses of parliament in elections earlier in February.

Desperately needed economic reforms and anti-corruption measures will anger officers, the main beneficiaries of the present morass. Reversing the poverty and environmental destruction of the Delta is another urgent task that may be hindered by Mr. Obasanjo's links to the armed forces, which are hated there. Those ties may also prevent him from calming ethnic tensions. He is a Yoruba from Nigeria's southwest, but many Yoruba distrust him, viewing him as closer to the northern army officials who have traditionally run Nigeria. To have any success in tackling these daunting problems, Mr.

Obasanjo must make his government not the last stage in a military transition, but the first stage of full civilian rule.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:59 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 8, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JULIO M. FUENTES, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE ROBERT E. COWEN, RETIRED.

ROBERT A. KATZMANN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, VICE JON O. NEWMAN, RETIRED.

M. JAMES LORENZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VICE RUDI M. BREWSTER, RETIRED.

W. ALLEN PEPPER, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI VICE L. T. SENTER, JR., RETIRED.

KAREN E. SCHREIER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VICE RICHARD H. BATTEY, RETIRED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT REGULAR OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S. CODE, SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant

JAMES W. BARTLETT, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT PROFESSOR IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 4333 (B):

To be colonel

PATRICK FINNEGAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

CHRISTOPHER D. LATCHFORD, 0000

JAMES E. BRAMAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

LEE G. KENNARD, 0000

JAMES A. MATZ, 0000

THADDEUS A. PODBIELSKI, 0000

FORTUNATO I. STANZIALE, JR., 0000

MICHAEL E. THOMPSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

WESLEY D. COLLIER, 0000

RUDOLPH DANIELS, SR., 0000

JACOB Z. GOLDSTEIN, 0000

LARRY E. HARRELSON, 0000

HARLAND C. MERRIAM, JR., 0000

GARY L. MOORE, 0000

THOMAS L. MUSSELMAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624, 628, AND 3064:

To be colonel

DAVID E. BELL, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

KATHLEEN DAVID-BAJAR, 0000

*RICHARD W. THOMAS, 0000

To be major

*WILLIAM J. KEELEY, 0000

JAMES D. OZOLS, 0000
 WILLIAM A. PAETZ, 0000
 SCOTT D. PALUMBO, 0000
 Gerald A. Papenfuss, 0000
 David J. Parks, 0000
 Michael H. Parry, 0000
 Paul A. Patricio, 0000
 Johnny L. Payne, 0000
 Avery L. Penn, 0000
 William Pennington, 0000
 Jose R. Perrez, Jr., 0000
 Leonard J. Perrier, Jr., 0000
 Mackey C. Phillips, 0000
 Cary T. Pierce, 0000
 Daryl Pierce, 0000
 Ricky Pierce, 0000
 Charles A. Pinero, 0000
 Jeffery D. Post, 0000
 Iakopo Poyer, 0000
 Nicklos R. Prelosky, 0000
 Duncan L. Perston, 0000
 Todd J. Prosser, 0000
 John P. Protz, Jr., 0000
 Thomas Prunsinowski, 0000
 Robert L. Pryor, 0000
 Harry S. Putnam, 0000
 Antonio C. Ramos, 0000
 Andrew G. Raymond, 0000
 Leith E. Regan, 0000
 Steven R. Rehard, 0000
 Vane A. Rhead, 0000
 James D. Rhoads, 0000
 Edward J. Rhyne, 0000
 Steven L. Rice, 0000
 Harry L. Robinson, 0000
 Ralph E. Roe, Jr., 0000
 Loren R. Rolls, 0000
 Spurgeon L. Root, 0000
 Daniel M. Rossler, 0000
 Michael D. Rutledge, 0000
 Doce D. Salazar, 0000
 DAVID B. SAUCEDO, 0000
 ANDREW W. SCHMITT, 0000
 MATTHEW H. SCHMITT, 0000
 CAROL J.A. SCHRADER, 0000

JOSE A. SEIN, 0000
 GEORGE R. SHARP, 0000
 RICHARD W. SHARP, 0000
 JAMES D. SHAW, 0000
 WILLIAM J. SIEGRIST, 0000
 MICHAEL A. SIMMONS, 0000
 CAREY J. SIMS, 0000
 MARK K. SIZEMORE, 0000
 PHILIP E. SMITH, 0000
 DAVID L. SPENCER, 0000
 CLETIS STRAUSBAUGH, 0000
 KURT E. STRONACH, 0000
 MARK G. SUCHSLAND, 0000
 TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN, 0000
 CHARLES D. SWILLEY, 0000
 ORLANDO A. TEOFILO, 0000
 GUYTON L. THOMPSON, JR., 0000
 LAUREN L. TROYAN, 0000
 JOSEPH P. TUBBS, 0000
 THOMAS E. TWIDDY, 0000
 GARY L. VANERT, 0000
 PETER J. VARGA, 0000
 PATRICK A. VEGA, 0000
 Gregory R. Vigesaa, 0000
 Mary M. Wadsworth, 0000
 Michael A. Wallace, 0000
 Daryl F. Walls, 0000
 Lee G. Ward, 0000
 John A. Wardean, 0000
 Curtis W. Warrenfeltz, 0000
 Carville C. Webb, 0000
 Charles W. Webb, 0000
 Henry A. Webb, 0000
 Robert L. Weldy, 0000
 Shawn T. Whalen, 0000
 Darrell White, 0000
 Michael a. Whitt, 0000
 Wayne R. Wilcox, Jr., 0000
 Allen M. Williams, 0000
 Ervin K. Williams, 0000
 Gilbert L. Williams, 0000
 James D. Winters, 0000
 Jeffrey A. Worley, 0000

KEVIN E. WRIGHT, 0000
 BILLY C. YOUNG, 0000

To be lieutenant (junior grade)
 LEON S.E. ABRAMS, 0000
 ROBERTO M. ABUBU, 0000
 ANTHONY M. ANDERSON, 0000
 DONALD J. ANDERSON, 0000
 JAMES D. ANDREWS, 0000
 LUKE ARKINS, 0000
 PETER T. AVRAM, 0000
 SCOTT A. BAIR, 0000
 PERRY G. BECKMAN, 0000
 MICHAEL T. BROADUS, 0000
 GREGORY B. BROWN, 0000
 JAMES P. BUNNELL, 0000
 SCOTT L. CARPENTER, 0000
 KERRI D. CASHION, 0000
 PATRICK T. CHRISTIAN, 0000
 WASNA C. CLEMMONS, 0000
 GREGORY T. COOGAN, 0000
 GERALD A. COOK, 0000
 ANTHONY R. COPELAND, 0000
 BEATRIZ COST, 0000
 THOMAS H. COTTON, 0000
 BARRY L. COX, 0000
 JOSE M. CRUZ, 0000
 PHILLIP D. DAMIN, 0000
 ISAAC DANIEL, JR., 0000
 SAMUEL L. DENSON, 0000
 BRIAN J. DETERS, 0000
 PAUL DICKSON, 0000
 DANIEL E. DOOLITTLE, 0000
 LISA H. EDSON, 0000
 CHARLES W. ENSINGER, 0000
 MICHAEL G. FARMER, 0000
 KIRK FLANAGAN, 0000
 FLORENCE M. FOX, 0000
 THOMAS A. GABEHART, 0000
 JOEL M. GODDEN, 0000
 STEVEN P. GOODMAN, 0000
 GREGORY S. GORDON, 0000
 FRANCIS P. GORMAN, 0000

RYSZARD W. ZBIKOWSKI, 0000
 CARL ZEIGLER, 0000
 JON C. GRANT, 0000
 CHRISTOPHER HAMMOND, 0000
 JOHN M. HANSEN, 0000
 KEITH A. HARIG, 0000
 JAMES E. HORST, 0000
 DAVID C. HOWARD, 0000
 BILLY D.J. HUNTER, 0000
 CHARLOTTE M. HURD, 0000
 GLEN P. JACKSON, 0000
 BRIAN D. JACOBSEN, 0000
 HAROLD J. JAMES, 0000
 VINCENT J. JANOWIAK, 0000
 KENAN D. JARRETT, 0000
 DARRON K. JOHNSON, 0000
 JAMES D. JOHNSON, 0000
 GREGORY J. KAYSER, 0000
 THOMAS P. KENNEDY, 0000
 BRYANT S. KOHUT, 0000
 LOWELL R. KURZ, 0000
 DAVID E. KUSH, 0000
 KEITH R. LAFOUCADE, 0000
 THOMAS J. LALLY, 0000
 JEFFERY D. LAMB, 0000
 TIMOTHY B. LAWS, 0000
 JOSEPH A. LEONGUERRERO, 0000
 MARTIN H. LEVERING, 0000
 DAVID R. LEVESQUE, 0000
 DWAYNE L. LLOYD, 0000
 SHANNON L. LOVEJOY, 0000
 DAVID G. LU, 0000
 DEAN S. LYONS, 0000
 PHILIP E. MARK, 0000
 ROBERT F. MASSARO, 0000
 JOSEPH B. MAYERS, 0000
 DAVID E. MCCONAGHAY, 0000
 THOMAS W. MCDONALD, 0000
 ARTIS E. MCELHANEY, 0000

BRUCE D. MCGEE, 0000
 CAROL A. MCMILLAN, 0000
 DAVID W. MCNUITY, 0000
 ANGEL M. MELENDEZ, JR., 0000
 DANIAL D. MILLER, 0000
 CHARLES W. MILLINER, 0000
 EUGENE H. MINCEY, 0000
 JON P. MUMPER, 0000
 ELIZABETH K. MYATT, 0000
 CLIFTON B. MYGATT, 0000
 PETER K. NILSEN, 0000
 DAVID K. NUHFER, 0000
 GERALD R. OLIN II, 0000
 JEFFREY PARA, 0000
 MICHAEL T. PIECHURA, 0000
 TODD L. PITTS, 0000
 WILLARD POINDEXTER, 0000
 WILLIAM J. POWELL, 0000
 CLIFFORD S. RADER, 0000
 WILLIAM D. REABE, 0000
 PAUL J. ROUSHIA, 0000
 JOHN R. SAUTER, 0000
 MICHAEL D. SCHELL, 0000
 JEFFERY L. SCOTT, 0000
 ANTHONY W. SHIPMAN, 0000
 TIMOTHY S. SHIPMAN, 0000
 RICHARD E. SIMPSON JR., 0000

GERALD T. SODANO, 0000
 DEAN M. SPRINGSTUBE, 0000
 DAVID R. STIEGER, 0000
 LAURENCE G. STOREY, 0000
 FRED K. STRATTON, 0000
 KENNETH W. SZITTA, 0000
 THERESA A. TALBERT, 0000
 DONNA L. TARPINIAN, 0000
 HIRAM THOMPSON JR., 0000
 KENNETH E. TRANTHAM, 0000
 JAMES A. TRUHETT, 0000
 TERENCE E. TUCKER, 0000
 EDWARD C. VAUGHN, 0000
 STANLEY VICKERS, 0000
 MARK E. WARNER, 0000
 LARRY G. WELLS, 0000
 TROY A. WESTPHAL, 0000
 DELMAS WHITTAKER JR., 0000
 JOHN A. WILHELM, 0000
 ANTHONY G. WILLIAMS, 0000
 RICKIE D. WILLIAMS, 0000
 WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, 0000
 CHARLES A. WILLIAMSON, 0000
 JULIUS C. WILSON, 0000
 BRUCE A. WITT, 0000
 BYRON WRICE, 0000
 DANIEL C. WYATT, 0000

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate March 8, 1999:

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

MONTIE R. DEER, OF KANSAS, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.