

## **ICS 93 Nigeria: Mid West State Movement**

The demand for a separate State or Region by the peoples of the Benin and Delta Provinces of Western Nigeria, the Edo, Urhobo, Isioko, Itsekiri, Western Ibo, Ishan and Afenmai dates back to 1938. After World War Two the demand began to gain momentum. The matter was discussed at the 1957 Conference on the Nigerian Constitution, and the British Colonial Secretary, Alan Lennox Boyd [later Lord Boyd of Merton] appointed a Commission of Inquiry, under Sir Henry Willink to ascertain the facts about the fears of minorities in Nigeria and to propose means of allaying those fears, and to make recommendations on the creation of new states.

This collection contains copies of papers on the case for a Mid-West State in Nigeria, 1956-1963; comprising papers produced by the Mid-West Plebiscite Committee, and the Mid-West State Movement, on the campaign for a separate state, with report on a tour of the Benin and Delta Provinces.

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Xeroxes of publications and documents in Mr. Vickers possession.

1. Jaafaru Ushomo Isuman. You and Mid-West plebiscite: what you must know. Benin City, Mid-West Plebiscite Committee, 1963. 9p.
2. page 39-46 of publication "Important events and dates" [Mr. Vickers notes it is from J. U. Isuman - You and M.W. plebiscite: what you must know. Lagos, Ribwaz Printers. Does not correspond to above typographically.]
3. J. U. Isuman. Facts about Mid West State. Lagos, Amalgamated Press, 1960. 80p.
4. Zikist David E. E. Okoh. Men and matters in the struggles for the creation of the new region "Midwestern Nigeria" from 1948-1963. Benin City, Mid West Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., (1963). 60p. illus.
5. The Mid-West State Movement, Nigeria. The case for a Mid-West State. n.d. 39p. tabs. [typescript.]
6. The struggle for the Mid-West State. n.d. 29p. [Typescript.]
7. Mid-West State Movement. Report of the tour of Benin and Delta Provinces, August 18th - 25th 1956. [Manuscript.]
8. Mid-West State Movement. Proceedings of meeting of Executive held Benin 2 Dec. 1956. 4p.