

# THIRTY YEARS AGO

## Coastweek, May 25 - 31, 1979:

Coast farmers in the Kilifi Co-operative were urged to purchase the 50 per cent share-holding being offered by the Kenya Government in the new *Kilifi Cashew Nut* factory.

Vice President **Hon. Mwal Kibaki** assured farmers "this will ensure that you obtain maximum profit from your hard labour and quality produce".

He later hosted a harambee in aid of the Malindi Development Fund which helped raise K. Shs. 670,000/-. Generous contributors included President **Daniel arap Moi**, Attorney General **Hon. Charles Njonjo**, Ministers **Hon. Dr. Julius Kiano** and **Hon. G.G. Kariuki**, Malindi South M.P. **Hon. Bobby Tuva**, Mombasa Central M.P. **Hon. Shariff Nassir** and Coast Provincial Commissioner **Eilud Mahihu**.

Lamu archaeologists and historian **Jim Allen** wrote of the "Habshis", indigenous East Africans who in the 17th century played an important role in colonising parts of southern India, building schools and mosques and promoting new forms of agriculture.

Mombasa's two-year-old Motaku Shipping Agency took delivery of a 400 d.w.t. m.v. 'Rosemarie', which would join the coaster m.v. 'Morea' in providing regular services between Zanzibar, Mombasa, Malindi, Lamu and Kismayu, Somalia. The ships were under Mombasa skippers **Capt. Mohamed Hatimy** and **Capt. Said Faraj**.

Memon Sports Club secretary **Abdul Aziz** reported that traditional style volleyball was alive and well with teams from Seifees, Jaffery, Memon 'A', Aga Khan, Rajput and Noor-E-Islam competing for the Yusuf Cup over the Madaraka Day weekend.

KENYA Cinema was showing Peter Sellers in Blake Edward's marvellous comedy 'Revenge Of The Pink Panther', at REGAL it was Omar Sharif, Gregory Peck and Telly Savalas in 'McKenna's Gold', at NAAZ Harrison Ford, Edward Fox and Franco Nero starred in 'Force Ten From Navarone', while at CHOX it was Manoj Kumar, Zeenat Aman, Amitabh Bachan and Shashi Kapoor in the social drama 'Roti, Kapda Aur Makan' (Food, Clothes or Shelter).

Letter writers included professional boxer **David Attan**, **Fergus Flynn** from London, U.K., **Buff Mshamba Allens** from Nairobi, **Wolfgang Kaiser** of Munich, West Germany, and **Kahindi wa Mwaruwa** of Lamu.

**COAST 'TOP TEN' BEST-SELLER BOOKS** (courtesy Bahari Bookshop, Mombasa) were: 'Goodbye California' by Alistair Maclean, 'Hungry As The Sea' Wilbur Smith, 'Acts of Love' by Irwin Shaw, 'The Thornbirds' by Colleen McCullough, 'The Human Factor' by Graham Green, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' by James Herriot, 'The Widow's War' by Alan Williams, 'The Second Deadly Sin' by Lawrence Sanders, and 'Trocadero' by Leslie Waller.

# MEWA Hospital Receives Container Of Medical Supplies And Equipment

MEWA Hospital has received a container of medical supplies and equipments from Medisend International USA - which is a charitable organization on medical supplies to developing countries.

The supplies are meant to assist and make more efficient the Medical processes at MEWA Hospital hence be of value to the people of Mombasa and Kenya in General.

The Shipment of the container was organized by Ms. Sophie G. Dahan who chaired the shipment committee of Medisend International USA for the Container to MEWA Hospital.

**Medisend Associate Mrs. Jullie Webb is seen [from right] together with Deputy Matron Ms. Peninna Mnjama, Nursing Manager Ms. Najia Haydar, Marketing and Public Relations Officer Salim Nyanje, Financial Manager Mohammed Naaman, Human Resource Manager Ahmed Seif, Facilities Manager Mohammed Hassan, Hospital technician Shabban Chirunga and Hospital Driver Mohammed Nassor.**



# Nakumatt Partner With FIT Xpress To Offer 'Financial And Travel' Services

East Africa's leading super-market chain Nakumatt Holdings has today moved to enhance its personal finance and travel offering through a pioneering partnership with retail finance, insurance and travel solutions

provider FIT Xpress. In the trend setting move, Nakumatt customers will now be in a position to access and purchase insurance products, travel agency and consumer financing products as they shop

in Nakumatt outlets. The new Nakumatt FIT Xpress travel, personal finance and insurance services will initially be available at Nakumatt Mega Hypermarket branch on a pilot basis and is part of Nakumatt's

progressive strategy to introduce a comprehensive suite of travel and tours, consumer finance, stock broking and insurance services.

Last year, Nakumatt introduced its finance services solutions through its credit card product in partnership with Barclays Bank of Kenya.

Speaking during the launch ceremony, Nakumatt Holdings Information Technology Director Mr Sailesh Savani said the firm had sealed a partnership with FIT Xpress to enhance its personal finance offering.

"This is a global trend and we are proud to join hands with FIT Xpress in unveiling such retail financial and travel services which conveniently add value to our customers shopping experience," Savani said.

And added: "demand from our customers has pointed us to this direction as we strive to guarantee convenience and lifestyle enrichment."

In the new partnership, Nakumatt shoppers will access a range of products such as consumer loans for items within Nakumatt, insurance premium financing, insurance covers and travel agency services.

According FIT Xpress Managing Director Mr Karim Dhalla, the new partnership heralds the dawn of retail financial and travel services outside banking halls and insurance company premises.

Registered with the commissioner of insurance and related regulatory agencies, FIT Xpress Dhalla explained has in turn sealed partnership agreements with leading financial services providers and insurance underwriting companies.

"To make this pioneering move a reality in this part of the world, FIT Xpress has partnered with industry leaders in the financial services and travel sector," Dhalla explained.

And he also emphasised: "we are here to bring retail financial and travel services nearer to you from car insurance to CDS account openings."



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