

Another Side of Dave: Peace Corp in Nigeria

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Kennedy greets an early Peace Corps Group



A gathering of my group in Tanzania after Peace Corps evacuation (1967)

The Facts: Ask Dave about reality

**Peace Corps : 1963 – 65
Group 07 to Nigeria**



**Nigeria Gains Independence 1960
Peace Corps Founded Sept 1961**



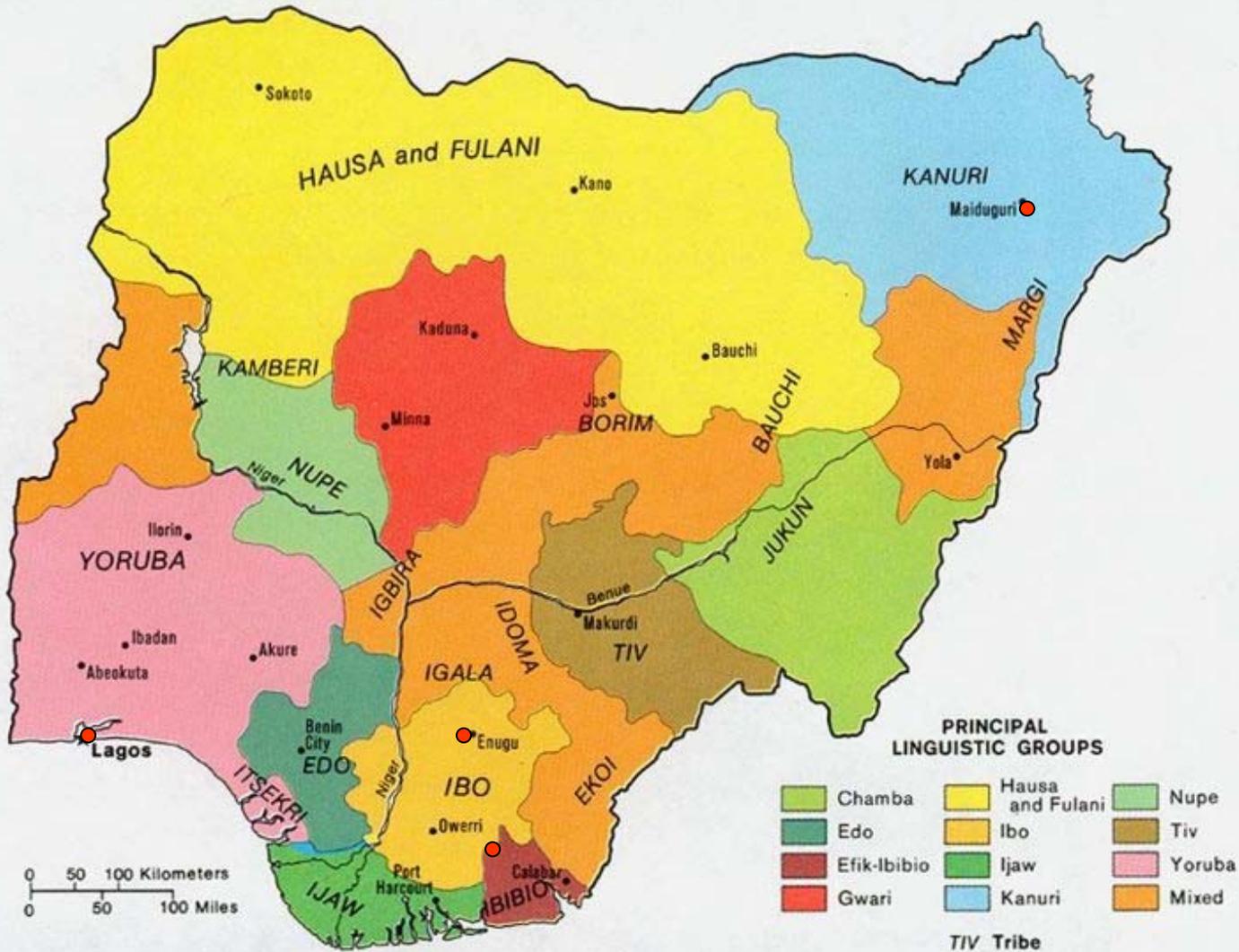
**Dave participates in an important experiment
The formation of a country**



Dave in Enugu
Kathy in Maiduguri
1963 – 1965
Nigeria is one country

A year after they leave I am near
Ikot Ekpene
In Nteun Nsek
Biafra succeeds – civil war begins

Linguistic Groups





On the road to Enugu



Enugu





Camel Salesman in Maiduguri



Maiduguri Market





Scenes from Ikot Ekpene





taxi



The taxi leaves when it is full – You learn to relax and have patience



lorry

Other modes of transportation



Bicycle taxi



Crossing rivers

You get to learn how to drive and manage a Land Rover

Peace Corps and HEP

- **Better technology is not the solution for everything**
- **There are reasons behind the old ways that must be understood before you propose a change**
- **People you work with have different goals, values, and assumptions which are valid but hard to understand**
- **People you work with speak a different language (even when it is English)**
- **You can keep people moving together by example and being more organized.**
- **Be patient and relax, you will get there just as fast as possible.**
- **You need to make technology work that you understand only in principle.**
- **There is a central bureaucracy which you try to evade to get things done.**
- **You work with a lot of people but you are on your own.**
- **To accomplish anything meaningful the credit must go to others**

In Every Society People Dress for the Occasion



Ekpe Masks (Ibo)



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