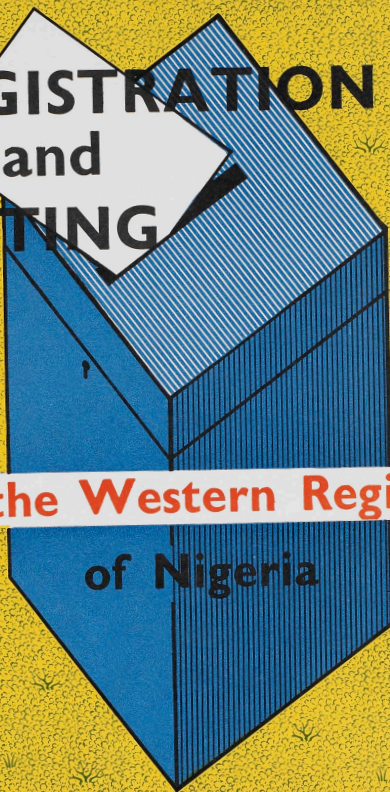




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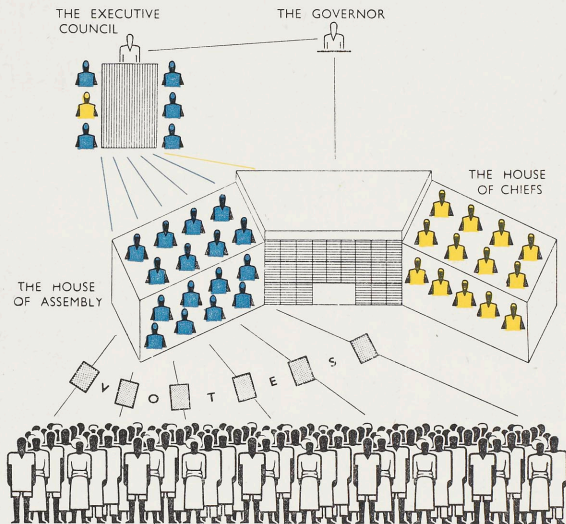
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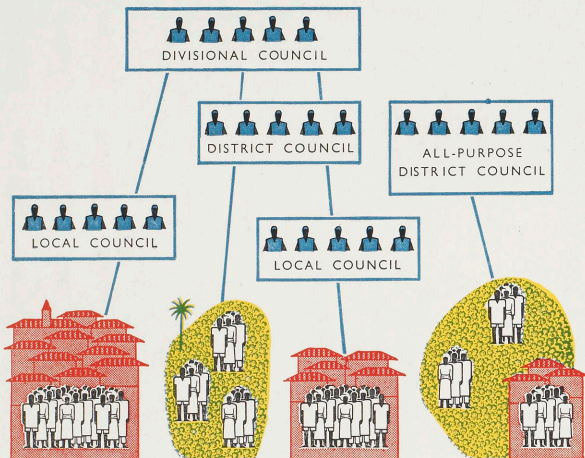
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When we speak of the Government of the Western Region of Nigeria, what do we mean? Who are the people who govern us? Here they are:



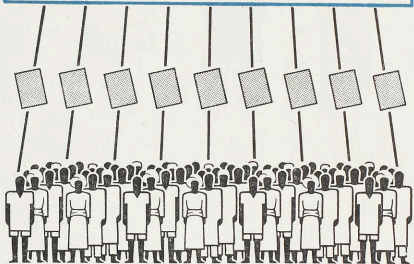
You should become a voter in order to be able to elect the Government of your choice.

How is your town or area governed? Your area may be looked after in four different ways:



1. by a Local Council and a Divisional Council
2. by a District Council and a Divisional Council
3. by a Local, a District and a Divisional Council
4. by what is called an All-Purpose District Council.

Whatever kind of Council you have, three-quarters of the members will be elected in 1958.



You should become a voter so that you can elect to your Councils the men and women whom you think can best serve your community.

**How do you become a voter for both Regional and Local Government elections?**

**If your name is not already registered in the printed Register of Electors you must register in January, 1957.**



**In order to register you must be EITHER a native of a Division, 21 years of age or older, or a tax or Local Government rate payer :**

**OR if you are a non-native of a Division you must have had at least two years' continuous residence there, and you must have paid tax or Local Government rates for at least the same two years.**

**You should go to your nearest Registration Office and apply to have your name registered as a voter.**



**Women, as well as men, can register for voting.**

How will you know how to find your Registration Office?

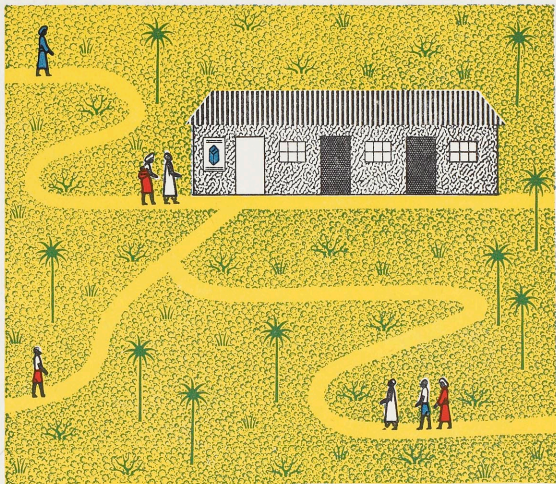


Posters will mark the building nearest to your home where registration will take place.

Each Registration Office will be marked with this special symbol:



**In many places the school nearest to your home will be your Registration Office.**



**Only persons who are already shown in the printed Register, and who register in January, 1957, will be able to vote in the 1958 Local Government Council elections.**

When you fill in your application form at the Registration Office, write both your first and second names and your home address as well. If you do not write at least two of your names and your address on the form you will not be registered as a voter.



On the 1st March, 1957, a list with the names and addresses of all men and women who have registered at your Registration Office will be on show at that office.

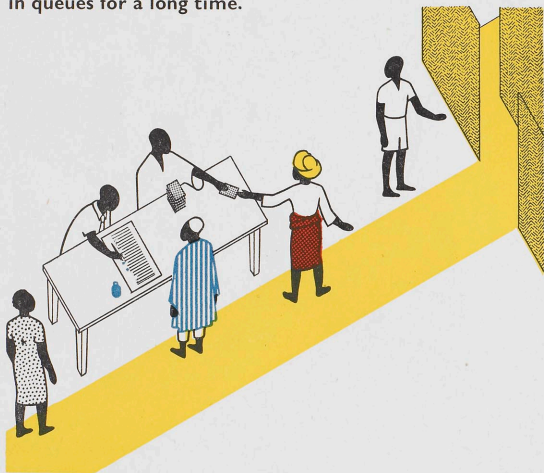
Between the 1st and 15th March, 1957, you must examine the list. If there are any mistakes in the list or if you completed a registration form in January, 1957, and cannot find your name on the list, you must tell the officer in charge of your Registration Office.



It is very important to remember that no claims or objections can be made after the 15th March, 1957. When the final corrected list of voters has been printed, you will see it on or before 1st November, 1957, at your Registration Office where you filled in your forms.

*You will only be able to vote in the 1958 Local Government Council elections if your name is on the voters' list. This list is called the register of electors.*

**When the elections are being held, you should try to vote early in the day. If you go late, you may have to stand in queues for a long time.**



**If your name is found on the register of electors you will be given a ballot paper**

**You will then go into a Polling Booth alone. There you will find the ballot boxes.**



**You will put your ballot paper into the box which has the symbol of the candidate you want to be elected.**

**If you come to vote and your name is not found on the register of electors, you will not be allowed to vote.**



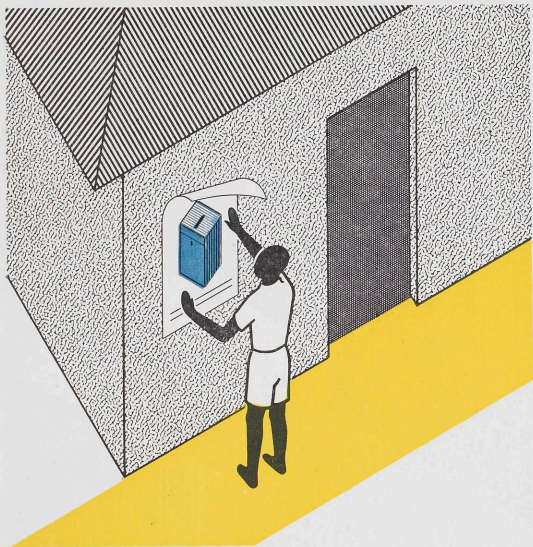
**You may have gone to the wrong Polling Station and you will then have to try to find the right Polling Station where your name is on the list.**

**If you are not on any register of electors, you will not be able to do anything about it for this election.**



**Now, if you are not allowed to vote this time, what are you going to do?**

Every year the register of electors will be revised and corrected.



The next time the Registration Offices will be open will be in January 1958.

**All qualified persons whose names are not in the 1957 register will be able to register then.**



**All those who have by then become 21 can register, and also those who have missed an earlier chance can do so.**

## **REMEMBER**

to register as a voter

**in January, 1957**

to make sure that you are on the register of electors

**between 1st and 15th March, 1957.**

**ONLY BY MAKING SURE IN JANUARY  
1957 THAT YOUR NAME IS REGISTERED  
AS A VOTER WILL YOU BE ABLE TO  
VOTE IN THE 1958 LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

