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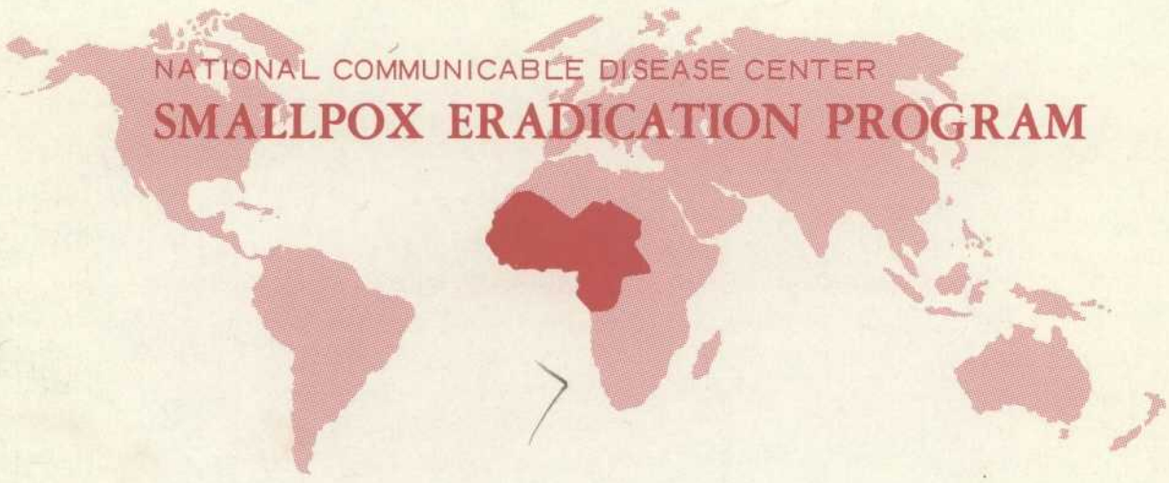

IN MEMORIAM

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Dr. Ademola's death is a profound loss to his family, his many friends, and to his country which is healthier because he lived. The real tribute to his life is a memorial of uncounted living who survive him as the direct result of his continuing unselfish efforts to eliminate needless death and preventable illness.

Dr. Ademola received his medical degree from Durham University, a Diploma of Public Health degree from London University and a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University. He was instrumental in providing the early interest in a smallpox eradication program for West and Central Africa and remained intimately involved in planning, organizing and carrying out the program in Nigeria. He was extremely gratified by the results of smallpox eradication and measles control, and in characteristic fashion was using his boundless energy to expand the program with additional assaults on the burden of disease shared by his countrymen; a burden which caused him much personal anguish.

Whether working for national health programs, giving of his time in clinics and hospitals during vacations, or aiding the victims of war, Dr. Ademola exemplified the full potential of a public servant. He remains an inspiration to those who knew him and a standard to emulate for those who would serve the health needs of Tropical Africa.