



Okigbo family. I spoke to Dr. Pius Okigbo. His reply was delight and he said: 'unveiling plaques are only done in civilised countries'. He gave all his support and ensured that members of the Okigbo family would be present today.

Wole also narrated, with an element of nostalgia, the many pleasant parties they had in Cambridge House during the sixties. Many people seem to remember the white chapel!

This house has a history. It was built in 1960 by Cambridge University Press and ever since publishers have lived here. I continue this tradition.

It took 27 years to pay public tribute to a great poet who gave his life for a cause he so strongly believed in. Let's hope that Christopher did not die in vain. The unveiling of the plaque will give Christopher Okigbo a permanent place in Cambridge House, Ibadan and Nigeria. May I stress that it was Wole Soyinka's idea and all credit must go to him. I am just the humble executor of Wole's very laudable and original idea.

I never had the privilege of knowing Christopher Okigbo, wherever he is I am confident he is in our midst today smiling and happy that we are remembering him.

I now have the greatest pleasure to call on Professor Wole Soyinka to unveil the plaque in honour of Christopher Okigbo born 1932 died 1967, and declare Cambridge House open.

Thank you all for being here today at this most historic, memorable occasion. **GR**

UNVEILING THE PLAQUE

JOOP BERKHOUT



Chief Joop Berkhout

I welcome you warmly to my permanent home 'Cambridge House'. This is indeed a very special house warming. A few months ago, I mentioned to Wole Soyinka that I would move to Cambridge House.

He suggested that I should dedicate the house to the late Christopher Okigbo, one of the most versatile earlier Nigerian poets, who lived here from 1962 - 1967. During that time he was the Cambridge University Press representative.

Of course, I needed approval from the