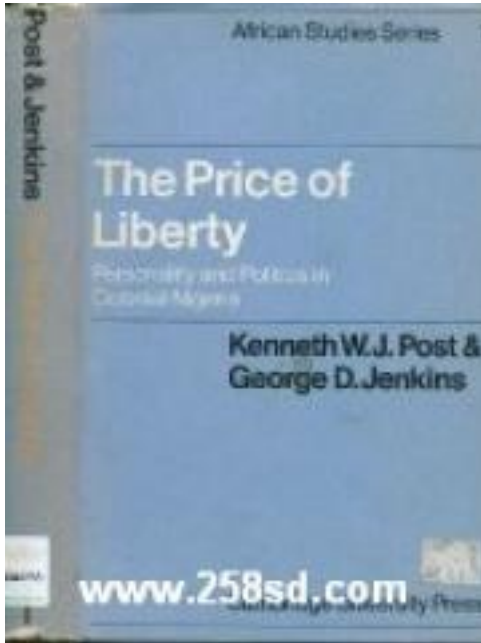


# The Price of Liberty Personality and Politics in Colonial Nigeria



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This is an account of decolonisation in Nigeria as seen through the eyes of a Nigerian political leader who was closely involved in the process. This book is therefore partly a biography of a man Adegoke Adelabu much more thought tells in a highly personal and intriguing way how a Nigerian politician operated in the last years of colonial rule. The story of Adelabu's life is an interesting one. He is an example of one of the new men who led African nations to independence in the fifties and sixties. His family was not closely connected with the traditional chieftainships of his native city Ibadan but he was sufficiently well placed to take advantage of such secondary school education as was

available to African boys<br> in the thirtiesAfter a number of vicissitudes<br> involving abortive careers as a government<br> officialworking for one of the big British trading<br> concerns and on his own accountAdelabu found<br> his role as a popular leader andbossof Ibadan<br> politicsHe was a leaderin the WeStofAzikiweS<br> NCNC and he was successively a federal minister<br> and Leader of the Opposition tO AwolowoS<br> government in the Western RegionRunning<br> through the accounts of personal intrigues and<br> 0ces held iS the thread of AdelabuS attractive<br> personalityCharmingresilient in adversityand<br> with his ideas running ahead of any possible<br> Continued on backbr>

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