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# ECN <sup>29.5.61</sup> INQUIRY OPENS TODAY

**THE ONE-MAN** Commission of Inquiry instituted into the relations between the staff and management of the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria opens in Lagos this morning in one of the Committee Rooms of the Senate, usually reliable sources disclosed last night.

The inquiry was appointed 13 days ago by the Chairman of the Corporation, Professor Eni Njoku, on the direction of the Federal Minister of Mines and Power, Mallam Maitama Sule, following a dramatic turn in the estranged relations between the staff and the Management of the Corporation.

The Sole Commissioner is Mr. C. H. E. Miller, Senior Crown Counsel in the Federal Ministry of Justice. He is to sit in private and both the Press and public are barred from the Commission.

It is expected that the Electrical Workers' Union of Nigeria, the Senior Staff Union and the ECN Distribution and Allied Workers' Union, will all give evidence before the inquiry.

Mr. Adeniran Ogunsanya, MP, is to represent the Senior Staff Union at the inquiry but up till late last night, it was not known for certain the lawyers appearing for the other two Unions.

The 10 members of the DAWU whose transfer to the Southern Cameroons brought about the dramatic twist to the Staff Management Relations in the Corporation, are still in Nigeria. A circular letter suspending their mass transfer until the end of the inquiry, had since been sent out to every one of them.

The Commission's terms of

reference are: "Having regard to the functions of the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria as a public utility, to inquire into and make recommendations to the Minister of Mines and Power on the following matters.

(a) "The Labour/Management relations existing in the Corporation.

(b) "The system of recruitment and promotion, including the allegations of corruption and tribalism.

(c) "The procedure adopted for the consideration of tenders and the award of contracts.

(d) "The allegations of the release of secret and confidential information to unauthorised persons and

(e) "Any other matter which,

in the opinion of the Commissioner, is relevant to the smooth and efficient organisation of staff and labour of the Corporation."



The sole Commissioner, Mr. C. H. E. Miller, told the "Daily Times" that preliminaries to the inquiry began yesterday, but that the in-