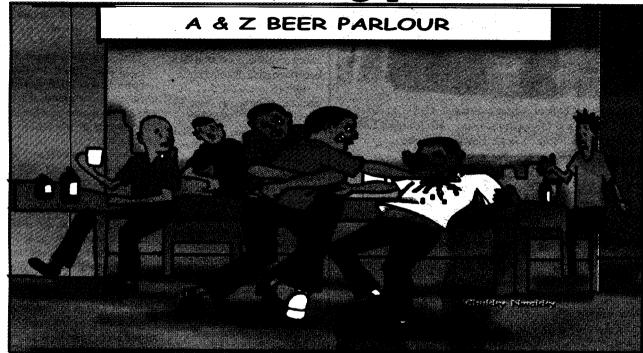
Man kills drinking partner, flees



curred in Surulere area of Lagos.

The victim, one Muri Adeosun, a resident of Karimu Street, Surulere, was one of the young men, who gathered at Austin Beer Parlour located at 21/23 Apena Street, Surulere.

The men, according to a witness, had been consuming

alcohol at the beer palour since about 9am.

One Taye Kolawole of 6, Caxton Street, Surulere, was said to have engaged another drinking partner in a quarrel over an undisclosed issue

It was learnt that while the two men were exchanging blows. Adeosun made an attempt to make peace between the duo.

In the process, Kolawole allegedly became angrier and seized a bottle which he promptly broke and used to stab Adeosun in the neck.

There was confusion at the bar as Adeosun screamed and reportedly made a feeble attempt to fight back.

He soon fell down in agony and before any attempt could be made to save his life, the man had bled to death.

Immediately after the stabbing, however, the culprit fled the scene.

The incident was later brought to the attention of the

police at Surulere, but the security men did not find the suspect at the scene of the crime.

Although two other suspects were arrested, the Lagos State Police Command had declared Kolawole wanted.

When our correspondent visited the bar on Sunday evening, the place was deserted and it was gathered that the operator might have gone underground for fear of being picked up by the police as a material witness.

A resident, who craved anonymity, told our correspondent that activities of drunken men at the bars on the street were becoming a menace in the neighbourhood and called for moderation.

Spokesman for the command, Mr. Frank Mba, told our correspondent on Sunday that the police required useful information that could unravel the suspect's whereabouts from members of the public.

He also said that the case would soon be transferred to the homicide section of the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.