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"Outstanding" Village Conference Ends

The four-day National Conference of Village Organisations at Queen's Hall, ended on a happy note yesterday evening.

There was general agreement among speakers that the "outstanding Conference", had been a great success.

The morning's topic was "The Role of Handicrafts in the National Economy". Speakers placed emphasis on training of handicraft workers; of increasing the supply of local materials and the provision of marketing outlets.

Great Success

On the question of training there were many suggestions such as: the use of schools as handicraft training centres, re-refresher courses for tutors, and the lengthening of training courses with a test at their conclusion to determine which workers should be accepted for submission of work for sale.

With regard to marketing some speakers expressed interest in the provision of space at the proposed Central Market for the sale of handicraft while others asked that Government should assist in the provision of suitable marketing outlets not merely for tourists but for local purchasers as well.

Draft Plan Discussed

In the afternoon session General Discussion on the Draft Second Five-Year Plan, 1964-1968 was taken.

Delegates not only asked for expenditure of parts of the amounts provided for various amenities in their districts, but pointed to what they regarded as deficiencies in the Draft.

Some called for more money for Agriculture; improvement of the planning machinery; research into fishing village resources with emphasis on development; housing; new schools; and extension of existing schools; removal of the Nariva Ferry and its replacement by a bridge; provision of vocational training facilities; drainage works; improvement of the apprenticeship



Mr. A. A. Thompson,
Chairman, Better Villages
Committee

system; improving Mayaro Beach to make it a tourist attraction; access roads; the re-opening of the road to Blue Basin closed since the Diego Martin floods; the transfer to Belle Garden (Tobago) the provision for fishing beach facilities allocated to Roxborough.

Delegates next discussed the method of selecting a representative of the Village Organisations on the National Economic Advisory Council.

The Prime Minister closing the Conference, said it had been an outstanding Conference and asked delegates to say anything constructive they wished to say.

Among suggestions made were that in future discussion groups be held in each County and that the secretary present the views at the Conference so that there should not be too much repetition; that a similar Conference be held annually, biennially or every five years for discussion of the Draft Plan.

The Conference ended at 6.00 p.m. and the delegates were entertained by the staff of the Conference.

Mahabir before Commission

On Wednesday, the former Minister of Health, (1956-1961), Dr. Winston Mahabir, gave evidence before the Commission of Inquiry appointed by Government, into "the causes and circumstances of the over expenditure of public funds arising out of the construction of the new Central Hospital and the remodelling of the St. Ann's Hospital."

What is significant is not the fact that another witness gave evidence, but that Dr. Mahabir's two-hour cross-examination by the Chairman, Mr. Mitra G. Sinanan, and other members of the Commission, has set a precedent, in that for the first time, in this country at any rate, someone who has served at Cabinet level has appeared before a Commission of Inquiry in respect of matters which fell directly under his purview.

Indeed, Ministers of the Albert Gomes administration did appear before Sir Stanley Gomes' Commission. However, their appearance had to do with their ac-

tivities as members of the POS City Council, and not as Ministers of Government.

The Commission has held several meetings, and the next is scheduled for September 30. It is expected that no further evidence will be taken after that meeting.

Among those who already gave evidence were the former Director of Medical Services, Dr. Young Lao; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Mr. G. Chen; the P.S., Ministry of Local Government, Mr. W. Fung; Mr. D. D. Ash, civil engineer, Ash and Watson; and the P.S., Ministry of Works, Mr. Awang.

ROBINSON FOR U.K.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. A. N. R. Robinson, left yesterday for the UK to attend a meeting of the Commonwealth Economic Consultative Council due to take place on September 24 and 25.

He will be accompanied by the Deputy Secretary Budget, Ministry of Finance, Mr. H. A. Fraser, the Acting Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance, Mr. G. Rampersad. While in London, he will be the guest of the British Government.

After the Conference in London, the Minister along with the other members of his delegation will proceed to Washington to attend the Annual General Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In Washington, the delegation will be joined by the Governor-designate to the Central Bank, Mr. John F. Pierce, and Mr. Leonard Williams an economist from the Planning Unit now on attachment to the International Monetary Fund.

The Minister of Finance will, while in the United States and the United Kingdom, hold discussions in connection with B.W.I.A. and the financing of the expansion programme of the telephone service. He will also seek technical assistance for a number of Government projects. The delegation is expected to be away for about three weeks.

P.M. Invites Youth Groups

Youth Groups throughout Trinidad and Tobago have been invited to a National Conference of Youth Organisations to be held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister at Queen's Hall, St. Ann's, at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, and Sunday, October 6, 1963.

Following is the agenda:

Saturday. Morning, Establishment of Youth Centres.

Afternoon: Problems of Employment.

Sunday: Morning, Recreational Facilities.

Afternoon: Training for Leadership. Vocational Training.

Members of the Commission are Mr. Mitra G. Sinanan, Chairman; Mr. Rupert D. Archbald; Mr. J. Angus Mackay; and Mr. Timothy W. Douglas. The Secretary is Mr. Wilfred Espinet of the PM's Office.

Meanwhile the Commission of Inquiry into irregularities in the 1961 Report of the Auditor General continues to meet, and a number of Permanent Secretaries have given evidence.

The Chairman of the Commission is Mr. Louis Blache-Fraser and the members: Mr. Mitra G. Sinanan and Mr. Philip The secretary is Mr. C. Forgenie of the Treasury.

TUC Throws out Top Brass

On Wednesday night the General Council of the TUC at a meeting at the CSA Centre, Long Circular Road, finally dissolved its Executive Committee which was hit by a vote of no confidence recently. Then the Council appointed an interim Caretaker Committee until new elections are held in December. One representative of each affiliate union is to sit on the Caretaker Committee.

A five-man Administrative Committee was also appointed to administer the day-to-day affairs of Congress. And this comprises a president (pro-tem) Mr. G. Weekes, president OWTU; a vice-president (pro-tem) Mr. W. W. Sutton, Gen. Secretary AWU; and three trustees (pro-tem) Mr. J. A. Gill, Mr. C. Reid, and Mr. G. Palmer. They were elected from among the Caretaker Committee. Senator John Rojas and Mr. Simeon Alexander, former president and vice-president of TUC has thus been ousted.

To deal with financial and other matters the present paid full time General Secretary, Mr. Eugene Joseph, will serve on the

Administrative Committee.

A Special Convention will be held in accordance with the Constitution of Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October, 1963 to transact important business.

That Special Convention will amend the Constitution of Congress. It will also debate the Labour Unity Report and try to reach agreement on its principles and accept them.

The General Council will also hold a Biennial Convention of Congress in accordance with the Constitution on Saturday 7 and Sunday, 8th December, 1963. New elections will be held then and the normal business of Congress transacted.

Imports and Exports

The value of exports from Trinidad and Tobago for the period January to June 1963 amounted to \$340,408,240. The value of exports for the month of June was \$50,939,324.

The principal items of export were Petroleum Products: from January to June \$248.3 M and for June \$34.5M. Sugar (unrefined) for January to June \$37M. and for June \$6.3M. Cocoa Beans from January to June \$5.9 M; for June \$0.6 M.

The value of Imports for the period January to June amounted to \$326,308,540. The value of imports for the month of June was \$50,145,137.

The principal import items were crude petroleum \$153 M for January to June and \$23.9 M for June.

A total of \$55.6 M worth of food was imported from January to June and in June \$6.2M. was imported.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION STARTS TODAY

The Agenda

Friday 20th September:

First Session

- 6.30 p.m. Registration of Delegates and Observers.
- 7.00 p.m. Convention Call to Order and Report of Credentials Committee.
- 7.15 p.m. Chairman's Address of Welcome.
- 7.30 p.m. Annual Political Report (to be presented by the Political Leader).
- 9.00 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of Political Report.
- 10.00 p.m. Presentation of Report of General Council by the Ag. General Secretary.
- 10.00 p.m. Appointment of Convention Committee by the Chairman:
 - (a) for consideration of the Annual Report of the General Council;
 - (b) for the consideration of Resolutions submitted by Units of the Movement.
- 10.30 p.m. CLOSE OF SESSION

Saturday 21st September:

Second Session

- 1.30 p.m. Registration of Delegates and Observers.
- 2.00 p.m. Call to Order and Report of Credentials Committee.
- 2.15 p.m. Discussion of Annual Report of the General Council.
- 4.15 p.m. TEA INTERVAL
- 5.00 p.m. Discussion of Annual Report of General Council (continued).
- 8.00 p.m. DINNER
- 9.00 p.m. Discussion of the Audited Report of the Finances of the Movement.
- 10.00 p.m. CLOSE OF SECOND SESSION

Sunday 22nd September:

Third Session

- 9.00 a.m. Registration of Delegates and Observers.
- 9.30 a.m. Call to Order and Report of Credentials Committee.
- 9.45 a.m. Election of Officers.
- 12.30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1.45 p.m. Resolutions proposed by Units of the Movement.
- 3.00 p.m. Amendments to the Constitution.
- 3.10 p.m. Appeals against decisions of the General Council on the suspension or expulsion of members of the Movement.
- 3.20 p.m. Debate on matters relating to the principles, policy and programme of the Movement.
- 4.20 p.m. TEA INTERVAL
- 4.45 p.m. Appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year.
- 5.00 p.m. Resolutions Proposed by Units of the Movement (continued).
- 7.30 p.m. WINDING UP OF CONVENTION.

Progress Report on the Conference

The National Conference of Village Organisations opened on Monday morning with an address of welcome by the Prime Minister (see page 4).

Cabinet Ministers, Members of the National Planning Commission, the National Economic Advisory Council and the Better Village Programme Committee were present as observers.

After the Prime Minister, who presided, had outlined the procedure to be followed and the Agenda had been approved, the Conference proceeded to business.

Delegates discussing Item 1 of the Agenda—Problems of Agricultural Credit, complained about red tape involved in obtaining loans and the shortness of time within which annual loans were required to be repaid.

Several asked that a system of medium-term loans of three to five years be instituted. It was suggested that where a member was unable to repay the annual loan there should be power to repay on his behalf from the Society's funds so that those members who had repaid should not be denied the loan as now happened; that cocoa should be included among crops eligible for medium-term loans; that a \$60 an acre rate for loans was inadequate having regard to the cost of labour.

Co-operative Bank

Discussing "The proposed Co-operative Bank", some speakers wished that the proposal should be pursued with Government assistance. Others thought it should be merged with the Agricultural Credit Bank. Others said no Co-operative Bank could be a success unless it was brought into being by one Act covering Credit Unions, Agricultural Credit Societies and Co-operative Societies.

On the question of "The Agricultural Credit Bank" requests were made for a branch of the Bank in each County and in Tobago so that applications for loans could be processed locally. The Bank was said to be insufficiently financed; that it should have a capital of at least \$15m; one complained about the length that attention should be given to strengthening the Agricultural Credit Bank and funds should not be dissipated on establishment at this juncture of another credit institution.

In the evening the delegates were guests at a reception given by the Government in their honour at the Trinidad Hilton which was attended by His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Hochoy.

On Tuesday, the Conference attacked Item 2 on the agenda—"Improving the Production of the Small Farmer."

There were requests for speeding up the distribution of available Crown lands to farmers. Several speakers insisted that agricultural workers and persons who lived on the land should be given precedence over others who had come forward only because land was being distributed. In urging that care should be taken in the distribution of land some claimed that farmers who already owned land were being given Crown land and asked that this be investigated. Several suggested that land should be distributed through the Village Councils.

Some speakers asked that farmers be advised on the crops available for their allotments and of time taken by the Soil Survey, suggesting it would be less costly if Government made available for sale to small farmers a

soil test kit obtainable in Britain and the United States.

Proposals were put forward for an irrigation scheme, and for roads where land was being distributed; and for the acquisition of abandoned estates or neglected land for distribution to small farmers.

Several speakers supported the idea of distribution of fertilisers through Agricultural Credit Societies. The delegate of a Consumer Co-operative strongly challenged the repeated requests for Government to provide something free for farmers. He suggested that farmers should look after themselves and that rather than distribute fertilisers through Agricultural Credit Societies they should form Consumer Co-operatives for the sale of fertilisers and other supplies to themselves.

Speakers on the subject, "Tractor Pools, Their Control and Operation" ranged from suggestions for operating tractor pools to requests for the allocation of a certain number of tractors to a particular district. One speaker, referring to a Conference paper on the Better Village Programme, congratulated the Government on the proposal to provide 13 tractors, but another said the Canefarmers' Association would be starting tractor pools shortly and competition with them should be avoided. He proposed that the money for establishment of tractor pools should be used instead to subsidise other produce, for example, pigeon peas.

"Marketing and Distribution," speakers suggested the establishment of agricultural marketing depots so as to remove the middleman; the provision of marketing vans and refrigeration facilities in rural areas, the education of the farmer in co-operative marketing; the establishment of an organisation for the marketing of cocoa similar to the Co-operative Citrus Growers' Association, subsidisation so as to enable the Milk Processing Plant to purchase farmers' milk beyond the 12-mile radius of the plant, guaranteed prices for all farm produce and establishment by Government of a rice mill. One delegate suggested that all imported products should be removed from markets.

On the subject "Training of Farmers" speakers put forward the provision of short training courses for the old farmer as well as for the young person about to go into farming; the training of teachers in Agriculture so that they can teach their pupils in schools; the establishment of Agricultural stations with Agricultural Officers giving regular courses; radio talks and films on farming.

On Wednesday the Conference discussed the third item on its agenda—"The Future Role of Village Organisations."

Speakers said that the scope of



Delegates attending the National Conference of Village Organisations at Queen's Hall.

agricultural credit societies should be widened; that no aid should be given to a farmer unless he was a member of such a society; that these societies should be the medium of communication between the Government and the small farmer and that part of the reserve fund of agricultural credit societies along with a grant from Government should be used to finance a backyard-gardens-competition under the auspices of the societies. The need was stressed for a central body for co-operative societies in view of the failure of the Federation of Agricultural Co-operative Societies.

better villages

Discussing "The Future Role of the Co-operative Society", reference was made to the need for training facilities for co-operators especially those who wished to participate in the management of their organizations. The lack of this training was blamed for the failure of several co-operatives. Another point stressed was the importance of consumer co-operatives in the villages. One speaker maintained there was money in them, some of which could be diverted to the provision of community centres and other facilities, thus making it unnecessary to seek Government funds on which there were so many more urgent calls. This speaker also recommended consumer co-operatives as a creator of employment and the formation of wholesale co-operatives as a means of reducing the cost of living through bulk purchase of supplies for sale to consumer co-operatives.

Speaking about "The Future Role of the Village Councils", great stress was laid on the need for official recognition of Village

Councils as the principal authority in the village, and some claimed for it the right to executive powers. Others suggested that the Village Council should be an advisory body to Government; should have equal representation on it of all other Community organisations and should deal with all community matters.

Among other suggestions were that the Village Council should be given contracts for the cleaning of drains and cemeteries and for other works and be consulted on the selection for workers for projects in the area.

The claim for executive powers for the Village Council was bolstered by the demand of one delegate for the suspension of all County Councils and transfer of their powers to the Village Councils.

Amidst general laughter and applause, he said the attitude of the meeting showed that his resolution had been unanimously carried.

About 38 delegates spoke on "The Better Village Programme". Some claimed that in such a programme Health should have top priority, while others laid claim for their villages to some of the amenities already earmarked under the Better Village Programme, such as mobile clinics, book-mobiles and the 10 buildings at Chaguaramas, donated by the United States Naval Station for Community Centres. Others were interested in electricity, or housing, free school transport or a better book service for rural areas in Tobago by the Central Library Service.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLYING AND TRANSPORTING EARTH TO KELLY VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND, WARD OF TACARIGUA

SEALED TENDERS will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 27th September, 1963 at the Office of the St. George County Council, Centenary Street, Tunapuna, for supplying and transporting earth to the Kelly Village Recreation Ground, Ward of Tacarigua.

2. Further particulars may be obtained at the office of the St. George County Council at Centenary Street, Tunapuna, during the normal working hours.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to the effect that the person or persons tendering have complied with the provisions of, and have fulfilled their obligations under the Income Tax Ordinance to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for the three (3) years immediately preceding the year for which the tender is being made. The Commissioner of Inland Revenue is prepared to supply on request as many copies of this Certificate as are required. The Tenders Board will not consider any tender which is not accompanied by such a certificate.

4. Envelopes containing tenders must be addressed to the Chairman, Tenders Board, St. George County Council, County Hall, Tunapuna, and marked on the envelope "Tender — Work on Kelly Village Recreation Ground". There is a Tender Box at the County Council Office in which Tenders must be deposited.

5. The Tenders Board does not bind itself to accept any tender.

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The Draft Plan-C of C's Criticisms

This week, the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, submitted its comments on the Draft Second Five-Year Plan to the National Planning Commission. They described the effort as a "very real attempt to come to terms with the economic and social problems" of this country; however, they made known their reservations on certain of the Plan's basic assumptions; and listed several recommendations.

source of funds

From the Chamber's knowledge of the operation of the Port and the labour situation they could not accept the assumption outlined in the plan "that give lower operating costs resulting from more efficient operations, the charging of depreciation on a more realistic basis and a larger volume of capital assets and revenue to be derived from rents and leases, the Authority will be able to contribute some \$1.2m per annum to the financing of nearly \$1.5m of capital expenditure." The Chamber therefore, has grave doubts about the ability of the Port Authority to save \$6m in the next five years.

The memorandum viewed with "slight misgiving" the anticipated revenue of \$4m from the proposed Water and Sewerage Authority. Further, the Chamber found itself "at a serious disadvantage" in not having available the latest accounts of the various governmental institutions. The absence of these accounts made it "extremely difficult to criticise certain aspects and assumptions regarding revenue."

foreign aid

On foreign aid they advanced the view that this country's eligibility for aid does not in itself justify the planners' anticipation of raising \$90.8m by means of grants and soft loans. They needed to have information

in respect of the sources of such aid along with the assurances which Government may have received about their materialising.

The memorandum suggested that the Plan should be reduced by an equivalent amount of capital expenditure in respect of whatever portion of this sum for which assurances cannot be given.

The Chamber also urged that a list of priorities be established and that projects be started only after it has been clearly established that the necessary funds are available. Such measures were to be taken because "we recognise that, as occurred with the last Plan, when expenditure is incurred in anticipation of funds which are not realised, that the public must be taxed to meet the deficit."

details of the plan

It is proposed that 70.9 per cent of the funds be spent on economic development, with the emphasis on Agricultural and Industrial Expansion. With this the Chamber is in agreement. However, they feel that the inclusion of large sums under this head which in their view constitute recurrent expenditure, should have no place in a capital budget.

The items referred to are:

	Million
Page 314 — Surfacing Main Roads	2.500
Page 300-306 — Plant Protection—Trinidad	.275
" " — Tobago	.075
Public Relations, Films, Publications & Field Days	.030
Under Trinidad: Subsidies for Grass	.200
Subsidies for Water for Agriculture & Livestock	.200
Subsidies for Ploughing Caneland	.060
Fertilizer Subsidies	1.000
Under Tobago: Subsidies for Fertilizers	.050
Subsidies for Water for Livestock	.030
Subsidies for Food Crop Production	.050
Also — Central Marketing Agency	3.000
which if carefully examined is largely the cost of subsidizing the growing of foodstuffs and has no right in a Capital Budget.	
Scholarships and Advanced Training	3.000



MR KEN GORDON

"The Plan also contains large provisions for Public Buildings and Offices, items which are non-revenue producing and which should be met from Revenue or Grants. We have been told that Revenue surpluses are not expected during the period of the Plan. We must therefore enquire whether Grants would be forthcoming for these projects."

special works programme

Referring to a provision of \$5m for what the memorandum termed an "unspecified" Special Works Programme, they recognized that the item had been included for alleviating unemployment. However, "having regard to the great abuse and waste of the last Crash Programme...and the extent to which our resources will be extended to meet the targets of the Draft, we submit that the country cannot afford to expend money in this unproductive manner. We are of the opinion that this sum should be utilized as far as possible in specified productive Capital work."

The memorandum notes the short-comings in the public service, and in respect of skilled

and unskilled labour employed by Government, and asks: "Will efficiency improve in the next five years?"

"The provisions for scholarships and training are noted and while this is not underestimated we feel that this is only half the answer. If we are to receive value for the large sums of money to be spent in the Public Sector it is necessary to rehabilitate the Civil Service into an efficient Government machine.

"A radical change in outlook is required. More emphasis should

be placed on merit and enterprise, less on avoidance of mistakes. Put Civil Service management in a position to manage and reduce obstacles to the application of discipline when it becomes necessary. Unless the slackers can be treated as such they will continue to influence behaviour patterns and attitudes will persist."

Next week—The Recommendations.

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The PM's Address to the National Conference

Ladies and Gentlemen:

May Cabinet colleagues and I welcome you most warmly to this important Conference as the representatives of the numerous Village Organisations in Trinidad and Tobago. I have to convey to you the regrets of the Minister of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, that he is unable to be with us at this Conference. As you know, he has been assigned to national duty in another field where the interests, both national, and at the village level which you represent, require urgent protection in our fight as a small country to maintain our existence against larger countries.

We have met many of you face to face in previous months in your villages and settlements, and those whom we have not yet met personally we hope to meet in the near future.

At our meeting in your villages on my Meeting the People Tours, you individually raised a number of vital issues, spelling out your grievances, pointing to your deficiencies, and in some cases suggesting solutions. We thought that it would be very useful indeed to bring all of you together in this Conference to argue and discuss among yourselves and try to smooth out the inevitable contradictions which have appeared in your individual grievances, one contradicting the other, one arguing against the solution propounded by the other.

HISTORY-MAKING

It is with this in mind that we have framed the Agenda for the Conference, selecting the most important issues related to Village Organisations, and trying always to keep these within the perspectives outlined in the Draft Second Five Year Plan.

Commission, members of the National Economic Advisory Council, and members of the Better Village Committee, all of whom have some direct responsibility for the Five Year Plan that will be eventually submitted to Parliament, have been invited to attend at their convenience, the various sessions of the Conference.

This is a history-making Conference in three respects. First it brings all the villages of the country together. Secondly it brings all the various village organisations together, except the youth organisations which we propose to deal with in a separate National Conference. Thirdly it gives the small man of the country, who has been for so long a citizen in name only, who was expected in the past to conform with decisions and had no opportunity to take part in the formulation of decisions, it gives that small man a voice in the affairs of the country and a national forum from which that voice can be heard which he has never in his history enjoyed—cer-

ence of the villages, the Conference of the small man. I shall make all reasonable efforts as Chairman to give equal opportunity to the various Counties, and to the different Societies, maintaining also as far as possible an equitable balance between the sexes. With your collaboration, we shall endeavour to give an opportunity to as many individuals as possible to make their contribution.

The eyes of the Nation are today fixed upon our villages as never before. I call upon you to show the most scrupulous respect for Parliamentary tradition and the Parliamentary method when you make your individual contributions to the discussions.

On behalf of my colleagues and the Cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago, I welcome you here today and I wish you all success in your deliberations.

THE THEME IS SELF HELP

This week, the 250-odd village councils in Trinidad and Tobago have been celebrating Village Council Week. The importance of Village Council Week is more marked this year since it has coincided with the National Conference of Village Organisations which ended yesterday at Queen's Hall.

When the Director of Social and Community Development, Mr. Errol Hunte, declared the "Week" formally open, he explained that:

The modern Village Council in Trinidad and Tobago is made up of representatives of voluntary welfare organisations as well as individual members. These individual members must reside in the village, and so you find the affairs of the village being run by the villagers themselves.

The people who live in a village are the ones who should know that village best, and therefore should decide what is best for the good of the whole community.

I think that one of the most important things about a Village Council is that groups of such varied interest as Friendly Societies, Agricultural Credit Societies, Women's Groups, Cricket Clubs, Folk Dance Groups and Youth Groups bring their different points of view to Council meetings and discuss what is best for the village. This pooling of ideas is of great value in the development of the community.

The simple sentence "what is best for the village" covers a multitude of activities. It includes approaching the competent authority to obtain amenities such as pipe-borne water supply, electricity, roads or a recreation ground or community centre. It includes what is even more important, fostering a spirit of goodwill among the villagers and undertaking various projects. Self-help must however be the prime, motivating factor.

Later on he said:

The last point about the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Village Councils which I should like to stress is that all the work of the Association, its branches, and the individual Village Councils, is being done voluntarily. Week after week members give of their time and energy to work without payment for the betterment of their villages. Their only reward is the knowledge that they are helping their fellowmen.

Village Councils have made a valuable contribution to the life of our country and I wish the Association even greater success in the future.

The National Conference of Village Organisations

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Representatives of some 699 village organizations from all over the country, listened to the Prime Minister, Dr. Williams, deliver the opening address at the National Conference of Village Organisations at Queen's Hall, on Monday morning. Sixty-five delegates came in from Tobago.

Dr. Williams emphasised that it was "a history making Conference in three respects.

"First, it brings all the villages of the country together. Secondly, it brings all the various village organizations together . . . Thirdly, it gives the small man of the country . . . a voice in the affairs of the country and a national forum from which that voice can be heard — which he has never in his history enjoyed — certainly not in this country, possibly not in others."

Notably, there was an absence of the various youth organizations from the gathering, however, Dr. Williams revealed that they propose to deal with the youth at a separate National Conference.

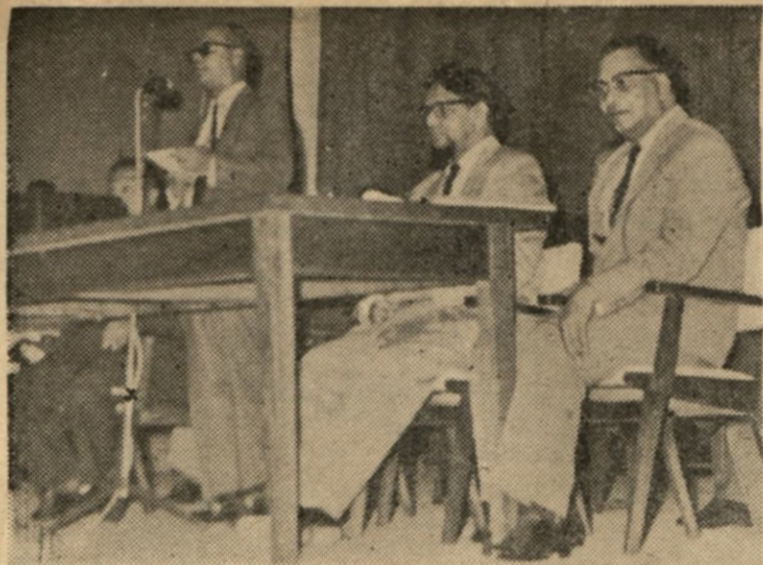
Later, the Prime Minister made it clear that members of the Cabinet and their official advisers were there just to listen, guide and to explain. "It is your Conference," he said; the Conference of the Villages, the Conference of the small man. I shall make all reasonable efforts as Chairman to give equal opportunity to the various Counties, and to the different societies,

maintaining also as far as possible an equitable balance between the sexes. . . ."

Delegates began their trek in from about 8.30 a.m., so that by the time the PM began his address shortly after 9.30 a.m., very few delegates were out of their seats. One got the impression as one looked across the floor that the gathering was probably as representative of the diverse elements in this society as it could be. This was the first achievement of the Conference.

On the platform with the PM were the Attorney-General, Mr. G. A. Richards; the Minister of Local Government and Community Development, Mr. Saied Mohammed; the Minister without Portfolio responsible for Administration, Mr. A. A. Thompson. Also, the Head of the Economic Planning Division, Mr. William Demas; and advisers from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce.

The full text of the P.M.'s address appears on this page.



The Prime Minister, speaking at the opening of the National Conference of Village Organisations on Monday.

What we now have is a very heavy Agenda on which we will seek to get a majority view on the different items. Members of the Cabinet, members of the National Planning

St. David/St. Andrew County Council RE-OPENING OF WARDEN LOCAL ROAD

The Public is hereby notified that the above-named Road in the County of St. Andrew is now re-opened to traffic.

J. A. ROLLOCK,
Ag. Chief Executive Officer.

tainly not in this country, possibly not in others. . . .

Within this general framework I am sure that the Delegates from Trinidad will not in any way resent my special welcome to the Delegates from Tobago. As the most isolated and remote part of the country, Tobago has been more by-passed than other areas, and the small man of Tobago has had to endure a heavier burden and greater tribulations.

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2. Attention is drawn to two points, namely, that none of the information in this Schedule is applicable to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge where conditions of entry remain extremely competitive and applications are required to be made about sixteen (16) months in advance of the date entry is required, and that many universities have stated that they are not prepared to receive applications from candidates aiming to complete their qualifications for admission by sitting an Overseas G.C.E. examination in June 1964. The general reason for this is that the results of examinations are not available until mid-September by which time most vacancies have been filled by candidates who have already completed their qualifications.

3. It is emphasized that the United Kingdom Universities, as is the general rule, will close their admission list on the 1st January, 1964.

The following exceptions are to be noted:

Admission to Medical Schools:

due to the pressure for admission to United Kingdom Schools, the London and Provincial Medical Schools have advanced their closing date for the receipt of applications for the 1964/65 Session as follows:

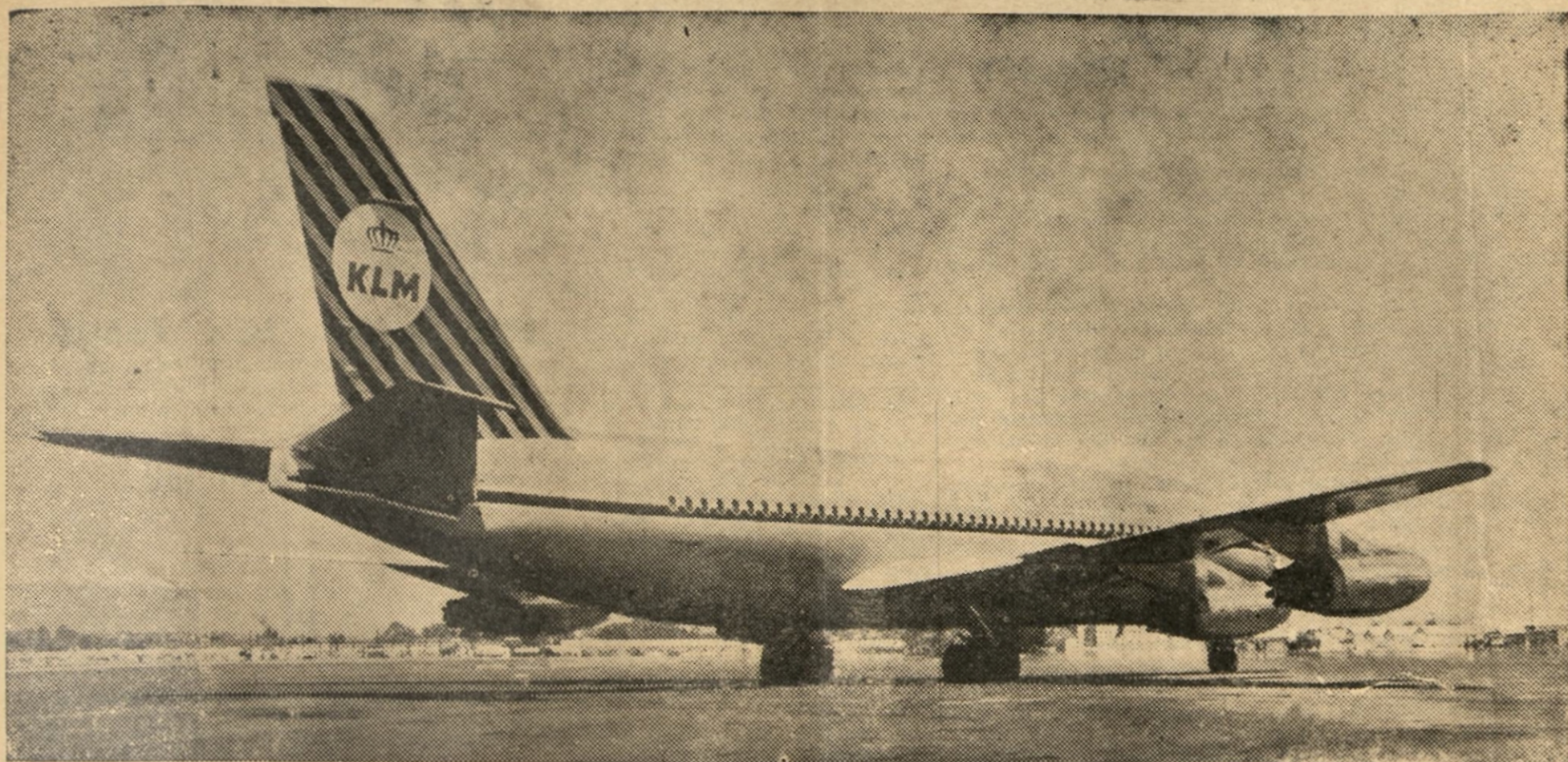
(i) London Medical School: approximately 16 months in advance of the date of entry.

(ii) Provincial Medical Schools: not later than the end of October 1963.

4. Prospective students are advised not to apply direct to any University or Institution of higher learning in the United Kingdom or the Irish Republic since all the applications for places must be forwarded through the Ministry of Education and Culture. Failure to follow this procedure will lead to confusion since places will only be made available to students who have been sponsored by this Ministry. Under no consideration will this Ministry be prepared to sponsor students who make direct applications to Universities.

This opportunity is also taken to inform parents and prospective students that this Ministry is willing to give advice and guidance on proposed courses of study and University Entrance Requirements.

5. For general guidance the minimum qualifications required for entrance to Polytechnics and Colleges is five G.C.E. 'O' Level subjects including English Language if subjects are to be taken at 'A' Level; and for entrance to a University, three subjects at 'A' Level and two at 'O' Level including English Language, a Foreign Language, Mathematics or a Science subject.

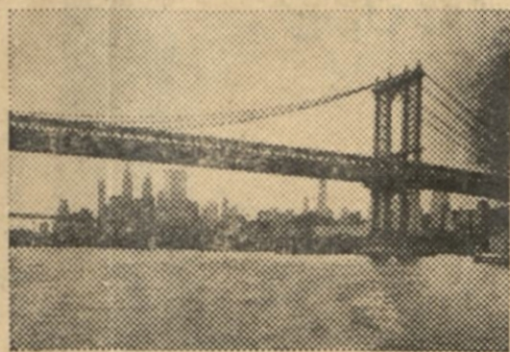


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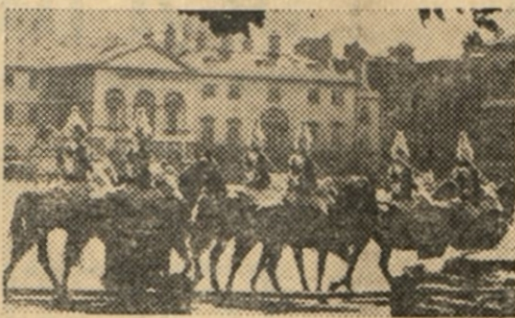
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Draft Second Five Year Plan

"GREATEST GOOD FOR GREATEST NUMBER"

In the course of a lecture — *Social and Community Development*—broadcast on September 6, Mr. F. Thompson said:

Very great care has to be exercised . . . in the formation of a development plan, so that resources are allocated in a manner which will result in the greatest good for the greatest number. This is of course, a difficult exercise for the possibility of obtaining approval from a wide cross-section of the society is at times rather remote.

What is possible, however, is the adoption of policy measures which while not providing for the immediate reduction of all the inequalities and hardships in the society in the short-run, gives a definite indication of the way in which the country intends to move, and provides genuine opportunities for the economic and social development of the majority of the people, thus encouraging their participation in the development process and their identification with the tasks of the society.

In the Chapter on Social and Community Development in the Draft, a great deal of emphasis has been put on "self-help". The concept has not been defined in a narrow way, but draws attention to the fact that individuals as well as communities are involved through their efforts in the improvement of the country.

GOV'T. RESPONSIBILITIES

Paternalism is a luxury which the Government can ill afford, and in addition policies of that sort usually breed indifference and lethargy. Instead Government will respond to plans and programmes initiated by the community especially in the rural areas where there is need for greater co-operative effort for the solution of common problems relating to village life, agriculture, and the better utilisation of available man-power resources for the provision of housing, access roads, and irrigation facilities.

Government is mindful of its responsibilities to the socially and economically depressed, and in Section 3 of the Chapter a list of the provisions to be made over the Plan Period in respect

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of Youth Hostels, Community Centres, Homes for the Aged, etc., are set out.

The 1958—1962 Programme did reduce the severity of the social problems with which the country is afflicted, but continuous effort is necessary and indeed essential if economic advancement is not to be curtailed or seriously hampered by widespread discontent and lack of attention of the problems of the youth of the country.

The Draft Plan recognises the importance to overall development, of the development of the people, and suggests that persons at all levels should become involved in the experience of problem solving, decision-making and self-help; for it is only by increased participation that we shall be able to cope with both the inherited and the new problems faced by the nation, and place ourselves in a position to obtain the greatest benefits from the measures outlined in the Draft.

But before making these significant and informative statements Mr. Thompson informed his audience in part that: "economic development should not be considered as an end itself, but a means whereby the population as a whole may achieve higher levels of living through the opportunities created in the process of growth . . ."

" . . . the intention (of economic development) is to invest the term economic development with some meaning, so that it has significance for all."

" . . . It is never possible to cater to every demand, especially in the so-called under-developed countries where the resources available may be minimal, or where there is inadequate machinery in the early years for the mobilisation of such resources as do exist.

"This inability to satisfy these competing demands, may give rise to numerous tensions in the society which may tend to inhibit the development process, and also cause undue attention to be given to the group of sectional interest which is the most vocal."

St. George County Council: LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 27, No. 10 (NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 5(35))

The following parcels of land comprising in the aggregate 1,529 acres, more or less, situate at Pinto Road in the Ward of Arima, County of St. George; the property of the undermentioned was acquired on 18th July, 1963, for the public purpose of extending Pinto Road.

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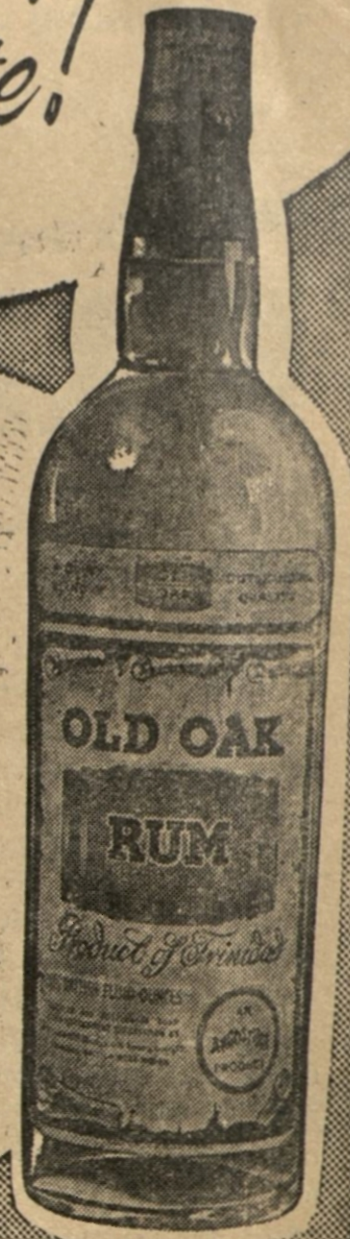
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PARTY NOTES

TUNAPUNA PG 5

Moonlight in Tobago. Excursion to Tobago. Boat leaves Trinidad on October 5 at 1 p.m. Boat leaves Tobago on October 6 at 10 p.m. Return Fare—\$8.00.

WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Tunapuna Welfare and Development Council will hold a dance at the Perseverance Hall on Saturday, October 5.

POS SOUTH

The Women's League of the South Port-of-Spain constituency, held a Found Day for the poor on the anniversary of Independence, August 31, 1963.

Over fifty poor persons attended and each was given either milk, sugar, or rice, along with five cents. The League takes this opportunity to thank all those who made donations for their kind assistance.

PRINCES TOWN CONSTITUENCY GROUP

San Fernando Chorale presents a Grand Choral Recital at the

Empress Cinema, Princes Town on Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m. in aid of a Constituency Library. Admission \$1.50 anywhere. Come early to avoid the rush. Refreshments on sale.

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Independence Celebrations at Mt. Hope

Fully cognisant of the fact that Independence is for the people and of the people, representatives of organisations and other interested parties in Mt. Hope formed an Independence Celebrations Committee with Mr. Percival Rennis as chairman and Mrs. Enid McClean as secretary to organize functions which would exhibit the spontaneous joy of the people on the occasion of the first Anniversary of Independence.

The celebrations took three forms.

- A Sub-Party at the residence of Miss Lucille Austin on Saturday evening.
- An All-Fours Match by the Sports Club on Sunday afternoon.
- A Children's Rally on the grounds adjacent to the home of Mrs. Lucille Baptiste.

The Children's Rally was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Vincent Compton, Parish Priest of Mt. Lambert and Senator Verna M. Crichlow, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Public Relations)

Music was supplied by the Moderners Combo and the Stereophonic Steelband.

At this Rally there were approximately 500 persons ranging from babies in arms to very old grandmothers.

Programme of proceedings:—

- Introductory music by Moderners Combo
- Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Mr. H. O'Brien by Mr. P. Rennie
- A March Past by Girl Guides and Boy Scouts (Music supplied by Stereophonic Steelband)
- Address by Fr. V. Compton, Parish Priest
- National Songs led by Mrs. Enid McClean
- Reading of the Prime Minister's address to the Youth Rally at the Oval by Senator Verna M. Crichlow, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Public Relations)
- The Youths' Pledge directed by Fr. V. Compton
- Folk Songs — Mrs. Andrews' Group

St. George County Council: (LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 27, No. 10 (NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 5(35))

The following parcels of land comprising in the aggregate 1,287 sq. ft. situate at Eligon Avenue, Diego Martin, in the Ward of Diego Martin, County of St. George, the property of the undermentioned was acquired on 18th July, 1963, for the public purpose of widening and improving Eligon Avenue.

1,287 sq. feet more or less, being portion of the property belonging now or formerly to:

- Symister. S. M. P. VALERE, Road Officer, St. George County Council.

- Sentimental Songs—Jack Bros.
- Recitation—Miss Alexander
- Calypso—Lord Crooner
- Comic Relief—Mr. H. O'Brien
- Dance—Mrs. Cephas' Group

After these proceedings, the children were given a treat. This treat was made possible by generous donations of parents and other persons in the area, notably, Bermudez Biscuit Co., The Mount Hope Store, David Cheung Wong's Shop and Mr. H. Power.

Tobago Constituency Elections

SCARBOROUGH, September 16... The Tobago East and West constituencies of the P.N.M. held their annual conference over the weekend at which the officers for the 1963-64 term were elected.

The East constituency held theirs on Saturday at Roxborough at 2 p.m. and the West on Sunday at the Scarborough Community Centre commencing at 10 a.m. The election of the Committee of Management for the East was deferred—there was a complete change of officers in the West constituency—the outgoing Chairman Rep. Basil Pitt and Senator Terrence Shears did not stand for reelection. Senator Terrence supervised the elections at both centres.

Results of Elections:

Tobago West

Chairman — Cecil Louis; V/Chairman—A. L. Thompson; Secretary — Mrs. B. Julien; Asst. Secretary — H. A. Saunders; Treasurer — R. Sabga; Public Relations Secretary—L. Bonnett; Education Secretary — C. P. Roberts; Youth Officer (Male) — H. Bobb; Youth Officer (Female) — Mrs. R. Christmas; Elections Officer — W. Moore; Field Officer — Lloyd Thomas.

Committee Members:

Mr. A. Dumas, Miss A. Ramsay, Miss P. Guy, E. Ayres, L. Simon, B. L. Pitt, A. Thomas, Miss M. Roach, Mrs. C. Des Vignes, W. Yeates.

Rep. General Council: A. L. Thompson

Delegate Annual Convention: L. Bonnett.

Note: Mr. L. Bonnett is chairman, Tobago County Council.

Tobago East

Chairman — W. Melville; Vice Chairman—L. Charles; Secretary—I. Clarke; Asst. Secretary—J. Bishop; Treasurer — L. Alleyne; Public Relations Secretary — D. Andrews; Education Secretary — C. Edwards; Youth Officer (Male)—M. Murray.

Rep. General Council: W. Melville
Delegate Annual Convention L. Charles.

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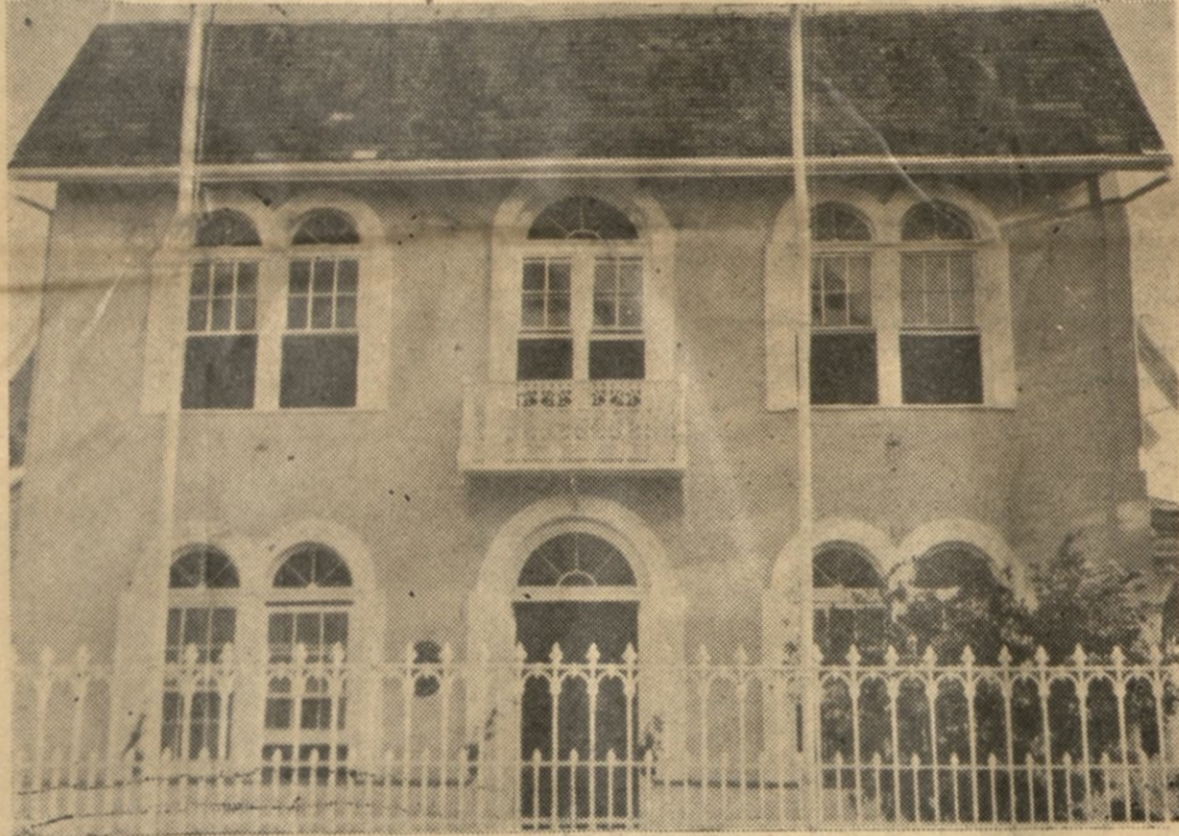
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Women's League Executive 5 p.m.



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The proposed voltage changeover will be a gradual process spread in stages over a ten-year period. It will begin with new extensions planned for 1964. It is inevitable that during the transition period both voltages

will be used until the different sections are co-ordinated.

The change in voltage will not affect customers' bills. It will, in fact, help towards keeping future costs down. Wherever adjustments have to be made to appliances and/or machinery the cost will be met by T. & T.E.C.

It is estimated that during the ten-year period the \$7.6 million cumulative cost of introducing the changeover will be offset by the resultant reduction in distribution costs.

A pilot scheme will begin in San Fernando where the existing distribution system must be rebuilt to meet present and future needs.

A blueprint of the planned changeover is being prepared by a special Retailers Committee appointed in co-operation with the Chambers of Commerce and other interested organizations.

Congrats to Malaysia

The Prime Minister has despatched the following message to the Prime Minister of Malaysia on the establishment on September 16 of the Federation of Malaysia:

“On behalf of the Government and People of Trinidad and Tobago I extend to Your Excellency, your Government and the People of Malaysia our warmest congratulations on the achievement of your new Federation and our best wishes for its future success. We share the general satisfaction that the forces making for peace and stability as well as self-determination in Asia have been strengthened and encouraged by the free decision of the peoples of Malaysia.

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Prime Minister.”

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Editorials FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1963

VILLAGERS AT QUEEN'S HALL

NOT SINCE ANGLO SAXON TIMES IN ENGLAND has there been such a moot of villagers, land holders and peasants—as at Queen's Hall this week. Folk from Tobago, Mayaro, Erin and such far-off places met to discuss their needs and problems.

By going out to meet the people, then summoning their representatives to this conference. Dr. Williams has set a pattern of Government by consultation difficult for future Prime Ministers to emulate.

He has managed to bridge the great gulf between Government and the village; to give to peasant farmers a sense of involvement, in the national life, and an awareness of the national aspirations and directions.

From here on that peasant aphorism "Duck no have hind claw so he can't climb high", loses point and pith.

Benefits from this conference will work both ways — Government, ministers who attended at Queen's Hall learnt much of and from the people whom they serve. When higher matters, such as the Draft Second Five Year Plan, come to be discussed, Cabinet will have invaluable background information on the people's needs at all levels.

Battle for Civil Rights

Every move the Kennedy Administration makes for Negro Civil Rights in America, is checked and countered by people opposed to desegregation in certain States.

The great march of the 200,000 in Washington was promptly answered in one quarter by a brutal assault on a lone Negro home in a white suburb.

In Alabama, Governor Wallace made his shameful gesture before the school doors to keep Negro children out, till he was forced away by a Federal order.

There has been bombing of churches and homes and plain shot gun murder in the streets revealing the proneness to racial violence under the skin of Southern States.

The Negro leaders (perhaps rightly) have quickly thrown full blame for the massacre of the four Negro girls and boy, at the head of Governor Wallace whose words and actions have apparently released the most barbarous passions of the worst elements in Alabama. Perhaps these outrages are Alabama's effort, to incite Negro violence and so wreck the entire Civil Rights desegregation campaign.

Malaysia

The new Federation of Malaysia is being given a baptism of fire, principally by Indonesia, who for some dark reason does not desire the new Federation as a neighbour. Instead of offering the formal hand of friendship customary on such occasions, Indonesia has staged protests and demonstrations, climaxed by the burning of the Malaysian and British Embassies in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital.

The incensed Malaysians retaliated in kind—the British protested strongly. Another area of international tension has erupted.

To honour Murray

It is fitting that Trinidad and Tobago make efforts as is suggested in other quarters to pay homage to the West Indies team which played so well in England this summer.

We hope *The Nation* will not be accused of insularity for suggesting here some particular token to young Murray, the team's great wicket-keeper.

Trinidad cricket in the recent past reached the lowest possible point in the regional and international scene when in Australia and against India we could not field a man in the West Indies Test XI and were severely trounced by neighbour territories and visiting international teams.

A gesture of appreciation to Murray for his splendid performance will help to inspire other hopefuls to do their best in cricket and other sports.

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4000 Get Lands

The 600 or so delegates to the National Conference of Village Organisations at Queen's Hall this week, found their demands and suggestions put to the Prime Minister during his "Meeting the People" Tours neatly tabulated in a brochure.

Their needs are listed under three main heads:

- (1) Problems of Agricultural Credit.
- (2) Improving the productions of the small farmer.
- (3) The Future Role of Village Organisations.

These are in turn subdivided into a number of points made to the Prime Minister by various organisations according to their individual needs, and most of these points were raised at Queen's Hall during the four-day Conference. See Pages 1 and 2.

Set out in Appendix 1 of the brochure are Cabinet's decisions already taken with regard to the distribution of Crown Lands a

subject listed under Item 2 above. Cabinet stipulated: (1) That the size of allotments should be 3 acres for rice cultivation; 5 acres for food crops, fruit and mixed farming; and 10 acres for grazing purposes only; (2) That "a seminar should be held, in each area where lands were distributed, every six (6) months over a period of three (3) years; those six (6) seminars should be conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, lectures being given by recognized Agricultural Officers and members of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of the West Indies, subsequent seminars being organised and run by the small holders themselves with assistance and guidance from the Ministry of Agriculture."

(3) That "Field Officers should live in the area where agricultural schemes operate; an Agricultural Officer of senior status should live in each County and should be responsible for all agricultural activities or schemes



Miss Sybil Hutchinson,
Women's League,
Sangre Grande

and for the control of Field Officers; an Estate Constable should be appointed for each Scheme and Pounds established."

(4) That "An Agricultural Development Organisation should be established as a branch of the Agricultural Credit Bank and the Attorney General's Ministry should prepare regulations to enable loans to be made to farmers renting Crown Lands under Government's Agricultural Land Allotment Scheme.

There are 49 such decisions listed in the Appendix.

Information in the brochure reveals that Government has already granted applications for lands to 3,941 people involving 16,634 acres; to 1,595 squatters involving 5,508 acres.

The counties of Nariva-Mayaro 470; St. Andrew 392; St. Patrick 338 and Victoria 191, have by far the largest number of squatters.

The county of St. George (1299) has the overwhelming number of applications for lands. Caroni follows with 679; St. Andrew 632, St. Patrick 500 and Victoria 429.

AT MAYARO — FISH GALORE

Last Thursday was a big day for E. Borrel and Alva Morris, two of Mayaro's leading fishermen, as boat captain, Alva, led his men to success at noontide.

Just when they complained of being tired and hungry, he persuaded them to bear with him because he "sighted" something way out to sea which seemed, to him, to be a large shoal of fish heading shoreward.

Alva was right. After waiting for half an hour he exclaimed "there they are boys; only two coils away again and we will throw our nets. Fish like hell — maybe two truck loads."

So they circled and went past the shoal, cast their nets upon the waters, proceeded to sur-

round the shoal, and then rowed back to shore. "Well boy!" he said enthusiastically, "all we have to do now is to pull on shore and hope the net don't burst."

After twenty minutes he had the large crowd jumping for joy. One man in fits of ecstasy shouted—"Fish, fish, we catch a truck load, whey, look fish. Oh, that's a big grouper; that must be 'bout a hundred pounds."

When Captain Morris loaded the catch it filled a five and a half cubic yard truck — that is, excluding the 84-pound grouper.

All this points to one thing however, the dire necessity for cold storage facilities for fishermen.



Villagers—represented at the Queen's Hall Conference this week.



The Prime Minister of the new Federation of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman signing documents in London.

New Sewer System Will Ensure Nation's Health

From a broadcast "Health & Sewerage" by FRANK THOMPSON

The island-wide sewerage disposal system now being laid down will be completed during the term of the Second Draft Five-Year Plan. This system will certainly contribute to the general improvement of the nation's health. Although it is not easy to measure this in a decisive way it is certain that the sewerage system will make a contribution to the reduction of the possibilities of outbreaks traceable to bad sewerage disposal. The expenditure on the large sewerage system can therefore be regarded as a means of providing an important facility of the modern civilised community and also as a means of securing the health of the nation.

A few words may be said of the scope of the operations. For Port-of-Spain and environs lateral sewers and treatment facilities will be provided for a population of 150,000. The system will serve 50,000 people in San Fernando and 18,000 in Arima. In all these centres the planning of the system made provision for substantial expansion in the future.

The project envisages the installation of 25,000 house connections of which 15,000 are estimated to be made during the Programme period.

Mr. Thompson also told listeners that "as a result of general economic growth and the achievements of the First Five-Year Development Programme there has been a steady improvement in the health of the population. Indices of this improvement are the falling incidence in recent years of such diseases as Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Malaria and improvements in the nutritional standards of the population.

The incidence of Tuberculosis per 1,000 of population has fallen sharply from 37.9 in 1955 to 9.4

Plan will be for such projects as improvements to District Hospitals, construction of nurses' quarters, repairs to Health Offices and construction of new ones.

The other half of the financial provision for health is to be allocated for the improvement of the quality of service rendered at the General Hospital at Port-of-Spain, San Fernando and at Tobago. These improvements include the remodelling of the Pathological Department in order to provide adequate diagnostic services, the provision of separate accommodation for the Physiotherapy Department, adequate accommodation for the Central Stores Department at Long Circular Road and considerable expansion of the Laundry Service at the General Hospitals at Port-of-Spain and Tobago.



Miss June Joseph of Port-of-Spain, student at London's Trinity College of Music.



★ THE DOCTOR SAYS ★

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—From his speech at Sangre Grande during "Meeting the People Tour" of Toco-Manzanilla.

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A treat awaits music lovers on Wednesday (25) and Thursday (26) evenings at Queen's Hall next week. The Argonauts present their 13th Annual Concert —Argo XIII.

The group, now an established feature of Port-of-Spain's cultural life, have called their presentation a Variety Concert Programme.

Beside their now familiar 26 all-male voice choir the programme is graced by three female guest singers; the soprano, Miss Peggy Fernandez; the mizso-soprano, Miss Ann Burfoot; and the contralto, Miss Jocelyn Benois. Mr. Robert McKendrick is the group's accompanist and Mr. Colin Nusum is guest accompanist.

The group's repertoire includes the popular "Green-sleeves", Malotte's, The Lord's Prayer; American Songs—Ghost Riders in the Sky and Cool Waters. There are also the well known Yellow Bird and excerpts from "South Pacific".

But the high feature of Argo XIII will be a rendition of "Slave". It is a rare compliment to calypso and in particular to Sparrow the composer.

Miss Fernandes, Miss Burfoot and Miss Benois will each ren-

"UNKNOWN" WRITES BOOK

Have you noticed the new trend? said the "Unknown" in circumstances of the sort calypsonian, J. Pierre. What new trend? I replied. "The trend for the organizers of Government-sponsored shows to use more or less the same calypsonians always."

So I indicated to him that it was probably because these organizers felt that people wanted to hear the cream always; then he assured me that there is plenty of unheard talent among calypsonians in this country only awaiting an opportunity to be brought to the public's attention.

The Unknown believes that Government, ought to adopt a more liberal policy in their selection of calypsonians for their shows.

He went on to make a similar charge against the recording companies; "those boys only record a selected group of

singers." Then he asked, "how could a young singer make a living?"

However, he felt that the "vicious circle" could be broken if the Sparrow Recording Company would throw open the field to the young singers.

When he brought the radio stations into the firing line, he made it clear that he was utterly befuddled by their lack of policy. He charged that they only pedal their proteges. There is little variety on their show since patrons are made to listen to the same songs over and over again.

But here he felt these calypsonians could help themselves somewhat, if they only knew how — and he was willing to offer some advice. They had only to approach sponsors of programmes requesting their permission for certain of their songs to be played on their programmes.

Of course, Unknown would have liked to say more, much more — however, he is saving that for a book he is now writing.

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Miss Margaret Cowie, recently at home on holiday, has returned to Howard University, USA., where she is studying music. On previous occasions she was guest artiste in the Argo Concerts. Miss Cowie graced the P.N.M. Anniversary Independence meeting in San Fernando on September 3 with a brief recital.

der two songs. Miss Fernandez will join Mr. Ken Oxley in a duet, while Miss Benois and Miss Burfoot will join the choir for the excerpts from "South Pacific".

Mr. McKendrick will play Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C Sharp Minor accompanied by voices of the choir.

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Canada gives Independence Scholarship

Mr. Errol A. Furlonge, was awarded the first of the Independence Scholarships granted by Canada as a means of commemorating the Independence of Trinidad and Tobago.

To mark the occasion a personal letter of congratulations signed by Mr. L. B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, was handed to Mr. Furlonge by the Acting High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. R. F. Renwick, in the presence of the Minister of Education.

The plan for the Independence Scholarships was initiated following discussions in August, 1962 between the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and

ment of independence. It was agreed that scholarships valued at a total of \$10,000 (Canadian) would be made available for studies or research in the fields of education, agriculture and engineering. The Ministry of Education and Culture was given the responsibility for the initial selection of candidates.

Mr. Furlonge has been accepted by the Ontario College of Education for a one-year course of study leading to a Bachelor of Education degree, with the possibility of further studies leading to a Master's degree. The scholarship which is valued at \$2,500 (Canadian) for the first year covers the cost of transportation to Canada and return, books, clothing, equipment, payment of tuition and a monthly living allowance.

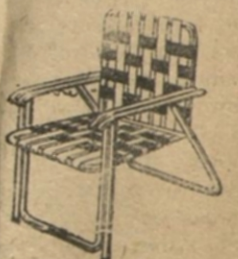
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The Almoner Is There To Help

Here is another in the series of informative lectures on our hospital services. You will remember Dr. Ralph Hoyte discussed "The Hospital Maternity Services", (The NATION, August 2); Dr. John Arneaud enlightened us on "The Role of a Pathology Service in our Community", (The NATION, August 16); and Dr. Michael Beaubrun spoke on "Our Mental Health Services", (The NATION, August 30).

In this article, May Cherrie, an Almoner, talks about her work. The first Almoner was appointed in a London Hospital in 1895, and that branch of hospital work gradually became a fully accepted feature of hospital treatment. Twenty years ago our (then Colonial) hospital got its first Almoner.

The Almoner's training comprises a University course in Social Science of not less than two years followed by a one-year course in Medical Social studies with Institute of Almoners, London, The London County Council or the University of Edinburgh.

The Almoner, is defined as a Medical Social Worker — that is, a social worker in a medical setting. Her work is to help in the treatment of sick persons by co-operating with the patient and his family and with the responsible medical and nursing staff in order to reduce the ill effects of personal problems which impede treatment and rehabilitation.

The problems of patients may be essentially material or essentially emotional, or both, and a discussion of the problem that is uppermost in the patient's mind, usually leads to the realisation of others.

Most patients who come into hospital, particularly for the first time, experience some anxieties — such as fear for himself, concern for the well-being of his dependents and worry over the financial and social consequences of his illness. The degree of anxiety will naturally differ in patients depending on such factors as social customs, home training, sense of values, prejudices, etc. Many patients get over their initial anxieties fairly early while others need much re-assurance and support and the Almoner must co-operate with the medical and nursing staff in creating an atmosphere of sympathy and confidence. She must take quick action to see that the patient's most pressing problems are dealt with, so that he becomes relaxed, co-operative and receptive to treatment.

patient's problems

The Almoner is generally recognised, in the hospital, as the person who is "here to help" and it is true to say that usually a working relationship can be established with the patient at a fairly early stage. The emotionally disturbed patient who resists or rejects any form of help will be always in our midst but the Almoner must watch and wait and be prepared for the moment when the patient is ready for help. Some of the personal problems are deep and complex and careful intensive casework is necessary in such cases. But once the patient has been given an insight into an understanding of his own problems, he can then often suggest how best these can be solved. The Almoner's important function then is to

now confined to a wheel chair, to a life of limitations, dependence on others. He may well ask himself—"Will they get tired of me—How soon," for now he can do little to help himself. He wonders would his family still respect him as head now that in fact he may not be the bread earner. Would his role be taken over by his wife, his eldest son. The Cardiac case, the Diabetic case and all other long term patients may well display these emotional upsets also.

nature of duties

Rehabilitation of the patients to a lesser degree is done in the Almoner's Division: Patients may be set up in some projects. Some are helped in securing employment, and courses of study and apprenticeships are arranged for some.

By the nature of her duties, the Almoner's work brings her in contact with every other social organisation, Government and voluntary, in the territory and she may act as liaison officer between these organisations and the patients. She may well have to refer matters to similar organisations overseas in the interest of those patients who come from outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

The local organisations include the Social Assistance Department, Probation Department — Child Care Section — Orphanages, Convalescent Homes, Hostels, and Night Shelters, special Schools, Education Department, School Meals Organisation, The Red Cross, the Guardian Neediest Cases, The Bruce Stephens Trust, the John Phillips Trust and any other organisation to which a patient may be connected, including business firms Often her duties take her out on home visits in the matter of casework, and she may be required to travel over long and difficult journeys in search of her patient and his family.

local organisations

Today, almost twenty years after the establishment of the Almoner's Department in Trinidad, there are seven posts of Almoners on the Establishment. Three officers are placed at Port-of-Spain General Hospital, two in the San Fernando General Hospital and two in the Thoracic Division. The case load of the Almoner increases daily, with the complexity of present day living, and more students should be urged to enter this fruitful field of work.

The Almoner's Department of each hospital has under its control a limited vote for general assistance to needy patients, and for assistance in furnishing such apparatus as artificial limbs, wheel chairs and for transport expenses of patients. Also a limited sum made available from U.N.I.C.E.F. for supplementary milk supply for children connected with the needy Hospital patients.

In all her duties the Almoner works along with the Medical Officers from whom she gets her referrals of patients in the first instance. These officers discuss the Almoner's social findings and the Doctor interprets the medical condition so that the medico-social implications can be better understood. The Almoner may be required by the Medical Officer to provide detailed social reports on cases to help him in his work—it is long well established that the proper study of disease in man cannot be made without reference to the conditions under which he lives and within this statement lies the meaning and the purpose of the work of the Almoner in her own field which is like the Medical Officer — "To cure sometimes, to relieve often, to comfort always."

For Workers

Your union — how it works

By TRABAJERO

The three general characteristics to be noted in Western-style trade unions are the form of the organisation, the structure and administration within the form of organisation and the concentration or distribution of executive power from top to bottom, and vice versa.

First, as regards the form, there is the craft union in which are organised workers who have served an apprenticeship and are consequently certified as competent craftsmen and master workmen. Membership in a craft union is restricted to workers of one skill regardless of the industry in which they are employed.

The second is the industrial union which organises all workers in a particular plant or industry, without any regard for the degree of skill. So in such a union we may very well find highly skilled: craftsmen, semi-skilled workers or simply sweepers and cleaners who would be classified as un-skilled workers.

The third is the general workers' union. Such a union organises diverse types of workers, unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled, into one broad mass organisation. This type of union, in many countries, is a combination of the first and second form of organisation referred to before. In this way, various crafts within an industry are organised or federated on an industrial basis.

THE LOCAL UNION

The actual base of the labour movement is the rank and file membership. So it follows that the basic unit of the trade union movement is the union branch, or section or, within a federation of unions, the local union.

The basic unit is to the labour movement what the family is to society.

Because of its intimate contact with the individual workers, it wields great influence on the worker and provides the medium through which individual workers as well as groups of workers express their conviction and their demands to the leaders of the movement whose duty is to serve the rank and file.

This is however not always the case where the trade union movement is only first developing, such as colonial or emergent labour movements where the organisation of workers is or was actually discouraged or repressed.

Too often, indeed, certain comminiques or statements issued at the end (or even the beginning) of a strike speak of workers being ordered, by their union officials or leaders, to return to their jobs or to go on strike, as the case may be. In other words, there is a tendency, where the democratic ideal is not fully understood or appreciated by working people, for trade union officers to behave like "bosses" in their dealings with members of the unions wherein they hold office.

This generally pleases the employers because they are thus able to influence or coerce the union "boss" in the knowledge that he issues "orders" to the members of the union he leads rather than take "orders" (by way of a mandate) from the workers who comprise the union's membership.

To service and regulate the affairs of the basic trade union unit (the branch or local union), there is usually established a system of local officers elected by the members of the branch or local union, as the case may be.

SHOP STEWARDS

To carry out the functions at the workplace, there is a shop steward system. These shop stewards function within the workshop or workplace. The shop steward system affords the workers on the job a medium for prompt settlement of grievances. It is also by this machinery that new members are recruited for the union and membership dues (or subscriptions) are collected.

The shop stewards comprise what is variously known as a works committee, a bargaining committee or a grievance committee.

The function of such a committee is to solve as many problems and settle as many grievances on the job — within the workshop or the workplace — and without reference (except, of course, by way of reports and consultation) to the central administration of the union.

The shop stewards are, as it were, the "eyes" and the "ears" and, of course, the "tongue" of the union. Through them and by them, the union's central administration functions in relation to the workers who are members of the union.

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Mr. Laird Says Something

Our drama critic ended his series of three challenging articles (*Our Theatres*) published over the last four weeks with the question "Does Mr. Laird wish to say anything?"

Mr. Laird does and says:

Alright Slade — I'll take you on. I was waiting for you to fulfil your promise in a previous article of defining West Indian Theatre and its requirements as far as a stage is concerned. At last we have someone brave enough to stick his neck out without turning a hair and perhaps a good airing and theorising may at least establish where we are, who knows it may actually achieve something positive.

Your main points as I see them are:—

1. West Indian Drama and Dance — is extroversial therefore the case for audience participation by using a three sided arena stage.

I would like to argue that all art as we commonly understand the word and particularly staged drama and dance is extroversial — but nevertheless it is a good reason for a three sided arena stage.

2. The repetitive use of a conteur or a storyteller in West Indian Drama, therefore closer association with the audience, viz.,

a three sided arena stage, I agree, with reservation. The use of a storyteller or narrator does not necessarily call for a three sided arena. To the purist, the fact that an interpreter is required, and the drama or mime cannot speak for itself suggests that the interpreter can be eliminated if there is closer audience participation.

In the case of Beryl McBurnie's dance presentation, "to imagine the lectures being replaced by a conteur whose function is creative and integrated into the dance rather than pure-

ly explanatory in the fashion of a teacher," is accepting defeat and the shortcomings of such dancing as an art form if such it is.

2. The abandonment of realism of set. This of course is a natural development of the stage coming out of the proscenium arch and into the spectators. I wouldn't hazard a guess which came first. In any case I fully agree that realism — like the conteur — should not be necessary if there is complete rapport between the artist and the layman. Greece, Shakespeare, Miracle Plays, Kabuki, in fact most of what Drama and Dance holds sacred.

breakthrough

But one telling phrase you had in your third article — "it is not possible to be sure that a guess on this matter (the direction which the West Indian drama might take) is not merely a personal hope which developments might prove to be in vain" — has all my sympathy. Once one sets oneself as an arbiter of taste it is difficult to divorce one's "personal hopes" from an objective appraisal.

In 1955 or 1956, I was convinced that West Indian Dance and Drama must retain the humility of a Bel Air Dance within a ring of participating villagers, by using the full arena or as a compromise to stage entrances, etc. the three sided arena, but then there was a powerful movement in international theatre for just this stage for pretty well any form of modern drama.

I felt — as you feel — that maybe this was reading too much into the situation and it could be bending an indigenous expression into one's personal mould. We tried it out with Graham Suter's fine and successful production of *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*. It worked and was to be the breakthrough from the traditional stage known in Trinidad. Again we had it on a different scale for *Drums and Colours* and even the Little Carib started putting their dances on the main floor for informal productions.

common ground

To move on to your National Theatre at the risk of being accused of subjectivity, I quote from the Competition report for Queen's Hall.

"Arena Stage: The actual size of the Arena Stage can be varied to the requirements of the director, but it is assumed here that the ideal seating conditions — with stage on the flat floor level relieved by property platforms — are three rows of seating on the flat and the three raised tiered rows on three sides, the fourth side having the four steeply tiered rows on the movable partition. This will result in a stage of 35'0" by 45'0" and seating capacity of 546 with perfect sight lines to all seats."

Stage entrances can be at the four corners of the Arena Stage direct from the two levels of dressing rooms and incidentally the theoretical calculations for acoustics prove to be ideal for a stage in this position. The con-

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 253 (5) of the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, Chapter 39, No. 1, that ERNEST KENWYN BAILEY of the City of Port-of-Spain in the Island of Trinidad has applied to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Port-of-Spain (hereinafter called "the Corporation") for the grant to him of the Exclusive Right of Burial in an allotment measuring Three (3) feet by Ten (10) feet situated in Block No. 29, East of 8th Street on 3rd row, First grave space North of Moze's allotment and 8th grave space South of Phillips' allotment in the Lapeyrouse Cemetery and registered in the name of Millicent Sealy; and that the Corporation intend to issue to the said ERNEST KENWYN BAILEY the grant applied for unless objection to the issue thereof is lodged with the Corporation before the 30th day of September, 1963, and the Corporation are satisfied, after investigation, that the objector has shown sufficient cause why such grant should not be issued.

A. F. HEWITT,
Town Clerk.

centration of front of house lights onto the high grid over this flat floor area was designed with an Arena Stage in mind. To my knowledge this form of stage has never been used. The reason often given is that such a production makes greater demands on the actor or dancer. True, but that is no reason for not attempting experimentation.

Queen's Hall

I would like to put forward as a positive contribution to your fine articles, that the various dance and drama groups must find some common ground and stop trying to achieve their own impossible goals. They could centre themselves around the Queen's Hall which already has the core — if not absolutely ideal — of a professional run Government subsidised performing centre. The acoustic ghost for drama would easily be laid by limiting production to audiences of 400—500 as is normally accepted even on Broadway, instead of the ambitious full capacity of most Trinidad productions.

The stage is well equipped, and can be varied through most of the phases from proscenium box set to four sided arena. The administration is set up and the only future requirements would be a rehearsal stage and more scenery/property storage and eventually as Government sees the seriousness and need — a gradual build-up of a professional and semi-professional staff of a Director, Playwright, Choreographer, Music Director and finally actors, dancers and musicians.

I don't see any difficulty in arranging seasons for the resident company combined with tours other times of the year. The nucleus is there together with an environment that one can see emerging for that area— The National Museum and Art Gallery, the Botanical Gardens, The Zoo, The Savannah and even The Hilton— but please hasn't someone got the authority as well as the sensitivity to remove that ghastly neon sign by the Zoo.

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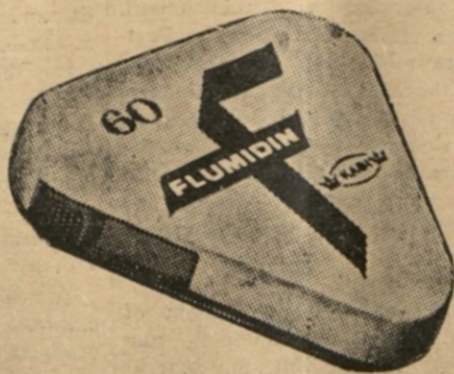
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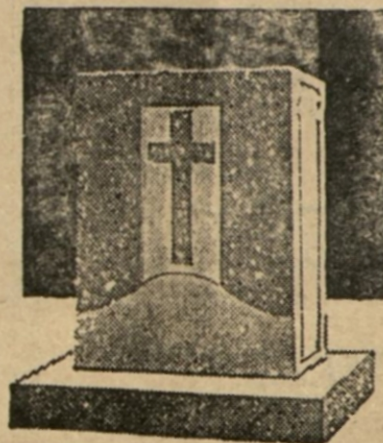
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Subversive Activities Commission — The Members

Last week, because of lack of space we could only name the members of the Subversive Activities Commission. Today, we are free to introduce them to our readers: a necessary duty since only one, Mr. McDonald Moses, is known to any extent in Trinidad and Tobago.

Each commissioner is an internationally known personage.

The Chairman of the Commission, **Sir Louis Nwachukwu Mbanefo**, Chief Justice of Nigeria from 1959, is an eminent scholar and jurist, a member of the Council of University College, Ibadan, and ad hoc judge of the International Court of Justice for the South-West Africa Case, 1962.

Now 52 years old, he was educated at King's College, Lagos, Nigeria; University College, London (LL.B., 1935); King's College, Cambridge (B.A., Historical Tripos) 1937; M.A. 1942) and was called to the Bar, Middle Temple in 1935.

Since 1937 when he set up legal practice in Nigeria, he held several important posts in his homeland till he was created a puisne judge in 1952, Chief Justice in 1959, and knighted in 1961.

PROFESSOR MARSHALL

Dr. Oshley Roy Marshall, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Sheffield, England since 1956, will be 43 next month.

His progress from Harrison College, Barbados, where he was Barbados Scholar in 1938 to the present time has been a march of rare distinction possible only to the most brilliant in any field.

His official biographical sketch reads: Pembroke College, Cambridge, B.A. 1945. (First Class Honours in Law Tripos, Part I and Part II; George Long Prize-man of the University in Roman Law, 1944; Kilby Prizeman and Major Scholarship, Pembroke College, 1945); University College London, Ph.D., 1948.

Lecturer in Law, University College: London, 1946—56. Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law, 1949—56. Professor and Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Sheffield, since 1956. On leave of absence for two years from October, 1963 to take up appointment as

Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Ife.

Nigeria Scholar, Inner Temple 1945. Barrister-at-Law 1947. Author of 'The Assignment of Choses in Action', 1949, Editor of three editions of 'Nathan's Equity Through the Cases', 1950, 1957, 1962. Editor, 12th Edition of 'Theobald on Wills', 1963. Author of several articles in English and Canadian Legal publications. Law Revision Commissioner for the Government of Barbados, 1962.

MR. MOSES

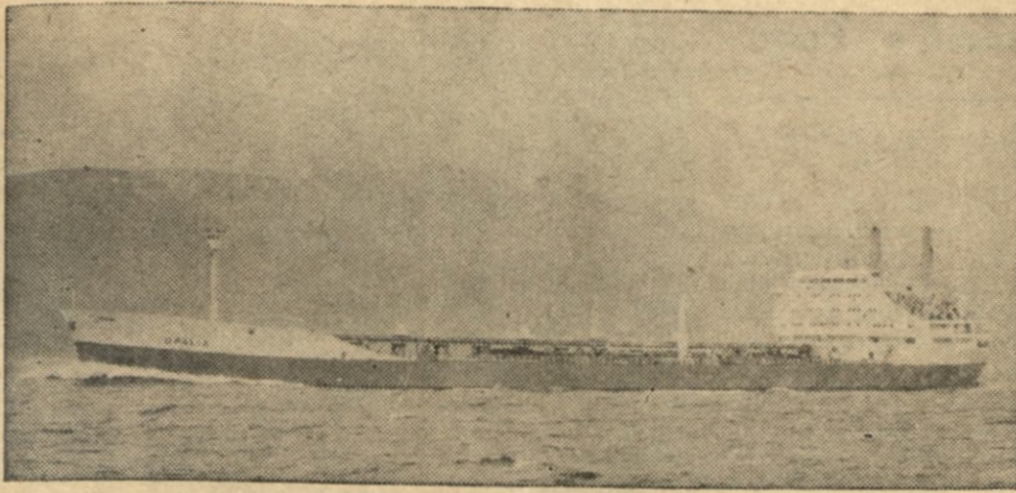
Mr. McDonald Moses is an International Trade Union Official. As one of the pioneers of Labour Movement in Trinidad and Tobago, he participated in founding of Oilfields Workers' Trade Union and Trinidad and Tobago Trades Union Council.

He served as First Vice-President, Assistant Secretary and National Organiser of OWTU; as President General of All Trinidad Sugar Estates and Factory Workers' Trade Union; Trustee of Trinidad and Tobago Trades Union Council, and was editor for two years of the weekly trade union journal, "Vanguard."

Mr. Moses presented the workers' case before the Labour Disturbances Commission, 1937; the West Indies Royal Commission, 1938, and the Oilfield Africa, since March, 1963.

He joined the staff of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and after three months in the Caribbean was posted to Nigeria, September 1959. But he is now on assignment in Swaziland, Southern Africa since March, 1963.

His duties in Nigeria have taken him to all parts of the country as well as Gambia, Ethiopia, Uganda and the Congo. One of his tasks was the setting up of a Regional Labour Organisation for Africa.



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50 Years Of Texaco

Texaco's Journal "The Texaco Star" issued its 100th number on September 6. The issue commemorates Texaco's 50th Anniversary in Trinidad "for it was on August 20, 1913, that the predecessors of Texaco Trinidad, Inc. — Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd. — were incorporated in London, with fields at Forest Reserve and Guayaguayare and an office in Port-of-Spain.

"Since then, the Company has grown into the great industrial enterprise centred around the world-ranking Pointe-a-Pierre refinery — an enterprise which covers every phase of the oil industry."

To end its eulogy the editorial asks us to look back "with a renewed sense of pride and confidence — pride in the accomplishments of the past fifty years, and confidence that the company is now more than ever equipped to continue to make a significant contribution to the prosperity of Trinidad and Tobago in the years ahead."

A feature "Wide Horizons" tells how the company was founded in the USA in 1902. Then it adds:

"Today, Texaco (the trade name originated as a cable address) is the third largest oil company in the United States in assets, and on the same basis the country's sixth largest manufacturing corporation. It ranks second among United States oil companies and fifth among all United States manufacturing corporations on the basis of reported net earnings. One of the largest producers of US crude oil, it markets its products directly in every state (the only company to do so), and through subsidiaries and affiliates, operates throughout the free world."

Chronological successes are briefly noted and the growth of the company into an international combine highlighted:

"Either directly or indirectly, Texaco is engaged in the exploration, production, transportation, refining and marketing of oil and oil products throughout most of the free world.

"Elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere, Texaco subsidiaries are the largest oil producers in Columbia and Trinidad. They have substantial production in Venezuela and have refineries in the above countries and market petroleum products throughout Latin America. Trinidad's Pointe-a-Pierre refinery, with a capacity of 235,000 barrels a day, is the largest in the British Commonwealth."

But this is nothing to the Company's vast interests in Arabia, West Africa, Europe, Asia Australia, or New Guinea.

However, of purely local interest is the fact that "the first crude refining operations at Pointe-a-Pierre were conducted in 1917: with a distillation plant which had already seen service as a benzol recovery plant in England and was rebuilt at Pointe-a-Pierre.

"With this equipment a batch type of processing was carried out, the crude oil being distilled to gasoline, kerosine and fuel oil buttons, the bulk of the latter being supplied as Admiralty Fuel to the Royal Navy."

The local chronological table begins in 1913 with fields at Forest Reserve and Guayaguayare and adds that in 1914 the first well was drilled at Forest Reserve.

This well, christened Helena, has been flowing these 49 years. Some woman!

The troubled industrial year of 1937 (the year of Butler) could not halt Texaco's forward stride. "A Chemico Acid Plant was built to process in part sulphur imported from USA."

Another significant date is 1958 when the company's name

was changed from Trinidad Leaseholds to Texaco Trinidad Inc. Since then The Star laconically notes:

1961

"Ground broken on the 40-million-dollar lubricating oil plant and shipping terminal. Inauguration of the AAA Trinidad Games at Guaracara Park, 36th well completed from Brighton Marine platform.

Herd of beef cattle imported for 'Star Farm' from Florida, USA"

1962

"T.N.A. liquidated and Trinmar Ltd. formed to carry on development of marine concessions of TNA. First marine well drilled off south coast—a Trinmar operation. Rustville housing estate opened at Guayaguayare. Seventeen acres of land reclaimed from sea off Simpson's Point to accommodate storage tanks, lubricating oil blending and packaging plant, and a new air-conditioned shipping and marine office commissioned."

1963

"Texaco Oil Company established to control Latin American operations from Trinidad. Texaco finances Chair of Agriculture at University, Cyclohexane Plant came on stream. Lube Oil Plant under construction."

Mere jottings on a giant's progress through history.

The Banana Trade

Britain now consumes 60,000,000 bananas every week the Banana Co-operative has just announced.

And in order to keep the British public informed of just how important the banana is as a food commodity, a special party was held last week by the co-operative which represents Britain's leading banana importers—Elders and Fyffes Ltd.; Geest Industries Ltd.; and the Jamaica Producers Marketing Company Ltd.

A banana grove party was held at the Mayfair Hotel, London, where special cocktails were served with white rum, martini and banana flavouring. This was followed with a sweet consisting of a special syrup poured over halved bananas and pineapple.

And the party emphasised the different varieties grown special-

ly for export by using cavendish and lacatan bananas both highly resistant to disease.

AND NOT FOR US

Two new refrigerated ships, designed to play an important part in a British company's plans to sell more Windward Islands' bananas in Britain, are to be launched next December.

The ships will join the banana fleet of Geest Industries Limited, Spalding, Lincolnshire, in the English midlands, and will run a scheduled service between Britain, Barbados and the Windward Islands, carrying general cargo on the outward voyage and Windward Islands' bananas on the return.



Sir Ellis Clarke and friends celebrating Independence Anniversary in New York. With him are, Dr. Cyril Olliverre, Mrs. Dick Campbell, Mr. Alston Norton and Mr. Justice Carlton Achong.

NEW YORKERS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

New Yorkers and their friends from Trinidad and Tobago had a 'ball' during the week of August 30. In fact they had three 'balls', all celebrating the First Anniversary of the independence of their West Indies homeland.

Topping them all in splendor and enthusiasm and coming at the end of the week of merriment was the 'Fete de Joie' which is given annually as a sort of 'carnival finale' to the rest under the sponsorship of the Trinidad & Tobago Benevolent and Welfare Societies and the famed 'Gayap' Organization of America.

This one had the patronage of the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Trinidad & Tobago to the United Nations, Sir Ellis Clarke. It took the form of a 'Concert and Grand Ball' and was given at the beautiful Riverside Plaza Ballroom, Friday, September 6.

The 'concert' was an original

ballet performance choreographed by Kingsley Rotardier, young dancer from Trinidad who organised a new dance group for the occasion called The Iere Ballet Company and used highlights from the "History of Trinidad and Tobago" as a theme for his presentation. It met with most favourable response from the audience.

The Trinidad & Tobago United Cultural Association, composed of United Nation employees staged a capacity Dance and Floor Show at the Manhattan Center on August 31 which was largely attended by the international community.

Equally successful was the

N.Y.U. West Indian Students Association headed by Percival Borde, who gave an Independence Dance with proceeds going to their Scholarship Fund and honouring the Ladies International Hockey Teams from Trinidad and Jamaica. This one took place at the beautiful Audobon Ballroom on August 30. In this case even Jamaica joined with Trinidadians and Tobagians to celebrate the First Anniversary of Independence. It was quite a week.

Celebrating the First Anniversary of Independence of Trinidad and Tobago at a 'Fete de Joie' in the Riverside Plaza Ballroom last Friday were Dr. Cyril Olliverre, Sir Ellis Clarke, Ambassador from Trinidad & Tobago to the U.N., Mrs. Dick Campbell, U.N. Secretary, formerly of Tobago, Alston Norton, Brooklyn Real Estate owner, formerly of Tobago, and Justice Carlton Achong of the Trinidad & Tobago Supreme Court who was in New York on business.

Women's League Meets

More than 300 delegates attended the Conference of the PNM Women's League last Sunday at the Emergency Teachers' Training College, Wrightson Road. They listened to a feature address delivered by the deputy Political Leader, Dr. Patrick Solomon, and the main address from their outgoing Chairman, Mrs. Isabel Teshea.

Dr. Solomon congratulated the conference for its attendance and pointed out that the part women play in a country will determine whether their nation goes forward or backward.

Mrs. Teshea, addressing the conference, said in part:

"We have reached the stage of maturity which demands a new perspective. Our Government is moving with rapidity in establishing the highest standard of democracy, and with even pace must the people of the country develop. The League in its plans for the new term must therefore pay special attention to the preparation of women and girls for economic productivity as wage earners to meet the demands of the new five-year development programme."

"It is significant that I was selected to attend the International Conference sponsored by the International Council of Social Democratic Women in Sweden from August 25-31, and then the Biennial Conference in Amsterdam, September 5-6, on Educational Planning in Developing Countries with special references to women's education...."

".....During the afternoon session we will discuss a paper and will advance suggestions on aspects which may be of interest in our programme of 'The Nation's Welfare' for 1963/64. In making our submissions we must take into consideration the local scene as manifested by the population, their interest and disinterest; loyalty and disloyalty; sacrifice and selfishness, dignity and the lack of dignity, as we are aware that each adverse aspect if allowed to continue will seriously affect the personality of our youth and the economy of the country....."

Turning purely to League matters, Mrs. Teshea informed the Conference that "The International Council of Social Democratic Women has expressed great satisfaction with our choice of candidate for the scholarship which they gave us last year. Ruby has (Miss Ruby Felix), been a good ambassador. In proof of their satisfaction they have offered us another scholarship in September 1964. This gesture was the gift to mark Trinidad and Tobago's participation at the Conference. In turn I wish to mark the honour conferred on me with a gift of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to start a fund to equip a kitchen at Balisier House for educational purposes. I was inspired by a photographic slide of one activity of the Women's League of the Dutch Socialist Party.

"Mrs. Mary Saran, Secretary of the International Council of Social Democratic Women, now on pre-retirement leave, has informed me that Trinidad is included in her programme and will spend one month here beginning early December. This will be an ideal opportunity for us to show our appreciation of the benefits which we have received from her organisation. I believe that the time has come for us to approach the General Council for permission to apply for membership in the International Council. Each Constituency League Executive must alert members of Mrs. Saran's visit and arrange a programme for her.

"I am fully aware of the fact

Women's Page

and County Councillor Eutrice Huggins.

At the afternoon session resolutions were presented by the various constituency leagues and were keenly discussed. Many new recommendations were made and a few resolutions amended.

At this stage Mrs. Teshea gave a brief report on her visit to Sweden and Holland where she represented Trinidad and Tobago at a Women's International Conference and a Biennial Conference.

The formal business of the Conference was concluded and members were entertained at a short session of "Pay and the gay" which ended on a happy note at 6.45 p.m.

The Secretary of the International Council of Social Democratic Women, Miss Mary Saran, sent a message to the Conference wishing it all success.

She added: "...Your links with our Council become closer over the years. We have welcomed your representatives whom we have had the pleasure of meeting in London. In our Bulletin we have continued to follow the League's activities. Thus your work has become known among our women's movements throughout the world.

"Through the scholarship which we have been able to give to one of your members, who has now nearly completed her study course in England, our mutual association has been greatly strengthened. We are looking forward now to your chairman joining us in an important conference in August."

that Constituency League Executives have worked very hard during the past years and have met with success and failure.

"Our achievement of nationhood must so inspire us that whatever failures we have encountered should serve as stepping stones to our success. I relinquish office today and would ask you now to re-dedicate your lives to the service of the country through the People's National Movement."

Officers elected at the conference: 1st V/Chairman, Miss Phyllis Mitchell; 3rd V/Chairman, Mrs. Florrie Noble; Secretary, Miss Olga Bland; Asst. Secretary, Miss Muriel Green; Treasurer, Mrs. Zilla Kirton; Education Officer, Miss Ruby Felix; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Gladys MacAlister; Welfare Officer, Mrs. Elaine Browne; Delegates to General Council, Miss Ruby Felix and Miss Olga Bland; Delegates to 7th Annual Convention, Mrs. Elaine Browne, and Mrs. Elva Cowie.

Among delegates attending the morning session were: Senators Verna Crichlow, Dr. Ada Date-Camps, Olive Walke; City Councillors D. Bentham, Z. Bansfield,



The Chairman of the Women's League, Mrs. Isabel Teshea.

QUOTE FROM MISS RUBY FELIX' MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE

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".....Our first Conference held in 1959 marked a phase in the emancipation of the public spirited citizens of the Territory. The activities of men and women then, were governed by an end that was common to all, and on August 31, 1962 we acquired legitimately what we lay moral claim to, on April 22, 1960—National Independence.

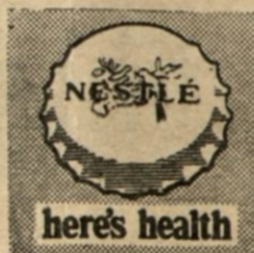
"But emancipation is a progressive term, evolutionary and sometimes revolutionary in character, because the social environment within which we function is in process of continuous change. We find ourselves therefore, entering into another phase this year, that of patriots working together to promote the Nation's Welfare.

"This means long term planning of welfare programmes and vigilance, based on a profound awareness of the worth and importance of our country. It means, too, that we must keep our newly acquired status vibrant and unsophisticated if it must survive."



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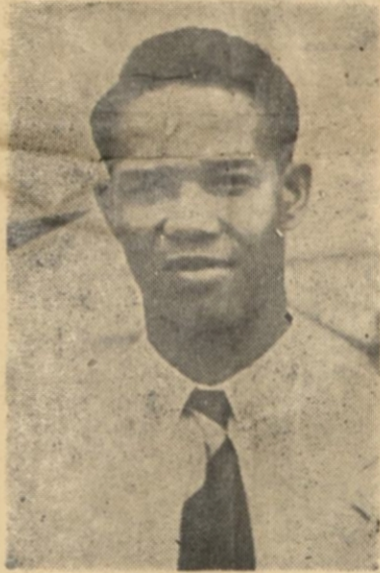


By MICHAEL GIBBES

Before the 1963 series began, there was quite a brou-ha-ha in the Press about the formidable array of England batsmen that would be opposing West Indies. Yet, it is now a matter of history that not once in the five Tests did England innings exceed 300 runs. Moreover, no home batsman hit an individual century in the Test rubber — one has to go back 75 years (to the 1888 series, when only 3 Tests were played) to find a comparable state of affairs. Was this due to the excellence of the visitors' bowling or to inherent deficiencies in the technique of most modern English batsmen. Obviously, both these factors played their part in England's moderate aggregates.

Under the sustained pressure of Hall's pace and outswing, Griffith's yorker and inswing, Gibb's nagging accuracy and controlled spin, and Sobers's versatility (this chap is really three bowlers in one!); Messrs. Dexter, Barrington, Stewart, Edrich and Parks wilted time and again — the edifice of the innings folded like a deck of cards.

The first Test at Old Trafford was convincingly won by 10 wickets, with a day and a half to spare. West Indies thus avenged the 1950 defeat on this ground when the infamous nature of the wicket loaded the scales against us. Conrad Hunte took advantage of a fairly comatose pitch to amass 182 and pave the way for a mammoth total, ably assisted by Kanhai and Worrell, the latter playing a gem of an innings for 74 not out. It was a great tribute to Hall's fearsome pace and hostility that he unsettled all the batsmen on the easy wicket, yet it was the offspin of Lance Gibbs (11 wickets in the match) which completed the discomfiture of England and put West Indies one up.



Garfield Sobers

THE LORD'S TEST

What a fantastic Test match the Lord's encounter proved, with the closing stages reminiscent of the Brisbane tie! An affair of fluctuating fortunes with the scales of success tilting now this way, now that, and all the arts of cricket on display: dare-devil batsmanship by Dexter and Butcher, resolute concentration by Solomon and Close, admirable seam bowling by Trueman, Shackleton and Griffith, and at the denouement of the match, a remarkable show of stamina by that fine physical specimen, Wes Hall, who came storming back to frustrate English hopes of victory. Young Murray performed brilliantly behind the stumps, enhancing his growing reputation for dependability. Never can one forget those dramatic, agonising last minutes when the match, eventually drawn, might have gone either way.

Incidentally, during Butcher's innings of 133, it was amazing how often the bowlers saw fit to attack him on his strong point—

batsmen contributed to their own woes. Chasing 309 runs to win in 208 minutes is a mighty tall order for Test cricket, but since our brand of cricket has become a by-word for excitement blended with skill, not an impossible target. Yet when 4 wickets — Carew, Hunte, Butcher and Sobers — fell for 64, it was patently clear that victory was beyond our grasp, and there is much to be said for the cricket-

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Frank Worrell and his vice-captain opening batsman, Conrad Hunte, take the field, followed by Sobers. Worrell has been acclaimed one of the greatest captains of all time. Hunte and Sobers each scored 1,000 runs this tour. Sobers took 82 wickets.



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the leg side, where he is blessed with a good eye and wrists of steel. Perhaps it's the old story of feeding a batsman's pet strokes in the hope of betraying him into over-confidence and subsequent indiscretion, whereas attacking his weakness merely throws him on the defensive with negative results.

DEFEAT

The Edgbaston Test was a personal triumph for 'Fearless' Freddie Trueman, and it is debatable whether any of the great batting teams of the past could have coped successfully with the Yorkshireman on a wicket made to order for his deliveries. In the heavy atmosphere, his late swing and movement off the seam were virtually unplayable. But in spite of this, the Windies

ing axiom that a match which cannot be won must be saved! No attempt was made to put up the shutters, and West Indies collapsed in dramatic fashion for a paltry 91 to lose by 217 runs.

The outstanding feature of the Fourth Test at Leeds was the welcome return to batting form of Garfield Sobers who scotched his maiden Test century on English soil. A fourth wicket partnership with Rohan Kanhai, (an association dreaded all summer by English supporters) produced 143 runs and saw West Indies to 397 in their first knock.

WISDEN TROPHY

Due to a devastating spell by the burly Charlie Griffith, England lost 8—93, but rallied to 174. Wisely in my view — since time was on his side (3 days to

go), his bowlers were in need of a rest and he did not relish subjecting his team to the ordeal of its "Achilles' heel" (a fourth innings on a turning wicket) — Frank Worrell did not enforce the follow-on, preferring to increase his lead. Of course, had England eventually saved the match, there would have been a frightful outcry against Worrell letting England off the hook, for the finer points of cricket strategy are viewed with impatience, not to say ignorance, by neophyte critics whose memories are so short that they do not recall two similar decisions by Jeff Stollmeyer which were eminently justified at Sabina and Kensington 1954. Eventually set to get 453, Dexter's men succumbed by 221 runs.

Victory at the Oval by 8 wickets clinched the rubber. England, though batting first and

leading by 29 on first innings, were once more outplayed. Sobers completed his 4,000 runs in Test cricket (he also has 98 wickets); Murray broke the wicket-keeping record at the eleventh hour; Kanhai's innings of 77 rivalled Dexter's 70 at Lord's as the most exhilarating of the entire series. Hunte, by scoring his second century in the rubber, shamed those detractors who had clamoured for his omission from the touring team. Wes Hall secured a mere 16 wickets, but cannot be deemed a failure for no English batsman relished his pace, and he thus made the job of his partner Griffith that much easier.

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Follow the Lightweights

By LUCKY LOU

Except for the resounding victory by BOUNTY with the heavy impost of 138, the heavily weighted horses had a poor day last Saturday on the soft going and to all appearances the track will again be on the easing side tomorrow and lightweights will be the ones to follow.

The first race on the day's card finds ANTONIO in at 129, BARBICAN 121 and DEVON GLORY 126. On this score ANTONIO should be able to handle the other two. But I concede the best chance to the lightly weighted BEACH HEAD. The outsider is QUEEN'S COUNSEL.

Over a mile, the obvious selection in this F Class bunch is OROFINA who is in fine form. However, the trend of a light one pulling it off is also possible here and I tip NORTH STAR to win from OROFINA with LADY PEPPER next.

The start of the Five Furlongs sprint for D and Lower will make all the difference to the results and with this in mind the ones who can get out quickly will have the best chance. FORRES PARK, drawn on the inside, looms as the likely winner with "old man" FAIRY JET to follow. Third berth should see a fight between FLOODLIGHT and LUNDY STAR.

The biggest field of the meeting will contest the G class mile and here anything can happen. On at 120, HOT FOR SO will be hard to beat and the stagers have every right to be in at the finish. The SPIDER and MAGIC CASTLE are the two to support.

PRIZE WINNER is now ready and is a good each way bet over nine furlongs for the C2 bunch. The consistent TED will run a good race although I doubt his ability to run a true nine furlongs. ALL WOOL is always happy at this distance and will be in contention at the end.

The F six furlongs is another open affair but the speedy ANTONIA can win here. BALLY-SWIFT carries his weight well and is the main opposition. Third berth should be filled by SCOTLAND CHOICE.

The lightly raced FAIR

Port-of-Spain City Council

CLAIM TO CEMETERY ALLOTMENT

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 253 (5) of the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, Chapter 39, No. 1, that MARGARITA PALMER of No. 6, Delhi Street, St. James, in the City of Port-of-Spain has applied to the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Port-of-Spain (hereinafter called "the Corporation") for the grant to her of the Exclusive Right of Burial in an allotment containing one grave space measuring 3' x 10' situated in Block No. 36, 4th Street West (on Road) 2nd grave space North of William Eddy's grave in the Lapeyrouse Cemetery and registered in the name of Isabella Allen and that the Corporation intend to issue to the said MARGARITA PALMER the grant applied for unless objection to the issue thereof is lodged with the Corporation before the Fourteenth day of October, 1963, and the Corporation are satisfied, after investigation, that the objector has shown sufficient cause why such grant should not be issued.

A. F. HEWITT, Town Clerk.

T & T now Member of World Bank

Trinidad and Tobago is now a full member of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank). On Tuesday, Sir Ellis Clarke, Ambassador to the United States, on behalf of the Minister of Finance signed the original Articles of Agreement of the Fund and of the Bank which are held in the Archives of the Government of the United States of America in Washington.

Signing of the articles of Agreement completed the membership formalities. Trinidad and Tobago therefore now have full rights of membership at the forthcoming meetings of the Fund and the Bank to be held in Washington from Monday September 30 to Friday October 4 next.

Cabinet last Thursday appointed the Minister of Finance to be a Governor to serve on the Board of Governors of the Fund and the Bank.

PM to open College of Arts and Science

The Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Dr. E. Williams, will formally open the College of Arts and Science at St. Augustine, on Monday, October 7. The opening ceremony will be followed by ceremonial admission of students.

The ceremonies will be open to the public.

Save the Youth

It has been announced by the Chairman of the Central Committee of the "Save the Youth" organization, Mrs. Isabel Teshea, that "Save the Youth Week" will be observed from October 6 to 12.

All district committees of the organization are asked to submit their programme of activities immediately to the secretary, Miss Olga Bland, 18 Sackville Street, Port-of-Spain, for perusal by the Central Committee.

Proposal, Counter Proposal

The secretary of the Union of Commercial and Industrial Workers, Mr. Gonzales, revealed that his union was still studying the proposal submitted last week by the Wholesale and Retail Dealers' Association. The union proposes to submit counter proposals.

Meanwhile, the UCIW has contacted the management of the five stores which decided to part company with the Association when the new proposal was submitted—John Hoadley, Tip Top Tailors, Sports and Games, Hardware and Electric Supplies, and Yuille's — informing them of its intention to submit proposals as early as possible. The union has received no reply so far.

And the union is still holding discussions with the Shirt Manufacturers' Association in respect of workers of several major shirt factories. Negotiations have been in progress for a month, and some progress has been made.

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