

## ABSTRACT

This thesis is concerned with examining the foreign policy of Barbados, a small island-state in the Commonwealth Caribbean from its independence in November 1966 to December 1978. The 12-year period under study embraces two successive administrations. The government of ex-Prime Minister Errol Barrow's Democratic Labour Party (D.L.P.) ruled the country from 1966 to September 1976 when the party was voted out of office in the 1976 General Elections. After the D.L.P.'s administration, Prime Minister J.M.G.M. "Tom" Adams' Barbados Labour Party (B.L.P.) assumed the reins of leadership for a five-year term.

The primary task of this investigation is (1) to establish *what* was the foreign policy of Barbados during the period of the two successive governments, (2) to determine *why* the state pursued the foreign policy it pursued and (3) to discover *how* its foreign policy decisions were made and how they were translated into action.

The study analyses the domestic and external environments as factors which condition the nature of Barbados' foreign policy strategies. In an effort to discover the state's attitude toward the international

cosmography, the work includes an examination of speeches made by Barbados' representatives at the United Nations.

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