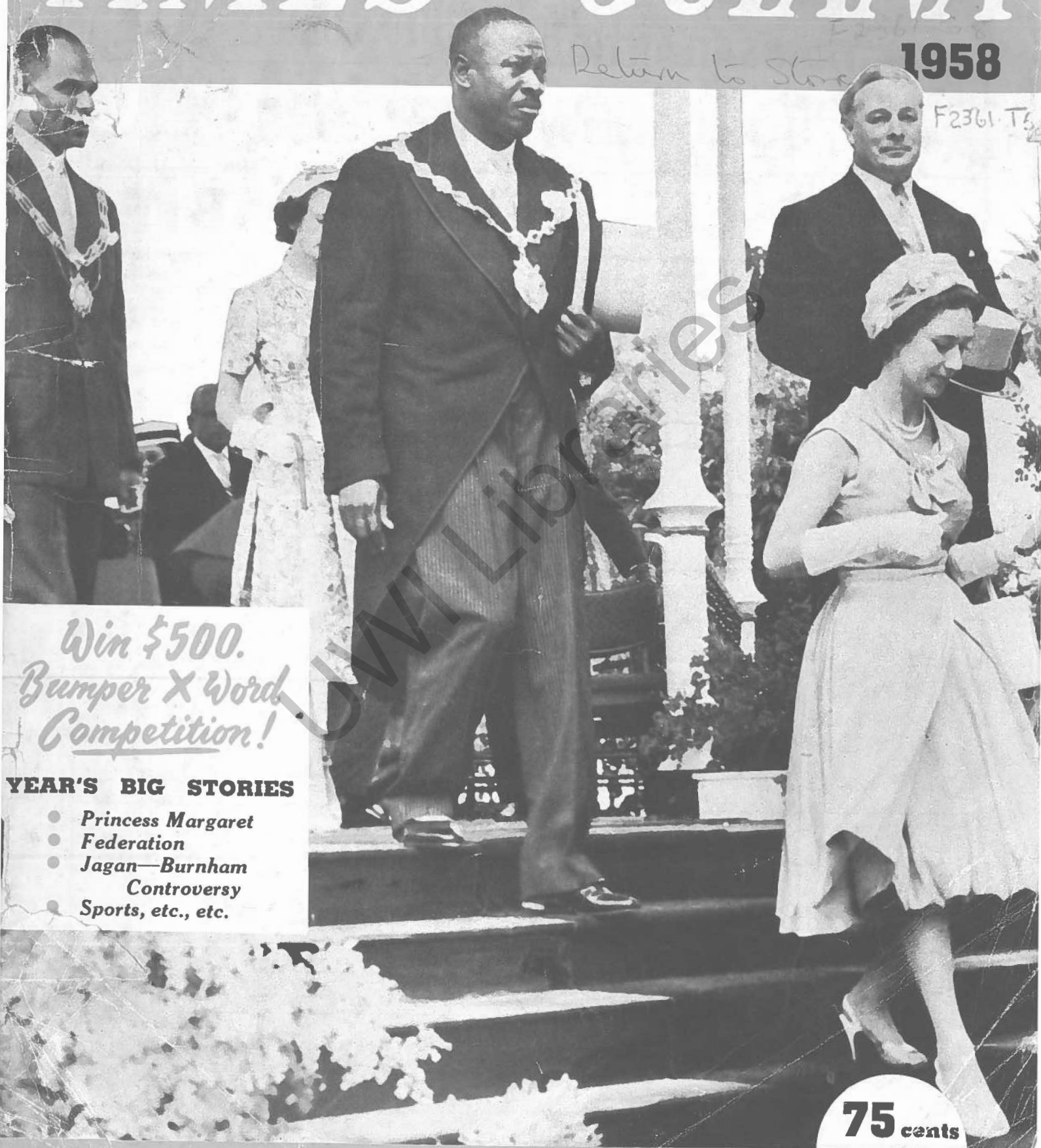


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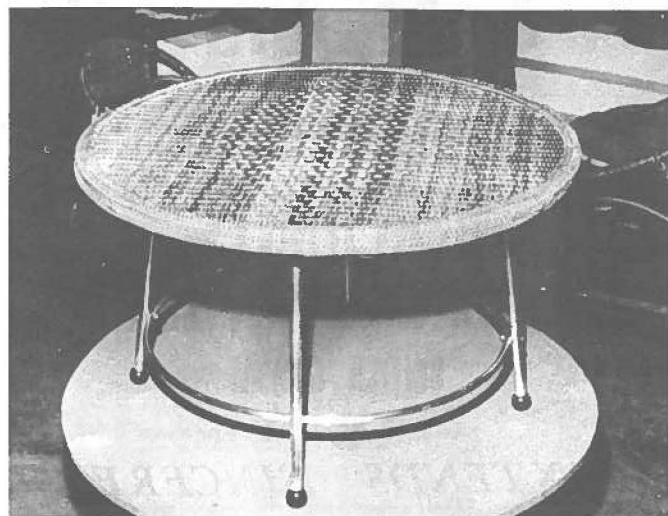
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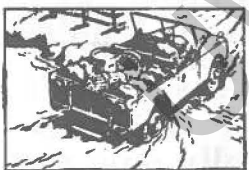
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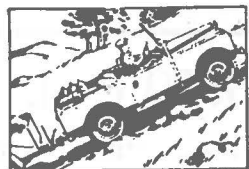
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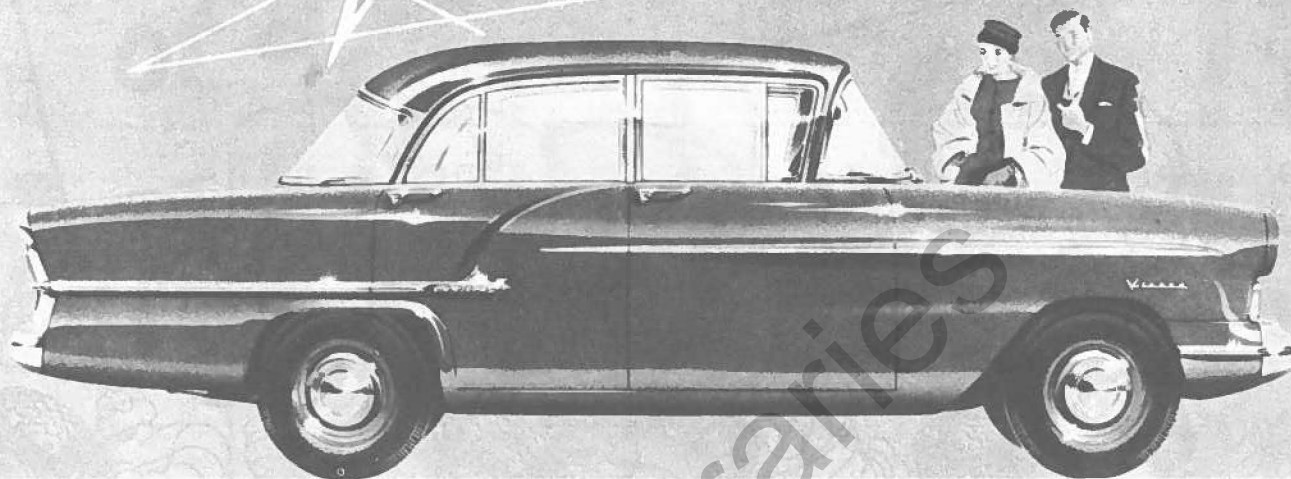
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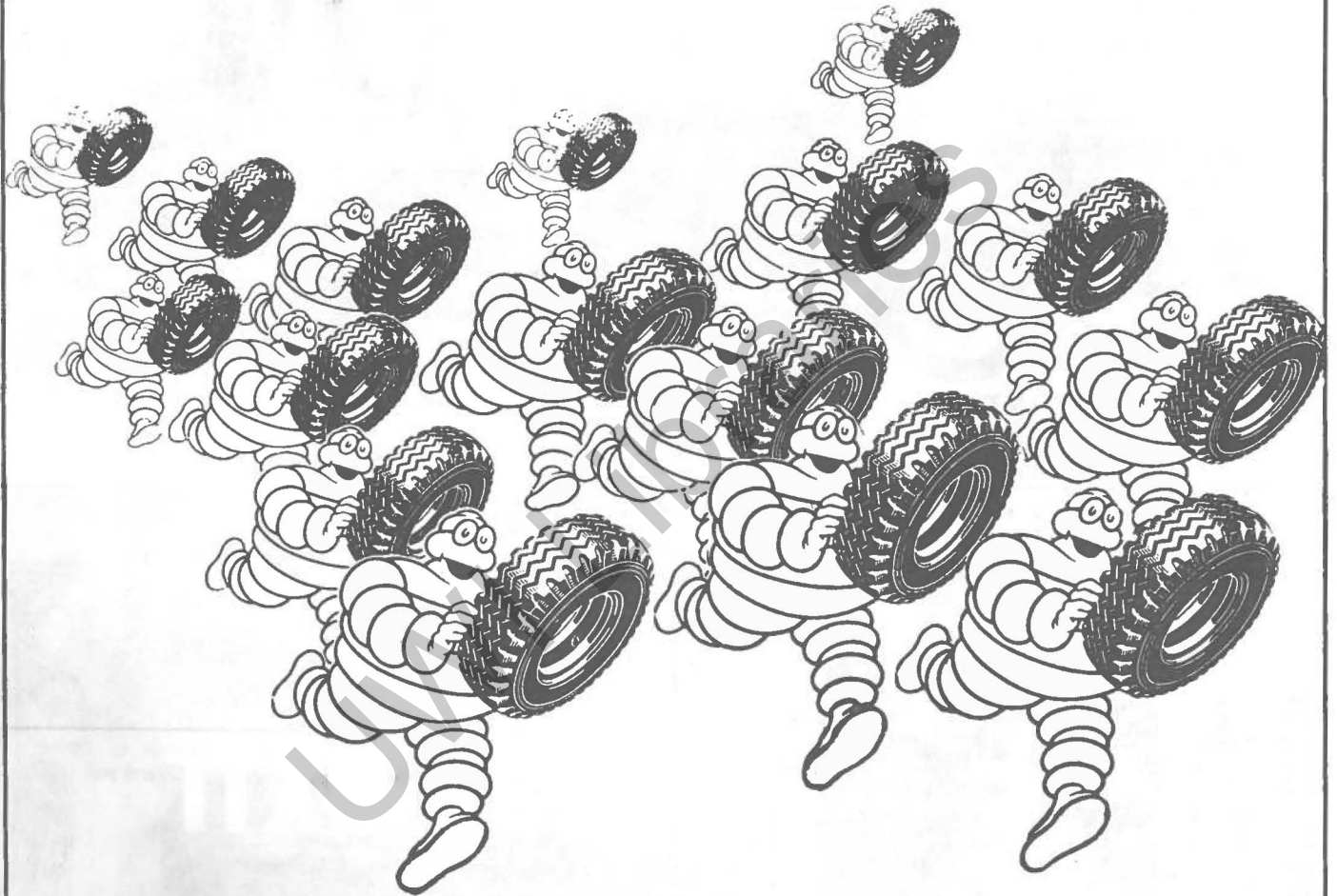
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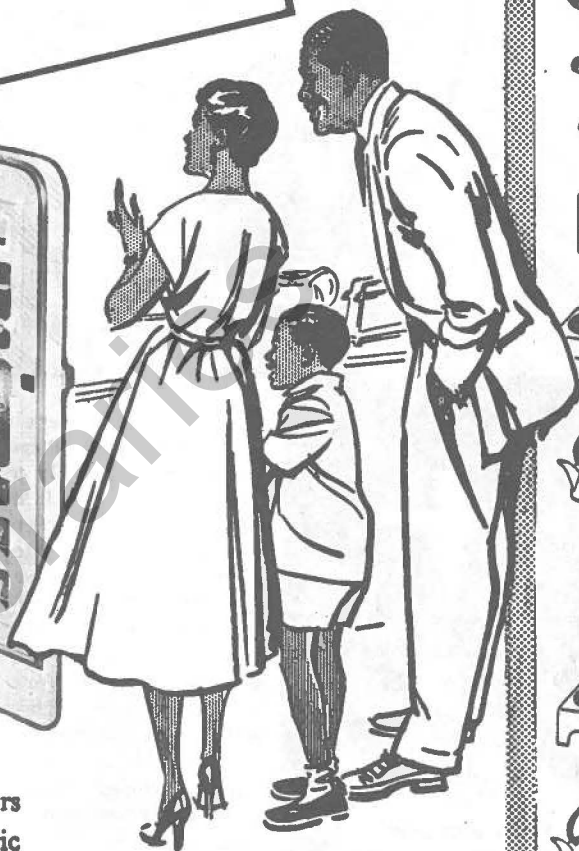
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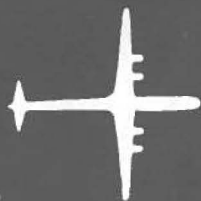


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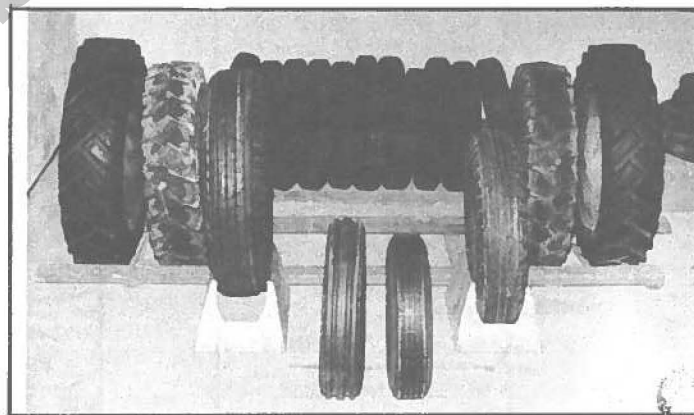
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COVER PICTURE

Cover Picture by LeRoy Raatgever illustrates one of the big moments in the year's biggest event. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison, Mayor of Georgetown, Mrs. Claude Merriman and Mayor of New Amsterdam, Mr. Stephen Carew escorting Princess Margaret at the Civic Reception in Georgetown. We are also indebted to the Editors of the Guiana Graphic and Daily Argosy for other pictures appearing in these pages.

FOR the second successive year we again present to our reading public —TIMES OF GUIANA PICTORIAL.. This year-end edition was acclaimed so highly last year that this year we have not only increased production but decided to share \$500 of profits among readers through a simple crossword contained in the back pages.

AS in the past we have spared no pains nor expense to present a readable, picturesque journal of a high standard. In so doing we have attempted to cover as wide a field as possible to suit the taste of every type of reader-interest, about the year's outstanding events in British Guiana and nearby West Indies.

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PRINCESS



ARRIVAL IN TRINIDAD

Princess Margaret welcomed to Federal Territory by Prime Minister of the West Indies, Sir Grantley Adams.

RETURN of Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, to calypso land and her visit to British Guiana, turned out to be the year's biggest event so far. Not since the time when her 'Uncle David' then Prince of Wales, came to these parts in our fathers' day, that a Royal visit touched off so much romantic excitement. And the Princess herself was noticeably thrilled and excited.

Since childhood days when she tagged alongside big sister "Lilabeth" on a Windsor Grey in the Palace Gardens, to her teenage days when as a gushing thirteen-year-old she made her acquaintance with Palace Equerry Peter Townsend, and through the years when that meeting ripened into romance and made world headlines and finally smothered because of ancient tradition, the Princess has had more than her share of human problems. Yet these did not dim her attractive smile and happy nature, nor change her excitable and high spirit.

AFTER four days in Trinidad, where she opened the Federal Legislature, laid the corner stone for the new Town Hall, visited the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture and a large sugar estate, she was flown out to Tobago Island. There she went sea-bathing at Arnos Vale Bay, and armed with snorkel and goggles went on a fish-seeing adventure, explored in a glass bottom boat the world of undersea flora and fauna at the famous Buccoo Reef.

Inspection of Jamaican troops on Guard of Honour.





Escorted to the dais by Major General D. F. Robinson after inspection of Guard of Honour.



Top : Laying corner stone of Port-of-Spain's new Town Hall.

Left : Princess Margaret specially posing for cameramen with Governor General Lord Hailes in the gardens of his mansion in Port-of-Spain.

PRINCESS



WAITING MOMENTS.

Georgetown VIP's wait patiently for the landing of the Bristol Britannia airliner, bringing the Princess from neighbouring Trinidad.

ARRIVAL IN BRITISH GUIANA

THEN on Tuesday afternoon, April 29, when she flashed her exhilarating smile as she landed from the B.O.A.C. stratocruiser at Atkinson Field, a fever of terrific excitement swept through not only those that looked on, and before long went like an electric current through the whole country.

In the three days' stay in British Guiana she sailed down the muddy Demerara River from Atkinson Field to Georgetown, enjoying the twittering of birds and sight of thick green foliage along the river side, and a welcome by water skiers and human laden decorated canoes and boats.

At Lusignan on the East Coast, at a great Industrial Exhibition on the Community Centre ground, she encountered for the first time B.G. Amerindians, and chatted with the chief and his family.

High spot in the celebrations in honour of her visit was the two mile long Industrial and Urban Display in Georgetown. Seated in a dais on Georgetown's proposed cultural site, and flanked on either side by the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison and Georgetown's Mayor Claude Merriman, she tapped her dainty feet to the rhythm of the steel bands as they paraded past, strumming tunes ranging from 'Princess Margaret Calypso' to 'Rule Britannia'.

ON the last night of her tour she took a leaf from her 'Uncle David's' book at a grand Regimental Ball, and danced most of the night with the local officers. This function was the grand finale to the afternoon's handing-over ceremony of the Queen's Colour to the B.G. Volunteer Force, commanded by Lt. Col. C. M. Bernard.

Next morning she boarded the **Bristol Britannia** after bidding good bye from under a huge black umbrella in drizzling rain.

The first greeting. Governor Sir Patrick Renison welcomes the Princess to British Guiana at Atkinson Airport. Lady Renison draws near to be presented.

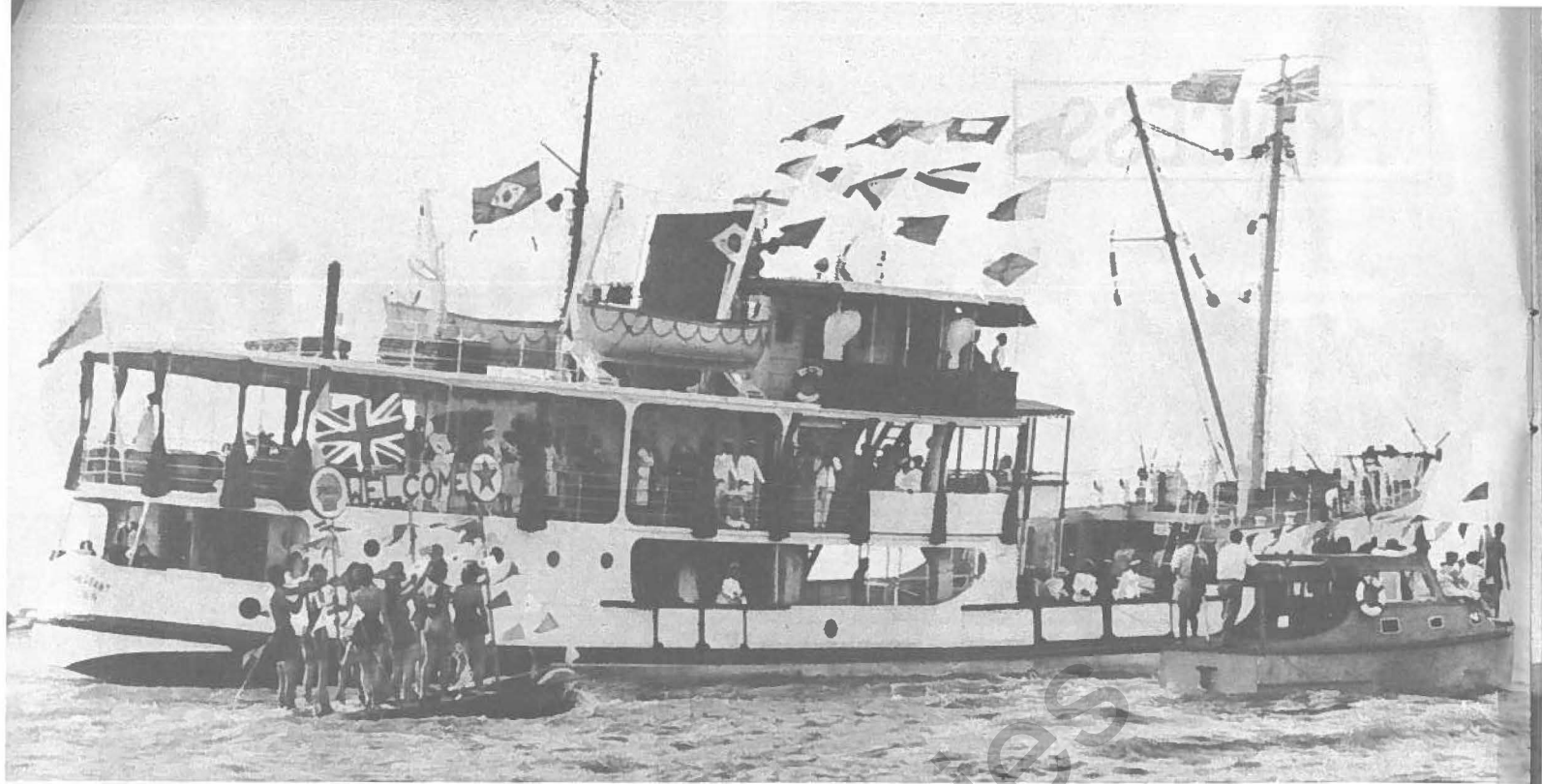


"C" Company of the First Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, commanded by Major J. W. B. Stuart, which formed the guard-of-honour at Atkinson Airport in British Guiana.



Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Hon. Janet Jagan, smiles as she is presented. Immediately behind is Minister for Communications and Works, Hon. Ram Karran.

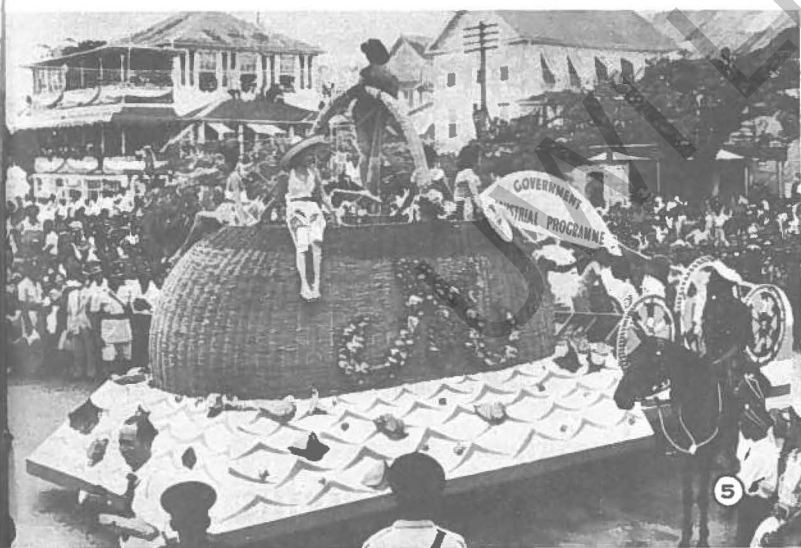




The Princess in the flag decked "Canje Pheasant" on the river ride from Atkinson Field to Georgetown, being greeted by water skiers in the coffee-coloured Demerara River.

Human laden corials in the Demerara River harbour formed part of the grand welcome.

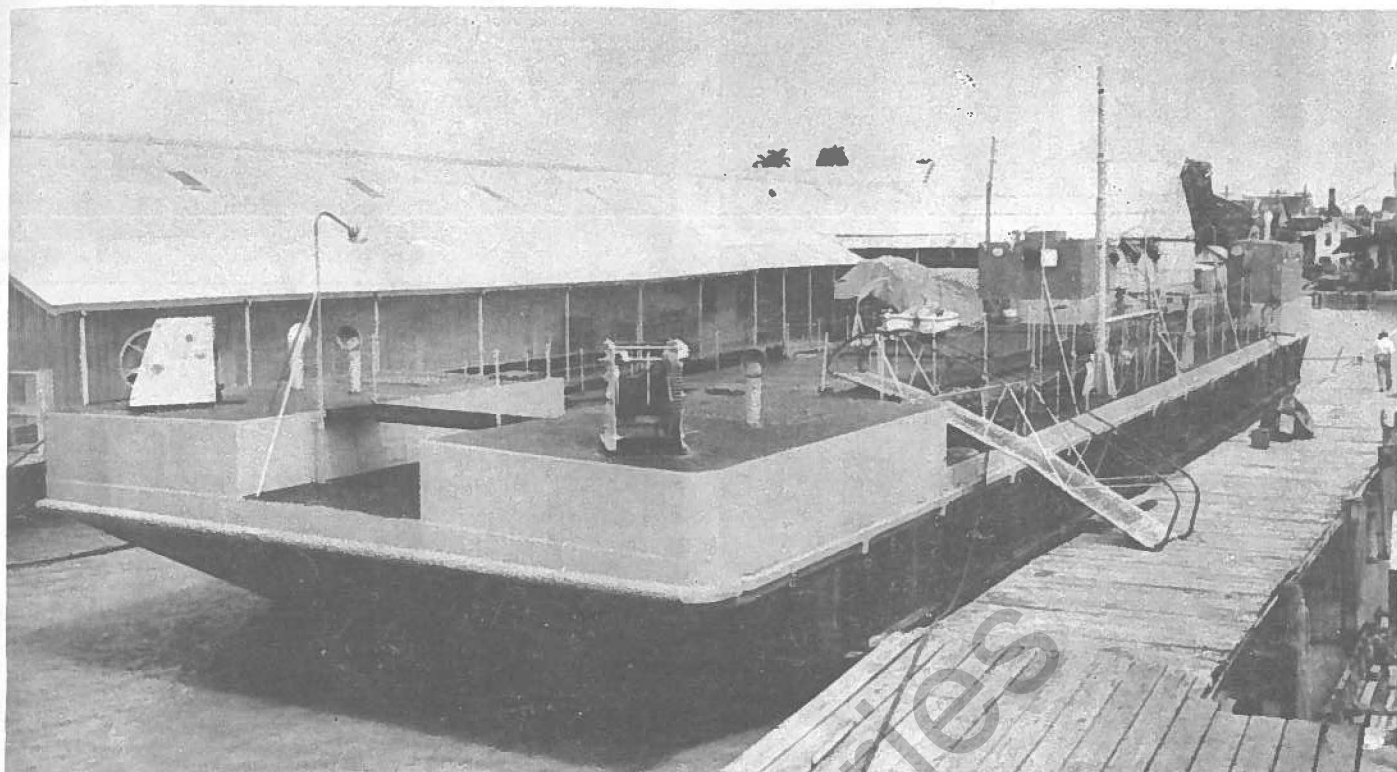




High Lights

1. Proud moment for host Governor Sir Patrick Renison.
2. Lt. Col. C. M. Bernard C-in-C of B.G. Volunteers treads a measure.
3. Town planner Mr. B. Barker explains low cost housing.
4. Labour Commissioner Mr. J. Ramphal shows Amerindians
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INDUSTRY



Bauxite And Alumina

British Guiana's Main Hope for Future

by PERCY E. ARMSTRONG

WHOEVER has made a voyage sixty-five miles up the Demerara River within recent times, has found new surprises awaiting him. On rounding the river bend near Kara Kara Creek just before Mackenzie township, the sight of huge structures of iron works, rising midst a landscape of misty sky and darkened foliage on the east bank, offers the first big surprise. Like giant rum-punches turned downside up on the edge of the jungle, the ironworks are some of the massive precipitators of the new \$60,000,000 Alumina plant under construction. When completed the Plant will convert, by chemical processes, a large portion of dried bauxite ore produced at Mackenzie, into a fine, white, powdery substance called Alumina, for export to be made into aluminium metal.

Boldly breaking the skyline in an incongruous environment of tropic forests around the Retrieve area, the structures seen represent the first stage of new and impending Bauxite developments in British Guiana. In the foreground of the Plant site, is a huge clearance strewn with girders,

The huge \$60,000,000 alumina plant, under construction at Retrieve, Demerara River, that will begin its annual production of some 220,000 tons of alumina in 1961, thus laying the foundation for a great industrial city of the future in British Guiana. Such a city, envisaged in the Marshall report, may combine not only bauxite producing Mackenzie area, two miles further south but also the Wismar-Christianburg area across the river, into a vast interior urban area, that could be linked to Georgetown by a hard surface roadway, as the first stage for interior development. **INSET :** Demba's Managing Director Mr. J. G. Campbell

workshop frames, huge swivel cranes and engineering impedimenta, while from the riverside, with dredging operations in full swing, the sound of pile-driving steel hammers at the water's edge, re-echoes over the jungle like the rapid rhythm of a giant woodpecker at work. Port facilities, with a large docksite and deep water turn-around point in the river, are being prepared for ocean-going freighters, while a large conveyor system in huge elevators is also under construction, to load the dusty, dry Alumina into ships' holds for the great smelting furnaces of Canada, there to be made into Aluminium Ingots.

Last year when a cruel recession struck heavily from outside, these operations had to be slowed down almost to a snail's pace, forcing the extension of the two-year schedule to four years for completion. But by 1961 when the new conversion process begins, the area is likely to be transformed into one of the greatest industrial centres in the Guianas.

As Managing-Director Mr. J. G. Campbell declared last November after his return from abroad "Demba hopes that by the time this alumina plant goes into operation,.....conditions in the industry will have improved to the point where markets can be found for the full contemplated output of 220,000 tons of alumina per year."



Government Housing Estate screened behind Wismar hills. The estate was constructed by Sproston's Construction Company (Conspros) builders of the Alumina plant, in anticipation of great flow of workers and settlers in the district in the years ahead. Houses are equipped with every modern convenience, awaiting installation of electricity and water services.

Another Surprise

MEANWHILE on the west bank of the coffee-coloured river, the almost snowy white hills that shoot over the dark and dismal foliage behind Wismar/Christianburg area, screen from view the next big surprise. This takes the form of one of the most beautifully laid out housing estates in the country. Designed by the Central Housing and Planning Department, in Georgetown, in response to a request from Demerara Bauxite Company, and carefully laid out on land acquired by Government, 250 picturesque block houses of various types with all modern conveniences were built in record time by Sproston's Construction Company, builders of Alumina Plant at Retrieve.

This new Government Housing Programme represented other developments being calculated for the return of a great flow of workers in the region, by the time the Plant goes into operation. Begun during last year with the highest enthusiasm, the construction of the Housing Estate on the normally ramshackle Wismar side of the river followed the planning of parallel undertakings on the already well laid-out Mackenzie site. These had included high level projects such as the building of a large Community Centre and an imposing Trade School and High School, blocks of self-contained modern flats and cottages for workers, several miles of roadway and additional railway transport for ore and workers from Mackenzie to the Plant at Retrieve.

Recession

THESE combined operations were undertaken on the basis of the fact that the Aluminium industry of North America was preparing to bring into operation additional production facilities of nearly one million tons of Aluminium for the 1958-59 period, and bauxite producers the world over were gearing for this high demand. At the first announcement in 1956 that construction of the Alumina Plant was about to begin, almost precipitously workers from all over British Guiana converged on Demerara river districts, with high hopes of the future. Once again as in the past, Mackenzie became a boom town with the inevitable overcrowding of unpleasant slum points in the Wismar area. But the boom

The Central Housing and planning committee headed by planning Officer B. Aubrey Barker, interviewing applicants for houses in the Government estate. R. to L. Mrs. C. Bettencourt, Mr. C. A. Merriman, (Mayor of Georgetown), Mrs. B. Benn, Mr. B. Aubrey Barker (Chairman), Mr. L. A. Freeman, Miss B. Sweetnam, with Mr. W. Beekie, Deputy District Commissioner, West Demerara, and applicant for a house.



Workers laid off after last year's cruel recession hope for a tomorrow, when production all round, goes back to full capacity.

was short lived. Within a year the blow from the outside world struck.

First came the big strike at Arvida in Canada, where B.G. Bauxite is converted into Aluminium. Huge stocks of Bauxite ore piled up all down the line from Chaguaramus in Trinidad, the Virgin Islands and storage sheds in Canada it self. Next followed the North American recession, which hit the Steel Industry and in turn reduced the demand for Calcined ore (dehydrated raw ore used in the abrasive and refractory industries which are so closely associated with steel industry). Moreover the Soviets were posing a threat to the Aluminium industry, by seeking to dump the metal on Western markets at a price cheaper than any western producer. Although similar Soviet dumping did affect the tin industry and hit primary producers in countries like Indonesia and Nigeria, the Soviet dumping of aluminium had not reached proportions to affect primary producers in British Guiana.

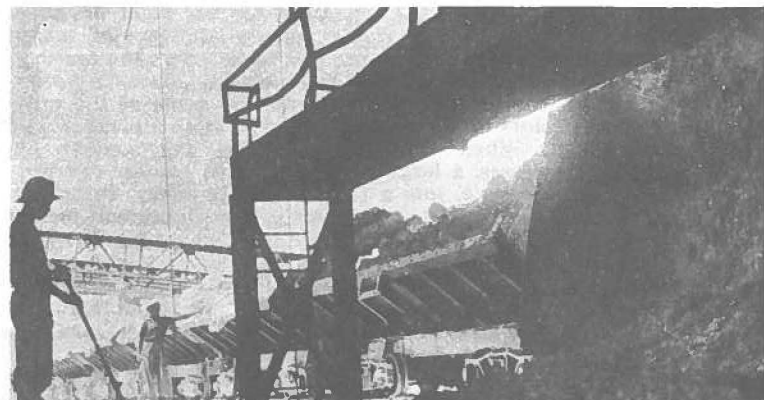
Nevertheless, Demba and Aluminium Ltd., along with all other North American producers were forced to cut back on the numerous plans and to lengthen out original schedules. In a relatively short time the bottom dropped out. Work force of 1,100 on construction work at Retrieve was cut to 500, while scores of workers on the Mackenzie plant, were sent disconsolately down the river. Many developed the odd feeling that they were being led up the garden pathway, while survivors acquired a sense of instability and insecurity.

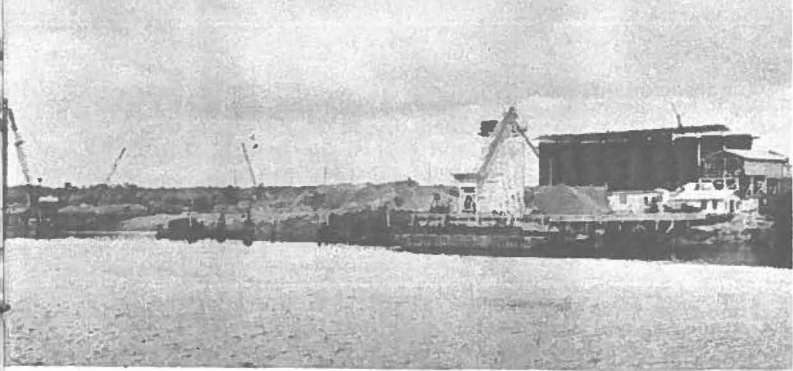
Indications of how the recession struck were seen in the export figures. In 1956 the country exported 1,595,000 tons of dried bauxite as compared with 1,320,000 tons in 1957, while only 900,000 tons are expected to be produced this year. In 1956, 340,000 tons of calcined ore were produced by Demba as compared with 290,000 tons in 1957. But this year the figure may drop to approximately 175,000 tons.

Bright Prospects

SINCE the middle of this year however, the picture for the future has changed radically. Reynolds Metals Co., smallest unit in the Reynolds Group, producing only about 250,000 tons a year from Berbice river area, are willing to predict that inside five years their production may double

Bauxite ore coming in from the mines to be treated into Chemical ore, Calcined ore, Aluminium ore, and soon, Alumina powder.





Deepwater port facilities under construction in front of plant site for ocean-going freighters. This may prove an effective export centre not only for bauxite and alumina to be produced but scores of other interior products in the future.

or treble. While Demba, the largest mining unit in the Aluminium Ltd. Group, have developed as they always did, a cautious optimism. And from Canada, President of the Aluminium Ltd., Mr. Nathanael V. Davis, speaking at an executive club last September, declared "Lest you think Aluminium people are all starry-eyed optimists, a glance at the record over the years will show that when the industry has erred in its outlook it has usually erred on the conservative side"

Optimism is based on known factors. The first is that the strike at Arvida and the recession are now past history. The climb upwards of the steel industry has improved prospects for the calcined ore. The automobile industry of America is estimated to increase its demand for aluminium in order to develop lighter cars to meet the growing fuel consumption and cost, occasioned by heavier cars. Beginning next year, at least 15 lbs. more of aluminium may go into new models coming off the assembly lines. Following experiments by General Motors Ltd. and other auto manufacturers, some even predict, American models will be about 90 percent aluminium within the foreseeable future, thus giving an enormous boost to metal ore.

THE next factor is that new usages of aluminium are being developed in canning, architecture, transportation and for consumer goods such as will be produced by the new locally formed company—Aluminium Manufacturing Company Ltd., registered earlier this year in Georgetown.

Such fabricators are springing up in all parts of the world and will specialise in producing household and other articles such as utensils, furniture, house building equipment, etc., from aluminium. Moreover plans for the great new oil pipe-line system developing in the Middle East and elsewhere envisage new application of aluminium piping. This and other applications will consume large stocks of the light metal made available by increased production facilities, and conclusion of U.S. Government stock-piling contracts. Final factor is that the importation of Soviet metal into Britain alone, has been limited to only 15,000 tons in the next twelve months. *The Hon. Brindley Benn, Minister of Community Development and Education, speaks at the opening of the Demba Trade School last May. Front row—Mrs. Benn, Hon. Mrs. Jagan, Minister of Health and Housing, Mr. J. N. Fraser, Manager of Demba and Mr. Fitz Caesar, President of Mackenzie Branch of B.G.M.W.U.*



while Canadian exports to Britain of metal mostly made from B.G. Bauxite amounted to 165,000 tons last year. On the basis of this, Demba is gearing for progressive climb in future demands for metal grade ore, while construction of the Alumina plant is part of a programme towards taking production a stage further.

Alumina Plant

THE magnitude of the idea of a huge chemical industry in the heart of the jungle is hardly grasped by people of Guiana. Even the construction process was undertaken with the most challenging engineering skill, and most of the \$20,000,000 spent last year in laying the foundations was put underground. Constructed by Sproston's Construction Company (Conspro.), under management of top flight Engineer Mr. Philip Morgan, the Plant will consist of over one hundred steel tanks or precipitators of various shapes and sizes. Biggest item in construction is a total of about 35 miles of piping system, of sizes varying from 3-inch to 16 inches in diameter.

Because of the delicate and precise arrangements needed for this piping system, elaborate and expensive precautions have been made for a permanent foundation system. About 163,000 feet or about 31 miles of steel piles and 60,000 feet or about 11 miles of greenheart piles have been driven into the ground. Said Canadian-born Construction Engineer Gerry Gale, "Approximately 75 percent of the steel piles have been driven down to solid bedrock, which is about 90 feet below the ground level. About 30,000 cubic yards or 60,000 tons of concrete will be poured on these foundations when completed—enough to pave 30 miles of roadway 20 feet wide and three inches thick".



Canadian-born construction Engineer Gerry Gale, in charge of construction works, directing operations with local workmen. In the background are huge precipitators into which bauxite and solution of caustic soda will be poured, to extract the white powder Alumina.

In converting the swampy ground into solid base, in other parts of the site, the builders used 150,000 tons of sand to preconsolidate the ground. Large quantities of sand have had to be carried over a mile from a sand hill behind Mackenzie to the site, in order to raise the existing ground level under various buildings. Another adjunct of the plant is the electricity supply. The Company considered the immense cost of hydro-electricity from the Demerara River rapids was uneconomic and are putting in two turbine generators each to deliver 7,500 Kw.

In brief, when the plant goes into operation, dried ore will move by rail from the kilns at Mackenzie two miles away to storage bins near the plant, thence to the plant proper, where it will be mixed with a caustic solution to remove the alumina from the raw bauxite, then passed through the great piping system in various processes in the precipitators. Alumina is extracted from the flux by precipitation



British Labour M.P., Mr. Charles Grey, speaks to members of B.G.M.W.U.

and forced into drying kilns, where it becomes dry, white powder before being moved by conveyor system to large silos for storage, while awaiting transportation to ships' holds. Since it takes two tons of dried Bauxite to make one ton of Alumina, this is calculated to be an enormous saving in shipping cost.



ALUMINA : 220,000 tons at \$100 per ton to be produced.

British Guiana's Position

WITH three large companies—Reynolds, Kaiser and Aluminium Ltd.—operating at full blast, Jamaica is now rated as the world's largest producer of metal grade bauxite ore. British Guiana on the other hand, having lost its place since the war as the leading bauxite producer, is now famous for its calcined ore which is an entirely different product from the metal grade ore.

Contrary to popular belief that all the ore produced in British Guiana goes into the Aluminium industry, three types of product come from B.G. Bauxite. First, is the small quantity of chemical ore, used in the manufacture of sulfa drugs and old Dutch cleaners, etc. The second is of course the metal grade ore, which is raw ore with the moisture content removed and exported exclusively to Canada for production of the metal aluminium. The third product is the famous calcined ore, which is a further dehydrated process of the raw ore. The ore is heated to such high temperatures, to drive out any remnant of moisture content, that the residue becomes extremely hard. This is shipped to industrial areas in various parts of the world for use in the abrasive and refractory industries.

Because of an extraordinary technique developed from years of experimentation by Demba, British Guiana enjoys almost a virtual monopoly in this type of product. "Indeed" said Mr. S. A. McNeil, Sales Manager of Demba, "Had it not been for our calcined ore, the recession might have struck Demba much harder." The world-wide selling facilities of Alu

minium Ltd. keep the world supplied with this grade of ore. Last year B.G. exported calcined ore to 24 different countries throughout the world and earned for British Guiana \$3,547,400 U.S. as part of the total sales last year.

Jamaica vs. British Guiana

LAST year Jamaica exported \$103,000,000 worth of metal grade ore and alumina, and paid into the Jamaica Treasury a total of approximately \$18,000,000 or about 15 percent of money earned by bauxite sales. On the other hand by contrast, Demba alone exported \$26,000,000 which included calcined ore, and the British Guiana Government collected nearly \$7,000,000 in revenue through taxation from all sources—more than 25 percent of the sales figure. British Guiana therefore gets more out of every ton of bauxite exported than does Jamaica. And Demba alone paid out a wage bill of approximately \$4,000,000 last year to Guianese.

In view of the enormous expense incurred in extracting ore from the overburden and the running of a shuttle service across a shallow harbour bar, British Guiana is at an overwhelming disadvantage to Jamaica and Haiti, where deep water facilities and short runs reduce the cost to low ebb. However, with the Alumina Plant in construction in British Guiana, efforts are continually being made to maintain production to a point of extreme efficiency and economy. The Company therefore has set itself two major tasks—the first is changing the atmosphere in the area from a Company-owned mining township to a self-reliant community, attractive not only to workers but the right type of

private entrepreneurs to develop subsidiary activities. The second task is to give local workers a big stake in the pie, by creating conditions extremely favourable for the highest type of skilled worker the country could produce.

In the family of the Aluminium Ltd. Group, it was discovered that during the building of Kitimat, the great smelting centre in Western Canada, it was more convenient for the Company, merely to provide facilities for workers to build or own their own homesteads and take charge of the running of their community. On the strength of this they took a second look at their earlier smelting centre of Arvida, where B.G. bauxite goes, and decided to change it from its Company-run status to open township, with workers and residents owning their own homes. With such experience to go on, Demba now views with interest, developments flowing out of recommendations of the Marshall Report for re-organisation of Local Government.

Marshall Plan

UNDER the Marshall Plan, Mackenzie township, on one side of the river, will be linked to the Christianburg—Wismar district on the other side, under one all-elected Local Authority. The time is envisaged when the area of the Company's concession, with its laid out building site, will be handed over to such a Local Authority. In view of this planned development programme, the Company had made the request to Government to provide the housing estate on the Wismar side, to be built by their sister company Conspros. Cable facilities were extended across the

river for distribution of electric current to homes on that side. In addition, an elaborate purification plant for water supply was constructed by Conspros. after the building of Government estate. Due, however, to the multiplicity of Local Authorities on this side of the river, it is not clear yet who will ultimately take over the electricity and water supply for distribution. But the early implementation of the Marshall Plan in stages, may be the first step in this direction.

Early in September the Minister of Health and Housing, Hon. Janet Jagan and the committee from the Housing Department headed by the Town Planner Mr. B. A. Barker, visited the area and made allocations of houses to residents both on the hire-purchase and rental basis, thus paving the way for replanning of the whole area.

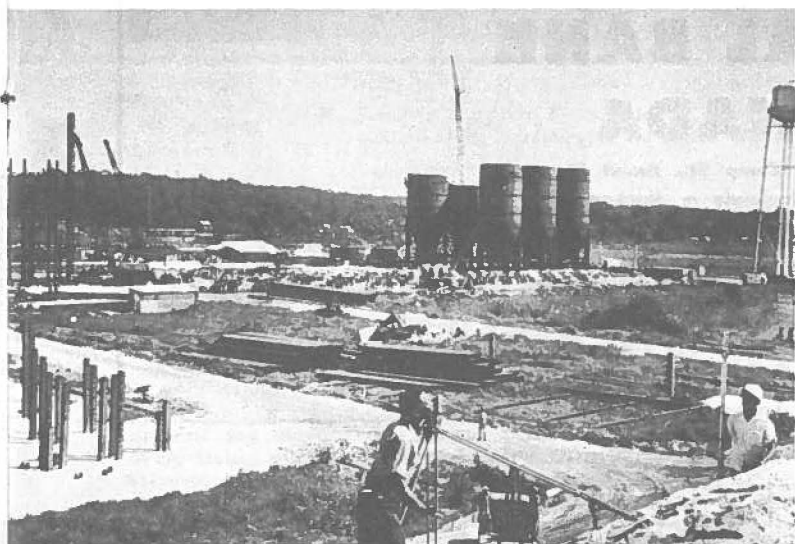
Georgetown—Mackenzie Roadway

SO far the one major factor that now affects the growth of the district into a metropolis is the poor communications with the city and coastal areas, connected only by a river steamer on alternate days. Earlier it was reported that surveys had been made for a hard surface roadway from Georgetown to Mackenzie via the ex-U.S. Army Base at Atkinson Field. The sight of vast quantities of road building equipment lying idle in the machine pool at Retrieve after finishing their construction programme in the area, is another great surprise to a visitor. The Company had undertaken surveys of the area and offered to have the roadway built by Conspros. at cost to the Government. But the present Government is committed to a programme of coastal development, with reclamation of land and resettlement of populations taking top priority, and have shelved the Mackenzie road plans.

Nevertheless, such a roadway is calculated to bring newly developing industrial areas of the interior within speedy automobile contact with the city and Port Georgetown. With one branch road leading across the watershed via Ituni to the Berbice River, and another from Wismar to Rockstone near gold bearing areas on the Essequibo River, the first stage towards opening up of the B.G. hinterland will be set.

Such a roadway will transform the Mackenzie district from an isolated mining township to an industrial metropolis, forming an amazing outlet for some of the vast numbers of young people leaving secondary schools every year and not ordinarily attracted to isolated areas—at the same time providing the area with a sorely needed middle class element of skilled and semi-skilled workers of high standard. As Mr. Davis, Aluminium Ltd. President declared "There is not a man in Aluminium Ltd. nor to my knowledge any member of the industry, whether he be American, British, German or French, who does not hold the conviction that this industry has vast expansion ahead of it, by providing a material which will be of increasing usefulness to the public at large".

Guianese workers under direction from Conspros engineers finishing off a big road building programme around Alumina plant site, with equipment seen at left now lying idle at plant pool.



Building for the Future. First batch of Trade School pupils (15-year old group) learning the rudiments of the machine age.



Mrs. J. N. Fraser, wife of Demba's Manager presents a sports cup to winning departmental team.

\$1,000,000 worth of heavy earth-moving and road-building equipment lying idle at the Machine pool at Retrieve, waiting for a signal from Government to Conspros to build a Mackenzie-Georgetown roadway at cost. Such a roadway is calculated to convert the area from the isolated mining township to an important industrial centre in Guiana, siphon off into the district a considerable portion of the young Guianese leaving high schools each year with little prospects on the coastal areas, and provide the area with an effective middle income group type of skilled worker within automobile distance from Georgetown.





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“And whereas we are desirous of marking the importance of the inauguration of our Federal Legislature of the West Indies and of showing our special interest in the welfare of our Loyal subjects therein and for as much as for

certain causes. We cannot conveniently be present thereof in our Royal Person:

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H.M. The Queen



The famous London Conference of 1956, when delegates from the British West Indies took the hint from the chairman Mr. Lennox-Boyd that "The time for action has come". British Guiana and British Honduras sent only observers. But they were empowered to commit their respective territories only in sharing the facilities of a federal Supreme Court, while each country talked about Independence with their small populations.

FEDERATION

THE centuries-old theme of Federation of the British West Indies, really came to a head on February 7, 1956, when delegates from British Island colonies in the Caribbean, empowered to make decisions on behalf of their respective communities, met at Lancaster House in London, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lennox Boyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, who told them "The time for action had come". After putting finishing touches to various fine points of decisions made at a previous preliminary conference in London in 1953, the delegates affixed their signatures to a famous document. And Federation was born. This document set out certain powers delegated by each island colony to a central authority of elected representatives, to deal with matters affecting their common interest. They, nevertheless, referred to the thorny controversial questions of federal capital and customs union for future discussions. These matters are still pending.

THE federal authority came into being in January this year, when following an Order in Council, the British Government appointed Lord Hailes as the first Governor-General of the unified territories. The new federal state itself became "A living reality" on April 22, when Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, petite sister of the Queen stood in the Council chamber of the Trinidad Red House, and in a colourful ceremony formally inaugurated the new parliament of THE WEST INDIES.

THE new state combines Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, Antigua, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada and Montserrat, with a total population of little more than three million people, with Jamaica accounting for more than half. The new federation excludes mainland territories of British Guiana with its little population of 500,000 people and British Honduras with an even more ridiculous figure of 78,000 seeking complete independence to live on the World's charity as the only escape from "Colonialism", while at the same time seeking benefits from federal services of the Caribbean federation.

British Guiana's Role

IN 1952, a previous Secretary of State, Mr. Oliver Lyttle began the movement of sealing the colonies together, since the talking stage at Montego Bay. As the first act, he issued invitations to all the colonies including both B.G. and B.H., to send delegates up to London to discuss the report

on Federation put up by former Trinidad Governor Sir Hubert Rance, and his West Indian advisers. The invitation hit the British Guiana legco, in the form of a motion put up by then Hon. Dr. J. A. Nicholson, calling on British Guiana to join the federation under the terms of the Rance Report.

After more than two weeks of bitter debate it was rejected on a vote of 15-4. At the same time an amendment to this motion put up by then oppositionist Dr. Cheddi Jagan, that the country accept federation only with dominion status was thrown out by 11-8 with a preponderance of nominated members' votes and the abstention of official section. But as the then Financial Secretary, Mr. E. F. McDavid said afterwards, "Had I been in my seat in the Council, I would have certainly resisted any attempt to restrain my constitutional right to vote, and British Guiana would have been in the federation now. For after all is not dominion status the object of the federation?" Messrs. McDavid and Frank Holder, Attorney General, were on leave out of the colony then and their acting deputies with the British Chief Secretary had abstained from voting.

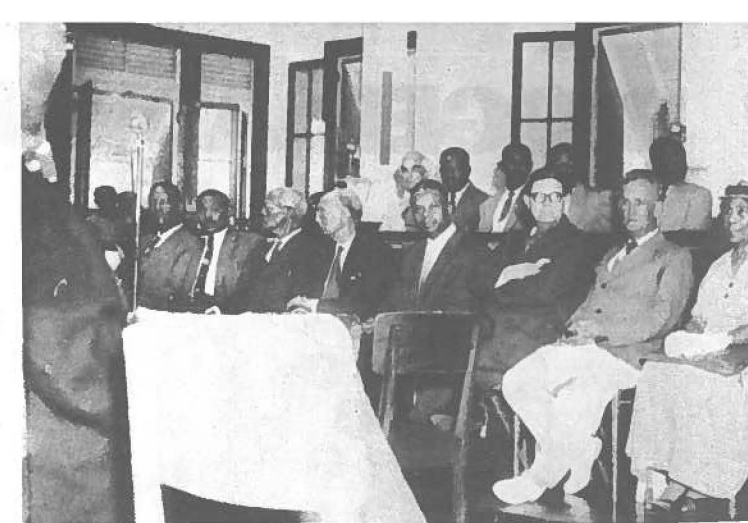
Ceremonial Opening

THE ceremonial opening of the Federal Parliament this year in Trinidad before a veritable world audience of movie television, press, radio and official representatives was one of the most colourful ceremonies seen in these parts. In the line-up of VIP's who watched the ceremony were the British Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. John Profumo, accompanied by four members of the House of Commons. The United States was represented by four members of the United States Congress, among them the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, husband of Trinidad-born Hazel Scott. Prince Aly Khan, former husband of film star Rita Hayworth, represented the Government of Pakistan, while Indian Commissioner, Dr. Rajkumari represented the Government of India. The Ghana Government was represented by its Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Yeboah Afari and Chief Justice of Appeal Court Mr. Van Hare. Significantly the Canadian Government delegation was headed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Gordon Churchill and included four Canadian M.P.'s.

Both the mainland colonies of British Guiana and British Honduras who had been represented on all the federation discussions only by observers, again sent observers in person of Minister of Trade, Dr. Cheddi Jagan and wife, Janet. Only official link with the Government was the Federal Supreme Court. Thus only the Chief Justices of these territories were allowed to participate in the ceremony, and both were represented by Barbados born Jurists, Mr. C. DeLisle Innis for British Honduras and Sir Frank Holder for British Guiana.



A section of the House of Representatives, with members occupying the front rows. Behind them are West Indian celebrities and members of the Island Governments, while news reel camera and radiomen record for the world to hear and see the birth of a new nation.



Members of the West Indian senate occupying the front row in the newly created Bicameral Parliament.



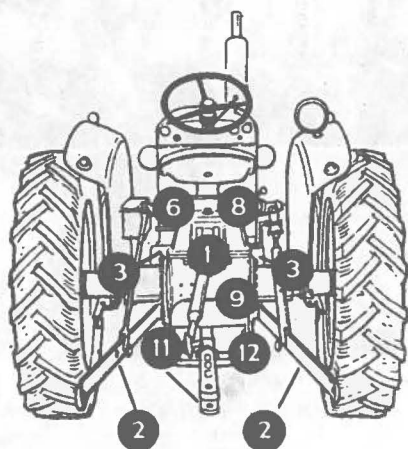
THE BIG MOMENT. Princess Margaret in regal splendour enters the Council Chamber to the sound of fanfare of trumpets and the cynosure of all eyes. Distinguished onlookers are representatives from other Commonwealth countries.

A distinguished West Indian audience looks on at the ceremony of the opening of the New Parliament by Princess Margaret, while in the background is large contingent of representatives from the world press.

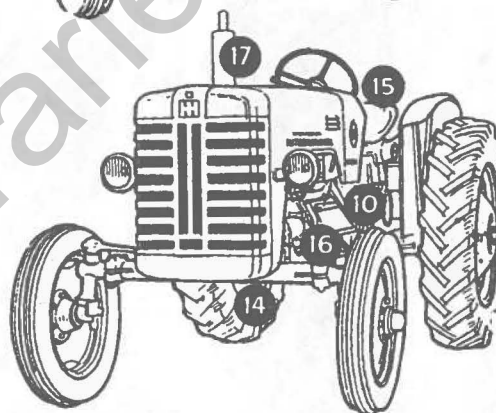
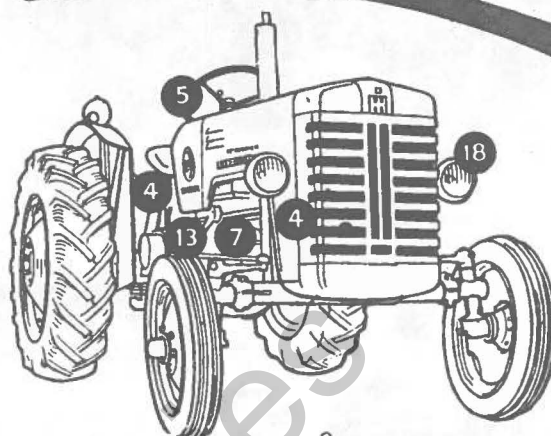


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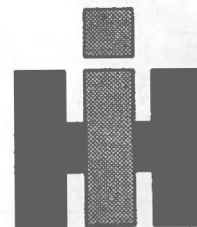


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NEW STATE

The new government began with limited resources of approximately \$11 million, chiefly from mandatory levies from unit territories and profits on currency, and an estimated normal expenditure of about \$10 million. Since its opening the Canadian government has announced the granting of economic help to the tune of \$10 m. for the next five years, while the U.S. Government has asked them to send a delegation to Washington to explain their needs.



Jamaica's Sir Alexander Bustamante, Opposition Leader of Jamaica and of the W.I. Opposition Democratic Labour party and his Trinidad colleague Badase Saghan Maraj.



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British Guiana sent three delegates with their wives to the federal inauguration ceremonies. L. to R. Dr. Cheddi Jagan under federal flag with Mrs. Jagan, representing the B.G. Government, Chief Justice Sir Frank Holder, with Lady Holder, representing the judiciary of British Guiana, and Mr. W. O. R. Kendall, with Mrs. Kendall representing the parliamentary Association. Since the judiciary is the only official B.G. connection with Federation, Sir Frank was the only delegate who took part in the great ceremony, as part of the procession of chief justices of the region over which the Federal Supreme court will hold jurisdiction.

Sir Grantley Adams, the Commonwealth's newest prime minister standing next to Ghana's minister at left. With delegates from U.K., Canada, Australia, Pakistan and India in a commonwealth family tableau with the Princess Margaret. Sir Grantley Adams represents three million people of the Federation, which does not include British Guiana or British Honduras. And at the Commonwealth Economic Conference last September, Canada, and U.K. devised a new credit plan to aid the West Indies.





L. to R. Mr. John Profumo (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies), Dr. Cheddi Jagan (Minister of Trade and Industry, B.G.), Sir Patrick Renison (Governor of B.G.), Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd (Secretary of State for Colonies), Mr. Edward Beharry (Minister of Natural Resources, B.G.), Mr. Francis Essex (Financial Secretary, B.G.).
The B.G. delegation sought funds for D-programme.

British Guiana vs. The West Indies Federation

RACE FOR ECONOMIC AID.

WITH the establishment of a Federal West Indian state, unifying the economies of the several British Caribbean islands, with an approximate total population of over 3,000,000 people, British Guiana outside the Federal scope with a population of only 500,000, finds a formidable competitor for economic aid in the region.

While greater and more spontaneous world recognition goes to the newly developed West Indian state, British Guiana

had to send its delegates on an almost globe-girdling mission for economic aid to finish off their development programme. As mother of Commonwealth, Britain was the first to announce a \$42,000,000 grant—in aid—for a five year period to the fledgling state equivalent to an annual sum of \$8,400,000, and accorded it recognition by permitting a West Indian delegation to join theirs at the great Commonwealth Economic Conference, which took place in Montreal, Canada in September. There, the deputy premier Dr. Carl La Corbiniere addressed an august assembly of Commonwealth delegates and pleaded that the West Indies needed steadier markets for their products, more development capital and increased trade. At this economic conference, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Derick Amory announced a new credit system to help under-developed countries like the West Indies.

THE Canadian delegation who attended the opening of the W.I. Federal Legislature last April, consisted of cabinet Ministers Sydney Smith, Ellen Fairclough and Mr. Gordon Churchill Minister of Trade and Commerce. The delegation

in their greeting promised economic aid to the new state and early in September the Canadian government in its turn, announced a \$10,000,000 five-year economic programme as its contribution. In addition to this, two new ships would be handed over to the new state, as soon as they slide down the dockyards of Canada. As a return courtesy the Governor General of Canada Hon. Vincent Massay issued an invitation to Governor-General Lord Hailes and the Prime Minister of the West Indies Sir Grantley and Lady Adams. Last October they enjoyed the Canadian hospitality when Sir Grantley was entertained to a great state dinner by the Canadian Premier Mr. John Diefenbaker. Later Sir Grantley and Lady Adams were guests of the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Next came the Americans. While President Eisenhower sent greetings to the new federation, it was announced in Washington, as a goodwill gesture that there would be an increase in the quota of immigrants from the West Indies, and the delegation of congressmen called upon Sir Grantley Adams and brought the official message from Washington, that the West Indies send a delegation to America to explain the economic needs of the area. Shortly after Vice-President Richard Nixon passing through Trinidad on his Latin American Tour, had high level talks with Sir Grantley Adams and emphasised the U.S. desire for massive economic aid to the area.

In the first week of October, a special delegation from the U.S. State Department, flew into Port-of-Spain for exploratory talks with Federal Government and representatives of the Unit Governments. Although no commitments followed the talks, plans were prepared for the West Indian delegation to leave for Washington to seek loans for West Indian development, although unit governments like Jamaica and Trinidad are actively pursuing their own elaborate development programme.

By vivid contrast, British Guiana, competing with the new state, finds it no easy task to convince Metropolitan countries. A four-man, delegation headed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison, and consisting of Leader of the Majority party, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Minister of Trade Industry and Commerce, Mr. Edward Beharry, Minister of Natural Resources, and Mr. Francis Essex, Financial Secretary arrived in Britain late in June in quest of funds to complete the Development programme started by the previous government. This needed nearly \$95,000,000 to complete. But, they were told by the Secretary of State "Having regard to the prevailing conditions of the London market, it was plain that your government had no prospect of being able to raise, in the open market this year for the funds required for financing the d-programme, and if the programme were not to be brought virtually to a standstill it would be necessary for loan assistance to be provided by the Exchequer"

Dr. Jagan had demanded \$200,000,000 Loan grant and stated that the people of Guiana "were starving and living on salt and rice" and there was vast unemployment. This request was refused and the British Exchequer granted a loan of \$26.4 m. to finish this year's portion of the programme.

They gave him every assistance to approach certain financing organisations in the United States and offered to guarantee loans from the World Bank, the American Export-Import Bank, the U.S. Development Loan Fund, because such organisations only lend money on a country's credit-worthiness and on detailed plans submitted on how such money would be spent. They refused to guarantee a loan from the Swiss Banking Corporation because such a concern was not in the least interested in how such funds would be spent. Only the British Government guarantee for such loan was needed.

All that Dr. Jagan succeeded in doing in the United States was to get a promise to have the World Bank come down again to examine certain projects in British Guiana. Realising certain handicaps in going it alone, Dr. Jagan on his way back from his Loans Quest in the U.S.A., told a press conference in Trinidad that he would like to call a conference of West Indian leaders of all parties to work out a programme into which the economies of the West Indies and British Guiana could be integrated. This request was rejected by West Indian leaders, who contended that British Guiana cannot benefit by the advantages of Federation without participating. And when two of the State Department officials who arrived in the West Indies to discuss American aid programme, took the opportunity to pay an exploratory call on British Guiana, they were promptly wooed by the British Guiana government. The problem facing the country is, would substantial sums be given to British Guiana to benefit only 500,000 people?



American Vice-President Mr. Richard Nixon promises American help to New West Indian Prime Minister, Sir Grantley Adams as he passes through Trinidad.



Among delegates and observers to New West Indies state were Canadian Cabinet Ministers Sydney Smith, Ellen Fairclough and Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade. They promised immediate economic aid to the new Federation.

B.G.'s. Dr. Jagan wooing Mr. John Cope, U.S. Consul, with respect to economic aid for British Guiana D-programme.





POLITICS

PPP Picketeers (mostly East Indians) welcome back their leader Dr. Jagan from loans delegation with placards demanding "Independence now." but also \$26,000,000 loan from Britain "Not enough"



Dr. Jagan and Mr. Beharry returning from funds-seeking mission abroad to receive garlands. Dr. Jagan at once called for coalition of all political parties to meet what he called "country's grave economic crisis".

Jagan — Burnham Controversy

P.P.P. Resignation Threat

WHEN Dr. Jagan and Mr. Beharry returned from their tour of Britain and U.S. in search of funds August 6, they were met at Atkinson Airport by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters (mostly East Indians from the rural districts) carrying huge placards. One said "Dr. Jagan we want Independence now" another "\$26m. not enough". In his speech the same evening of his arrival Dr. Jagan said, "Our party is not concerned with who is in power. It is concerned

Independence vs.

with one fundamental thing and that is, that the people of this country must be free. Referring to the motion passed unanimously in the Legislature just before his departure for England, that Mr Lennox Boyd should receive an all-party delegation immediately to discuss about British Guiana "acquiring the status of a fully self-governing territory" Dr. Jagan said, "I do hope that the leaders of the Legislative Council would examine Mr. Lennox Boyd's remark very carefully and realise that he has completely ignored their wishes."

A few days later at a press conference, he issued a press release stating that Professor Mahalanobis, President of the Indian Council of sciences, has agreed to visit British Guiana later this year as economic adviser to the British Guiana Government, if the Indian government would release him. Also that the World Bank may send another mission to British Guiana to examine certain projects. Then he outlined his plans for economic development for British Guiana. He stated that the question of federation never entered into the discussions with the Secretary of State.

He explained overseas aid to British Guiana would take the form of ready-made factories from certain countries, as has been done in Cuba and financial help from certain American lending organisations like World Bank and the United Nations Disposal funds, while the American food surplus food disposal programme would benefit British Guiana through the 'Public Law 480' and the "commodities Credit Corporation. He hinted that his government would examine such factors as planned immigration from the Island of Mauritius in the Indian ocean and Puerto Rico or other places in the West Indies. Then he made the dramatic announcement that British Guiana was facing an economic crisis and called upon all political parties to join with him and form a coalition to work together to save the country from this crisis. Failure to get the coalition his party would consider the possibility of resigning from the government.

Next day his statement about the country facing an economic crisis was wholly contradicted by party colleague Mr. Edward Beharry, who claimed at a large public meeting that there was no economic crisis. Dr. Jagan's call for coalition was rejected by other political parties.

P.N.C. Leader Mr. Linden Forbes Burnham called a press conference on August 16 and announced that he had never heard of a political party with a clear majority resigning because other parties would not join the government, he added that "Dr. Jagan's threat to resign is empty bluff" Dr. Jagan has not yet resigned from the Government, while Mr. Burnham announced he would welcome an election now.



Federation

PNC picketeers (mostly African elements) demand "Freedom through federation" while Leader Forbes Burnham fights in Council for immediate negotiations with new federal state.

Controversy

NEXT phase of the Jagan-Burnham issue was on the question of federation. Soon after Dr. Jagan returned from his relatively unsuccessful money mission to Britain and the U.S., Mr. Burnham tabled his motion which said "That this council recommend that Government enter immediately into negotiations with the Government of the West Indies Federation with a view to British Guiana entering the West Indies Federation immediately".

The Great Debate

Opening his three day address to the council on Wednesday August 20 Mr. Burnham pointed out that whereas on previous occasions the subject of federation was rather academic, today it was a vital question. Whereas before, it was whether or not there was going to be a federation; today there was a federation and today the choice was ours as to whether British Guiana should accede to that West Indian federation or not".

As he was speaking in the Council Chamber, all around the Public buildings were pickets from his party of the People's National Congress (mostly housewives of African descent). They paraded round and round carrying slogans and banners demanding that British Guiana get into federation. In the Council, Mr. Burnham said that it might, of course be necessary for us to cast our eyes around the world and see whether we recognise certain trends, whether the decision to federate or not to federate was in consonance with those trends or diametrically opposed. He declared that it was no longer the age of the small nation but rather of the large nations and grouping of nations. He explained that there was an Eastern bloc and the Western bloc for instance. They had, for example in the Eastern bloc a citizen of one nation being the minister of defence in the government of another nation. Coming down to the lower level, he pointed out that various countries have been seeking to come more closely together, and cited the United Arab Republics and the now defunct United Kingdom of Jordan and Iraq. He referred to NATO and Warsaw countries. He said there was talk of uniting the economics and politics of Western European countries and in our part of the world, there was the Pan American conference. He drew attention to the fact that British Guiana was particularly fortunate in that "We do not have those difficulties or impediments placed in our way when thinking about joining the West Indian Federation". He queried "Do you want the doubtful recognition of being

independent and unknown". He agreed that it should be conceded that British Guiana with her population of 500,000 souls could not in this second half of the twentieth century hope to survive as an independent nation and make its mark, because independence connoted the fact of being in control of your country both economically and politically.

HE said "If, therefore, it is conceded by any true-thinking Guianese, that British Guiana standing or going on her own, an empty dream nurtured in a fevered brain — "We must then ask ourselves when may we join? With whom will we make our union?" We live in a materialistic world" He said "and every Guianese like practically every nationalist wants to know what he would get out of every action or act or decision." Reverting to the question of population Mr. Burnham said he noted that this country had 90,000 square miles, but "we only have 500,000 people. The largeness of a nation or the power or the importance of a nation was not calculated merely on acres or square miles or whichever nation lived on the Sahara desert would be one of the most important nations in the world. They are human resources which are so important in reckoning the importance of a nation and if the West Indian islands had recognised Jamaica with their one million population, Trinidad with a population of one and a half times that of this country that independence in isolation did not mean real independence, why could not they, in British Guiana recognise that; if they were to make a reality of their desire and achievement independence they should join with others. I say the West Indies federation."

MR. BURNHAM ridiculed the P.P.P. idea about plebiscite as an expensive device to side step responsibility of the leaders,, and since he could not see Independence for B.G. in the foreseeable future, the shortest route for Internal self-Government, was through federation.

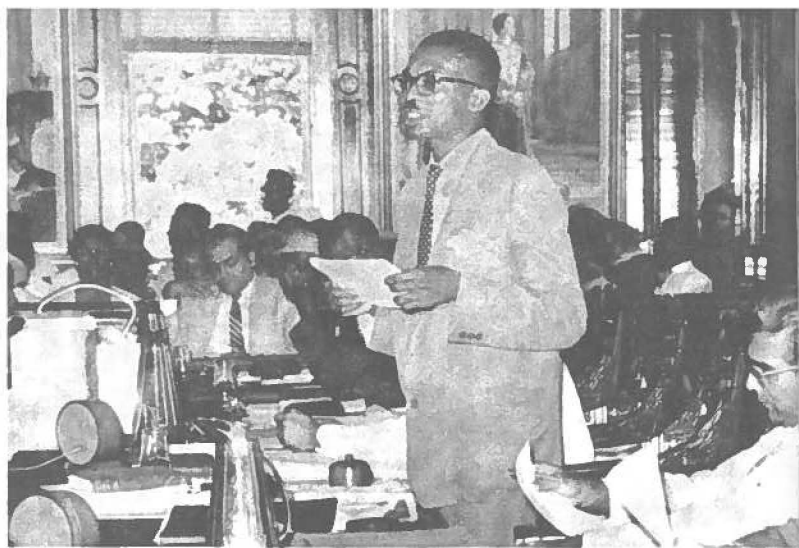
P.P.P. Replies

REPLYING on behalf of the Government, Mr. Brindley Benn, Minister of Education, and Chairman of the P.P.P. moved an amendment to Mr. Burnham's motion which said "That this Council recommends that on the attainment by the West Indies Federation of Dominion Status and British Guiana of internal self government, enter into negotiations with the Government of the West Indies Federation with a view to British Guiana entering the West Indies Federation, subject to the desire of the Guianese people as fully expressed by plebiscite.

Speaking on the motion Mr. Benn said the arguments put forward about NATO, Eastern and Western Blocs, seemed



PNC executive holding press conference in Legco. committee room rejecting Dr. Jagan's coalition call. L. to R. Dr. J. P. Lachhmansingh (chairman), Messrs. L. F. Burnham (leader), Andrew Jackson (vice-president), Sydney King (secretary).



PPP Chairman Brindley Benn moving amendment to counteract Mr. Burnham's motion. Amendment asked that negotiations be postponed until Dominion Status is granted W.I. and Independence given B.G. and the people decide by plebiscite.

to him that persons had the idea, that we enter federation at any cost. He said that he did not believe that British Guiana would be left out in the cold with reference to economic aid, because it was not ready now for federation. He bolstered his arguments with the fact that the then American Consul, Mr. John Cope had given assurances of American help to British Guiana.

Referring to the federal shipping service which was withdrawn from B.G. earlier in the year he declared "We have lost nothing by the withdrawal of the shipping service." He next referred to British Guiana's treatment at the hands of West Indian leaders and specified the Oils and Fats conference.

The quarrels he said, that were going on and the treatment to British Guiana did not make good for the federation. He added that the Majority Party had always said and was saying "that since the publication of the Rance report the question of federation was one over which there had been so much discussion that it should be put to a referendum".

Recriminations

MAJORITY party leader, Dr. Jagan who claimed that he was always a federationist and agreed with it in principle posed the questions "What is the West Indies federation indeed, if British Guiana were not in the federation? What have we to get out of the federation?" Like Mr. Benn, he referred to the treatment of the West Indian leaders to B.G. leaders and referred to the 1953 crisis in which he deplored the action of the West Indian leaders in sending telegrams to House of Commons supporting the British Government's action in B.G.

PNC Leader Mr. Linden Forbes Burnham moving his resolution calling upon the B.G. government to begin immediate negotiations with federal government with a view to B.G. joining the federation.

He also spoke of his treatment in Ghana by West Indian leaders and said that while Mr. Burnham was allowed free latitude, he was kept in a room and asked "Is this building confidence for us to join the federation?" He then declared emphatically that he would tell the West Indian leaders they could not force B.G. into federation and "if you want the people to enter into federation you must allow the P.P.P. to do it their own way. We are the only people, no matter what they say, no matter what the mover of the motion said, this is the party which ultimately is going to have the last say"

DR. JAGAN said that if the Federation were to reject B.G.'s offer and do not take our rice, B.G. was not the only country in the world which was faced with the problem of having to dispose of surplus products. So they should not paint such a gloomy picture, that they would not be able to sell their rice.

He built his case against joining the federation on the constitutional set up of the New State, and added "P.P.P. says that federation under a crown colony government could never succeed. We say let us have dominion status, before we start talking, and Internal self-government to remove the shackles here also and then we can talk". He called upon all political leaders to demand independence now and then federation becomes a reality. Other speakers ridiculed Dr. Jagan's idea of harping upon recriminations of the past with W.I. leaders to keep the country out of the federation, and felt that entering the federation was the shortest way to solve the racial situation and have harmony in the area.

Mr. Burnham's motion was rejected, while the P.P.P. amendment was accepted 10-7 and as in past debates on federation the official section of government refrained from exercising the vote.

Dr. Cheddi Jagan replying to Mr. Burnham, said he agreed with federation in principle but that the country should not join, until West Indies gets Dominion Status and B.G. gets Independence and the people decide by Plebiscite.



WOMEN

By
OLGA ARMSTRONG

Caribbean Women's Congress

TWENTY years ago when a handful of far seeing West Indian and Guianese women led by Trinidad stalwart Miss Audrey Jeffers, decided to rub heads together to form an organisation to unite the women of the Caribbean and make them more aware of their duties as citizens, they were looked upon with great suspicion by the powers that were in British Guiana. They were called socialists and their every act carefully scrutinised for a few days by the B.G. Police.

But on Tuesday morning, September 23 this year, when a much larger collection of women from a much wider area met at the Children's Dorcas Club to officially launch the Caribbean Women's Association, to fight for equal status for women, with Miss Jeffers as President and Leader, the picture was a different one. These women, drawn from eight Caribbean colonies had a most enthusiastic reception from all quarters, and their organisation set off to a good start with a launching address by the First Lady of British Guiana, Lady Renison, wife of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison and greetings for success from Lady Hailes, wife of Lord Hailes, Governor General of the West Indies.

And it was not only women who took part in launching this feminine organisation. A highly significant address was delivered by the Dean of Georgetown, Rev. R. Sargison, who stressed the importance of women's work in building healthy family lives, if there were to be healthy communities. And among those who listened attentively was the Mayor of Georgetown, Mr. Claude Merriman.

Georgetown Mayor, Mr. Claude Merriman, smiles broadly as he escorts some of the V.I.P.'s to a table on the Town Hall lawns, to enjoy a cup of tea at the Civic Reception. Following the lead of the Mayor are Miss Audrey Jeffers, Miss Mildred Mansfield, Mrs. E. Hall, Mr. George de Sebastiani, Deputy Mayor and Miss Gertie Collins.



Officers of the Caribbean Women's Association meet Lady Renison at the entrance of the Children's Dorcas Club, on the opening morning of Conference. Right to left are:— Lady Renison, wife of the Governor of British Guiana, Miss Lucille Lord (St. Lucia). Immediately behind — Mrs. Florence Daysh O.B.E., M.P., (Barbados); Miss Audrey Jeffers, M.B.E., (Trinidad); President-Founder of the C.W.A., Mrs. Ona Dey (Trinidad); Miss Mildred Mansfield M.B.E. (British Guiana) Local Vice-President of the C.W.A.

It was Cocktail time at the Children's Dorcas Club the first evening after arrival. Left to right are:— Hon. Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing (B.G.) Mesdames Florence Daysh, O.B.E., M.P., Winnie Ward and E. Hall, all of Barbados.



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Something of interest attracts these ladies at one of the C.W.A.'s social functions. Standing is Mrs. Una Matthews, Secretary of the local organising committee which planned the Conference and also Secretary of the Women's League of Social Service, off-shoot of the C.W.A. Smiling happily is Mrs. Irene Byer, President of the Circle of Sunshine Workers, an affiliate of the C.W.A., Mrs. Alice Singh, M.B.E., and Mrs. E. Friend, (St. Lucia).



Mrs. Alice Singh, M.B.E., Vice-President of the Women's League of Social Service and one of the founders of the C.W.A.



Miss Eunice Gibson, President of the Barbados Nursing Council — She gave a very interesting account of women's work in Barbados

Miss Jeffers recalled that embarrassing occasion some two decades ago, when she made her first visit to British Guiana in the interest of the Association, then named the Caribbean Women Social Workers Association, and also the suspicion with which they were then looked upon. But added she, "we women always have our way, and in a few days' time the men had changed their opinion about us, and we had them just where we wanted, giving us all the support needed..." She also recalled those who assisted her in British Guiana with the ground work at that time — Miss Mildred Mansfield, President-Founder of the Children's Dorcas Club, Mrs. Alice Singh, wife of the late Dr. J. B. Singh, and Miss Gertie Wood, then President of the Circle of Sunshine Workers, now resident in the United States of America.

Association's Aims

THE aims of the Caribbean Women's Association are to raise the standard of womanhood throughout the West Indies and British Guiana. To see that there be equal pay for equal work by women and to see that children are well fed and protected. Queried as to how the Association proposes to go about all these grandiose plans, Miss Jeffers said, "that we will not disclose. We have not really started to work yet. It will be a hard fight, but we must win in the end". She continued, "but the women of every territory will have to play their part. They will have to be more aware of their duties in the home, their responsibility as voters and their service to the community".

It was because of the intervention of the last world war that the Association's activities remained somewhat dormant through the years, with only behind-the-scenes activities. But the vision of its founder, Miss Jeffers, who also became a member of the Trinidad Legislature and was later awarded the M.B.E., widened with the passing years. In Trinidad as President of the Coterie of Social Workers, she saw that the women attended study groups and adult education classes run by paid tutors, and did research work on matters of topical interest to widen their outlook, and make them efficient for the work they are now prepared to

tackle fully. During this period of hibernation, close touch was kept with affiliated organisations, committees of management elected annually and conferences held biennially.

In British Guiana this organisation was responsible for the formation of the Women's League of Social Service, and in the West Indies it played a great part in making the dream of a West Indian Federation become a reality. With the birth of the West Indies Federation it became necessary to frame a new constitution for the Association, and it was this new Constitution, drawn up last year in St. Lucia, which was ratified at this year's conference in British Guiana.

Magnetic Powers

SO great is the magnet at work in this Association, that the women of neighbouring Dutch Guiana have become deeply interested and signified their desire to join forces with the women of the West Indies and British Guiana. But "because of the territory covered by the Constitution", said Miss Jeffers, "further investigation and possible amendments have got to be made if they are to become affiliated. But we are considering it."

During their stay in British Guiana, the eleven delegates and fifteen observers impressed all who attended their public meetings, that they were a force to be reckoned with. When Mrs. Florence Daysh, member of the West Indies Federal Parliament delivered her address in the crowded Town Hall, she likened the Association to a broom which will be used to sweep aside all obstacles so that women and children in the area would enjoy a better, richer and fuller life. In a most persuasive manner she appealed to all for their support, including the men, for said she, "much of my success is due to the influence and support of my husband."

On this particular occasion, Mrs. Daysh and every other female speaker in turn stressed the importance of British Guiana joining the West Indies Federation, and openly hinted that that was one of the reasons for which they had come to British Guiana. All this talk about B.G. joining the West Indies Federation was listened to with wide-eyed interest by anti-Fed Hon. Brindley Benn, Minister of Education



Here delegates and observers enjoy a friendly tete-a-tete with Mackenzie ladies after sipping tea in the South Mackenzie Staff Club. Included in picture are — third from left: Mrs. J. N. Fraser, wife of Demba's Manager and President of the Community Chest, while second from right is Miss Audrey Jeffers, M.B.E.

and Social Service in the present B.G. Government. Explained B.G. social worker Mrs. Una Matthews, in relation to Mr. Benn while moving the vote of thanks, "we women are very subtle and we had our reasons for inviting you here." Mr. Benn was a platform guest at this meeting, and for the benefit of the West Indian visitors, had told the vast audience something about the work connected with his portfolio.

Delegates and Observers to the Caribbean Women's Conference indeed worked very hard at the various sessions of Conference. But their social side was well catered for, as all admitted before they left for home. They were feted by His Excellency the Governor at Government House, Their Worships the Mayors of Georgetown and New Amsterdam, the committees of the Children's Dorcas Club and the Women's League of Social Service, commercial enterprises and private individuals. They also did some sight-seeing which included a visit to Kaieteur Fall.

Before their departure ten local organisations had already become affiliated to the Association, and plans were underway for the formation of a local committee, to actively pursue the aims and objects of the Association in British Guiana.

ALL the activities of the Caribbean Women's Conference in British Guiana, were drawn up by a planning committee from among members of the B.G. Women's League of Social Service, of which Mrs. Josephine Selman-Fraser is President and Mrs. Una Matthews is, Secretary. President of the planning committee was Miss Mildred Mansfield.

Twenty-five voluntary women's organisations in British Guiana are affiliated to the Women's League of Social Service, which in turn is affiliated to the Caribbean Women's Association.

(Left) Mrs. Esther Dey, M.B.E., member of the Women's League of Social Service. She took part in the discussions which led to the ratifying of the constitution of the C.W.A.

(Centre) Mrs. May Rodrigues, M.B.E., Secretary of the B.G. Y.W.C.A. At her Association a most successful public meeting of the C.W.A. took place.

(Right) Mrs. Josephine Selman Fraser, M.B.E. Her account of women's work in British Guiana, particularly in her ex-field, Child Care, was very well put over.





Sara Lou Harris in the shimmering black sheath in which she modelled hats of every description created by Pearl Miller.



Miss B.G. Fashions 1958 (Clio Fernandez) proudly displaying the winning trophy. Her semi-evening frock is of buttercup yellow chiffon. Gloves, bag and shoes are all black.

Fashion Fiesta

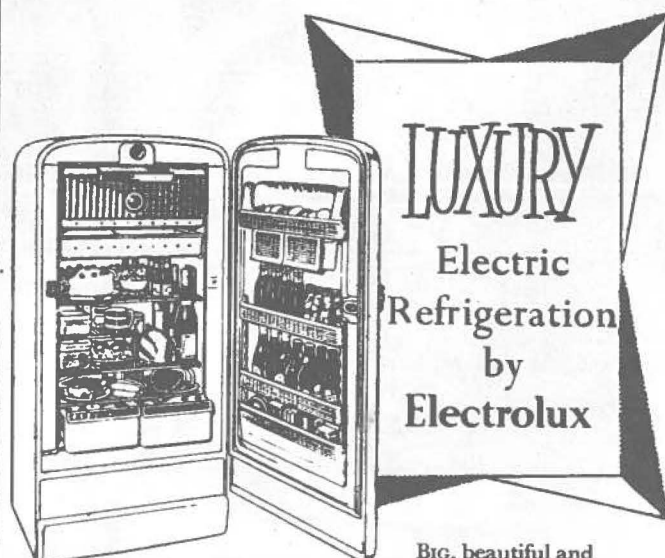
WOW! "An umbrella dress; wonder whom she intends shading under it"; exclaimed a male onlooker at Beryl Pereira's Fashion Fiesta held at the Tower Hotel on Saturday evening July 5, when Miss Bettencourt (Rose Marie Fernandes) appeared on stage in a pale blue umbrella evening gown and whirled herself round and round the brilliantly lit stage. From fashion's point of view, the show was "tops". But from a practical point of view.....oh no!

About eighty percent of the fashions modelled were unsuited to our tropical climate. With heat off-times exceeding 75 degrees, B.G. girls will roast themselves alive in necklines touching their ears as seen in the fashions modelled that evening. And the absence of well-planned holiday resorts leave them with little or no place to wear the play

suits, except of course, that modelled by Miss Kawall (Elizabeth Coltrass) which was most practical and appropriate. Indeed, the Cops would have their hands full if B.G. girls appeared in the public highway in those briefest of briefs some models displayed in an effort to catch the judges eyes.

Gertie Gummels, Miss Surinam 1958, modelled in the Fiesta not as a competitor but as an extra. One look at her shapely cut features could not hide the fact that she was neither Guianese nor West Indian. But Gertie possessed grace in her movements and carried her gowns elegantly. Just at the end of her teens, she has a figure, which if retained, ought to take her places.

THE modelling of Sara Lou Harris, American cover girl and T.V. star, with that oriental twinkle in her eyes, made the Fiesta a memorable achievement for its producer, and the audience forget much of the inconvenience and disappointment suffered from attending a show of that nature, on a stage that needed to be lifted a few feet higher.



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Clio Fernandez holding her head high as she models a two-piece play suit of figured towelling.



Miss Surinam 1958 (Gertie Gummels) smiling graciously in a full length evening frock. Note the closely fitted front and the heavily draped back.



A practical three-piece play suit displayed by Elizabeth Coltress. Skirt can be worn both sides.

Sara modelled gowns in every type of material—leather, gold, aluminum, nylon and silks of varied types, nearly all topped off with elaborate fur stoles or capes. Each time she appeared she was a new creature from head to toe, her specialties being sheaths and extra high heels, in which she moved with the grace and charm of an expert model. Her cute, creamy brown face was the type that took off any hat. Dressed in a fabulous black sheath, she modelled hat after hat created by Pearl Miller. Sara just bent her head into a hat box, selected a hat at random, stuck it on her head and with a perky jerk faced her audience looking a perfect peach. Giving a "come hither look" here, a "twinkle of the eye" there and a "nod of the head" elsewhere, she went around the perimeter of the stage, stopped, selected another hat, and repeated her performance. She was as queenly in the bird's nest as in the halo or the cloche, or the pudding bowl or the Parisian topper.

Shame—You Men

BUT what ever became of our Guianese Sir Galahads that evening? At least none appeared to have attended the Fashion Fiesta. For when Sara appeared in her final act in an elaborate evening gown, called upon the orchestra to strike up a dance tune and requested a dancing partner from among the audience, not one came forward. All the feminine charm she possessed failed to steady their wobbly knees and make them come on stage, so as graciously as one could imagine, she asked the Patron Lt. Col. C. M. Bernard to partner her. The stately Colonel found difficulty in keeping



Fashion Fiesta Patron Lt. Col. C. M. Bernard, doing an exhibition dance with Sara at her request.



The final round-up. Right to left Sara Lou Harris Clvo Fernandez (first prize winner) Gertie Gummels (Miss Surinam 1958) Joy Wong, (second prize-winner) Beryl Pereira (organiser) Pinkie Fernandes (third prize winner) and American Chaperon to Sara Lou.

step with the hot rhythm of the orchestra, but when the dance was through, Sara demanded a big hand for him, for said she, "it takes a lot of nerve to come up here on stage and do what the Colonel did".

As indicated in the words of the song "All of me" which she sang, Sara Lou Harris seemed to give all of herself in the line of show-womanship to the audience that evening. She asked each of the sponsors of the thirteen models to rise and be seen by the audience as she called their names, and gave an affectionate peck on the cheek to almost everyone who assisted in organising the show, from the Patron, Col. Bernard to advertising man, Bertie Chancellor.

Take a Bow

TO return to where we started, the thirteen Guianese models certainly displayed fashion's latest at the time, and for that the sponsors deserve a bow. Also the designers for

the fashions created at such short notice. The models, all in the flush of youth, looked the more stunning when they appeared together at the end of the show in their semi-evening frocks, topped with hats created by Pearl Miller.

The title of Miss B.G. Fashions 1958 went to Miss Pepsi Cola (Clvo Fernandez). She modelled a rouge pink tqwelling play suit highlighted with a front panel of white figured towelling. The topper was a short, flared back matching coat. Her semi-evening frock was a buttercup yellow chiffon creation. The strapless bodice was daintily fitted to a smocked skirt caught up with rhynestones, the handiwork of Mrs. Louise Christiani.

Runner-up was Miss Banks Beer (Joy Wong) and third prize winner was Miss Joyce Lewis' Fashion Shoppe (Pinky Humphrey). Each model was presented with a Max Factor make-up kit.

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The winner and Queen of the 1958 Miss Guiana Beauty Contest, Clio Fernandez (Miss Pepsi Cola). Portion of her prize was a trip to California, U.S.A., to compete in the Miss Universe Beauty Contest. She lost in the contest but won herself an American husband, and is now resident in New Jersey.

Runner-up Joy Wong (Miss Banks Beer). She stole a leaf from Sara Lou's wardrobe in selecting this full length fish tail evening gown.

1958 "MISS GUIANA" BEAUTY CONTEST

Shouts of "Pepsi Cola, Pepsi Cola" rent the atmosphere of the Empire Cinema a few evenings later, when announcer Harry Kawall smiled at the audience and intoned, "ladies and gentlemen, the long awaited decision is here. The 1958 beauty crown goes to Miss Pepsi....." Harry was not allowed to finish his sentence; the audience did it for him.

Never before in the history of Beauty Contests in British Guiana was a decision more popularly received, than that to place the 1958 Miss Guiana Beauty Crown on the head of Miss Pepsi Cola (Clio Fernandez). And D'Aguiar Bros., bottlers of Pepsi Cola, made capital of it by launching a big advertising campaign from the next day.

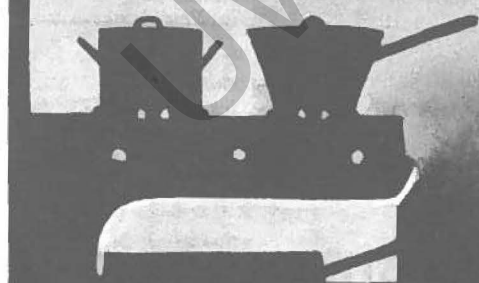
This beauty contest was the climax to four fashion shows of the most expensive, stunning and sensational outfits featuring the vase, bell bottom, pouch back, harem hemline,

sack, sheath, chemise, fish tail and heaven knows the rest. All these were highlighted by the expert modelling of American brownie, Sara Lou Harris, who fell so head over heels in love with B.G., that she has since paid another visit and modelled more stunning outfits.

Close Rivals

RIGHT through the beauty contest the fight for supremacy was between Miss Pepsi Cola and Miss Banks Beer (Joy Wong). From the expression on the faces of some of the models it was evident that they had given up all hope of wearing the crown. And when one of the judges, Queen's Counsel Lionel Luckhoo came on stage and announced "all contestants will be required to come to the mike, one at a time, and tell the audience something about British Guiana,

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as if she were in California and telling the people there something about her country", some of the contestants grew as pale as death, and looked as though they wanted to disappear from view. But remain they did, and each in turn certainly tried to say something about their dear home town.

This was the final act for deciding who was "queen of them all". When Clyo's turn came to face the mike, her precise utterance of "I was born in British Guiana in South America of which I am very proud. I wish some of you could go to see my beautiful country with its many natural attractions, chief of which is the famous Kaieteur Fall. Its people are known for their hospitality....." Then filled with emotion, she faltered. But she had said enough and satisfied the judges that she had both beauty and brains.

Clyo modelled all her costumes with grace and elegance and without the aid of foundation garments. Her evening gown was a heavenly creation of shell pink slipper satin and silver lace. A few days later she was en route to Long Beach, California, to compete for the title of Miss Universe. This was the first time a contestant from British Guiana had reached so far, and Clyo was quite a favourite among the other beauties. Though not placed in the contest, she proved herself quite a capable ambassador for British Guiana, and accepted every opportunity which came her way to boost her birth place.

Shortly after the Miss Universe Contest, 18-year old Clyo found a husband in New Jersey and decided to settle there.

Sidelight

THE British Guiana Beauty Contest was not without its sidelights and chief among them was the stage dance by Sara Lou and Georgetown Mayor, Claude Merriman. Just a little before the show was billed to commence, Sara slipped in by a side door and seated herself among the audience. In a jiffy Mayor Merriman, chairman for the evening was at her side, chatting in a most persuasive manner. The nature of that conversation was related later in the evening by Sara Lou after she had modelled a few stunning outfits.



Dress designer Mrs. Louise Christiani gets an affectionate 'peck on the cheek' from the Beauty Queen. It was a fitting 'thank you' to her for designing all the costumes Clyo wore, which eclipsed all others in the Beauty Contest and Fashion Fiesta.

Begowned in what she named her sputnik gown, topped with an evening coat of golden leather, all her own creation, Sara appeared on stage and all but blinded the audience with her splendour as she whirled round and round. Coming to a sudden stop, she smiled at the audience, divested herself of her coat, then turning her gaze in the direction of the Mayor said: "Mr. Mayor, I'm going to let your secret out. Earlier in the evening you made a request of me, and while I was in your city I had to obey". The audience at once became very itchy, but Sara went on and explained that she had intended to be just a member of the audience that evening, but the Mayor had virtually compelled her to model. Then she added "now Mr. Mayor, will you do something for me? Will you come on stage and join me in a dance? I do enjoy dancing in my sputnik gown"

Stunned by the request, the Mayor glared at Sara for a minute or two, turned his fat head round and round, then shot up out of his seat and bounced on stage. Centre of attraction now was the Mayor. The Orchestra struck up a Mambo, Sara and Mayor timed each other for an opening, then off they went and treated the excited audience to a fine exhibition of the Mambo. The roof of the theatre nearly fell in from maddening applause which rent the air at the end of the dance, and in which Sara joined. Said the Mayor afterwards, "I didn't know I was still so good"

It was Mambo time when Sara Lou invited Mayor Claude Merriman on Empire Cinema's stage to join her in a dance.



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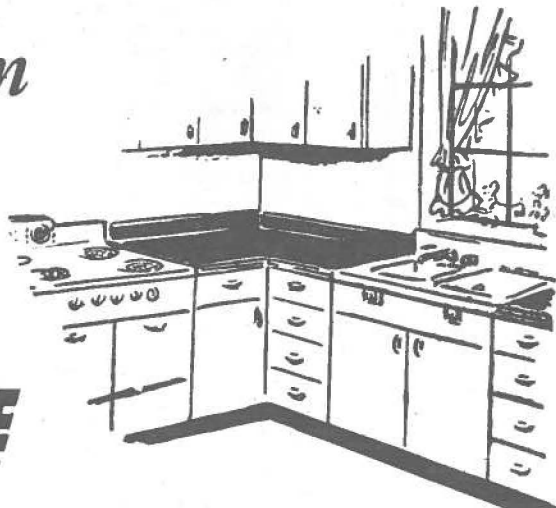
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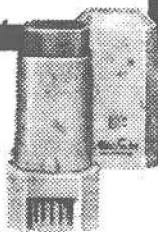
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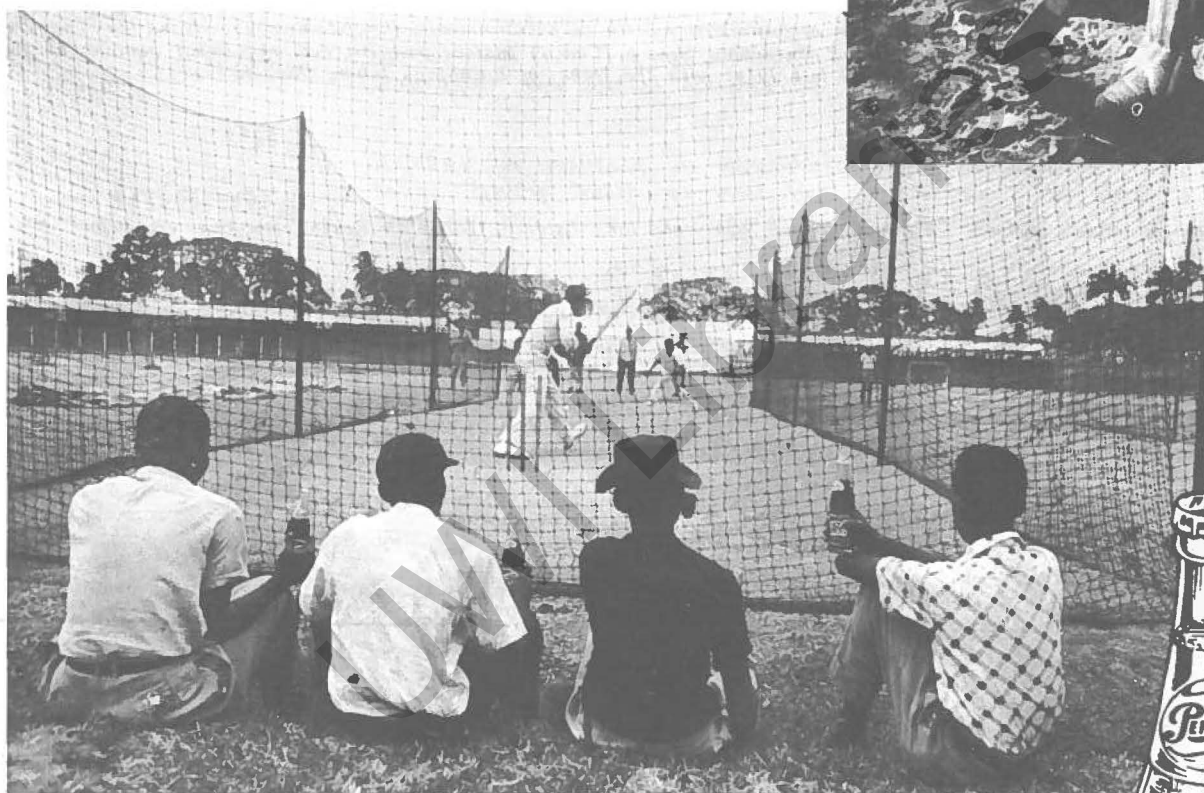
ATHLETICS

British Guiana athletic team led by P. A. Cummings, (Chef-de-Maison); Brindsley Crombie, (Manager) and Macdonald Bailey (Coach) march past the dais at Cardiff pavilion at the Empire Games last July, with the Duke of Edinburgh taking the salute.

Sprinter Edwin Solomon, middle distance Champion, Toney Seth and long distance, George De Peana, warming up before heats at Cardiff.



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GUIANA RACING ATTAINS HIGH STANDARD.....

\$165,000 Prize Money in 1958.

THE strides made by British Guiana within recent years in the realm of racing, have been prodigious. 1958 has witnessed the continuation of improvements, provision of better facilities for the turfite, stricter control and security measures, importation of the best thoroughbred blood lines in top class racing machines, and substantial increase of prize money.

Despite adverse conditions of limitation of space for expansion and a track which cannot accommodate very large fields, the Directors of the Demerara Turf Club deserve every commendation for their efforts and enterprise to keep the sport of racing moving forward. Mr. Lionel Luckhoo, President of the Club in his report this year stated that if Government would only take over D'Urban Park for a Sports Stadium and/or housing and give the Club permission and

Champion Noble Columbia, one of the best horses seen at D'Urban Park in the past decade, winning the big race and setting up a new mile record. Noble Columbia won 11 out of 12 starts in one year.

assistance to set up a race track and stands at Thomas Land's Rifle Ranges, Demerara Turf Club would take the lead in Caribbean Racing and like Trinidad provide for Government in taxation a million dollars a year. Racing at D'Urban has reached saturation point. There is no space for new stands, accommodation for turfites or accommodation for large fields.

DURING the year 1958 Guianese owned thoroughbreds have been top horses of the Caribbean Turf, the Sankar, Chin and Luckhoo Stables have won the cream of prizes in Trinidad and Barbados as well as British Guiana. Top horse for 1958 in British Guiana was the English highly rated handicapper, STENIGOT TOP, owned by Hamid Rahaman.

Public support and confidence in the Demerara Turf Club is reflected in the substantial support given the Club by the public in its pools. All moneys from the pools are utilised for the improvement of racing. The Club continues its scheme of importing thoroughbreds and some of the finest thoroughbreds to grace D'Urban Park have been brought to Guiana by the Club.



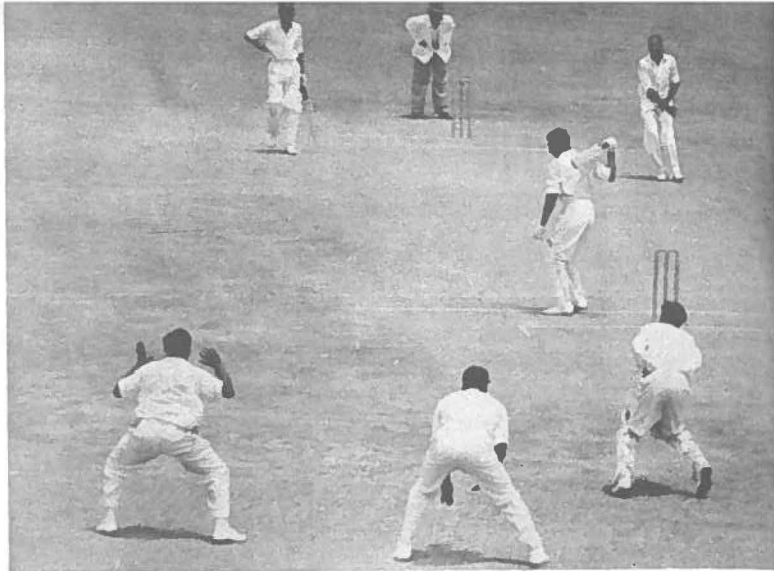
Left : New Colours victorious :— Dr. and Mrs. Peter Byrne leading in their first winner—Main Gate—October, 1958.

Fighting Fox who raced for and won for his owner—Mr. Lionel Luckhoo in England, winning his first race at D'Urban Park.



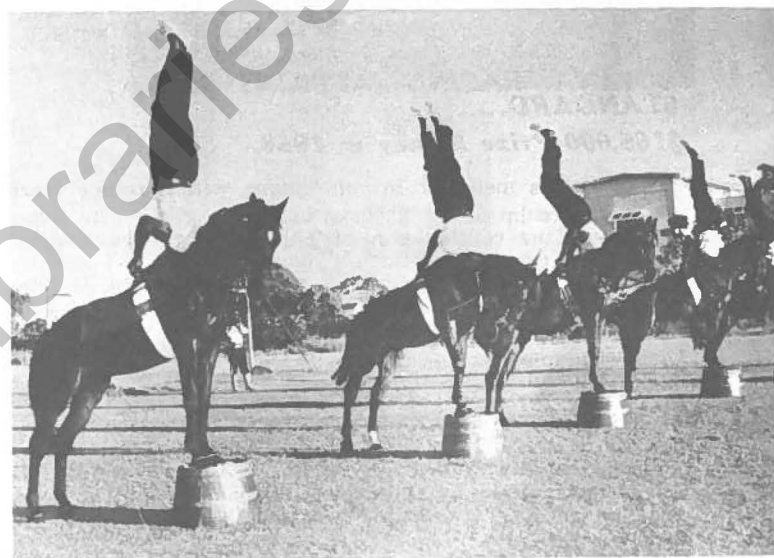
Clyde Walcott and Collie Smith in Second Test partnership in Barbados last February.

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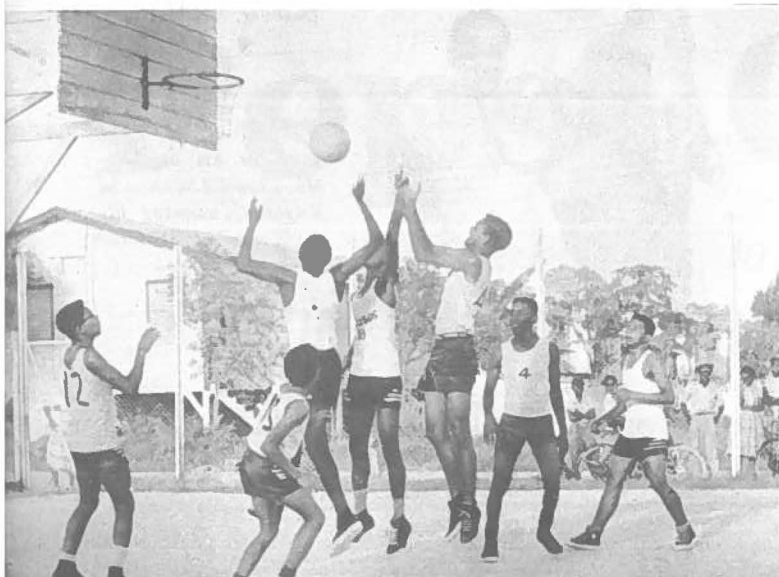


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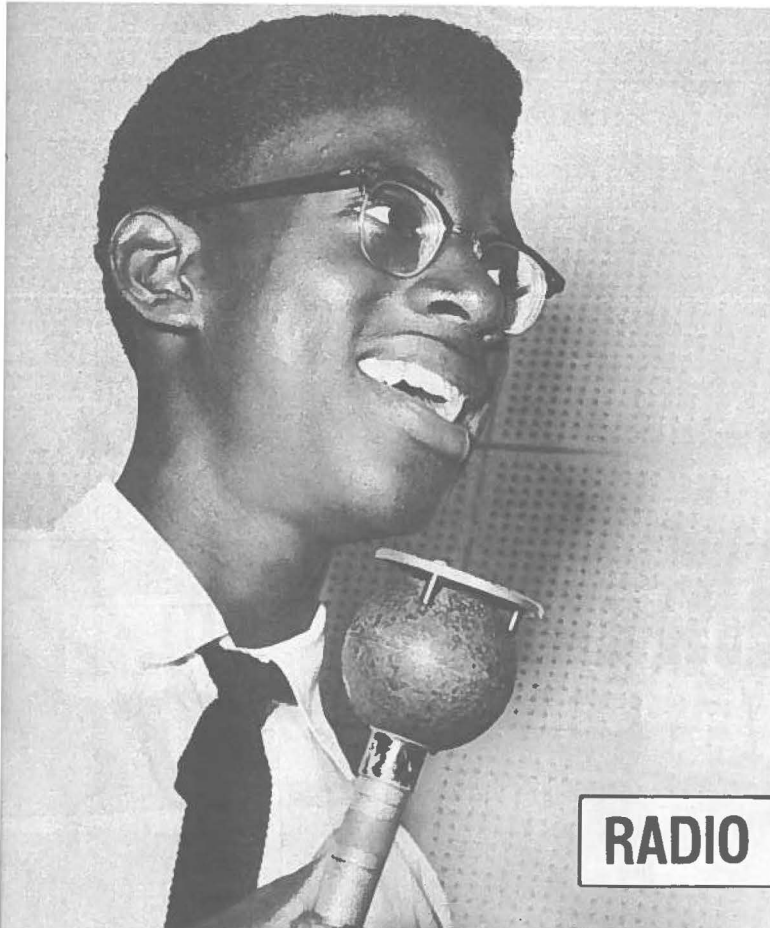
Station B.G.B.S. has been started by the British Guiana United Broadcasting Co., Ltd. in an endeavour to broaden the horizon of local radio. The intention is that B.G.B.S. would offer a contrast in programmes to those aired by Radio Demerara; hence if a listener is not attracted to a programme on one station, he could immediately tune to the other station with the surety of finding something more to his taste. Listeners' preferences in programme fare vary widely, and B.G.B.S. is an earnest of its parent Company's desire to meet as many tastes as possible.

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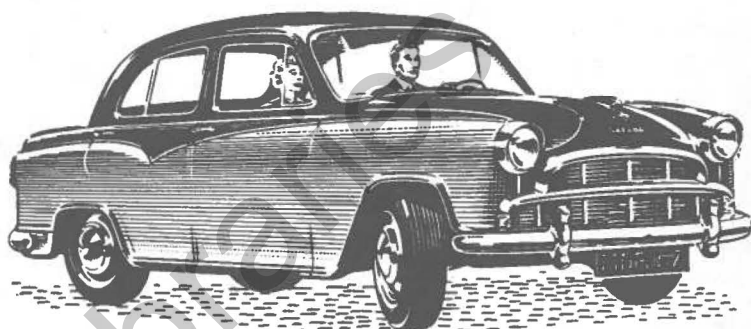
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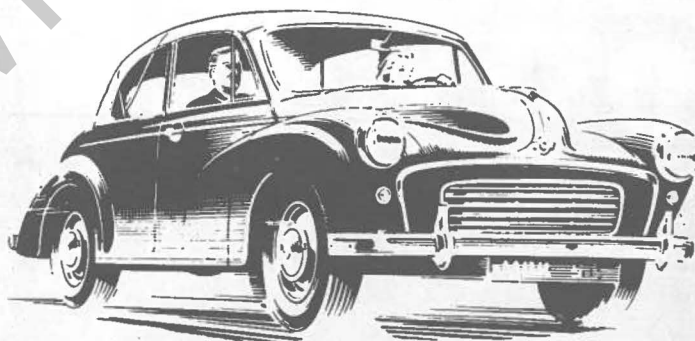
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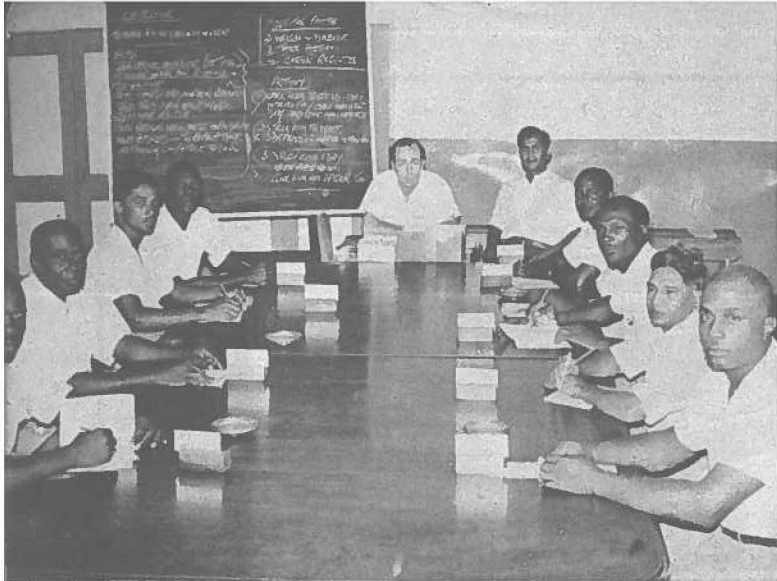
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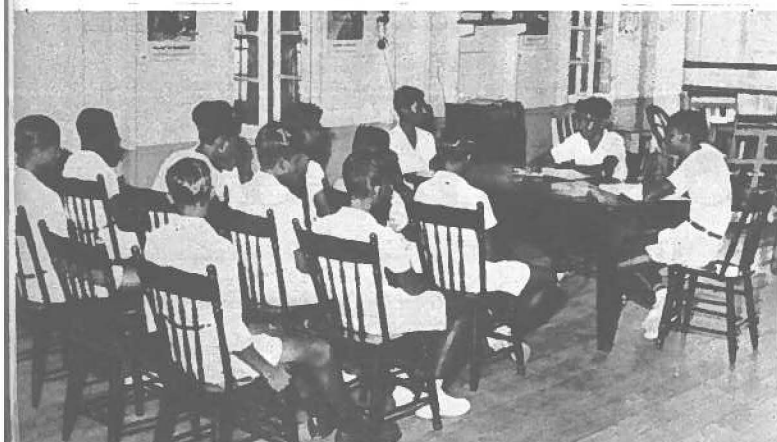
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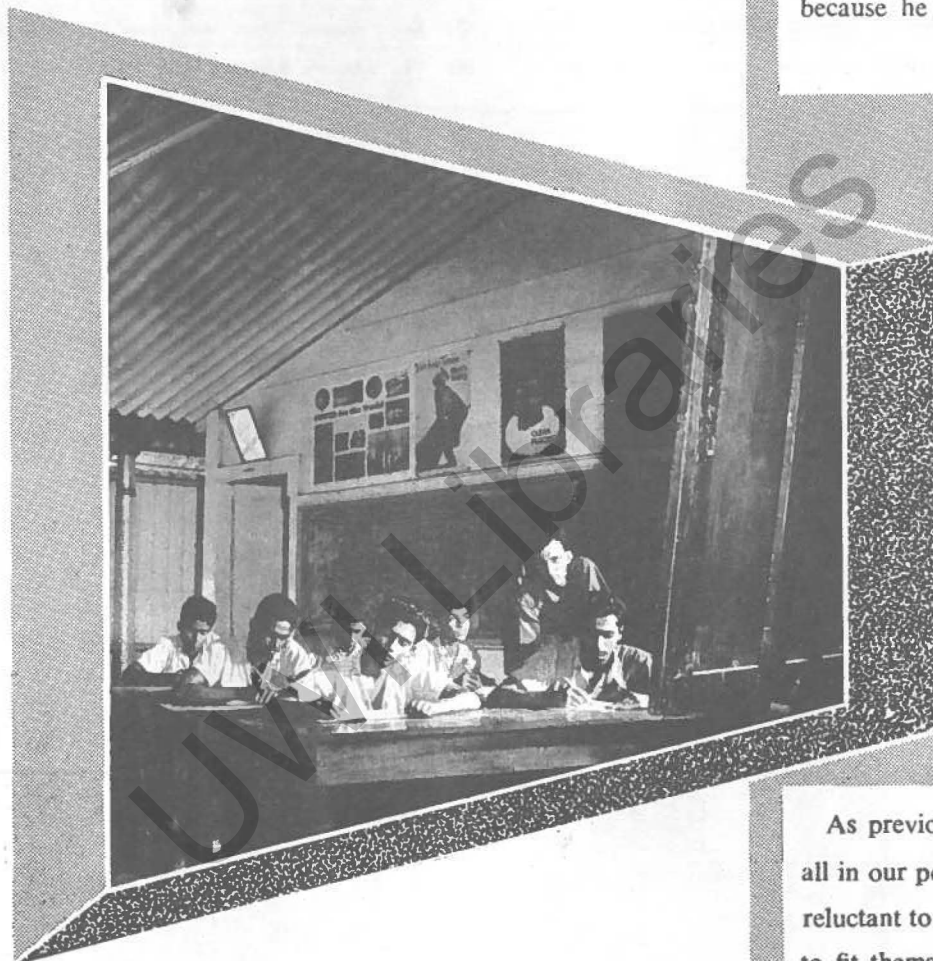


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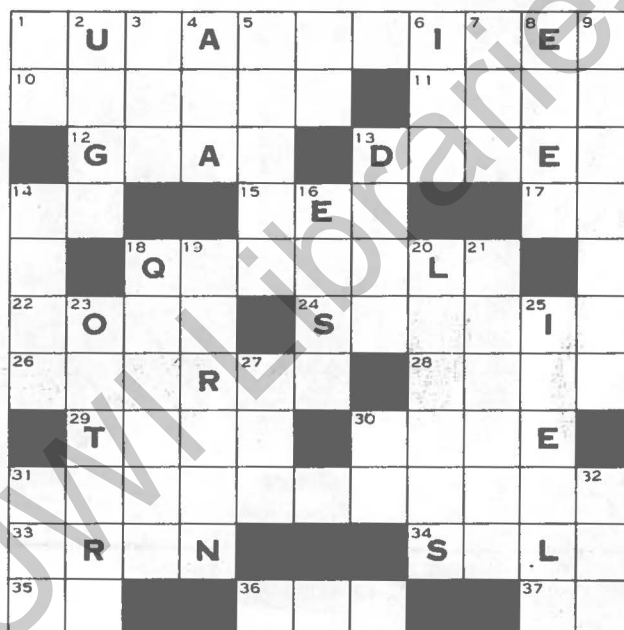
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