

ABSTRACT

Alone among the smaller West Indian islands, Tobago has shared political union with Trinidad, one of the larger territories, for a period of seventy-five years. Despite this, however, the development process on the island has been painfully slow. Development planners continued to conceptualize Tobago as a small island, with tourism and agriculture the only prospects for future progress. Agricultural production on the island has been on the decline particularly since the early 1950's, leaving only tourism as the basis of the development effort. Tourism on the island however has been allowed to become almost completely dominated by foreign interests, and an examination of the structure of decision making shows that the locus of decision making in the industry is almost completely centrally located in Trinidad. Further, even the tourist industry on which so much is to depend is not organized in a way to satisfy the needs of Tobagonian hotel workers.