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Angry Judge threatens to quit Grenada murder inquiry

ST GEORGE'S, June 13, (CANA)

Grenadian Magistrate Lyle St. Paul has threatened to withdraw from the oft-postponed preliminary inquiry into murder and conspiracy charges against 20 former military and political leaders here.

Before he acceded to a defence request for an adjournment until June 28, St. Paul said he was weary of having to defer the start of the inquiry on at least three occasions at the request of both the defence and the prosecution.

St. Paul said if it was allowed to continue he would not be part of the inquiry and the authorities would have to find a new Magistrate to preside over the hearings.

re "I don't want to say more but you might be
looking for magistrates too", he said. "I am fed
up... really fed up. I am serious about that ... I
rt make no bones about that."

tt He felt that people should be made aware that
it was the Lawyers on the prosecution and defence
of teams who were seeking adjournments and the
a blame should be laid at their feet so that when the
il- "throwing of stones" occurred, it would not be
directed at the Magistrate.

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OECS team may observe Grenada elections

PLYMOUTH, June 1, (CANA)

A team of observers from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is likely to witness general elections in Grenada later this year, according to Montserrat Chief Minister John Osbourne, new chairman of the sub-regional body.

He said that the situation in that member state had been discussed by the Heads of Government of the seven-nation grouping and their representatives at the start of their two-day meeting here yesterday.

But he added: "One would not like to say too much, seeing that they are about to have an election in Grenada and one would like to let that go off smoothly."

"The meeting has not decided on sending observers, but I believe that such a move is very possible," Osbourne said.

Elections — the first since 1976 — are due to be held in that country before year-end and officials there are currently enumerating voters for the poll, expected in November and which will be administered by the non-political interim administration running the islands affairs.

The interim government took over after the OECS requested U.S. assistance in putting down a leftwing military junta that had seized power last October 19 killing Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and several Cabinet colleagues.

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THAT GRENADA DECISION!



Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister of Dominica is now one of the best known and most respected political leaders in the Caribbean. The **Gleaner** interviewed her when when she was in Jamaica recently attending the Conference of the Caribbean Development Bank.

Gleaner: The Caribbean and Latin America has now become the front line in the cold war and confrontation between the super powers. Is there any room for non-alignment?

Eugenia Charles: I always wondered what non-alignment really meant you know. It seems to me that the ones who are shouting non-alignment most are the ones who are most bitterly aligned ... not aligned for, aligned AGAINST something. And yet I think it's good for a country like ourselves to be non-aligned. I'm quite prepared to talk, negotiate, with leftist countries so long as they will leave my country to grow up in the philosophy it wants to grow up in. I want nobody imposing their philosophy on me...

by EUGENIA CHARLES
in an interview with the GLEANER

Most outspoken

Gleaner: You have been one of the most outspoken in declaring a preference, would you care to elaborate on your reasons?

E.C. Well I've spoken about what I think we should have, I believe that because we have grown up in the way we have and are accustomed to it, that the Western philosophy is the philosophy we want but that does not mean that you cannot talk trade, have arrangements with countries that don't have that philosophy, but those countries must understand that our friendship is not tied to letting them impose upon us what they wish us to do, in the western world nobody tries to tell us what to do.

Gleaner: Have you had personal experience in Dominica of this?

E.C. We've had the experience of Cubans trying to educate our young people in military affairs and in the Communist ideology. When we send our children to school in America or England they are not obliged to learn about the Western philosophy, in fact most of them come back very radical, very Communist, so it shows that there is a very wide open range for them there...and I want the same thing from the Eastern bloc. If they want to give my children scholarships they must not impose (ideology) upon them. I said this to Cuba and the last time they spoke to us they said: 'well our way of doing things is to impose the philosophy' so I said 'O.K. let us agree not to have our people study there — it does not mean I'm vexed with you but I don't want people to go and study with you.'

Optimistic

Gleaner: Are you optimistic about the Caribbean region's economic future?

E.C. I'm not optimistic. No. Things are hard everywhere, small countries always have a tough time, economy of size .. will always be a threat over our shoulder. We'll never be rich countries but at least I think we can have a modicum of living for our people. People talk about the television going to change our lifestyle, you can't change our lifestyle if you haven't the money with which to do it, (people) are going to know they just can't afford these things and are going to cast them out of their minds, so we are never going to be an affluent society but I think we can make a modicum of living for our people and this is what I'm optimistic about.

Gleaner: Mr Demas has just said that structural adjustment (of Caribbean economies) is essential.

E.C. Yes. It is.

Gleaner: But painful for the poorer groups and a "supreme political difficulty."

E.C. It's very hard on us, we have been doing it at home, when he spoke about making sure that institutions stand their own burdens, we've done this at home. It has hurt a lot. For instance our Water Authority I've told them they must balance their budget .. we've done it to other boards and we assist them as little as possible. We feel that they must become businesslike.

Structural adjustments..

Gleaner: How close are they to becoming viable?

E.C. The Water Authority is not doing too badly but it means that we have had to raise the cost of water to the consumer you have got to keep selling the idea (to the consumer) that if you can pay \$2.60 for a bottle of beer why should'nt you pay \$2 for your day's supply of water?

Gleaner: So you think structural adjustment is...

E.C. Oh its essential.

Gleaner: Is it possible in practical terms?

E.C. It is, but it is going to hurt and it means a lot more work on the (politicians) to sell the idea to the people and explain to them .. why we have to go through this tight period for the purpose of getting a better future for them.

Public relations push

Gleaner: So you are having a sort of Public Relations push now?

E.C. All the time. Constantly. For instance we take the opportunity whenever there's a village council election (there are 100 village councils getting elected every 3 years) ...there's always something happening...They call us the Cabinet on wheels...we go into the constituencies, meeting the people and talking about their problems...and its good because we are talking quite openly with them and not promising them things we can't do but telling them the difficulties and letting them know what they can do for themselves (Miss Charles said that her government promotes self-help projects). Sometimes water schemes have come up to villages in this way, we provide the pipes and the know-how and the people do the work and in that way they look after it much better ..because its THEIRS....We don't have the advantage of having TV all over the island, even our radio doesn't cover all the island ...so we go out and we meet people and we tell it straight and open and they don't like it at first but after a while they realize that you're right. And some of them will never like it but I think its better (so) than to tell them what (they would like to hear) and (will) never get.

Gleaner: How would you describe your role in the Grenada intervention?

E.C. They have built up my role a great deal but let's face it, it was the business of all of us heads of OECS getting togetheras soon as we got together it didn't take half an hour to make our decision, I think perhaps (it was) the quickest decision ever made in the Caribbean....when we made the decision we realized that we did not have the wherewithal, so we thought we'd ask Jamaica.

We took Mr. Seaga off the plane that night and made him stay with us to discuss it ..and then we went on to Trinidad and spoke at Caricom but I've always felt that the Caricom Treaty doesn't ..lay the foundation for that sort of co-operation whereas the OECS does.. Caricom is more a trading thing..Nobody was obliged to come in with us and I'm not annoyed that they didn't come in. I'm a little annoyed that they spoke against us at the U.N. I thought they could at least have abstained from making statements...

Unifying decision

Gleaner: Do you think it was more a unifying decision than a divisive one?

E.C.: Oh it definately brought the OECS closer together and made us realize that we are a region, we have to do things for ourselves and we have to stick together as a region ...also it brought us closer to Jamaica and Barbados..the only reason I got so much limelight was because I was the Chairman of the OECS, that's all. It was a decision that all of us had made equally.

Gleaner: You have been compared to Margaret Thatcher, how does that grab you?

E.C. I don't think that was because of Grenada, it was because of the hard economic decisions we have had to make at home, and also because I tell it as it is , I don't wrap it up and pretend and so on, I tell it as it is.

Gleaner: Are you flattered by the comparison ?

E.C. No. They can call her the Eugenia Charles of Britain as far as I'm concerned. I'm not annoyed about it.. it's a proper description in that I have had to work hard...(and inasmuch as Margaret Thatcher) knows where she's going and goes there.. I admire her very much.

Elections in Grenada

Gleaner: We have been told that the Grenadians feel they are not ready for elections.

E.C.: I know, and a lot of the people feel that, and I'll be honest about it, but I feel that until they have elections they are never going to be settled. I respect their view that they have had so much...they are so dissatisfied with political regimes that I can see why they're not keen on elections but I don't think they will ever settle their affairs until they've had elections and have an elected government. I mean they have to be —not forced, because they must not do anything they don't want to do, but they must be encouraged to make these decisions for themselves...I think early elections are very important, but I know they are not for it.

Gleaner: The OECS and the U.S...would they be prepared to accept it if suppose, the people choose another socialist leftist-oriented government?

E.C. Oh Yes. I'm prepared to accept whoever they elect ..

Gleaner: You are prepared to endorse whoever it is, even a far-left government ?

E.C. Oh yes. They have the right to choose whoever they want and this is what we were getting for them, their freedom to choose...so whatever they choose will be acceptable to us.

Gleaner: Do you see any hope for a closer political grouping in the Caribbean, not just the OECS as was envisaged in federation?

E.C. I don't see it happening in my time. I'm not against it, I am for it, but I don't see it happening.

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GRENADA GOVT. MAY HAVE TO HELP FINANCE DEFENCES LAWYER SAYS

ST. GEORGE'S Grenada,
June 3 CANA:

British lawyer Lord Gifford says the six-month-old Grenada government might have to help finance the legal defence of some of the former military and political officials charged with murder in connection with last October's military coup.

Lord Gifford who tried unsuccessfully to gain admittance to the Grenada Bar to represent the 20 persons said there was a shortage of funds available for their trial.

Although "well-wishers" in Britain and Jamaica had contributed

to a human rights fund set up in the two countries for the men, "there are no big sources of secret money around" to facilitate the defence of those charged with murder, he said.

"...one of the things the government may have to face up to is that it could be a prolonged trial on top of a prolonged preliminary inquiry," he added.

"There simply aren't going to be the funds to provide for these men, and it's a very serious problem," he said.

Among those charged with murder are former Deputy Prime Minister, Bernard Coard, his wife,

Phyllis, ex-military commander General Hudson Austin and former Mobilisation Minister, Selwyn Strachan.

They are charged with the October 19 killing of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, Foreign Minister Unison Whiteman, Education Minister Jacqueline Creft, Housing Minister Norris Bain, and four others.

Defence lawyers retained by some of the murder-accused have declined to disclose their retainer fees.

Relatives of some of the accused said that the attorneys are asking for about 75,000 dollars (U.S.).

Grenada team for ILO Geneva convention

ST. GEORGE'S, June 3
(CANA):

Grenada's interim government member responsible for labour, Dr. Patrick Emmanuel, was leaving today at the head of a delegation to attend the annual convention of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva.

Labour Commissioner Percival Louison, Angela Smith, the president of the Grenada Employers Federation, and Eric Pierre, general-secretary of the Grenada Seamen and Waterfront Workers Union are the other members of the team.

The conference will

begin on June 6, and end on June 27.

The convention, a tripartite meeting between government, labour and employers representatives will discuss labour laws and conventions to be sent to member governments for possible ratification among other matters.

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Grenadian Judge turns down torture appeal

ST. GEORGE'S, June 4, (CANA)

A Grenadian magistrate today threw out an application by a local Attorney who wanted charges of torture against seven former soldiers of the disbanded Peoples Revolutionary Army (PRA) dismissed.

Magistrate Lyle St. Paul turned down the submission of Barrister-at-law Robert Grant that the charge of causing grievous bodily harm brought against the eight were political and laid by the police "too long" after the alleged incidents were committed — some four years ago.

"I am suggesting here that the proposed charges are political, and at a time when we should be seeking to build bridges over trouble waters, in the interest of justice I am asking that the charges against these Grenadian youths be thrown out," Grant said.

Those charged include Lieutenant-Colonel Liam James, Second Lieutenant Rudolph Ogilvie and Captain Hugh Romain of the short-lived military council that ruled Grenada for six days after the October 19 bloody coup.

The other accused are the former Commissioner of Prisons Justin Roberts, trade unionist John "Chaulkie" Ventour, and Brian Pivotte and Victor Husbands, intelligence officers with the PRA.

Grant is representing Roberts, Romain, Pivotte, Ogilvie and Husbands, while James and Ventour who are also charged with the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and seven others during the coup, are not represented by counsel.

The magistrate in turning down the request made by Grant for the case to be thrown out said the allegations made against the seven are indictable and as such the police could bring charges without considering any time limit.

St. Paul ruled that had the matter involved a summary offence which the law states must be laid

within three months after the crime is alleged to have committed then there could have been consideration to the validity of the submission.

The magistrate indicated that he would conduct a preliminary inquiry into the charges laid against the men to determine whether the matter should be sent to the high court.

James, Romain, Roberts, Husbands and Pivotte have been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Roland Budhlall who was a former political detainee under the PRG in 1980.

Of the other charges laid, Husbands, James, Pivotte and Roberts charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Kenneth Budhlall, a political prisoner in 1980, while Ventour, Romain, Roberts and Ogilvie face the charge of causing grievous harm to another detainee Anthony Mitchell in October 1979.

Additionally, the police have laid charges against Roberts, Romain, Pivotte and Husbands for unlawfully causing grievous bodily harm to Russell Budhlall, a brother of the two other Budhlalls in July 1980.

All three Budhlalls were detained and sentenced to be hanged by a high court Judge here in 1982 in connection with the planting of a bomb at a Government-sponsored rally in 1980 which left three people dead.

They were pardoned by Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon in November shortly after the U.S.-led invasion to topple the short-lived military council.

Under Grenadian law, the maximum sentence which could be handed down on the seven if convicted is five years imprisonment.

Magistrate St. Paul adjourned the case until June 18 when it is expected that the preliminary inquiry would start.

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We will remain in our cells

ST. GEORGES, June 9, (ANA):

Fourteen of the 20 persons charged in Grenada for murder in the aftermath of the last October 19 army coup here have threatened to remain in their cells and refuse to attend Wednesday's preliminary inquiry because all their lawyers will not be present.

A spokesman for the group, former Mobilisation Minister Selwyn Strachan told Grenadian Magistrate Lyle St. Paul from the dock yesterday that the 14 would not like to participate in the inquiry because their lawyers, all foreigners, would not be in Grenada.

"We want our lawyers to be part of the exercise, and if our lawyers are not here what we are asking is that we be allowed to remain in our cells, and by all means leave us in our cells and go ahead," he said.

Strachan said the team of lawyers drawn from the Caribbean has already been paid through money raised by their families and friends but the senior counsel would not be here before June 26 because of prior engagements in another regional court.

He said the inquiry had international implications and that the 14 would want their lawyers to be present at the start if justice was to be done.

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Officials near agreement on Grenada's security

ST GEORGE'S, June 9, (CANA)

Britain, the United States and the interim Government of Grenada are nearing agreement on the establishment of a para-military unit here as part of plans to upgrade Grenada's security against anti-democratic elements, authoritative sources said today.

Diplomatic sources said the so-called special services unit could be

80-man strong, which is similar to the size of such units trained by the Americans in other Eastern Caribbean islands such as Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The sources added that this unit was intended to form part of the regular police force being established which would be loyal to the constitution and the maintenance of law rather than to political leaders.

Grenada gets election money

ST. GEORGE'S, June 9, (CANA)

The Australia Government has given Grenada US\$100,000 to help it prepare for its first general elections since 1976, it has been announced here.

According to state-owned **Radio Grenada** the money was handed over yesterday to the head of the interim Government Nicholas Brathwaite by Australian High Commissioner Reginald Little.

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Nutmeg factory call in Grenada

ST GEORGE'S. Grenada, June 17, CANA: The political leader of the recently formed National Democratic Party (NDP), George Brizan, has called for the setting up of a nutmeg oil distillation factory to ease the industry -- one of Grenada's main sources of foreign exchange -- out of its present financial crisis.

Brizan said the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), had

done a feasibility study on nutmeg, oil distillation and saw the oil project as one way to stabilising the nutmeg industry.

The industry has been suffering from a fall in export earnings in recent years.

The economist said the Grenada Cooperative Nutmeg Association (GCNA), sole marketer of the island's nutmeg, should enter into a joint venture with a foreign firm to set up the factory.

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Party wants Grenada constitution changed

ST GEORGES, Grenada, June 17, CANA:

The Patriotic Builders Organisation (PBO) a recently formed political party, says the country's constitution should be amended to curb the powers of the Prime Minister.

"What we are hoping to do is have a structure where the Prime Minister can be impeached if he misconducts himself in office," said PBO resi-

dent Roy Robertson.

According to Robertson, most of the political problems of Grenada should not be blamed entirely on the quality of the politicians but to a great extent on the type of government system which the former colony had inherited from the British.

Robertson said the system was structured in a manner which clearly degraded democracy,

with the Prime Minister being virtually "untouchable" even if he misconducts himself in office.

Robertson, a relative newcomer to the political scene, said he felt the Grenada constitution provides more power for the Prime Minister here than the British and United States constitutions for the leaders of the two countries.

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Cuban Colonel stripped due to poor showing in Grenada

HAVANA, June 18, (CANA-Reuter)

The Cuban military commander on Grenada during the American-led invasion last October has been stripped of rank and sent to Angola because of his poor performance, informed Cuban sources said today.

They told Reuters Colonel Pedro Tortolo and the 42 other soldiers then on the island had been court martialled. Tortolo, demoted to private, had been sent two weeks ago to join Cuban troops in Angola.

"The punishment is the equivalent of being sent to the Russian front during World War II," said one Cuban with close ties to the military.

The sources said Tortolo's fellow officers received similar sentences though they could give no details.

Twenty-four Cubans, all civilians, were killed during the invasion after a left-wing coup in which Prime Minister Maurice Bishop was overthrown and murdered.

Bishop had allied the tiny Caribbean island with Fidel Castro's Government. Many of the 750 Cuban workers also on the island were also involved in the fighting, defending the airport they were helping build. About 50 were seriously wounded.

Most of the Cubans were captured and eventually deported, arriving home to a hero's welcome and embraces at the airport by Castro himself.

Tortolo initially enjoyed the same treatment.

But questions arose over how he and other military men managed to escape unscathed to the safety of the Soviet Embassy while many of their civilian comrades were fighting to the death.

He disappeared from public view and Cuban officials have repeatedly refused journalists' requests to interview him.

The official silence is in stark contrast to the talk on the streets where Tortolo has become the butt of public ridicule in a country which prides itself on its military prowess.

"The only honourable way Tortolo could have come back was badly wounded or in a coffin like many of his comrades," said one Cuban.

The sources said that Castro, a former guerrilla leader renowned for his courage, was furious when details of the fighting emerged, particularly as he had been seen by the world welcoming Tortolo back.

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Grenada shows steep drop in registered voters

ST. GEORGE'S,
June 18, (CANA)

Some 46,914 people have registered to vote

in Grenada's next general elections, 25.7 per cent less than in 1976 when the last poll was held, the Government said today.

No official explanation was given for the steep drop in registered voters but political sources said one of the reasons could be the increased emigration during the rule of the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG).

The sources also cast doubt on the figures prepared by the then regime of former Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy who was overthrown in March 1979 by the Op-

position. New Jewel Movement (NJM) which formed the PRG.

A leadership struggle in the NJM led to a military take-over of the PRG by a radical faction last October 19. A U.S.-led invasion toppled the military and a non-political interim council was formed to govern the island until elections are held.

The council has promised a poll by the end of the year. Diplomatic sources here said it is likely to be held in November.

In 1976, 63,193 voters were registered, of which 41,238 cast their ballots.

June 19

Whyte optimistic on Trinidad visa issue

ST. GEORGE'S,
June 18, (CANA)

Former Grenadian Parliamentarian Winston Whyte has returned home from a visit to Trinidad and Tobago optimistic that the twin-island state's visa requirement for Grenadians would be lifted.

Whyte who is the political leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDLP) said that he discussed the issue with unnamed Government officials, the Opposition, the Chamber of Commerce and a number of organisations in which Grenadian immigrants are involved.

He said he found broad consensus that the immigration regulation imposed eight months ago by the Government of Prime Minister George Chambers was harsh and should be lifted.

The CDLP leader said he felt the just-concluded fact finding mission from Trinidad and Tobago headed by retired High Court Judge Ulric Cross would recommend that the visa requirement be removed.

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Experts arrive in Grenada to complete airport

ST GEORGE'S, June 18, (CANA)

The American construction company which has been awarded the contract to complete Grenada's international airport has started to bring in some of its technical crew to start work on the project.

According to the

weekly newspaper of the interim government *Newsline*, 18 technicians of the firm Morrison-Knudesen have arrived here.

The publication quoted the acting project manager of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Rod

MacDonald as saying that the maximum number of Americans to be employed on the project would be around 40.

Forty-two Grenadians have been employed at the airport site in southern Grenada since last October's U.S.-led invasion workforce was expelled.

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Problems arise at Grenada's Electoral Office

ST. GEORGE'S, June 20
(from Alister Hughes)

The staff employed at Grenada's Electoral Office is dissatisfied over the transfer of one of their number from that office and industrial action in this connection may be taken.

An informed source close to that office said today the Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Roy Chasteau, is concerned over the alleged interference with his staff by Governmental authorities.

"There have been terminations of appointment without consultation with the supervisor," the source said, "and there have been vague unsubstantiated reports about security risks."

In an interview today, Mr. Chasteau denied a news story that he has resigned, but admitted there is a "problem" with his staff of some 30 persons employed at the Electoral Office.

"There has been a virtual sit-in since yesterday," he said, "and people are just pushing people around."

The Supervisor of Elections said he is preparing a report for Governor-General, Sir Paul Scoon, but declined to give details.

The preliminary lists of the Voter Registration are scheduled to be published on July 7.

Most of the information in this connection has already been sent to Barbados for computer processing, but Mr. Chasteau said some items still have to be sent to Barbados, and he hoped the present 'slow down' will not affect the publication date.



Deceased Grenadian PM Maurice Bishop

Party named after Bishop wants public probe into 'massacre'

ST. GEORGE'S, June 22, (CANA)

A new left-wing political party named after slain Grenada Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, says a public inquiry should be conducted into "the massacre" of Bishop and scores of others during a military coup last October.

The Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement (MBPM) whose interim leader is former Industry Minister in Bishop's Peoples Revolutionary Government, Kendrick Radix, made the recommendation in a policy document recently issued.

The military coup by a radical faction in the ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM) climaxed a simmering leadership struggle between Bishop and his former deputy Bernard Coard.

Coard and 19 other political and military figures have been charged with Bishop's murder and seven other people. A preliminary inquiry into the charges is due to begin on June 28.

The MBPM's document says the chief aim of its proposed commission of inquiry would be to clarify who was responsible for the deaths and to investigate the circumstances leading up to the

bloody events last October, including the U.S.-led invasion that toppled the military.

"We totally deplore and condemn the murder of Prime Minister Bishop, the Cabinet Ministers, trade union leaders, workers and all the patriotic Grenadians who were massacred on October 19, 1983.

"Our Party undertakes to bring to justice without fear or favour, all those against whom there is clear evidence of this treacherous act which killed the peoples revolution," it said.

The MBPM said it is committed to the task of properly identifying and making an authentic list of the names of those killed or injured during the October events.

It also said the MBPM would ensure that proper compensation is paid to those whose property received "combat damage" during the invasion but did not indicate how this would be done.

The document described Bishop as one of the true Grenadian patriots dedicated to the building of a genuinely independent Grenada and whose image of his homeland was that of a proud, self-reliant, free and independent nation.

"The events of October 1983 cut down this genuine peoples leader. A Judas rose up in the bowels of the Party and betrayed bro. Bishop, the Party and the people.

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Grenadian detainee granted bail

ST GEORGE'S, June 22,
(CANA)

A member of the military junta that ruled Grenada for six days after last October's bloody army coup has finally been granted bail by a Grenadian Magistrate in connection with a charge of causing harm.

The ex-soldier First Lieutenant Rudolph Ogilvie was charged last month while in detention with causing harm along with four others to Anthony Mitchell, a former political detainee under the deposed Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG).

The Magistrate Jerome Forde last week originally decided to grant bail in the sum of 1,000 E.C dollars (one E.C dollar ; 37 cents U.S) after senior Crown Counsel Anslem

Clouden assured the court that the police were not conducting further investigation into the activities of Ogilvie.

But within five minutes of adjourning the court, the Magistrate again called a sitting to rule that he was rescinding the earlier decision on the grounds that the authorities still had a detention order on Ogilvie.

However, there were some behind the scenes initiatives to come to a compromise. State Counsel reportedly deemed the detention order invalid, allowing another application to the Magistrate for bail.

The Magistrate granted the application. The case is due to resume on July 30.

If convicted Ogilvie faces a maximum of one year imprisonment.

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More Press Council 'watchdogs' urged

ST. GEORGES, Grenada, June 25, C-na:

Alternate member of the Caribbean Press Council (CPC), Jamaican journalist J.C. Proute, has said there is a need to set up National Committees of the Caribbean Press Council in territories where none now exists, to serve as watch-dog media committees.

Proute told a press conference in Grenada over the weekend at the end of the annual general meeting of the CPC that there were still some territories without national committees and this, he felt, was due to a reluctance among lay people to accept appointments to these bodies because of fear of political action against them.

He said that if the CPC and the National Committees did not exist this would leave the way open for "sensitive administrations...to attempt to circumscribe the press in the role that they should perform."

He thought it was incumbent on people in the various territories where the CPC had not yet been able to establish National Committees to agree to serve if they were approached.

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MRS. RADIX BARRED

From Alistair Hughes
ST. GEORGE'S,
June 25

Kendrick Radix, former minister in the deposed Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG), said today in an interview he is taking legal advice with reference to an incident at Grenada's Pearls Airport last Saturday.

Radix, himself a barrister, said he arrived in Grenada at Pearls with his wife, the former Shabiba Strong (who was chief of protocol in the PRG from 1979 to 1983) and she had been denied entry to the country.

"I intend to consult my attorneys today", Radix said, "and to issue legal proceedings of a constitutional and common law nature to have my wife admitted to

Grenada, to obtain legal redress and for such other relief as it is the capacity of the court to grant".

The ex-PRG minister said he married Strong in Guyana on June 6. He and his wife arrived at Pearls Airport last Saturday but she was told by an immigration officer she would not be permitted entry.

"I told the immigration officer we were legally married in Guyana", Radix said. "I showed him the marriage certificate but he paid it no regard whatsoever."

Radix said his wife told the immigration officer she appealed against his decision to deny her entry and asked for the proper form to make that appeal in writing.

The immigration officer did not respond, Radix said, and he (Radix) informed the officer that he was repeating the request for the appeal

from both as the husband and legal advisor of Strong.

"He then ordered me out of the room in which my wife was being held prisoner", Radix said, "but I told him I was not leaving my wife and client".

The ex-minister said two uniformed United States soldiers and a Grenadian inspector of police arrived at the airport some time after and the inspector told him he had instructions from Commissioner of Police Mervin Holder to detain him (Radix).

"I asked him for the grounds on which he was detaining me", Radix said, "under that law he was detaining me and for what offence. He then struck me on my shoulder and said, 'come-on, come-on', he said 'come-on, come-on'. I told him to remove his hand from my shoulder but he continued to press on my shoulder. I removed his

hand from my shoulder and, as I got to my feet, I received a severe punch on my face".

Radix said he was then "seized with violence" and taken "forcibly under guard" to police headquarters in St. George's to see Commissioner of Police Holder.

The ex-minister said Holder "threatened" him and said he (Radix) had been "given too much freedom", according to Radix, Holder charged that his marriage to Strong is "fraudulent" and was a "marriage of convenience".

Radix said Holder inquired of the police guard whether he (Radix) had been arrested and, having heard that he had not, Holder said he could leave.

"So I was released", Radix said, "Having been in police custody for about three hours".

He said that, in a phone conversation with his wife later that day, he learned she had been put on a plane to Barbados where she was refused entry and put on another plane to Guyana.

"My wife was born in Guyana", Radix said, "but she is a citizen of the United Kingdom, having resided in that country for a number of years".

Asked to comment, Commissioner of Police Holder said today that Strong was deemed an "undesirable immigrant" after the Caribbean peacekeeping force intervention last October and had had to leave the island. Subsequently, she made application to return but this was refused.

"Up to the time the

deportation order was executed last Saturday", Holder said, "there was nothing to prove that the lady with Mr. Radix is his wife, and the immigration officer had no option but to refuse her entry because he knew she had been declared an undesirable immigrant."

Holder said marriage to a Grenadian does not automatically confer citizenship on a person. It has to be applied for, he

said, and he thought Radix would have been better advised to apply for citizenship for Strong before arriving in Grenada with her.

With reference to Radix' charge that he had been punched in the face, Holder said he is not aware of this but had been told that Radix had been very noisy and had attempted to create a disturbance.

Grenadian detainees on hunger strike

ST GEORGE'S, June 28, (CANA)

The 20 former military and political leaders charged with killing Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and members of his Cabinet during last October's army coup have gone on a hunger strike to protest the conditions under which they are held at the Richmond Hill Prison, some inmates told CANA.

The action was reported by former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard and Lieutenant-Colonel Ewart Layne during a break in the sitting of a court handling a preliminary inquiry into the murder charges.

The two murder-accused said the hunger strike would last until the prison authorities take steps to improve the conditions.

Coard and James said that the prisoners had refused to eat since yesterday, when a centipede was allegedly discovered in the breakfast served to one of them.

Among the demands are better food, more time for exercises, and what the prisoners referred to as the provision of adequate facilities to meet their lawyers for instructions.

An earlier hunger strike by twelve former political detainees was called off after nine days.

Commissioner of Prisons, Barbadian Lionel Maloney could not be reached for comment, but another senior prison officer indicated that the authorities were not aware of any hunger strike.

"I don't know of any hunger strike by these people, and certainly those who are feeding them have not told us in the office that there is a hunger strike on," he said.

Murder inquiry adjourned again

ST. GEORGE'S, June 28, (CANA)

Bodyguard to slain Grenada Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, Errol George, the first witness called to testify in a preliminary inquiry by a Magistrate's Court into a charge of murder brought against 20 former military and political officials in Grenada, failed to take the stand today.

George was expected to follow up yesterday's brief court appearance but today's two hour hearing was taken up largely by arguments over a request from the defence for a five-day adjournment.

The Magistrate granted a suspension until tomorrow.

The lawyers said they needed more time to meet with their clients to prepare fully for the inquiry.

Head of the team, Jamaican Queens Counsel Howard Hamilton, told Magistrate Lyle St. Paul that the prison authorities were putting obstacles in their way with regards to having adequate time and facilities to interview the accused, who include ex-army chief Hudson Austin and former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard.

The charges arose out of last October's military coup in which Bishop was killed.

Hamilton said that the prosecution had five months to prepare for the

inquiry with the full co-operation of the state. But that the defence lawyers were retained by the relatives of the 20 on June 7 and had not been given enough time to meet with the clients.

"We are requesting that the defence be allowed five working days within which we be allowed to interview the clients throughout the day so that we can begin next Wednesday," Hamilton said.

The Magistrate said he could not grant any further adjournments in the inquiry, which would determine whether the 20 would face a high court trial. He granted a suspension yesterday but Hamil-

ton said the concession could not be taken advantage of because of the attitude of the prison authorities.

"This inquiry must go on... get the witness," St. Paul said.

Hamilton, said their clients had given instructions that if the adjournment being sought was not granted they would not want the lawyers to participate any further on their behalf.

The court proceeding was immediately halted and the Magistrate as well as the entire prosecution

and defence teams were behind closed doors for about half an hour to discuss the development.

On their return, the Magistrate granted the adjournment until tomorrow, by which time Hamilton said "we as Counsel may advise ourselves as to how we can assist this court further."

Among those charged with murder are Coard's wife Phyllis, former Mobilisation Minister Selwyn Strachan, trade unionist John "Chaulkie" Ventour, and Major Leon Cornwall, the former Ambassador to Cuba.

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Grenada in talks with World Bank

ST GEORGE'S, June 28, (CANA)

Grenada's interim Government is holding discussions with the World Bank on funding a crop diversification project, a senior Government official said.

Arnold Cruickshank, the interim Government member responsible for

agriculture said the funds being negotiated is intended to help bring into production some 1,000 acres of land of which approximately 300 acres might be irrigated. He did not say how much money was involved or give details on what crops would be involved.

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Bishop murder inquiry adjourned once more

ST GEORGE'S,
June 29 (CANA)

Presiding Magistrate Lyle St. Paul today acceded to a defence request and adjourned until next Wednesday the resumption of a preliminary inquiry into murder charges against 20 military and political officials in Grenada's ousted leftwing Government.

The all Jamaican defence team, led by Queens Counsel Howard Hamilton, had complained of not being given enough time to consult their clients and had threatened to walk out of the proceedings if the adjournment was not granted.

Among the 20 accused are former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard, his wife Phyllis, ex-army commander Hudson Austin and senior military officers Ewart Layne, Leon Cornwall, and Liam James.

The murder charges arose out of a military coup last October in which Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, three Cabinet

Ministers, and four close aides were gunned down at the height of a feud between moderate and radical factions of the leftwing ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM).

Hamilton told today's court session which lasted about 15 minutes that while he regretted that two days would be lost as a result of the adjournment, the defence felt they would be "better prepared" to continue with the trial on Wednesday.

The session was followed by a lengthy private meeting between Magistrate St. Paul, the defence teams, and the

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Delays irk Grenada case

ST. GEORGES,
Grenada, June 29:

The Defence in the "Maurice Bishop" murder case preliminary inquiry have been granted an adjournment until next Wednesday, but presiding Magistrate Lyle St. Paul has warned that his patience is running out.

"I don't mind delays if they can help the course of justice," he said, "but you cannot go on making demands for adjournments. Remember, the name of the magistrate in this case is 'St. Paul' and not 'Job.'"

At the close of yesterday's sitting, leader of the defence team, Howard Hamilton, told the court that the 7 barristers representing the 20 accused persons had written instructions from their clients to retire from the case is a 5-day adjournment was not granted.

Defence and prosecution teams then retired with St. Paul for consultation, following which St. Paul adjourned until today.

This morning, St. Paul was over an hour late arriving at court and it was learned that he and all the barristers involved in the case had been in consultation from an early hour. On

arrival at the court, the magistrate and barristers retired for more consultation which lasted for nearly an hour.

When St. Paul finally opened the court more than 2 and a half hours late, the applicant for and granting of the adjournment was accomplished in less than 30 minutes.

This preliminary inquiry has been subject to several adjournments since its first sitting last February, and St. Paul expressed the hope that, when the courts sit again next Wednesday, no body will ask for a further adjournment.

"I will say 'no'" he said.

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Bishop murder inquiry resumes

From Alister Hughes
ST. GEORGE'S Grenada, July 4:

The preliminary inquiry into the deaths of the late Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and seven others continued today in the St. George's Magistrate's Court before Chief Magistrate Lyle St. Paul.

Errol Seaton George, who had commenced his evidence last week, was recalled to the witness box and completed his testimony shortly before the lunch interval.

With the completion of this evidence, the leader of the defence team, Jamaican Barrister Howard Hamilton, told St. Paul he had agreed with the prosecution leader, Trinidadian Karl Hudson-Phillips, that George would be deferred while that witness evidence was read back to him and he would sign it as a statement.

Originally, St. Paul opposed this suggestion but, after the lunch interval, he granted the defence's applica-

tion for the cross-examination to be deferred.

"It is the practice in Grenada that the cross-examination and re-examination be completed before a witness' evidence is taken as a deposition," St. Paul said, "but I have looked at the law and there is nothing to prevent it being done the way the defence wishes".

The second witness in this inquiry, Sylvia Belmar, took the stand after the lunch interval and was still giving her evidence-in-chief when the adjournment was taken this afternoon.

Because this is a preliminary inquiry and not a trial, evidence given may not be reported and cannot be reported unless the magistrate finds that the accused have a case to answer and evidence is given in a case in the High Court.

Before today's hearing, Hamilton told St. Paul there has been a redistribution of representation of the 20

accused persons in the re-distribution, Hamilton and his junior, Jacqueline Samuels-Brown, now represent Andy Mitchell, Bernard and Phyllis Coard, Leon Cornwall and Liam James.



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Norma Linton has had assigned to her Selwyn Strachan, Dave Bartholomew and John Ventour, while A. J. Nicholson represents Hudson, Austin, Lester Redhead, Christopher Stroude and Cosmos Richardson.

Ewart Layne, Calistus Bernard, Raeburn Nelson and Fabian Gabriel are represented by Earle Witter, while Vincent Joseph and Ian St. Bernard are the responsibility of Delano Harrison. To Maurice Frankson have been assigned Cecil Prime and Colville McBarnett.

Hamilton expressed the defence's appreciation of the adjournment granted by St. Paul until today and said that, while the defence is not fully prepared, they are sufficiently prepared to proceed with the inquiry.

With reference to the many complaints made last week by the defence on behalf of their clients, Hamilton said many of the problems have been solved and the only matters remaining to be ironed out are those related to food, exercise-time and bath.

Put Grenada in the past says Adams

NASSAU, July 4 (AP)

Barbados Prime Minister Tom Adams urged Caribbean nations to avoid reopening their differences over the Grenada invasion, as a summit of the English-speaking Caribbean leaders opened today with strongly worded speeches.

"There is great wisdom in observing at this conference a policy of least said, soonest mended," Adams said.

Bitter words were exchanged between CARICOM members after seven nations "invited" and sent troops to support the United States-led invasion.

Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize and the Bahamas opposed intervention in the aftermath of a radical army takeover on Grenada. Adams called Trinidad's Ambassador a liar when he denied that Adams informed him of the invasion. Trinidad complained about the participants' secrecy, and Guyana's Socialist President Forbes Burnham called the participants puppets of imperialism.

The political acrimony accelerated a decline in regional trade that the leaders agree is their chief problem here.

"I wish to emphasize that my delegation will do everything to ensure that there will be no unnecessary reopening of old wounds. We should not indulge in recriminations," Adams said, calling for community support of Grenada's interim administration and rebuilding.

Adams also called for support of the regional security force, which he said should not be "a mechanism for shoring up discredited regimes or for muzzling legitimate protest," but would protect members from "illegitimate internal unrest" stirred by external forces.

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From Alister Hughes

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Grenada — two hearts of the matter

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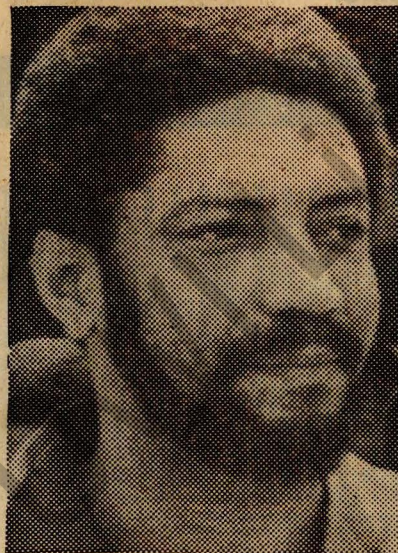
by Dwight Whylic

They were angry and bewildered.

Maurice Bishop had promised a progressive future for the masses, and they were a part of it. Salwa Osei and Judah James, two workers for the Grenadian revolution who had spoken with conviction

about the greatness of the people's revolutionary government and its brand of populist socialism.

And they had spoken with equal conviction about the evils of American imperialism, and what they called Westminster style bourgeois capitalism. That is when I met them first on October 16th last year, three days after Maurice Bishop had been locked up by his Deputy Prime Minister,



Bernard Coard, and his Chief of Military Staff, Hudson Austin.

They were concerned, but certain that the wise people in the ruling New Jewel Movement would "struggle it out" sensibly. Those wise people did resolve it. But as we know it was a brutal resolution that killed Prime Minister Bishop and probably more than 150 other people; locked up the society in a 24 hour curfew with warnings that curfew breakers would be shot; and precipitated an invasion by American and Caribbean forces.

Shocked

I saw them next on October 31st, six days after the intervention. They were shocked but relieved. The Coard/Austin coup and its immediate aftermath had left them terrified. People's revolutionary army soldiers had taken lists of Bishop supporters, and they were sure the next step would be imprisonment or death. So when the American and Caribbean soldiers came in, the fear went, to be replaced by confusion. The imperialists had saved them, but they had reservations.

Salwa said she hadn't wanted a war, and she had hoped they could have worked it out with appeals and negotiations from the neighbouring Caribbean states. But when Grenadians started killing each other, perhaps it was a good thing there had been an invasion. I left Grenada that evening.

I returned to the island early in May, and had my third and longest meeting with them. They had lost their jobs with Grencraft, the government-owned handicraft making and marketing company. Judah said they were simply told their services weren't needed any longer, no reasons given.

Grudges

But she felt it was because of grudges held by the manager, a supporter of the Coard faction in the coup, who oddly enough was still in charge. Their home had been bombed during the intervention. P-R-A soldiers were their neighbours, and gun emplacements were nearby, as the American medical school — the first objective of the American marines — was just across the road. Now they were staying with friends.

How did they feel now?

We thought you were a spy they said. Now they seemed to accept my bona fides, and poured out their feelings. The relief I heard just after the intervention had faded. The imperialists had shattered the hope of the revolution. It had just been an excuse to come in, because the American students weren't in danger.

Victimised

But you told me when I saw you last that you feared for your lives.

Yes that is true, we feel there would have been a civil war, but it would have been better for Grenadians to have "struggled it out" for themselves.

But most people I have spoken to are glad the Americans came.

We don't agree. Since they came in we have been victimised; we've lost our jobs, lost our home, and there's nobody to help us. And nobody has given us any reasons why.

Did you know about the one hundred or so people that Maurice Bishop had locked up without giving them any reasons?

Those were counter-revolutionaries.

What had they done?

We don't know, but Maurice told us they were working against the

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revolution, and we believed him.

Criminals and communists

What about Coard and Austin?

They are criminals and communists, and their kind of die-hard Soviet communism wouldn't have worked with Grenadians.

But weren't Maurice Bishop's political statements much the same as their's?

No, we didn't hear about Marxism and Leninism and Communism and things like that from Maurice.

We then turned to voter registration and plans for elections. They were worried that Eric Gairy — the man Maurice Bishop had seized power from five years before — would get back in. They didn't have much faith in any of the other politicians. And, it was all corrupt and manipulated by the Americans anyway. Neither wanted to be registered or to vote. Salwa felt that Soviet communism and American capitalism weren't right for black people. What Grenada needed was something like Robert Mugabe had in Zimbabwe.

Progressive government

Did they think the elections in Zimbabwe that had put Mugabe in power had been fair?

Yes, because it is a progressive government.

Did they know that the people who registered

the voters in Zimbabwe were the same people who were now registering voters in Grenada, the Barbadians?

They were surprised.

Did I mean that the people who had called in the Americans were doing that, and had done it in Africa?

Yes.

Blood and..

Would they think of registration now?

No, because it was Westminster politics, and not progressive politics.

What did they mean by that?

Capitalist and colonialist.

In what way?

Changing the government every five years and all that.

But suppose you don't like what a government

is doing, how would you change it otherwise? You didn't like what Coard and Austin were doing, how would you have got rid of them without elections?

It would have been blood, but...

I left them with that and a few other thoughts. But they still had no jobs, and nowhere to turn.

There are big development plans afoot in Grenada. The new airport — the one President Reagan said was being built to export communism — is being completed with American and Canadian help to import tourists. The next five years will see a five-fold increase in hotel rooms and facilities, and development in agriculture and supporting services. And elections will be held by the end of the year — the first truly free vote in a generation. And there is no evidence that the Americans are manipulating the political process. Hopes are high generally, and the medium term job outlook is good.

But is there hope for the minority of people like Judah and Salwa? Alienated, betrayed, confused and disillusioned?

Grenada issue at summit would achieve nothing says Burnham

NASSAU, July 8, (CANA)

Guyana remains strongly opposed to the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada, but did not raise the issue at the just-ended Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government summit here for it would have caused a quarrel and achieve nothing, according to Forbes Burnham, the South American republic's President.

"Our view on Grenada remains what it was from the 22nd of October (last year) until now — that it (the invasion) was a case of naked aggression and an unwillingness of some people to allow it (Grenada) to choose its own road to development," Burnham told reporters.

"But what is the point of bringing it up (at the summit) and causing a row about it? Are we likely to persuade any of those who agreed with

or joined in the invasion of Grenada to de-invade Grenada?," he added.

"History will tell who was right and we await with anxiety the outcome of the Grenada elections (scheduled for later this year)."

The Grenada invasion, that ousted an ultra-leftwing military junta which had seized power during an internal Party feud and which saw the killing of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and key government leaders, was a very divisive issue for CARICOM.

Jamaica, Barbados and member countries of the CARICOM sub-grouping, the Organisation of East Caribbean States (OECS), supported and provided token forces for the invasion, which was opposed by Guyana, Belize, Trinidad and Tobago and the Bahamas.

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Grenada's preliminary voters list now available

ST. GEORGE'S, July 8, (CANA)

Grenada's electoral office has placed copies of the preliminary voters lists in all of the island's 15 constituencies so that persons who have registered to vote in forthcoming general elections can check to see if their names have been included, an electoral official said today.

Distribution of copies of the list to police

stations, post offices and other public buildings where they are posted, was completed yesterday — the date set by law for the list to be made available for public scrutiny.

Grenada is preparing for elections later this year which will return the island to constitutional, elected rule after a four year marxist experiment that tragically ended last October with the overthrow and assassination of leftist Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, and a subsequent U.S.-led invasion.

The electoral official said persons who were enumerated earlier this year but whose names are absent from the preliminary list, should contact the registration officer in their constituency so that the necessary amendments can be made.

The authorities have set until July 23 for persons to make objections to the list. Inclusion of new voters will also be done during this period.

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Former Attorney General to lead Gairy's party

ST. GEORGE'S, July 11, (CANA)

Former Attorney General Herbert Squires will lead Sir Eric Gairy's Grenada United Labour Party (GULP) into general elections expected later this year, Party sources said.

The GULP won Grenada's last elections in 1976 but was ousted in March 1979 by the opposition New Jewel Movement.

A further coup last October brought a military Government to power and provoked a U.S.-led invasion. The non-political interim administration installed after the military intervention has promised a vote by the end of 1984.

The sources said the appointment of Squires, a lawyer will soon be announced. Sir Eric, the island's last constitution-

al Prime Minister, has decided not to contest the election.

Meanwhile posters supporting two prospective candidates of the GULP have begun appearing.

The candidates are named as Michael Donelan, a leading artist and Erleen Adams, described as a senior female law enforcement officer.

The posters said Donelan would contest the St. George's south-east constituency which was won in the last elections by NJM Prime Minister Maurice Bishop who was killed during last October's coup.

Adams is listed to run in the constituency of St. George's south which was last held by the controversial Gairy.

Rebels kill

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Grenada's NDP wants 'clean politics'

ST GEORGE'S, June 11. (CANA)

Economist George Brizan called for "clean politics" in formally launching the centrist National Democratic Party (NDP) which will be contesting planned elections later this year.

The NDP leader, in an address to a crowd of about 500 persons yesterday, said his party wanted the electorate to be guarded against attempts by political leaders to buy their votes.

Brizan said the tackling of the "critical" unemployment situation, maintenance of internal peace and security and diversification of the agriculture sector to increase yield and farmers incomes must be top priorities of the next elected government.

Brizan said the current need was for such a government to replace the interim administration which has been governing the country since the U.S.-led invasion last October that ousted a left-wing junta that had seized power in a coup. The NDP leader said the new administration should be ever mindful of the various socio-economic problems existing in the country and seek to tackle them for "the good of all".

"Let us build from the errors of the past a true and lasting democracy," he added "because this country has gone through pain, suffering and crucifixion, especially in recent years."

Brizan said the task ahead in returning the country to normality would be gigantic and as such the new administration would have to see itself not as the master but as the servant of all Grenadians.

"The time has come for us to chart a new course and to reject any use of force under any guise to settle any political dispute we may have," he added.

Brizan presented some of the leading committee members of the NDP whom he described a group of non-politicians called to do the job of the politicians and to continue the work started by the interim government.

Among those presented were businessman Finsley St. Louis, former magistrate Larry Joseph, agronomist Jerome Joseph, barrister Maureen Emmanuel, who is also the sister of interim government member Dr. Patrick Emmanuel.

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Delaying writs booted in Grenada trial

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada,
July 13, Caña:

Chief Justice Archibald Nedd dismissed a defence motion aimed at delaying a preliminary inquiry into murder charges against 20 former government and army officials charged with the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

Nedd deemed the application for writs of mandamus and prohibition on behalf of former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard and his wife Phyllis as "an attempt to stop the wheels of justice from turning."

The writs were intended to get the Chief Justice to order presiding magistrate at the inquiry Lyle St Paul to refer several constitutional questions raised by the Coards' lawyers to the high court.

Paul ruled last month against sending the matter to a higher court. The inquiry is continuing.

Among the questions raised is whether the two Coards and the other 18 officials charged with the execution of Bishop and seven others during last October's military coup have been charged under constitutional law or those passed by the Bishop's deposed People's Revolutionary Government (PRG).

Others involved the existence of the Grenada constitution order in full or in part, as well as the legality of the ordinances passed by Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon after the U.S.-led military intervention that toppled the military government last October.

In their writs filed before the Chief Justice, the lawyers also raised queries relating to the nature and extent of the jurisdiction of the magistrate to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the murder charges.

In his near one-hour judgement, Nedd sided with state lawyers who described the writs as merely hypothetical and academic.

According to the Chief Justice the writs amounted to nothing more than an abuse of the court.

The preliminary inquiry will determine whether evidence exists to try the defendants.

Among the other officials charged with the Coards are former army commander, General Hudson Austin, one time Mobilisation Minister Sewlyn Strachan, Major Leon Cornwall, the former ambassador to Cuba, and trade unionist John Ventour.

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Editorials

DECISIONS FOR GRENADA

It seems more than likely that elections will be held in Grenada in November this year and the parties are gearing for the contest. Democracy for the people must be by the people and therefore what is paramount is the choice of the people which must be respected. But Grenada is a part of the Caribbean and those of us who are interested in the progress of the Caribbean should be free to comment on the likely directions of that country.

There can be no doubt that the most organised parties will be the older parties — the Grenada United Labour Party (GULP) of Mr. Eric Gairy, and the New Jewel Movement which has been reorganised under a new name to capitalise on what is regarded by some Grenadians as the martyrdom of Bishop. So one faction of the New Jewel Movement has now incorporated the name Bishop in their title. For the progress of Grenada, it is important that the extravagance

and extremes of a Gairy should not be visited upon that country again, nor those of the Bishop regime and the butchers who replaced him.

We can only hope that the good people of Grenada will be able to get together and form a solid block which will look askance at the extremes on the right and the extremes on the left and find a path which will direct them into progress in full democracy. But it would help if the centre moderate parties led by Messrs Alexis, Blaize and Brizan could get together, for otherwise they will fail, if divided, to offer the people an effective choice.

We were of the view, and we still are, that after the cataclysmic events of last year and the virtual disappearance of opposition parties under the Bishop regime, the Grenadian people should be given a longer breathing spell under an interim government with the Governor General in charge, before elections are held.

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PRESS BOX

By Balford Henry

Minister of National Security and Justice, the Hon. Winston Spaulding, was in a fiery mood last week Tuesday as he dealt with the claim made some months ago by the PNP that Jamaican soldiers in the Grenada were being paid by the U.S.

Mr. Spaulding roared that it was regrettable that such "a wonderful national effort in such a noble cause" had been treated in such a way.

He said: "Although there was no political unanimity because of the ideological differences in the region, because of the ideological differences in the country, because some people look to Russia and Cuba and irrespective of what happens they cannot support principled behaviour because it may contradict their political line, (it was felt) at least that the political differences would stop there.

"But the PNP at their so-called forum have made the statement, a false statement without any basis which could easily have been checked, stating that the JDF soldiers were being provided through the Government of Jamaica by the Americans with an allowance of United States dollars, and that the Government of Jamaica was taking out a part of it and only giving a small portion to the Jamaican soldiers.

"That, Mr. Speaker, was an outright lie and a piece of mischievous dirty propaganda," said Mr. Spaulding.

He said that after the statement was made and was prominently reported, his Ministry and the JIS issued releases denying it, but some sections of the media chose not to publish it. As a result some soldiers still believed and were scribbling graffiti supporting that view.

"Mr. Speaker, I am just asking all these shadow spokesmen to become substantial figures and behave in a responsible manner. If not they will remain shadows and will never become Ministers."

"We do not take important, serious and sensitive national areas like that, and because of your ideological position, you come out and tell lies. Because the easiest thing is to take up the phone call the Chief of Staff, call the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, call me and see if you can get the facts."

At one point, the Speaker had to warn Mr. Spaulding about his usage of un-parliamentary language when he used the phrase "a damn sight" as he spoke on the situation at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Spaulding was speaking about improvements in the accommodation at the Supreme Court Building. He said that when he took over as the Minister he had to personally request the assistance of a friend with a cleaning service to go down to the Supreme Court to clean the Chambers that were filthy.

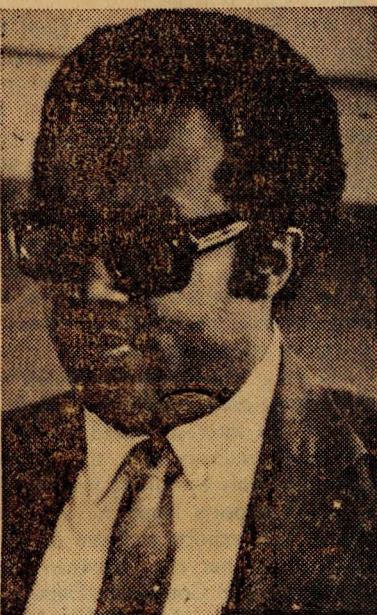
"When I went there, Mr. Speaker, rain was falling through the roof, it was uninhabitable. You had buckets which had been set to

that Parliament needs to be brought into modern times."

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Western St. Catherine) who wants adhesive judicial stamps eliminated from the legal process because they waste foreign exchange and were useless.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Hyacinth Knight (Western St. Mary) made her first speech in the Chamber, in which she suggested a referendum to let the people decide the casino issue, as she felt it was becoming political and was being "blown out of proportions." Mr. Ryan Peralto (East Central Kingston) gave a rather scholarly interpretation of



SPAULDING...on the defensive on matters concerning position of soldiers in Grenada.

the development of the slums in the Corporate Area and urged a long-term development plan to eliminate them.

Mr. Peralto's speech was based on a survey which he had done of a large section of his constituency known popularly as "South." He suggested that other Members follow his lead because there was hardly much they could do about such areas unless they knew what needed to be done.

The main speaker was the Hon. Bruce Golding, Minister of Construction, who claimed that one of the main problems in his constituency was finding a cemetery site.

Mr. Golding pointed out that Spanish Town's services were under tremendous pressure because of its over-sized population — a situation he attributed to migration of people from the rural areas who were heading for Kingston and couldn't quite make it and, people from Kingston who wanted to get away from the city but couldn't go any further.

Mr. Golding said that because of the shortage of space, there were people literally carrying their houses on their backs seeking a resting place.

The Hon. Anthony Johnson, Minister of State for Agriculture: "That is a national problem."

Turning to the necessity for space to bury the dead, Mr. Golding said the grave diggers in Spanish Town had threatened to stop digging because the cemetery was so over-crowded that every time they dug, they were meeting upon bones.

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JDF MEN: Soldiers of the Jamaica Defence Force seen from Gleaner file photo displaying some of the weapons captured during the invasion of Grenada.

Grenada and especially the leader of the contingent, Colonel Ken Barnes, had not been praised enough, was supported by Mr. Spaulding; Mr. Derrick Smith (West Central Kingston) who wanted National Heroes' Park upgraded for recreational and cultural activities, including the re-opening of the once famous "Town Moor" cycle track; and Mr. Audley Woodhouse (North-

some of the work from Spanish Town to Orange Street in Kingston had to be withdrawn, because the new site was unsuitable.

Mr. Golding said that the people of Spanish Town were saying that Kingston had "taken away the capital; they had taken away King's House; they had taken away the Registrar of Companies; now they want the Registrar General's Office. Why don't they take the gallows as well?"

collect water and the buckets themselves were leaking. What I am saying is that that does not mean that what obtains today is good, but it means that what exists today is a damn sight better..." (loud applause).

The Speaker (The Hon. Alva Ross): "Please control that temper there. Don't continue on that line."

Mr. Spaulding: "Is the objection to damn, Sir. If it is un-parliamentary I stand corrected and I stand instructed why it is. I think that Parliament needs to be brought into modern times."

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He said that not everyone could afford the prices charged at the Dovecot Park. However, he was glad that Bernard Lodge Estates had offered some 30 acres of land to build a cemetery.

He said that a market should have been built sometime ago in the town, but because of a quarrel over where it should be located, it was not built. He said that since becoming the Member of Parliament for the area, he had settled the dispute over the siting, only to be told that the money had been spent to build two smaller markets in other parishes.

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BWIA begins service to Grenada

ST. GEORGE'S July 20, (AP) — Marketing Manager Earl D. Govia said the line will provide two scheduled passenger flights daily to Pears Airport, 20 miles North-east of St. George's, using Avro 48-passenger aircraft. Liat has been ap-

pointed general sales and ground handling agents for BWIA in Grenada, Govia said.

The connection in Trinidad involves more travel miles from Grenada than a Barbados connection, but Govia said fares will not reflect the greater distance.

"The air fares we have set up have taken into account the fact that we will be going over Trinidad, and it will cost exactly the same as if you went over Barbados," he said.

Officials from Trinidad and Tobago visit Grenada weekly to issue visas for passengers, Govia added.

He said there were no plans as yet regarding the type of service to be offered once the new international airport under construction at Point Salines is open.

The new facility, which the Government hopes to open before the end of this year, will be capable of handling jet aircraft.

"The route rights have to be cleared, and this calls for government-to-government negotiations," Govia said.

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Grenada wrap-up

July 24, 1984

St. Georges Grenada July 10,
Alistair Hughes

The Government-owned Grenada electricity services can now supply only one third of the power required by the island at peak periods and, in the short run at least, Grenadians must expect even greater inconveniences than they have been suffering from "load shedding."

The position at the moment is that we have only 2 of our 9 generators working," Winston Bullen, manager of GES said today in an interview and those two generators can produce only 1.6 megawatts of the 4.6 megawatts we require at peak periods."

Bullen said if the 9 generators were all in working condition, the power station could produce 8 megawatts, but the three largest generators have been out of commission for several months. One of these generators needs a new crankshaft, another needs turbo-chargers, he said, and the third has to be completely replaced.

"The British Government is financing the replacement of the third generators," the GES manager said, "but we have to buy it through the crown agents and, even though we have indicated the type and make of machine we want as a replacement, they still insist that the order has to go to tender."

Bullen said the type of machine required as a replacement is the same as that of two generators which the government

of Grenada has already purchased for three million East Caribbean dollars with the assistance of the European Investment Bank.

"We hope the first of these two generators will be commissioned by July 15th," Bullen said, "and that the second will be in operation before the end of July. These together, each with a rating of 1.8 megawatts, will take care of three quarters of our peak load."

The GES manager said 2 rented generators, each 1.5 megawatts, which have been in service since the end of last year, are listed among the 7 generators not in working condition, and they are presenting a special problem.

"We thought we had the problem solved," he said. "We fixed what we thought was wrong but they have failed to start."

The engineer who installed these rented generators is due in Grenada today, and Bullen hoped they could be put into service promptly so the "load-shedding" can be reduced.

The GES manager was hopeful that, if the rented generators can be started and the two new generators can be put into commission by the end of this month, then the peak load requirements can be met and there will be the necessary "Breathing space" to permit overall.

"But we are dealing with machinery," he

said, "and we can only hope that nothing goes wrong."

Bullen

Winston Bullen, manager of Grenada Electricity Services (GES), has resigned from the company with effect from July 15th.

Bullen disclosed this in an interview today and said he is leaving GES to manage the family insurance business.

"As you know," he said, "my brother Evelyn, who used to manage our business, was one of those murdered at Fort George last October 19th when Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and others were killed, and I am needed to fill Evelyn's place in the business." The outgoing manager said that three and a half months ago he gave the GES board of directors one month's notice, but they had asked for 3 months notice, and that notice expires on July 15th.

Bullen, who has managed GES since 1981, when the Peoples Revolutionary Government seized the company, said he will be succeeded by Grenada born C.B. Francis, now assistant manager of St. Vincent Electricity Services Ltd. The outgoing manager said he is preparing a detailed report for Francis to facilitate a smooth take over of management.

Post Office

A spokesman for the Post Office department confirmed today that there was a robbery at the General Post Office in St. Georges last weekend.

"When the mails officer opened the premises shortly after 6.00 p.m. last Sunday to receive incoming mail," the spokesman said in an interview today, "he found that someone had gained entry to the premises by cutting a hole in the floor of the planning department which is directly above the Post Office in the Government building."

The spokesman said 8 bags of mail which had been prepared for delivery to the out districts had been tampered with and opened envelopes were found strewn on the floor. Mails was found also in the Planning Department, he said.

Also found in the Planning Department was a carpenter's auger which, it is suspected, was used to cut the hole in the floor.

The spokesman said no open door or window had been found and it is not known how the thief or thieves gained entrance to or left the Government buildings.

No estimate was possible of the loss, the spokesman said, but postal orders, cheques and money were found among the torn envelopes.

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Scoon's help sought in dispute over Mrs Radix

ST. GEORGE'S, July 21,
(CANA)

Former Grenada Industrialisation Minister

Kenrick Radix has written to Grenada's Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon asking him to intervene to have reversed the decision by immigration officials here to refuse his Guyanese-born

wife entry into the country.

The former Miss Shaiba Strong, who worked as chief of protocol under the leftist Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG), deposed in a coup last October 19, was deemed an "undesirable immigrant" and was not allowed into the country on June 23, when she arrived here with Radix after their marriage in Guyana.

In a letter sent to Sir Paul, re-printed in the *Indies Times* newspaper, Radix said: "I trust that Your Excellency's well developed sense of honour and concern will permit you to order the

reversal of this unjust and insensitive action taken by your subordinates."

Indies Times is a publication of the Maurice Bishop Memorial Foundation, which Radix and another former Government Minister under the deposed (PRG), George Louison launched in January.

The paper gave no indication when the letter was written but quoted Radix as telling Sir Paul that many Grenadians with foreign wives were able to return home without suffering "the honours and discrimination to which my wife and I were subjected."

The Guyanese woman was asked to leave Grenada after last October's U.S.-led military intervention to put down the coup and her subsequent application to return was refused.

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