

ABSTRACT

Political Protest in a Transitional Society
A Case Study of the Dominica Dreads

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The main points of this thesis are:

(i) That the Dominica Dreads represented an unorganized joint endeavour of a relatively few Dominicans to change or to alter the political course of events in a society enmeshed in that web of problems which arise when colonial societies move towards independence.

(ii) That this lack of organization prevented the emergence of a collective behaviour (which the label 'Dreadism' suggested) which could have been effectively directed towards changing the existing political relationships.

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(iii) That their failure to change political relationships was due mainly to the fact that as a political protest movement its ideology had not been crystallized and also to the fact that no strategy had been devised which would have entailed the use of techniques designed:

(a) to enhance the political resources to be used against their opponents' modes of action, and;

(b) to transform the skeletal protests into mass operations.

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