

The Minister
Disappoints
Opposition

Robinson—Make 1964 a Year of Industrial Peace

In the House of Representatives last Monday the Minister of Finance :

- Revealed that he did not propose to impose additional taxation in 1964.
- Disclosed that Old Age Pensions and the pensions of retired Government officers will be increased.
- Emphasized that priority to agriculture did not, and must not be taken to mean even the slightest neglect of industry.
- Saw the bright lights of production 1963 in agriculture, sugar manufacturing and the fertiliser industry.
- Explained the necessity to induce confidence in the financial administration in the early years of independence.
- Pressed that the rate of growth in 1964 should be faster than the "unsatisfactory" 6 per cent anticipated.
- Warned with reference to trade unions: It would be a pity if power were turned into privilege.
- Warned those who would think of over spending votes that he now possessed the power to surcharge and intended to use it.
- Stressed that the dollar will remain at 4s. 2d., and that this was guaranteed by law.

When the Minister of Finance, the Hon. A. N. R. Robinson on Monday presented his tax-free Budget, he directed the following comment to the people of this country: "I ask all concerned to work together to make 1964 a year of peace in industry."

And why was this necessary? Mr. Robinson had earlier on answered this question himself. He stated that healthy industrial relations patterns could not be achieved on the basis of turbulence on the one side or intransigence on the other. "The process had already gone too far and any continuation of this state of affairs into 1964 will permanently injure our industrialisation effort and damage our international reputation."

The power of trade unions today he recognised, but made it absolutely clear that "it would be a pity if this power were turned into privilege."

In this context the Minister emphasised that a ruthless policy of higher wages and salaries and other benefits was "incompatible with either continuing economic growth or rising levels of employment," and could impair the capacity to compete in external markets and weaken the balance of payments.

If economic growth were to proceed upon a sure and continuing

basis, then in all sectors there must be healthy, informed and continuous debate on all issues. "Modern business and trade union leadership need to be at least aware of the modern world."

Again, "too often journalistic comment on economic and financial matters display not even the faintest understanding of what the issues are about. Journalistic innocence is inconsistent with the responsibilities of the Press."

There was also need to attract savings of the public into business enterprises. "Greater public investment in business will foster a wider sense of responsibility and so increase stability." Moreover, by this means, interest and dividends will stay at home.

As far as business was concerned, it "is still too dependent upon its most rudimentary form—the family organisation."

On industrial relation, the Minister seemed confident that "much more can be done to foster a sense of identification for the worker with the enterprise. Trade unions today are a part of the establishment and there is no longer any justification for regarding them with suspicion." Thereafter, he recommended

"strongly" that business leadership should take "positive initiatives" to improve relations with the leadership of the union movement.

It was evident from the quality of comment, direction pointers and then the no-tax announcement that the Minister had put his heart into the Budget. Then he put his soul. He announced that the level of pensions were to be raised, and a hum of approval ran through the crowded public gallery.

"I propose to increase the means test ceiling of the monthly qualifying income from \$15.00 to \$19.00 and he maximum pension from \$10.00 to 14.00 per month. These increases are expected to cost an additional \$1.2m.

"The pension of government pensioners will be increased by amounts up to 25 per cent on the basis of duration since retirement. Payment will commence in March next year with effect from the 1st January, 1964. I estimate these increases to cost another \$525,000."

Amidst an air of uneasy expectation, attributable largely to the prophets of doom, visitors in the gallery shifted to their seats' edge when Mr. Robinson said: "I come now, Sir, and as Honourable Members opposite would say, "at last", to the financing of the 1964 Development Programme."

old age pension up

"As I have already indicated, allocations in the Trinidad programme will amount to \$65.9 m while the Tobago programme will amount to \$7m. and the Better Village Programme \$1.5m. making a total of \$74.4 million which must now be found.

"From the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development I expect to receive \$12 m. for the electricity programme. From the Export-Import Bank I expect to receive \$7.5m for the sewerage project. From the Import Export Bank and from the contracting company I expect also to receive the sum of \$4.1 m. for telephones. Application for this loan was made during my visit to Washington

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In The House Opposition Calls For . . . Science Institute

"It is important that the finances of the country should become a national affair and become the concern of every citizen," advised Dr. Capildeo, in the opening salvo of the Opposition in the debate on the 1964 Budget. Small developing countries have no influence in the world.

Dr. Capildeo, repeating his charge made of the 1962 Budget, criticized the Budget for lack of inspiration. The people must be taken into the Government's confidence and be told the objective it expected to achieve in each year.

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analysis of the budget, he generally agreed with the major economic analysis of the Minister and offered the collaboration of the Opposition.

NEGATIVE GIFT

The Budget was a negative Christmas gift, he continued, for it offered only respite from

taxes. The Minister was avoiding a comprehensive analysis of the finances of the country when he decided to rely heavily on supplementary appropriations, which he considered "budgeting on the instalment plan."

The change over to Agriculture, he went on was of paramount importance. Self sufficiency in food production was a necessity if the country was not to depend on charity from the existing trading blocks.

ROBINSON RIGHT

Although agreeing with the Minister of Finance that the balance of payments problem can be overdone, Dr. Capildeo surprised the Minister wholeheartedly that international liquidity was one of the crucial problems that faced the country today.

The Minister was right, he continued, when he said that the closing of the New York Money

Market could have disastrous effects, especially on this country with its 'loan budget' for while there was generally growth in the primary producing countries, the growth in

industrial countries far outstripped the former and helped to widen the gap.

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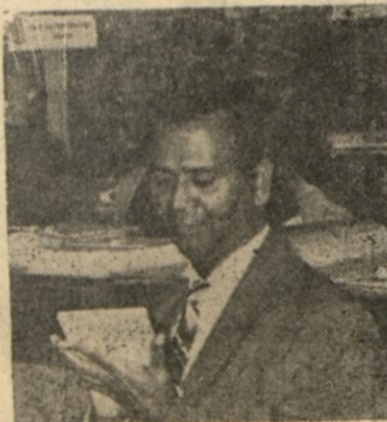
Complimenting on the interim 10m loan from Chase Manhattan, Dr. Capildeo exclaimed "have they no mercy" to lend at 6%. That loan was a fleabite to Chase.

CENTRAL BANK

He complimented the Minister for his lucid account of the Central Bank and found the entire statement "extremely reassuring."

The minimum gold and foreign reserves of the Bank were adequate and good news but he wished it could have been more as it should provide a useful barometer of the Finances of the country.

The debate continues today.



DR. CAPILDEO

of men & things

Government Spending

In the Estimates for 1964 Government is committed to spend varying sums on improving and developing local food production. This expenditure will include \$1,390,000 for marketing facilities.

Agriculturists and fishermen will be able to get medium and short term loans to stimulate food production and fish from \$900,000 provided for the purpose. A central Marketing Agency to cost \$150,000 will take the place of the present Marketing Board. This Agency it is expected, will enjoy a wider scope than its predecessor, as its functions will include the guaranteeing of prices of select products.

The sum of \$20,000 will be spent on the propagation of plants at official centres and for distribution to farmers. Three new artificial insemination centres are proposed, one each at San Fernando, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. These are estimated to cost \$3,000. Nine additional livestock farms of 20 acres each will be established at Carlsen Field at a proposed cost of \$20,000.

Completion of the Central Market on the Beetham Highway next year, which it is proposed will serve as a distribution centre will call for \$1,200,000.

West Indian Hits At UN

News from the United Nations, according to a Reuter dateline is that Mr. Ivor de Souza of Jamaica was in the vanguard of those opposing any move to eliminate or reduce Commonwealth members' rights as a group to representation in United Nation bodies such as the Security Council, Economic and Social Council and the Steering Committee of the General Assembly.

COMMENTS By The SCRIBBLER

Mr. de Souza, in his speech, described the Commonwealth "as a microcosm of the United Nations." He went on to say "that that world body should make it clear that it was not prepared to see the Commonwealth group disappear from the corridors.

Representatives from both Canada and New Zealand spoke in support, hinting that Commonwealth members made a large contribution to the U.N. Budget.

Nkrumah and the C.J.

The case of the dismissal of the Chief Justice of Ghana by Dr. Nkrumah has come in for rather unfavourable comment in legal circles. It has also stirred the mind of other members of democratic societies, who see in it a contravention of the most cherished principle of freedom and human dignity as contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

That this should happen in the very week when member states of the United Nations, of which Ghana is one, were celebrating Human Rights Day calls to mind the concern expressed by the Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago, that it was not only a matter of the definition of rights, but more importantly their observance.

At the same meeting, Mr. Hudson Phillips took the opportunity to remark with regret, as he said, that political parties in power in

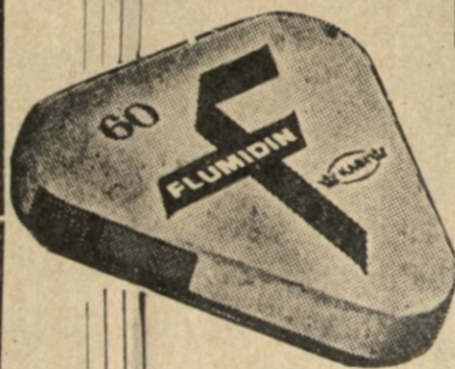
some newly created states had been showing a disposition of impatience, intolerance and oppression towards their political opponents and to their own other nationals.

How true!

Aid To Tobago Fishermen

Commencing last Tuesday, December 17, Mr. F. O. Assam, of the Fisheries Division of the Min-

istry of Agriculture, has been visiting beaches in Tobago in connection with Government assistance from the Prime Minister's Tobago Relief Fund to fishermen whose boats were damaged or lost as a result of Hurricane Flora.



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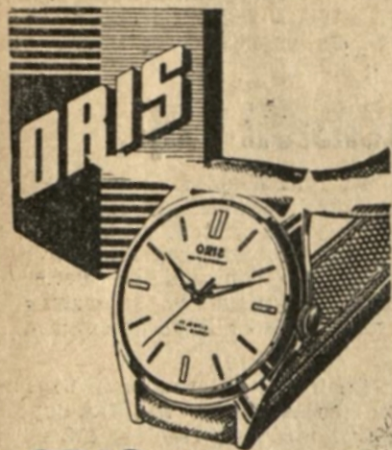


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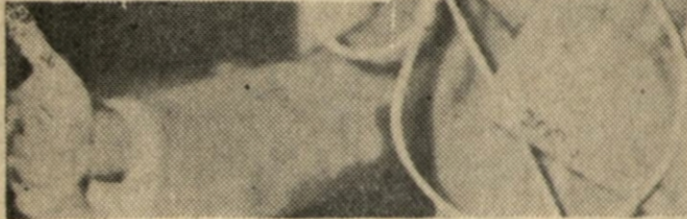
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Sparrow's Tent Opens January 3



Mighty Dougl



The calypso King, the Mighty Sparrow, has disclosed why he is not going to the savannah next year. He also tacitly indicated that the "Young Brigade" will live up to its name next year. All in all, I gathered from what he said, that January 3 is going to mean a lot to the future of many calypsonians.

January 3, you see, will be the night on which the Young Brigade will open the calypso season at Union Hall on Wrightson Road in Port-of-Spain.

That date will mean a lot to young calypsonians for Sparrow has given most of them the "break" they had been denied for so long. In a way therefore Sparrow is doing a good turn for calypso.

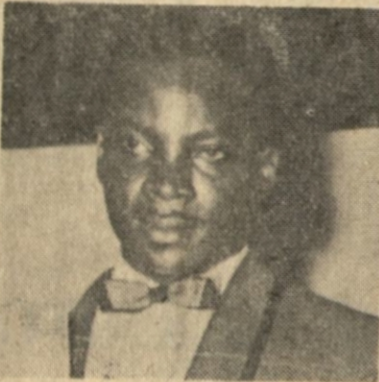
Even with this great injection of youth Sparrow assured me that he is going to have at least five of the leading calypsonians in the country in his line up. He named the former calypso Kings, the Mighty Striker and the Mighty Dougl; the ever popular Lord

Cristo, Lord Nelson and the Mighty Duke. So it seems that after all the early conflict patrons can look forward to a bumper season.

Turning to himself, "The Bird" spoke with a confidence, with an ease, as if to suggest that it would still take "20 years before" they caught up with him.

He emphasised on query, that he would never go to the Savannah at least not while he was King. "What is the use he asked? I come up against no real competition when I go to the Savannah. If I go up there I would be competing against myself," and he stressed, "again, no", he went on "I'm waiting for a new champion. I've been competing against myself for too long.

But perhaps Sparrow's apparent ease was but a blind behind which to shield his discomfort on other issues. For when I asked him about the recording company he said coldly, "it is going alright."



Sparrow

In reply to another question, Sparrow said he did not know whether the calypsonians who were to sing at the Strand would record with him during the coming season. In any case he was not begging anybody. They have their side, and he wished them "all the luck in the world."

Sparrow said that his company's latest records are of Nelson and himself. He only intended to record the best singers. He said that his latest L.P. include the Village Ram, Martin Luther, The Outcast, Lock Joint, his Tour of Jamaica and many others.

Sparrow also revealed that he had a new number to be

released very soon entitled "The Death of Kennedy."



Young Killer

Nelson Caton Seeks To Stimulate National Pride - With Calypso

News has come to hand that one of Trinidad's most popular composers of calypsoes, Mr. Nelson Caton, has completed a series of ten calypsoes dealing with the history of this country. Mr. Caton has told us that much of his calypsoes depicts a certain remarkable event in our history.

A rather prolific composer, the fact that he has been working on this assignment for the past 10 years, seems to bear advance witness to their quality. Calypso lovers will soon be afforded their opportunity to judge as the first two have been recorded and will be released later this month.

The two are "Columbus was Glad" and "Fire in the Fortress at Las Cuevas Bay", with the vocal work done by Lord Cristo.

Mr. Caton who admits that he is not an historian, and did not

seek to accentuate all the facts of history, has written to the Minister of Education, Senator Donald Pierre, suggesting, among other things, that the songs be considered for use on schools Broadcasting programmes.

Mr. Caton outlined his aim as being... "to make a genuine contribution for the stimulation of a feeling of national pride. I believe that in order for us to achieve this objective, our men of letters must succeed in evoking a national spirit by edifying our own heroes. Perhaps, you will forgive me therefore, if you find that I have purposely augmented certain facts and eliminated others."

He stated further: "The calypsoes contain nothing suggestive or immoral, and are of educational value."

"COLUMBUS WAS GLAD"

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One of the Greatest heroes in our history
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CHORUS

I know Columbus was glad
When he discovered Trinidad
He prayed to the Lord above
To bless this land with goodness and love
Joy for one and all who dwell in the land of Iere
He prayed to the Lord to bless this land of La Trinity
Sing a happy song, O' shout the tidings glad
Father Son and Holy Ghost is the meaning of Trinidad

2
He thought he would die on the salty spray
He thought he was lost, so Columbus knelt down to pray
Suddenly three mountain tops rose from out the sea
So he sang a glad Te Deum and called it La Trinity.

3
He wrote of the beauty of La Trinity
The coconut groves, the humming birds, the emerald sea
He wrote of the native Indians and the bright blue skies
Columbus was right when he said, this is paradise.



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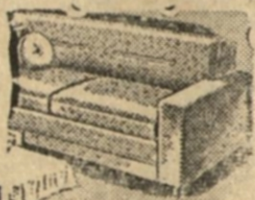
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REVIEW OF "SELECTED POEMS"

Mr. Abraham W. Jerome, through the Columbus Publishers of Sierra Leone Road, Diego Martin, has released to the public a booklet of seven poems largely of very subjected and philosophical material. The substance of his poetry ranges from the trite to the profound, and the style of his verse, from the tedious to the majestic; the lively and the arresting expressions of hope, joy and prophetic anticipations for mankind. The poems are reported to have come from "Jerome's Book"—The Angry Waves and the Booklet is published in aid of the Destitute Children of Tobago.

The sixteen glossy pages contain print that is easy on the eye. On reading Jerome one gets the feeling, that the pattern of the verses and the stanzas is designed by the quantity of the ideas or thoughts and the intensity of feeling surrounding the different ideas, as the arguments of the poems develop.

In the poem "Conquest," some stanzas are long - painfully long — and a reader must have a patience for pursuing the ramifications of, at first apparently disconnected thoughts which break off into other thoughts conveying Mr. Jerome's philosophy regarding Freedom, Nature, Slavery, Poetry, Art, Creation and Destruction, and the ultimate destiny of man. He introduces the argument of "Conquest" quite simply with the lines.

"I regard him of being unworthy of life

By Searchlight

He who lives without knowing the purpose
For which he was born into this world"

Then Jerome confesses to being a "Slave," but a slave to nature.

"A slave that's what I am.
A slave not
To man and his machinery,
his politics,
His discriminations and his pitiful beliefs,
But a slave to Nature, freedom and the realities of humanity.
Yes, I know that I am nature's slave."

And from here the reader is led sometimes tediously and reluctantly at other times, pleasantly and convincingly through about 250 lines of verse in obedience to Mr. Jerome's ramblings among

his cherished philosophies, outlining his concept of, or his philosophy regarding man.

If the reader has the patience to endure the arguments, the apparent contradictions and conflicting thoughts, he will be rewarded with some gems of expressions and some deep and sustaining images of Freedom and Nature, regarding Man's purpose on earth.

I confess to possible boredom in pursuing certain of the ramifications of Jerome's tedious lines and I confess to not accepting some of his postulates, but those are personal. I confess though to a feeling of mental stimulation accruing from many of his lines. But each reader will have his reward.

In all his poems of this booklet Jerome exposes a yearning after some higher, better form of life and seems to speak or think aloud concerning his speculations.

I rather enjoy the music and the mood surrounding Jerome's reflections in "Ode On a Dream." But what says he in "SERVITUDE"? Naturally he condemns servitude as a corrupter of the mind with which he has neither patience nor tolerance. His poetic outpourings shower contempt on all forms of human servitude and he asserts his craze for Freedom.

In exodus Jerome is very prophetic. He presumes that 1970 will be a year when human

beings will achieve their great and lofty desires.

In this poem of hope and prophesy, Jerome displays a mastery of the poetic expression. Musical, triumphant and inspiring, his lines move on with ease and pleasantness and literary reward. I like Jerome's poem 'Exodus' best of all. I like the optimism and the joy, the peace and the instigation to happiness says he—"I can see 1970 emerging a revolution not of war, not of anger, but of peace.

And he ends — What happiness!

Out of the blue sky will come
Happy bloom and you and I
will sing
And dance in a new world,
a glorious

World where all human hearts will join
In creating a paradise of Restfulness.
Yes, 1970 is here at last!"

Those who read Jerome's little anthology are in for some tediousness rewarded with much delight: Some dullness compensated by patches of brilliance, some of the commonplace interrupted my long draughts of the profound. And to those who will read Jerome, my advice is: I find it convenient to conclude in the lines of Jerome himself.

Suffering to the true poet must be a necessity
Because only through suffering will the soul
Find real peace and happiness with God."

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LETTERS to The NATION

The Editor,
The NATION,
Sir

To reject or to accept the doctrines of McCarthy of America one must be educated and fully conversant with the sufferings of the people; and for anybody to accuse Senator John Rojas of McCarthyism is a dirty attempt to mislead the working people into the belief that an attempt is being made to resist the legitimate aspirations of the trade union movement in our country. In many countries today, many citizens are being destroyed or

imprisoned for openly condemning the doings of the administration.

At present in our country, the attempt of anybody to resist or to denounce the wrong doing of trade union leaders is considered strike breaking or anti-unionism as can be seen in the current strike involving J. T. Johnson Stores.

Not so long ago an attempt by our Police to preserve law and order in the sugar belt was brazenly branded as strike-breaking tactics which union leaders threatened to resist with all their might.

This type of behaviour imperilling the well-being of the citizen in undemocratic countries is now being fashioned in our own country.

When the behaviour of those who are appointed to police our country is arrogantly challenged outside our legally constituted courts, in my view this is sheer subversive activities threatening to destroy law and order and even to overthrow the elected government of our country.

No one has any right or power according to our Constitution to adjudicate in the quarrels of the people except our courts and if this is broken woe betide our country.

CECIL EWING

The Editor,
The NATION,
Sir,

Would government consider NOT rushing into reconstruction in Tobago and using this unusual opportunity created by the recent hurricane, to lay down a tent city for the dispossessed, hold Trinidad's projects in abeyance and use all available energies and resources to make of Tobago a world show-piece NOW, ultra modern, aesthetic and futuristic in all departments?

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"...this year has been a year of tolerance... the most astonishing growth of tolerance in this country, following of course on the Independence Conference... We have shown how easy it is for us to live quite normally in terms of national issues... make 1964, I suggest to you, the year of production. We can only get to distribute what we produce, and these constant uncertainties whatever the cause, however meritorious, I state dogmatically, most of the difficulties that have given rise to any interruption of production could have been settled and the fundamental goals could have been achieved without any interruption of production without any misbehaviour.

"I do not suggest that you change the goal, I suggest that you modify the technique; and above all, produce."

"It is strange that if you continue to be disciplined in the political sense, if you continue to be as sophisticated as you are now known in many parts of the world to be... but when it comes to the question of deciding that this is your own little section of society and you are going to do whatever you like... Well, it is curious that this discipline and general sophistication in particular fields should be associated with this irresponsibility and individualism if you happen to be a worker in a particular industry or somebody who wants to get some little benefit that somebody is competing with you for, as if you were still in the transition period."

PARTY NOTES

The Annual get-together of Party Group No. 10, Port-of-Spain South was held at the Constituency Office 13, Prince Street, Port of Spain, amid joviality and Carol Singing. Members exchanged the Yuletide greetings, and the function terminated at 11.30 p.m. to the tune of the National Anthem.

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THE BUDGET

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In October and word was received about a fortnight ago that the application has been approved. This makes a total of \$23.6 m. in firm commitments from external loans.

From the Independence development Fund I expect to receive \$8 m. This Fund established after discussions between the Prime Minister and various oil and sugar interests has been negotiated by the Minister of Finance at specially favourable terms of twenty years at a rate of interest at 3%.

From other local borrowing, such as saving bonds and debentures, I expect to receive \$5 m. This makes a total of \$36.6 m.

From the depreciation and other funds of the Public Authorities, principally, electricity and telephones, I expect to receive \$15.1 M.

them account for the employment of 36,000 persons.

"It is for this reason that Government attached such importance to the sugar, cocoa and citrus conferences held during the latter part of this year and will attach even greater importance to the UN conference on Trade Development which is to be held in March next year. The preferences were props to our agriculture and we could not afford a collapse while we built alternative or additional supports.

In the general pattern of world trade, the Minister discerned a constantly changing picture. The General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs represented the most serious attempt to re-establish a pattern of multilateral trade that prevailed before the period of depression (the 1930's). Today, however, the effectiveness of GATT has been called to question,

particularly by the developing countries which are highly dependent on external trade and require stable markets at good prices for their products.

The emergence of powerful trading blocs had given even greater prominence to the conflict of national and regional interest in the field of international trade. "The result has been that discussions under GATT have tended to assume a political flavour to the detriment of its primary purpose of fostering trade co-operation. As a consequence, considerable dissatisfaction with the operation of GATT has been expressed by developing countries which are highly dependent upon external trade for their revenue and foreign exchange required to finance economic growth and diversification.

"As a result of representations made by this and other countries in the U.N., the decision has been taken to convene a conference on trade and development early next year. . . . Whatever the outcome, however, it is certain that the conference will be a major pre-occupation in the first half of 1964.

There were three bright spots where production was concerned. Taking agriculture first, he remained convinced that it was responsive to treatment and

could be transformed within a short period of time into "one of the most dynamic sectors of the entire economy."

He indicated, graphically enough the effect of the guaranteed price placed on pigeon peas. The result was that production increased by 192.6 per cent. No less eloquently did his figures in respect of sweet potatoes speak for planting subsidies; for here production increased from 918 lb in 1962 to 2,288 lb. in 1963 or by 149.2 per cent. Though figures for other food-crops were perhaps less striking, they were equally significant.

Coffee production had also risen from 5,000lb. last year to 9,000 lb. in 1963. The Minister expects that additional measures credit, fertilizers, marketing facilities, mechanical aids would result in large scale home production.

The second bright spot was in sugar manufacturing where output had risen by 25 per cent. over 1962.

Expansion in the fertilizer industry accounted for the third bright spot.

Although a 6 per cent rate of growth was anticipated in the manufacturing field, the Minister considered that unsatisfactory — "in view of our urgent need to industrialise."

Emphasising the importance of industrialisation, he made it clear enough that priority to agriculture did not and must not be taken to mean even "the slightest neglect of industry." On the contrary, he was fairly confident that greatest strides are likely to be made precisely in areas where inter-dependence of industry and agriculture is greater — food processing for instance.

Cautious optimism," he went on, "seems to be the note for oil. Encouraging signs have been encountered by Dominion Oil on the East Coast and Couva, but this must be tempered by the knowledge that equally promising prospects elsewhere in the field of marine drilling have turned out to be disappointing. The industry as a whole should grow according to the estimates of the Development Plan, by about 3 per cent, though there is a suggestion of a faster rate of from 4-5 per cent.

Mr. Robinson, apparently in full knowledge that he possessed the trump card, could now afford to poke fun at the expense of Members opposite. He stated that with regard to recurrent revenue the original estimate was \$186,160,346. Collections were now expected to total \$186,703,046. Then he added: Those who considered incredible the accuracy of my estimating in 1962 will be reassured to hear that the final figures for that year indicate a margin of error of just over one per cent. I expect now the position has been confirmed due credit will be given for this achievement.

The estimated surplus was \$913,000.

The Minister recognised a general need for greater discipline in matters relating to finance. The need ought to be more accentuated bearing in mind the demands of the Development Programme.

The practice of government departments going into negotiations without prior approval from Cabinet or the Ministry of Finance had to cease.

There was a crying need for training in the service and the services of a UN consultant had been obtained and he was already on the job. A seminar would be held in January for certain officers. Again, assistance from the UWI is to be sought, and plans are to be drawn up for the training of secretarial and clerical staff.

When he had established the necessity for financial discipline, Mr. Robinson stated that in no other field would that policy be more necessary than in their monetary arrangements.

Perhaps the most important project in this field was the establishment of a Central Bank. At this point he revealed that the services of a Governor for the Bank had been obtained and he was scheduled to arrive here in early 1964.

Meanwhile, however, a Bill respecting the establishment of the Bank; and another to effect the licensing of commercial banks and for regulating the business of banking, are to be brought to the House early in 1964. Thereafter, he placed on record the very valuable assistance rendered by the International Monetary Fund in the preparation of the Bills.

supplementary appropriations

Among its functions the bank will have responsibilities for regulating the currency of this country; so that it will replace the British Caribbean Currency for the currency of Trinidad and Board as the issuing authority for the currency of Trinidad and Tobago. "An independent Trinidad and Tobago requires an independent currency; thus, a new issuing authority is necessary."

The Minister was at pains to emphasise that in the field of banking the Central Bank would not be a competitor to the commercial banks. It would be the

bankers Bank and, of course Bank to the Government and quasi-Government bodies.

It was most necessary that the Bank should gain as early as possible the confidence of the community and especially the financial community and, in a country as Trinidad and Tobago unused to a Central Bank, this will often be a matter of education and experience.

He stated categorically "the change-over to rational monetary management will in no way mean any diminution of our currency which shall be issued at the existing rates of B.W.I. dollars i.e: 4s. 2d. or .518391 grams of fine gold per Trinidad and Tobago dollar. This value will be guaranteed by law."

The original estimate for the 1963 development programme was \$68,367,616; expenditure was now estimated to be about \$63.2M with a short fall about 5.2M. The short falls occurred principally in agriculture, education, harbours and ports.

After outlining the various sources from which that sum was collected, he found himself with a gap of about \$15.9M. This gap was filled by \$10M (US) loan from the Chase Manhattan Bank repayable in three years time at an interest rate of 6 per cent. This loan was obtained in anticipation of a long term loan which Government hoped to raise within the next two years on the US market.

Recurrent revenue in 1964 was estimated to be \$195M or about \$8.6M above recurrent revenue for 1963, representing an increase of about 4.6 per cent.

Mr. Robinson went on to outline the three considerations that were borne in mind in determining

the central bank

the level of expenditure for 1964:

Firstly, the need to restrain the growth of recurrent expenditure from anything like the rate of increase in the past years. . . .

The second consideration "is the need to increase the output of public services and the daily paid establishment."

The third consideration "is the pressing need of resources for the second Five Year Development Plan"

Recurrent Expenditure for 1964 was estimated at \$185.9M as compared with the revised figure for 1963 of 182.4M, an increase of \$3.5M.

Since recurrent expenditure would be \$195.3M there would be a balance of \$9.4M, he declared. In view, however, of negotiations with the Civil Service which it is hoped, will be terminated next year and the impending negotiations with daily paid employees, he picture may be affected somewhat, though not significantly.

At this point, the Minister warned that "full precautionary measures must be taken to eliminate waste and to raise the necessary revenues. To this end I propose to use all the powers bestowed on me by the audit and exchequer Ordinance. As Disraeli said: "there can be no economy where there is no efficiency."

Expenditure for 1964 is estimated to be about \$74.4 M or 38 per

cent of current revenue. Of this sum \$7.4 M has been allocated for the reconstruction of Tobago including \$400,000 under the Better Village Programme. Capital Expenditure in Tobago for 1958 to 1962 ranged between \$1.8 M and \$3.5 M. The Minister pointed out that the devastation was exceptional, unforeseen, in fact incredible, and the situation demanded exceptional expenditure.

He warned that during the year if it became necessary Government will call on Finance Committee to make supplementary appropriations "to all those who have complained unjustifiably of supplementary appropriations

this year I will give fair warning that supplementary appropriations will be the order of the day next year.

The supplementary appropriations will be developed as part of the technique by which the Government, as well as Parliament, will control expenditures. The Finance Committee of this House will work as it never did before and all those who oppose this will be regarded as undemocratic and anti-parliamentary.

Then, he reiterated for all those who would think of over spending votes, that he had in no way renounced the power to surcharge under the Governor-General's 1963 Adaptation Order and the Exchequer and Audit Ordinance.

At the end of his speech Mr. Robinson gained hearty applause from Members opposite and visit-

the \$10 m from Chase . . .

ors in the public gallery. The speech lasted two hours two minutes was the Minister's third within two years since assuming office and the second since the achievement of independence.

The House rose at 3.42 p.m.

Mrs. Saran At Balisier House

A warm welcome was given Mrs. Mary Saran, recently retired Secretary of the International Council of Social Democratic Women, at a gathering of women's representatives last Sunday.

Over 100 women attended the reception held at Balisier House and organised by the PNM Women's League. They represented a large variety of women's groups, trade unions, welfare societies, as well as constituency organisations of the League.

Miss Ruby Felix, the League's Education Officer and Chairman of the Programme Committee for Mary Saran's visit, introduced the guest who is spending a month in Trinidad as the guest of the League. She explained how close relations developed since 1958 between the League and the International Council of Social Democratic Women.

In 1962, scholarships had been given by the Council to the League, & Mrs R. Felix had been chosen to participate in a year's study programme in England.

More recently, Mrs. Isabel Teashea, Minister of Health and Housing, had been delegated by her government to attend a conference of women leaders in Sweden organised by Mrs. Saran for her Council.

In her address, Mrs. Saran stressed the importance of the political education of women such as was being carried out by the International Council of Social Democratic Women and the national group it represents. She also emphasised the many social and educational questions on which women's movements of different kinds can usefully co-operate. Their consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council and UNESCO enables them to work together on a world-wide basis.

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This leaves a gap of about \$21 million which I expect to find from funds which will be available under the Chaguaramas Agreement.

"In respect of the Chaguaramas Agreement the U.S. Government through the available Agency for international Development will make available to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago a sum not exceeding \$51 million; and Legislation will shortly be introduced in this House to authorise the arrangements under the Agreement.

Owing to the complicated machinery which must be set in motion it is difficult to estimate how much will be available from this source during the next year but on the basis of available information, I expect a minimum of \$21 m.

This, sir, is the picture of the 1964 Development Programme. I do not propose to raise additional revenue by taxation as I consider 'hat an adequate if not optimum relationship has been established between revenue and the Gross Domestic Product. Moreover, after the tax increase of 1962 1963, the country needs to settle down. I am sorry to disappoint the Honourable Gentlemen Opposite. One advantage of an early budget is that the population shops early for Christmas."

colonial preference

The external scene was marked by changing circumstances. One indication of this was Britain's present position with regard to the ECM. We must face the possibility of an unsuccessful conclusion to negotiations between the community and Britain."

However, if it remained a basic principle of British policy under the present leadership to continue to work for membership, the faith of Commonwealth preferences would still hang in the balance. "Moreover, there is increasing pressure on Britain by other countries, notably the US, for the removal of the preference."

Mr. Robinson went on to point out that the disappearance at this time of these preferences would cause a loss of export earnings as well as widespread unemployment. Cocoa, sugar, citrus between

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MR. GEORGE A. RICHARDS

Christmas Message From PNM's Chairman Senator Richards

At this time of the year when our thoughts turn to the message of Bethlehem, it is very appropriate that we should review our personal relations with our fellow-citizens and our Community.

Christmas is the season of Peace. Have we sought to remove those obstacles which stand in the way of our harmonious relations with the people among whom we live and work? If not, now is the time.

Christmas is the season of Goodwill. Have we tried to understand the motives which actuated actions of which we may have disapproved and given credit for good intentions where it existed, even though we regarded them as misguided? If not, now is the time.

Christmas is the season of Love. Love is the greatest creative force in the Universe. Have we tried to transmute hatred and bitterness and indifference in the fire of love? If not, now is the time.

I extend to all the members, friends and well wishers of the People's National Movement my wish that the Christmas of 1963 will be for them a Season of Peace, Love and Goodwill.

I call upon them in the New Year to dedicate this Peace, Love and Goodwill to a sustained effort to realise a National Community in which all members work for the good of all and in which the Happiness and Prosperity of our Nation and its citizens will be the aim of all.

G. A. RICHARDS, Chairman, P.N.M.

• EDITORIAL

Peace and Goodwill

CHRISTMAS is here again with its spirit of joy and message of hope for mankind.

Peace on earth and goodwill toward men is the joyous message that the birth of Christ proclaims to the world. And every time the season comes around we pray that the Christmas spirit will be lived in the lives of individuals and nations not only for this short period but also throughout from year to year.

It is at this season that Christians in particular should feel the impulse towards a fuller and better life.

It is at this season that mankind is called upon afresh to renew its spiritual strength and to live a life that will more closely find itself at one with the Grand Design that transcends all things Christian and non-Christian.

In many countries this date, December 25, 1963, is not a day of peace and goodwill. But here in Trinidad and Tobago there is much about which the people might lift up their hearts and rejoice and sing. For, in our social and political system, there is no current concept or philosophy aimed at suppressing and destroying the dignity and personality of the individual.

Such, happily, is not one of our local problems. For, entrenched in the Constitution of this country, are the necessary human rights and safeguards and a citizen is free and protected and is entitled to have his individuality respected as he moves around and ministers to his needs.

This gives every citizen a sense of security and a feeling of freedom which enlarges the manner and measure of his existence. To lose this freedom would be tragic. Yet our society has its shortcomings and in many ways could be finer and cleaner and better.

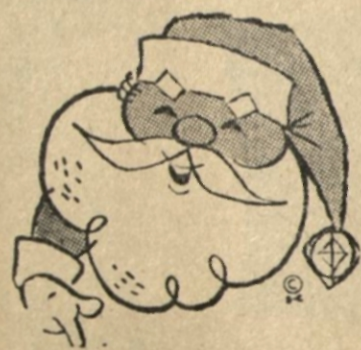
One of the lessons of Christmas is the emphasis put on the freedom and worth of the individual life. Many people of this country at this season seek to catch more and more the true spirit and meaning of this Christmas teaching in their daily lives so that every citizen will be permitted to live more abundantly and to realise more and more that freedom comes in acting rightly and in doing the things we ought to do.

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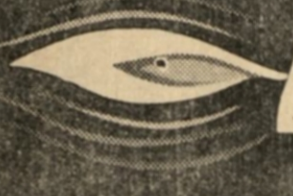
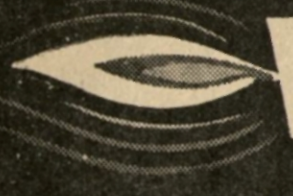
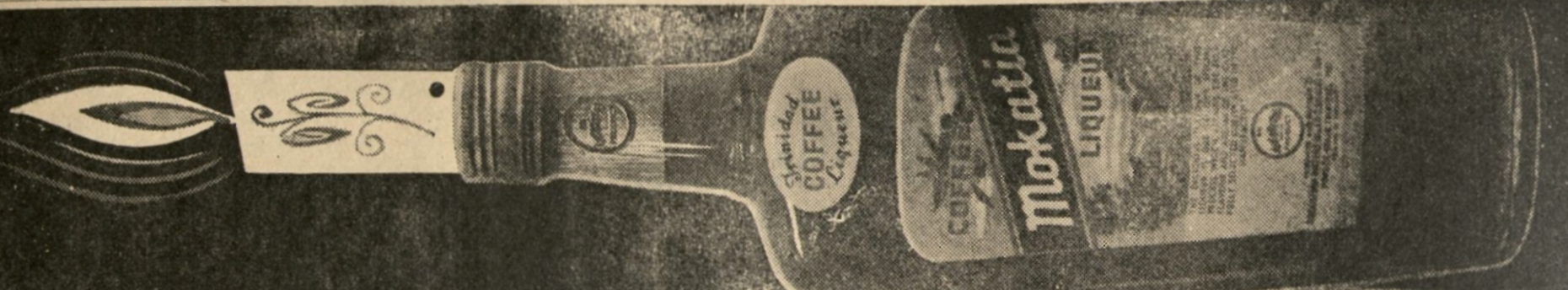
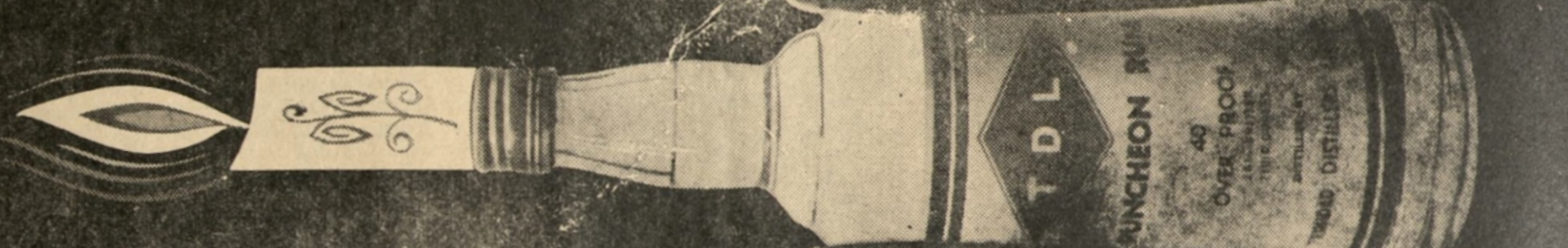
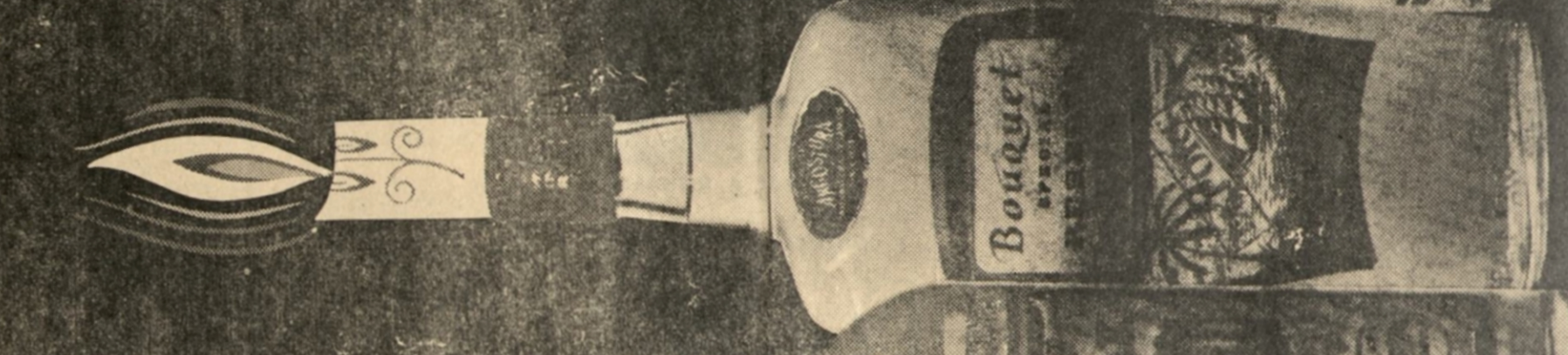
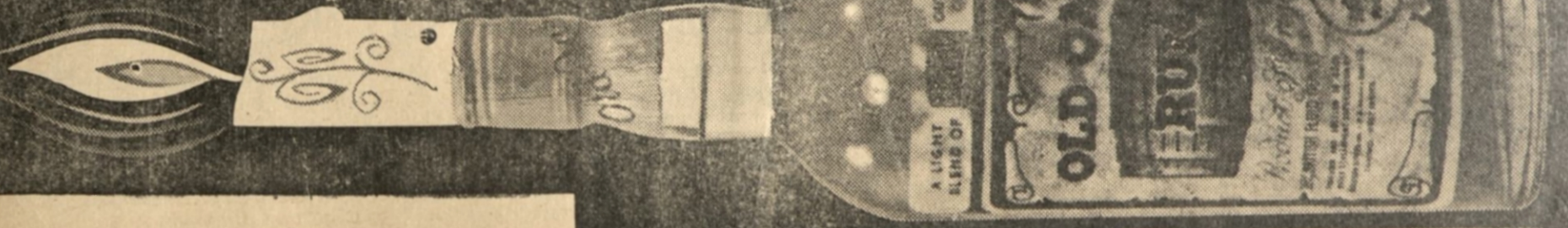
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ANTILLES	13th Apr. '64	24th Apr. '64	24th Apr. '64	6th May '64
FLANDRE	28th Apr. '64	10th May '64	10th May '64	23rd May '64
ANTILLES	11th May '64	24th May '64	24th May '64	4th June '64
FLANDRE	27th May '64	7th June '64	7th June '64	20th June '64
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FLANDRE	25th June '64	6th July '64	6th July '64	18th July '64
ANTILLES	8th July '64	20th July '64	20th July '64	1st Aug. '64
FLANDRE	22nd July '64	2nd Aug. '64	2nd Aug. '64	14th Aug. '64
ANTILLES	6th Aug. '64	18th Aug. '64	18th Aug. '64	29th Aug. '64
FLANDRE	19th Aug. '64	31st Aug. '64	31st Aug. '64	12th Sept. '64
ANTILLES	2nd Sept. '64	16th Sept. '64	16th Sept. '64	28th Sept. '64
FLANDRE	16th Sept. '64	28th Sept. '64	28th Sept. '64	8th Oct. '64
ANTILLES	2nd Oct. '64	14th Oct. '64	14th Oct. '64	23rd Oct. '64
FLANDRE	13th Oct. '64	27th Oct. '64	27th Oct. '64	5th Nov. '64
ANTILLES	28th Oct. '64	8th Nov. '64	8th Nov. '64	18th Nov. '64
ANTILLES	23rd Nov. '64	6th Dec. '64	6th Dec. '64	14th Dec. '64
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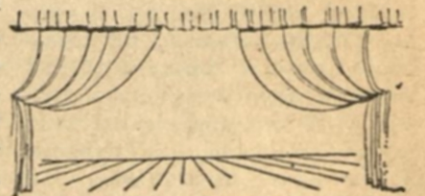
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND AND THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By SEARCHLIGHT



LEWIS CARROLL, himself, the author of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass, I am sure, would have liked to congratulate the Trinidad Dramatic Club (T.D.C.) in general and Peter Rapsey in particular for bringing to the Trinidad audience a very delightful performance. It was obvious that there were difficulties to be surmounted and the dramatists did quite well in spite of these. For instance the acoustics of the buildings played tricks when some actors were off the mike and the screens were sometimes acting-up as naughtily as ever, but this was more amusing than annoying. It was cause for added amusement when the stage hands were caught off-guard so often as the back drops rushed up and the lights went on. It happened so often that we came to regard it as "extras" to an, OTHERWISE AMUSING AND HIGHLY ENTERTAINING EVENING. Little Katherine Mattison, only 13 years old was remarkably capable with speech, facial expression, intelligence and general dramatic sense of a high standard, even befitting one of a more advanced age.

In a cast of 57 actors it was difficult to single out people for bouquets, so well did they all perform — The costumes were gorgeously attractive and intelligently designed, presenting an impressive colour harmony.

The style setting and backdrop scenes added appropriate atmosphere to the dramatised Elizabethan story in a tropical country.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee were delightful in their acting, singing, and comical portrayals.

The family of Cards contributed a richness and a dignity to the play and the Court scene was an admixture of dignity, comedy and concern.

The various characters were impressively set off by their costumes and their mannerisms.

The white rabbit was — agility itself and very full of the Wonder of the dream — and the Cater-

pillar—and the Frogfootman the Fishfootman, the Cheshire Cat, March Hare, Dormouse, Mock Turtle, Guinea Pig were all such lively creatures, the play could not help living. What a gift to the imagination of our children and the delight of their parents.

Who could resist the impressiveness of the cast!

Father William was so acrobatic the Duchess so correct, the Spade and Hearts families so prettily presented and so courtly were the courtiers.

The Mad Hatter seemed more melancholy than mad — but melancholia is a form of madness wasn't Humpty Dumpty delightful! But so was the Walrus and the White Knight who almost came to grief in an unintended smash-up when he had an accident at the door. I think he was hit very hard but there he was again back in the play with his broken horse.

I think of those oysters too, weren't they delightfully funny and the soldiers and everybody and everything especially those backdrops that sometimes went awry and sent the stage hands scampering.

And there's a big hand to the local regiment which lent excellent support with the inspiring music they played.

The conductor was in accord with his band and with the splendid cast of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass.

The Trinidad Dramatic Club must be thanked and congratulated for all the work and thinking they put into this generous effort towards the cultural life of the nation when general refinement is so necessary to our growth.

We must encourage our people to give more and more patronage and support to this quality of work.

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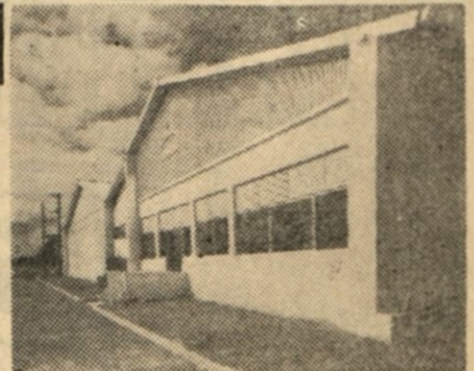
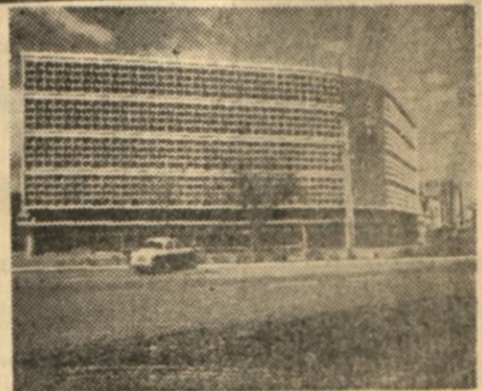
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Some Legends About Christmas

There are a number of stories relating to the strange happenings which surround this memorable Day or Birth of Christ. Some of them are true and some are mythical. However, so beautiful has been the tradition around the circumstances that with the collected Folk Lore it is possible to form a wonderful Mosaic.

It is stated and believed that birds talked, children saw visions, through the deep snow-covered ground, the trees broke forth into leaves, flowers which were never seen before sprung from the soil, the staff of the almond tree which Joseph carried blossomed with leaves to show that heaven's blessing was upon the event.

CIRCLE OF GOLD

In Rome, a circle of gold surrounded the sun in the middle sky and in the centre a maid holding

a child in her arms, foretold the birth to come. In the distant Oriental land a king possessed an ostrich which hatched from two eggs a lion and a lamb by which sign he knew that the child was born and by his great virtue and courage he would redeem the World.

At the Supreme Moment the heavens and the earth held their breath in suspense; the constellation paused in their planetary round, the plow of the husbandman stood still in the furrow, the upraised sword of the soldier hung suspended in mid-air, the pen of the clerk halted on a half formed letter, the wisemen who followed strangely astronomic symbols brought gifts with deep symbolic meanings.

YOU SHALL HEAR MY VOICE

The Nightingale lulled the infant to sleep with her sweet voice

and the Virgin addressed the following words to the bird: "You shall hear my voice in you, that you may tell man of joy and of sorrow, and of yearning for the peace which passeth all understanding." Since that time the Nightingale sings with the voice of the Mother of God.



ONE WHO DIVIDES HISTORY INTO B.C. AND A.D.

These are a few of the wonderful portents which are recorded and which heralded One who divides history into B.C. and A.D. One who was poet, musician, carpenter, physician, philosopher, scientist, Friend of Children, Friend of the despised and down-

trodden and One who stood for the dignity of the human family. At Christmas time therefore we strive hard to maintain these lofty ideals which this divine personality of Jesus signifies.

And so with music and song we celebrate the Birth of One who, being musician himself, inspired men to portray through this art, the beauty and significance of an occasion, the greatest in history.

By Olive Walke

This inspiration is manifested in the words of Hadyn who, when he listened to his own composition "The Creation," exclaimed, "It came from On High." The Angels on the first Christmas raised their voices on high and triumphantly sang the first carol "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." Since then carol singing at Christmas has become universal as carols are an expression of all peoples expressing joy and exaltation. They are a sort of democracy set to music, divorced of all racial or national creeds.

The point was forcibly emphasised by a woman who is educational director in New York City. She made it possible on Christmas Eve of 1944, and 1945 for children of different racial and religious backgrounds to sing

together traditional songs of other races and creeds than their own. They sang Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, Negro spirituals, Hebrew hymns of Hanukkah the Feast of Lights.



Dr. Alice Keliher feels that through the simple sharing of spiritual traditions which is implicit in the Christmas music, a respect for all people may be created, and the people of the world may yet come together through the great brotherhood of democracy, and that the Angel's first message of Peace on Earth will come to Men of Good Will.



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a time for charity

BY THE CURATE

The world today is passing through a period which is an accumulation of wisdom and experience, and which can boast of many an achievement. The new has superseded the old, but there are still many traditions and customs which have remained unchanged. Christmas is a Christian festival which has survived time without change of meaning.

As the shepherds thrilled more than 1900 years ago to the glad tidings foretold by a star, so the free world today thrills at the advent of Christmas.

From a lonely hillside cave on a cold night the three wise men looked out and beheld the lone, bright star. From prophecy they understood the sign, to seek a King whose birth the star foretold.

HOMAGE—TO THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Thus, into the night they set out to pay homage to a babe—the Saviour of mankind. There, in a stable lay the Christ child they sought. Surprised, they nevertheless prostrate themselves before the Child and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It is rather a practical demonstration of what this child, born in such lowly circumstances was to teach in after years, a lesson

of humility triumphant over ostentation.

Because of this, Christmas is more than an institution, it is the sum total of a new way of life that has expressed itself ever since this unique birth, and which has extended beyond the confines of Christian belief. To all in their own way Christmas is hallowed.

To a distraught world it is a sign of renewed hope, and a season of goodwill and good cheer. Men again lift their gaze and see the bright star of hope. Curiously, the simple scene of that lowly stable is brought into focus. They picture the Christ Child, whose birth we celebrate, fondly nestling in its mother's arms, overlooked by Joseph, the ox and the ass being their only companions.

They go back through the years and try to attract the spiritual influence of that first Christmas, and what it heralded: "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." They pause, they reflect.

SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHEARS?

After nearly two thousand years, is peace and goodwill among men still a myth? There are still no signs that men are eager to "turn their swords into ploughshears;" instead nuclear warfare and other dreaded ills still hold a terrifying fear.

It is still a paradox of human weakness that that same Christ Child whose birth was anticipated and hailed was destined, in a

few short years to travel the road from Jerusalem to Olivet.

How sad that the clouds of Calvary still obliterate the purpose of Christmas? Not until men are disposed to practise the virtues which this lowly Nazarene taught, will the full meaning of Christmas manifest itself in terms of charity and brotherhood.

Can anyone imagine Christmas without charity? Yet in so many instances it is reduced to a mere act of pity, shorn of the considerations of love and sympathy. Is it that organised charity is robbing men of the pride and conscience of individual giving? It is the small and individual act of giving that lends to Christmas its beauty and its purpose.

Shorn of much of its customs, Christmas still evokes the best in human nature. Whether Christian or else all are drawn through Christmas into a common brotherhood. By an indefinable mood, the barriers of artificial distinctions are lowered, and the masque of hypocrisy is

removed in trying to express ourselves in those blessed intangibles that make for reality.

Across the world reaches the refrain "A Happy Christmas!" raising men's minds above the atmosphere of mundane things. Forgetful of selfishness, they pierce the gloom of today and experience the true joy of living. Cannot this attitude to fellowmen be allowed to flow open into society throughout the year?

This Christmas, for the second time, finds Trinidad and Tobago a sovereign nation. Hence the reason of cheer has a particular meaning for us. Our very hopes for the future are underlined by those thoughts and teachings to which Christmas gives meaning and heralds a life of peace and prosperity to mankind.

If we, as a nation can adjust ourselves to these principles, then the season will take on new meaning for everyone, the individual, as well as the nation itself and life will become always a Happy Christmas to all.

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They Spoke in the House Yesterday



MR. VERNON JAMADAR

In the House of Representatives yesterday, the M.H.R. for Fyzabad, Mr. Vernon Jamadar (see page 8) and the Minister of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, Mr. L. M. Robinson were among those who contributed to the budget debate. We hope to carry next week an account of their submissions.



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SENATOR DONALD P. ERRE

The Minister of Education, Senator Donald Pierre, who will pilot the Budget through the Senate next week.

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1. Supply on spot for each of the Wards of Chaguanas, Cunupia, Couva and Montserrat—
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 - (h) Melajo Gravel

Samples of the materials to be supplied should be furnished in proper containers with labels indicating sources of supply, and must reach the County Council Office, Chaguanas on or before 10.00 a.m. on 30th December, 1963. They must be delivered to the Principal Officer from whom a receipt should be obtained.

A separate tender must be submitted for each type of material for each Ward, and the rate quoted must be per cubic yard.
2. Digging and Transporting of pitch from the Pitch Lake, La Brea to each of the Wards of Chaguanas, Cunupia, Couva and Montserrat.

Rates quoted for transportation must be on the loaded cubic yard mile basis. Digging of the pitch will be paid for separately by the Council at the recognised rate paid to diggers at the Lake.
3. Supply on spot in the County, Caroni of First Class (Balata & Poui and Second Class (Mora, Oliviere, Tapaná, Guatacre) Local timber.

Rates quoted must be on the following basis.

 - (a) Timbers—per cubic foot.
 - (b) Planks, Scantlings, Boards—per superficial foot.

All supplies must be free from Sapwood, fallen edges.
4. Application forms for tendering may be obtained at Office of Caroni County Council, Chaguanas.
5. Contractors will be required to deliver all materials on the spot during normal working hours (7.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m.) and not later than the date specified in the Invoice Orders. Measurements will be taken on the spot to which materials are consigned.
6. Any person desirous of submitting a tender relating to materials at Clause 1 will be required to deposit with the Chief Executive Officer in respect of each tender the sum of \$25.00. For each tender relating to material at Clauses 2 and 3 the deposit must be (\$50.00) fifty dollars. This fact must be recorded in the tender quoting receipt number and date of deposit.
7. The Council may forfeit any sum so deposited if:—
 - (i) any person making the deposit fails to submit a tender;
 - (ii) any person whose tender is accepted fails or refuses to enter into a formal contract within fourteen days after date of notification in writing and signed by the Clerk of the Tenders Board.
8. After a contract is awarded the Council shall refund all deposits made by the tenderers, save as provided for at Clause 7.
9. A Contractor will be required to furnish security with a surety in the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars for the due performance of his contract with respect of materials at Clause one (1) and for materials at Clauses two (2) and three (3), Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
10. In submitting tenders, tenderers are required to furnish lists of the vehicles they propose to use in the execution of contracts and to produce evidence of ownership and that the annual licence fee for the year 1963 has been paid.
11. Tenders must be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to the effect that the person or persons tendering have complied with the provisions of, and have fulfilled their obligations under the Income Tax Ordinance to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for three (3) years preceding the year for which the tender is being made. The Board will not consider any tender which is not accompanied by such a certificate.
12. Tenders must be addressed to the Chairman, Tenders Board, Caroni County Council, and marked "Tenders for Supply on spot of Ward of", and deposited in the Tenders Box at the County Council Office Chaguanas.
13. The Tenders Board does not undertake to accept any tender.

J. A. ROLLOCK,
Ag. Chief Executive Officer,
Caroni County Council

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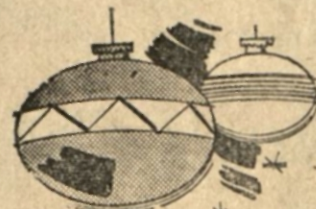


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STACCATO FOR OPENER



Last year's Creole Stakes event for the two-year-olds was an easy event for racing fans when My Fair Lady was a popular winner.

This year the story is a different one for, without a doubt, this is one of the most open races on the opening day's card of the Trinidad Turf Club's bumper five-day meeting.

In the north, Indian Light, Starlight, and Cyrilla have all been going guns at exercise and in the South, Staccato, Fable and Seven Wives are pleasing their connections; while in the East, Fenton, is getting into form after his setback a few weeks ago.

Staccato, who won on the last day at the Garrison over seven and one-half furlongs with an impost of 126, looms as the likely winner of this event.

She looks harder than the rest and is my selection for this race. Indian Light and Seven Wives could occupy the other positions.

The B.P. Plate for the Fs will see the biggest field for the day and in this class, the form horse is Blue Stocking. This full sister to Solomon has been galloping with authority and I tip her to win this six furlongs sprint. Her main opposition should come from Anniversary and Antonia. The danger is Suzie Q.

The recently promoted Persian Vote can score among the Ds in her first outing in this tough class. She is an honest filly and her form is good. Stablemate Forres Park will be a better horse at this meeting and must be played in the forecast. The shortest end of the purse could go to Persian Princess.

The easiest winner of the day will be Aurelian. I have no doubt in my mind that he will run away with this classic mile. Touch And Go could be runner-up with Tree Tops to occupy third berth.

Usually, an outsider wins the Breeders. This time, the consensus of opinion is that it will be a two horse clash between Devon Glory and Tea Breeze with a possible upset coming from Regina

My fancy is Tea Breeze, who always seemed to be the one with the most scope for improvement. Champion jockey Jones will be riding the "Breeze" and will certainly get the best out of this youngster. The danger here is Mamacita.

Simple Simon is the colt they will all have to beat in the rich Gold Cup event in Race 6. This Faubourg offspring is fit as a fiddle and can surely stay the gruelling nine furlongs distance. I fancy the game mare Volata to run second with the Gittens entry, next best. The outsider is Bianca.

SELECTIONS FOR FIRST DAY BY LUCKY LOU

- Race 1.—Staccato, Indian Light, Seven Wives.
- Race 2.—Blue Stocking, Anniversary, Antonia.
- Race 3.—Persian Vote, Forres Park, Persian Princess.
- Race 4.—Aurelian, Touch And Go, Tree Tops.
- Race 5.—Tea Breeze, Devon Glory, Regina.
- Race 6.—Simple Simon, Volata, Weatherway.
- Race 7.—Matt, Ivory Fan, Lucumo.
- Race 8.—Fuego, Yacos, Pendle-dawn.
- Race 9.—Diamond Frame, Bright Prince, Pythia.

The improved Matt should score his first win at headquarters when he tackles the B class over six furlongs. This Matador colt has fully recovered from

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his shin troubles and has been going well at exercise. Main threat could be Ivory Fan and Lucumo. Maid of Clantoy has fallen off somewhat in the past few days.

The C2 and C3 Winners sprint for the Strand Trophy is another open affair, but I think will be the one to back here.

This bay has been galloping as a champ and I look forward to her having a profitable meeting in the "big yard".

Yacos and Pendle-dawn are the ones to use in the forecast combination.

In the final event of the day's card, the C1 winners are booked to go over a mile, and without

hesitation I predict an easy win for Diamond Frame. This three-year-old filly is in tip-top form and should win this mile race comfortably. I cannot see her losing. Bright Prince is next best and the third position could go to Pythia.

The danger here is Andoga, especially if the going is soft.

BRAS ARMÉ



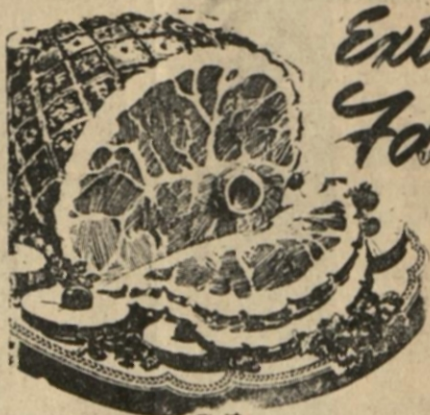
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5. Candidates should write to the Training Section, Economic Planning Division, giving the following information:

(a) Name

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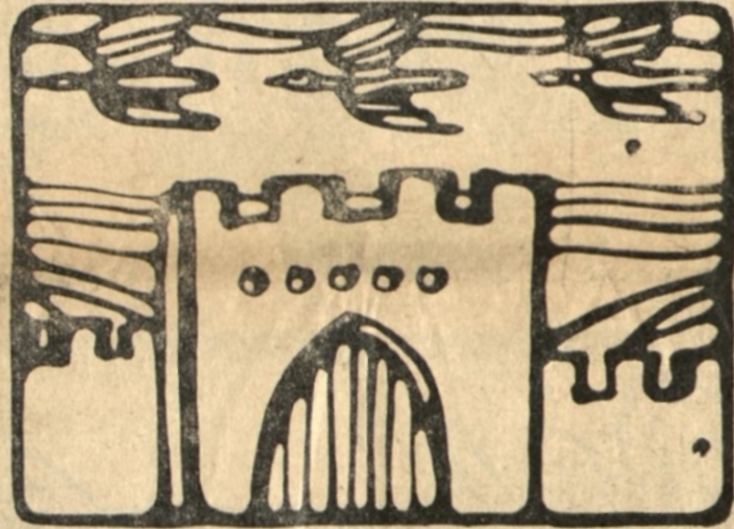
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"When Children are good Father Christmas brings them nice toys and nice apples. When children are bad, he brings them no toys and only sour apples.

WHO DOES HE LOVE?

"You see Father Christmas does not like children to be naughty. He likes children who love and obey their parents and who go every day to school and learn their lessons and if you are a good child, he puts you on his list and gives you a toy.

"You remember yesterday, don't you? Suey cried to eat her lunch and Jim and Tracey had a fight for a ball."

"Will Father Christmas know that I am naughty?" asked Suey. "Yes", replied grandpa. "Every-time a child is naughty, and cries, Father Christmas knows. He also knows when children fight."

DOES HE FORGIVE?

"But grandpa what can I do to beg Father Christmas pardon?" asks Jim. Will he forgive me?

"Of course he will. But you must write him a nice long letter." says grandpa. "Will you write him too, Tracey?"

"Of course not." says Tracey.

"It was Jim's fault. He hit me first. Jim is the one to beg pardon and if I write Father Christmas. I shall tell him that Jim is a bad boy and he shouldn't bring any toys for him."

"Oh Tracey," cried grandpa, "that will be a naughty thing to do. you better don't

I will." says Tracey, who always wanted to have her own way and who was a bright but stubborn child.

Just then Jim rushed at Tracey to start another fight. "Stop that, don't do that, or Father

Christmas won't bring toys for anybody".

"You are right. Suey," says grandpa. "For when children in a house like to fight, Father Christmas won't stop to give toys to the children in that house or to wish them a Merry Christmas



Santa's Life

I think Father Christmas will be a bad man not to bring us toys," says Tracey. "Tell me, grandpa, has not Father Christmas got his own children?"

HAS HE GOT CHILDREN

Grandpa was taken by surprise and before he could reply, Suey and Jim shouted, "Tracey, you

talking stupidity. You ever hear Father Christmas get children?"

"Yes, I remember Auntie Joan's story when she said Father Christmas has children in every country."

Grandpa had then to explain that Father Christmas loves all the children in every country and he calls them his own. He is like a big, big Daddy to them all and comes to see them once a year then.....

"Why only once a year, grandpa?" asked Suey. "I shall like to see Father Christmas every....

"Well, you see Suey, Father Christmas is very busy making toys and balloons for his children, for when the day of Christ's birth comes around on the 25th of December of each year he must have lots of toys to give away so as to make children happy on that glorious birthday."

WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?

"But, grandpa, you haven't told us what Father Christmas looks

like, said the children in chorus. "No, not yet. But this is how he looks. This is a picture I have of him for years."

"But grandpa he looks older than you," says Tracey. "I like his red dress, but I think his beard is awful. He will frighten me if he comes when I am sleeping."

"Oh Tracey, you say some naughty things. Take care you won't see Father Christmas when he comes."



But Suey and Jim said they loved Father Christmas and were staying awake to see him when he comes.

And poor grandpa knew that he was in for trouble that night.



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For months I had passed spoke to him. I was attracted seen better days. To me he

Sitting there, day after day, under the shade of the spreading and gnarled tree, in one of the city's parks; he seemed a fixture, except when provoked by the antics of the errant school-children; then, more from habit than anger he would turn and eye them sternly. On occasions his far-away look gave the impression he was content to live with his thoughts which, from his silence, he did not care to share.

More and more I felt myself drawn to this old man. I longed to speak to him, but he gave no sign that he welcomed conversation. The coin I frequently gave him was not from pity, but more so as a bribe. In this, however, I failed, he would not be drawn out. His manner, was polite, if sometimes curt. He never displayed annoyance, nor showed he was particularly bothered by my presence. And so the bond between us continued to grow.

With Christmas a short time away, I was busy and my visits lessened. In the interval when I could not get to see him, I could not help sparing him a thought. It was in one of these moods, perhaps egged on by the spirit of Christmas I decided on a gift for him. What would it be? Fearing to offend him I resolved to make it as impersonal as possible.

Armed with my gift on Christmas Eve I made for the park. I was never truly religious, but giving at Christmas time always thrilled me, hence this mission gave me double pleasure.

Father Christmas was "coming to town" with a bang. The radios were shouting the favou-

his way, and though I never spoke to him. He seemed to have been no ordinary beggar.

By FITZ ALLEN

rite carols, mingled with this were the sounds of various musical instruments, drowning the personal exchanges of greetings.

As I reached my friend the chimes of a favourite anthem from the nearby cathedral echoed through the park. This had an immediate effect on the "park-dwellers," the destitute and the outcast, for whom Christmas was to mean just another day, and others who had gathered to admire the live tree decorated for the occasion. A wave of song was wafted over the park as they hummed and sang the words of the chimes; "Unto you a child is Born."

Amid this scene my heart skipped a beat. My friend was not in his usual place. Looking further, however, I saw him on his knees, I waited, not daring to disturb him. When he had finished praying, I saw the tears trickling down his cheeks. I too, found it hard to restrain a tear.

Moved by this touching scene, I could find no words to speak, I could only silently hand him the parcel. He seemed to understand my difficulty, and with a faint smile he said, "Thank you, A Merry Xmas." His expression spoke volumes for his appreciation, which greatly relieved me.

After a brief conversation, I did something for which I had not bargained, I unwittingly invited him to visit me next day. Then I made to leave, but with a gesture he restrained me.

"Listen", he said, pointing in the direction of the Cathedral, from which floated the strains of a familiar anthem. I caught the words, "He came to bring new hope and cheer." Silently we faced each other as the music died away, each perhaps, aware of the other's feelings.

I felt him humming the words, and evidently for once since I had befriended him, happy.

Next day, Christmas Day, and I had almost forgotten my friend for I was not convinced that he would call. My brief association with him had taught me that he shunned company. In this I was wrong; for as I mused I heard a faint tap. Looking out, I saw my "guest" But for the suit, part of my gift, I would not have recognised him; he was completely changed. We sat a while and exchanged greetings; he, as reticent as usual to speak, and I, eager to know more of him, as if I knew anything at all. Until now we were still strangers. I could not understand this queer man, as repeatedly he refused to take a drink, even when I protested and reminded him it was Christmas.

Suddenly I saw his expression change. He too, was surprised. For a moment I had become a stranger to my friend. I was baffled as my father and he embraced each other, and I noticed the tears for the second time moisten the old man's cheeks. Hand in hand they strolled through the door and I was left with my thoughts.

Later, after sharing in the reunion, I tried to piece the "mystery" as well as I could.

Mr. Robert Templar, for that was my friend's name, was a creature of circumstances. But to be sad is not the intention of this story; it should fill the Christmas cup with mirth. But oftentimes the tragedy of human folly spoils everything.

When old-timers meet, especially at Christmas, the conver-

sation is always enlivening. This meeting of my father and his "lost" friend followed the same pattern, except that they had of necessity to discuss the years of broken friendship.

From what I deduced, Mr. Templar and my father were friends of long standing, but circumstances had drifted them apart. Both, when cocoa was King had gone to the country. Getting tired of the country, however, Mr. Templar soon returned to the city. There he fell a prey to drink.

As he sank deeper and deeper, lacking the will to sober his life, he could not summon the will to rise, and in his own words, "a false conception of a society more prone to condemn than assist, sentenced him to what he now was, a social pariah."

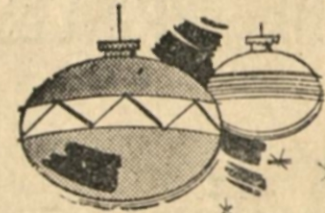
My father, I learnt, whose work constantly kept him in the country had lost trace of his friend as the years went by.

They lived in two different worlds.

Years have passed. The patter of little feet amuses the household at Christmas. And each year I look forward to my friend's visit. And each Christmas I am still embarrassed when my children, clutching their toys would surround him as he regaled them with the Story of Christmas, but not without a few improvisations of his own.

He tells me he is happy, and I see that happiness reflected in the laughter of the children as to their delight he romps with them.

I never refer to the part I played in this drama, but perhaps because of modesty I have enacted a promise from him. He has consented never again to point to me and say as he ends retelling the Story of Christmas, "You, my boy, brought me new hope and cheer."



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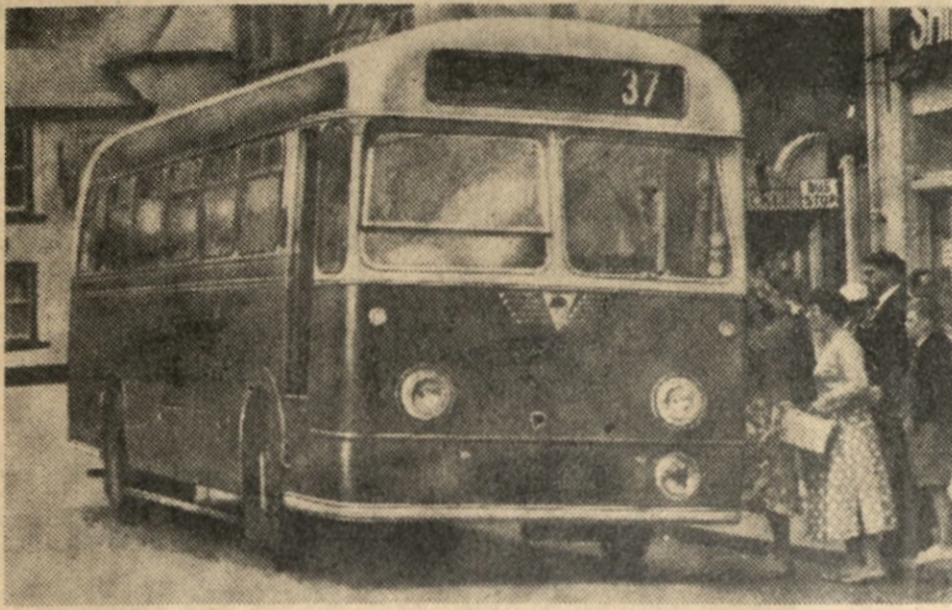
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