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.
(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.