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PRIME MINISTER GAIRY MADE KNIGHT

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At a ceremony at Government House on Saturday September 11th, Prime Minister Gairy was made a Knight of the Order of Toledo. According to an announcement over Radio Grenada, the medallion and insignia of office were presented to Mr Gairy by Mr Thomas L Kelly on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo, and the honour is in recognition of the work being done by the Prime Minister "to promote peace and brotherhood among mankind."

In an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Mr Kelly (who gave his name as 'Jack'), said the Order of the Knights of Toledo dates back to the 11th Century and is headed at present by the Duke of Cadiz who is a brother of the King of Spain. Mr Kelly said that during the 400-year occupation of Spain by the Arabs, a group of Christians maintained their faith and, through them was founded the Fraternity of the Mozarabes, the "Knights of Toledo".

Emphasising that the Fraternity is not an ecclesiastical one, Mr Kelly said, "It is simply a structure of fellow-men who have created this Fraternity and preserved it to our day, and, although the Primate of Toledo, the Archbishop, is the 'father' in a religious way, he does not force the issue whereby the religion of any nominee has anything to do with the making of an award by the Fraternity."

Concerning the method by which awards are made, Mr Kelly said the Duke of Cadiz has an international Council of 12 men to whom nominations are made, and a thorough investigation of the nominee is undertaken to determine his worthiness through his "prestige, efforts and personal merit in the pursuit of mutual understanding and tolerance among believers of all religions, striving for Peace and Justice among all men, peoples and nations, without distinction of rites, races and creeds."

Describing himself as the "Chief Delegate of the Council", Mr Kelly said final approval of the award to Mr Gairy was given in Toledo on September 9th. This award, it was decided, was to be the highest made by the Fraternity, the Gold Award, and, after having received the Archbishop's signature, it was entrusted to Mr Kelly, under

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special credentials from the Archbishop, for presentation to Prime Minister Gairy.

"After a thorough investigation", said Mr Kelly, "it has been found that Dr Gairy has been nominated for this decoration and award because of his tireless efforts towards peace and goodwill towards all nations and all peoples, and, of course, we have had various discussions with the Archbishop because this particular award is rather rare".

Mr Kelly disclosed that, in addition to being Chief Delegate of the Council, authorised by the Archbishop of Toledo to make the presentation to Mr Gairy, he has other connections with Grenada.

Mr Kelly is an investor in The Grenadian Company, a Company registered this year in Grenada and which, on March 25th last, was given an exclusive 99-year franchise to run an international lottery based in Grenada.

"I'm very happy to say", said Mr Kelly, "that I am connected with The Grenadian Company which will certainly help to develop the country, to contribute to the country through its various world-wide efforts to bring in some fresh money, some new funds which will help to develop the country which is the main goal of The Grenadian Company."

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ENVOY TAKES BRIDE

Mr Jack Kelly, the Special Envoy who presented Prime Minister Gairy, on behalf of the Archbishop of Toledo, with the insignia of a Knight of the Order of Toledo, was married in Grenada on Monday September 13th.

Mr Kelly's bride was the former Senorita Maria Asencion Alcantara Cruz of Cordoba, Spain, and the ceremony was performed by Magistrate Lloyd St.Louis. Mr Robert E Hunt, Managing Director of The Grenadian Company was the bestman, and Senorita Mazdalena Miliner of Burgos, Spain was the bridesmaid.

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NEW SOUTH COAST HOLIDAY RESORT

A report in the Grenada "Torchlight" newspaper of September 15th states that a new development involving some 147 acres of land is to be undertaken on Grenada's south coast.

Spearheaded by Mrs Ena Julien (widow of the late W E Julien), the development is to include 65 house lots, each slightly over an acre, 11 commercial lots, an hotel, a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts and a children's play ground. There is also to be a marina and port.

Mrs Julien told the "Torchlight" that special purchase concessions will be made to nationals. Foreigners will pay US\$1.00 per square foot for the land while Grenadians may purchase the same land at EC\$1.00 per square foot and spread the payments over 5 years.

It is understood that Government has approved the laying down of a supply of pipe borne water to the area by July 1977, and is giving consideration to a proposal for a joint repair of the road passing through the project.

The "Torchlight" states that the development is to be undertaken by Messrs Julien Finance Co Ltd which is locally registered with a share capital of EC\$4 million. Mrs Julien and her 4 sons are majority shareholders.

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GRENADA DISCUSSED AT HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING

In an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Rev. Dr Roy Neehall, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC), disclosed that Grenada came up for discussion at the one-day Meeting on Human Rights sponsored by the CCC and held at Mt St, Benedict in Trinidad on September 15th.

Dr Neehall, who was in Grenada to take part in the 150th anniversary celebrations of the consecration of the Anglican Church in St. Georges, said the Meeting had expressed concern that the constitutionally guaranteed Right to Dissent is being seriously jeopardised in Grenada and Guyana.

"When we were talking about certain specific Human Rights", said Dr Neehall, "for instance, the Right for Freedom of Expression and the Right to Dissent, very definitely Grenada was referred to as

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one illustration that can be quoted from within the Caribbean where we feel that these Rights must be preserved because they are very precious".

Dr Neehall said a great deal of investigation had to be done and it had been decided to set up a small bureau with a full time person. This bureau will document and disseminate information concerning a variety of cases, not just concerning individuals, but cases concerning the whole society, or groups within the society.

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CCC MEETING CONDEMNNS CHRISTIAN DEPORTATION

According to a press release issued after the one-day Meeting on Human Rights sponsored by the Caribbean Conference of Churches and held in Trinidad this week, the Meeting received a Report on the incident involving the deportation from Grenada on August 3rd of Mr Desmond Christian, Grenada's Attorney General, "at a time when it was known that Mr Christian was moving against a wanted criminal from the USA"

The release stated that the Meeting associated itself with the condemnation from various quarters against this act by the Grenadian Government which "constitutes an affront to the constitutional and human rights both of the Attorney General and of Grenadians in whose name and on whose behalf he was appointed to act."

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② CRUISE LINER CALLS 1113

During the week ending September 11th, two cruise liners called at Grenada. These were the "Cunard Countess" on Tuesday 7th with 514 passengers, and the "Amerikanis" on Wednesday 8th with 599 passengers.

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BANANA SHIPMENTS

On Thursday September 16th, the S S "Geestide" sailed with 21,689 boxes of bananas valued at EC\$75,452.00 and weighing 656,105 lbs. There were 104 boxes of rejected fruit.

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