

The Grenada

NEWSLETTER

Volume 8 Number 15

For The Week Ending 15th November 1980

8th Year of Publication - - - - 248th Issue



BISHOP/ADAMS "WAR OF WORDS "

The "War of Words" between Grenada and Barbados took on a more formal diplomatic tone on November 11th when the Grenada Ministry of External Affairs lodged a formal note of protest with the Barbados Ministry of External Affairs.

The "War" began on November 4th when Barbados' Prime Minister Tom Adams called on the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG) to hold elections it had promised after seizing power on March 13th 1979.

Two days later (6th) Grenada's Prime Minister Maurice Bishop issued a statement in which he accused Mr. Adams of currying favour with the United States of America. "Like an expectant dog barking for its supper", Mr. Bishop said, "He (Adams) rushes in to please his new master, Reagan, like all good yard fowls, by attacking Grenada".

("Yard fowl", in Barbadian dialect, is a derogatory term applied to a person of low integrity).

In retaliation, the Barbados Government withdrew diplomatic privileges and immunities from PRG members and, when the Minister of Agriculture Unison Whiteman, was in transit at Barbados' Grantley Adams International Airport on Saturday 8th, he was subject to this ruling.

- continued -

Produced & Printed by Alister & Cynthia Hughes
P O Box 65, St. Georges, Grenada, Westindies

Speaking at a public meeting in Grenada that day, Mr. Bishop reported that Barbados customs officials had threatened to slash Mr. Whiteman's bags if he did not open them; and that Mr. Whiteman's personal assistant had been manhandled into a room for searching.

Mr. Bishop reported this incident at another public meeting on November 10th and said there is a close relationship between 'back-yardism' and 'yard-fowlism'. Explaining 'back-yardism', he said it is the belief on the part of the United States that this region is part of their backyard, 'that they can just stand up and spit and we must swallow'.

Policy

Mr. Bishop said if there is a back-yard policy, there must be a 'yard-fowl' to help carry out that policy. "And it is this spirit and feverish attempt to link up his yard-fowl approach to the back-yard approach of the Americans", he said, "This man Tom Adams has now moved to the stage of being willing even to threaten and use force against our Ministers".

Mr. Bishop said the PRG has decided it is "not going to stoop to Adams' low, base and vulgar level" of withdrawing diplomatic privileges from Barbadian Ministers when they are in Grenada and he said Grenadians must make a sharp distinction between 'yard-fowl Uncle Tom' and the people of Barbados.

The protest note sent to Barbados on November 11th complains that Barbados has a 'carefully orchestrated pattern of harassment' of employees and officials of the PRG, and of tourists and visitors in transit to Grenada. It alleges that the incident with Mr. Whiteman on Saturday was the second in which he (Whiteman) has been searched "in spite of the fact that, to the knowledge of the Barbadian Customs and Immigration officials, he was travelling on both occasions under protection of diplomatic passport".

The note says the matter was taken up with Mr. Adams in December last and he gave the assurance that PRG Ministers would

- continued -

be treated with respect. " In spite of this and other assurances", the note says, "the harassment of Grenada Government Officials continued unabated".

The protest note did not say what steps the PRG will take if the alleged harassment continues, but, when he spoke to the public meeting on November 10th, Mr. Bishop issued a threat. "We are not going to sink to Adams' level and withdraw diplomatic privileges from his Ministers", he said, "but, if he continues this harassment, we are not going to take it".

(652 words)

CANADIAN FIRM HAS TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Peoples Revolutionary Government is studying a US\$60 million plus proposal to develop Grenada's tourist industry. Prepared by the Canadian firm of Carinex Resources Ltd., the proposal calls for the 5 year development of the entire Grand Anse Beach area and for establishment of a Grenada National Airline.

Grand Anse Beach is located four miles south of St. George's and the area proposed for development is approximately 250 acres extending the length of the estimated two mile beach and including the flat land and foot hills at the back of the beach. This area includes the Holiday Inn, Spice Island Inn, Blue Horizons Hotel, Cinnamon Hill Condominium and an undeveloped section of some 50 acres at the north end of the beach

Thirty years ago, when the first serious steps were taken to develop a tourist industry, this northern area of the beach was reserved for undeveloped popular use, and it now has only one hotel, the "Silver Sands", which was built some 40 years ago before any real development was contemplated.

Almost a third of the land in this proposal belongs to Government and this includes land leased by Government to the Holiday Inn and other principal hotels in the area. However, all the lands at the

- continued -

north end of the beach and some of the lands back of the beach are privately owned and it is estimated that over US\$1 million will be required for acquisition.

The CARINEX proposal calls for formation of a Grenada Development Corporation for running what would be called the "Grand Anse Community Complex". This responsibility will entail managing Government properties, arranging leases to developers, managing utilities and maintaining roads, parks and sports complexes.

Direct Flights

The Corporation would also manage the National Airline which would consist of a single Boeing 737 twin jet aircraft which accommodates 115 passengers. This plane will make direct flights to Miami and will also work as a shuttle out of Barbados, freeing the Grenada tourist industry of dependence on LIAT.

It is proposed that 3000 hotel rooms be constructed over the 5-year development period and this, together with a central shopping centre and operation of other facilities is estimated to net an operating profit of over US\$10 million per annum. The National Airline, requiring a capital outlay of US\$22 million will produce a net operating profit of US\$5 million dollars per annum.

Between US\$2 million and US\$3 million are required initially for the drawing up of the overall plan for this development project following which, it will be financed by sales of leases to developers.

CARINEX resources Ltd. has proposed that it fit into the development scheme as joint managers (with Grenada Government) of the Grenada Development Corporation. CARINEX will also arrange for the establishment and development of the National Airline. In return, the Company will not have to pay "front end leasehold charges" on areas on which it intends to erect hotels, and the company will be given the Quarantine Station point (south of and adjoining Grand Anse Beach) for its development purposes.

- continued -

Informed sources say CARINEX has impressed on the Peoples Revolutionary Government the need to declare a policy towards the project which will convince investors of the stability of the undertaking and will assure them there will be no problems in taking profits and capital out of Grenada.

CARINEX has established an office in Grenada but neither the Company nor the Government has made any statement concerning the proposed development, except that a plan is being studied.

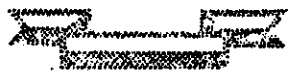
Misgivings

A well-informed source close to the Hotel Industry has expressed misgivings to Newsletter over the CARINEX proposal which, the source says, plans to remove from the Grand Anse area all existing hotels with the exception of Holiday Inn, Blue Horizons Hotel and the Cinnamon Hill condominium.

"What that plan aims to do", the source said, "is to remove all the smaller now-existing Hotels from the beach front and replace them with 250 room structures. This will effectively remove Grenadian ownership of the best located hotels in the tourist plant and place that ownership in foreign hands".

The source said that, with Grenada's investment in an International Airport, a plan to expand the tourist industry is needed, but the feasibility study (funded by Canadian International Development Agency) on which CARINEX based its proposals, did not have enough local input to take care of any more than "the mere dollars and cents aspects of the matter".

(745 words)



AIRPORT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Grenada's International Airport, now being constructed with Cuban assistance at Point Saline on the island's south coast, may be opened in November 1981, one year ahead of schedule.

This was disclosed here on November 14th by Prime Minister Maurice Bishop as he delivered the feature address at the 19th annual

- continued -

General Meeting of the Grenada Hotel Association (GHA) which opened at Holiday Inn on Grand Anse each on that day.

"At this point in time", Mr. Bishop said, "We are about three months ahead of schedule on the project and our present hope is that, around this time next year, we will be able to open the airport one year ahead of schedule".

Mr. Bishop said the opening next year will not be of the full 9,000 feet of runway but of 5,500 feet which is the length of the present runway at Pearls Airport on the island's east coast. He said, however, that, contrary to what now exists at Pearls, the Point Saline runway will have night landing facilities and this will allow Grenada to utilise the possibility of a greater flow of tourist traffic.

In the course of his address, the Prime Minister raised the matter of the 7½% occupancy tax which, he said, is "slightly controversial". The amount collected by Government under this tax is "pitiably small", he said.

Unrealistic

"There would appear to be several people in the tourist sector", he said, "who are not paying this tax or are not paying as much as they should. Obviously, this is a problem because, if we are speaking about improving infrastructure (which benefits tourism directly), this requires money and the tax base in our country is already so very small that it is unrealistic to expect that taxpayers in general are going to be able to pay for the costs of running the tourist administration".

Referring to another matter involving money, Mr. Bishop said that, in past discussions with Directors of GHA, a difference of opinion remains as to the sharing of costs of establishing tourist offices abroad.

"We believe, definitely, that the major beneficiaries of tourist development in our country are the people involved in the industry itself", he said, "and it is our view, therefore that there is no good reason why there could not

- continued -

be a sharing of these costs".

Mr. Bishop said the costs of overseas tourist offices are now being borne by Government alone out of very slender resources and he thought next year will present an even worse situation. The expectations are, he said, that Grenada will balance its budget in 1981 but, he thought, if the same amount is to be accomplished next year in the recurrent area of the budget as was accomplished in 1980, the expenditure will go up by some 8%.

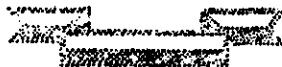
Bad Relations

The Prime Minister assured the hoteliers that his Government will continue to promote Grenada, to look for diversification of the tourist markets and to look seriously at the question of "gateways" into Grenada. In connection with "gateways", he referred indirectly to the bad relations which have developed recently between Barbados and Grenada and said this is an important matter "particularly in the light of the existing situation between our country and Barbados".

"As far as we are concerned", he said, "this situation is a storm-in-a-teacup situation involving a particular individual and his attitude and statements and comments made by him, so far as we are concerned, not speaking on behalf of the people of Barbados, but speaking in his own personal individual behalf and, therefore, we do not intend to allow this dispute to affect in any way our relations between our two peoples".

Mr. Bishop said that, nevertheless, the situation with Barbados may pose some problems in the immediate future but it certainly would not pose problems his Government could not solve.

(644 words)



IMPORTANT DETAINEES RELEASED

The Peoples Revolutionary Government has released three former members of the Cabinet of deposed Prime Minister Gairy from detention. They are Mr. George Donovan, former Minister of State responsible for foreign and home affairs, Mr. Chrystler Thomas, former Minister of

- continued -

State in the Prime Minister's ministry and Mr. Albert Forsythe, former Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries.

The order for release came on Thursday 23rd October and the three men, who have been held at Richmond Hill Prisons for over 19 months, walked out to freedom together with 10 others released at the same time.

Among the others are Mr. Neville Rennie, prominent member of Mr. Gairy's Grenada United Labour Party, and Mr. Albert Abraham, civil servant and Supervisor of Elections in the Gairy regime.

Also released was Mrs. Ann Alexander who figured in the 1973/1974 Duffus Commission of Inquiry into the breakdown of law and order in Grenada. She gave evidence to the Commission purporting to support the allegation that the New Jewel Movement planned to attack a Police Station as the first move to overthrow the Gairy Government. The Commissioners found there was nothing she said which supported this.

Roughneck

A former member of Mr. Gairy's roughneck gang, the "Mongoose Gang", was also released. He is Dudley Passee and he has been in detention since the day of the revolution, March 13th 1979. Eight other members of the "Mongoose Gang" are now serving sentences for attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

Other detainees released on Thursday 23rd October are Messrs. Dominique Regis, Gabriel Lalgie, Clifford Marryshow, Julius Alexander, Edrick George and Bob Courtney.

The release of these 13 persons leaves 75 detainees being held including three other former members of Mr. Gairy's cabinet. They are Mr. Herbert Preudhomme, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Housing, Mr. Norman De Sousa, Minister of State in the Ministry of Environmental Development, Work and Sport, and Mr. Oliver Raeburn, Minister of Education.

- continued -

Messrs. Preudhomme and De Sousa were picked up on the day of the revolution and Mr. Raeburn on the following day.

In addition to the 75 detainees at Richmond Hill, others are being held at Fort Rupert (formerly Fort George) and at Mount Royal, residence of former Prime Minister Gairy. These detainees do not fall under the prison administration and information about them is not available.

(492 words)

IMPERIALISTS PLANNED MANLEY'S DEFEAT

The Government-owned "Free West Indian" newspaper has attributed the Jamaica Peoples National Party (PNP) defeat in the October 31st general elections to "a well orchestrated, systematic, imperialist plan of destabilisation".

In an editorial in its November 1st issue, the paper says that, over the past few years, "International Reaction" had carefully sowed the seeds of Mr. Michael Manley's defeat. The International Monetary Fund had an 'economic stranglehold' on the PNP government and Mr. Manley was "forced to cut back or stall the development of many social programmes that could have delivered direct material benefits to the working people of Jamaica".

"Then there was the infamous Jamaica 'Daily Gleaner' which waged a relentless, CIA-inspired propaganda campaign against the PNP Government", the paper said.

The 'Free West Indian' said that "alongside this propaganda onslaught, reaction unleashed, early this year, a british campaign of naked terror against the PNP, its supporters and other progressive forces in Jamaica".

"The people became fearful, intimidated, confused", the paper said. "Finally, they lost confidence in Michael Manley and the PNP and voted him out of office".

- continued -

The "Free West Indian" rejects as a "false interpretation" the claim that the Jamaican people voted against Socialism and Communism. "The vast majority of JLP voters did not cast their ballots on the basis of ideology", the paper said. "They voted much like they did in 1976 on the basis of programme, party loyalty, frustration and a hoped for change from 'hard times'".

Concern

The paper said there is concern that, as an outcome of the result of the Jamaica elections, "Imperialism will step up its aggression against the Grenada Revolution" it stated, however, that regardless of threats, intimidations or pressures, the Grenada Revolution will forever be grateful to Michael Manley for his Government's material and technical assistance. The Revolution will also be forever grateful to "the progressive forces in Jamaica for their unbending solidarity", and they can count on the friendship of the Grenada Revolution.

"No matter what happens as a result of changes in our region", the "Free West Indian" said, "the Grenada Revolution will remain committed to a policy of respect for national sovereignty, non-interference in the domestic affairs of other nations, ideological pluralism and Caribbean cooperation. Grenadians were the first to have a revolution in the English-speaking Caribbean, and we will remain firmly dedicated to our revolutionary principles".

(395 words)

U S. REJECTS WILLIAMS AS AMBASSADOR

The United States Government has refused to accept the accreditation of Mrs. Dessima Margaret Williams, 30, as Ambassador of Grenada to the United States on the grounds that she is "too young".

Prime Minister Maurice Bishop disclosed this in an address to a convention of Insurance Agents here on October 20th and said

- continued -

Grenada's choice of an Ambassador to the United States is "none of their business".

"We did not tell the U.S. who they should send to the Caribbean when Sally Shelton was appointed their Ambassador to this region", he said.

Mr. Bishop said Grenada wants to have normal relations with the U.S. and he saw the rejection of Mrs. Williams' credentials as an expression of the United States' desire not to have normal relations.

NEWSLETTER called the Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Barbados, Mr. Virgil P. Randolph III on October 23rd. and asked for a reaction to Mr. Bishop's statements. "This is a matter which is decided by the Department of State in Washington", Mr. Randolph said, "and I have no comment to make".

Mrs. Williams was appointed Ambassador to the Organization of American States less than a month after the Revolution of March 13th, 1979, succeeding Mr. Rabian Redhead who held that post under the Gairy Government. Mrs. Williams is a graduate in Economics.

(221 words)

COURT TO HEAR MOTION OF HABEAS CORPUS

Mr. Justice Archibald Nedd is to hear a Motion of Habeas Corpus brought by barrister-at-law and former Attorney General Lloyd Noel on behalf of his client Ralph Thompson.

Thompson is reported to have been picked up by Security Forces on June 19th, the day on which a bomb exploded at a rally at Queens Park killing three young girls. Mr. Noel alleges that Thompson is being held illegally and, on October 29th, applied to Mr. Justice Nedd for leave to apply for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Leave was granted and Minister of Legal Affairs and Attorney General Kendrick Radix together with Commissioner of Prisons, Patrick

- continued -

Macleish will appear in Court on November 28th for the hearing of the Motion.

Ralph Thompson is a former member of the New Jewel Movement and was a prominent member of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (PRA). It is reported that some time ago, through a disagreement with the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG), he was removed from the PRA and, at the time of his arrest, was in charge of Government's gravel quarry.

No Charges

According to Mr. Noel, no charges have been laid against his client and no Order has been issued for his detention as required by law. The Preventive Detention Regulations set out in Peoples Laws 21/79 and 24/79 say a Detention Order must be made and, within 7 days, a detainee must be given a copy of that order setting out the grounds under which he is detained.

In the meantime, the PRG has passed Peoples Law 52/80 which may have some effect on this matter. Law 52/80, Gazetted October 27th, amends Laws 21/79 and 24/79. According to the amendment, the detainee must receive a copy of his Detention Order but, if it is not given to him within the prescribed time, his detention is not invalidated.

(305 words)

LOUISON SLATES ADAMS

Grenada's Minister of Education, Mr. George Louison, has accused Barbados Prime Minister Tom Adams of using the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to further a campaign against Grenada.

Mr. Louison made the accusation in Barbados recently when he was in transit to Washington to attend the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

Since November 4th, there has been a "war of words" between Barbados and Grenada following Mr. Adams' public call on Prime Minister Maurice Bishop to call General Elections as he had

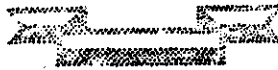
- continued -

promised to do after the power takeover on March 13th, 1979.

In this "war", Barbados Foreign Minister Henry Forde has announced that, effective November 14th, the accreditation of Barbados non-resident Commissioner to Grenada has been withdrawn and, until Prime Minister Bishop supplies a satisfactory explanation of his recent comments about Prime Minister Adams, Barbados will not attend any CARICOM meetings in Grenada.

Mr. Louison said Barbados' action is an attempt to interfere in the Grenada revolution and he thought the other CARICOM countries should not allow Mr. Adams to get away with it.

(174 words)



RECURRENT BUDGET TO BREAK EVEN

Grenada's recurrent budget is expected to 'break even' around the EC\$60 million mark.

The Government Information Service says Minister of Finance, Bernard Coard has disclosed that the estimated EC\$62.1 million recurrent revenue has decreased to EC\$60 million as a result of a drop in the export price of cocoa, and estimated recurrent expenditure of EC\$59.5 million has increased by one million.

Mr. Coard presented the 1980 Budget at a public rally last May and said then it would be EC\$103 million. It was to be financed by EC\$25.4 million in grants, EC\$10.4 million in loans "on concessional terms" and the balance from local revenue and reserves.

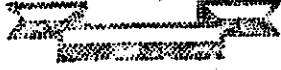
Full details of the Budget have not been published but Mr. Coard said the biggest allocation is EC\$13.7 million for Education. Of this, EC\$12.5 million is recurrent expenditure and EC\$1.2 million capital expenditure.

The next biggest allocation is EC\$9 million for recurrent expenditure on health. Mr. Coard did not give capital expenditure under this head but said education and health together accounted for 36% of the recurrent budget.

-continued -

Other recurrent figures given were EC\$4.2 million on Agriculture, EC\$2.4 million on the Prime Minister's Ministry and EC\$3.6 million on the Police. National Defence will absorb EC\$4 million under recurrent and capital expenditure.

(218 words.)



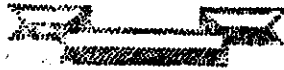
BISHOP CONGRATULATES BREZHNEV

Prime Minister Maurice Bishop sent a congratulatory message to President Leonid Brezhnev on the occasion of the 63rd anniversary of the Soviet Revolution.

On behalf of the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG) and the people of Grenada, Mr. Bishop expressed "deep admiration for the untiring and courageous struggle being waged by your people" he said, "and look forward to working together to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries".

Two Trade Unionists of the Grenada Trade Union Council, Mr. John Ventour and Miss Jeanette DuBois, are now in Russia on the invitation of the All Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the USSR. These Trade Unionists were expected to take part in the Soviet Revolution anniversary celebrations.

(141 words)



GES COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

The Government-appointed Commission of Inquiry into the management of Grenada Electricity Services had its first evidence-taking sitting on November 4th.

Originally scheduled to begin its work on October 20th, its first sitting was postponed to October 30th because one of the Members of the Commission was out of the State. The three Commissioners were sworn in on October 30th but no evidence was taken until November 4th.

- continued -

Grenada Electricity Services Ltd., (GES) a company established in 1960 is jointly owned by the Government of Grenada (40.7%) and the Commonwealth Development Corporation (59.3%). Government must approve the tariff operated by GES for the sale of electricity and, following a GES application for an increase in the tariff, the Commission of Inquiry was appointed.

Members of the Commission are Mr. Miles Fitzpatrick, Guyanese barrister (Chairman), Mr. Osbert Benjamin, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Mr. Eric Glean who was Engineer-in-charge of Government's Electricity Department for a period before that Department was replaced by GES.

Mr. Rodney George, Grenada born GES Manager told the Commissioners that his Company is short of working capital and the Company's bankers have refused to extend the EC\$ $\frac{1}{2}$ million overdraft on which GES pays 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest

Defaulters

"The point I would like to make", he said, "is that this overdraft can be eliminated if the debts owed to the Company, especially by the major defaulters, namely the Government and the Central Water Commission (CWC), could be collected".

Mr. George said the Company is owed over EC\$1.5 million of which Government owes EC\$276.5 thousand and CWC EC\$210 thousand.

Speaking about the equipment at the Power Station, Mr. George said all the generators are already past the halfway mark of their useful life. "The normal useful life of a diesel generator is taken to be 100,000 hours", he said, "and a table of the generators now in use at the Power Station shows that they are all past the 50,000 hour mark".

Also in connection with the Generators, Mr. George said some of them now need "specialised attention" and he believed this situation could have been avoided if the Company had undertaken a phased system of major overhauls a long time ago".

- continued -

Mr. George told the Commissioners he is not able to say why such a system had not been taken. "To be quite honest", he said, "I do not know".

A major question raised at the inquiry is whether alleged impaired performance of the generating sets has been occasioned by lack of proper maintenance. Mr. George did not admit that the present situation is "critical" or that GES has been guilty of "negligence". He said, however, that if a phased programme of major overhauls had been instituted, the Company would not be faced (as it is now) with the major overhaul of three engines.

Also giving evidence was Mr. John Taylor, Chairman of the GES Board of Directors and CDC Representative for the Windward and Leeward Islands. Mr. Taylor said that day to day management of GES is wholly controlled, within the approved estimates, by the Grenada staff of the Company, but major policy decisions can be taken only with CDC's consent. He said too that, because CDC has three Directors on the Board of Management and Government has two, CDC has a veto on all decisions.

Conflict

It was suggested that, because of CDC's majority position, CDC representatives on the Board are exposed to a conflict of interest between their responsibilities to GES and their responsibilities to CDC and, in this connection, Mr. Taylor was asked to comment on the sale of a generator in 1974 by the CDC controlled St. Lucia Electricity Company to GES.

The Commission was told that the Generator was purchased by the St. Lucia Company in 1968 for EC\$226,319.00 and, five years later it was sold to GES\$200,000.00

Commenting on the sale, Mr. Taylor said he had not been involved in the transaction but is not surprised at the price. "I expect that negotiations would have been done at arms length between the St. Lucia Company and the Grenada Company", he

- continued -

said, "and the valuation would have taken inflation and the comparable price of new equipment into account".

The purchase of this generator was inquired into in 1977 by the Date Commission whose report is still unpublished. The Commissioners said then they were "satisfied that the decision to purchase the unit from St. Lucia was at the time thought to be in the best interests of Grenada".

The Date Commissioners also said it was clear to them that the de-facto seat of control of GES is not in Grenada and they "do not think it unreasonable to say that the board of Directors in Grenada is little more than a rubber stamp".

Mystery

At the Commission's sitting on November 11th, an air of mystery invaded the proceedings when the Chairman said a matter had been brought to his attention by the Company's legal representative. "It is not a matter which has anything to do with our terms of reference", he said, "but it could have effects on our proceedings".

A 30 minute adjournment was taken during which the members of the Commission together with the legal representatives for the Company and Government and Mr. George retired to a private room for discussions. No subsequent announcement was made but NEWSLETTER is reliably informed that these discussions centered around threats made to one of the witnesses.

Legal representatives at the hearings were Mr. Lyle Hosten for GES and Mr. Daniel Williams for Government. Also at the sittings and taking part, was Mr. James Wardally, President of the Technical & Allied Workers Union, the Union representing the workers at GES.

To date, the Commission has had 9 sittings, the last being on Friday 14th November. The Chairman said the Commissioners wished to visit the GES offices and Power Station and he expected that there would be one more public meeting before the taking of evidence would be completed.

(1014 words)



ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED

Another anti-Government pamphlet has been distributed and the writer promises to give full details of certain activities of which, it is alleged, Prime Minister Bishop is guilty.

Enumerating the activities, the writer says that they, and many more, were "studied" by Grenadians under Mr. Bishop's guidance. "You must pay now", the pamphlet says "for we shall soon give full details of the aforementioned and many others".

The pamphlet was distributed during the daylight hours of November 6th, motorists finding it in their parked cars. Distribution took place in Grenville, the island's second town, and it is not known if they were distributed elsewhere.

Entitled: "Ent No Stopping Us Now", the name of a popular American song, this pamphlet follows on the heels of the first anti-government pamphlet which was distributed middle September and was called after another song: "Getting To Know You".

The second pamphlet claims to be associated with publication of the first. "We have received the highest acclaim for our fearless and heroic efforts in our last issue 'Getting to Know You' " it says. The second, however, is not typed on the same typewriter, the writing style appears to be different, and it differs from the first in that it is addressed directly to Mr. Bishop.

"We know that anyone who opposes you is a CIA, a capitalist, an imperialist, a reactionary, a counter-revolutionary, a petty bourgeoisie, a destabiliser, an exploiter or an opportunist", the pamphlet says. "You really thought it was only the Cubans who helped you to seize power. No, you are mistaken because it was a concerted and a united effort by we, the people, against Gairy".

The pamphlet charges that Mr. Bishop surreptitiously "invaded" Grenadians with Cuban military personnel and then deserted them. Claiming that Mr. Bishop's biggest mistake was "add-

- continued -

ing insult to injury", the pamphlet says he will be tried and punished for his "past and present sins and crimes against the people". "We shall let the people know of some of your acts of terrorism, subterfuge and other clandestine activities against the Gairy regime", the pamphlet says.

The last paragraph of the pamphlet has puzzled political observers. It reads, "God bless us all. Love, peace and togetherness. Compliments Grenada National Party for reconstruction and liberation".

Officials of the Grenada National Party (of which Mr. Herbert Blaize is political leader) disclaim any connection with or knowledge of the pamphlet.

(396 words)

ACTING APPOINTMENTS PERMIT ASSIZES

The Assizes of the High Court, originally appointed to commence on October 14th, got underway on October 22nd following key acting appointments made by the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG).

The assizes did not begin on October 14th because the post of Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Desmond Christian on August 31st, had not been filled. Mr. E.C. Wilkinson, Registrar of the High Court, also resigned on August 31st, and that post, too, had not been filled.

Minister of Legal Affairs and Attorney General Kendrick Radix told NEWSLETTER that every effort was being made to fill the posts and NEWSLETTER is aware that approaches were made to persons in other Caribbean Community countries with a view to filling the posts.

These efforts, however, were unsuccessful and, to permit the Assizes to sit on October 22nd, two acting appointments were made. Mr. Dennis Lambert, who was Acting Registrar, was made Acting DPP and Mr. Christian St. Louis, a practising Grenadian barrister, replaced Mr. Lambert as Acting Registrar.

- continued -

Mr. Lambert, who has been in private practice for some years, held the post of DPP in 1974 under the regime of deposed Prime Minister Gairy. As a result of disagreement with Gairy, he was forced into retirement and was replaced by Mr. Desmond Christian who, again because of disagreement with Mr. Gairy, was deported in 1976. Mr. Christian subsequently accepted the post of DPP with the PRG on a two year contract but resigned after one year.

(253 words)

ROJAS: IMPERIALISM IS NUMBER ONE ENEMY

Grenada's Government-owned "Free West Indian" newspaper does not have adequate technological capacity at its disposal and, according to Mr. Don Rojas, 31, the Editor, he has to "frantically scurry around" every week to find enough newsprint.

Mr. Rojas was speaking on November 8th at a function organised by the "Free West Indian" to honour the memory of T.A. Marryshow, Grenadian patriot and national hero. Marryshow was a founder (in 1915) of the "West Indian" newspaper which was purchased by the Gairy Government some years ago and renamed the "Free West Indian" by the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG).

The Editor related several problems which, he said, faced the paper and said Grenadians have a right to know of these difficulties because the "Free West Indian" is "The People's Paper".

"This open and democratic approach is diametrically opposed to the boardroom secrecy of those profit-hungry newspaper barons and publishing magnets who still dominate the information media in the Caribbean and Latin America", he said.

Mr. Rojas said his paper is "one of the few uncompromisingly anti-imperialist publications in the region because we understand scientifically that imperialism is the number one enemy of mankind's progress today".

- continued -

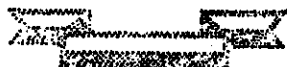
The Editor said the aim of the "Free West Indian" is to editorially present the Revolution at work and to attempt "to bring the true word of the Grenada Revolution to the world at large so that, in a small unspectacular way, we may be able to counter the vicious international campaign of propaganda and lies against the Revolution".

Mr. Rojas expressed the view that "the Press must be a spur", but he thought pressure on the spur "should always be adequately measured". And, he issued a call for media workers in Grenada to work more closely together.

"We at the 'Free West Indian' support the initiative to form a national association of media workers", he said, "and we urge that this association undertake as one of its first tasks the drafting of a code of ethics for journalists in our country".

Vincetian born Don Rojas came to Grenada from the United States in November 1979, and it is reported that the PRG hoped then that the banned "Torchlight" newspaper could be reopened under his editorship. Before coming to Grenada, Mr. Rojas was Editor of the Brooklyn and Caribbean edition of the New York "Amsterdam News" newspaper. He has edited the "Free West Indian" since January 1st.

(502 words)



NO MINISTERS ON SWWU EXECUTIVE

The Grenada Seamen and Waterfront Workers Union (SWWU) has amended its constitution to effect what a spokesman for the Union said is "Greater protection for the workers from political influence".

According to the amendment, which was made at the Union's annual General Meeting on September 19th, "any member who becomes a minister of Government or holds any Cabinet post or position shall not be eligible for election to the Executive Committee".

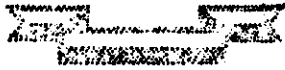
Among other amendments made to the constitution, one provides for a biennial election of officers to the Executive Committee

-continued -

(instead of annual as it has been), and the other provides that any member of SWWU who becomes a member of "a similar body" shall automatically forfeit membership in SWWU.

At the elections held on September 19th, Mr. Arthur Ramsay was reelected President. Mr. Eric Pierre has been General Secretary since 1960. His post is not subject to election but to the decision of the Executive Committee.

(157 words)



GHA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The North American Market, which represented about 60% of Grenada's total visitor arrivals two years ago, has almost completely disappeared and about 80% of the business now comes from Europe.

This was disclosed by Mr. Royston Hopkin, President of the Grenada Hotel Association (GHA) when he presented his report to the Annual General Meeting on November 14th. Mr. Hopkin said the figures he gave referred only to hotels and apartments which are members of GHA.

The President said his Association's greatest concern is the very low year round occupancy experienced in Grenada which, he said, has been the same for the past seven years.

"This is unique", Mr. Hopkin said, " as there is no other Caribbean tourist destination experiencing such low year round occupancies. This fact, coupled with the high cost of energy and maintenance, has spiralled overhead costs way out of proportion, resulting in some of our luxury properties not being able to satisfy their creditors with interest on their debenture payments".

Occupancy

Average occupancy for the Winter Season 1979/1980 was 36%, Mr. Hopkin said, and this was a big decrease from the 46% average of the Winter Season 1978/1979. Last year's Summer

- continued -

occupancy was 18% average, this year it was slightly higher at 21% at the end of October and it was hoped that it would rise to 25% before the end of the Season.

Mr. Hopkin had a complaint against the Caribbean Tourism Research & Development Centre (CTRDC). He said CTRDC had produced the European Tourism Demand Study last year at a cost of EC\$350.00 per copy and is now attempting to sell this publication to GHA "at a very high profit", EC\$1,600.00 per copy. The President thought this unfair, particularly as, in most cases CTRDC has undertaken research in Grenada, GHA has cooperated in supplying information and complementary accomodation.

"I am calling on the Grenada Government, as a Director of the Centre to take the matter up at the next Board Meeting", Mr. Hopkin said, "and to ensure that the Study is not sold at such a large profit to hoteliers in the Caribbean who contributed significantly to the Study".

LIAT

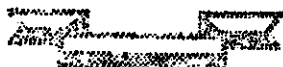
Mr. Hopkin blamed the poor service by the LIAT Airline as a contributing factor in the decline of the North American market. He said there is a total lack of confidence expressed by the Travel Trade in selling Grenada, due to the problems clients encountered in getting to the island, and he said there has been no improvement in LIAT's service to Grenada.

"It is our understanding, however", he said, "that Government is seriously considering proposals for increased air capacity to the island, and this initiative is fully endorsed by the Association".

GHA now has a membership of 43, 10 Ordinary, 5 Associate, 25 Allied and 3 Honorary. This is a slight increase over last year's membership which was 39, 10 Ordinary, 5 Associate, 21 Allied and 3 Honorary.

Mr. Hopkin was reelected President for the 1980/1981 term.

(497 words)



IMF MISSION IN GRENADA

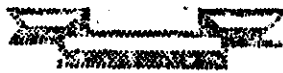
A mission from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) arrived here on November 4th for a three week stay during which discussions are being held with officials of the Peoples Revolutionary Government on provision of funds under IMF's compensatory financing facility.

The visit of the Mission is a followup to discussions held by Minister of Finance Bernard Coard during the recent IMF/World Bank meetings in Washington. It is hoped that under the IMF facility, Grenada can get assistance to compensate for the shortfall in export earnings caused by damage to export crops by hurricane Allen last August.

The Government Information Service reports that a member of the Mission, Mr. Gopal Yadav has held discussions with officials of the Ministries of Tourism and Agriculture relative to the problems facing those Ministries and the prospects for development.

A five year projection of the Tourist Industry is to be taken as the basis on which an IMF loan will be considered.

(58 words)

NBC COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

The Government-owned National Commercial Bank (NCB) completed one year of operations on October 15th.

NCB first commenced operations in Grenville, the island's second town, after the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) ceased operations there and the CIBC premises were bought by Government. CIBC sold its remaining business in Grenada to Government, in March last, and NBC then opened its main office in St. George's.

- continued -

According to the Government Information Service, the Grenville branch began with a zero deposit base and had EC\$5 million in deposits after four months operation. The St. George's branch started off with a deposit base of EC\$11 million and after one year had EC\$37 million in deposits. Of that figure EC\$26 million was deposits from nationals.

(123 words)

FIRE AT "NUTMEG"

A fire which started about 11.30 p.m. on November 9th did considerable damage to the popular "Nutmeg" restaurant on the Carenage in the heart of St. George's.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it appears to have started in the kitchen and spread into the ceiling. The Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene and the blaze was under control in about 30 minutes.

The value of the damage has not yet been assessed but most of the restaurant's equipment appears not to have been damaged by the fire. Some tables and chairs were destroyed by the heat and major repairs will be needed to the ceiling and to the roof supports.

Sources close to the restaurant owners say the first estimates are that "Nutmeg" will be out of business for the next six months.

(38 words)

IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING

A three year in-service training programme for teachers was launched on October 30th as a replacement for the Teacher Training College which has been scrapped.

The programme involves all untrained teachers in Junior Secondary and Primary schools, and is geared for faster results than the Teacher Training College which produced an average of 25 qualified

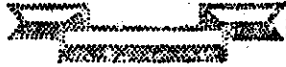
- continued -

teachers in each two year period. Of the 1122 teachers in Grenada, only 380 are trained.

According to the Government Information Service, the in-service training programme will cost an estimated EC\$3 million; training at the college would cost EC\$17.5 million.

The Teacher Training College will now be used for refresher courses for Teachers.

(109 words)



CARIB BREWERIES HAVE GOOD YEAR

Grenada Breweries Ltd., bottlers of "Carib" beer and "Giant" Malt, generated EC\$3,831,267.00 gross sales in the year ended 30th June 1980, an increase of EC\$663,813.00 or 21% over the figure of EC\$3,167,454.00 in the previous year.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. C.F. Toppin, in a report to the shareholders says production reached an all time high of just over 300,000 cartons of beer and malt but this was still well short of estimated demand.

"The increased production forecast last year was not possible for several technical reasons", Mr. Toppin said, " but all the necessary equipment is installed and it is expected that a two-shift brewery operation will enable us to reach a target of 36,000 cartons per month in November and December this year".

The Chairman said the anticipated monthly demand for "Carib" and "Giant" is 30,000 cartons and, as this leaves the brewery with unused capacity, negotiations are underway with Guinness Overseas Ltd. to bottle "Guinness" in Grenada.

Shareholders have been warned, however, that there are factors which will have a deleterious effect on the Company's profitability for the current year. First is the fact that the brewery had to be closed for approximately two months to effect essential maintenance, there having been continuous operation since 1974. In addition, costs are up on every-

- continued -

thing, electricity, water, spare parts, and, while a favourable contract for malt has been negotiated, the price is, nevertheless, up by approximately 10%.

Mr Toppin said that, in March and April last, the Company carried out extensive studies of the operation of the Coca Cola Plant. This plant was seized by the Peoples Revolutionary Government following an industrial dispute and strike, and, since then, it has been run by Government. The Chairman said negotiations were entered into with the Plant's owners, W.E. Julien & Co. Ltd., for the purchase of the Plant but, satisfactory terms could not be arranged and the Company's offer to buy was withdrawn on September 3rd.

In his Report to shareholders, Mr. Toppin said the Company's assets have been revalued and now stand at EC\$4,604,900.00 of which Land & Building accounts for EC\$1,685,400 and Plant EC\$2,919,500. Following this revaluation, an Extraordinary General Meeting on 26th June 1980 decided to increase the share capital from EC\$2 million Ordinary Shares of EC\$1.00 each to EC\$6 million Ordinary Shares of EC\$1.00 each.

The Extraordinary General Meeting also decided to issue to shareholder two bonus shares for each share held on 26th June 1980.

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on November 27th and the Board of Directors has recommended that a dividend of 6% be paid. "If adjustment is made for the increase in the share capital" the Chairman points out, "this would equate to 18% net when compared with 12½% for last year".

Mr. Toppin warns, however, that according to the new Income Tax Law, No. 20/1980, shareholders may no longer claim a tax credit equal to the 50% tax paid by the Company. Under the new law, tax credits will be allowed to resident companies and resident persons on dividends in varying amounts, non-residents will pay withholding tax at 25% and all tax credits for resident persons will cease after the 1982 assessment year.

- continued -

"While this type of legislation is not uncommon in other territories and in developed countries", the Chairman says, "nevertheless, it is my opinion that it is punitive in Grenada and can only stultify investment by residents in Grenadian companies".

Mr. Toppin expressed the opinion that Government should take a careful look at this section of the Income Tax law and the long term effects it will have on the investment climate.

(633 words)

WORKSHOP ON TREE CROPS

It is important for Caribbean countries not to allow damage done by hurricanes or weather to give opportunity for policies of "divide and rule" to re-emerge in this region.

Prime Minister Maurice Bishop expressed this on November 10th as he gave the feature address at the opening of a Caribbean workshop on development of traditional and potential fruit tree crops.

"For example", he said, "we notice that the United States agency for International Development (USAID) was making feverish and desperate attempts to keep Grenada out of the assistance to the Windward Islands Banana Association (WINBAN) following hurricane Allen".

Mr. Bishop said that, notwithstanding that the approach for assistance was made by WINBAN as a single organisation representing four countries, efforts were made by USAID to exclude Grenada from the aid package. " To the credit and integrity of our sisters and brothers in Dominica, St. Vincent and St. Lucia" he said, "they have spoken up against this divisive policy and have insisted that Grenada be part of any assistance to WINBAN".

The workshop was jointly sponsored by the Grenada Ministry of Agriculture and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA). It was attended by delegates from 18 countries and representatives from 12 organisations including

- continued -

the Caribbean Development Bank, The University of the West Indies and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Mr. Bishop underlined the importance of the Workshop and said agriculture is "the motor and heart" of Grenada's economy. During 1979, he said, the island had imported EC\$57 million worth of food products while export crops earned EC\$58 million. Against the overall imports of EC\$117 million. However there was a deficit of some EC\$60 million which had to be made up from remittances, the Tourist Industry and External Grants.

"If we are to break this dependence of our economy", he said, "(because we do have an open, dependent, capitalist economy), then it is going to be necessary for us to greatly improve production (and) we see the growing of food in particular as being a key component of any agricultural strategy".

The workshop ran until November 13th.

(351 words)

MARRYSHOW COMMERATED

Prime Minister Maurice Bishop opened an Art Exhibition on November 3rd to mark the opening of "Marryshow Week" organised to honour Theophilus Albert Marryshow, one of Grenada's national heroes.

Born of humble parentage towards the end of the last century, Marryshow entered the journalism field and used the media to campaign for his dream of a Westindian nation. His struggles in this connection earned him the popular title of "The Father of Federation", and he represented Grenada in the Federal Senate when the West Indies Federation was launched in 1958. He died before the collapse of the Federation in 1962.

At the exhibition Mr. Bishop said that, since the Revolution of March 1979, Grenada has seen a remarkable upsurge in creative and artistic activity. "The evidence for this can be seen in the roadside artists, in the plays and skits being put on all over the place, and in the number of people who are becoming interested in poetry", he said. He believes this is an important reflection

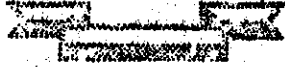
- continued -

of what can happen when people's creative talents and abilities are unleashed.

The Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Grenada Arts Council and the Extra Mural Department of the University of the West Indies, was held at Marryshow House which was Marryshow's residence and is now headquarters of the Extra Mural Department in Grenada.

The Prime Minister feels it is significant that the Exhibition was housed at Marryshow House because, he says, Marryshow (whose birthday is November 7th) was the most intellectual, artistic and, in many respects, the most creative of Grenada's national heroes.

(261 words)



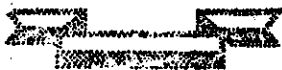
SUGAR CROP DOWN AGAIN

Grenada's sugar crop continues its downward trend, falling in this year's crop by 5.9% from the 1979 figure of 524 tons to 493 tons. In 1979, the fall was by 10.1% from the 1978 figure of 583 tons to 524 tons.

Under an arrangement with the Cane Farmers Association, cane farmers sell their cane to the Company at a fixed price and enjoy a profit sharing scheme at the end of the crop. Last year, the fixed price was EC\$40.00 per ton and the "bonus" after the crop was EC\$14.00 per ton, making the total paid EC\$54.00 per ton. This year, the total paid is EC\$57.00 per ton.

According to figures given by the Government Information Service, this year's crop of 493 tons represents 17% of Grenada's annual sugar requirements. Because of bad cultural practices, sugar cane yield is only 15 tons per acre and juice purity is down to 70% from a "normal" 85%.

(161 words)



HOUSE REPAIR PROGRAMME BENEFITS 400

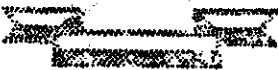
Over 400 persons have, so far, benefited from Government's House Repair Programme which was introduced last December. The Programme is divided into two parts, the first being for rural workers who earn less than EC\$150.00 a month, and the second for rural workers who earn less than EC\$250.00 a month.

Under the first part of the Programme (which is financed with EC\$100,000.00 by the Peoples Revolutionary Government) loans are made to a maximum of EC\$1,000.00. Loans are interest free, one third is given to the borrower as a grant and the balance is repayable over 10 years.

Under the second part of the Programme, (financed with EC\$300,000.00 by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) loans are made interest free to a limit of EC\$1000.00 and the repayment period is 5 years.

It appears that it is the second part of the Programme which is being implemented as the Government Information Service reports that "Repayment is made over a 5 year period".


(169 words)


NEWS SHORTSDisappointing Cruise Liner Winter Season

Grenada will have a disappointing Winter Cruise Liner Season. According to information from the Grenada Tourist Board, the Winter Cruise began on October 15th and 127 liners will call before the Season ends on May 27th next year.

This represents a considerable fall from the figures for the 1979/1980 Season when 209 liners were expected and 210 arrived. In the 1978/1979 Season, 170 liners were expected and 168 arrived.

(69 words)


Interim Retail Price Index

The Interim Retail Price Index for October stood at 146.7%, a rise of 0.9% over the September figure and a rise of 46.7% above January

- continued -

1979 when the Index was established. The rise from January to October 1980 is 21.95%.

The Central Statistical Office advised that main factors in the October Index are increases in the prices of tailoring, washing powder, biscuits, matches, cornflakes, salted beef, wine and fruit salts. These increases were not offset by falls in the price of chicken, shoes and galvanised nails.

(90 words)



CDB Approves Grenada Projects

The Caribbean Development Bank has approved two projects in Grenada to be funded from the Bank's Technical Assistance Fund. The first is a practical training Course for the General Manager (Designate) of the Sheep Production project on Grenada's sister island of Carriacou, and the second is a study on Commercial Banking and Development Finance Institutions in the island.

These projects were previously approved by Mr. William Demas, CDB President, and were formally noted by the Board of Directors on October 23rd.

(81 words)



WINBAN at Pest Seminar

Two representatives of the Windward Islands Banana Association attended a seminar/workshop on Pest and Pesticide Management from November 3rd to 7th. The seminar/workshop, which was organised by the Barbados Government, the Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute, the Caribbean Community Secretariat, the Pan-American Health Organisation and the University of the West Indies, was held in Barbados.

(57 words)



Willie Redhead Honoured

Popular Mr. Willie A. Redhead, has been made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Grenada. A Rotarian himself, Mr. Redhead was honoured for outstanding service to the community in Scouting and in literary and other fields.

- continued -

The presentation was made to Mr. Redhead on November 10th by Mr. H. A. Braman, District Governor of Rotary District 404 to which the Rotary Clubs of Grenada belong. Rotary District 404 is Rotary International's most extensive district encompassing 62 Clubs extending from Cayenne in the south to the Bahamas in the north. Mr. Braham is resident in Jamaica.

(98 words)



Agro Plant Extends Production

The Government owned Agro plant will begin largescale canning of juices and nectars this month. Production capacity is one can per second and fruits to be processed include mangoes, soursop, plums, bananas and citrus.

According to the Government Information Service, next year the plant will extend its range to handle callaloo, beans and peas.

The canned products are intended for both the local and export markets, and markets have already been established in areas where West-indians have migrated overseas.

(80 words)



Argentina Sends More Wheat As Gift

The Peoples Revolutionary Government has received a shipment of 600 tons of wheat from the Government of Argentina. The shipment arrived in October and is the second gift of wheat from Argentina. The first shipment arrived in June.

The wheat, which was handled by the National Importing Board, has been sold to the local flour millers, Caribbean Agro Industries Ltd.

(60 words)



Albatross III Under Repairs

The gear box of the Government owned 148 nett tons freighter "Albatross III" has been sent to Trinidad for repairs.

This boat, purchased by the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG) last May for EC\$201 thousand, was owned formerly by the Jim Jones Peoples Temple Cult of Jonestown, Guyana. It was seized for debt in July 1979 and was sold at auction in May this year by the

- continued -

Registrar of the High Court.

Minister of Agriculture Unison Whiteman has announced that "Albatross III" is to be converted into a refrigerated carrier and will be used to transport agricultural produce. Mr. White-man said the PRG's aim is to own a fleet of refrigerated cargo ships to solve the problem of safe transportation of Grenada's produce.

(124 words)



Another Ambassadorship For Bullen

Mr. E R.E. Bullen has been appointed Ambassador to the Italian Republic and has presented his credentials to the Italian President, Sandro Pertini. The ceremony took place on October 22nd. Mr. Bullen is also Ambassador to the European Economic Community, the Kingdom of Belgium, and Syria.

(47 words)



Soviets Continue Fish Potential Survey

The Russian research vessel "Corifena" arrived here on October 25th to continue the study of Grenada's fish potential. Mr. Steperko Anatoli, heading a three-man team of Soviet scientists told the Government Information Service that the team will concentrate on bank and reef fishing using the trawling method.

This phase of the survey ran from October 27th to November 10th and another Soviet ship is expected in March 1981 to look into deep sea fishing. The "Corifena" is the second Soviet ship to undertake research into the island's fishing potential. Last July, a team of Soviet researchers discovered in Grenada's waters what has been described as "a unique and expensive variety of shrimps".

(113 words)



Roberts Manages GDB

Daniel Roberts has been appointed Manager of the Grenada Development Bank (GDB) with effect from November 1st continued -

Mr. Roberts replaces Barbadian born Mr. Rupert Headley of the Caribbean Development Bank, who has been in Grenada since 1979 as advisor to GDB. Mr. Headley assumed the duties of Manager when Mr. Michael Archibald, then Manager, left late last year to manage the Government owned National Commercial Bank.

Mr. Headley is expected to return to Barbados shortly.

(76 words)



Grenada And Indonesia May Cooperate

The Government of Indonesia has expressed interest in exploring the possibility of coordinating the sale of nutmegs on the world market.

Grenada and Indonesia control almost 100 percent of the world supply of nutmegs and, during the recent IMF/World Bank meetings in Washington, Minister of Finance Bernard Coard held discussions on this matter with Indonesian Minister of Finance Mr. Ali Wardhana.

Indonesia has now asked the Peoples Revolutionary Government for details of Grenada's nutmeg trade in order that a suitable policy may be developed.

(84 words)



Netherlands and Argentine Ambassadors Present Credentials

Two non-resident Ambassadors have presented their credentials in Grenada

Mr. Juna A. Lanari of the Republic of Argentina presented his credentials to the Acting Governor General, Allan La Grenada, on September 25th, and Mr. E.G. Manduro of the Netherlands presented his credentials to Governor General Sir Paul Scoon on October 10th.

(54 words)



EDF Offers Bonus

The European Development Fund, which is providing funds for construction of a Community Centre at Birch Grove, has offered EC\$500 as an incentive for the best worker or workers on the Project. The

- continued -

Peoples Revolutionary Government is providing EC\$6000 for labour on this project.

(44 words)



Grenada At Mechanics Course

Grenada is represented by Mr. Alban Eastman at a three-week regional Mechanical Supervisors Induction Course which began in St. Lucia on November 12th.

This course, sponsored jointly by the United Nations Development Project and the International Labour Organisation, is one of a series which started in February last and is aimed at upgrading skills and introducing more effective maintenance practices.

(61 words)



Trade Unions Advise On Budget

The Government Information Service has announced that the Budget for 1981 is now being prepared under a new system.

For the first time, Trade Unions will meet with the Minister of Finance and contribute to the decision-making process and help to decide on priorities. The Trade Unions to participate are the Public Workers Union (formerly the Civil Service Association), the Grenada Teachers Union and the Technical and Allied Workers Union which represents workers in various areas of the Public Service.

Finance Minister Bernard Coard is expected to present the Budget in January.

(93 words)



More Non-Aligned Money For Dominica

Cuba's Ambassador to Grenada, Mr. Julian Torres Rizo, has presented Dominica's Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles with a donation from the Non-Aligned Movement's special fund for the reconstruction of Dominica from hurricane damage.

- continued -

That fund was set up at the 6th Non-Aligned Conference in Havana in September last year and this donation, amounting to EC\$698,932 00, was made in Dominica on October 28th.

This is the third donation Ambassador Rizo has made from the Special Fund on behalf of the Movement and, to date, Dominica has received EC\$8,102,235.00

(92 words)



Radix At WISA Meeting

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Kendrick Radix was Grenada's representative at the 25th meeting of the Council of Ministers of the West Indies Associated States (WISA) which opened in Montserrat on 29th October.

Items on the agenda included the Eastern Caribbean Tourist Association, status of the European Development Fund Common Programmes and the Law of the Sea ..

(61 words)



Nigeria Gives Grenada Money

The Government of Nigeria has given US\$45 thousand to the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG) in response to a request for aid following severe damage done to Grenada's agriculture by heavy rains last year.

The presentation was made in Grenada to Prime Minister Maurice Bishop on October 27th by Nigeria's acting High Commissioner to Trinidad Mr. F.C. Nwoko.

At the ceremony, Mr. Bishop said Grenada has no diplomatic relations with Nigeria but that a formal letter requesting these relations would be given to Mr. Nwoko.

(87 words)



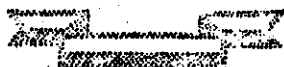
Fish Plant Being Renovated

Government's fish processing plant is being renovated to provide storage and other operational facilities. - continued -

The plant began operations in April and now has 8 employees. During September and October, 688 pounds of salted fish and 185 packets (8 each) of smoked fish were produced. Sales are made to supermarkets and other retail outlets, and fresh fish is sold to hotels, restaurants and the general public

It is expected that the Plant's efficiency will be improved next year with installation of better equipment and facilities and a bigger staff.

(88 words)



Alister Hughes
15th October 1980
November