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TEACHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

The Eastern Caribbean Standing Conference on Teacher Education which opened at the Holiday Inn here last Monday (7th) concluded today with some delegates hurrying away to attend a meeting of the School of Education Executive Committee scheduled to take place at the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies on Saturday April 12th.

Represented at the Holiday Inn Conference were Principals from Teachers' Colleges in Grenada, Trinidad, St. Kitts-Nevis and St. Lucia, and Chief Education Officers from Antigua, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and St. Lucia. Representatives were also present from the Caribbean Community Secretariat, the University of Guyana, the British Council, the British Development Division and the University of the West Indies.

These latter were Professor R N Murray, Dean of the School of Education, Dr Lawrence Carrington, Vice-Dean at the St. Augustine campus, and Mr R M Nicholson, Vice-Dean at the Cave Hill campus.

In an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Mr Nicholson said the Conference had been a success in that problems had been identified and discussed. "We did come up with some proposals which will be circulated to Ministries of Education", said Mr Nicholson. However, he continued, these are just suggestions. "We do not have any misconceived idea of our influence, but we regard ourselves as a professional group assembled regionally who would make suggestions to Ministries".

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SIR LEO NOT QUITTING

Contrary to persistent rumour, Sir Leo DeGale, Grenada's Governor-General is not giving up his job. In an interview with the local "Torchlight" newspaper, Sir Leo said, "I am no quitter, and I shall not resign simply because someone or some group shout that I do so." The Governor-General said however, there were certain issues which may cause his resignation, but these have not yet arisen.

In obvious reference to the Grenada disturbances when demonstrators paraded past Government House in January 1974 demanding the resignation of the then Governor, Sir Leo said, "I shall not be another Dame Hilda Bynoe".

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WEST INDIA COMMITTEE OFFICIAL VISITS

Concluding a visit to Grenada today (10th), Colonel Max Robinson, Secretary and Chief Executive of the West India Committee, disclosed to NEWSLETTER that the Committee will launch a new type edition of their publication, the "West India Chronicle".

The new "Chronicle", which, in May is to be launched in Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana, will carry articles of "in-depth" interest to readers, there will be a business and travel news section and increased emphasis on Westindian orientation.

Colonel Robinson said the West India Committee, as advisor to the British Overseas Trade Board, is intimately concerned with two-way trade between Britain and the Caribbean. Ways are being looked for to promote the sale of Westindian goods in the UK, and opportunities were also being sought for investment of U K capital in the Eastern Caribbean.

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Specifically, Colonel Robinson said there are current efforts to assist the Dominica Citrus Association to sell more of their products in the U K. In Tourism, discussions were held with the Grenada Hotel Association with a view to making plans for the 1975/1976 Season. As a result of conferences organised by the West India Committee, an effective flow of European visitors to the Caribbean was generated, and Grenadian hoteliers have expressed interest in any further plans the Committee may have in this connection.

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CANADIAN AID FOR BUSINESSMEN

Mr Murray Marven of Canadian Executive Service Overseas (CESO) will shortly be completing a three month term of service with the Grenada-based Carib Insurance Ltd. which has expanded its operations to Curacao, Aruba, St. Vincent and St. Lucia.

In an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Mr Paul Slinger, President of Carib Insurance Limited said the service offered by CESO is available at very little cost and he hoped that Companies in the smaller Westindian islands would make more use of it.

"Mr Marven's time with us", said Mr Slinger, "has been invaluable in smoothing the transition from being a small Grenada Company into being inter-Caribbean insurers".

Mr Marvin is a retired insurance executive; during his stay in Grenada, he is accompanied by his wife.

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TOURIST BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED

Sources close to the Grenada Tourist Board disclosed today (10th) that Mr Peter Capella of West Germany has been appointed in a public relations capacity to represent the Board. Mr Capella will promote the interests of the Board in West Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

These sources also revealed that a group of West German businessmen is at present in Grenada investigating the possibility of establishing a charter air-line to be based on this island. This group, which is in the travel business in West Germany, is concerned with providing convenient connecting flights to the smaller islands for Europeans travelling to the Eastern Caribbean, and it is understood that in this connection, exploratory talks have been had with several major airlines.

Other Tourist Board news is that, for the first five days of April, seven cruise liners carrying 3716 passengers called at Grenada. These were the "Cunard Adventurer" (560), "Amerikanis" (587), "Britanis" (781), "Dalmacija" (149), "Victoria (500), "Sun Viking" (505) and "Ivan Franco" (634).

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NOVEL VENTURE

The Student Council of the state-owned Grenada Boys' Secondary School today (10th) launched a "Study Drive Programme" which, according to Mr Colville McBarnette, Public Relations Officer of the Council, "is aimed at creating greater incentive for study and to curb indiscipline".

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With the use of posters and papers presented by members of the Council, it is hoped to motivate students to put more effort into studies and a "buddy system" is being introduced in which slower learning students will be assisted by academically brighter boys.

The "Study Drive Programme" will last until the Cambridge examinations begin on June 2nd, and, in an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Mr Christopher DeRiggs, President of the Council said he hoped the expected success of the Programme would be reflected in better examination results.

It was also revealed that the Council has set up a Students Disciplinary Unit (SDU) which will monitor all the forms of the school and report on slackers. The cooperation of the staff is being sought in this, and the SDU will recommend to the headmaster such disciplinary action as is thought fit.


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HOTEL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL WEDS

Two weeks ago on Saturday (29th) Miss Floreen Hope, Grenada's 1963 Carnival Queen became the bride of Mr Royston Hopkin, Vice-President of the Eastern Caribbean Hotels Association. Mr Hopkin is the Manager of Grenada's Ross Point Inn Hotel while the former Miss Hope is employed with the Grenada Tourist Board. The newly-weds spent their honeymoon in Barbados.

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