LABOUR’s 80th Anniversary Conference ends on a positive note; Leaders recommit themselves to a united Labour Party

The 80th Anniversary National Conference of the governing St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) concluded here on Sunday evening last, May 20th, on a very successful and positive note, with Leaders of the Party recommitting themselves to building a strong and united Party.

The historic Conference, held at the Marriott Resort, in Frigate Bay, East Basseterre, under the theme – “The Vision of a people, the liberation of a (cont’d on page 12)

Nation mourns loss of young prolific music on

By Drizel Hanley

The Federation of St.Kitts-Nevis is mourning the loss of one of its outstanding sons of the soil, Kevin Donavan, better known in the local, regional and international music circles as Masud Sadiki, who met his untimely death here on Monday of this week, May, 21st, 2012. (cont’d on page03)

PM Douglas: Masud Sadiki, a cultural icon par excellence, Minister LK releases “Gone Away” on “Ask the PM”

“Masud’s talent was enormous, and his personal standards, exemplary. The lyrics that flowed from his heart and soul were no ordinary lyrics. Indeed, listeners quickly realized that his was an elevated and elevating spirit that wanted us, encouraged us, and inspired us, as human beings, to reach, and stretch, and be better and more sublime beings than we otherwise might be,” said Prime Minister Douglas during his weekly radio programme, “Ask the Prime Minister.”

“It was with profound shock and sadness that my Cabinet colleagues and I learned of the death of Masud Sadiki. And the same sadness and disbelief, I know, weigh heavily in hearts and homes across the entire nation, and across the entire (cont’d on page 12)
**Long Live Labour!**

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Many Labour Party stalwarts are breathing a little easier now that the main events on their agenda – namely, the Labour Week End Activities and the Annual Party Conference are behind them. The predicted clouds of gloom and doom which the enemies of Labour had forecast, had failed to materialise. Indeed, the Queen Show had turned out to be of its usual high standard producing a very talented winner from Constituency Number Four in the person of Miss Kwahne Wharton, and the Labour Day March was of gigantic proportions, conveying the solidarity of support for the Labour leadership and the Government to all and sundry.

The general populace is fully aware of the tremendous difference which had been made in their standard of living during the eighty (80) years of struggle against repression and exploitation, which their great movement had undertaken. The gains made have been tangible and lasting, lifting each generation a step higher on the social ladder and ensuring each and everyone whatever their status, that the possibility is there for their wildest dreams or aspirations to become reality.

Indeed this message permeated the atmosphere of the National Conference as delegates were lauded by the Guest Speaker, the eminent Dr. the Honourable Kenny Anthony, for the inspiration which the track record of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party had provided to the rest of the Caribbean and to the world at large. The St. Lucian Prime Minister was full of praises for the late First National Hero, His Excellency Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw for the sterling qualities of leadership he had shown during the difficult times when the economic, social and political landscape of the Caribbean was evolving.

He admonished his riveted listeners to remain united and focussed and maintain the momentum for another eighty years of service to the people of St. Kitts and Nevis and to the region.

In his welcoming remarks to the delegates of the Conference, the Chairman, Dr. the Honourable Timothy Harris had set the tone and anticipated one of the outcomes when he made a strong plea for the Conference to “Choose Unity” and allow for a healing of any rifts and cracks which had manifested themselves in the leadership in recent months.

He called for a “refreshing, redirecting the Party and Government to a truly people-oriented agenda, built on old values of service, with a new vision of action”.

He went on to affirm his own support and called for the solidarity of the delegates in support of the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, both in his capacity of Prime Minister and as Party Leader.

Dr. Douglas also received unswerving support for his leadership in both capacities from the Honourable Sam Condor, Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in a special address to the Conference prior to the business of Election of Officers.

This paved the way for a full slate of Officers to be returned unopposed, and for the Labour Party Executive to serve the ensuing term in a spirit of unity and loyalty to the cause of Labour.

The Party Leader and Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Denzil Douglas was further endorsed by the entire Conference when the delegates affirmed resolutions by his own Constituency #6, recognising him for his 23-year tenure of the Labour Party Leadership, his 17-year, unbroken leadership of the country and his remarkable success in dealing with the debt restructuring programme, and by resolution from Constituency #1, which spoke of his strong, mature and astute leadership at all times, showing resilience and calm in the face of merciless attacks from within and without the Party.

In his own address to this Conference Dr. Douglas revealed his own indomitable spirit as he vowed not to allow detractors within or without, to derail the noble path which the Labour Movement had mapped out from its inception.

He echoed the plea for unity and encouraged everyone to play his or her part in a responsible and constructive way to continue the search for ways and means to meet the challenges posed by the world’s economic instability, the dilapidating price of oil, and the violent and self-destructive elements, embedded in the youthful population.

He pointed to the success which his government had achieved in dealing with the debt crisis of the country through restructuring. He outlined the current efforts to diversify energy sources, thus lessening dependence on fossil fuels and increasing the proportion of renewable sources in our energy consumption.

His message was a very positive one, and justified the confidence which had been placed in him to lead and continue to lead the Labour Party and the Government of the country.

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**Deputy Labour Party Leader and Chairman Affirm Full Support for Leadership of Labour Party Leader and Prime Minister the Right Honourable Dr Denzil L. Douglas**

[Basseterre, St. Kitts] In a packed St. Kitts Marriott Ballroom on Sunday May 20, 2012, hundreds of Labour Party members gathered for their Annual Conference, the annual process via which the Party elects its leaders. And there, in a special statement to the gathering, the incumbent Deputy Party Leader, the Honourable Sam Condor, affirmed to the gathering that he is totally committed to the leadership of the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas and the leadership of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

Similar sentiments were also expressed by the incumbent Chairman Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris, who prior to Mr. Condor’s statement gave support to the Party Leader stating that it was critical in going forward and the Party membership was able to move again with unity and send a strong signal of togetherness committed to the continuing success.

The hundreds of enthusiastic, impassioned Labourites had made clear their impatience with the public displays of disunity that had plagued the Party, from very narrow quarters, in recent months. And they made clear, also, their strong expectation that all members of the Party leadership reflect the sentiments and position of the Party membership that elected them, by demonstrating full and complete support for the leader whom they, the Party, elected – Prime Minister Douglas. This, the membership asserted, is essential if the Party is to protect and build on the extraordinary legacy for which the Labour is so well known.

Prior to the election of officers at the afternoon session, and reflecting the strong expectations of the energized and focused gathering, the Honorable Sam Condor, Deputy Leader and Deputy Prime Minister, made a special address to the membership, in which he affirmed the wisdom of their demands for unity, and went further to affirm his full and unswerving support for both the leadership of Party Leader and Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, as well as the overall leadership of the Party. This statement, which was responded to with loud and enthusiastic cheers, made clear that the wishes of the membership were, at last, being honoured.

Following the expressions of support at the Conference to the National Political Leader, the Hon. Dr. Earl Asim Martin and Mr. Cedric Liburd informed delegates that they were withdrawing their names from nomination for the posts of Deputy Political Leader and Chairman respectively.

The Party has structures through which concerns can be expressed, and their use, Prime Minister Douglas had earlier explained, represents the best means of ensuring that the interests of the Party are served. The Prime Minister and Party Leader made clear his intention to act on the strong mandate provided today by the Conference, to ensure that Party unity remains paramount from this point forward. He also explained that his patience regarding public expressions of disloyalty from some quarters in recent months, and indeed his tolerance of this, could no longer, in good conscience, continue. Today, he said, was, in the minds of all gathered, the beginning of a new and constructive approach, designed and promoted to serve the best interests of Labour.

Celebrating its 80th year of political leadership and service, the Conference ended on an extraordinarily high note – united, focussed, and ready for the work ahead – under the enthusiastically supported leadership of The Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas.

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Month of May – anniversary of the deaths of Bradshaw, Southwell, France and Moore

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It was at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd 1978, that Premier Bradshaw died at his home at Fortlands, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

May 18th 2012 also marked the 33rd Anniversary of the death of Mr. Bradshaw’s successor, The Right Excellent Sir C. A. Paul Southwell. Premier Southwell died on May 18th 1979 in St. Lucia, shortly after chairing a sub-regional meeting.

National Debt to fall below 100 percent of GDP, PM Douglas applauds lawmen for unrelenting attack on crime

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – The governing St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has remained true to its philosophical foundation by demonstrating compassion, acting in accordance with its strong social conscience, and by remaining in the vanguard of the fight against poverty; of the fight against injustice and unfairness of every form; the fight to empower its people by the creation of employment, entrepreneurial and wealth creation opportunities and has won election after election.

So says the Party’s National Political Leader, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, who is also the Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis.

“No one who ever worked with Sir Robert L. Bradshaw, and few have,” Southwell said.

“Sir Robert L. Bradshaw, the Rt. Excellent Sir Robert L. Bradshaw as he was called, was a man of great personal integrity, in a time and place that could be described as a time of great personal integrity, not only to his own people, but to the people of the world. He was a man of great personal integrity, and he was a man of great personal integrity who was a man of great personal integrity. He was a man of great personal integrity, and he was a man of great personal integrity.”

Douglas said.

“Just about mid-way through our current term in office, we have reached agreement with our creditors, and our debt has been reduced dramatically. Indeed, we are confident within a relatively short period, we will be able to announce that the National Debt is below 100% of GDP. In other words, in a period when debt is increasing worldwide, we have been able to go against the trend and to bring down our debt substantially,” said Prime Minister Douglas.

He reminded the over 600 delegates and invited guests at the public session of the commitment made in February 2010 at the Swearing In of his Fourth-Term Cabinet that the National Debt was a matter of priority.

“We studied the issue of National Debt very carefully and thoroughly, paying particular attention to the risk it presented in view of the Great Recession that had plagued the global economy from 2008 and onwards. We came to the conclusion that with the National Debt approaching 200% of GDP and with the global economy in turmoil, there was no easy way to avoid a crisis, especially because of the impact of the contagion that seemed to be spreading to capital markets all over the globe. We therefore, decided to restructure our debt and implement a home-grown economic programme, with the assistance of the International Monetary Fund,” said Prime Minister Douglas.

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He expressed gratitude to the creditors who demonstrated such goodwill and understanding in the negotiations and placed on the record of Conference profound appreciation to the Financial Secretary and Staff of the Ministry of Finance and the Debt Advisers for their hard work and tireless effort in carry forward the programme of debt reduction.

On the matter of crime, Prime Minister Douglas said although it is too early to claim complete success, the aim must be the total and complete eradication of violent crimes.

“We mourn the loss of every citizen that succumbs to violence and criminal activity. But we must certainly give thanks for the great progress that we have made in taking control of our streets, reducing crime, and bringing criminals to justice. Our Security Forces, under the outstanding leadership of Commissioner Walwyn, must be applauded for their excellent work in protecting our communities,” said Dr. Douglas.

Nation mourns....... (cont’d on page 10)

According to police reports the 37-year-old local reggae superstar was found hanged from a tree in the Verchilds/Old Road area—not too far from his home. He was reportedly found by sometime around 5:20 by two persons who were doing some jogging in the area.

His tragic death sent shock waves throughout the twin island Federation and further afield prompting numerous persons at home and abroad to express their profound condolences to his immediate family in St.Kitts and paying glowing tribute to the fallen musical icon ambassador.

Prime Minister of St.Kitts-Nevis, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas in his compassionate address described Masid as an individual with great talent and a man of high personal standards.

“He was an elevated and elevating spirit that wanted us, encouraged us, and inspired us, as human beings, to reach, and stretch, and be better and more sublime beings than we otherwise might be,” the Prime Minister noted.

Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Sam Condor also paid (cont’d on page 10)
Labour Code Continues

The fundamental principle of Labour Legislation is to guarantee the weaker party in the market place protection, and basic rights in order to be in a fair position when negotiating wages/salary and working conditions.

In 2006 that fact was recalled by Mr. Marcello Malentacchi, General Secretary of the International Metalworkers’ Federation (IMF).

His reminder was addressed to the government of a member state of the International Labour Organization (ILO), because of that particular government’s reputation of dismantling its industrial relations legislation, and the weakening of trade Unions rights – among other things, by promoting individual employment contracts, to the detriment of collective agreements negotiated between trade Unions and Employers.

This disdain for the basic principles of labour law has already come in for serious criticism from the International Labour Organization Supervisory bodies. The dossier is now being examined by the Committee on Freedom of Association, and further developments are likely.

It is certainly a good illustration of the ambivalent interpretations of Labour Law which still lurk in some minds, and of a dangerous return to times which should have been past and gone.

Right here in St. Kitts and Nevis the Labour Movement from its very inception has always promoted the welfare of the working class people, and the central objective of its economic policy is a decent standard of living for everybody.

In the 30’s and 40’s the Labour Movement not only promoted social, economic and industrial legislations, but also recognized that with the passage of time that there is need for revision to bring those laws up to date with the changing times.

In 1984 it was the Labour Movement intention to enact legislation to provide protection for all workers from unfair and wrongful dismissals. In addition, it was also their intention to re-form legislation applicable to our Labour Laws and what should be put into our proposed Labour Code as well.

The intention of our Labour Code is to consolidate and provide related or incidental matters. Many of the provisions you will find in a Labour Code range from Freedom of Association and Assemble, Collective Bargaining Rights, Trade Union Rights and Employers Responsibility, Health and Safety at the Workplace (HIV/AIDS), Provision against Force Labour, Maternity and Paternity Benefits, Minimum Wage, Hours of Work, including Overtime Pay and benefits for work perform on a Sunday and Public Holiday just to name a few of the provisions that you will find in a Labour Code.

As we move forward I will be sure to go into further details on these and other provisions that you will find in our own Labour Code.

The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union also fully understands that the issue of Labour Education does no go under the Labour Code. There’s one more river to cross.

Wide river
There’s one more river to cross.

Oh, you got Jesus, hold him fast
One more river to cross
Oh, Better love was never told
One more river to cross
Tis stronger than an iron hand
One more river to cross
Tis sweeter than honey comb
One more river to cross.

Oh, Wasn’t that a wide river
River of Jordan, Lord,
Wide river

There’s one more river to cross.

Oh, the good old chariot passing by
One more river to cross
She jarred the earth an’ shook the sky
One more river to cross
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One more river to cross
I pray, good Lord, shall I be one?
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By William Stickles

The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union aim is to continue to promote and strengthen at all levels the protection to which workers’ right here in St. Kitts and Nevis and by extention around the world the kind of basic Labour protection that they is entitled to receive, so that tomorrow our Labour Code will be an instrument of emancipation and social justice for all, be it employers or worker.

As I take my leave today I leave you with an old negro spiritual song.

“One More River To Cross”
The latest game making its rounds in town at this time is called Douglas-bashing. Over-anxious politicians, aspiring politicians, rejected politicians and political nitwits all join in the game of Douglas-bashing.

They all tried their very best to prevent Dr. Douglas and his team from securing a fourth consecutive term in government. They tried all sorts of things and invented all manner of theories on which to base their belief that Dr. Douglas and his team did their thing and put their political adversaries to shame and defeat.

A number of PAM political propagandists are unable to see the significant growth in economic development brought about by Dr. Douglas and his team since 1995, because they have lost touch with reality they have eyes but do not see, they have minds but do not comprehend.

The Labour Party came to power in 1995 with Dr. Douglas at its head, and at that time the “Human Development Report” recorded for St. Kitts-Nevis a Human development Index. The Human Development Index is a measure of human well-being and does not focus only on economic trends. The well-being of the people of St. Kitts-Nevis in 1994 was the lowest among the countries of CARICOM. Before the year 2004, the well-being of the people of St. Kitts-Nevis was just below that of the people of Barbados, which country had the highest rating of all CARICOM countries.

The members of the CCM/PAM cabal, the PAM political propagandists and other PAM political misfits have displayed great antagonism towards our Prime Minister because he is selling or has sold some of our lands to foreigners.

I find such antagonism hard to understand. The former Prime Minister and leader of PAM was at one time engaged, as head of government, in negotiations with a firm of Jamaican sugar manufacturers, to sell the Basseterre Sugar Factory and hundreds of acres of our prime sugar lands. The logic employed by PAM seems to suggest that when PAM sells lands to foreigners, it is o.k., but when Labour sells lands to foreigners it is not acceptable.

Just before the last General Elections, the current leader of PAM attended a meeting with a total stranger at a hotel over at Frigate Bay. During the meeting the PAM leader accepted an offer of a bribe to sell large tracts of our prime sugar lands at less than the market value. So you see how dishonest, deceitful and indecent the PAMites are? Labour must not sell land to foreigners, only PAM has the right to do so, say the members of the CCM/PAM cabal and the other PAM political misfits.

The PAM Government built a highway on the South East Peninsula on lands belonging to private landowners. The highway no doubt enhanced the value of the private lands on the South-East Peninsula.

Some of the private land owners have sold lands to oil-rich businessmen from the Middle East. Did the PAM Government try to stop the private land owners from selling their lands to foreigners from the Middle East? Of course not; Objecting to the sale of our lands to foreigners at this stage makes little or no financial and economic sense.

PAM is simply trying to gain votes by engaging in dirty, gutter-snipe politics. We all remember the brouhaha that was raised by Dr. Billy Herbert and Dr. Kennedy Simmonds over the lands which they owned at West Farm in the area of Two Mile Hill. They both argued that they wanted to keep their lands in food production.

However, when Dr. Robert Ross, a U.S. citizen wanted to build his Ross University, School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, Dr. Herbert and Dr. Simmonds contacted him and agreed to sell him their lands to put down his university. You see PAM is now saying that it is wrong to sell sugar lands to foreigners. However, PAM did not think that it was wrong for Dr. Herbert and Dr. Simmonds to sell their lands to a foreigner.

You see, PAM has always been in the habit of practising cheap, weird and extreme politics. Whatever PAM does is applauded and praised to the skies. The same thing done by the Labour Party is criticised, denounced and condemned.

Over the past several weeks PAM and the Democrat newspaper have been sending out a strange, retrograde and horrible message to our children and young people. The message is: “Tief”, and “tief” big and in the process, do not forget to curse and bash Dr. Douglas. When you do this PAM and the Democrat will support you and defend you. Unfortunately for PAM such a message will never help the party to win the next Elections, not even with the help of the Sheriff and the CCM.

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Address by Dr. The Honorable Timothy Harris: Chairman of the SKN Labour Party at the 2012 Labour Party Conference at Marriot Hotel — May 20, 2012

**CHOOSE UNITY!**

Comrades, Delegates, Greetings!

Congrats to the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party on its 80th Anniversary. I bid you a special welcome to this the 80th Anniversary Commemorative Conference of the founding of the Party. This physical ceremony is a symbol of our inner spiritual strength. Outwardly, we can adjust to the changing times, while inwardly we can hold tight to unchanging values. I have chosen as my template for reflection the topic: CHOOSE UNITY!

Eight decades ago amidst the trials, tribulations, deprivation and abject poverty of a global depression the Workers League was born. Born to give hope to a suffering people. Born to lead a people to a better land, a new land of promise and opportunity. This new place was to be anchored in democracy, good governance and a people centered development. Our leaders knew then that our people could not achieve much unless the society was freed up. Freed up in terms of the right to the work; the right to associate, the right to all fundamental freedoms including the right to choose a government in free and fair elections.

Back then, our leaders knew that transformation of this country would only be meaningful and sustainable when the people were at the fulcrum of decision making. Back then, our leaders collectively possessed the wisdom to know the difference between the sincerity to accept and the courage to achieve.

Back then, our fore bearers exhibited unselfish ambition so that we could inherit unimaginable achievement. Then, our founding fathers sacrificed their pride and personal preferences for the dynamic longevity of the party. Then, our courageous women act boldly, decisively and quickly to convert our misfortunes into majestic deliverables.

That’s why we inherited a proud tradition of exemplary leadership and a vibrant people centered democracy. That’s why we’re heirs to a cadre of leaders willing to stand up against the powerful economic entities in defence of and in support of the justice of the man and woman on the street.

Today, the successor entity to the Workers League, the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, must continue that proud tradition of proactive action in favour of justice, democracy and development.

Today, we are in the throes of another recession. Its consequences are serious: significant layoff of workers, reduced work, few job openings and an increasing number of people whose lives are difficult. Today, we are at a crossroad between life and death, fatigue and flourishing, looking ahead and old loyalties— Shall we tilt our dignified resolve to win again into an all powerful trap of defeat?

Labour now, unlike 1932, must respond not with promise but with action. The response must now strike the balance between the books of the country (the imperatives of fiscal discipline and prudence) and the lives of ordinary people overwhelmed by the rising cost of living, austerity measures, high electricity bills, and mortgages beyond their reach.

The fashioning of a moral and courageous response is not beyond Labour. Our future depends on it! In fact, we have no future if we ignore our history and misread our present circumstances!

The Conference on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Party must help with this refashioning, redirecting of the Party and government to a truly people centered agenda, built on old values of service, with a new vision of action.

Yes, we are at a critical turning point. We must exercise the faith, love, and hope in each other to transition from laudable achievements to heightened expectations, from solving old problems to exploiting new opportunities, from devotion to private needs to dedication to collective wellbeing and planned amputation to the imperative of unity. This turning point calls for an inspired ethical decision. Every boy and girl, every parent and grandparent, the healthy and ill must be given an opportunity to realize their potential and cash in on their talent. Our great people deserve to live in a country of sustainable prosperity and goodwill for all!

This Conference must look to the future with the confidence that the best is yet to come for our people and country. We cannot be satisfied with simply doing well when the best is achievable. We cannot be satisfied with our people eking out a living when they could be enjoying the abundant life. We cannot postpone doing what it takes to democratize procedures, systems, processes and policy makers within the party making it not just a long standing party but as the most flexible, effective and responsive Party to local trends, regional challenges and global transformations.

We cannot silence the appeals for better governance, succession planning or for rekindling the comradery within the party. We must pay attention to voices that promote best practices, that inspire confidence, and that work toward a durable peace. Alas after 80 years, Labour must be prepared to make itself worthy of another 80. Labour must decide today between blessings and cures, between life and death, and between an unhealthy menu and a life-giving five course meal.

If we are, what is wrong, we have what it takes to make it right! We can carve out triumph out of tragedies. We were manufactured for greatness and built for honour. Let us choose to make this Conference on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Party, a time of renewal and a place of refreshment—a time of unifying the Party rather than splintering it into bits and pieces!

You— my comrades and delegates have a date with destiny, you and I have an appointment with a brand new tomorrow, and our Party Leader, the right Honorable Dr. Denzil Douglas, after serving for 23 years as Party Leader and 17 years as the PM, has a calling to a glorious legacy.

Like Abraham Lincoln, I’d like to see us “heal with malice toward none, with charity toward all.” We can choose reconciliation and embrace, or we can choose selfish ambition and division! We must avoid danger zones. We must reframe ourselves into a welcoming haven! If you, like me want a revived, energized, and unified Labour Party, I charge you to:

Tell the person next to you, “I am not just a twinkle, twinkle, little star.” I am more. I am a diamond in the Sky. We all belong to a great tradition; let’s reshape the future, together!

Henry Miller is right: “Our destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things!” I dare us to choose light! Before us are two futures: Division and Unity. I challenge you to choose unity. A choice for unity is a vote for courage…

**Courage to maintain stability**

**Courage to mend fences and build bridges**

**Courage to build a better future**

**Courage to achieve greater things**

**Courage to give the next generation their time in sunshine**

**Courage to mentor our young people**

**Courage to win the next election**

**Courage to build a great and prosperous SKN**

“Courage comrades do not stumble, though thy path be dark as night,

There is a star to guide the humble, trust in God and do the right”—

Do the right for you, for the Party and most of all for our dear country!

God bless this great Party, may God bless our great country, may God bless each and everyone of you today! I declare this Convention officially open!

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**JNF & IUON Blood Drive Notice**

The International University of Nursing in collaboration with the Joseph N. France General Hospital is inviting members of the general public to take part in a blood drive on Saturday, June 09, 2012.

Blood Donors are asked to come to the International University of Nursing Simulation Lab, located on the West Farm Campus between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The blood drive is an undertaking of the St.Kitts-Nevis National Blood Transfusion Services. Additional Information can be obtained by contacting the Pathology Laboratory at the Joseph N. France General Hospital at 465-2551 ext 163 or by emailing pathlab@yahoo.com.

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BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis is being commended for the strong implementation of their home-grown, IMF-supported programme.

Notwithstanding an adverse global setting, the fiscal target was met by a comfortable margin, and the authorities’ structural reforms progressed as planned, “said Mr. Naoyuki Shinohara, Deputy Managing Director and Acting Chair following the Executive Board’s discussion on Monday, May 21, 2012.

Mr. Shinohara said following three consecutive years of decline, the domestic economic outlook is positive, supported by FDI-related construction and an improvement in tourism activities, although the global environment continues to present downside risks.

“The authorities successfully concluded a debt exchange with bondholders and external commercial creditors, the first phase of the comprehensive restructuring of the public debt. They have also made further progress in the resolution of domestic loans, including on the conversion of loans secured with land. It will be important to minimize the impact of debt restructuring on banks’ balance sheets to preserve financial sector stability. The Special Purpose Vehicle should be implemented according to international best practices,” said Mr. Shinohara.

He said the success of the programme hinges on a proactive policy response to safeguard achievement of the fiscal targets and strict adherence to the planned pace of structural reforms.

“In this regard, the authorities are proceeding with efforts to enhance tax revenue, maintain tight control over expenditure, and prepare contingency measures. It will be important to continue to make progress on other fiscal reforms to expand space for growth-promoting spending,” Mr. Shinohara said.

Charles E. Mills Secondary Counselling Space Has a New Face and a New Name

(EMU) – St. Kitts: A brand new look at the Charles E. Mills Secondary School’s Guidance Counselling Center is expected to change perceptions and improve relationships through increased comfort, privacy and confidentiality.

The newly upgraded center now dubbed the Gloria Mills Counselling Department comprises the guidance counselor’s office and a private counselling room which besides being vibrantly painted and adorned with curtains and plants, also boasts sofa chairs and a rug, thus providing a more relaxing and conducive atmosphere for counseling.

Educator, Ms. Lorella Eddy who was responsible for the upgrade of the centre explained that it was done as part of the requirement of her Distance Learning Programme in Education Administration with the University of the West Indies. “To complete the programme I was required to select an aspect of the school’s physical plant and work toward its development as a practicum. As such, I decided to refurbish the Guidance Counselling Room,” she said.

She explained to the Education Media Unit (EMU) that the counseling room was no longer serving its purpose due to lack of privacy and appropriate space and ambiance. She therefore sought to provide a space with an enhanced environment in keeping with the high standards of the Charles E. Mills Secondary School. She expressed hope that this would encourage greater ease of communication between students, teachers, parents and guidance counsellors.

The center is now named after Gloria Mills who served as the first Guidance Counselor for the then Sandy Point High School. Ms. Mills, who was present at the re-opening ceremony, was applauded for her efforts and the resulting success in turning around bleak circumstances for some students.

Lorella thanked a number of contributors to the project and was especially grateful to Royceane Richards from the Guidance Counselling Department, as well as Crispin Woodley and Ms. Eleanor Phillip who all made tremendous personal sacrifices to see the project come to fruition.

Other contributing companies included Admiral Enterprises, Heavy Movers, S.L., Horsford, Builders Paradise, Courts Ltd., Bs Enterprises, CMSS Cafeteria and the Agricultural Department.

St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force recruits end training in Antigua

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – Twenty-four recruits of the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force were among 48 soldiers who concluded a training exercise in Antigua on last Friday, May 9th.

The 24 from St. Kitts and Nevis and also 24 from Antigua and Barbuda Passed-Out during a Parade at Camp Blizzard in Antigua on Thursday afternoon last week.

It is the first time that recruits from the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force were trained with the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force.

Of the 48 recruits the only two females among them are from St. Kitts and Nevis.

Chief Instructor of the 15-week training programme was Warrant Officer St. Clair of the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force and the seminar instructors Sergeant Glen Williams and Sergeant Laughton Huggins were also from the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force.

Lieutenant Troy Lake of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF) was the Officer Responsible for Training.
The Honourable Marcella Liburd/Minister of Health under whose aegis the Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) falls attended, on the invitation of the General Manager, the first General Assembly of the Solid Waste Management Corporation on Wednesday May 16th 2012. The General Assembly was held at the Sanitary Engineered Landfill Site, Conaree.

Minister Liburd in her remarks:

- Encouraged the entire SWMC staff assembled not to be wary in well doing and challenged the workers—management and staff alike—not to limit their “sensitizing of the public” to the current radio programmes (Talking Trash/Waste Matters) but requested every worker to “carry the fight in the alley ways, shops, communities; and not to leave this particular function to just the management.

- Thanked the SWM staff for its diligent and dedicated service and pointed out the critical importance of a clean country to the attainment and maintenance of good health in the first instance and to economic stability—given the prominence of tourism in the local economy. She was at pains to indicate that tourist ships/agents rigourously and continuously required the passengers to complete questionnaires which speak to the “cleanliness and safety and security of destinations. This is a factor, she said, which “features prominently in the determination of whether or not a particular destination remains on the port of call/schedule”.

- Commended the SWMC for launching its Social and Sports Club, noting how “important social clubs are for human support and fostering health and wellness (including recreation, relaxation etc)”. Highlighted a concern which comes to mind given the recent heavy rains and the upcoming hurricane season and related it to the tendency for householders living up stream to dump unwanted material in the ghauts and rivers. She encouraged the SWMC not to give up, but rather to intensify its dialogue with residents to discourage and eliminate this practice. According to Minister Liburd, “the SWMC is one of the better managed agencies in the country and hence there is no reason for residents to be throwing garbage in the ghauts”.

- Referred to the benefits that obtain in the SWMC and asked workers not to take them for granted.

- Took the time to focus in some detail on the Pension Act recently passed in Parliament and addressed its impact and relevance to employees of SWMC.

A question and answer session followed and The Honourable Minister Liburd posed for photographs with the Management and Staff.

Solid Waste to commemorate a number of milestones

The Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC), St. Kitts, will commemorate a number of milestones ranging from ten to twelve years sustainability over the course of 2012. Traditionally, the month of May has been identified as the month in which the core celebratory activities took place.

Among such milestone achievements are:

1. 12 years since the formal transition of responsibility and authority for a number of services from the Public Health/Environmental Health department to the SWMC (Collection Service, Litter Warden. Management of Conaree Dumpsite back then etc).

2. 10 years since the commissioning of the state of the art Sanitary Engineered Landfill at Conaree.

3. Consistent improvement of the Litter Abatement and waste management related legislation leading to the passage in Parliament in of the ‘one-stop’ “Solid Waste Management Act, No. 11 of 2009”.

4. From the assumption of rental office space at the Corner of Central and New Streets to the acquisition of property for own office space.


6. The growth of labour force from three persons to one hundred at its peak.

7. The provision of collection service to 11,500 households (2002) to approximately 20,000 households (2012)

8. Regional recognition for its waste audit exercise among the commercial sector.

In 2012, however, the SWMC management has indicated that the celebratory and commemorative activities are not likely to be limited to the month of May but extend to the end of the year.

On Wednesday, May 16th, to kick-off the celebratory and commemorative schedule, the Management and Staff met at Conaree Landfill to participate in what the organization is dubbing its first General Assembly. It involved the congregation of all 80 employees of the SWMC at the venue to deliberate and make decisions on a number of matters. According to General Manager, Alphonso Bridgewater, “the General Assembly affords the opportunity to deliver a focused, consistent message to all employees simultaneously (and he) envisages at least two such General Assemblies per annum going forward”.

In the words of Executive Secretary, Sharon Drew (with the organization from its very inception) who together with Operations Supervisor/Wilmon Mc Call was responsible for coordinating the preparation and execution of the General Assembly, the General Assembly was a means of setting the trend “for positive thinking and a positive lifestyle within the organization, building camaraderie, involving workers in the decision-making process and establishing requisite corps committees.”

This General Assembly was, however, focused on receiving the feedback and buy-in plus additional inputs and direction from the employees on a number of matters, including:

1. Establishment of a corps committee comprised of proportionate representation (according to number of employees per Division/Unit) from the respective Divisions/Units of the SWMC (main Office/Administration, Litter Wardsen, landfill, Collection, Mechanic). This committee will constitute the “workers’ voice” in matters requiring consultation with and involvement and participation of the workers. Such matters would include conflict resolution, peer discipline and sanctions intervention, decisions on alternative courses of actions in operations etc, delivery of benefits, general workers’ welfare, social and sporting activities.

2. The launching of the SWMC Social and Sports Club.

The General Assembly session was chaired by Operations Officer/Valentine Heyliger with remarks/presentations made by Sharon Drew/Executive Secretary re the Sports and Social Club, Project Officer/Sydney Matthew re the Sports Club Events, General Manager/Alphonso Bridgewater re rationale behind the General Assembly and status on critical matters impacting the SWMC.

The General Assembly had the pleasure of being joined by the Honourable Marcella Liburd/Minister of Health, Social Development, Culture and Gender Affairs who made pertinent remarks. The General Assembly concluded with the election of the corps committee and the taking of a group photograph.

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH 2012
Ambassador Tsao reiterates Taiwan’s commitment to continue working with St. Kitts and Nevis

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – The Republic of China (Taiwan), although poised to propelling itself into another level of development, has never forgotten the long path it has travelled.

So says Taiwan’s Resident Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, His Excellency Miguel Tsao during a reception in honour of Sunday’s inauguration of President His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou, and Vice President, His Excellency Wu Den-yih, former Premier.

He told Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Cabinet ministers, the Speaker of the National Assembly and senior government officials that during his first term, President Ma farsightedly outlined the role for Taiwan in the international community.

“...A peacemaker, a provider of humanitarian aid, a creator of new technologies and business opportunities, and the standard bearer of Chinese culture. Tangible achievements in these fields as well as in the cross strait relationship with mainland China reflected favorably on the Presidential elections in January, and the result has won President Ma another four-year term to further fulfill his mandate,” said Ambassador Tsao.

He pointed out that as during the restructuring of major industries, rationalization of utility rates, internationalization of education system, and attracting foreign talent to enrich domestic labor pool,” said the Taiwan diplomat.

“Over the course of few decades, Taiwan has gone from a recipient of international aid to a donor today. Looking back, we are forever grateful for the helping hand that helped Taiwan stand on its feet in the past; looking into the future, we cherish those who have been with us all these years and look forward to strengthening our friendship with them,” said Ambassador Tsao, who expressed pride to have the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis as a close ally.

“We thank you, Hon. Prime Minister, and your administration, for your long time staunch support in international arenas such as WHA, UN, International Aviation Organization (ICAO) and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),” he said.

Ambassador Tsao pledged Taiwan’s “commitment to continue working with you for the mutual interests and well-being of our two peoples.

Working hand-in-hand, let us make our two countries stand out and glow together. Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis are small countries, if we work and put together, we will be tallawah,” he said.

Locally-produced bottled jam bearing photos of President Ma Ying-jeou and Vice President Wu Den-yih were given to guests.

Erasmus Williams
Zion Moravian Church to host workshop on Basic Counseling Skills

BASSETTERE, St Kitts—Church workers and community leaders will soon be better equipped to counsel young and mature persons in need. The Zion Moravian Church is currently preparing to host a six-day intensive workshop on Basic Counseling Skills. It is hoped that participants would be enlightened on a wide variety of topics including effective listening techniques, building and maintaining confidentiality, crisis intervention techniques and fostering a therapeutic counselling relationship.

According to a spokesperson from the organizing committee, the Zion Moravian Church felt that the upcoming sessions would be needed in an effort to assist with the management of psychological and physiological issues associated with the prevailing social ills. In recent times the Federation has seen an increase in violent crimes and its detrimental effects on our developing society. Additionally, there are other prominent social ills which currently plague our society. These include teenage pregnancy, behavioral, disciplinary and psychological problems and widespread sexually transmitted diseases.

“Whenever there is a crime, both the victim’s family and the perpetrator’s family are affected. The effects are far-reaching and have severe consequences on our social, economical, psychological and healthcare environments. As a Church, we have a social responsibility to ensure that we are moulding persons with good character and also reaching out to persons who are in need”, said Rev Hilton Joseph, Pastor of the Zion Moravian Church.

Basic Counselling Course – Zion Moravian Church
Deputy Prime Minister Condor pays tribute to Masud Sadiki

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Sam Condor has paid tribute to the late Kevin Donovan, also known as Masud Sadiki.

In a statement on Tuesday, Mr. Condor, also the Federation’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Labour, Immigration and Social Security, hailed Masud Sadiki as a “local musician, entrepreneur, and model artiste who used his creative genius, celebrity and powerful platform to advocate for the United Nations and UNIFEM’s “UNite To End Violence Against Women” Campaign.”

“The brainchild of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, the campaign aspires to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls worldwide. This UN initiative collaborates with individuals, civil society and governments to put an end to violence against women in all its forms,” said Deputy Prime Minister Condor.

He said that as an individual, Masud Sadiki was the epitome of positivity and goodwill. “As a lyricist he championed this cause with passion and had committed to the project until 2015 to spreading the message of love for all women. As a music legend, he shared his unique style of music across the country and around the world. His music will leave an indelible mark on our society, and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family,” said Mr. Condor.

He said Masud Sadiki was not only a musical icon. “He was also a father, a husband, and a son and I take this opportunity to convey sincerest condolences to the entire family.”

“IT is with a sense of hope, nonetheless, that we say so long to Masud because his lyrics with their powerful message of respect for women will resonate with us for a long time and be a perpetual reminder of the value of life, relationships and friendships,” said Mr. Condor, who used the opportunity to express sympathy on his own behalf, and that of his family and the entire Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Immigration, Labour and Social Security.

Photo by Erasmus Williams

St. Kitts To Host 22nd Oecs Ministers Of Education Meeting

Basseterre, St. Kitts (SKNIS): Final preparations are underway for the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis to host the 22nd Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Ministers of Education Meeting under the theme “OECS Education: Contributing to a Deeper, Stronger Economic Union”.

The Federal Minister of Education and Information, Hon. Nigel Carty, stated that the upcoming meeting is an enormous step forward in the political and economic integration movement within the OECS. “The OECS Education Ministers Meeting is attempting to assist us in the integration of our people, strengthening that integration and deepening the integration movement,” Minister Carty said. “One of the broad objectives of the OECS sector strategy is to teach our young people to live together and so that they learn to tolerate and appreciate people and their diversity.”

He also noted that one of the issues at the centre of the discussions in education is the issue of “school leadership.”

“We believe that the leadership of educational institutions is one of the most critical factors affecting the success of our education system.”

He further noted that we need educational leaders who are qualified and highly motivated to deal with the challenges in education.

The meeting, scheduled to be held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort from May 22 to 24, will give policy makers an opportunity to engage in constructive dialogue on substantive issues regarding education development in the OECS, agree on policies and strategies to advance OECS education, secure the support and collaboration of regional agencies in advancing the education development agenda, as well as share innovative ideas and experiences that have contributed to educational development at the national level.

During the three day event, the Ministers of Education are expected to address a number of pertinent issues including Early Childhood Development, Teacher Professional Development and Post Secondary and Higher Education.
PM Douglas: Masud Sadiki, a cultural icon par excellence

Caribbean, because Masud was such a bright and shining star,” said Prime Minister Douglas by telephone from Barbados where he attended the CARICOM-Mexico Summit. Dr. Douglas told listeners that Masud’s gifts and versatility took him to villages, and towns, and cities, far beyond the shores of St. Kitts “and resulted in his working with people from countless nations and cultures who were trying to make our world a better place.” “He was a cultural icon par excellence, and a most positive reflection on our people and our culture,” said the Prime Minister, who pointed out that just a few weeks ago, a United Nations Regional Director was in the Federation on business, and while here she was explaining how lucky the UN was to have had Masud’s involvement in their programme, and what a positive impact his international UN ads had had on the UN’s work in the region and around the world. Masud’s death was a painful reminder of how little we all knew -and, therefore, how ill-equipped we all were to help. And because of this, our hearts are broken this morning and will be broken for a long time to come,” said Prime Minister Douglas of Masud, who along with Jazzique, represented the Caribbean at the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) at a concert organised by UNIFEM Palestine in December 2010. He requested that instead of rebroadcasting his message to the delegates at the 80th Annual conference of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party as was planned, “I can think of no better way to pay tribute to the very young and supremely talented Masud, and the ideals by which he tried to live, than to devote the remainder of this hour to the outstanding body of work for which he will always be remembered, and for which we will forever be in his debt.”

Dr. Douglas on behalf of his Cabinet and the entire nation, extended his deepest sympathies to his dear wife, Charmaine; his children, his dear mother and his family and all those who loved him dearly. During the programme several callers paid tribute to Masud and expressed sympathy to his family and fans. Minister LK, also released a song “Gone Away” in tribute to Masud. An official police report states the lifeless body of Kevin Williams - Donovan alias Masud Sadiki was found hanging from a tree in the hillside close to the Verchild’s High School late Monday afternoon. A bio on the internet described Masud Sadiki “as the most influential reggae artist coming out of the twin island paradise of St. Kitts and Nevis and, more specifically St. Kitts.” “Masud Sadiki delivers everything that is positive and great about reggae music. Immediately upon meeting this brother, one cannot help but feel at ease in his presence. The St. Kitts born artist, christened Kevin Donovan in 1974, began performing publicly at high school concerts, where he immediately stood out amongst his peers. Masud quickly began burning up local gigs and talent shows, which led him to share the stage with the likes of Buju Banton, Luciano, Denise Brown, Morgan Heritage, Beres Hammond, Wyclef Jean, Culture, Lucky Dube, Gregory Isaacs, Junior Kelly, Everton Blender and many other reggae stars, many of whom have influenced his music.

Any artist can make a statement, but Masud is here to make a difference. Masud is a recording artist, writer, and dynamic performer, with over 12 years of performing experience, including 4 years as a lead vocalist of Caribbean Roots (the house band for Four Seasons Resort, Nevis). His mission is to bring uplifting songs with a steadfast message of universal peace and love to his listeners.

With an exciting blend of roots reggae, ska, a touch of dancehall, a dash of African rhythms and a sprinkle of other Caribbean musical flavours, he manages to keep it lively and fun, with catchy melodies and brilliantly crafted music, while delivering socially conscious lyrics. On stage, backed by his band KALA-BASH, Masud’s performances are passion-filled, hypnotic and his overall energy is nothing short of contagious. “I get a spiritual high when I’m on stage and the energy from the musicians and audience heightens the experience”, he says brandishing his signature smile.

Masud also lends his time to the youths in his country, hosting music workshops, and giving motivational talks at schools. He was selected by the Government of St Kitts and Nevis to represent the federation on a study tour to Taiwan in 2001, as he was considered one of the most influential youths there. His superb vocal skills and creativity are evident on his two independently released albums: “Blitz Off” in 2001 and “Sun Down 2 Sun Up” in 2003. Both albums collectively feature local and regional favourites such as Love For Mama, Log Out, Wonder How, and Reggae Run This Party.

Masud has performed in England, Cuba, Taiwan, and in many other neighbouring Caribbean islands including Anguilla, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica and St Croix. He resigned from his lead vocalist role with the Caribbean Roots Band to direct his full attention to a solo career. After a few personal and business challenges, Masud released his third album “Keep It Down To Earth” late June 2010 – which was due for a late 2009 release. It was released on the Pull Phactor Entertainment and West Indies Records labels; the former is owned by Masud and his producer/music director, Hakeem “Raga Redz” Samuel, and based in St. Kitts, while the latter is based in Anguilla.

This new album shows a more seasoned and mature Masud. It is Masud’s most impressive work to date, as it is fully loaded with powerful and inspiring songs. Unlike his previous albums, this album is a lot more organic and authentic, as he is used more live instruments, including drums, guitars, bass and percussions to significantly improve the sound quality. This album is a 100% St Kitts/Nevis product, as all the lyrics and vocals are being supported and brought to life by a carefully selected powerful team of local musicians, producers and engineers.

On the 4th October 2010 Masud released a new powerful song called A Stitch In Time. Masud wrote “A Stitch In Time” to support and bring more awareness the United Nations’ Secretary General’s “UNiTE To End Violence Against Women” campaign. “I love and respect women with all my heart and I am super happy to be lending my voice and energy to such a very serious and important campaign. My grandmother was stabbed to death in a supermarket in St. Croix, so violence against women has hit my family long before I was born. My Mom was just eight (8) years old.” Masud said...

Masud’s influence goes much deeper than music. He was, up until late 2010, the district manager for the National Emergency Management Agency in his community. He is presently the PRO for CUET (Community Upliftment and Enhancement Team), the most influential and dynamic non-government and non-political community group in his community. Armed with a wealth of experience, passion, love for humanity, talent and countless self-penned songs, this dedicated artist is all polished and set to take his music to music-lovers all over the world. Photo by Erasmus Williams
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The 13th Inauguration Of The President

It is my distinct pleasure to share in this most jubilant occasion, on behalf of the Government and people of St Kitts and Nevis. The celebrations today, are in recognition of the inauguration on Sunday, May 20th, 2012, of President Ma Ying-jeou, for a second term in office, in service to the people of the ROC on Taiwan. We celebrate as well, the Swearing-in of the new Vice President Wu Den yih.

As we commemorate his inauguration, we also congratulate President Ma for his success at the polls; and for his continued excellent leadership of the Chinese National Party, Kuomintang. Certainly, the relationship between the Governments and peoples of our Federation and Taiwan, has been deepened; and is likened to the bond that families share. We celebrate our good fortune.

Our Deputy Governor General, Sir Edmund Lawrence and Lady Lawrence are currently in Taiwan, to represent the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and will attend the inauguration, along with Her Excellency, Jasmine Huggins St.Kitts-Nevis Ambassador to ROC Taiwan. Their participation in this signal event is indicative of the strong bond of fraternity that exists between both our countries.

The Media has described the campaign leading up to the elections, as the “most refreshing” of the five Presidential contests, since Taiwan emerged from single-party rule, in 1996.

It is reported, that President Ma’s campaign was devoid of personal character-attacks. This is indeed commendable and deserving of emulation. President Ma’s First Term has been marked with political acclaim. One initiative that was most remarkable and outstanding, was his emulation. This is indeed commendable and deserving of emulation.

Undoubtedly, this strengthening and deepening of Relations that I today applaud, is as a direct result of the drive, enthusiasm and commitment of our beloved, charismatic, generous, self-effacing Resident Ambassador Tsao, who has worked assiduously with the assistance of the staff here at the Embassy, to deepen relationship; and to secure benefits for both countries.

Your Excellency, you have captured the admiration and respect of our people. Thank you for your kind service Sir.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis remains committed to advocating for Taiwan’s aspirations in the International Arena. We strongly believe that Taiwan deserves no less; and we shall continue to stand in solidarity with her on matters of significance to its citizenry.

On behalf the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of my own family; and most certainly, as one of the proud citizens, who so warmly welcome, God Bless our Land of Beauty—— God Bless our people.
The Labour Spokesman

Friday, May 25th 2012

- NEWS -

VIEWPOINT

Homes under-pin the Nation

In last week’s article we discussed the topic: Righteousness Exalts the Nation”. Since then, I stumbled unto this quotation which inspired today’s topic: “The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people” (Ashanti Saying).

Acknowledging that the terms “home” and “family” are interrelated their usage throughout this article would be interchangeable whereas “home” is the place where one lives; a fixed residence of family or household. “Family” is the basic social unit of those related by kinship and sharing a common residence. The reader’s intelligence is respected to figure out what the Ashanti saying means.

Viewed from any perspective, interpreted in any language that saying is powerful, sobering and not easily dismissive, if at all... You are therefore invited to join in the discussion.

In recent decades criticisms both constructive and destructive, have been levelled on homes, schools and churches (not in the same degree) with the proliferation of crime and violence allegedly committed by some of our nation’s young people, especially males.

Your guess is as good as mine why the aforementioned institutions have been singled out. Perhaps because they deserve the blame or they are seen as soft targets. Don’t misunderstand me, I believe a bulwark against evil would be strengthened if the Home, School and Church join hands.

FAMILY UNDER PINNING

Just in case some readers are not too clear in their minds what underpinning means, let me explain. It is a technical term used in the construction industry where each one of the above mentioned is the foundation of the entire building. If for any reason one structure is weakened or damaged, it might cause all the structures to fail. A building structure underpins strength and stability.

The Final Authority on Judgement Is Jesus

According to the New Testament the final authority on judgement is the Lord Jesus. In the rite of the Anglican Burial Service Jesus is addressed as the “holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy and eternal Judge.” Jesus constantly affirmed that in the day when all appear before God’s judgement seat to receive the abiding and eternal consequences of the life they have lived, He will be the Father’s agent in judgement. His Word of final authority is the ultimate foundation. (See Matthew 7:13-27; 10:26-33; 13:24-50; Luke 13: 23-30; 16:19-31; John 5:22-30).

In Matthew we learn that Jesus is the Son of Man Who will be on His throne in heavenly glory. Everyone will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people from one another; placing some on the right and some on the left. The King will send those on His right to their eternal blessed home while He sends those on His left to their eternal cursed abode (see Matthew 25:31-46). John in his account of the Gospel gives an even clearer picture of Christ as Judge, when he declares, “The Father judges no one, but He has entrusted all judgement to the Son, that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father... The Father ... has given Him authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.” Then John concludes, “A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out; those who have done good will rise to life, and those who have done evil will rise to condemnation” (John 5:28-29).

Christ stands at the end of life’s road to meet everyone without exception. Amos’ advice to all in the Old Testament is still God’s message for the world today, “Prepare to meet thy God” (Amos 4:12). “Because He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He has ordained; whereas He has given assurance unto all men, in that He has raised Him from the dead (Acts 17:31).

Final judgement will be executed from what one has done. Just in case some readers are not too clear in their minds what underpinning means, let me explain. It is a technical term used in the construction industry where each one of the above-mentioned is the foundation of the entire building. If for any reason one structure is weakened or damaged, it might cause all the structures to fail. A building structure underpins strength and stability.

The judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the flesh. (Romans 8:13). “For we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Fitting the two statements above together can be answered in this manner: First, the gift of justification shields believers from being condemned and banished from God’s presence as sinners. This statement appears from the vision of judgement that John the Divine speaks about, when he mentioned “the books” with the records of each person’s works that are alongside “the book of life.” Those whose names are not “thrown in the lake of fire” as a just punishment (1Corinthians 3:12-15).

It is said that “reward and loss signify an enriched or impoverished relationship with God... it is beyond our present power to know in what way.”

Final judgement will be according to our knowledge. It is said that all persons know something about God’s will through general revelation; even if they have not been instructed in the Law or the Gospel. All are guilty before God for falling short of the best they know. Paul puts it this way, “For as many that have sinned without the Law shall also perish without the Law: And as many that have sinned in the Law shall be judged by the Law” (Romans 2:12). If one has been given much, much will be expected of him (see Luke 12:48). This is true justice. So, the Judge of all the earth will judge right, no mistake will be made. There will be no condemnation for those on the right side of the Lord.

Knowing Jesus now as Saviour and King means that Christians will be looking forward to that future meeting with joy, knowing that there will be rejoicing for those who are in Christ (see Romans 8:1).

The forth stanza of the Hymn Rock of Ages, has a message:

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eye lids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy Judgment throne,
Rock of my purpose steadfast,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Chair : Nevis Regional Council
And Nevis Christian Council
Public Utilities Ministry Praises SKELEC for Improved Service

Basseterre, St. Kitts (SKNIS): Kittitians and Nevisians were encouraged by a recent account of Government’s satisfaction with improved service from the St. Kitts Electricity Company.

Minister of Public Utilities, Hon. Dr. Earl Asim Martin gave an enthusiastic report of the details of Government’s approval of the company’s efforts at the Thursday, May 17 sitting of the National Assembly.

In his presentation, Minister Martin praised the newly formed St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) for vast improvement in the delivery of electricity service to the island. He also commented favourably on the company’s improved communication with the general customer base.

“Over the last nine months, I am glad to report to this honourable house, we have seen tremendous improvement in the reliability of the supply of electricity in St. Kitts” said Minister Martin. “We have seen more active public relations coming into being, when there are outages, there are notices prior, and even if the outages occur without prior notice, there are some explanations given. I want to commend the public relations arm of the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) for keeping the citizens informed with respect to most of the things that would be happening there.”

Although the cost of electricity generation is still a major concern for countries in region, St. Kitts and Nevis still pays one of the lowest rates per 100 kilowatt for electricity. Nonetheless, ways are being sought to reduce the operational cost associated with providing this service.

“We have to begin to look at ways and means of how we can begin to operate our utilities much more efficiently” said Minister Martin, “and begin to bring into being the new technologies that we will appreciate in bringing down the operation cost and having the company running in a much more efficient way that will eventually way down to the cost of electricity for our consumers in the federation.”

He said that Government would want SKELEC to continue to work hard to constantly improve the service and explore the employment of new technologies.

“We, as a company have to begin to look at the new technology that is out there” said Minister Martin, “new technology in terms of whether we are going into smart meters, prepaid meters, whether we are going to go into net metering, where people will be able to come onto the grid where they will have their solar panels and be able to get involved in selling their electricity back into the St. Kitts Electricity Company and they will have a net metering period. We see that as a means of bringing into being the new technology that will assist us.”

SKELEC has been, within recent months shaping itself into the backbone and springboard for Government’s efforts in promoting efficient, responsible and sustainable energy use in the Federation.

“More international exposure for St. Kitts and Nevis”

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – More international exposure for the twin-island Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The latest is from Hospitality Times. It lists St. Kitts and Nevis among the 10 Smallest Islands in the World.

“You may not have heard about these countries since they are so small. However, what they lack in size, they certainly make up for with their rich culture, heritage, history and spectacular attractions. Explore the 10 smallest countries in the world with Tourism-Review.com.”

It added: “St. Kitts and Nevis is made up of two volcanic islands. They are known for pristine beaches, lush rainforests and attractions like the Culturama, the volcanic cone of Nevis Peak and St. Kitts Scenic Railway.”

Over the past few months, St. Kitts and Nevis has been featured internationally.

The St. Kitts’ Scenic Railway train was listed among 30 stunning heritage trains of the world and the only one in the Caribbean.

In May 2012, St. Kitts and Nevis was ranked #3 on a list of the “10 Best Islands in the World” by US News & World Report.

Development Bank staff attend Productivity Basics and Work Ethics workshop

BASSETERRE ST. KITTS — Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis members of staff spent the entire afternoon Thursday May 17 at NEMA headquarters in Basseterre where they participated in a Productivity Basics and Work Ethics workshop conducted by Mr John Pilgrim of the Barbados National Productivity Council.

“I believe that our organisation is going to benefit from what we have done today, and I am looking forward to each one of us moving into the future,” said Mr David Fox, the bank’s Loans Management Unit Manager. “We are not just hanging on to the past but we are looking towards the future.”

Mr Fox, who was speaking on behalf of the participating members of staff drawn from the head office in Basseterre and branch office in Charlestown, said that there were a number of things that came to their discussions that afternoon and which he hoped they all could take and use as they move into the future.

“We want to give thanks to Mr Pilgrim for the wealth of information that he was able to leave with us,” commented Mr Fox. He talked of the seven steps that they had learned and reminded the staff that “we have to establish goals, we have to make sure that we understand our roles, which is very important, and that we play by the rules.

“That is why we have audit. Audit is there to make sure that we play by the rules. We are supposed to build trusts: We must trust each other and make sure that once we build that trust we are going to be able to have the management, setting goals and objectives, keeping workers focused on ensuring that their performance is consistently high to the benefit of themselves and the institution and in general ensuring that productivity is kept alive and well in the organisation and in the country as a whole.”

Mr John Pilgrim (right) conducting the workshop held at NEMA headquarters

Mr David Fox of the Development Bank (right) thanking Mr John Pilgrim
Why the fascination of PAM with the working class of St. Kitts?

Dear Reader, I might have mentioned some of the materials in this article sometime ago, but the repetition does not subtract the juice, the meat, the lesson, the expectation and the satisfaction of reading the article. Any repetition is a vital and compulsory necessity in order to reinforce my point or points.

The repetition could also serve to cement the historical facts in our minds, especially at a time when the enemies are hell bent on distorting our historical facts in an effort to confuse the working class, hoping against hope, that they will feel from the stability of stability to migrate to their stables of confusion and insincerity.

Our march on Monday 7th May, 2012, has demonstrated to them that we are very conscious of our historical background. We know who we are, we know from whence we came and we are staying in our lane.

There must be some magnetic force which draws the supporters of PAM every Labour Day from enjoying their Labour Day breakfast, to travel all the way down the Voodoo Hill to participate in the Labour Day March, pretending that they come to observe our numbers. What business is it to them whether we have twenty, fifty, one hundred or thousands of supporters marching with us?

Labour Day is set aside as a day for workers. Whether it is May Day or Labour Day, it is a day designated for the enjoyment of workers and their families.

May Day (1st May) is termed May Day and it is the same as Labour Day. Most countries celebrate the first day in May (most Latin American Countries), but in the English speaking Caribbean, in order to give the workers a long weekend.

May Day, the Workers Day is not celebrated on the first day in May, but on the first Monday in May which is dubbed Labour Day, thereby drawing severe and unjust unwarranted and unfair criticism from PAM at the mere mention of the word “labour”.

America celebrates Labour Day, the first Monday in September. Many of us have visited America to enjoy its Labour Day, for it is a day set aside solely for workers and their families to enjoy and as recognition for the important role workers play in the workplace, in the production of goods and services and the overall development of the country.

So, while it is May Day in the Latin American Countries, Labour day in the English speaking Caribbean Islands or Labour Day in Brooklyn in New York, the United States of America, it is as I have stated earlier, a day set aside to recognize the important role that workers play in the development of their country. It is hypocrisy of some leaders of PAM and its supporters to enjoy Labour Day in Brooklyn, but hate Labour Day in St. Kitts.

People from all over the world journey to Brooklyn to enjoy Labour Day there, because it is one of the occasions when you get to touch base with family and friends whom you have not seen in donkey years (a very long time).

Some readers might be inquisitive to know why all the other countries celebrate Workers Day in May, except the United States of America. This is so, because the Workers Day is a recognition of the fact that workers were identified from the day for workers to be recognized were considered to be led by left wing leaders, who were worker conscious. The US, on the other hand was right wing (anti-workers) and the bastion of capitalism.

They did not sign the protocol making the first day or the first Monday in May, the celebration of Workers Day. What they did, and this was to show that they are different, was to move St. Patrick’s Day which is an Irish Holiday from September to May and then they celebrated their Labour Day the first Monday in September.

As I have said earlier, Labour Day, May Day or Labour Day in September is in recognition of workers. The reason why PAM cannot celebrate and has built up a cauldron of hatred against the Labour Day March is because it is not a people’s organization. All workers organizations the world over, join forces together and march, because they are worker-oriented.

Once the organization represents workers, they don’t stand aside and criticize or dissuade workers from marching. Their mission is the same. They fold arms together and march in the spirit of solidarity. The leaders are the battleships in the struggle for the rights, privileges and dignity of the working class peoples of the world.

Here in St. Kitts, by their very antics, one can easily detect the anti-sentiments of the People’s action Movement (PAM). If this organization and its leaders bore any love, respect and solidarity for the pride, dignity and the contribution that the working class people have made to the development of this beautiful land of ours, they would have paid homage to those whose blood, sweat, tears have soaked the soil of this land and whose dead bodies, which fainted under the lash of the whip have fertilized the land. They would have joined forces with the Masses of Marching Working Class People instead of gawking on the wayside as we pass by.

I am of the belief and a very firm one at that, that it is shame of themselves as the offspring of working class people which has them gawking foolishly. They must feel the ties between them and us. They must experience the genes of their working class mother and father generating in them. Even the founder of PAM, although he was an agouti (traitor) of the working class, was himself a working class man. He was not a massa. He worked for Massa. He received wages when he first started as a store boy cleaning the offices and a salary when his ambitious appetite enabled him to move upward until he attained the Secretarial post of the Sugar Producers Association. A working class man whose working class genes reside in his offspring today.

Perhaps it is those working class genes in his off springs which force them to endure hunger by not partaking of their breakfast to trek down Voodoo Hill to be fascinated and mesmerized by the Pom Pom Girls in their white outfits and the seas of red working class people passing them.

I certainly believe that the genes within them prompt them or keep gouging them to join the sea of marchers and become one of us or all of us. Brother Shawn Richards is a typical example where the genes of his cane weeding grandmother reside in him. His participation in the march is no mockery. It is a realization of his origin. He is the product of working class people who was fortunate to access good education.

This does not set him apart from his cane weeding grandmother. Instead, it has demonstrated that the offspring of working class people no longer have to settle to become blacksmiths, drain sweepers, carpenters or porters. They can elevate, cultivate and educate themselves into positions, once thought to be sacred to the oppressors of his working class parents and unattainable and distant to the off springs of those same working class parents.

Shawn marches with us as a recognition of the contribution his working class grandmother or mother gave to the country. The sweat, blood, labour, tears have made to the Labour Movement and the development of the country. Shawn is misguided. He believes that his University education sets him apart from us. But in truth and in fact, he is still one of us. He wants to desert us, but we will never desert him. We cannot desert him for he is a constant reminder to us that the off springs of working class people are not worthy candidates to be catapulted to the leadership of PAM, even though it was founded by a working class man who was totally unaware and perhaps very much ashamed to be recognized as such.

PAM prefers to be led by the offspring of an oppressor who was ordained to be the next Prime Minister, but who has failed twice to win his seat. Shawn reminds us of the unfairness of PAM. We must embrace Shawn in our march because he is a symbol to us that PAM is not a democratic political party, but a private club in which the ordinary folks have no role other than to touch base with their leader as this club is a family affair. It is quite evident to all and sundry, that PAM is very anti-working class.

In 1980-1995 when PAM was in power, although Labour Day was an International Day for workers, whether they work for government or not, the PAM Government employed persons to look out from buildings and to stand guard on sidewalks to jolt down the names of Civil Servants or any workers at government establishments that opposed their leader as this club is a family affair. It is quite evident to all and sundry, that PAM is very anti-working class.

Why did they attack democracy?

Why did they attack us?
CARICOM relies on Mexico to bring regional issues to G20 attention

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) - The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has signalled that it is relying on Mexico to bring to the attention of the G20, issues that are of critical importance to the Community, including the slow reform of multilateral institutions, climate change and the achievement of sustainable energy for all in the Small Island Developing States.

At the opening of the Second CARICOM-Mexico Summit in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Monday, attended by St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, both the Chairman of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM, His Excellency Desiré Bouterse, President of Suriname, and host, the Honourable Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados, spoke of enlisting Mexico's support, as the current chair of the G20 which meets next month, in raising matters of critical concern to the Region.

President Bouterse pointed out that though the G20 was an important forum in which the Community had great interest, it was a forum within which "regrettably, we do not have a voice, though this body makes far-reaching decisions which impact significantly on the viability of our economies".

"As we discuss the G20 later today, we will delve into the details of the concerns which we have, and on which we will be seeking your continued advocacy within the G20 forum. We recognize that as host of the G20 Summit this June, you are well placed to be our voice and to articulate our concerns and positions. We look forward to positive outcomes of those discussions," President Bouterse said.

He added that the Community was pleased that the themes which Mexico would focus on at the G20 Summit resonated well with the Region's own areas of interest, including economic stabilization and structural reforms as foundations of growth and employment; enhancing food security; and the promotion of sustainable development, green growth and the fight against climate change.

For Prime Minister Stuart, perhaps the greatest contribution that Mexico could make to the cause of Caribbean development at this uncertain juncture of world affairs was that of advocacy. Mexico's crucial role as current chair of the G20 represented a unique opportunity for the concerns of the Region's small and marginalized to be brought to the attention of next month's G20 Summit through its good offices, he said.

CARICOM said among the Region's concerns that were highlighted by the Prime Minister were the slow process of reform of the multilateral institutions, the uneven results to date and the "continued lack of representativeness and transparency of the G20".

He added that there were "worrying signs that we have moved from the rich man's club of the G7 to the big man's club of the G20", whose members were more united in telling non-G20 countries what they should do instead of prescribing for those within their own fold. The Barbados Prime Minister focused attention on the "constant tilting of playing fields and moving of goal-posts" in the G20's response to Caribbean-based international financial centres, "notwithstanding the fact that the bulk of proven money-laundering, inadequate regulation and tax avoidance has occurred in the financial centres of Europe and the United States of America".

Prime Minister Stuart also pointed to the need for room within the "assertive liberalization policies" of the major trading nations to accommodate the legitimate trade sensitivities of the Small Vulnerable Economies and to promote supportive policies for them in the areas of financing for development, aid for trade, and addressing the issue of indebtedness.

The host Prime Minister also raised the grave threat of climate change and the urgency of agreeing on a comprehensive and ambitious response to the phenomenon. It was the Region's hope, he said, that Mexico would champion and promote the recently-adopted Barbados Declaration on Achieving Sustainable Energy for All in the Small Island Developing States.

CARICOM and Mexico have had a longstanding beneficial relationship beginning in 1974 when Mexico became the first country to form a Joint Commission with the Community. Amb. Irvin LaRocque, CARICOM Secretary-General who also addressed the opening ceremony, pointed out that the objective of the agreement inked in Kingston on 30 July 1974, was to identify and promote cooperation initiatives to enhance economic, political and cultural relations.

"There is little doubt that it has been a success," the Secretary-General said, as he highlighted the development of relations between CARICOM and Mexico.

He singled out Mexico's support assistance to Haiti and acknowledged that the visit to Haiti by His Excellency Felipe Calderón, President of Mexico, symbolized his country's deep commitment to the revival and reconstruction of that country.

"At the first CARICOM-Mexico Summit, which took place days after the catastrophic earthquake of 2010, both sides assumed the commitment of creating new measures to alleviate, in the medium and long term, the challenges that Haiti is facing. The latest innovative initiative of Triangular Cooperation involving Mexico, CARICOM and Haiti offers much hope of fulfilling that commitment and achieving its objective of strengthening technical cooperation to benefit the people and government of Haiti. It was with great pleasure that I signed yesterday that Memorandum Of Understanding along with another on co-operation in Higher Education with the Foreign Minister of Mexico His Excellency Patricia Espinosa," Secretary-General LaRocque said.

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BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) - Brazil is to send a technical cooperation mission to St. Kitts and Nevis.

The disclosure has come from that country's Resident Ambassador in Basseterre, His Excellency Mr. Miguel Magalhaes, who said the South American republic also recognises the imbalance in current trade flows with the Caribbean.

In remarks at the recent signing of the Partial Scope Agreement which gives St. Kitts and Nevis products lower tariffs into the huge Brazilian market, Ambassador Magalhaes said Brazil is to join the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). He noted that in 2011, total trade between Brazil and the CARICOM countries reached over 4.5 billion US dollars.

"Brazil is committed to finding ways to mitigate this circumstance. A study was carried out in Brazil and will soon be released on ‘Opportunities for CARICOM Exports to the Brazilian Market’, which identifies Caribbean products with a potential to expand exports to Brazil," said the Brazilian diplomat.

He said the Brazilian Government is working to improve connections between Brazil and Caribbean and there is already a direct flight from São Paulo to Barbados and in the 20 months of its existence, the demand has been very high.

According to Ambassador Magalhaes, Brazil has taken initiatives on the financial front.

“During these times of cuts in international aid and contribution to multilateral assistance mechanisms, Brazil has announced that it is joining the Caribbean Development Bank as a non-borrowing member and we will contribute to the Development Fund,” said the Brazilian diplomat.

He said Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas was informed that technical cooperation mission will discuss areas in which Brazil can provide assistance, including training and certification to professionals and businesses.

“I believe it is time for St. Kitts and Nevis to expand its horizons and look a bit more to the South. As a developing country and a former colony ourselves, we fully understand what President Lula once called a fascination with the Northern hemisphere. But the fact is that the world is changing. Nowadays, most experts agree, there is a lot more economic potential in the Southern part of the world,” said the Brazilian diplomat.

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St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (third from left) among Caribbean leaders and the Mexican President in photo session at the CARICOM-Mexico Summit in Barbados on Monday.

St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister of Health, Hon. Marcella Liburd, Brazil's Resident Ambassador His Excellency Miguel Magalhaes; Brazil's Special Envoy, Mr. Guy Periera and St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas at the signing ceremony. (Photo by Erasmus Williams)
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Mr Amba Trott, a respected Nevisian thespian and columnist, took umbrage at the inclusion of Biblical passages in the article headlined ‘What a Fishy Story!’ and to show his disgust, he went ahead and filled up more than half of a newspaper page rambling (to borrow from him) about what he felt was the ‘downright sacrilegious’ use of things Biblical.

That is his constitutional right. Such attacks are not new. Deputy Leader of the opposition Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) the Hon Mark Brantley (and others) would have gone on national radio several times to lambast leaders of the ruling Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) for speaking metaphorically on public platforms.

Nevisians and even Kittitians for that matter, were brought up in typical West Indian homes and cultures where the Bible has always provided solace to their tormented lives. This tradition stems from the days of slavery when after long hours of abuse by the masters, our people would find solace in the comfort of their homes, while reading soothing and uplifting words from the Bible.

I am a true West Indian and to invoke the word of God in what I say, or write, is no licence for Mr Trott or any other person to question my level of fearing God. Let us not get personal but instead let us address the real concerns that face Nevis as an island.

I am glad that I did not refer to the passage where Jesus fed 5,000 with only two small fishes, a classic we learn at home even before we first attended Sunday school. However, if those passages are expunged from the Bible, then there will be no fear of me using them because I cannot quote what is not in the Bible. However, with all due respect to Mr Trott, I humbly put it to him that he has failed to address the pertinent issues raised in the article, other than in two mentions. He only addressed the issue of the project’s location and the issue of Greenpeace, but did not bother to address everything else that was raised in the article. I want to believe he did not have enough space, and he feared that the article might be too long.

I will start with the Greenpeace issue: He wonders why that had been mentioned in the article but if he takes time to read the article more carefully, he will realise that it was in an answer to a self-question, where I had posed: “If the Japanese had agreed to fund the project when the CCM was still in government, why was the signing for the grant done on Friday April 27, 2012? Why the delay?”

Well, in his selected teardown of what was contained in the ‘fishy story’, Mr Trott has actually said what the CCM activists have been too shy to come out and say in the open: That the Concerned Citizens Movement has been in bed with Greenpeace. That is why they (the CCM activists) have vowed to frustrate the project, and now we know it because Greenpeace does not want it.

“Now that (the mention of Greenpeace having been allowed into Nevis schools by the CCM-led administration) sounds very fishy to me,” said Mr Trott. “Most people know very well that Greenpeace aggressively challenges Japan on the issue of whale hunting……. I believe that what Greenpeace was talking against was the perception of bribery in the voting process, i.e. St. Kitts/Nevis votes in Japan’s favour on whaling.”

The explanation by Mr Trott is capped thus: “Japan reciprocates with various items for St. Kitts/Nevis. A sort of payoff, if you will. That’s the perception and I believe that’s what they were talking against.”

Mr Trott has said it all. That by the CCM allowing Greenpeace to come to speak in Nevis schools, that they did not want the project to take off, and that the people of St. Kitts/Nevis in particular should refuse that money. Well now everyone can see how that is being done — the objection to the fisheries project is not a matter of its location. It is not wanted.

According to Mr Trott, “Maybe Greenpeace was doing us a big favour.” What favour? He sneered at the use of a local idiom that only when wind blows that a fowl bottom is exposed, yet Mr Trott has actually revealed who are the people that were referred to in my article that if they had their way…… are some persons’ hidden agendas now not exposed?

Better endowed nations give grants to the less endowed nations, and this has gone on from time immemorial. St. Kitts and Nevis has been receiving grants from nations including the USA, England, Australia, Taiwan and others. To suggest that our beloved country has accepted the Japanese grant in return for a vote is an abuse to the sovereignty of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Whenever and wherever St. Kitts and Nevis votes, it votes its conscience. In terms of whale hunting at the International Whaling Commission, St. Kitts and Nevis votes in solidarity with St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the only OECs country that is allowed to hunt whales. Greenpeace is even opposed to St. Vincent’s one whale a year allocation.

Greenpeace is made up of a bunch of brats who have their pockets and bank accounts well padded and are willing to spill what is on their tables to draw attention. We are struggling to put more on our tables and we cannot afford the luxury of spilling the little that is being added on our tables by our friends from the Land of the Rising Sun.

Issues as raised by the Greenpeace that make Mr Trott feel that they had the right to come to Nevis under the invitation of the CCM to stop Japan from giving the ECS30 million grant are more than just voting at the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

Pro-whaling countries have accused the IWC of basing their decisions upon ‘political and emotional’ factors rather than upon scientific knowledge given that the IWC prohibits all whaling. Non-IWC whaling nations have expressed similar sentiments.

Canada, a friendly country many Nevisians identify with, withdrew from the IWC after a vote to impose a moratorium (to ban whaling), claiming that “the ban was inconsistent with measures that had just been adopted by the IWC that were designed to allow harvest of stocks at safe levels.”

Was Canada bribed by Japan?

Japan gives foreign aid to more than 150 nations around the world and this includes strong anti-whaling nations such as Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and others who receive far more than Caribbean countries receive. These include Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Dominica (which also supports whale watching), St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadine, and of course St. Kitts and Nevis.

If Japan was buying votes, one would see 150 nations in the IWC and as a consequence the unnecessary moratorium would have been lifted years ago. Major anti-whaling nations such as the USA, Australia, UK and New Zealand also donate aid to poor countries on the IWC and wield far more influence than Japan alone, and thus they could easily be accused of the same tactics.

Japan gives aid. But let Mr Trott hear this, I did not hear it before: In 2005, the Environmental Investigation Agency approached Lord Ashcroft of the UK to use his influence in Belize to assure support for the anti-whaling campaign. It was reported that Ashcroft paid Belize’s International Whaling Commission fees.

“Every month I’m on the water somewhere,” Lord Ashcroft is quoted as saying. “I’ve grown a close affinity, not just for whales, but for dolphins and porpoise. So it wasn’t difficult for me to approach the Belizean authorities with such a brief.”

He discovered that Belize’s annual subscription to the IWC (£10,000) had lapsed and came up with the cash. That backing yielded swift results when a crucial vote was won by the anti-whaling nations by a majority of one.

What does Mr Amba Trott call that?

Many years ago, dolphins roamed the earth. They are no more — extinct. Did the Japanese eat them off the face of the earth? Recent studies have indeed suggested that dolphins were victims of global warming attributed to their own gas emissions. If the Japanese were around, they would have done scientific research on those giants and probably dolphins would still be roaming the earth.

Leave the Japanese alone. The scientific research they are doing will save the whales from extinction.

Mr Trott was downright cynical when he said, “The piece does not explicitly state that the Lord chose Gallows Bay as the site for the new Fisheries Complex, but I would not have been at all surprised if it had as it seemed to be leaning very strongly in that direction.”

He very well read what Captain Arthur Anslyn had said about the four locations the project would have been sited. My humble submission to Mr Trott is for him to remove his theatrical mask and respect the people of Nevis. Capt Anslyn was not in the employ of the CCM-led Nevis Island Administration as the Director of Fisheries because of his handsome looks but because of his marine life expertise.

“The reason ‘some people’ would choose a different site for the new fisheries complex is to preserve the whole of Gallows Bay area for the public beach and ancillary developments to enhance tourism and local leisure use and enjoyment,” commented Mr Trott.

“Obviously a fisheries complex would not be complimentary to the ambiance and aesthetics of such a scheme.” Well said Mr Trott, however if you show me people (other than the hardworking fishermen) basking on Gallows Bay for leisure and enjoyment, I will show you Jonah swimming with the whale — not getting swallowed without being chewed.

To fully answer Mr Trott on his suggestion as how to use the Gallows Bay, it calls for a second part of this article. Look out for it next week.

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The Labour Spokesman
**Eulogy of Edwin Christopher Horatio James**

May 16, 1917 to May 9, 2012

**By Calvin James**

**Introduction**

Edwin Christopher Horatio James affectionately known as “Eddy James” a husband, a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, was born in Roseau Dominica on May 16, 1917 to the parents of Jane Adina James nee Fleming and Dennis Christopher James.

Dad, at the tender age of three emigrated to St. Kitts from Dominica with his Anguillan born mother Jane Adina. Mama Jane as she was popularly called, joined her elder sister Evangeline Thompson Fleming, and all of us as Aunt Liney, who was already living here in St. Kitts and working as a nurse at the Cunningham Hospital. Aunt Liney, for many years later worked as a Midwife in several communities around the island.

Mama Jane, shortly after emigrating to St. Kitts lived and worked with the Wighty family on George Street in New Town as a Maid for several years. In fact, it was while working with the Wigelies on George Street that she met her second husband Andrew Leader, a postman. She subsequently moved with him to Adams Hill, known to most of us as Voodoo Hill.

As a young woman in her early/mid twenties, Mama Jane bore two children for Leader, Cyril and Dorothy, who are now both deceased. Cyril died at age 14 in St. Kitts at a young age, and Dorothy died a few years ago in England.

**Early Education and Family Background**

Dad grew up in Mc Knight and the Gardens. His primary education was at the Irish Town Primary School (Known then as Ms Boyd school) and later at the Basseterre Boys School, where he reached Standard Seven.

At the young age of twelve, Dad lost his mother “Mama Jane”, who died suddenly at age 33. Mama Jane’s death was attributed to Typhoid that resulted shortly after the 1928 devastating hurricane here in St. Kitts. It was thereafter, that her elder sister Evangeline Thompson “Aunt Liney” assumed the parental role for her sister Mama Jane’s three children; Edwin, Cyril and Dorothy, and was supported by Leader who now had to care for three children; Cyril and Dorothy his biological children, who were very young at the time, and Edwin, his step son who was 12 years old.

The early to mid teen years for Dad after his mother’s death was very difficult, he being the eldest and a step-son. In fact, the display of love and affection from his step father Leader at that time was on most occasions something that he desired but did not receive, hence, Dad became closer to Aunt Liney, who had no children of her own and exuded that love and affection with Dad that was missing from Leader after Mama Jane’s death. However, Dad endured the difficulties and with the help and guidance from Aunt Liney, he continued to assist in caring for his siblings Cyril and Dorothy.

**Career and Work Experience**

At age 15, when Dad was in Seven Standard at the Basseterre Boys School and still living with his step father Leader; Aunt Liney asked Leader if he would approach one of the leading carpenters in town for Eddy to learn Carpentry. It was shortly after that request from Aunt Liney that Leader sent Dad to Mr. Brian, one of the leading carpenters of the day to learn a trade and work as an apprentice carpenter.

As the months passed, Mr. Brian saw the potential and love that Dad had for the trade and the quick progress he made in learning carpentry, but his wage was still only eight shillings a week. Eventually, Dad went on to work for Osimum Weeks in Shear Lane, (by the way, who was my God father) and who was another leading carpenter of the day, for ten shillings a week.

A few years later, he went to Public Works now as a young skilled carpenter, for eighteen shillings a week. His efforts and progress always attracted the support and guidance of Aunt Liney.

Dad continued at Public Works, and in a relatively short time he was promoted to be the lead carpenter. The relationship with Mr. Tiburon, Public Works Superintendent, and Dad also developed, and many of the older carpenters that thought Dad was highly favored. However, Dad continued to demonstrate his strong leadership and assertive skills right up until he left Public Works.

In the late 1930’s to early 1940’s, Dad worked at Salt Pond, now known as South East Earle, building temporary accommodation houses for the workers at the salt pond. He also constructed a pier or a dock to facilitate the vessels and loading of salt for shipment to Basseterre. Salt was a precious commodity used primarily for meat preservation. The process was commonly known as “corn meat”.

Dad also worked at Pond’s Pasture for several years, erecting and dismantling horse stables and temporary structures used as pavilions to facilitate officials and spectators during horse racing.

During the early 1950’s, Dad quickly established himself as a competent builder, and by the early 1960’s, he quietly established his building construction business. Arguably, he was regarded by many to be the best building contractor in St. Kitts.

To support this achievement, and as controversial as it may have been, Dad was acknowledged as one of the largest projects of the day. The land mark construction of the St. Kitts main Fire Station and officers quarters located on Ponds Pasture now Southwell Industrial Park, is the proud accomplishment of my father Eddy James.

Dad continued to renovate and construct residential homes, sugar estate or great houses, industrial buildings and churches all over the island. He has left a legacy in building construction in St. Kitts, and it is noteworthy to mention that all the buildings constructed by Dad have withstood Mother Nature’s wrath of hurricanes, floods and earth tremors for over fifty years.

Dad was also acknowledged and awarded by the St. Kitts Building Construction Association for his distinguished contribution to the building construction industry.

Dad’s building construction business also gave him the opportunity to work both in Nevis and Anguilla.

**Participation and Contribution to Sports**

Dad was also very involved in football, cricket and bicycle road racing between the late 1930’s and late 1950’s. In fact, Dad played his last football match on November 3, 1966. As a youth, I was excited at the spectacle of seeing my Dad physically playing the game after hearing for years Dad talk about his football years and show off his old football photos. He even had for some time in his possession the Football Cup, which he returned to the FCA several years ago. He was known to be a fierce competitor who never likes to lose.

Now, for the first time, I saw my Dad in an actual official football game, representing players of the 1940’s playing against players of the 1950’s at Warner Park. That was a moving moment for me, as I saw the little man putting one of George McMahon’s shots over the crossbar. This was the topic of discussion for many years between his friends when they visited at home. The game ended in a one all draw.

Dad's involvement in cricket was limited, although he was the building contractor selected for the renovation and construction of the Players' Pavilion to the original or old cricket pavilion. He also constructed the original Warner Park block fencing.

As a member of St. Georges Cricket Club for many years, Dad played several cup matches. He was also a member of the Hon. C.A Paul Southwell, Chief Minister's cricket touring team to Dominica against Dominica Chief Minister’s team.

This was a moving moment for Dad, because, it was the first time since the age of eight, that he knowingly had met his Dad, Dennis Christopher James, who was a World War I Veteran and Seaman. At that time, Dad only saw his father from the treasury pier, as he was traveling back by row boat to the main vessel anchored in the harbour; from a distance they briefly spoke to each other.

However, according to Dad, playing cricket took up much of his time as a tradesman, and it was extremely expensive for a Mc knight Garden boy or an apprentice carpenter to purchase cricket gear and then lose a day’s wage to play cricket.

Nonetheless, Dad had time for the bicycle as well, he loved the bicycle. During the 1940’s and 1950’s, the bicycle was the primary means of transportation. Almost every Sunday Dad would join with a group of friends and would ride around the island. In fact, it was not just a joy ride around the island. According to Dad, it was serious bike road racing for both fun and for money.

He recalled racing against Cyrus Sampson (his brother in law), Mully, Iceman and Frederick, among others, who were at that time promising youngsters, and always challenged him to meet them in the park. Warner Park was the venue for bicycle racing; Dad never took up that challenge, but always preferred meeting them on the road, when most times he would win their money.

He challenged them to perform other acts or bicycle stunts. A shilling would be placed on the ground, and he would challenge them to pick it up without coming off their bike.

In reality, in those years he use to stake a bet. Two marks were made on the ground, and without coming off the bike, one was required to remain for the longest time between those two marks while still on the bicycle. This was known as “Bike Sticking”, the challenge being, who could remain for the longest time between those two marks, while still on the bicycle, and without coming off the bike. One shilling would be placed on the ground, and he would challenge them to pick it up without coming off their bike.

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So Tell Me

By Jean Thomas

Necessity is the mother of invention

I am sure that most of you have heard that saying before. As you are aware, we have been having lovely showers of rain. Life goes on sun or rain and those who must get to work have to find interesting ways to keep dry upon arriving at work.

Plastic has been used in every way imaginable. On Thursday morning I opened my door and there was this lady clad for the weather. She was dressed from head to toe in plastic. The plastic shopping bag was used to adorn and protect her head and her rain coat was a garbage bag. She did not even have an umbrella. That would have helped. The bag was big enough to reach down to her sneakers. She did not allow the showers of rain to stop her.

Then, on a rainy Sunday afternoon there was this young man who was out on his bike. And I sure missed a camera moment. What I noted was that while he was on his bicycle, he held an umbrella in one hand and the handle of the bike with the other hand. He was kept relatively dry and I thought “all right”. I could live with that one and gave way to my thinking that maybe it is time for an attachment to be made to bikes where umbrellas could be housed and when it starts to rain a button could be pressed and up goes the umbrella.

I say all this to say that we are at last waking up and I am noting that we no longer stop to shelter when it is raining. I know when it rains here it is not always a little drizzle but a heavy down pour and you could get very wet indeed.

So tell me, don’t you think that one could keep a garbage bag and plastic shopping bag in our hand bags? At least you could take it out when it starts to rain and use it to help to keep you dry.

You could also do as I do, when attending shows in carnival village. I put an old shower curtain in my “park bag”, (oh yes the park bag has in the shower curtain, paper towels and a wash cloth to wipe off the wet chair, and of course the umbrella). When it begins to rain and everyone is running for shelter, I do not have to run anywhere, I just open up my personal shower tent. I tell you, I remain quite dry and I feel as snug as a bug in a rug.

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my best friend. In particular, over the past thirty five years, we had grown to be so much closer to each other. We talked about everything and anything, and I am eternally thankful for that opportunity.

I did not get that opportunity with Mom because her passing was instant. However, we don’t question God’s work and I am thankful for all that both of them have given and done for me.

I know that over the years, many times Dad had to share whatever he had between his brother Cyril Leader, (who passed on at an early age) his children and family. I know that at times it was not enough after Mom shared our Sunday afternoon dinner, but we were taught to be satisfied, and we were all happy; sometimes we were in a hurry to finish lunch or dinner to go to Warner Park to see the football match between Santos and Manchester United. Those were the good old days.

In reflection, I also know that Dad had to share between his family inside and his family outside. And those were especially difficult times for Mom and her three children. It was only after Mom’s death that I better understood and realized how difficult those years were for Mom and what she had to endure right up to her death.

As I reflect, I am reminded of Dad’s quotation in his younger, stronger years. “When I am wrong, I am right, and when I am right I am better right”. This was the other side of Dad. However, that said, his most powerful quotation to me was, “Son, don’t get any children outside your marriage, and always put God in front of your life. He will carry you through”. This was a complete transformation of my father’s earlier beliefs.

Nonetheless, what is more important is that Dad recognized the difficulties that Mom did endure with him, and has asked for forgiveness.

On many occasions, Dad told me, “Son, I wish that I could say to my wife now; Ivy I’m sorry”. However, God afforded Dad the opportunity to say to him; “Father God, I am sorry, please forgive me”. Some of us may not get that opportunity. Let us grasp it when understood and realized how difficult those years were for Mom and what she had to endure right up to her death.

RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB  
ST. KITTS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION 1944 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Front row from left to right: Tony Hanley, Edwin (Eddy) James, Ivan Kelsick.

Center row from left to right: Sekky Neal, Frank Jeffrey, Ernest Walters

Back row from left to right: Benji Payne, Calvin Wilkin, nameless, nameless, nameless

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Searches yield nothing but case of missing teen will remain open, Police assure

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (MAY 24, 2012) — Police on Nevis say that although they have made no headway in the disappearance of 17 year-old Dylon Clarke of Church Ground, the case will not be closed and they will continue to work on it indefinitely.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) and Head of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force Nevis Division Robert Liburd, made the announcement on May 23rd, 2012 at his Charlestown Office, at the end of a two-day extensive search with two officers and a cadaver dog from the K-9 Unit of the United States Virgin Islands Police Tactical Unit.

“They have just concluded two days of intense work… they have combed the Cane Garden Area, Church Ground, New River, Fort Ashby, Pond Hill, Hamilton and other areas here in Nevis in search of Dylon and I must say that at this point in time, we haven’t had any success in discovering the missing man. It is unfortunate… “This is an open case, we have no definite time of closing, this is an ongoing case and we are not going to close until at least not just now. We are going to continue working this case, it may take up to years but we are going to continue working this case,” he said.

According to the Assistant Commissioner, the “open” status of the case would remain indefinitely and was not defined by law. However, he continued to solicit assistance from the public should any more clues arise.

“Like I said this matter is an ongoing matter, we are not going to close this case and so I am appealing to the public to come forward with whatever information that they may have. We are still looking to the public to share whatever information concerning this case and any other case. We cannot do it by ourselves and so we rely on the public to share information.

“I must tell you that the information that we get is going to be held confidentially. We are not going to disclose who gave what or anything like that and just in case you have any doubt call me. My number is 662-4578,” he said.

Notwithstanding, commenting on the Nevis public’s assistance with the investigation so far, the Divisional Head said it was heartening and overwhelming.

“I would say that the public’s response was very overwhelming. It was heartening to see how the public responded in coming out and sharing whatever information they had and joining in the search. They went all out.

“I remember the school children, they came out and they braved the weather and went in search. They not only braved the weather but some of the rough terrain and they combed those areas. I am very happy that the public was able to respond like they did and I hope that they continue with any information that they have that they would come forward and assist the police,” he said.

The Assistant Commissioner also used the opportunity to thank the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Mr. Henry White Jr. for sending his officers to the federation in particular Nevis, to assist in the search for Dylon.

“We are very happy for the assistance that we have had from the Virgin Islands Police Department. We are grateful that the officers were able to come here and work for those two days and gave some assurance and that some of the areas we have looked for Dylon are cleared. We have no indication of what may have happened but that’s it at this point in time,” he noted.

Despite lack of success in the case so far, Mr. Liburd expressed satisfaction with the work done by his men in the Church Ground Youth’s disappearance.

“Yes I am satisfied with the manner in which the police have handled the case, of course I am. I had trained officers who were working on this case and they have had a number of assistance from the public. We have followed all the leads that the public has given to us. We have used all of our expertise and I am satisfied that at this point in time that we have done a good job,” he said.

In response to enquiries regarding the Nevis Island Administration’s assistance in the matter, the Deputy Commissioner said they had helped and in collaboration with the Federal Government also succeeded in sourcing the two visiting officers and the cadaver dog from the USVI Police Department.

Meantime, ACP Liburd said although it was expensive to source the specialised dogs finance was not the reason for the delay. He explained why a dog was brought weeks into the investigation in search of the missing youth.

“You must understand that we wanted a tracker dog in the first stage of the investigation. We would have needed a tracker dog, we couldn’t source a tracker dog and the areas in which we thought we could have gotten a tracker dog, it would have to come from the United States and there were some problems with getting that dog from the mainland.

“Finance was certainly a part of the difficulty. A bill has been incurred in getting officers here and maintaining the services, but in the initial stages finance was not the real reason why the dog was not coming the real reason was sourcing the dog, getting the dog out from the US was a problem,” he said.

Mr. Liburd further explained that if a tracker dog was used, it would have been able to follow a scent trail of the missing person and take investigators to places he would have walked or visited.

“That’s why we wanted that dog,” he said and added, “a cadaver dog deals with dead bodies. So after those days have passed, if the man is dead, then we need to get a different type of dog to see if it could uncover where a dead body is, if he is dead.

“We are exploring all the means and so since we did not find him in the first couple weeks, than we looked for the next stage to see if the man was killed, if he was buried some place hoping to uncover that,” he said.

Regarding instances of misinformation that appeared in the public domain about the investigation over the past weeks, the Deputy Commissioner regarded it as unfortunate and in some cases had the potential to hurt the investigations.

“Certainly once there is misinformation naturally it is going to create problems and could really hurt the investigation but we were able to rise above that and continue our work.

“So we are very grateful for the persons who were very positive in their information and we are glad that they were able to work with us and to help the Police in whatever way they did,” he said.

Pressed for information regarding the dog that was donated to the Division by the Administration some years ago, Mr. Liburd said it was a specialised dog used for drug eradication but it had since passed on.

However, he noted that the Police Force had already sourced another specialised dog for tracking purposes for use throughout the Federation but appealed for the public’s assistance for another.

“I must also tell you that we have just sourced a tracker dog for ourselves. I think it’s going to be doing some training and should we have a similar case we should be able to use our own dog. It will be assigned to St. Kitts and Nevis.

“At the same time I would like to appeal to the public to assist us in whatever way that they can. We are certainly needing assistance in keeping and maintaining the dog and probably we could do with another,” he said.

Also present was a representative from the Nevis Island Administration Hon. Robelto Hector who thanked the USVI Police Officers for their assistance and asked them to convey the NIA’s gratefulness for the cooperation and the Commissioner’s Orderly Sergeant Alrick Edwards.

L-R) Police Officers Revieros and Samual of the United States Virgin Islands Police Force Tactical Unit with their cadaver dog Hassan at the Charlestown Police Station, moments before their departure from Nevis.

Assistant Commissioner of Police and Head of the Nevis Police Division Robert Liburd
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Ah Lord Though, Their March Flop Big Time  
By: Sotto Voce 

The PAM/Rescue march of last week Friday was the biggest flop any political entity in this country has ever gotten for such an exercise in living memory. Estimated attendance from their WINN FM put it at between 150 to 200 persons. 

This was a Friday afternoon after working hours, in the heart of town, on the busiest liming day of the week and pushing a well-publicized issue of high electricity rates. And also following several public meetings beating the electricity issue separately by Rescue and PAM. And following several weeks of high intensity assault on the public mind on PAM’s daily voices radio programme of 21/2 hours each time, and then weekly “Inside the News” radio programme of 2 hours each time on Saturdays and Sundays. It was a real humiliating result last Friday. 

The few PAMites who get together and call themselves Rescue, and their main support base in PAM, could only muster 150 to 200 people in their big march? Ah lord though – it painful and shameful at one and the same time to look at. 

As expected, the Rescue Arab told the media that it was a fantastic turn out. I don’t expect Massa Caines or Ask Wahsie’s reactions to be any different. Massa is a very experienced automechanic, and Ask Wahsie is a well respected historian. But as politicians, they are both deposit-losers and out of their league. 

None of them carry any political clout. Worse yet, they get the endorsement of Little Bo Peep, the leader of PAM, who can’t muster any support anywhere for himself, far more being able to get support for other people. Right now he fights the battle of his life trying to hold on to the leadership of PAM. So he in no position to offer his members and friends in the Rescue, much. 

So their march was a dismal failure. It attracted so little support and was a major embarrassment for both the PAM and its Rescue branches. After all the fansfare, and the noise, it was a sad display of any popularity or support for the PAM and its Rescue branch. 

At their public meeting following their excuse for a march, it all full of sound and fury signifying nothing. What a shame! 

The Labour Party held its annual Convention celebrating its 80th birthday last Sunday. And what a great event it was. The PAM/Rescue pipsqueaks have ever since been bellyaching over the fact that its theme of unity was demonstrated and realized in the final analysis. They don’t like it. They were pushing for disunity among the Comrades and the splitting of support among the leadership. 

They know nothing of our great Party. They see visions and dream dreams of a major breakup in the ranks. 

Our Party is managed, led, guided and controlled by the rank and file. There is balance, as each Constituency has equal support and ranking with any other, and the numbers in attendance are divided equally among the 8 Constituencies. 

Our Party has a Constitution that has served us well through the years. Each Constituency can formulate and bring its own resolutions to Conference. And contrary to the PAM propaganda on Voices, the Prime Minister never chooses the Conference delegates for any Constituency. We operate a democratic process on Voices, the Prime Minister never chooses the Conference delegates for any Constituency. We operate a democratic process. 

As far as I can try to make sense out of their nonsense, it would seem that they only now so wonderful to them of their nonsense, it would seem that they only now so wonderful to them because they are dead. 

These hypocrites are really something else. They are the credible organisation in all they say and do. They follow their daily assaults on the image and character of our present Prime Minister, and think that it is bad, should have been around to hear how they went after Comrades Southwell and Bradshaw. 

See how the electorate in general, and Kittitians in particular, don’t take them on? They too bad, and lie, and hypocritical. Their forte is to go after people personally. Call them names, say the worst things possible about them, and long after they are dead, then you praise them. 

This week they on their FM trying to make their empty march look good. They got problems. How they going for 150 people and make it “thousands”? Not even on a Friday they could muster people? Massa, Wahsie, Dwyer, Terry and the other PAMites could talk from now till Jesus come, their march was a big flop. St. Kitts people not studying them. They need to try a little honesty in all they say and do.
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