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PUBLIC SERVANTS UNPAID

Grenada's Minister of Finance, Mr George Hosten, has informed the Council of Management of the Civil Service Association (CSA), that he is not in a position to say when outstanding salaries will be paid to Civil Servants.

This was disclosed in a circular sent out yesterday (7th) by the Executive Secretary of the CSA, Mr E M A Welch, and all members of the Association have been urged to attend an emergency General Meeting called today to discuss this matter.

This development comes in the wake of a statement made last week by Prime Minister Gairy at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in Jamaica. Mr Gairy said then that Grenada was on the verge of financial collapse and he was hard pressed to pay Public Servants for April.

Subsequently, it was reported that the Government of Nigeria was making EC\$ 2.5 million available to Grenada, but, this has not been confirmed and it has not been stated whether this money is a loan or grant.

Mr George Hosten, Minister of Finance was not available for comment, but it is understood that most Civil Servants have not received salaries for April.

(182 words)

GAIRY'S "UNCOUTH PERFORMANCE"

Following a resolution passed at a Grenada National Party public meeting in St. Georges Market Square last Sunday (4th), the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Blaize, sent the following cable to Prime Minister Michael Manley of Jamaica :-

Grenadians in public meeting deplore uncouth
conference performance Prime Minister Gairy and

assure Conference such performance not
representative Grenadian behaviour.

This "performance" refers to Mr Gairy's verbal attack on
Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Great Britain in particular
and other Commonwealth countries generally. According
to Mr Gairy, while Grenada was on the "verge of financial
collapse", other Governments were "relaxing in luxury",
and, apart from Venezuela and a few Caribbean countries,
assistance was not forthcoming from other nations.

Mr Gairy said he would seek and accept aid from anywhere
else because Commonwealth colleagues had failed to help.

(132 words)

PRIME MINISTER'S CAR INSURED.

It has been confirmed that Prime Minister Gairy's car which
was involved in an accident which claimed the life of a 2½
year old child, was covered by insurance as required by law.

The records of the Inland Revenue Department were not up to
date, and this led to the report that the car was uninsured.
It has now been established that the car is covered by a
policy which is valid until February 14th 1976.

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TOURIST OFFICIAL VISITS.

Mr Jean Holder, Executive Director of the Barbados based
Caribbean Research Centre, paid a visit to Grenada last
week and held discussions with members of the Tourist Board,
the Hotel Association and the Minister of State for Tourism,
Mr Paul Slinger.

Purpose of Mr Holder's visit was to bring hoteliers and
other persons in the Tourist Industry up to date on progress
and achievements of the Research Centre, to advise on future
projects and suggest ways in which the Centre could be
helpful to Grenada.

Grenada is a foundation member of the Centre whose main object is to collect data to maintain a research register on Tourism studies in the region.

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GRENADA GUIDES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

The Grenada Girl Guide Association observed 50th Anniversary celebrations during the week starting April 27th, and, according to Mrs Sybil Archer, Chief Guide Commissioner, the principal project undertaken for the celebrations is the raising of funds to repair Guide Headquarters.

In an exclusive interview with NEWSLETTER, Mrs Archer said Guiding was established in Grenada in 1925 and that, at the present time, there are slightly less than 500 Guides in the State.

"We have had numerous requests to start new Companies" said Mrs Archer, "but the problem is the difficulty to find competent leadership." The Chief Guide Commissioner hoped the publicity of the Golden Anniversary Celebrations would wake the interest of persons who could take charge of new Companies, and that the coming year would see an increase in enrollments.

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D OF E OFFICER VISITS.

Mr Scofield Pilgrim, Regional Officer of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme paid a visit to Grenada this week to assist in reorganising the local Committee responsible for operating the Scheme. The new Committee, said Mr Pilgrim, will include representatives from all youth groups including Scouts, Guides, Pathfinders, Red Cross, Catholic Youth Organisation and the Y W C A.

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BANANAS & NUTMEGS UP, COCOA DOWN.

According to the April issue of the Chamber of Commerce News Bulletin, nutmegs showed a substantial increase in production and value in April this year as compared with the same period in 1974. At the same time, cocoa exports dropped as compared with April 1974. The Bulletin says there were considerably larger shipments of bananas in April 1975 than there were in April 1974.

With reference to shipping, the Bulletin says that, during April, 2069 tons of general cargo and 83 tons of lumber were landed at Grenada, while there were 1592 tons of outgoing cargo.

Fuel imports recorded were - in imperial gallons -
Gasolene 237,610, Deisel 211,684 and Kerosene 49,548.
Imports of Propane (cooking gas) were 165,824 lbs.

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CRUISE LINER CALLS.

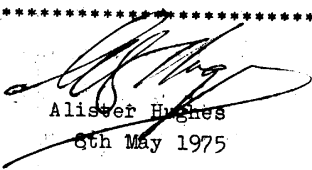
During the first three days of May, three cruise liners called at Grenada. They were the "Britanis" (560), "Vistafjord" (270) and "Sunviking" (528). Total of passengers carried by these boats was 1358.

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BANANA SHIPMENTS.

On May 6th, the S S "Geestland" loaded 15,581 boxes of bananas weighing 474,289 lbs and with an export value of EC\$35,571.67. Rejects were 121 boxes.

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