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## BRATHWAITE MAY ENTER POLITICS

### NNP Has "Serious Problem Of Leadership"

**MR** GEORGE BRIZAN, leader of the Opposition and Political Leader of the National Democratic Congress, has accused "wicked and power-crazy men" in Prime Minister Blaize's New National Party (NNP) of mounting a vulgar attack on the character of Mr Nicholas Brathwaite, Chairman of the Interim Government which ran Grenada in 1984, after the 1983 military intervention.

In an interview with NEWSLETTER on July 11th, Mr Brizan referred to an article in the July 8th issue of the "National" newspaper, official NNP organ. Under the headline "Get me to the Church On Time, Theme From the Play, 'My Pregnant Lady'", the article refers to an alleged incident in the life of Mr Brathwaite when he was a young man.

#### Unpopular

"It is the lowest level to which journalism can sink", Mr Brizan said, "and is an act of desperation by a dying and unpopular party".

Mr Brizan said Dr Keith Mitchell, Minister of Works and NNP General Secretary must take full responsibility for the article. Dr Mitchell, he said, had hand-picked Mr Lenus Walker, allegedly a barrister disbarred in Canada for misappropriating clients funds, and put him in charge of the "National" and he (Mitchell) cannot "encourage things to be written and then cowardly hide behind a mask....."

According to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Mitchell has, on more than one occasion, offered Mr Brathwaite the leadership of NNP.

"Being a man of principle", Mr Brizan said, "Mr Brathwaite rejected the offer and the bid to buy Mr Brathwaite having failed, Mitchell's 'National' is now trying to assassinate a good man's character."

#### Close

Mr Brizan said he has had a close association with Mr Brathwaite for a number of years and, since Mr Brathwaite returned to head the Interim Government in

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1984, they (he and Brathwaite) have had many discussions on the political history and future of the island.

#### Involved

"I have told him it would be a good thing for him to be involved in the political arena", the NDC Political Leader said, "but there has been no formal approach for him

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to join my party and, as far as I know, he has made no declaration of his intentions"

Mr Brathwaite confirmed this to NEWS-LETTER in an interview on the same day (July 11th). He confirmed also that he has rejected approaches made to him to join NNP. Mr Brathwaite declined to identify the persons but said "Government Ministers" had been in touch with him.

"Before they asked me to join NNP", he said, "they told me the party has a serious problem of leadership which will affect the party's chances adversely in the next elections".

**Accused**

Mr Brathwaite said he told the NNP representatives he was "shocked" that an approach should be made to him when they were prepared to jettison the present Political Leader (Prime Minister Herbert Blaize). He told them, he said, that if he were to join NNP under these circumstances, he could be accused, justifiably, of engineering the overthrow of the Political Leader.

This is particularly so, he said, since both he and Mr Blaize belong to the constituency of Carriacou and, in an election, would both be contesting that seat.

"It was never suggested to me that I would take over the NNP leadership," Mr Brathwaite said, "but it was said that the

Leader would have to be got rid of, and I thought it was being mentioned, initially, in the context of the representation of the constituency of Carriacou".

Mr Brathwaite said he had never thought of joining a political party but he has had approaches from people in Carriacou with suggestions that he offer himself as a candidate at the next elections. This is a matter he is giving serious consideration, he said, but he has no intention of being an independent candidate and would have to discuss with the electorate the party affiliation he might have.

**Gutter**

With reference to the article in the "National" newspaper, Mr Brathwaite expressed surprise that the official organ of the Government party should resort to "gutter politics".

Interviewed today, Mr Lenus Walker, Editor of the "National", was asked to comment on Mr Brizan's charge that the Toronto, Canada, police have issued a warrant for his (Walker's) arrest relative to misappropriation of client's funds.

Mr Walker said Mr Brizan is "misguided" and has been "mised" and while he (Walker) has attempted to tell the truth of the matter, Mr Brizan has not been prepared to listen.

**End**

**BRIZAN FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

**MR GEORGE BRIZAN, LEADER** of the Opposition in the Grenada House of Representatives and Political Leader of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), will attend the United States Democratic Party Convention which takes place in Atlanta, Georgia, from 18th to 21st July.

In an interview on July 12th, Mr Brizan said his invitation to attend had come from Mr Walter Mondale, Chairman of the National Democratic Institute.

"A very extensive programme has been prepared for foreign political party leaders", Mr Brizan said, "and this includes panel discussions, pre-Convention seminars and meetings with officials of the Demo-

cratic Party".

The NDC Leader said he will use this opportunity to hold discussions with Political Leaders from the Caribbean and elsewhere.



**MR GEORGE BRIZAN**

Mr Brizan flies out of Grenada on July 17th and will return on July 24th.

**End**

# MCGUIRE ATTACKS LOCAL MEDIA

**D**ELIVERING THE FEATURE address on July 14th at the graduation exercises of the Government owned Grenada Boys Secondary School (GBSS), Mr George McGuire, Minister of Education, charged the local media with having an "open door policy to highlight the backward and negative elements in the society".

"The media is mute to all those beautiful things happening in our country which proclaim a new age of prosperity and progress for our people", he said.

**Dissention**

Grenadians ought to yearn to live in a society characterised by order, civility, cohesion and conciliation, Mr McGuire said, but there are those who work night and day to sow the seeds of dissention, and those who feed on violence work unceasingly to engulf the island again in anarchy and conflict.

The media ignores the multitude of new achievements for workers, the Minister said, the services of value and "all those great changes taking place in Grenada that advance learning and knowledge."

Mr McGuire expressed his concern over public attitudes and the "volatility" of Grenadians and said the people of this island must not be victims "of our errant media or the negative elements in the society"

Referring to what he called the "ponderous declarations of doom" made by the local media, the Minister said the press has rated the unemployment figure at 40%, setting the stage for another round of 'massive

social distortion' but, 'when the truth is told', this figure will be in the 20s not 40s

The largest industry in Grenada, Agriculture, continues to suffer bitterly

from a lack of available labour input, he said, and can absorb 8,000 young workers over the next few years.

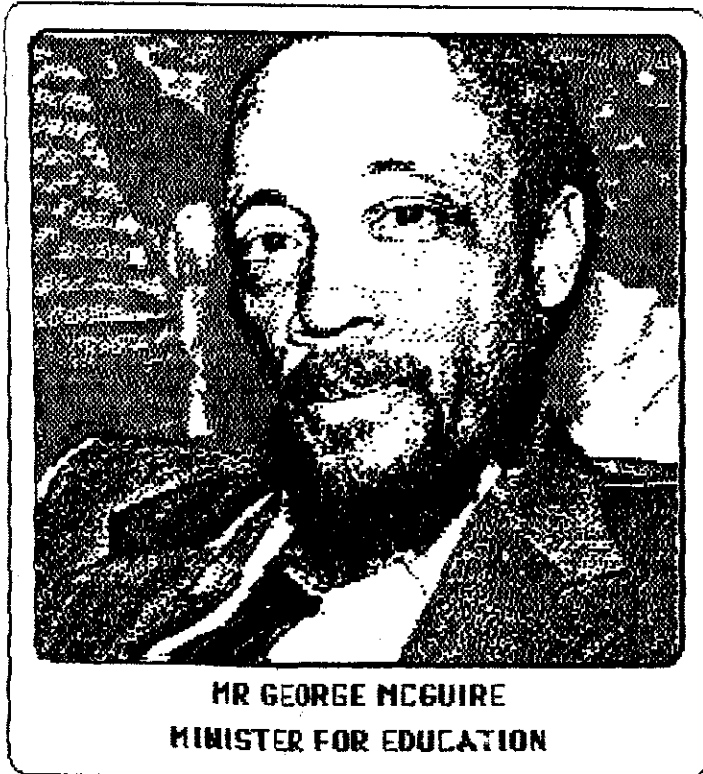
**Farming**

"Why does not the media point this out and encourage young persons to go into farming", the Minister asked.

Mr McGuire said a reliable method of arriving at the unemployment

figure is still being sought, but he disclosed that, out of a population of some 100,000 persons, 28,000 workers are registered with the National Insurance Scheme. There are 30,000 students in schools, he said,

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MR GEORGE MCGUIRE  
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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# PLANS TO MAKE GRENADA COMMUNIST AGAIN : GIS

*NO REVOLUTION CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT  
POPULAR SUPPORT: MARRYSHOW*

**T**HE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION Service (GIS), in a press release issued on July 7th, said the upper echelon of the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement (MBPM) and the Bernard Coard faction of the New Jewel Movement (NJM) have reactivated plans for the return of Grenada to the "communist fold".

"Recently", GIS says, "several members of the two factions of the Communist Movement have been seen holding discussions with their counterparts in Guyana and Dominica, and with Trevor Munro's Working Peoples Alliance in Jamaica".

### Agents

These factions, GIS says, sent representatives to Panama where talks were held with agents of Lybia's Colonel Muammar al-Quaddafi and agents acting as bodyguards and advisors to Panama's General Manuel Noriega.

In an interview with NEWSLETTER on July 7th, Dr Terrence Marryshow, MBPM Political Leader denied that his party has had any contact with the Bernard Coard faction of the NJM. Dr Marryshow denied also that MBPM has any plans to "return Grenada to the Communist fold".

"Within the framework of the anti-imperialist movement in the Caribbean", he said, "we have had contact with fraternal organisations in the other islands and also in this context, we attended a meeting in Panama".

He denied, however, that any agents of Colonel Gaddafi were at the Panama meeting. His party has no contact with the Lybian leader or with "agents acting as bodyguards and advisors to General Manuel Noriega".

There can be no question of "returning Grenada to the communist fold", Dr Marryshow said, because Grenada never was in that fold. The Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG) had a socialist ideology and pursued a strict policy of non-alignment, he said. Cuba may have been one of the PRG's best friends, but good relations were sought with both the Communist block and the West.

### Fighting

The GIS release says Angela Drew, United States journalist, visited Lybia on 26th March last and she is quoted as saying, "I have

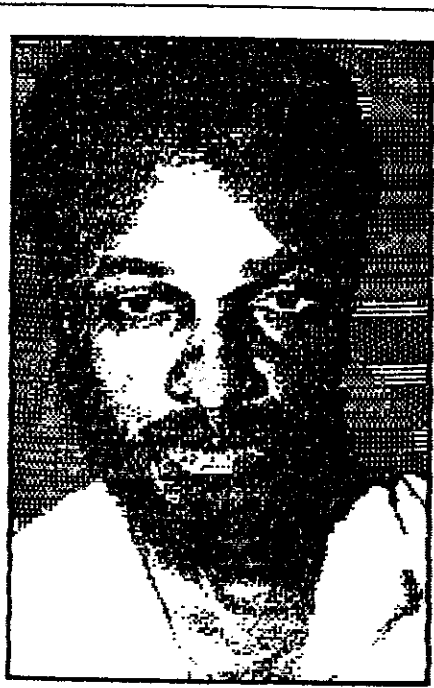
been to Lybia and met men fighting to regain control of their homeland. These men come from South Africa, Gambia, Dominica and Grenada".

Mr Marryshow's response to this is that he knows there are Grenadians working in Lybia but it is "total nonsense" to suggest that MBPM is planning a violent revolution, similar to the NJM 1979 revolution, to overthrow the Government of Grenada.

"We are prepared to work within the existing democratic framework", he said.

The MBPM Leader said no revolution can

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**DR TERRENCE MARRYSHOW**  
POLITICAL LEADER  
MBPM

# CARICARE SYMPOSIUM IN GRENADA

## OAS To Be Represented At Two Levels

**T**OP OFFICIALS OF THE Organisation of American States (OAS) will attend a Symposium on Human Rights which opens in Grenada on July 18th under the sponsorship of the Caribbean Institute of Human Rights (CARICARE) in co-operation with the Government of Grenada and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

### Levels

This was disclosed in an interview on July 15th by Mr Donald Trotman, CARICARE Executive Director, and he said OAS would be represented at two levels.

"The OAS Assistant Secretary General, His Excellency Mr Valerie McComie will represent the Secretary General, His Excellency Mr Joao Clemente Baena Soares," Mr Trotman said, "and, at the level of the Commission, we will have Dr Christina Cerna who is the Senior Human Rights Specialist".

### Address

Mr McComie, who is the former Barbados Ambassador to the Organisation of American States (OAS), to the United States and to the United Nations, will deliver the feature address at the opening session.

Also scheduled to speak, at the luncheon session, is Sir William Douglas, former Chief Justice of Barbados and now Barbados' Ambassador to the United States and to the OAS.

### Role

At the afternoon session, Dr Cerna will present a paper on "The Role & Prospects Of The American Convention On Human Rights", and she will be followed by Mr Lloyd Noel, former Attorney General of

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9,000 farmers and fishermen and "a host of self-employed and casual workers".

Law enforcement has faced intense public ridicule, the Minister said, and everything bad has been said about the Police and their failures. Nothing is heard of the crimes they have solved, and the local media never encourages the public to take responsible action which will help prevent crime.

### Anger

"Let me stress that a new type of anger simmers just below the surface of the Grenadian society", he said. "There is an unattractive combination of smugness, paranoia, aggression, submission and arrogance. The timorous and indulgent produce an unhappy blend which cannot save us from the dreadful perversions".

The social landscape of modern Grenada is a mixture of the perceptive and the confused, Mr McGuire said, and, in this flux, the battle between the few and the many, between freedom and license and the war between male and female for equality of opportunity, will continue.

Whether Grenada shall have turbulence or stability is not a matter for leisurely debate, the Minister said. Grenadians must determine what they want and work with singleness of purpose to achieve it.

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succeed unless it has the support of the people.

**MBPM recognises this, he says, and it is only when the existing democratic processes fail and the people demand a change that his party will seek other means of bringing that change about.**

End

End

# ST GEORGES TO BE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Team From Gainesville  
University Making Catalogue

**G**RENADA'S Capital city, St Georges, is to be declared a 'national monument' under an Organisation of American States (OAS) programme in which certain Caribbean cities are to be honoured.

This was disclosed by Mr Andrew Bierzynsky, President of the Grenada National Trust, at a press conference on July 12th, and he said that, under that programme, a team from the University of Gainesville, Florida, was then in Grenada cataloging historic landmarks and buildings of historic and architectural importance.

### Valuable

The President of the Trust said his organisation is associated with this programme and expressed appreciation for the initiative because, he said, Grenadians have already lost valuable parts of their national heritage through carelessness, disregard

and disrespect.

"Our Amerindian artifacts are being looted", he said, "the looting has become very sophisticated and organised, and those engaged in the practice can be best described as 'vultures', for they are picking the very bones of our national heritage".

### Scrap Iron

St Georges, is "littered" with historic buildings, and, as a measure of the island's military past, cannon stand at several street corners, Mr Bierzynsky said, but the man-in-the street shows little appreciation for what he regards as expendable scrap iron.

The OAS programme will serve to awaken public interest, he said. In addition, the Trust is in process of cataloging historic monuments and artifacts on an island-wide basis, he said, and a programme of public education has been undertaken as a priority.



Mr Andrew Bierzynsky  
President  
Grenada National Trust

The Grenada National Trust was established in 1967 and membership is open to the public. It is governed by legislation, Government is represented on its Management Committee, but the Body has not been active in recent years and Mr Bierzynsky said one of its problems is that the legislation does not have "teeth" to enable the Trust to enforce pro-

grammes of conservation, restoration and preservation.

### Revision

Last May the Trust was resuscitated and the legislation is being studied with a view to revision, Mr Bierzynsky said. Membership now stands at 60 and, with a current membership drive, is expected to increase significantly.

**End**

## MILESTONES

On 1st August 1988, Grenada, together with all Britain's ex-colonies in the West Indies, celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the abolition of slavery.

The "Grenada Handbook" records that, on 1st August 1838, the conduct of the "liberated people" was "most exemplary". They went to Church and had "festive gatherings" but there was "no drunkenness or disorderly conduct".

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Grenada. Mr Noel will speak on "The American Convention On Human Rights And Its Special Significance For Grenada and The English Speaking Caribbean".

Also at the afternoon session, Dr Claudio Grossman, Professor of Law at the American University, Washington, D C, will speak on "A Critical Examination Of The Protection Of Human Rights In Latin America Under The American Convention On Human Rights".

**Special**

Mr Trotman said the symposium is of special significance because it commemorates the 10th anniversary of the coming into force of the American

assist the execution of its programmes and there will be a look into the future with possible recommendations for improvements in the machinery of the Convention.

**Founded**

CARICARE was founded in June 1987 on the initiative of the Jamaica based Bustamante Institute Of Public & International Affairs. The Institute, which is headed by Sir Rupert John, has its headquarters in St Vincent and, according to Mr Trotman, was founded to provide support, advice and information concerning human and democratic rights.

CARICARE is non-governmental and aims to facilitate access to available machinery for redress when human and democratic rights are threatened or violated.

**SYMPOSIUM**

Convention Of Human Rights.

This Convention, he said, is a treaty among 20 members of the OAS including three countries of the the Caribbean Community,

**AMERICAN CONVENTION**

Grenada, Barbados and Jamaica.

**COMMEMORATES THE**

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**ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Executive Director said the operations

The significance of the symposium being held in Grenada, he explained, is that, 10 years ago, on 18th July 1977, when Grenada deposited her instrument of ratification with the OAS Secretary General, she made up then the number of national ratifications required to bring the Convention into force.

**Focus**

Mr Trotman said the symposium will focus on examination of what the Convention of Human Rights is. It will also look into the functioning of its organs, that is the Washington, D C based Inter-American Commission On Human Rights and The American Court Of Human Rights which is located in Costa Rica.

There will also be a critical look at the relationship non-governmental bodies should have to the Convention in order to

of CARICARE extend more particularly to the English-speaking Caribbean, but intended operation and functioning extend to the wider Caribbean.

**End**

**FOOTPRINTS**

The linguistic footprints of Grenada's early French settlers can be seen in the self descriptive names of several plants

Beloved by children is the "Poor-do" (Pois doux = sweet bean), while older folk still make a medicinal "tea" from the "Gwen-amber-fvail" (Graine à bas feuille = seed under the leaf). Also used to make a medicinal "tea" is the "Zeb-ah-peek" (Herbe a piquant = bitter grass)

# Government Gives Licence To Bank.

## I Dont Need To Be In The "Status Quo" : DeBourg

**M**R GEORGE DEBOURG, prominent Grenada businessman, former President of the Grenada Chamber of Industry & Commerce and moving force behind the proposed Peoples Bank, told NEWSLETTER in an interview on July 7th that class problems and remnants of colonialism are hampering the island's development.

"If somebody is operating clean", he said, "give him a chance. If he has done something wrong, punish him. But, if he has done nothing wrong, why not encourage him and give him a fair opportunity to develop? Why should his background be looked at, his family ties and all that nonsense?"

### Propaganda

Mr DeBourg was commenting on the adverse propaganda which has been evident since June 7th last when he registered "The Peoples Bank" as a private Company with an authorised capital of EC\$100 million.

There has been a report, broadcast by an East Caribbean radio station, that, because of "shady characters" associated with the venture, Government has declined to issue a license to The Peoples Bank. But, a license was issued by Government on 23rd June to Mr DeBourg for which he paid the sum of EC\$20,000 and which is valid until 31st December 1988.

The propaganda against his Bank venture, he said, is being generated by elements connected with the established banks and with the Private Sector. Bank Management

had nothing to do with it, he said, but persons who feel threatened by the advent of another Bank are making efforts to preserve the "status quo".

### Selfish

Mr DeBourg said that the Grenada Private Sector is divided and selfish and does not have the well-being of Grenada at heart.

There is a "nice, little status quo grouping" which may have taken the initiative at some time to form that grouping, he said, and now it is required that one "toe the line and do as one is told" in order to be "counted among the status quo"

"I cannot and will not accept that kind of situation", he said, "because I dont need to be in the status quo"

Mr DeBourg said the paid up capital of the Bank will be EC\$34 million but, beyond saying that the shareholders will all be Grenadian, he declined to identify the persons interested in the venture or the source of the capital.

### Englishman

The name of an Englishman, Mr Peter Holiday, has been associated with the venture, but Mr DeBourg said he is not and will not be a shareholder.

"Mr Holiday has absolutely nothing at all to do with the shareholding of the Bank", he said. "As a matter of fact, Mr Holiday works as a consultant to a group of people who are associated with our source, and for the purpose of filing with the Ministry of Finance, he has been named Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Bank".

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MR GEORGE DEBOURG



# IOC PRESIDENT SAMARANCH VISITS

## Solution To Apartheid Must Rest In African Hands.

**M**R JUAN ANTONIO Samaranch, 67, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said here on July 12th that his Committee was the first international sports organisation to expel South Africa for that country's racist policies in sport.

### Racist

That was in 1970, he said, and the IOC will not accept the South African Olympic Committee as long as the South African national Constitution supports apartheid, but the solution to this racist problem must rest in African hands.



Mr Mario Vasquez-Rana  
ANOC President

"The solution to the South African problem in sports must come from Africa", he said, "not from Europe or from America".

### Mission

Mr Samaranch's comments were made at a press conference during a one day visit to Grenada which is part of a mission he set himself to

visit, during his term of office, all the National Olympic Committees.

### Five

The President was accompanied by Mr Mario Vasquez-Rana, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, and Mr Samaranch said there were just five more National Committees to be



IOC President  
Juan Antonio Samaranch

visited before he completes his mission to this region.

Mr Samaranch said he is  
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Before the license was issued, Mr DeBourg said, Government had to be satisfied that the reserves and capitalisation of the Bank "were adequately in place". No deposit needs to be made with Government, he said, but, when the Bank starts to operate, a reserve requirement with the East Caribbean Central Bank will have to be satisfied.

Negotiations are now taking place to establish a local corresponding bank to work with The Peoples Bank, he said. He explained that a bank cannot work in isolation and the procedure is to have a relationship with one bank as a temporary device until the new Bank can fit into the facility of the East Caribbean Central Bank.

### Cheques

In effect, he said, what is required is a "clearing facility" so that the new Bank will honour cheques drawn on other local Banks and those banks will honour cheques of The Peoples Bank.

The new Bank should open its doors to the public before the end of this year, Mr DeBourg said. Through an agent, premises have been identified and purchase is being arranged, but he declined to give any details.

**End**

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very impressed with preparations South Korea is making for the holding of the Summer Olympics in Seoul commencing on 17th September this year. Never has a country done so much for the Games, he said, and, already, some US\$3 billion has been spent.

**Infrastructure**

Of this figure, he said, about US\$600 million is for the organisation of the Games. The balance has gone into improving the infrastructure, that is, airport facilities, highways, extending of the subway and other projects.

The President said this is not money "thrown through the window". From the proceeds of the last Games, Los Angeles received US\$230 million and he thought

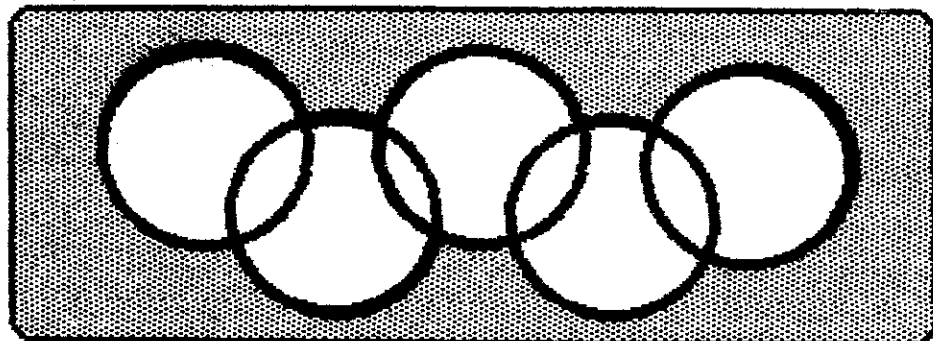
Opposition and representatives of the most radical student groups. He is convinced, he said, that South Korea is a "real democracy" enjoying total freedom of the mass media.

During the Olympics, the South Korean Government is responsible for security, Mr Samaranch said, and the IOC has been briefed on, and is satisfied with, the adequacy of measures which will be taken.

**"Two years ago, South Korea was host to the Asian Games with 5,000 athletes taking part, he said. "During these games, nothing happened because security was well organised and we think security will be well organised at the Olympics."**

**Boycott**

No boycott of the Seoul Olympics is expected, the President said, because everyone has realised that, when there is a boycott, the only losers are the athletes.



South Korea will receive about US\$700 million.

**Main source of revenue, Mr Samaranch said, is from sale of television rights and 26% of the sum realised goes to the "Olympic Family". Division of this sum is that one-third is allocated to the IOC, one-third is used to help Olympic Committees world-wide, and the remaining one-third is used to assist National Committees taking part in the Games. The remaining 64% goes to the Organising Committee.**

**Equipment**

As a member of the "Olympic Family", Grenada will receive assistance given by IOC to small countries, and air fares and accommodation for six athletes and two officials will be paid for by IOC. In addition, Grenada will receive the grant of US\$8,000 given to small countries for the participating team's equipment.

One month ago, the President said, he visited South Korea and had discussions with the President of the Republic, representatives of the Government and

In Los Angeles, 140 National Olympic Committees took part in the Games which was the highest number to that time, he said, and he predicted that that record will be broken in Seoul with some 160 Committees taking part.

IOC President Samaranch is a native of Spain and, in his youth was active in hockey, tennis and football. In 1967, he was elected President of the Spanish National Olympic Committee and, about the same time, was elected to membership of the IOC where he has served for the last 22 years.

**Eligible**

In 1980, while he was serving a four year term as Spanish Ambassador to Moscow, he was elected IOC President. His term of office, as the Head of IOC, ends next year but he is eligible for reelection for a further four years.

Mr Mario Vasquez-Rana, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) said that, before the IOC presidency of Mr Samaranch, ANOC was ignored, but his organisation represents a

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## NEWS SHORTS

### Common Entrance Pass

#### Rate 46%

Figures released by the Ministry Of Education show that, of the 2,715 students who took the 1988 Common Entrance Examination to the secondary schools, 1258 or 46% passed.

The examination is open to students under 14 years of age, and Westmoreland School, which achieved a 100% pass rate, took six of the seven top places.

Sheik Jaleel of Westmoreland topped the list with a score of 139, Roger DeAllie of Sunnyside Private was second with 138 and top student from the out parishes was Adrain Tummings of Crochu Roman Catholic School who placed 12th with a score of 132.

Presentation Brothers College and St Joseph's Convent were the secondary schools chosen by the majority of the students who placed in the top 50.

### Teacher For Language Conference

The Grenada UNESCO Secretariat provided funding for a secondary school teacher, Mrs Margaret Grainger, to attend a language conference in Trinidad earlier this month.

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special coming together of the "Olympic Family" to organise, among other things, training sessions.

The function of ANOC, he said, is to investigate the problems of the National Committees world-wide and to help them as much as possible.

In addition to his position with ANOC, Mr Mario Vasquez-Rana is President of the Mexican National Olympic Committee and President Of The Pan-American Sport Organisation.

**End**

### New United States Charge d'Affaires

Mr James Ford Cooper, 53, a career diplomat in the United States Foreign Service, arrived in Grenada on June 16th to replace Mr John C Leary as Charge d'Affaires at the U S Embassy here.

Mr Cooper entered the Foreign Service in 1960 and, from 1961 to 1979, served in various political and economic positions in U S Embassies and Consulates in Peru, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Columbia and Finland.

More recently, he has been Deputy Director of Caribbean Affairs in the State Department (1979-80), Deputy Chief of Mission in Asuncion, Paraguay (1981-84) and Deputy Chief of Mission in Helsinki, Finland (1984-86).

Mr Cooper holds a B.A. in Political Science from Michigan State University and an M.A. in Government from Cornell University.

As Charge d'Affaires, Mr Cooper has overall responsibility for the activities and programmes of the Grenada Embassy, the Grenada office of the United States Agency for International Development, the Peace Corps in Grenada and the United States Information Service in Grenada.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### Maurice Bishop Murder Case

Sources close to the Judiciary have advised NEWSLETTER that the Appeals relative to **two Constitutional Motions**, numbers 7/1988 and 12/1987 (see NEWSLETTER of Saturday 4th June 1988, page 2), set down to be heard commencing July 25th, **will not be heard at that date.**

The sources say one of the Defence Counsel is ill and unable to attend and, while it has not yet been announced, these Appeals are **most likely to be heard** when the Appeal Court sits on **29th August** to hear the Appeal against conviction in the murder trial.

**NEWS SHORTS From Page 11****Swiss Ambassador-Designate  
To Present Credentials**

Mr Peter Dietschi, 58, non-resident Ambassador-Designate of Switzerland to Grenada, arrived in Grenada on July 15th and will present his credentials to Governor General Sir Paul Scoon on July 20th.

During his stay in Grenada, Mr Dietschi will pay calls on the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Mr Efrain Silva, Venezuelan Ambassador to Grenada, Mr James F Cooper, United States Charge d'Affaires, Mr Graeme Roberts, Resident British Representative and Mr John Caloghirou, Resident Representative of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr Dietschi studied at the Universities of Basil and Rome and is a Doctor of Philosophy. He joined the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1959 and was appointed Counsellor at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, D C, U S A, in 1971.

In 1975, he was appointed Deputy Head of Mission in Budapest, becoming Consul-General in Munich in 1979 and Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic in 1982.

**National OECS Unity  
Committee Holds  
Inaugural Meeting**

The National Committee on OECS Political Unity held its inaugural participation meet-

ing on June 23rd.

According to the Government Information Service, the meeting was chaired by Chief Education Officer, Mr Roy Rathan, and was attended by over 200 teachers.

Present were Mr Danny Williams, Minister of Health and Chairman of the National OECS Committee and Senators Ben Andrews and Norris James.

Issues discussed were the advantages of a single administrative structure, increased political impact on world affairs of an OECS state and the strengthening of trade.

**Government Concerned  
Over Haiti**

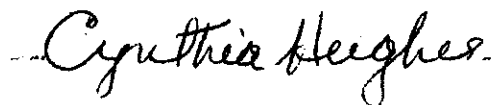
Prime Minister Herbert Blaize told the House of Representatives on June 24th that his Government is concerned over recent developments in Haiti.

The recent elections in Haiti left much to be desired, the Prime Minister said, but, because of Haiti's unique cultural and political experience, Mr Blaize thought totally free elections in that country are more difficult to be had than in places like Grenada.

The Prime Minister said that, despite this, he cannot accept what he called "the armed forces determination to retain control", and he disclosed that Haiti is on the agenda for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government meeting scheduled for Antigua in July.



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