

the mark features of this century gives us an idea and we as a race are not excluded.

A. Th. Illidge

EDITORIAL

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or reject it for it must always prevail. today we are accepting and participating in what we ourselves do know as beneficial to the whole community. Silently, if not yet openly Windward Islanders in turn must thank the fate that happened our own voices to be heard; that we may be coincident with our "OPINION" = always the TRUTH will be published irrespective of who dislikes it. That we may have freedom in the right sense of the word; that no force may enslave us. We can't but believe that the passing of the Civil Rights' Bill is a coinciding aspect of our endeavour. To us it is obvious - and we do not think we are superstitious - that the good Lord has His hands encouraging and sustaining our sincere efforts - Note that on Wednesday, July 1, 1964, the day of our Lustrum - not a flag was hoisted - no beating of drums were heard - no parades - no official pomp, but our Father sent his blessing in the form of heavy rainfall for our people and cattle whose critical preoccupation was thirst - drought.

God sent rain! Finally we should like to thank warmly all those who in the days of trials have encouraged our endeavour; also those who have and are contributing in any which way so that it proves a community project in which all may participate. Therefore we ought

not to speak about "Lake's paper", but O U R paper - It is Our People's Paper. It is OUR WINDWARD ISLANDS' OPINION. AND OUR OPINION HAVE NOT CHANGED ITS PRINCIPLES IN NO WAY WHATEVER SINCE ITS INITIAL TRUST. FOR WITH LOVE AND LABOUR ALL WILL BE OVERCOME%

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July 10, 1959

Dear Sir:

A copy of your publication "Windward Islands' Opinion" as of July 1, came into my hands as a very pleasant surprise.

I read it with much interest, and needless to say, it gave me a great measure of satisfaction, so much that I read it a second and a third time.

I want to assure you that this little instrument, now placed at the service of the Public in general, has been for the longest time a much needed one.

I hope therefore that your efforts thus contributed in this field may be greatly rewarded, through the patronage and support it will receive from all those recognizing its value.

Through this medium I wish to express my appreciation, and hope for the continuance of this little weekly. My desire is to see it go forward hand in hand with the community, developing into an organ of reliable service and an unbiased proclaimer of truth.

Thank you,

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Ed. note: We sincerely hope that in our first five years of publication we have been able to live up to your expectations.