

Newest Free Nation

The formal entry today of the Caribbean island of Trinidad and Tobago into the Commonwealth is an event of note. In size the new country is smaller than Prince Edward Island, but Trinidad's population is more than eight times that of this Province, and it is expected to exceed the million mark by 1968. Even so, the islands will be the second smallest Commonwealth nation, just ahead of Cyprus.

Neither population nor geographical extent determines a nation's status, however; and this former West Indian dependency will have an important role to play in furthering Commonwealth relations and free world causes generally in the strategic position in which it is placed.

Before Confederation, Prince Edward Island enjoyed a prosperous trade with the West Indies. There was direct intercourse with the islands and it was even proposed, at one time, to have a resident Prince Edward Island agent there. It is fitting, therefore, that at today's ceremonies, at which the Princess Royal will be in attendance, Canada will be represented by our P.E.I. cabinet member, Hon. J. Angus MacLean, Minister of Fisheries.

On his arrival in Trinidad the other day Mr. MacLean announced, on behalf of the Canadian government, a gift of \$100,000 to provide scholarships for Trinidadians at Canadian educational institutions. A similar scholarship grant was made to Jamaica when it attained independence earlier this month. Mr. MacLean also voiced the Canadian government's desire to foster "as much trade as possible in both directions and especially with eastern Canada."

Timely sentiments, which we trust will blossom into concrete results of benefit to all concerned.

A Boon To The West

It is cheering news that the Western Canadian wheat farmer has "hit the jackpot" this season. He has struck the combination that Westerners dream about—a big crop and good prices—and his prize could go to nearly a billion dollars. Many times in the past, good crops were attended by falling prices, and if the prices were good, there usually wasn't much wheat to sell. This time it's different.

Estimates on the size of the Western wheat crop range from 450 million bushels to 510 million. This last estimate is nearly twice as big as the crop last year; and on top of that the price this year is from 15 to 20 cents a bushel higher. Thus the wheat farmer alone will contribute something like half a billion dollars more to the national wealth this year than he did last. Returns will also be higher for oats and barley.

A big factor in this brighter outlook is the buoyant export trade with Communist China and Poland. To meet the demand, the Wheat Board last week announced general quotas ranging from one to three bushels per specified acre, a number of delivery points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This is the first time quotas have opened this early in the season for years. Usually it is in October or November before the grain really starts to move, but this year there is space available in country elevators as a result of last year's short crop and near-record export. The fact that

evapor space is available is of major importance to the farmers, since it enables them to start making deliveries and getting paid with greater promptitude.

With Parliament soon to meet, this upsurge in Prairie economic prospects will stand the Diefenbaker Government in good stead. It is something, however, from which all Canada will reap benefit, regardless of politics.

Not To Be Bulldozed

Our City Council, standing firmly on its rights, is not going to be bulldozed by this man Mannel into implementing his traffic survey report, and Mayor Gaudet told him so in good round terms the other day. He may think he's a big shot just because he was hired to come down here and make a survey of our traffic mess, but we're free and independent citizens and we don't have to knuckle down to him. No, sir! Who does he think he is, anyway, telling us what to do?

What did we hire him for, in the first place? Well, that's a question. We won't go into that. The point is that we're not going to be pushed around! This is not the time to implement his report, anyway. With the peak traffic over for the season, what's all the rush?

This man says we can obtain 800 more car spaces in the city; but where are they? "All we want from him is where they are," as the boys told him on Wednesday. Then we'll see. It may be they're not in the wrong place. Maybe we don't want to cure our traffic problems at the expense of convenience. (That was laying it on the line, wasn't it?) Anyway, what's it to him? He'll get his money; let him pack up and go home.

As Talleyrand once said, sometimes "it is urgent to wait." That's where we stand on this issue, if he wants to know; right square in the middle of what that Talleyrand fellow said.

Twilight In Cuba

Dawning evidence of the losing battle freedom is fighting in Cuba is supplied by the fact that the press there is fully controlled by the Castro regime. The number of foreign reporters is strictly limited, and all their reports are censored. Applications for visas to send in more reporters are turned down or ignored. Only a token number of visiting correspondents is allowed each month—usually one or two.

The correspondents able to work in Cuba find most official doors closed. When they do have news to report, they often cannot get it out of Havana. Long distance calls are frequently cut off, and cables disappear if they displease a supervisor checking all incoming and outgoing messages at the telegraph office.

An exception arises when the government wants to exploit some kind of news. Dispatches last Saturday, carrying Castro's charges that the United States was responsible for the shelling of a hotel in a Havana suburb, cleared promptly. Telephone calls to and from Havana also went through without a hitch. But the following day, without explanation, telephone calls were cut off for 15 hours.

In many ways, Cuban censorship has become more capricious than that which formerly operated in the Soviet Union. Now the outside world must take its Cuban news chiefly from diplomatic reports, which are not subject to scrutiny before transmission. The thousands of refugees leaving Cuba also provide much information, most of which is colored by wishful thinking, and must be weighed carefully.

It's the old story under dictatorships, especially when they run into trouble. And Cuba, judging by this frantic attempt to avoid the daylight, is heading for plenty of it.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Telstar is now being used to synchronize the master time clocks in England and the United States. Last Saturday an accuracy of 10 microsecond was obtained. A microsecond equals one-millionth of a second, so that's coming pretty close. The master clocks are located in the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, England, and the Naval Observatory in Washington. They had to be corrected to synchronize with the rotation of the earth which varies minutely and unpredictably.

THIS IS THE northeast facade of the Trinidad Hilton. This is the main block of guest rooms built "upside down" from the top lobby floor. Each room has its own private balcony from which one may view the landscaped grounds, park below, and, a little farther away, Port of Spain and the sea.

TRINIDAD BECOMES INDEPENDENT TODAY

Fiery Leader's Hope Of Islands

By CHAS. S. ESPINET

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A visiting American journalist of international reputation once pointed out to a population of three million that the very high intellectual caliber of leadership unequalled in any similar area in the world. He was referring then to three outstanding West Indian leaders, Sir Grantley Adams, the then Prime Minister of the defunct Federal of the West Indies, Norman Manley, Q.C., the then Premier of Jamaica, and Dr. Eric Williams, the Prime Minister designate of Trinidad and Tobago which became independent August 31.

All three are Oxford University graduates. Adams, then 60, won a Rhodes scholarship and went on to become one of the leading lawyers in the Caribbean before turning to politics. Grantley Adams, Barbados scholar winner turned to law but on his return to Barbados he made a career of leadership among Barbados workers and organized the Barbados Labour Party which he led successfully for over a score of years before becoming the first Premier of Barbados and the first and only Prime Minister of the West Indies. Sir Grantley, 64 years old, has now retired from active politics while Manley was defeated by his cousin, Sir Alexander Bustamante, leader of the Jamaica Labour Party, and is now the leader of the opposition in the Jamaican Parliament, a newly independent Jamaica.

The last of the triad still in the saddle is the youngest, the 40-year-old Eric Williams, a Trinidad island scholar winner, who took his doctorate in Philosophy with First-Class Honours at Cambridge University on the basis of a controversial thesis now published under the title of "Capitalism and Democracy", which upset all previous thinking on the question of the emancipation of slaves.

Williams Set to Change Historical Pattern

The little man with dark glasses was speaking to a rapacious crowd of 200,000 when he wrote me "I was in a university," said "And he fathered me—You fool, why are you studying politics? Get out of politics, you will come back to Trinidad and get a job!" He paused and, savouring the irony, the crowd roared in reply. Then the punch line: "I don't know where I am, but anyone put me out of politics?" The many cheering students of Dr. Eric Williams, brilliant Oxford scholar and head of the Trinidad and Tobago Government since 1956, the man who steered the two islands' withdrawal from the British Commonwealth in dependence within the British Commonwealth, and who will be up to his bearing-aid in politics, for as many years as anyone could care to bet on.

Williams Set to Change

His People's National Movement became more strongly entrenched in 1961. Dr. Williams himself has set about to change not only Trinidad and Tobago, but his historical pattern of the Caribbean as well, by seeking an economic union of British, French, Dutch and American territories. He has exchanged state visits with Surinam (Dutch Guiana). Mindful of the help which the European Economic Community could give in uniting the Caribbean, he paid cordial visits to the various countries many this year. Dr. Williams' French and American diplomatic policies in Port-of-Spain for the independence celebrations in 1961. He visited Puerto Rico. As he noted in a joint statement after his Surinam visit last month, he will be constitutional or internationalist objectives to a Caribbean Economic Community. He is not noted for political stability. Dr. Williams clearly hopes to

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Restless Sleep Said Normal

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

ADULTS claiming to sleep like a baby don't know what they say. Irregular and restless sleep is normal for infants and the same can be said for those grotesque and seemingly uncomfortable positions they happen to be on when the sandman arrives. There is no need to be concerned about these pre-sleeping movements and jobbering because they don't mean a thing.

The tired, irritable parent seldom finds head rolling and bed rattling somewhat disturbing. If a mother put it this way: "Sometimes I think I'm disturbing this just to keep awake so he can't leave and poster me." This may be true in some instances but such hostile attitudes are transferred to the child. The ensuing emotional tension and anger pique local irritation, which is not conducive to sleep. Mother should remember that most of these behaviours and postures are transient and related to a stage in development. Forget the criticisms.

DR. WILLIAMS

Federation (he disagreed with it) proposals for a weak central government. Clearly a dynamic political figure at the crest of his powers, his stormy temperament has kept Trinidad politics in a perpetual stew. Yet the periods of calm were equally remarkable. The Chaguaramas campaign was followed by a political independence with the Americans - "the spirit of Tobago" when new bases treaty was accompanied by promises of U.S. aid. When the American was disappointed, seemingly slow in coming the home town was threatened, but seems to be on the way to a reconciliation once more. Secretary of State for the Colonial Regiment Meeting was praised from the same Woodford Square bandstand where the Colonial Office and all its works had been damned over constitutional issues. Dr. Williams electrified both the Colonial Office and the Trinidad public, however, after the London independence conference when he declared that the territory should not forget about British help.

Despite the ups and downs in the political thermometer, Dr. Williams is consistent in his economic determination, from his early days in the campaign for a Caribbean common market. When he damned the British Federation for an independent W. Indies Federation after having been a staunch advocate of the union, "Federation, or Barbados will perish!" he moved on economic grounds. He has been consistent in favouring the remaining islands to discuss unitary ties with Trinidad and Tobago. This was not seen, as his critics charged, but economic reasoning. Williams questioned the top-heavy administrations in the islands when he urged all poverty-stricken or underdeveloped economies. A unitary state, he believed, would have greater economic viability.

Calibre Of Intellect Wins Wide Acclaim

Another consistent feature has been his personal impression on others. From the Oxford authorities to Prime Minister Maclean, the Premier of British Guiana, the Premier of the All-India West Indies' Congress, the Premier of Guyana, though sometimes grating, his intellect makes it impossible to be inflexible as he sometimes does. Dr. Williams has already made it plain that he is pro-Western where the cold war is concerned. Yet he is no less interested in the neutralist bloc (Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India and the study of Indian and African culture, at the Trinidad branch of the West Indian University. Dr. Williams criticized pro-Communist Dr. Cheddi Jagan, the Premier of British Guiana, for his leftist leanings, but he has invited Jagan to discuss the situation in Guyana. Despite his intense nationalism, the Trinidad and Tobago Government has been headed by a one-class associate as being "as British as Nehru." This

Under the heading "Keweenaw Canada Better," a match box bears the information that "Edmonton, Alberta's capital is closer to Los Angeles than to the North Pole." Well, nothing is perfect. — Ottawa Journal

We wish our poor people were talking about the Government's "fastidious program." Any one would think that we were all suffering the extreme pangs of self-denial in the name of the sake. Hever we should be called upon to endure real austerity by Syria in the least we there would be no word left to describe it. — Hamilton Spectator.

Arab League Troubles

By Joseph MacSwiney

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Egypt's withdrawal from the Arab League's special meeting in Lebanon may have allowed President Nasser to set off the book at least temporarily but it also places the long-fought Arab League in a new strait.

The Egyptian delegation's dramatic departure Tuesday was seen as a tactical device by which Nasser could avoid a heated reply to Syria's charge of aggression.

Ever since Syria broke its union with Egypt in the United Arab Republic last September, relations have been prickly between the two countries. Nasser now has tried to turn the tables against Syria in the latest assault by charging slander.

But Nasser's threat to leave the Arab League regardless

A man driving along a Nevada highway, saw this sign: "Thirty days hath September, twenty-eight hath February, and it also persons that try to exceed the speed limit." — Stratford

The president of the British Medical Association takes a purely partisan attitude toward the current move to "Socialize" says, "It's much more relevant to a crooked nose or projecting ears." Not to the man who owns the nose, it isn't. — Victoria Times.

STIRRED TROUBLE

Although Nasser has been a peace-loving man in the league, it has been generally thought he would do nothing as well as Syria and observers would be able to use it to further his own ambitions. Its headquarters are in Cairo.

Dean Arthur Carlisle of Montreal was unanimously re-elected professor of the Lower House at the 14th General Synod of the Church of England in Canada. As assessors, Dr. a Carlisle chose Chancellor Gibbons of Ottawa, and Chancellor J. Frohmanne of Winnipeg.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

August 31, 1887. A young man from Montague who has been named the Montague River, west of the group of cottages near the station, rescue his tent but yesterday, when fire broke his way from the camp site on the landward side.

INSPIRED BY PAST The formation was largely inspired by the Arab awakening of the 19th century that sought to re-create the Arab community which — though for centuries a part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire — had preserved an identity, fostered by a common religion and a common language.

Leaders of the Arab revolt against Turkey in the First World War sought to build a united Arab state but the 1919 peace settlement divided much of the Arab world into British and French spheres of influence and established separate states under mandates.

At the various territories obtained independence, Arab leaders held lengthy conferences, culminating in the Alexandria Conference of 1944, which developed the Arab League.

Changes in the island Division of the RCMP will be six well-known officers leaving the province. Replacements will be made from Ottawa. Announcement of the transfer and postings was made by RCMP Inspector, Norman Churchill, Commander of the Island Division.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Caroline Gallant, wish to thank the clergy, Dr. H. Allan MacMillan, pallbearers, neighbours and those who sent Mass Cards, floral tributes, Hennessey Funeral Home, also all others who were so kind during their recent sad bereavement.

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