

1946 THE FIRST ELECTIONS HELD UNDER UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE

Completed Returns Show Bryan Winner Of Seat For Eastern Counties

Mr. Victor Bryan, Trade Union candidate, for the Eastern Counties seat on the Legislative Council, emerged victorious with 5,148 votes, beating his nearest rival Mr. J. Moonan by 878 votes, tentative final figures reveal.

Mr. M. Nathai, United Front, was next, polling 2,136, with outgoing member Mr. Vernon Wharton and Mr. M. Khan getting 744 and 122 votes respectively.

Mr. Chanka Maharaj, British Empire Citizens' and Workers' Home Rule Party candidate for St. George seat by securing 8,465 votes, scored a 2,262-margin win over Mr. Mitra, Sinanan, with Mr. Norman Tang, United Front, third with 4,465. Following in order were Mr. Inskip Julien, 1,427, Mr. Vivian Henry 1,172, Mr. F. Brunton 896, and Mr. Buddhu 526 votes.

In Tobago Mr. A. P. T. James, British Empire Citizens' and Workers' Home Rule Party, earned a runaway victory over a field of six, getting 4,014 votes. Nearest to him was Mr. L. Edwards, United Front, with 1,625 votes, with Mr. R. Harrower 942, outgoing member Mr. George de Nobriga 580, Mr. Raymond Hamel-Smith 479 and Mr. G. Samuel 40.

Figures for two stations in the island ward will not come in until tomorrow due to adverse weather conditions and transport difficulties.

Mr. T. F. Farrell, Supervisor of Elections, told the "Evening News": "The elections came off very quietly. There were, as far as I am concerned, no reports of any disturbances."

Final count, he said, would take at least three days.

At noon today, the official results were:

NORTH PORT-OF-SPAIN	
MR. ALBERT GOMES	5,172
MR. T. U. B. BUTLER	2,018
SOUTH PORT-OF-SPAIN	
DR. P. V. SOLOMON	4,239

MR. ALFRED RICHARDS	1,357
MR. C. B. MATHURA	1,342
MR. J. N. PEREIRA	1,222
MR. A. E. JAMES	948
MR. RUFUS GARCIA	90

ST. GEORGE

MR. C. MAHARAJ	8,465
MR. M. SINANAN	6,203
MR. N. TANG	4,465
MR. I. JULIEN	1,427
MR. V. HENRY	1,172
MR. F. BRUNTON	896
MR. C. BUDDHU	526

EASTERN COUNTIES

MR. V. BRYAN	5,148
MR. J. MOONAN	4,470
MR. B. NATHAI	2,136
MR. E. V. WHARTON	744
MR. M. KHAN	122

SAN FERNANDO

MR. R. A. JOSEPH	6,083
MR. RALPH MENTOR	1,844
MR. B. GEORGE	68

VICTORIA

MR. RAMJIT KUMAR	13,220
MR. McD. MOSES	4,416
DR. D. T. PITT	3,709
DR. E. A. L'JEE	2,010
MR. G. A. FITZPATRICK	668

ST. PATRICK

MR. TIMOTHY ROODAL	12,811
MR. JACK KELSHALL	3,417
MR. J. F. ROJAS	3,206
MR. S. LUTCHMAN	1,566
MR. A. N. THOMAS	174

CARONI

MR. C. C. ABIDH	6,431
MR. S. CAPILDEO	5,098
MR. S. TEELUCKSINGH	1,692

(Six polling stations results to be added).

TOBAGO

MR. A. P. T. JAMES	4,014
MR. L. E. EDWARDS	1,625
MR. H. R. HARROWER	942
MR. GEO. De NOBRIGA	580
MR. R. HAMEL-SMITH	479
MR. G. F. SAMUEL	40

(Two polling station results to come in).

PORT-OF-SPAIN GAZETTE, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1946

VOTERS OF PORT-OF-SPAIN



ALBERT GOMES, Journalist, Born 25th March, 1910, at Belmont, Port-of-Spain. Elected a member of the Port-of-Spain City Council in 1936, serving continuously since then. Twice elected Deputy Mayor of the City—1941-43. Elected a member of the Trinidad Electricity Board in 1941. Appointed a member of



RUFUS SERAPIO GARCIA—Accountant and Auditor, Born at Maracas, Trinidad—14th November, 1917. Educated at Arima Boys' Government School, and Codrington College, Barbados. Entered Trinidad Civil Service at the Audit Office, trans-



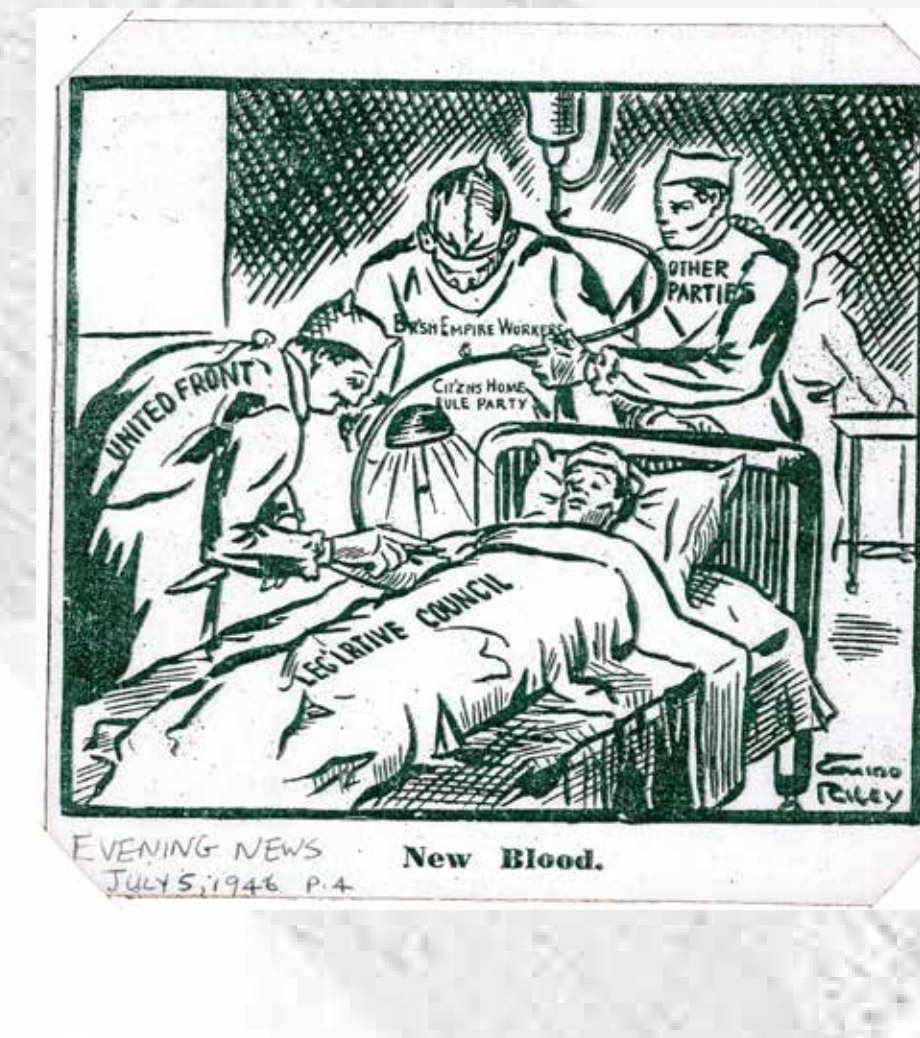
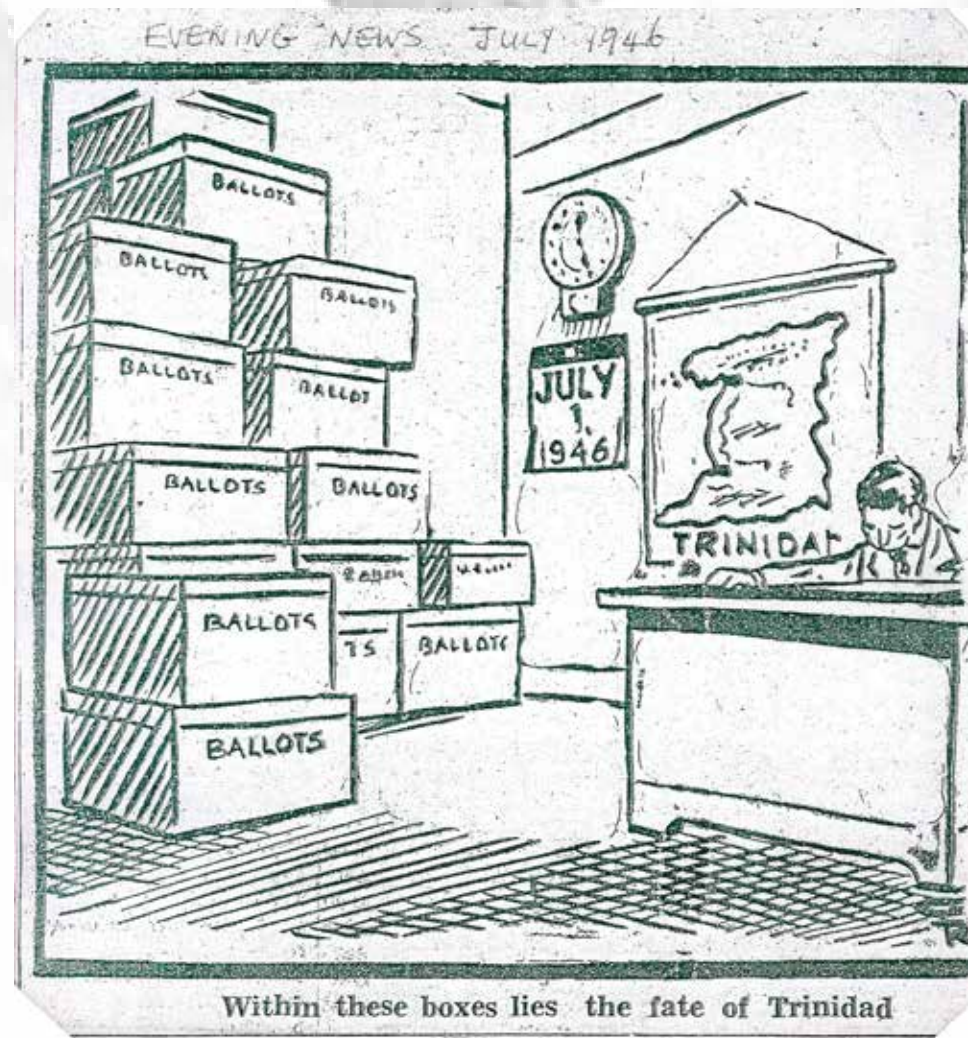
PATRICK VINCENT JOSEPH SOLGISON, Physician and Surgeon, Born 12th April, 1910 at Port-of-Spain. Took first place Government Exhibition 1921. Island Science scholarship 1928 served as Medical Officer in Antigua, Nevis, St. Kitts, and Colonial Hospital, Port-of-Spain. Vice-President West Indian National Party for three years. Chairman of Port-of-Spain group West Indian National



JOHN NUNES PEREIRA—Manufacturers' Representative, Born September 3rd, 1900 in Surinam, Dutch Guiana (British subject). Investigated the reason for the shortage and distribution of Cooking Oil in October, 1945. Result—No shortage since then. Vigorously supported in 1935-36 was principal speaker from Trinidad in Rep-



C. B. MATHURA—Born 1896 at Chaguanas. Elected Associate Secretary of East Indian National Congress, 1911; later held position of Treasurer, Auditor, and Secretary of the Congress. Joined Trinidad Labour Party in 1926, and is now one of the "Big Six" of the party. In 1935-36 was principal speaker from Trinidad in Rep-



THE VICTORIOUS LABOUR CANDIDATES

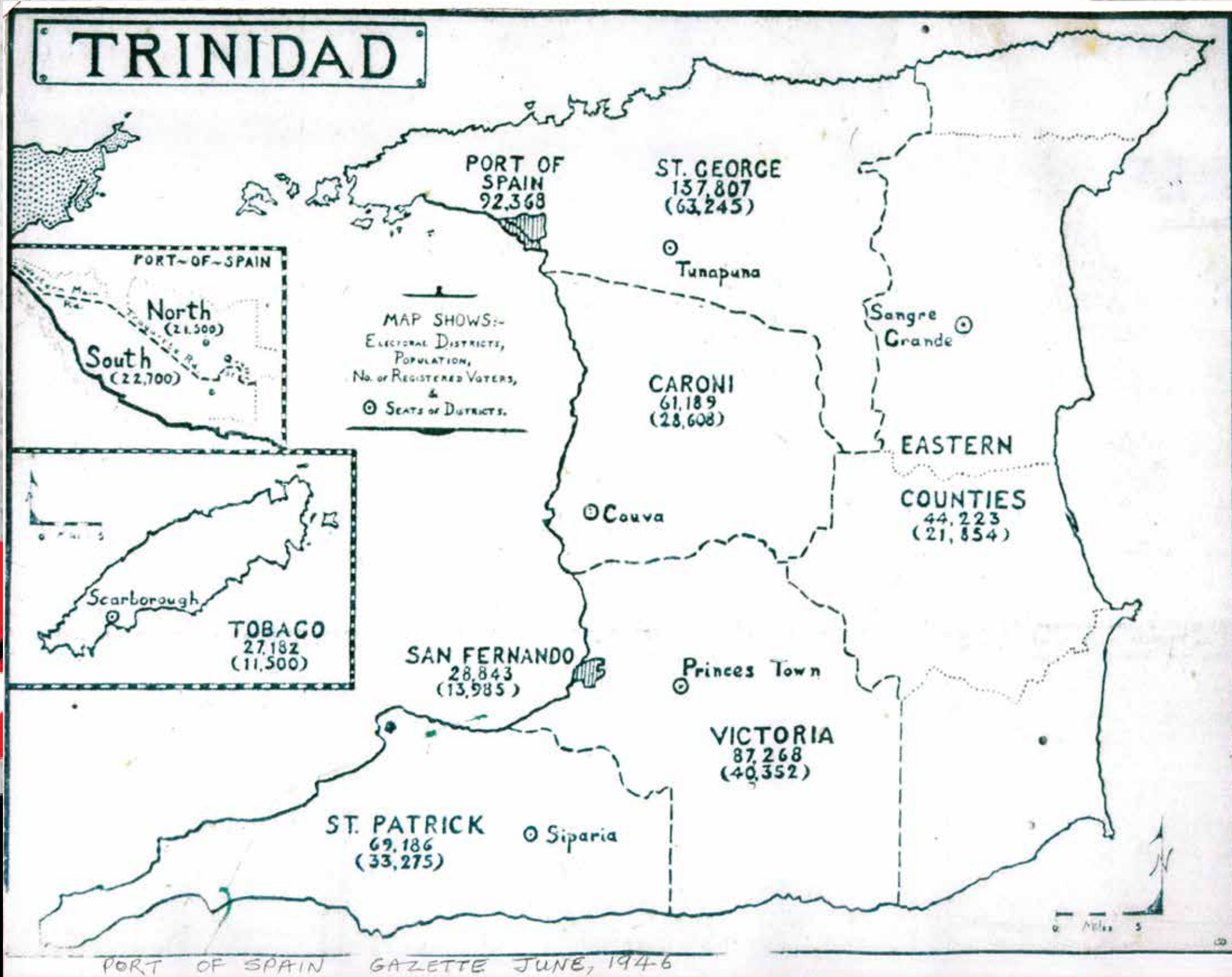


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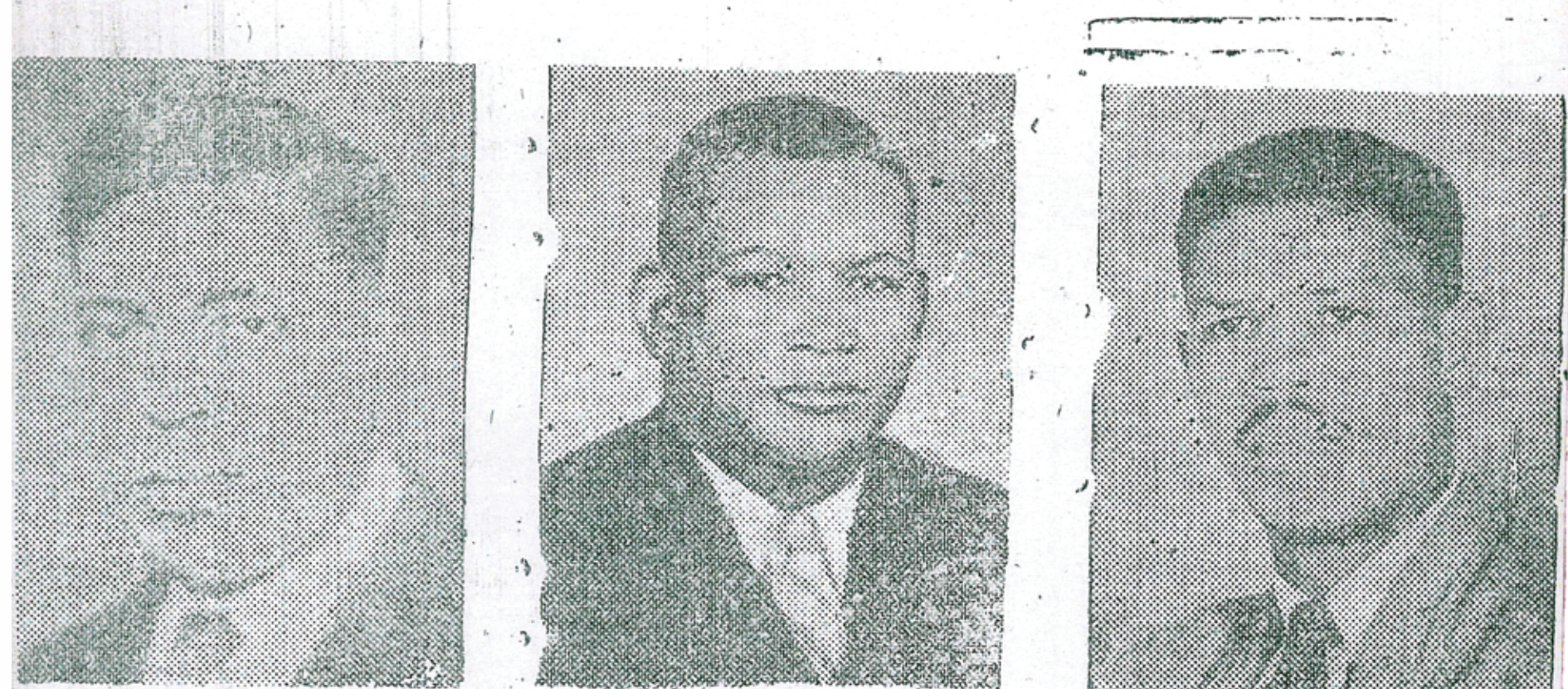


VICTOR BRYAN

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The Defeated Labour Stalwarts



1950

BUTLER'S PARTY, (BRITIS EMPIRE CITIZENS' AND WORKERS HOME RULE PARTY) WON THE MOST SEATS IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS

Tubal Uriah "Buzz" Butler (1895-1977)



Political Career

1936

Butler formed his own party, The British Empire Worker and Citizen Home Rule Party. (BEWCHP)

1950

Butler formed The Butler Party and won a seat to represent St Patrick West in the Legislative Council.

1950 -1961

Butler served in the Legislative Council

Vehicular Parades Mark Election Campaign

Motor-cars And Bicycles Figure In Processions

Electioneering activities were intensified over the last weekend. Vehicular parades—a show of strength—were put on in several of the constituencies.

Mr. McDonald Stanley, candidate for the Tunapuna seat, held a quarter mile long procession of bicycles on Sunday. There were some 300 vehicles, and women also rode. Leading slogan in the procession was "Labour Marches On."

In the City, Dr. Patrick Solomon and his supporters toured South Port-of-Spain in motor vehicles. Meanwhile, the City Mayor, Alderman Norman Tang combed Romeo, Finland, Clarence, Nizam, Cawnpore and Lucknow Streets, in the St. James area of South Port-of-Spain and spoke to the electorates.

The Mayor received a grand ovation from the people in the area, many of the people came out of their homes to cheer him. He told them that it was an insult to their intelligence for his opponents to bring foreigners to tell their wives and daughters where to cast their votes, and he had every confidence that the people of St. James would remain firm.

FOR AROUCA

Late starter in the East St. George fight is Mr. Lionel Skinner, who claims to be a son of Arouca. Among the promises of this candidate which he outlined to the electorate over the weekend, where the laying out of a playground for the children of Arouca, a combined secondary and technical school, water taps from Cocorite to Talparo, and increased health amenities.

In St. George West, Mr. Vivian Henry, assisted by Mr. E. J. Lal-Fook and Mr. Randolph Young, held a public meeting at Riverbank, Cascade, on Saturday night when the T.L.P. programme was outlined.

The past achievements of the party were reviewed, and the electorate was urged to support the party's candidates at the coming elections.

On Sunday Mr. Henry led a procession of cars bedecked with streamers bearing campaign slogans. The procession stopped at various points in the area, and addresses were made.

Mr. Mohammed Khan, the Trinidad Labour Party candidate contesting the Tunapuna seat, met with favourable response when he held a meeting at Fairley Street, Tunapuna, last night. The candidate during the course of an address, vowed to iron out the differences between the people and Government.

HOLDS 3 MEETINGS

Councillor C. B. Mathura, candidate for East St. George, spent the week-end at Blanchisseuse where he held three meetings. The response was favourable and residents asked him to return.

Speaking near the Arima market on Saturday night, Councillor Mathura outlined his plans to the gathering without interruptions. The candidate also held meetings at Calcutta Street, Calvary Hill, Arima, over the week-end.

Mr. C. I. Lockhart's public



Motor-car parade, organised by the Caribbean Socialist Party, in support of their candidates for the Port-of-Spain constituencies snapped as it passed through St. James on Sunday. In front is Mr. Vivian Alexis, candidate for North Port-of-Spain. Other party candidates are Dr. P. Solomon, for South Port-of-Spain, and Mr. Christopher Lockhart, for East Port-of-Spain.

Quevedo Charges Elections Being Dragged In Gutter

Mr. Raymond Quevedo, candidate for the Laventille constituency in the forthcoming general elections for the Legislative Council on September 18, accused other candidates of "dragging the elections into the gutter." He told the electorate last night "it is unfortunate but true."

The large crowd assembled at the corner of Third Avenue and the Eastern Main Road broke into thunderous laughter, when Mr. Quevedo told them: "The other candidates seeking your suffrage have accused me of wearing old clothes, singing calypsones and being a wharfman. Is there not dignity in labour?" he retorted.

He told the crowd that he rolled barrels of pitch, lifted bags and performed other manual work "but honesty and sincerity of purpose was my chief goal."

Stating that men of action were wanted on the Legislative Council, Mr. Quevedo said: "This is the only way you can succeed. This is a crisis and we must face it like a brave people." He referred to his symbol the wheel, and asked his listeners to "roll, roll, roll, the wheel on to success."

Councillor Randolph Mitchell, in a supporting speech, left a charge with the electorate to pray to God for guidance and wisdom to exercise their vote correctly. The electorate pledged to "walk to the polls" to support Mr. Quevedo.

LECTORS OF TUNAPUNA VOTE

BHADASE SAGAN MARAJ

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS PROMISED TO DO THE BEST HE CAN FOR THE ELECTORATE AND TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE ELECTORATE.

BHADASE SAGAN MARAJ

VOTE

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LECTORS OF TUNAPUNA IT IS YOUR DUTY ON SEPTEMBER 18 TO COME OUT AND VOTE BHADASE SAGAN MARAJ SOLIDLY.



CRUDES AT POLLING STATION (1950 ELECTIONS)

50 Named In South Trinidad; 15 In City

Nomination for the general elections to the Legislative Council on Monday, September 18, ended at noon today after three hours of great activity at the headquarters of the various returning officers. More than 100 were nominated in 14 of the 18 constituencies.

Many of the electors endorsing candidates accompanied their nominees to the centres and there were no untoward incidents.

There is a total of 15 candidates seeking the three seats for Port-of-Spain.

Fifty candidates were nominated to contest the five seats in South Trinidad. Four of these are in San Fernando, 13 in Victoria north, 12 in Victoria south, five in St. Patrick east, five in St. Patrick west and 11 in Ortoire-Mayaro.

PORT-OF-SPAIN EAST: Samuel Baird, Aubrey James, Norman Alcantara, Christopher Lockhart, Cecil Gittens, Quintin O'Connor. (6)

PORT-OF-SPAIN NORTH: Albert Gomes, Vivian Paul Alexis, Raymond Percival Hamel-Smith, Clifford Scott. (4)

PORT-OF-SPAIN SOUTH: Mrs. Ada Monica Atherly, Stanley St. Rose, Dr. Patrick V. J. Solomon, Norman Wilfred Paag, Joseph Ramon Fortune. (5)

TUNAPUNA: Dr. Horace Ramesar, Ray Lange, Bhadase Sagan Maharaj, C. A. Darmanie, Ramgoolam Sewchit, J. J. Leslie, McDonald Stanley, C. K. Jitman, G. W. Buddhu, S. Marciano, I. Khan, A. E. Seeram, E. W. Shuffler, S. J. Felix. (14)

ST. GEORGE EAST: Matthew Ramcharan, Lionel Mitchell, C. B. Mathura, A. L. Dukkie, Jagdish Maharaj, C. G. Netto, Edward Lal-Fook, George John, V. S. Duff, Lionel Skinner. (10)

ST. GEORGE WEST: Patrick Lionel Akal, Cyril Lloyd Blanchfield, Francis Albert Michael, Brunton, George Hamilton, Charles, McVorrain de Freitas, Edwin Lazare Duval, Vivian Egbert Henry, Elias George Romany, Laurence Edgar Superville. (9)

LAVENTILLE: Adolphus Simon Blades, John Allan Cornelius Forde, John Henry Johnson, Garnet Johnson McCarthy, Hubert Adolphus McNish, Leuchini Narine Parry, Ramon Quevedo and Charles Fitz Worm. (9)

ST. JOSEPH: N. N. Ghany, B. M. Jones, Chanka Maharaj, S. P. Tiwary, N. Ramcharan, H. W. McAlister. (6)

SAN FERNANDO: Roy A. Joseph, H. B. Webster, Ebenezer Theodore Roshua, Dr. Edward A. Lee. (4)

VICTORIA NORTH: Errol A. Ramdin, John Commission, Bonifacio Raphael, W. A. Crickle, John Lalchansingh, Pope McLean, John B. Keshall, E. N. Donaldson, Clyde Camry, Nabbie Balsh Arman, Partap Narine, Ram-sawak Maharaj, Pundit Ramprasad

164 CONSTITUTION—Continued.

Nominated Member:
Hon. Leonard Courtney Hannays, K.C., 21st October, 1950. First appointed, 16th July 1946.

Elected Members:
Hon. Albert Gomes, 20th October, 1950. Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
Hon. Roy Joseph, O.B.E., 20th October, 1950. Minister for Education and Social Service. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
Hon. Victor Bryan, 20th October, 1950. Minister of Agriculture and Lands. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
Hon. Norman Tang, 20th October, 1950. Minister for Health and Local Government.
Hon. Ajothasingh, 20th October, 1950. Minister for Communications and Works.
Governor's Secretary and Clerk to the Executive Council: Joseph O'Connor, M.B.E.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Speaker: JOHN H. O'CONNOR, M.B.E.
John Lewis Henry William Savory, K.C., appointed.

Deputy Speaker:
The Hon. Sir Gerald R. Wight, appointed, 20th October, 1950.

Nominated Members:
The Hon. Leonard Courtney Hannays, K.C., 6th October, 1950. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
The Hon. Andrew Layne Jeffers, M.B.E., 6th October, 1950. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
The Hon. Harold Ernest Robinson, 6th October, 1950. First appointed, 16th July 1946.
The Hon. Henry Arthur Bennett, M.B.E., 6th October, 1950. First appointed, 3rd January, 1949.
The Hon. Sir Gerald Robert Wight, 6th October, 1950. Elected member from 26th June, 1941 to 14th June, 1948.

Elected Members:
The Hon. Roy Joseph, O.B.E. (San Fernando), 18th Sept. 1950. First elected, 6th June, 1941.
The Hon. Albert Gomes, (Port-of-Spain North), 18th Sept. 1950. First elected, 9th July, 1945.
The Hon. Victor Bryan, (Eastern Counties), 18th September, 1950. First elected, 10th July, 1946.
The Hon. Alfonso P. T. James, (Tobago), 18th September, 1950. First elected, 10th July, 1946.

165 CONSTITUTION—Continued.

Elected Members—Cont'd.

The Hon. Ranjit Kumar, (North Caroni), 18th September, 1950. First elected, 10th July, 1946.
The Hon. Chanka Maharaj, (St. Joseph), 18th September, 1950. First elected, 10th July, 1946.
The Hon. Ajothasingh, (St. Patrick East), 18th Sept. 1950.
The Hon. Tubal U. B. Butler, (St. Patrick West) "
The Hon. Edwin L. Dyrval, (St. George West) "
The Hon. Andrew E. James, (Port-of-Spain) "
The Hon. Pope McLean, (Pointe-a-Pierre) "
The Hon. Stephen C. Maharaj, (Ortoire-Mayaro) "
The Hon. Bhadase S. Maharaj, (Tunapuna) "
The Hon. Charles G. Netto, (St. George East) "
The Hon. Ramon Quevedo, (Laventille) "
The Hon. Ashford Sinanan, (Nararima) "
The Hon. Mitra G. Sinanan, (Caroni South) "
The Hon. Norman Tang, (Port-of-Spain South) "

SALARY OF LEGISLATORS.

Nominated and Elected.

Executive Council:
Ministers: \$6,720 per annum
Others: 4,900 do.

Legislative Council:
Speaker: \$5,760 do.
Deputy Speaker: 900 do.
Member: 3,840 do.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1950.

Parties Contesting The Election.

Party	Candidates	Elected	Votes Cast
Independent	91	6	94,075
Butler Party	18	6	41,639
Caribbean Socialist Party	12	1	24,446
Trinidad Labour Party	12	2	14,992
Trades Union Council	6	0	9,925
Political Progress Group	2	2	6,507

* In addition to salary as member of Council.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

(Figures in brackets in first column indicate number of candidates fielded by the party.)

PARTY	ELECTED	MAJORITY	SEATS
Political Progress Group (2)	A. T. GOMES E. L. DUVAL	2,199 288	Port-of-Spain N St. George W.
Caribbean Socialist Party (12)	V. BRYAN A. P. T. JAMES	3,826 1,500	Eastern Counties Tobago
Butler Home Rule Party (17)	C. MAHARAJ P. McLEAN A. SINANAN T. U. B. BUTLER S. MAHARAJ* M. SINANAN	4,522 211 138 5,084 2,264	St. Joseph Victoria N. Victoria S. St. Patrick W. Ortoire-Mayaro Caroni S.
Trinidad Labour Party (12)	A. JAMES R. QUEVEDO	1,923 2,063	Port-of-Spain E. Laventille
Trades Union Council (6)	None Returned		
Independents (9)	N. W. TANG R. S. MAHARAJ C. G. NETTO E. A. JOSEPH AJODHASINGH RANJIT KUMAR	228 1,953 1,219 2,475 1,468 2,262	Port-of-Spain E. Tunapuna St. George E. San Fernando St. Patrick E. Caroni N.

*No final returns but issue not in doubt.



FACES OF THE ELECTORATE... (See Page 3)

To the Electorate of **TUNAPUNA**

ONLY 1 PROMISE

TO AQUAINT MYSELF WITH YOUR NEEDS AND SEE THAT THOSE NEEDS ARE FULFILLED TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY

Place your mark against the **ARROW**

6 LANGE, RAYMOND → X

and vote **RAY LANGE**

TRINIDAD GARDIAN SEPT 1950

1956 PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT WON THE ELECTIONS AND DR. ERIC WILLIAMS ELECTED CHIEF MINISTER

PNM Winning Team In September 24 Elections

For the first time in the Political history of Trinidad and Tobago a political party will be assuming the reins of Government, and shouldering the responsibility of implementing its programme for the social, political, and economic advancement of the country in consonance with a considered election manifesto.

This honour has fallen to the People's National Movement, which has won 13 out of the 24 seats contested in the General Elections of September 24. The result has confounded the critics, and put the forecasters to rout. Minister, to our Political Leader has fallen the honour of being the first Chief Minister designate in the history of Trinidad and Tobago.

Through wishful thinking, the critics predicted that only a coalition Government could result, and, while they preached allegiance to party, they left no doubt that they really believed that Trinidad and Tobago were not ripe for Party Politics. The electorate have left them in no doubt as to the falsity of their beliefs.

Obstacles Overcome

No doubt this belief was encouraged by the backward constitution which the Simon Committee framed to perpetuate the bad tradition of individualism in our politics. But once again, as in the Gold Coast, it has been shown that a people aroused will surmount all obstacles to the achievement of their rights to political self-expression.

PNM to quote its Election Manifesto respects the so-called "New" Constitution decreed in advance, unworthy of the aspirations of our people, imposed to the needs of this age. PNM, however, will operate the "New" Constitution, but forthwith will seek to introduce the Two Chamber Legislature and the Caring System which it has advocated.

To the Team of 13 PNM winning candidates below, has fallen the onerous task of carrying out the will of the people as expressed by 109,155 electors in favour of our Manifesto and Programme. The results of the final count of votes cast in the constituencies in which PNM was successful are given below:



DR. ERIC WILLIAMS
Author
(Political Leader)
Port-of-Spain Southeast

Eric Williams (PNM)	6,007
C. Achong (POPPG)	1,607
H. Scott (CNLP)	576
A. E. James (Butler Party)	324
Rejected ballots	124
Total ballots cast (75.9%)	8,408
Total electorate	11,072



MR. LEARIE CONSTANTINE
Barrister-at-Law
(Chairman of PNM)

Tunapuna

L. N. Constantine (PNM)	6,022
S. Mathura (PDP)	6,443
R. K. Harrackingsh (But. P.)	708
V. Thorpe (POPPG)	412
M. A. Khan (TLP)	287
Rejected ballots	594
Total ballots cast (87.4%)	15,066
Total electorate	17,241



MR. KAMALUDDIN MOHAMMED
Merchant
(Asst. General Secretary)

St. Joseph

K. Mohammed (PNM)	4,223
C. Mahars (Ind.)	4,114
V. Kangles (Ind.)	873
R. Da Costa (TLP)	370
T. Peter (Ind.)	117
D. Marshall (Butler)	51
Rejected ballots	144
Total ballots cast (80.5%)	9,922
Total electorate	12,315



MR. VICTOR CAMPBELL
Contractor
Nariva Mayaro

Victor Campbell (PNM)	3,002
R. Rhobal (PDP)	2,301
R. Nathal (Butler Party)	1,792
K. Douglas (Ind.)	671
C. Nurse (TLP)	401
N. Baptiste (Ind.)	151
Rejected ballots	941
Total ballots cast (80.1%)	9,411
Total electorate	11,731



MR. DONALD GRANADO
Trade Unionist
(General Secretary)

Laventille

Donald Granado (PNM)	3,940
K. Rigby (Butler Party)	1,192
C. Gittens (POPPG)	923
C. A. Darnmore (PDP)	454
R. Ouellet (TLP)	287
S. Alexander (CNLP)	294
Rejected ballots	173
Total ballots cast (84.5%)	13,263
Total electorate	15,923



MR. ULRIC LEE
Trade Unionist
Secretary PNM Legislative Group

Port-of-Spain North

Ulric Lee (PNM)	4,581
A. Gosser (POPPG)	5,423
R. Hamel Smith (CNLP)	327
Rejected ballots	135
Total ballots cast (80.5%)	8,766
Total electorate	10,920



MR. JOHN S. DONALDSON
Retired Headmaster
Port-of-Spain Northeast

J. S. Donaldson (PNM)	7,371
J. Kelly (POPPG)	1,590
O. O'Connor (CNLP)	925
R. Gosser (TLP)	397
I. T. Durham (PDP)	171
Rejected ballots	192
Total ballots cast (79.1%)	10,466
Total electorate	13,227



DR. PATRICK SOLOMON
Medical Practitioner
Deputy Political Leader
Port-of-Spain South

Patrick Solomon (PNM)	5,648
N. Tang (Ind.)	3,333
A. O. Harris (Butler Party)	97
Rejected ballots	132
Total ballots cast (79.3%)	9,380
Total electorate	11,820



MR. R. E. WALLACE
Druggist
San Juan

R. E. Wallace (PNM)	6,301
H. McNish (POPPG)	1,926
S. A. Ghay (PDP)	1,328
C. Richards (Butler Party)	1,129
J. Ramon Fortune (TLP)	423
Rejected ballots	240
Total ballots cast (72.8%)	13,442
Total electorate	18,457



MR. GERARD MONTANO
Company Director
San Fernando East

Gerard Montano (PNM)	3,980
E. A. Lee (Butler Party)	2,638
R. N. Donaldson (CPDP)	927
J. Rojas (CNLP)	440
J. E. Herrera (IND)	319
R. Rambaranath (IND)	277
V. Joseph (IND)	228
P. Bamfield (TLP)	18
H. B. Webster (IND)	8
Rejected ballots	78
Total ballots cast (79.8%)	8,819
Total electorate	10,790



MR. JOHN O'HALLORAN
Managing Director
St. George West

J. O'Halloran (PNM)	6,460
A. C. Francis (POPPG)	1,090
A. Simman (IND)	1,598
MeV. de Freitas (TLP)	1,081
F. A. M. Brunton (IND)	295
Rejected ballots	298
Total ballots cast (77.4%)	13,461
Total electorate	16,102



MR. C. A. THOMAS
Retired Headmaster
St. George East

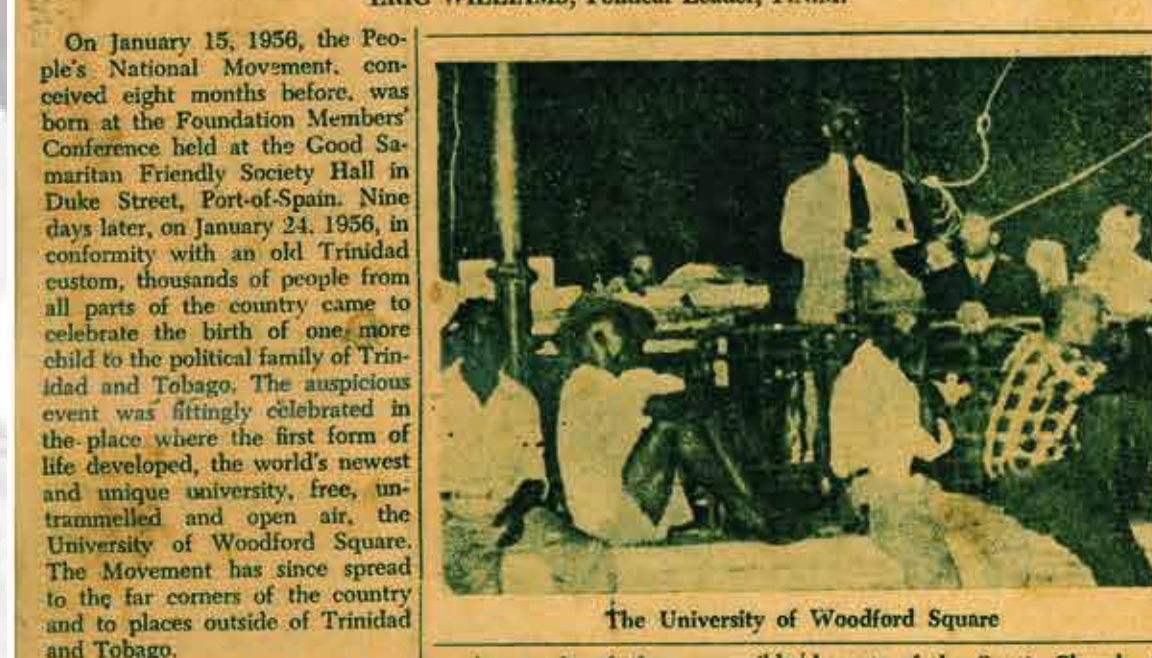
C. A. Thomas (PNM)	4,759
J. Maharaj (PDP)	2,610
O. Brooks (POPPG)	2,331
N. Alcantara (Butler Party)	766
J. La Rose (WIIP)	446
R. Chinalong (TLP)	358
E. Bonnets (IND)	163
C. John (IND)	60
Rejected ballots	305
Total ballots cast (79.0%)	11,688
Total electorate	14,682

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A MOVEMENT IS BORN



On January 15, 1956, the People's National Movement, conceived eight months before, was born at the Foundation Members' Conference held at the Good Samaritan Friendly Society Hall in Duke Street, Port-of-Spain. Nine days later, on January 24, 1956, in conformity with an old Trinidad custom, thousands of people from all parts of the country came to celebrate the birth of one more child to the political family of Trinidad and Tobago. The auspicious event was fittingly celebrated in the place where the first form of life developed, the world's newest and unique university, free, unhampered and open air, the University of Woodford Square. The Movement has since spread to the far corners of the country and to places outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

Every political party must have an organ for the presentation of its views. Every University must have textbooks for its students. Every country must have different points of view presented to its citizens and voters. The People's National Movement, which has given Trinidad and Tobago its own University—on voting, on transport problems, on political trends, on trade unions, on the responsibilities of women. This information will be presented in the context of world experience and world developments. It will be addressed to the general public as well as to various groups—women, trade unions, co-operative, friendly societies.

The second need is to stimulate and promote the growing feeling of NATIONALISM which has made respectable. In a cosmopolitan society such as ours division is suicidal. To break opponents on the head involves retaliation; to suppress minorities endangers democracy. Our small community is the product of various racial stocks and diverse religious denominations—Africa and Asia, Europe and America; Roman Catholics and Anglicans; Presbyterians and Methodists; Moravians and Baptists; Hindus and Moslems, Seventh-day Adventists and ad-

The BALISIER

Emblem of the P. N. M.

ANDREW GARR, Public Relations Secretary, P.N.M.

Many will recall that at the presentation of the People's National Movement to the public on January 24, this year, at the University of Woodford Square, apart from the colours of the Movement—black, white, yellow and brown which are symbolic of the racial groups, and their admixture, which make up our society, the Bandstand was decorated with the leaves and flowers of the Balisier, for the Balisier is the emblem of the People's National Movement.

Balisier is the Creole name for a well-known plant native to Trinidad and the Caribbean area. It is also known as Wild Plantain, and is scientifically recognized the world over as Heliconia Bihai. It is a plant with banana-like leaves shooting up to a height of 10 to 15 feet, and producing large clumps of upright shoots. The flowers are borne in large, scarlet, boat-shaped sheaths on opposite sides of a one to two foot stalk, and set not opposite to each other, but alternately.

This plant is used to give temporary shade to young cacao and for mulching. Baking up strips of the leaves for resting upon upon their ovens in the production of bread. But, more than that, it is recognized all over the island and elsewhere in the Caribbean by people who live close to the land as indicating fertility of the soil. Legend has it that when



DR. ERIC WILLIAMS
Political Leader

presents to the people the P.N.M. Weekly, and through it a point of view not now available in the country's press.

The primary aim of P.N.M. Weekly is the political education of the people, the presentation to them of the information necessary for responsible and informed citizenship in Trinidad and Tobago today. As a weekly newspaper, P.N.M. Weekly is concerned less with "news" as such than with the analysis of the news and the trends behind them. Its stress is rather on features than on news items. As such it is not a competitor of existing newspapers but a necessary supplement.

This perspective results in a newspaper markedly different in scope and content from the average Caribbean newspaper. P.N.M. Weekly has neither the space nor the funds nor the inclination for the competitions, the puzzles, the comic strips on which the average newspaper depends to attract readers and subscribers.

What then, are the principal



LEARIE CONSTANTINE
Chairman of P.N.M.

society as trade unionism, race relations, self government—these are the same racial stocks, the same religious denominations in our own community.

It is thus from the great crest of international civilization, from European and American democracy, from the Asian emancipation from colonialism, from African exorcism under colonialism, from the stand of the international "churches on secular matters, that P.N.M. Weekly derives its inspiration for the development of Caribbean nationalism, through Caribbean history, Caribbean literature, Caribbean art and culture.

But Trinidad and Tobago cannot solve its problems by itself, in

Then All His Dreams Would Have Come True

Butler: I Shall Be Premier

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Evening News Staff Reporter

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He said they had disappointed the members of the late Government in carrying out their mandate to carry out the people's wishes. He said they had not done so, and that he would carry out the people's wishes.

Dr. Mahabir, who had previously addressed a large crowd at North Road, said P.N.M. was completely devoted to the people's wishes. He said he would carry out the people's wishes.

PNM's FIRST CANDIDATES FOR SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS

Left to Right: Front Row: Mr. R. Wallace (San Juan); Mr. C. A. Thomas (St. George East); Mr. L. N. Constantine (Tunapuna); Dr. Eric Williams (Port-of-Spain South); BACK ROW: Mr. V. Campbell (Nariva-Mayaro); Dr. W. Mahabir (San Fernando West); Mr. F. Greene (Caroni Central); Mr. U. Lee (Port-of-Spain North); Mr. O'Halloran (St. George West); Mr. A. N. R. Robinson (Tobago); Mr. C. Saith (Caroni North); Mr. O. Mohammed (Narapima); Mr. K. Mohammed (St. Joseph).

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