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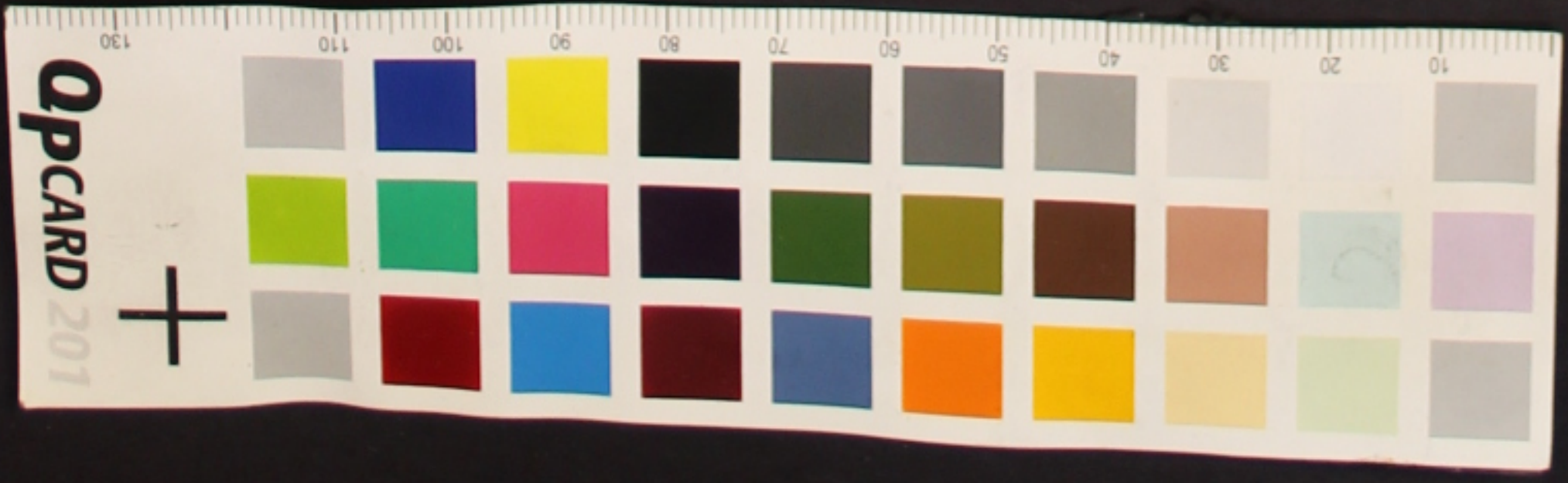
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CALYPSO DANCE? No! Lord Shepherd, Premier Bradshaw and Gov. Allen are only reacting to placard-bearing crowd chanting support of Bradshaw at right and below left.



DR. WILLIAM HERBERT . . . leader of opposition in pensive mood.



Herbert Pledges New Era of Prosperity for St. Kitts-Nevis

THE PEOPLE of the State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla can expect a new era of prosperity to flourish in the islands when Dr. William Herbert and his People's Action Movement (PAM) assume power.

This is how the bearded barrister-at-law who turned 33 on November 23 reason it will happen.

One of his first stroke of policy in a broad program geared to elevate the State from the abyss of impecuniosity to economic solvency will be to wield the axe on ministerial expenditure which he feels is grossly disproportionate to the per capita income.

Dr. Herbert also vows he will clamp down on the "wasteful spending" on trips abroad.

Next he will move with speed to supplement sugar with several light industries and he will expand the tourist industry on a "sensible basis" and put emphasis on more food production.

"Just imagine that roughly between 60 to 80 per cent of the laborer's income is spent on foodstuff from abroad when we have the land here to grow enough food for our population", he told me.

"I am reasonably certain that if we have a change of government, we will be able to attract home many of our people who have migrated to other places", he stated.

In an exclusive interview in his office in Basseterre the other day, Dr. Herbert

criticized Premier Robert Bradshaw's labor government for what he described as its harsh, repressive rules and lack of foresight.

APPROACH

"The government takes a negative approach towards the development of the territory and has embarked on a plan to crush all opposition.

"It will not allow the people to have television sets and no one but labor party members are allowed to use the government's radio station ZIZ", he observed.

"Even a University of the West Indies program was halted because I appeared on it", Dr. Herbert charged. "Public meetings have been outlawed and I had to go before the courts on a constitutional appeal to have the law altered.

"Now we can have public meetings, but cannot use loudspeakers or other noisy instruments without permission from the Police.

"Recently", he added, "I tried to show some slides of a demonstration and a 1913 law was unearthed to stop the show".

Dr. Herbert who earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Law at London University pointed out that government's lack of foresight is evident in the stand it has taken that sugar is the only salvation for St. Kitts

and the image of the island is tarnished by its hard line attitude against American investors.

Both the Premier and Deputy Premier vigorously deny this stating that Americans own thousands of acres on both Nevis and St. Kitts and only those who intended to speculate on the land were screened.

But Billy Herbert, as the attorney is popularly known, insists that government has only been paying lip service for years and only started to do something since PAM came to life in 1964.

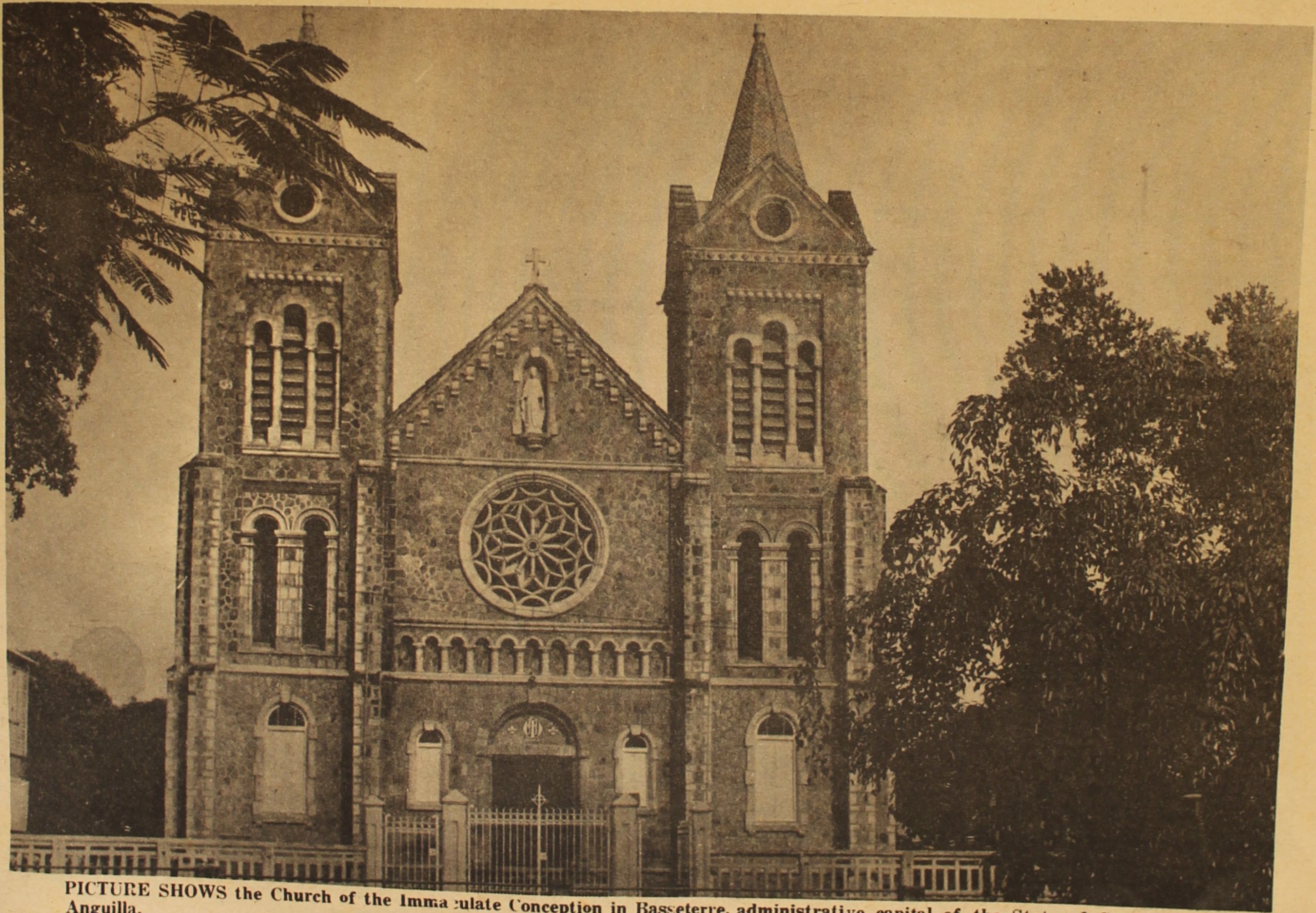
He dismissed the Frigate Bay development as "just a lot of talk" adding that if it wasn't for the United States Virgin Islands, many Kittitians would be in dire starvation. "One cannot even begin to estimate the remittances that people at home receive", he said.

"Our basic industry is sugar, but the crop only last for about six months and the average man makes something like \$15 to \$20 (Eastern Caribbean currency) a week; what must he live on for the rest of the year?" he queried.

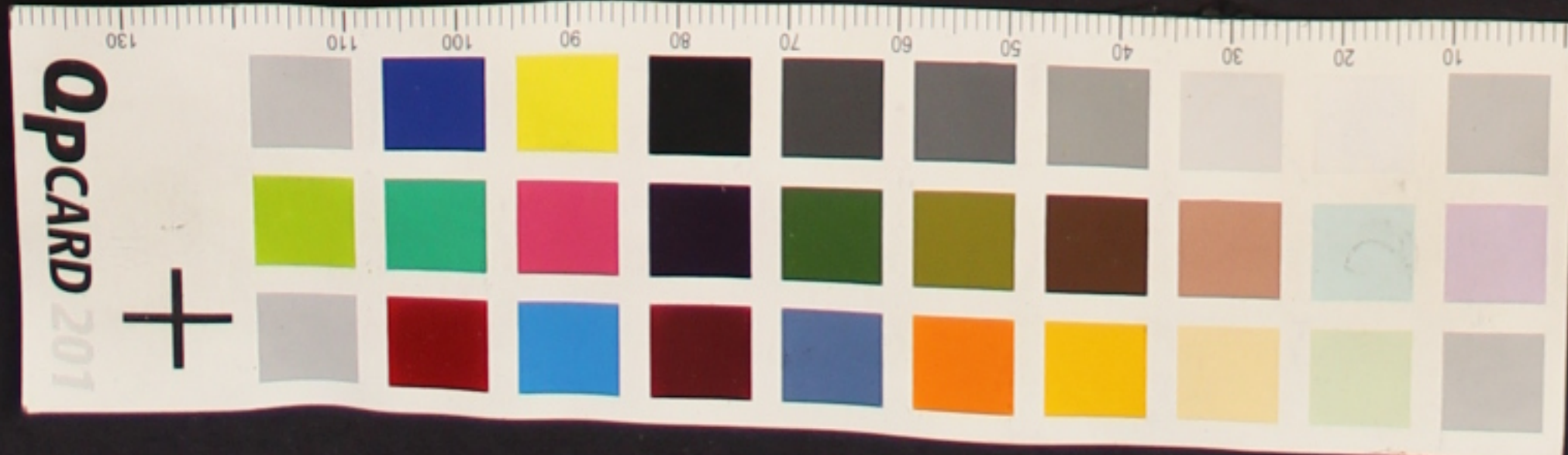
ANGUILLA

Referring to Anguilla, Dr. Herbert who claims he was imprisoned for five months and badly treated during the 1967 crisis, is of the opinion that the situation was not handled properly.

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PICTURE SHOWS the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Basseterre, administrative capital of the State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. (Richie Allen photo)



Opposition Leader Sees Victory For His People's Action Movement

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He recalls that during a trip to London, he suggested that the Commonwealth Office grant the Anguillans a fully elected island council to run their affairs. "Had this been done, the situation would not have deteriorated so far", the lawyer commented.

He declined to elaborate on the Anguilla issue and would not comment on what would be his attitude toward the rebellious island if he were to come into power.

Herbert is undoubtedly aware of Ronald Webster's statement that Anguilla has no intention of returning to the fold of the unitary state even if another government were to assume power in St. Kitts.

Webster mentioned at the College of the Virgin Islands recently that the PAM opposition has never made a policy statement on Anguilla.

That this will be one of the hot issues in the 1971 general election is conceded by both sides.

However, Dr. Herbert intends to come out slugging away from his corner in order to avoid a repetition of what took place last time.

Obviously, as leader of the opposition, he was hurt and embarrassed in not winning a

seat in the election, but he has tossed the defeat behind him as a bad memory and is looking hopefully to the future.

Will the People's Action Movement fare better in 1971 than during the last election when it could only capture one of the 10 seats in the House?

APPEAL

It is difficult for this writer to arrive at a conclusion. Premier Bradshaw still has an impressive backing, therefore, much will depend on how well organized PAM is, the appeal of its manifesto and the ability and popularity of its candidates.

My effort to probe these avenues was stalled when the interview came to a premature ending for me as Dr. Herbert, after glancing at his watch repeatedly, stood up abruptly and decided I should contact him if I wanted anything else.

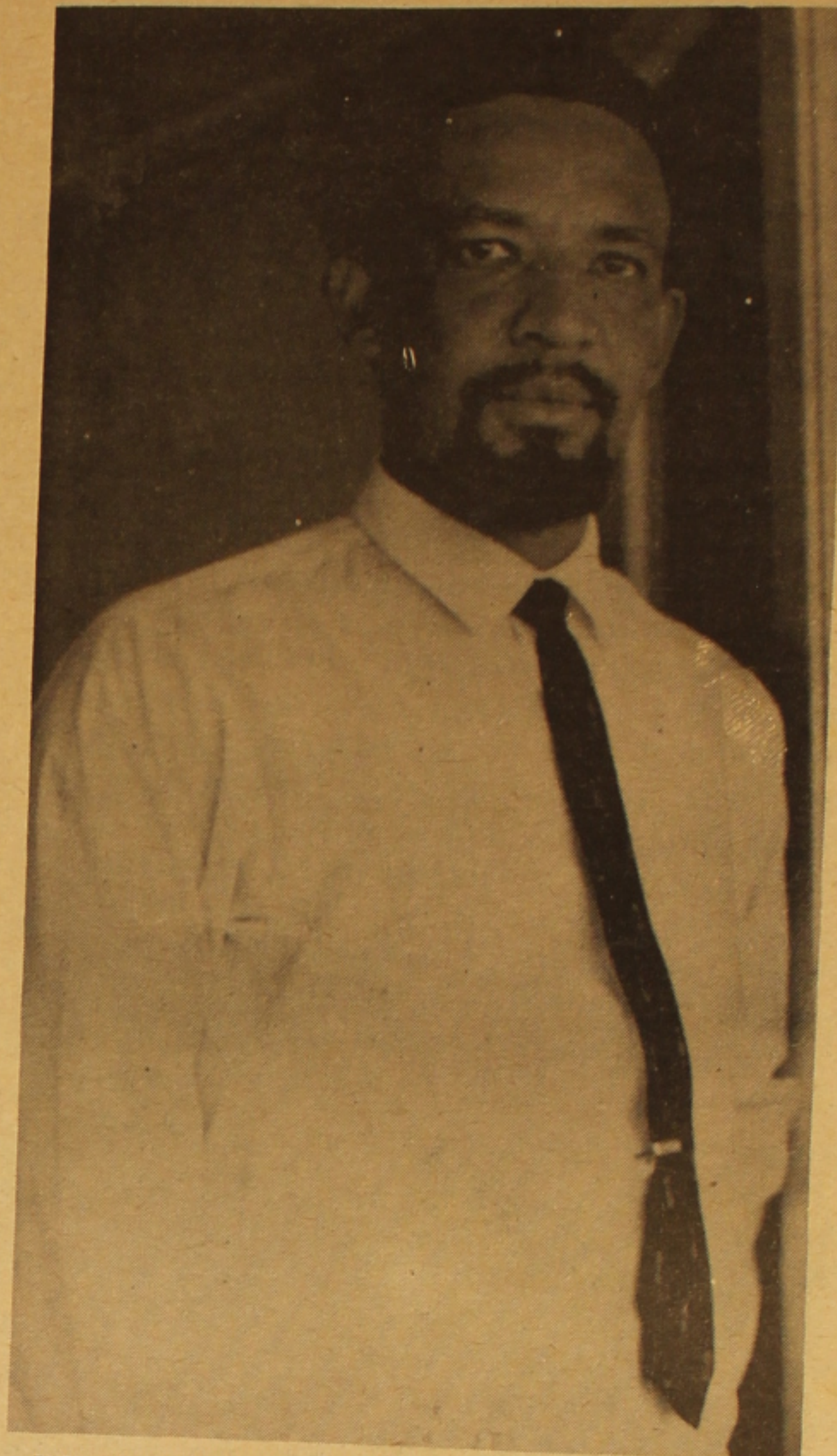
I left his office, somewhat dazed by his blunt method of bringing the interview to a close, but within the 20 minutes of our chat, I learned he attended a parochial school and the St. Kitts Grammar School before he went to London and did his Bachelor's in Law at

London University where he was awarded a university college post graduate scholarship.

After obtaining his Master's, Dr. Herbert was awarded a Commonwealth scholarship and later did his Ph.D. A volume of books containing his thesis is proudly displayed in his office.

He was called to the bar at Middle Temple. He started practice in his native St. Kitts in 1960 and went into full practice two years later.

While a student at London University, he served as president for the West Indies Student Union and the Afro-Caribbean Society.

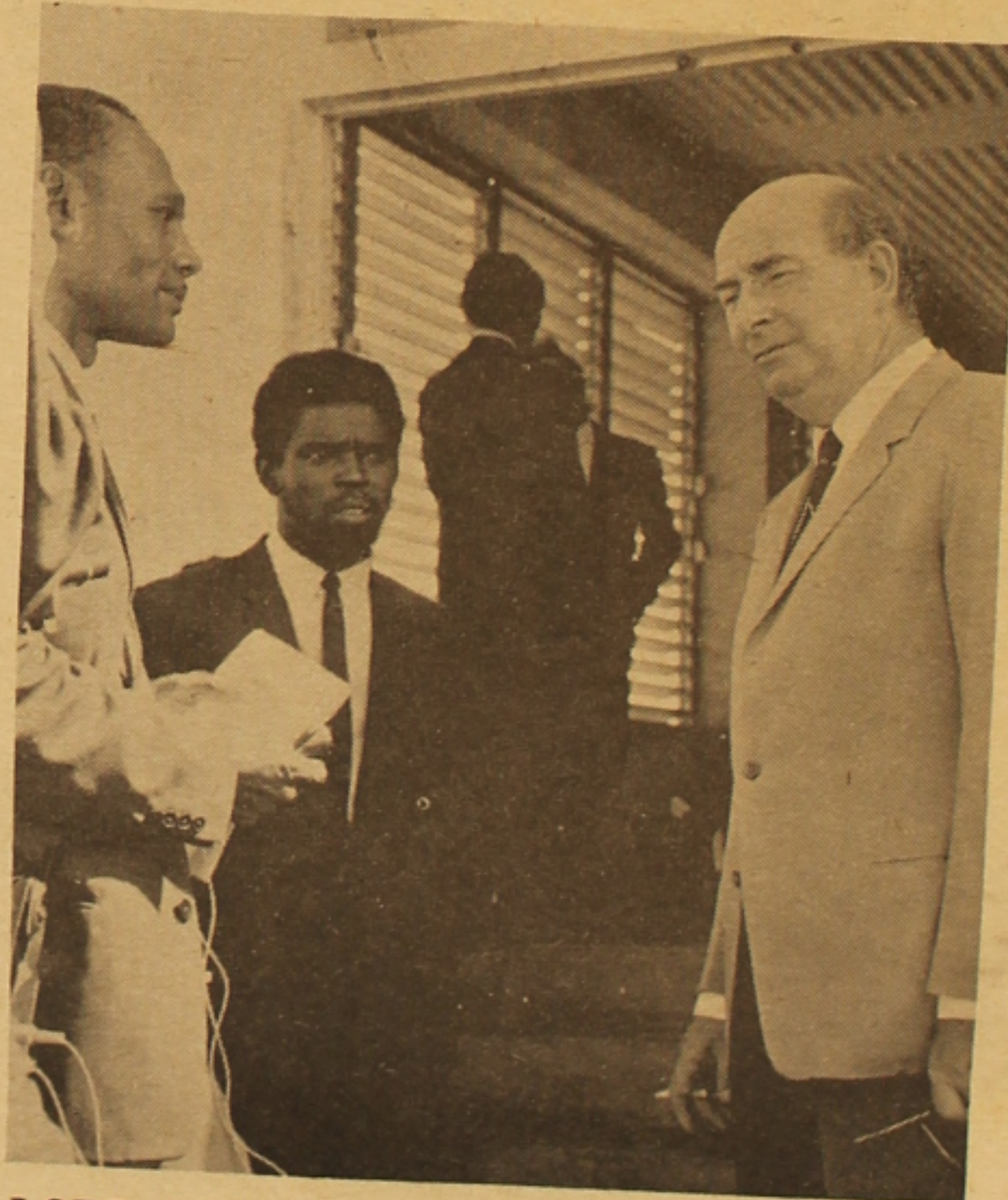


DR. WILLIAM HERBERT . . . leader of the People's Action Movement, the main opposition to the incumbent government.

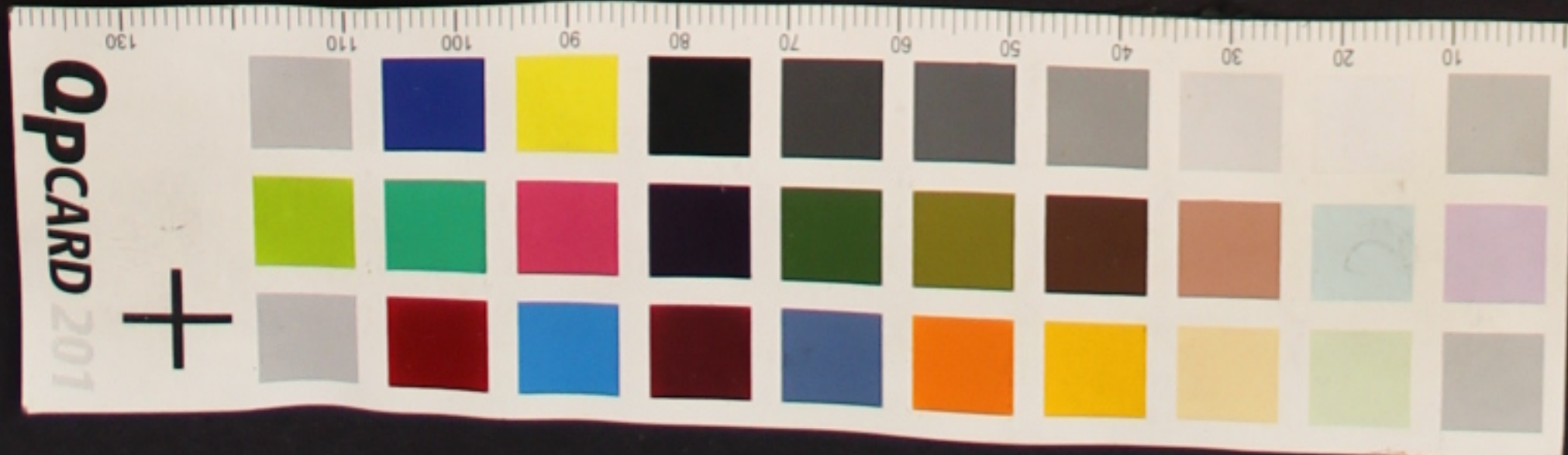


THE FOUNTAIN in Pall Mall Square is one of the attractions in Basseterre for residents and tourists alike who visit St. Kitts. The fountain was not in operation when this picture was taken. The steeple of the Church of the Immaculate Conception can be seen in the background.

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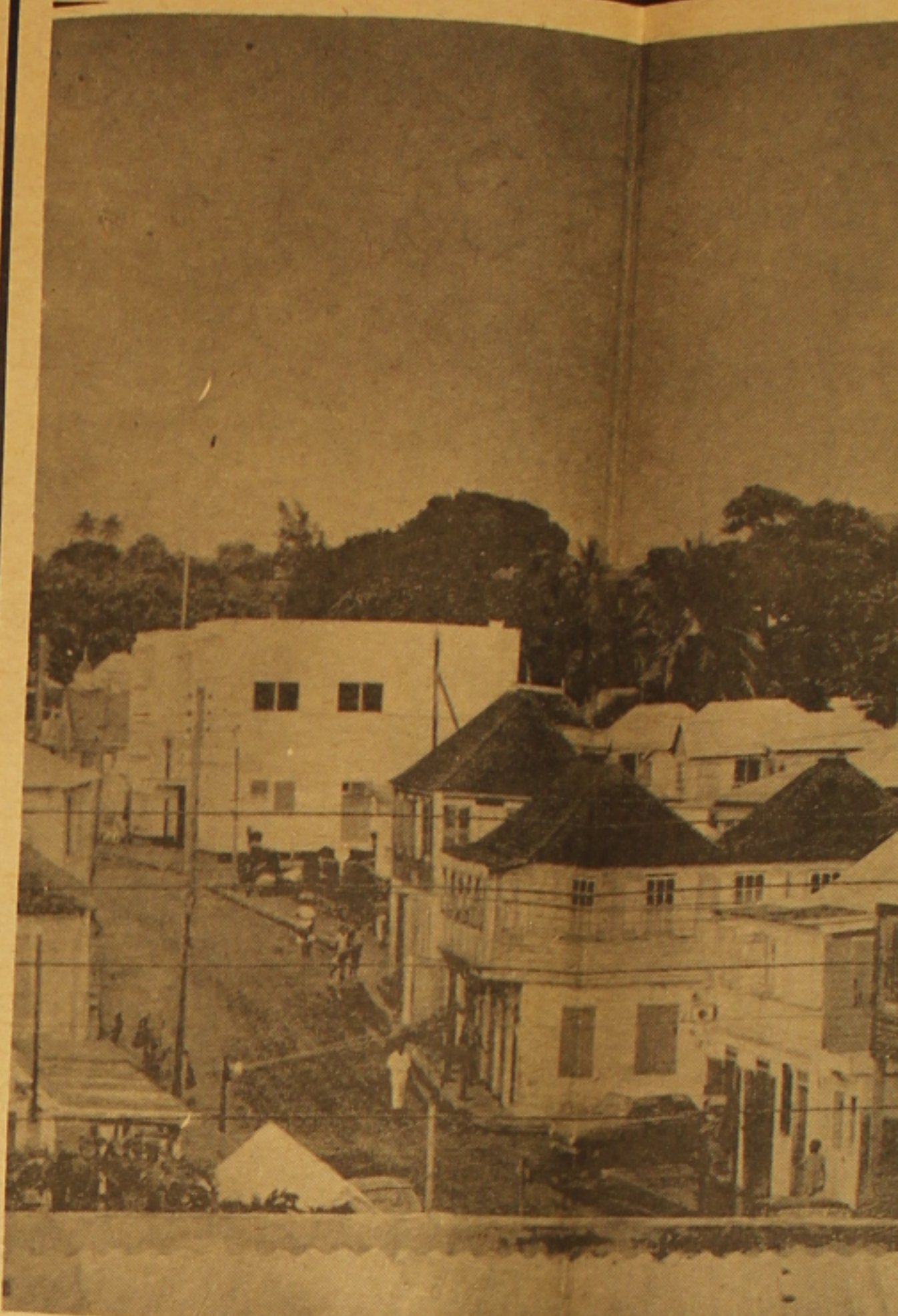


LORD SHEPHERD, Britain's Secretary of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, is being interviewed at Golden Rock Airport by St. Kitts newsmen. Hugh Springer of the Barbados Advocate is at left while Government Information officer, Attorney Lee Moore listens at center.



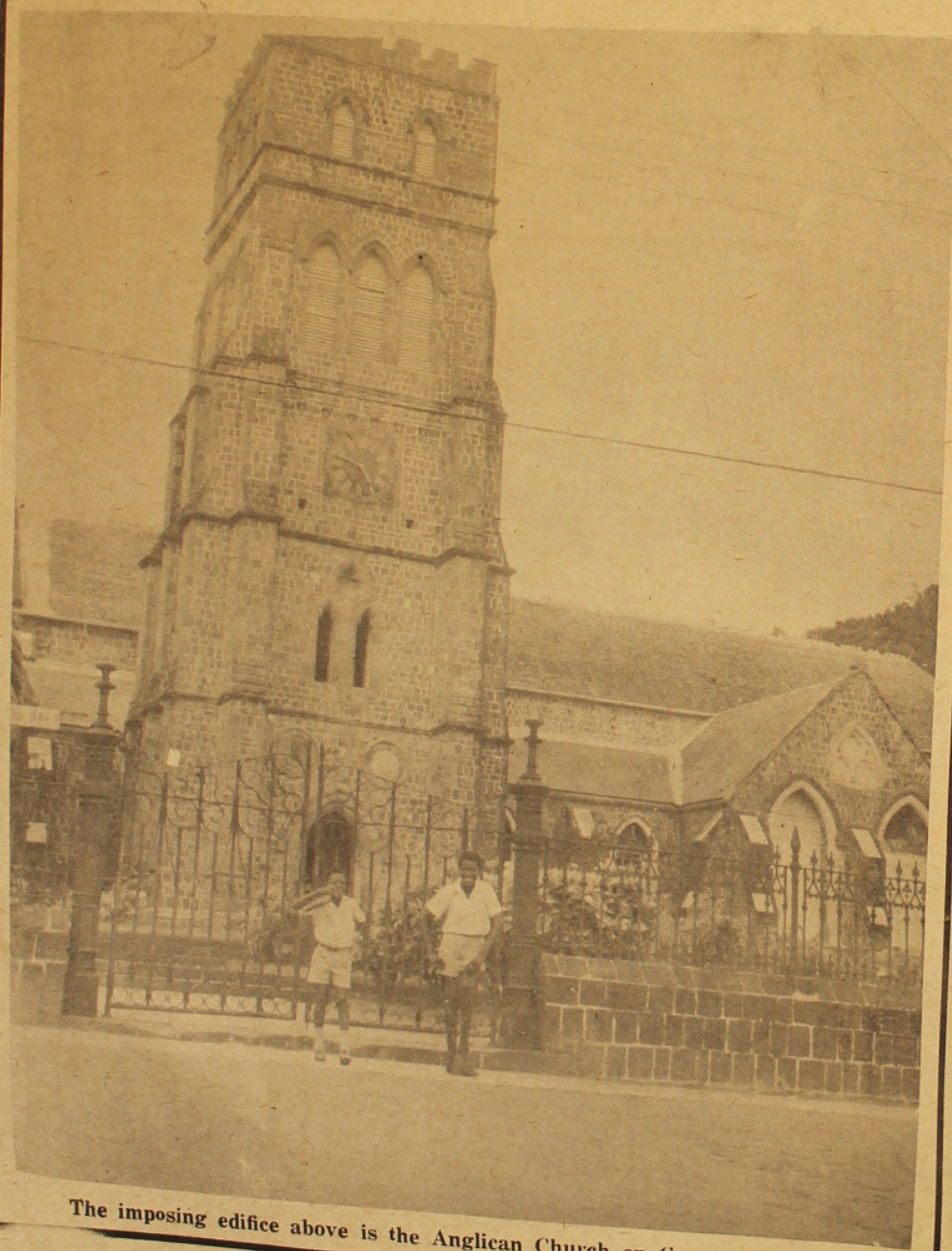


Lord Shepherd, Lady Shepherd and Premier Bradshaw on arrival in St. Kitts.



A view of Central Street and houses in Basseterre, office of Education, Health & Welfare.

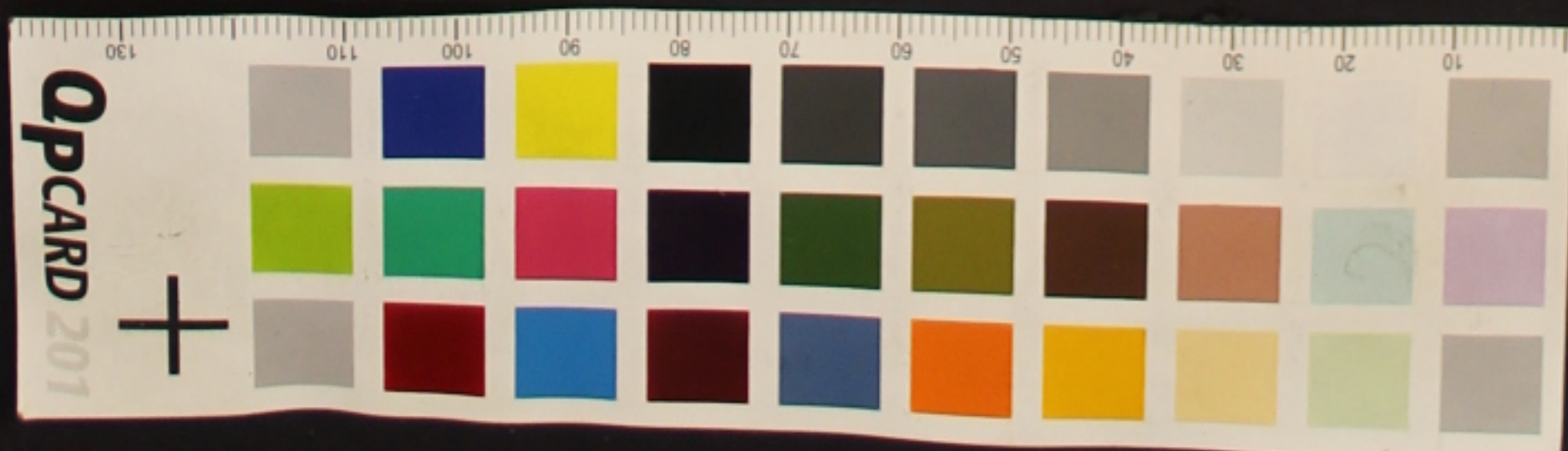
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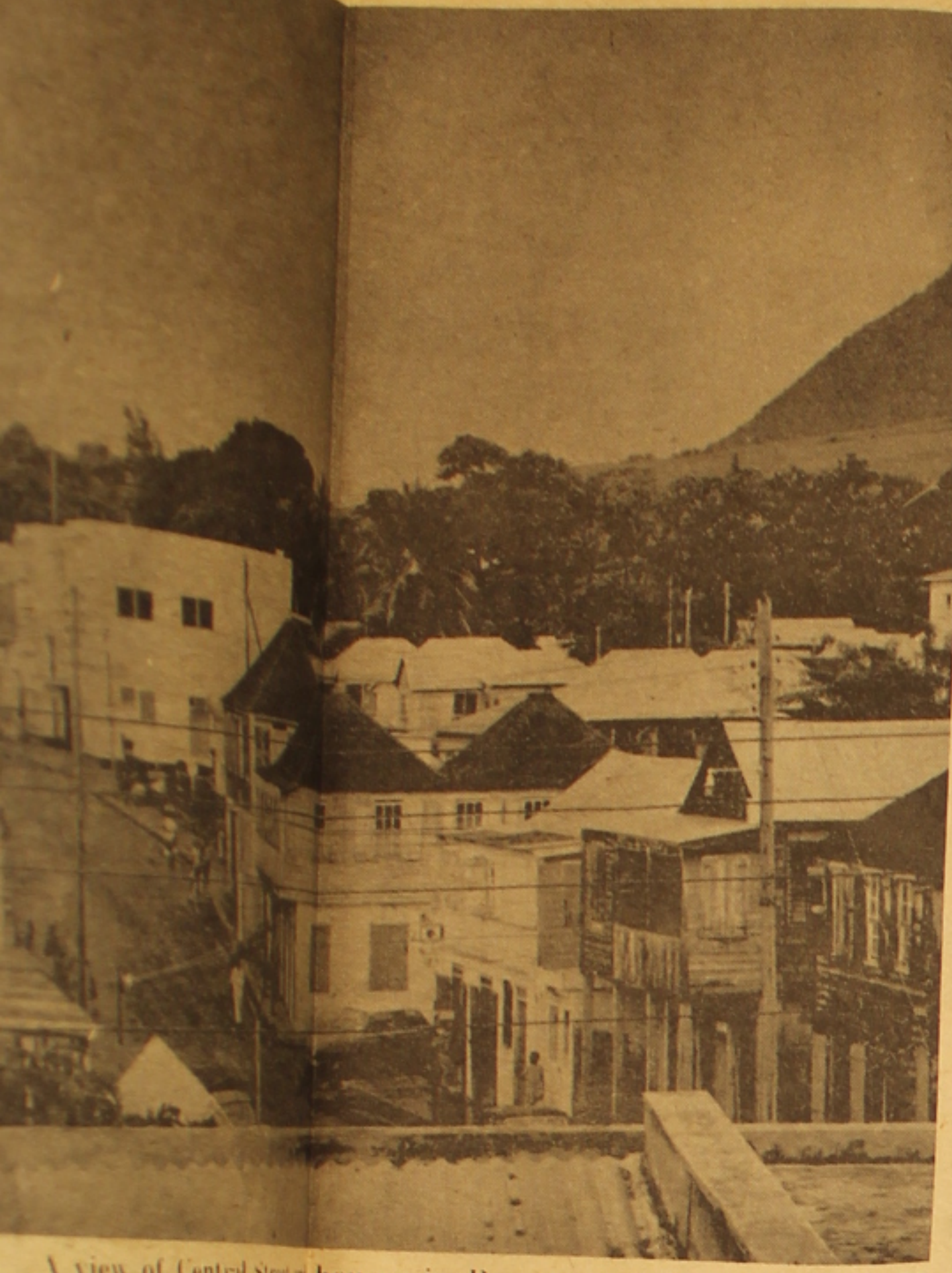


The imposing edifice above is the Anglican Church on Cayon Street.



Enthusiastic crowd of labor supporters traveling from Baker Street to Government House for the Bradshaw government.





A view of Central Street houses in Basseterre seen from the office of Education, Health and Welfare.

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Pictured at Pinney's Beach Hotel in Nevis (L—R) Government Secretary Spencer Byron, Attorney General Eugene Walwyn, Etsu and her dad Premier R. L. Bradshaw.



Street to Government House to demonstrate their high regard



These pickets indicate they stand solidly behind their Premier.

