

# Trade Union And Politics

**F**OR THE PAST two weeks this island has been privileged to have been visited by some outstanding trade unionists from various parts of the Caribbean. Despite the usual attempts by Government to let the visitors see only one side of the political picture, a number of them were able to meet members of the Opposition and of the Waterfront Airport and Manual Workers Union and to get a balanced picture of our situation here.

This gathering of trade unionists here on a Caribbean basis tends to focus attention upon one undesirable factor of our life and that is the marriage between unionism and politics. Some years ago there was an inevitable mixture of the two because of the lack of sufficient leadership and because of the lack of formulation of definite policies by the trade unions.

Today we find that almost all the West Indian islands have accepted the fact that trade unionism and politics must be separate and that persons cannot hold dual posts if there is not to be a disastrous result. The sole exception to this is St. Kitts where the members of Government keep their trade union posts and are effectively destroying both the Union and the State.

Especially now with proposed developments involving Governmental assistance, it is clear that Government cannot negotiate against its own interests. Thus we have already seen the workers at Frigate Bay kept down to the Government rate of pay because of the insistence of the trade union which is manned by the Government. Let us hope that 1968 will be the last year to see the total equation of the Government and Union and that next year the workers will demand that there be a severance of the two, as has recently occurred in Antigua.

## News Editor on Holiday

Mr. Edward R. (Teddy) Leader, son of Mrs. Esbon Ross arrived here from Puerto Rico last Sunday to spend Christmas with his family and friends.

Before leaving St. Kitts for Puerto Rico five years ago, Mr. Leader worked at the Government Savings Bank, and the Customs Department.

He was one of the Kittitians selected in 1958 to act at the West Indian Festival of Arts in Trinidad which Princess Margaret attended, and was Calypso King for two years in succession - 1960 and 1961.



TEDDY LEADER

In Puerto Rico, he took a course and graduated from the Puerto Rico Technical Commercial Institute.

After graduation, he was employed in the Editorial Department of the "San Juan Star", a subsidiary of Cowles Communication, Inc. which publishes Look Magazine. He was later promoted to the position of News Editor.

Mr. Leader holds a Diploma from the London School of Journalism.

He is a member of the American Newspaper Guild which is affiliated to the International Federation of Journalists, a member of the International Karate Association and a Correspondent of the Black Belt Magazine which is the world's leading Magazine for Self Defence.

## Kittitian is Lieut. in US Army Air Corps

Kittitian, Mr. H. Patrick ("Pat") Williams, son of Miss Hildred Williams formerly of Basseterre but now resident in New York, has recently graduated from the United States Army Aviation School.

Paul School before going to the U. S. A.

His mother left for St. Thomas yesterday (Friday) after a short visit home.



MR. PAT WILLIAMS

He now holds a commercial Pilot's Licence and is a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. In May last year he graduated as an engineer at the O. C. School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In St. Kitts Mr. Williams first attended the St. George's High School, and later won a scholarship to the St. Kitts Nevis Grammar School.

From there he went to St. Thomas U. S. V. I. where he attended St. Peter and St.

## The Anguilla situation

Anguilla, Dec. 11 — The 6,000 inhabitants of this tiny Caribbean Island plan to declare their independence next month, and then brace themselves for an invasion according to their leader Mr. Ronald Webster.

sever all ties with Britain.

After that, "We fully expect to be invaded", he added. The invasion was expected to come, not from Britain, but St. Kitts, 70 miles (112 kilometers) away, seat of the three-island Federation created by Britain from which Anguilla seceded in May last year.

Mr. Webster said in a recent interview on Wednesday, Dec. 4, that he would declare independence next month and

- Reuters

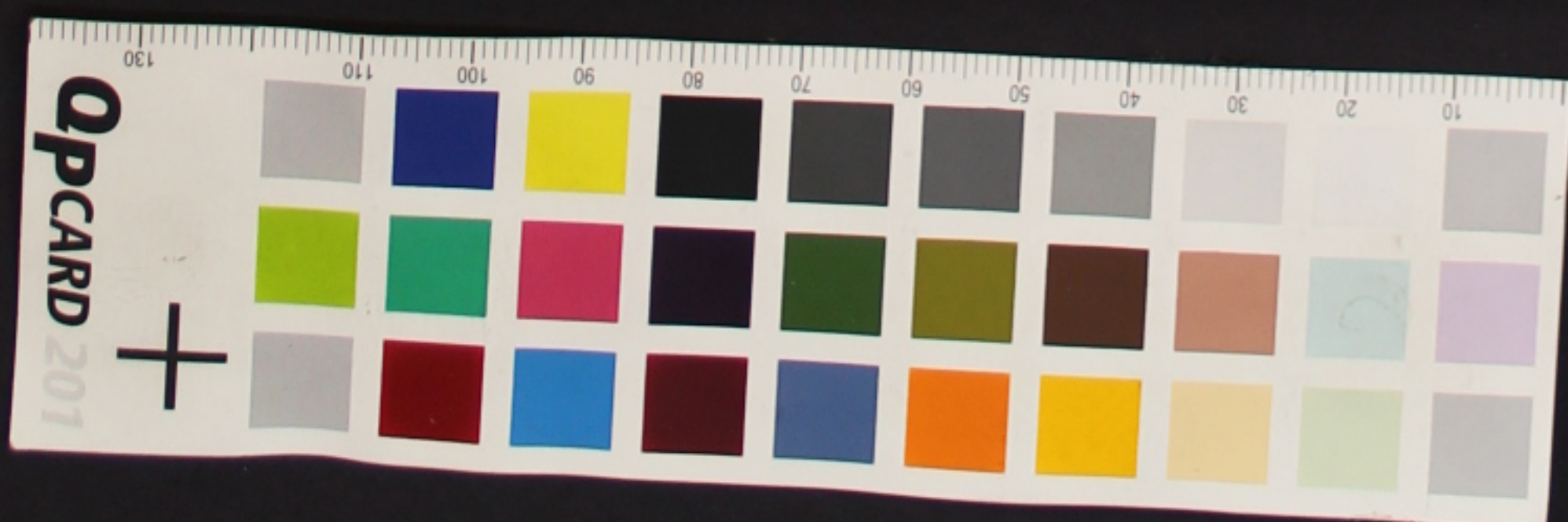
## Paul Mann to visit St. Kitts

Mr. Paul Mann of Paul Mann's Actors Workshop of New York City from which former actors have graduated including Sydney Portier, is due to visit St. Kitts as from 17 December to early January.

Mr. Mann has been asked to conduct classes here during this period for budding actors and actresses in order to seek out talent for stage and movies. To this he has kindly agreed.

Upon his arrival, further information will be released to the general public.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Inside Anguilla: How true!

About a fortnight ago, I came across an article that was published about two months ago in your paper. It was headlined: "INSIDE ANGUILLA" and was written by "a correspondent".

It happened that I had to go to Anguilla on certain matters. I regarded this an opportunity to see Anguilla and its people in my way of thinking.

During the days I spent in Anguilla, I found it con-

venient to do some travelling and I was much impressed with what I saw and heard. I could not but immediately associate my thinking with that of your correspondent who faithfully gave an accurate account of the happy and independent minded Anguillans.

The Anguillans are very friendly people and are united in their determination "to build a better Anguilla" as your correspondent said.

Their island is very pleasant even though the signs of gross neglect are ever so present.

I heartily join with your correspondent in his brilliant defence of Anguilla and I hope that your newspaper will always publish the true facts about Anguilla in the face of so many distortions and misrepresentations.

"WESTERNER"

## Booed in St. Thomas

I am sure you will know by now that three Government members were in St. Thomas on Thursday night, 28 November: Mr. Lee Moore, Mr. Glasford and Mr. Bryant.

They held a meeting in the Roman Catholic schoolroom in St. Thomas, it was a wonderful turn-out with Anguillans, Nevisians and Kittitians but it also was a night of booing, for them.

Mr. Bryant started speaking and started calling down our popular St. Kitts newspaper, "THE DEMOCRAT", saying our paper do tell lies, and the words were not well

out of his mouth when the crowd started Booing.

From then on there was such an awful noise in the hall they never had a chance to say another word. They had three detective Police to protect them but that was no use, the Police had to take them out of the hall to their cars and away they went, so if they come up to St. Kitts and fool the people saying they had a wonderful time, that is just a joke.

YOUNG PAMITE

St. Thomas  
U.S.V.I.

## Kittitians return home

Arriving here on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hector with their baby son, Christopher, after being in England for twelve and eleven years respectively.

Mr. Hector is the son of Mr. Harcourt Hector of Bakers Corner, and his wife is the daughter of Miss Winifred Herbert of Thibou Avenue.

During the years in England, Mr. Hector worked as a Laboratory Technician for Maws Pharmacy Supplies Ltd.

The couple told *The Democrat* that they are very happy to be back in St. Kitts.

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## The Miss St. Kitts Show

with

JULIE BLANCHARD, PHILL HENRY, YVETTE CANNONIER, GRETCHEN VEIRA, MAJORIE HICKSON & BERNIE LANNIS

will be our FINEST EFFORT

These girls will more than delight your evening. But, as we said, we mean you to have a really grand time so we've planned a varied programme. *Included is*

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The St. Kitts Festivities Committee

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