

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'The Piano lacked depth of tone'

It is high time our leaders took a closer look at the Arts. I refer specifically to Music, and more so to the Recital given by one of the few West Indians who have gone exceedingly far in this field.

As a performer, Ray Luck came to give of his very best, and what do we find the organisers doing—rejecting a Chappell Grand Piano in favour of a cheap upright Barratt & Robinson for such an artist as Mr. Luck.

It should be pointed out that the Artist had to omit his Fauré (the piano lacked any depth of tone) and play instead, two fast pieces by Debussy. This was a strain not only on the performer but also on the listeners for it meant three

very fast, demanding pieces following one after the other. At times, I thought the piano would collapse as Mr. Luck tried to get from the instrument what it was incapable of giving.

I have nothing against the piano for an ordinary music student, but for a professional with remarkable technique this is not good enough. May I point out that next time the Citizens of the State be invited to a Recital of a similar nature under the same circumstances, they be charged less?

It is inadvisable to move a piano due to the risk of damage and effect on tuning, therefore why not use the facilities that offer a Grand Piano.

INTERESTED.

PIANIST DENIED THE BEST

Here is a young man, a virtuoso pianist who comes to perform for us in the prime of his career—a gift from Guyana—and all we can offer him is an upright piano, suitable for students, but certainly inadequate for the concert pianist. This was a downright insult to this talented young man whose capabilities were restricted by this

Dennis Richardson on brief visit

Anguilla-born Mr. Dennis Richardson is currently on a brief visit to St. Kitts, the first since he was ordered to leave here on February 12, 1968, during the State of Emergency. He was forbidden to re-enter St. Kitts or Nevis as long as the emergency remained in force.

With his travelling companion and co-worker, Mr. St. Clair Williams of St. Thomas he arrived here on Tuesday afternoon from Anguilla via St. Maarten, Antigua and Montserrat. He was previously in the American island of St. Thomas where he is employed at the Blue Beach Hotel.

Prior to his expulsion Mr. Richardson lived here for about eight years and was employed at the firm of Messrs. S. L. Horsford Co. Ltd. He returns to St. Thomas tomorrow (Sunday) morning.

piano. If this was the best we had to offer it might be forgivable, but was it?

There is a Chappell Grand Piano at the Factory Social Centre which offers all the facilities for any artist of this calibre. Why was Ray Luck deprived of these facilities? Surely not because of the small percentage that is usually charged. Ray Luck was our guest and should have been given the best facilities at all costs. Instead he had to work hard to get the best out of the instrument offered him—an insult for which we owe him an apology. What impression must he have of St. Kitts?

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St. Kitts-Nevis has a great Future

By CARIB

I know the casual reader will exclaim "Nonsense! This writer is mad." However, I am sure of this, provided the people of St. Kitts-Nevis, as a whole, realize the serious predicament into which they plunged this community by having re-elected the present government, at a stage when—with statehood around the corner—there was a crying need for leaders endowed with statesmanship, dignity, initiative and tolerance.

I make this statement feeling confident that our people will not be caught twice in the same trap. I can well remember the warnings given to us by a writer in this newspaper, who styled himself "SCRIBBLER". I remember that he warned Nevisians, several months ahead, of the GREAT SELL-OUT to the Labour Party, or, as I prefer to term it, THE GREAT BETRAYAL. The central figure in this sordid affair said in

a public speech that he "Was proud to be Arm in Arm with the Labour Party". Of course, his reward amounts to almost \$1000 a month, which is paid by the taxpayers.

When the people elect a new government, St. Kitts-Nevis will eventually be restored to its previous position of eminence among the former Eastern Caribbean colonies, now mainly Associated States.

However, there can be no immediate transition from the Slough of Despond into which the Walwyn/Bradshaw government has rashly precipitated this state. A new government will have to build up a shattered economy, whose assets appear to have been irresponsibly dissipated, and must inspire new hope and enthusiasm into a community, socially and morally rent asunder by the irresponsible and dangerous antics of a misguided government. In my opinion our present government exercises dictatorial powers, whilst masquerading under the form of a democratic government.

With the decline of sugar, our only industry, the new government will have to gain the confidence of foreign investors and governments, which our present government lamentably failed to do.

It is strongly rumoured, that at a crucial stage some six to nine years ago, our government cold-shouldered

certain investors, who were subsequently welcomed by other governments with great benefit to their communities.

This state is a member of CARIFTA; we can buy from the more industrialized members of this organization, but we have nothing to sell to them. Our government has fiddled with the Agricultural Dept. and we have nothing exportable to offer the CARIFTA nations. Nevis is a stockraising island, however our government failed to organize and develop a meat industry, although owning fourteen or fifteen estates, many of which are suitable for stockrearing.

Apart from a ready market for beef in Trinidad, we are actually importing beef, lamb and chicken from abroad, due to the lack of vision and general incompetence of our government, so that we have nothing to offer to Trinidad.

Apart from diplomatic representation, a foreign investor has one protection, namely the Courts of Law. The vicious assaults made on the established reputation of the Courts and the Judges will not be forgotten for many years. The Hon. Joseph Francee's infamous resolution, attacking the High Court in the House of Assembly, will be historically recorded as one of the events of 1967, which did almost irreparable harm to this state.

I am convinced that if a new government is elected at the next general elections, St. Kitts-Nevis can regain its former position; however, if our people fail to see the imminent ruin facing this state and re-elect the Walwyn/Bradshaw government, then St. Kitts-Nevis will sink so low in the abyss, that it will be past redemption point.

St. Kitts Lawn Tennis Association presents at Factory Tennis Court Antigua L. T. C. Vs St. Kitts L. T. A. FIXTURES

Saturday 6 Sept. 1969

4.30 p.m. Gene Gonzales vs Ian Slack.

5.30 p.m. Jill Davis or Christine Barretto & Lee Westcott or Derek Michael vs Elizabeth Boon & Jack Wigley.

6.30 p.m. Norris Franker vs George McMahon.

7.30 p.m. Christine Barretto & Jill Davis vs Elizabeth Boon & Anne King.

A Junior Boys doubles Match between Trevor Graham & Tony Westcott vs Russel Blake & Herman Uddenburg will be played either Saturday morning or Saturday evening.

Sunday 7 Sept. 1969

Matches will only be played in the event of rain or unfinished matches.

Please note that Antigua players mentioned first.

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