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Resident Taiwanese ambassador Tom Lee (left) seen with Nevis Premier Mark Brantley at the handing over of masks donation to St.Kitts-Nevis on Wednesday 15th April 2020 at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport

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COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- ✧ Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale
- ✧ Standing within one meter of an infected person
- ✧ Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth
- ✧ Ageing and underlying -diseases e.g. diabetes, heart disease- increase risk.

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Editorial

SCHEME UNITY MUST GO!

During the course of this week there were two days worthy of note and observation, but which may have escaped our attention because of our understandable concerns and pre-occupation with the threats and dangers of COVID-19.

Wednesday 22nd April was Earth Day, one which calls for us to pay special attention to matters pertaining to the protection of this planet which is our home, especially to the its environment and the fragility of so many aspects of its eco-systems.

Having been first observed in 1970, this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the occasion. Numerous plans had been made, on a global basis, to increase people's awareness of the threats by which we are confronted on an ongoing basis, especially the problems of climate change.

It is truly ironic that people have been compelled to shelve those plans because of the raging effects of the worst pandemic in centuries.

Yesterday, Thursday 23rd April, was St. George's Day. In the Christian Faith St. George is revered as the defender of the weak and the helpless. That is most worthy of remembrance, especially at this time when there is so much wickedness being inflicted on defenceless people all over the globe, and those acts of evil are being perpetrated quite separate and apart from the ongoing threats to health and life itself.

Our nation is a very special case. At this juncture we are suffering from the combined effects of the coronavirus and the machinations of a dictatorship in full gallop.

Kindly allow us to remind you of some warnings given in the past. It is not the case that we believe in 'We told you so', but we realise that people often forget, and sometimes very quickly, even though not deliberately. Which is why we feel that reminders are sometimes necessary.

In our Editorial of Friday 21st July 2017, (SCHEME UNITY Strikes Again) we went even further back and called your attention to that of Friday 10th March 2017 (Vol 59 No 41), in which we warned you that 'Democracy Dies In Darkness'.

Therein we went on to point out that we had issued that warning, and reminder, because of 'the growing tendency of those in government to indulge in all manner of practices while trying to conceal them from your scrutiny, as well as their constant attempts to control the press and tell you, the people, who and what you should listen to, and who and what you should NOT listen to at all'.

We further indicated that, at the risk of seeming repetitious, we had reproduced one of the several warnings which we had given back then. It ran thus: "At this time one of the many concerns which weighs most heavily on the minds of our people is the naked attempts being made to silence all opposition in this nation. People are now being told what they should listen to and what they should not. Information is being artlessly withheld from the press, by the very same persons who previously shouted

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of

William Irvin 'Owen' Caines

Who departed this life 27 years ago
(18th April, 1992)

... Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
We will always have you in our hearts.



ALWAYS REMEMBERED

By: Your Dear wife - Octavia
Your children, grandchildren, Great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews, remaining siblings, family and friends.



most loudly that we need 'freedom of information act'."

As was pointed out: "We clinched those aspects of our warnings with the caution that "The attempts to silence our people and the press is a most vicious and dangerous attack on one of the pillars of our democracy." We further warned: "Today that is still the case, but it has worsened and become even more worrying."

That was back in those times, but today we are witnessing behaviours which are even more sinister in nature, and which can have even more adverse effects on our democracy.

What tops it off is the fact that the current State of Emergency is being abused as a shield behind which they practice their devilry.

In our final edition for February (EXPOSED!) we reported on the 'outing' of a person named by a visiting tourist as the 'Scammer'. That person, who had been 'used' by SCHEME UNITY for many years, apparently became disillusioned with the whole lot of them.

We believe that what has happened to him is that he eventually saw through the lies, deceits, and other forms of misrepresentation which constitute the main 'stock-in-trade' of SCHEME UNITY. We therefore think of him as having become enlightened.

Quite recently he called in over national radio and television and off-loaded a good bit of his mind. It is our understanding that the person has since been forcibly placed in the psychiatric ward at The JNF General Hospital.

That, dear people of St. Kitts and Nevis, is a most terrifying development.

If it is true it means that none of us will ever be able to speak our minds, neither publicly or privately, for they have their 'agents' forever listening in to everything said by persons, be they friends or enemies, and then reporting thereon to the naked emperor.

Well may we ask: What is next? Are we about to witness yet another example of 'Nixon's minions attempting to break into the office of

Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist?'

Are our personal medical records safe? Is our personal banking information safe from these characters?

That is not a farfetched notion at all! We already know of the relentless invasion of civil servants' personal files, of the breach of Social Security private information and seizure of details pertaining to certain wealthy individuals, of the manipulation of High Court matters and personal information, and of the twisting and turning of individuals in the private sector, both the highly and lowly placed.

It was very much a part of what we meant when we mentioned that the exposed person was "only one of a number of individuals who have been used (and we do mean 'used') by SCHEME UNITY over the years, both to aid and abet them with getting into power, and, having managed to get there, to continue in their 'service' by constantly attacking those in opposition, always with the objective of deflecting attention from members of the regime, and their self- (and family) serving corruptions, as well as from their failures and utterly dismal performances".

That exposure, we warned, also 'helps us to better understand the lengths to which the SCHEME UNITY lot will go in their efforts to hold on to power, the fact that no measure of depravity is too low for them, and that they are, and will always be, very willing and quick to use any one who loves money and is willing to sell his or her very soul'.

This most recent development is a powerful reminder that the present regime is a clear and present danger to our democracy, our system of government, and to our personal rights and freedoms.

We all have to be of great courage, to stand tall, and be ready for them when we go to the polls.

This lot has to go! We have to rid our country of this grave danger.

Opposition Addresses Independent Turned Vulnerable People During COVID-19 Care Package Distribution

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020)- Deputy Leader of the Opposition St. Kitts and Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) and Parliamentary Representative of Constituency Two (Central Basseterre) Marcella Liburd has pointed to independent turned vulnerable individuals affected due to unemployment matters concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Additionally, she is putting it to the government that individuals are having issues accessing the \$1000 monthly stimulus package.

Liburd was at the time speaking on the Wednesday 22nd April 2020 edition of the party-sponsored 'Issues' programme aired on Freedom FM in making observations from the party's newly-launched project dubbed NextGenSKN Cares COVID-19 Initiative, aimed to assist persons in need which saw a third round conducted the day before (Tuesday)

"One of the things that I have noticed is that even persons who were normally independent are now in the vulnerable group because they are not working; not getting an income at all or their income has been reduced and so it pushes them into that vulnerable bracket, and so for some of them it is very difficult at this time because they are so accustomed to be very independent minded, and so our hearts really go out to them and wherever we can help them we do as well in whatever way we can," Liburd remarked.

"In going around yesterday, I also noticed that there are many persons who were crying out because they have not been able to access this \$1000 or any part of it from this stimulus package," she said.

Liburd pointed two areas of concerns as being no access to fill forms online and being disqualified for various reasons noting that there are mixed messages about who qualifies thus leaving persons confused.

In touching on the reasoning behind the party's care package initiative, she stated: "Recognising that this COVID-19 was going to severely disrupt and out thousands of our citizens out of work, we foresaw that they would be bearing hardship that would bring

hardship and suffering on our people, and so we immediately launched this care initiative to bring some relief to those who are most vulnerable the elderly persons with disabilities, the shut-ins, the unemployed and those who were laid off and who continue to be laid off and those who have been put on reduced hours of work."

She informed that for the third round of these care packages in Central Basseterre, the "response has been overwhelming. People are grateful for the assistance, and so we hear daily cries for help and we will continue to assist in whatever ways we can."

Liburd said 100 packages were distributed which brings

the total number of packages distributed in her constituency 420.

She said following this week's outing, a list has been made to include others "and so we're doing everything we can to ensure that more of these care packages are distributed to those who still didn't get an opportunity to get one."

The former government health minister said local pumpkin, sweet potatoes and carrots were included in the packages "which we thought would help to boost the immune system of people in fighting this virus and at the same time, it also helps to promote our local farmers and give them an opportunity in these very difficult times as well because we know that they too are experiencing such difficulty at this time."

Additionally, she disclosed that there are plans for another initiative which she has already brought to the attention of the Party, expected to come on stream soon.

According to information coming from the SKNLP's public relations office, the initiative was launched on Friday 3rd April under the auspices of Deputy Party Leader and Constituency Representative for Constituency Two (Central Basseterre) Marcella Liburd, Constituency One (East Basseterre candidate Dr. Geoffrey Hanley and Constituency Four candidate Steve Wrensford, of the St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party, on WINNFM Radio and via Facebook live.

As gathered, the objective of this first NextGenSKN project is the distribution of about 4000 care packages to the socioeconomic displaced employees of the hospitality and manufacturing enclave sectors, most of whom are relatively young and receiving minimum wage as well as the elderly, shut-ins, mentally challenged and less

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2020

SKBHCV2017/0079

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
and
DERRICK HANLEY
NOTICE OF SALE

- Applicant
- Respondent

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 29 day of April 2020 at 2:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Newton Ground, in the Parish of St. Paul, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Constantia Elliott, 54.89 feet; On or towards the East by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Emanuel Burke, 61.24 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Eleanor Charles, 30.09 feet; On or towards the West and South West by lands of Cranstoun Estate, 46,05 feet and 13.40 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,655.34 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 30th day of May, 2007 and registered in Book G3 Folio 294A of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of DERRICK HANLEY of Bradshaw Alley, Newton Ground Village, in the Parish of St. Pauls, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$50,000.00**
Dated the 26 day of Feb 2020

Registrar of the Supreme Court

SKN Sees Coronavirus Recovery 28 Days Since First Record

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 22nd April 2020)– Nearly one month since the Federation of St.Kitts-Nevis recorded its first two cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19), two out of the 15 patients have reportedly beaten the illness but there is no further details about these individuals as the authorities have stopped sharing certain particulars.

At the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April 2020 respectively figures were publicised.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws who although shared such “good news” about the first patient said positive cases will continue to increase.

“This afternoon, I have good news. We have one confirmed case who has recovered with zero deaths to date.”

In respect to the second patient, Public Relations Officer of NEOC Dr. Marissa Carty gave the follow- up updates highlighting that 260 samples were tested with the 15 cases positive, 233 confirmed negative and 12 results pending.

Additionally, 1 person quarantined at a government facility with 106 quarantined at home as the 13 positive cases in isolation while 633 persons have been released from quarantine.

“I want to remind us that we are still in the early days of the COVID-19 outbreak here in the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis. Please note that our numbers will continue to increase with the numbers of continued cases reaching a peak. Subsequently, these numbers will then decrease. However, based on the evidence, this decrease will take

place at a much slower rate,” Dr. Laws commented.

She said the Ministry of Health continues to “carefully find the balance between maintaining a sustainable suppression of transmission of the virus whilst ensuring resumption of some of some economic and social life.”

Seven days before- at a briefing held on 15th April- Medical Chief of Staff talked about the policy of waiting 14 days and conducting two negative results before a patient is deemed fully recovered.

“... our policy is to wait until fourteen (14) days after you have no symptoms and retest you and see if you get two negative tests. We have not proclaimed that anybody has recovered as yet even though they are all doing well.”

He also explained that going forward information regarding patients’ age, race and gender would not be publicised “because First

and foremost we have to think about persons’ confidentiality, and we live in a small community.”

He had also pointed out that “Here, in this very small environment that we live, people know persons and so when you give a significant amount of information as it relates to the race, the age, the gender, persons have been tracking down persons and doing some of the worst things that you’d not expect people to be doing in an epidemic like this; putting persons pictures’ on Facebook etc.”

See below a breakdown of the cases announced during the early stages of

the COVID-19 which saw a distribution of 11 cases in St.Kitts and 4 in Nevis when the count stood at 15 confirmed cases.

At 11:03 PM on 24th March: a 57-year-old female and a 21-year old male with recent travel history to New York were reportedly recorded be the first coronavirus cases.

On 28th March, five (5) cases recorded: three (3) females are aged 10 months, 24 years and 36 years and two (2) males ages 29 and 39 years; all citizens of St.Kitts and Nevis.

On 30th March 30: an eight case of 51 year-old female St. Kitts and Nevis citizen; resident on Nevis.

On 2nd April: a ninth COVID-19 case- 51-year-old female from St. Kitts and Nevis; resident on Nevis.

On 4th April: 10th case- 66- year-old female St. Kitts and Nevis citizen; resident on Nevis.

On 6th April: 11th case- 35-year-male St. Kitts and Nevis citizen; resident on Nevis.

On 10th April: 12th case 21-year-old male of Indian descent; resident on St.Kitts

On 14th April: Two (2) cases on St.Kitts

On 19th April: 15th case on St.Kitts

One Person In Custody Following Deadly Home Total Lockdown Shooting

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020)- Police are reporting that one person is in custody following a fatal home shooting which took place during the 24-hour total lockdown period on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 sometime after 9:00PM.

Dead is 22-year-old Clement Mills who resided at Parsons Village, known by the nickname ‘Papa’.

Preliminary investigations so far have revealed that Mills was at home at the time of the incident.

Police say the assailant went to the house, started firing

gunshots and fled the scene.

Mills was transported via ambulance to the Joseph N France General Hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

The Police are making an appeal to anyone who might have any information in relation to this incident to call the Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) at 467-1887, 662-3468 or their nearest Police Station. Persons can also share information using the crime hotline 707. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Mills’ death is the fourth recorded homicide in St.Kitts-Nevis for 2020.



Deceased:
Clement ‘Papa’

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
(TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT)

Application
No. NEVHCV2017/0080

Between:

FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL
BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

- Applicant

- and -

MARVA PINNEY

- 1st Respondent

- and -

JUNIOR CHIVERTON

- 2nd Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, Nevis Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Theodore L. Hobson Q.C. Court Building, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis,

on Thursday the 4 day of June 2020,
at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his or her accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale. The Purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the property must be paid by the Purchaser. The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property free from prior encumbrances. Contact the Applicant's Attorneys-at-Law at 869-465-2440 or Law@kwfonline.com, for more details.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land comprising **10,139 square feet** being **Lot No. B53 of Low Ground Estate**, in the Parish of St John, in the Island of Nevis and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by Lot No. B46, 70.63 feet; On or towards the North-East by Lot No. B52, 143.62 feet; On or towards the South-East by a Public Road, 55.63 feet; and On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 131.01 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated March 28, 2000 and registered in Book 38 Folio 96 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Nevis.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPHS OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above lands and any buildings thereon shall be **EC\$405,000.00**.

Dated the 18 day of March 2020

BY THE COURT

M. Lemmon
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice



Living With COVID-19

Commentary

By : Patrick Martin

Part 1 - 24 April 2020

Residents of St. Kitts and Nevis have to become accustomed to living with COVID-19. A safe and effective vaccine could be 12 to 18 months away, if at all. Before then, restrictions have to be lifted to prevent tsunamis of depression, hunger, anger and social unrest.

Of all the restrictions to be lifted, border re-opening has the highest risk. There will be a second wave of virus importation, in-country spread, and the possibility of high levels of illness, and strained health and social care services.

Recall the first wave which commenced in mid-March. Since then, more than two 14-day incubation periods have passed with 15 confirmed cases. Local models did predict an explosive surge of cases, hospitals overwhelmed with thousands of patients, and hundreds of deaths.

Mercifully, such worst-case scenario has not occurred up to this point. Therefore, there is a window of opportunity to review and refine plans before the expected second wave hits.

WHO has recommended criteria for lifting restrictions. They are sound but not novel. In essence, each country should ensure they have well-resourced capacities to detect, contact trace, contain, test, treat, protect the most vulnerable, and effectively communicate. The said capacities define what it means to have a highly-performing health system in a well-run country

Consequently, St. Kitts and Nevis' second wave plan should prioritize the maximum strengthening of health protection, health promotion, and prevention services. They include border control, surveillance, comprehensive testing, government facility for quarantine, workplace safety and health, and the social safety net, particularly essential food and medicine supplies, and psychological wellness.

These services are more cost-beneficial than in-hospital treatment services. Until there is a vaccine, these non-pharmaceutical interventions represent the best that can be done to keep medical ward and ICU admissions low and manageable during the second wave, and beyond.

COVID-19 is a major health and economy issue. A truly national response is one led by an all-party, whole-of-society body. If mobilized now, the immediate strategic objective should be to design and execute a homegrown plan for social and economic stability for the next 3 to 6 months.

In the interim, all of the official pronouncements indicate the authorities are confident the first wave situation is under control. Therefore, there is clear justification for a state of phased easing.

Businesses can operate from dawn to dusk subject to owner-enforced physical distancing measures. Farmers and fishers must get back to work because "America First" could mean seizure of the next 57 containers of food. Psychologically, citizens need a break from the bad news networks, and enjoy physical activities and light moments again, all hygiene and distancing protocols observed.

Opposition Addresses...

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abled.

On Saturday 4th April, all eight (8) members/Candidates of the St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party's NextGenSKN Team delivered simultaneously their first wave of over 1000 Care packages around the entire island of St Kitts, to deserving citizens and residents living in the capital city Basseterre and its suburbs, and throughout our various towns and villages.

Photo: Deputy Leader of the Opposition St. Kitts and Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) and Parliamentary Representative of Constituency Two (Central Basseterre) Marcella Liburd seen at a family home during NextGenSKN Cares COVID-19 Initiative on Tuesday 21st April 2020 (photo credit:facebook/marcellaliburd)

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SKBHCV2016/0034

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED - Applicant
 and
LEROY HUGGINS - Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 14 day of May 2020 at 2:15 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

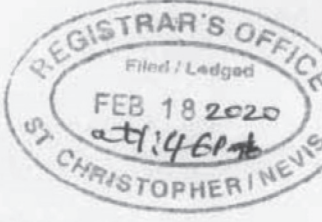

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Verchilds Village, in the Parish of Saint Thomas, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by the Island Main Road, 34.5 feet and 20.5 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Velma V. Gumbs, 139.48 feet; On or towards the South-West by the Caribbean Sea, 55.00 feet; and On or towards the North-West by a 5ft wide Drain and lands of the Wesleyan Holiness Church, 142.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 7,753.7 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 22nd day of July, 2003 and registered in Book C3 Folio 382 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **LEROY HUGGINS** of Verchilds Village, in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$647,340.58**
 Dated the 8 day of Feb 2020

[Signature]
 Registrar of the Supreme Court

Consumers Encouraged To Practice Energy Saving While At Home

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020)- Public Relations Officer at the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) Gawain Fraites is encouraging persons to practice energy saving tips during the 'stay at home' periods of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"Whatever you can do to reduce your electricity then do so and that would be a good way for you to not waste because it's going to be a little higher but whenever you can do, you can still continue practicing your energy conservation tips," he said during an exclusive interview with this media house on Thursday 23rd April 2020.

Fraites pointed out that at this time it would be natural for bills to increase, and in so doing shared some examples on how to save energy.

"What persons should realise is that because they're home, their home bill will go up. It's just natural because their home now, the children are home and you know you're either watching TV or whatever you're doing and so your electricity will go up but still it's still the same thing if you're not using an appliance, if you're not using the light turn it off. If you have a cable box and you're not watching the TV then turn it off."

Commenting on how consumers have been responding to SKELEC's payment options outreach, he highlighted that individuals are making payments online, in-person and signing up for the paused payment option (moratorium arrangement).

"It's been really good. What we've see is that we've had more person signing up for our e-based platforms which is really good and so instead of coming in to pay. They are actually choosing to sign up to pay their bills online which is easier."

Fraites went on to talk about the benefits of such noting that costumers are able to receive their bills online, get their balance in real time as well as see the usage and bill calculations including records of old bills and payments made before.

Additionally, he informed that there has been an increase in numbers of persons paying by the bank portals in catering to customers who have accounts at three banks namely St.Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, First Caribbean, Republic Bank.

"It takes a little longer because it has to be sent to SKELEC and then someone in SKELEC has to go in manually and edit that person's account payment..." he remarked.

Fraites is calling on individuals experiencing financial challenges to make good on the moratorium which is the company's three-month delayed payment plan.

"So persons have elected have their accounts deferred from April, May and June, and so their first payment would be in July but we are asking more persons, if you are interested for whatever hardship, reach out to us, even if you give us a call or send us an email (customerservice@skelec.kn) and we could call you back and we could set it up so the moratorium is for persons who have lost their income or had their income reduced due to this COVID-19 so those are the ways that we at SKELEC are actually helping them."

Asked about the response from the senior citizens, he applauded their efforts to saying: "We still have the senior citizens showing up; they're still coming in to literally pay their bills which is commendable to say the least; they still want to ensure that they pay their bills and still don't want to fall behind so we are saying thank you to that."

He told that for in-person payment, there are three lines- for



Fresh NRP Opposition Leader Not Pleased With Late Swear-in Notice

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020) – Fresh opposition leader Cleone Stapleton-Simmonds of the Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) feels disrespected by the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) administration on how it handled giving her notice of her swearing-in, arranged as part of the emergency sitting of parliament of the Nevis Island Assembly on Saturday 18th April 2020.

"Whether the extremely short notice (less than 24 hours) is deliberate or pure negligence, it is a clear reflection of CCM led administration's lack of planning and organisation and ad hoc way of doing things," she said in a statement via her official Facebook page shortly after 8:00AM, hours before the 11:00AM schedule event.

She continued: "The COVID 19 pandemic is no excuse for sloppy governance, lack of avid leadership and the

the senior citizens, essential workers line and normal customers.

Front Page Photo:

Public Relations Officer at the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) Gawain Fraites seen outside the SKELEC office on Central Street (Spokesman Snap)

continuous disrespect for the Nevis Island Assembly's Opposition. I am reminded of what brought me into politics... Love for country before self, therefore regardless of the situation, I am equipped and ready to serve!"

Stapleton Simmonds, informed that she got a call the night before.

"My people I am in total awe... I received a phone call from the Clerk of the Nevis Island Assembly at about 8:24 p.m. last night, informing me that there will be an emergency sitting of the Nevis Island Assembly on Saturday 18th April, 2020 at 11 a.m, during which time I would be officially sworn in as the leader of the opposition. It is noteworthy that the sitting is unprecedentedly held on a Saturday during a state imposed 24 hour curfew.

"In observance of the COVID 19 pandemic, I did not openly complain about the fact that 6 weeks has elapsed since successfully contesting the Nevis 5 by-election which was held on March 5th 2020 and I was still not sworn in until now. I decided that it was a time for people, family, precaution and preparation so I placed politics aside in the interim," she added.

Stapleton-Simmonds, who is a newcomer in the political arena and the first NRP elected female candidate, won the St. Thomas Nevis 5, taking over from former opposition leader and Joseph Parry who retired from active politics in December 2019.

After the ballots were counted, she garnered 514 votes, beating CCM's Keith 'Dis an Dat' Scarborough who lost his chance for a fourth time now.

Robelto Hector is the current leader of the NRP.

Photo: Cleone Stapleton-Simmonds of the Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) during her swearing-in as leader of the opposition on Saturday 18th April 2020 at an emergency sitting of Parliament while wearing her protective mask amidst Coronavirus outbreak Photo credit: BHC Media)

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OECS Receives Additional Support from Sagicor to Combat the Spread of COVID-19



OECS Media Release

Thursday, April 23, 2020 — Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. (SLECI) has demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of people in OECS communities by donating US\$50,000.00 to the

OECS' COVID-19 Response efforts. The donation will go directly toward the purchase of COVID-19 test kits to be distributed among Member States.

SLECI was the first regional entity to partner with the OECS on its COVID Response, through a donation of US\$20,000.00 which was used to procure half of the thermal testing kits needed by Member States. The cumulative contribution amount from SLECI to date stands at US\$70,000.00.

Sagicor's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Donald Austin was pleased to be able to partner with the OECS on this initiative:

"As an international, inter-governmental organisation looking after the interest of Member States within the Eastern Caribbean, the OECS Partnership against COVID-19 initiative was indeed the best medium through which we

could coordinate relief for the Eastern Caribbean. We are therefore pleased to be able to donate thermal scanners and COVID-19 test kits as part of our donation to the Eastern Caribbean and hope that this will go a long way in curbing the spread of COVID-19 as the region and world continues its fight."

OECS Director General, Dr. Didacus Jules graciously accepted this second contribution on behalf of Member States. He highlighted the fragility of the insurance sector if the virus were to heighten within the region, and encouraged other insurance entities to join the effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the OECS:

"The insurance industry is one of the sectors that would be most affected if this contagion spreads in our countries and it is imperative that they play their part in efforts toward early detection, early treatment and early containment."

The OECS Commission has embarked on a robust private sector engagement strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Region. Information on providing support to the ongoing response efforts can be obtained by contacting the Development Cooperation and Resource Mobilisation Unit at the OECS, via telephone 1-758-455-6354 or through email at dcrm@oecs.int.



In this file photo, Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas waters a flamboyant tree that he planted at the St Kitts Eco Park on January 31, 2012

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, Dr. Douglas Promises Heavily Investment in Agriculture, Renewable Energy

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 22, 2020 - As St. Kitts and Nevis joins the rest of the world in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, former St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas said the federation should not

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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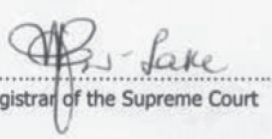
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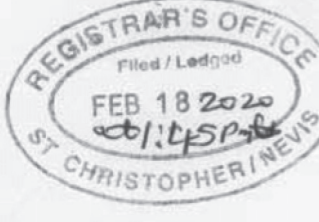

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Douglas: PM Harris Introduced State Of Emergency To Have Unfair Political Advantage Under Guise Of COVID-19 Fight

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 22, 2020 - Political leader of the opposition St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has accused prime minister Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris of introducing a six-month State of Emergency in the country to have an unfair advantage in the upcoming general elections constitutionally due by August 14.

During his weekly radio call in programme on Kyss 102.5 FM on Tuesday night, Dr. Douglas reiterated support for the medical authorities in the fight against the COVID-19 virus, but said it unfair for the government to use unchallengeable emergency powers to keep opposition candidates locked down like the rest of the residents while the coalition candidates campaigned freely.

General Elections were held on February 16, 2015, and the first sitting of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Assembly was on May 14, 2015. The law making body will dissolve automatically on May 14, 2020, if it is not done before that date.

Dr. Douglas told listeners to his weekly radio programme "Ask the Leader" on Tuesday that Dr. Harris' action "is sinister and deceptive" since the



constitution allows for shorter periods for a state of emergency.

"This was fully disguised as an attempt to give himself unchallengeable emergency powers over the electoral system," said Dr Douglas, who pointed out that government ministers and the three party coalition candidates were able to move freely around during curfews and conduct election campaigns, this providing a political advantage.

Former prime minister Douglas is of the view that Dr. Harris is using the management of the COVID-19 pandemic to manipulate the electoral system and pointed out that the numerous 24-hour lockdowns and the regulations which only give essential services workers permission to operate have denied citizens and residents the right to register to vote and the Electoral Office to conduct objection hearings in compliance with the laws of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"Our right to vote must not in any way be compromised because of the management of the COVID-19 pandemic. There has to be

a compromise. We will not apologize for insisting on the position that we have taken, especially when around the world governments with despotic authoritarian leadership are trying to use the cover of the pandemic crisis to deprive or erode the democratic rights and civil liberties of their citizens," said Dr Douglas, who noted that the people in St. Kitts and Nevis have already seen what Harris has been capable of.

He mentioned the rampant victimisation of persons who are known to be supporters of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party being treated as second class citizens, the politicization of the police force, rampant nepotism and several scandals involving himself, other ministers and several scandals.

"When dealing with a Prime Minister who politicizes everything to find some sort of advantage, it stands to reason that we should expect him to be just as political in dealing with this public health crisis as well. We insist that the management of this health situation does not require six months of a state of emergency," said Dr Douglas, who further expressed the view that the management of COVID-19 must take as long as it is necessary for peoples' lives to be protected.

"However we do not believe that the management of this crisis demands emergency powers being given to the authorities at the expense of taking away the fundamental rights that are guaranteed under the constitution at the same time," said Dr Douglas, who called for "a correct balance."

"We are saying there is an imbalance. We believe very firmly that what the prime minister has done is to impose a state of emergency not necessarily for the management of COVID-19 pandemic but to get a clear advantage in the political race in which we are all engaged in at this time.

At a time when other countries are making plans for phased re-opening of non-essential businesses to get their economies going again, why would we want to signal to the world, that St. Kitts and Nevis remains closed for business under a six-month state of emergency?"

Dr Douglas stressed that the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party is not opposed to the medical authorities seeking to ensure that there is not a community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

"We are standing on all four squares with regard to ensure that we are well behind the management of this pandemic so that there is no life lost, that the illness associated with this disease is minimal and the virus not spreading at all. We are for these things, but we have to be careful about the conditions under which these are to be obtained and pursued, especially when the basic freedom and fundamental rights of the people are unnecessarily being withdrawn by a hostile, incompetent and uncertain government. The government is uncertain of its future when the elections are called.

"None of these gymnastics will prevent his Team Unity government from falling. It is just a matter of time."

Photo – Rt. Hon. Dr Denzil L. Douglas

Celebrating Earth Day...

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take for granted the beauty of nature.

"From our majestic and lush mountain vistas to our crystal waters, diverse animal species and sparkling sunshine, our people should never take for granted how wonderfully blessed we are. I know that counting our blessings is difficult to do at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has brought the worst public health crisis our nation has ever seen and threatens to decimate our tourism-dependent economy," said Dr. Douglas, the national political leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP).

He expressed the view that nationals and residents should always treasure "our natural environment, and always be thankful for the clean air we breathe, the fertile soil that provides us with nutritious fruits and vegetables that boost our immunity and the tranquility of our beaches that brings calmness to our minds and spirits. We should reflect on these blessings and appreciate these gifts of nature, that God has provided to us that will help us to endure, survive and overcome this latest challenge."

Dr. Douglas noted that even during the COVID-19 pandemic "we must continue to take the steps to protect our environment and to teach our children how to conserve water and electricity. We should practice re-using or eliminating plastics."

"He said Climate Change poses the largest existential threat to the nation's health and suggested that preparations must begin for the 2020 Hurricane season with the hope that the Almighty would spare St. Kitts and Nevis for another year.

"This year, families are going to observe Earth Day in a different way, because we are all called upon to stay

home. However, this does not mean we cannot try to do our part through small acts to appreciate and protect our natural beauty and our environment," Dr Douglas said.

He used the opportunity to thank all workers who provide essential services and who put their lives at risk to keep St. Kitts and Nevis clean and beautiful.

"To all our sanitation officers and our parks and beaches clean-up crews, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart," Dr. Douglas said.

"While our number one focus right now is to win the battle with COVID-19, we will not neglect our environment. As we look towards the future in a post-COVID dispensation, we must adapt to the new norm and build resilience in our economy in ways that would make life more affordable for families and protect our environment," Dr. Douglas said.

The former prime minister said the NextGen SKN Labour administration will invest heavily in the agricultural sector, eco-tourism and renewable energy technologies.

"This is the pathway towards putting our people back to work and creating a brighter, cleaner and healthier future for everyone. On behalf of the NextGen SKN Labour Party team of candidates, I wish you all a **Happy Earth Day!**"

COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH



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SYMPTOMS

- The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.
- Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.
- Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

TRANSMISSION

- Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.
- Standing within one meter of an infected person.
- Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

WORKPLACE PREVENTION MEASURES

- Undertake risk assessments and implement controls.
- Explore alternative work methods.
- Share information and establish communication plans.
- Wash hands frequently and adopt good hygiene practices.
- Avoid sharing objects that could transmit the virus.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Beware of wide-spreading droplets (breath in and cough out).
- Keep workplaces and objects clean and disinfected.
- Protect clients and end users.
- Workers should stay at home if sick.
- Seek advice from the Department of Labour and health authorities.

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China Turns On The Charm And Angers Trump As It Eyes A Global Opportunity In Coronavirus Crisis

By Dr. Klaus W. Larres,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



China has its eyes on a post-coronavirus world. Photo credit: Ng Han Guan (AP).

A new “red scare” is developing in The US.

While Beijing is busy with a global propaganda crusade following the spread of the coronavirus from China to around the world, foreign policy hawks in Washington are seething.

Donald Trump lashes out at Beijing’s response to the crisis at daily press conferences amid growing reports of anti-Chinese sentiment among Americans. As a scholar of international affairs and former policy advisor to the German Embassy in Beijing, it is clear to me that China is turning the crisis into an opportunity. It is touting its role in the world and praising its governmental system and enormous countrywide surveillance network for successfully battling the coronavirus.

Yet, this is the nature of international relationships. The US or any other great power would be tempted to do the same. China is exploiting the situation while The US and the Western world are occupied with their own problems and have little time for anything else.

Trading insults

During most of Trump’s years in office, relations between China and the US have been tense. Much of this has centered on the huge American trade deficit with China which Trump strongly criticized even before he became president.

In the 2016 election campaign, Trump accused Beijing of “raping” The US and talked about “the greatest theft (of American jobs) in the history of the world.” While referring to Chinese President Xi Jinping as a good friend, Trump has accused China of intellectual property theft, unfair trade practices and lack of market access for US companies.

In late 2018, the US president unleashed a painful trade war with sharply escalating tariffs, but it did little to resolve Trump’s grievances. Neither The US nor China could win this harmful conflict and a provisional trade deal was signed on January 15, 2020.

The truce lasted exactly two weeks. On January 31 Trump announced a travel ban on visitors from

China.

Conspiracy theories

In his many remarks on the crisis since, Trump has not hesitated to resort to language criticized as xenophobic and anti-Chinese, such as referring to the coronavirus as the “Wuhan virus” or “Chinese virus.”

Meanwhile, the administration has done little to discourage a conspiracy theory that has the virus originating from a Chinese research laboratory near Wuhan and not from a live animal market in the city - which most scientists believe. On April 15 Trump said The US was investigating the lab claim and ratcheted up the rhetoric further a few days later by suggesting that China would face consequences if it was “knowingly responsible” for the pandemic.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said China needs to “come clean” over the emergence of the virus and how it spread.

Certainly there are many questions that need to be answered over the true extent of the disease in China - on April 17 Beijing revised the number of fatalities in Wuhan up by 50% - but the rhetoric from the White House may be contributing to anti-Chinese sentiment directed not at the government in Beijing, but at people in China and of Chinese descent.

On the ground in US cities and towns, Asian Americans are reporting being subjected to verbal and even physical abuse.

Tit-for-tat measures

The Chinese government isn’t blameless when it comes to conspiracy theories. With the likely nod of Beijing’s all-powerful seven-member Standing Committee of the Politbureau, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian speculated wildly on Twitter that it might well have been the US army which brought the virus to Wuhan.

There have also been plenty of reports that foreigners, in particular Africans who live in China, have faced severe discrimination and abuse since the coronavirus crisis broke. They are unfairly accused of having imported the virus to China.

Meanwhile, both Washington and Beijing have put in place tit-for-tat restrictions on each others’ media outlets, severely limiting the number of journalists who are allowed to work in their respective countries.

It accompanied growing reports in the western media about China’s slow initial response to the virus and the silencing of the late Dr Li Wenliang and other doctors who had attempted to alert Chinese authorities about the looming pandemic as early as December 2019.

Saving face

Despite a sluggish start which contributed to the initial spread of the virus, China has since trumpeted the success of its policy of locking down entire cities and provinces. The country has now been able to open up for business again.

Beijing is also praising itself as a benign global hero by donating and selling huge amounts of much-needed face masks, ventilators and other protective gear to countries round the world, including The US.

In so doing, China is subtly using the opportunity to expand its global influence, not least its soft power appeal. Beijing has embarked on a global “charm offensive.”

While this may be regrettable from a Western perspective, would any other big country behave differently? If the roles were reversed, I believe The US would also be tempted to exploit its position for political advantage.

It seems this is the instinctive reaction of any great power. But there is no reason for panic about this.

Without doubt, relations between China and many of the countries it is helping have become closer. But they still need to be cemented in the long run - this may or may not happen.

Ruling the world?

China, like many great powers, has a track record of not following through with its promises of financial help.

Just ask the countries who have signed up to Beijing’s huge and creative Belt and Road initiative that seeks to pump Chinese money into infrastructure projects around the world, or the 17+1 China-Central Eastern Europe initiative linking China with governments in central and eastern Europe, including many EU countries. There is much disappointment about broken or semi-fulfilled financial promises and agreements.

And some of the face masks and other gear donated to European countries have proven faulty or of inferior quality.

For the time being, the world should be pleased that China is able and willing to help out with much needed equipment as well as doctors and nurses to help fight the coronavirus crisis in The US and elsewhere.

It does not mean that once the crisis is over, China will be able to run the world. In fact, The US should build on Beijing and Washington’s haphazard and sporadic cooperation during the current crisis to improve relations with China in a more lasting way.

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EU Regrets US Refusal To Allow Economic Aid For Iran To Fight Coronavirus

- By Robin Emmott

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Union has urged the United States to ease its sanctions on Iran and approve economic aid to help deal with the coronavirus pandemic, but its calls were rejected, the EU's top diplomat said on Wednesday.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the United States was preventing the International Monetary Fund from assisting Iran, the Middle Eastern country most affected by the coronavirus, adding that he regretted Washington's position.

"We supported first to soften the sanctions and second, the request by Iran to the International Monetary Fund for financial help," Borrell told a virtual news conference after a video conference of EU foreign ministers.

"I regret that the Americans are, at this stage, opposing the International Monetary Fund from taking this decision. From a humanitarian point of view, this



EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell as he held a virtual news conference, following a videoconference of EU foreign ministers, in Brussels, Belgium on 22 April 2020. Photo credit: Olivier Hoslet (Reuters).

request should have been accepted," he said.

Washington has said it is not letting up on its "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran despite

the coronavirus, continuing to use sanctions to try to limit Tehran's ballistic missile program and influence across the Middle East.

US President Donald Trump reimposed sanctions on Tehran's petroleum exports in 2018 after withdrawing from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal between Tehran and six world powers. The European Union helped to negotiate the agreement.

Tehran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Reuters reported on 15 April that the United States opposed a massive IMF liquidity injection through issuance of new Special Drawing Rights, akin to a central bank making new money, that would have benefited Iran and other countries.

The program could have provided hundreds of billions of dollars in foreign exchange reserves for all of the global lender's 189 member countries, according to sources familiar with the IMF's deliberations. The US Treasury declined to comment for the Reuters 15 April report.

Iran has almost 86,000 confirmed cases of COVID 19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, and more than 5,000 deaths, according to a Reuters tally.

The European Union, which has provided some humanitarian aid to Iran, despite US sanctions, said on 23 March that it supported Iran's request for IMF help.

Reporting by Robin Emmott; editing by Grant McCool.

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How To Make The Healthiest Coffee According To Science

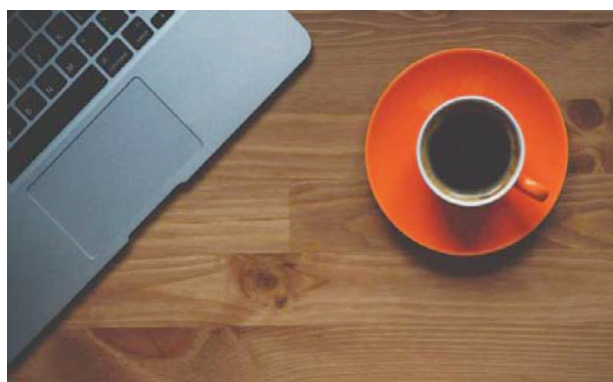


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We may all be drinking more coffee to help us survive the COVID-19 lockdown. Today scientists announce the healthiest way to make a brew.

The first study to examine links between coffee brewing methods and risks of heart attacks and death has concluded that filtered brew is safest. The research is published today (Thursday) in the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology, a journal of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC).

"Our study provides strong and convincing evidence of a link between coffee brewing methods, heart attacks and longevity," said study author Professor Dag S. Thelle of The University of Gothenburg, Sweden. "Unfiltered coffee contains substances which increase blood cholesterol. Using a filter removes these and makes heart attacks and premature death less likely."

Coffee is one of the most popular beverages worldwide and the most frequently used stimulant. Some 30 years ago Professor Thelle discovered that drinking coffee was linked with raised total cholesterol and the "bad" LDL cholesterol - to such an extent that it was likely to have detrimental consequences for heart health. Experiments identified the culprit substances in coffee and found that they could be removed using a filter. A cup of unfiltered coffee contains about 30 times the concentration of the lipid-raising substances compared to filtered coffee.

He said: "We wondered whether this effect on cholesterol would result in more heart attacks and death from heart disease. But it was unethical to do a trial randomising people to drink coffee or not. So we set up a large population study and several decades later we are reporting the results."

Between 1985 and 2003, the study enrolled a representative sample of the Norwegian population: 508,747 healthy men and women aged 20 to 79. Participants completed a questionnaire on the amount and type of coffee consumed.

Data was also collected on variables that could influence both coffee consumption and heart diseases, so that these could be accounted for in the analysis. For example smoking, education, physical activity, height, weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

Participants were followed for an average of 20 years. A total of 46,341 participants died. Of those, 12,621 deaths were due to cardiovascular disease. Of the cardiovascular deaths, 6,202 were caused by a heart attack.

Overall, coffee drinking was not a dangerous habit. In fact, drinking filtered coffee was safer than no coffee at all. Compared to no coffee, filtered brew was linked with a 15% reduced risk of death from any cause during follow up. For death from cardiovascular disease, filtered brew was associated with a 12% decreased risk of death in men and a 20% lowered risk of death in women compared to no coffee.

The lowest mortality was among consumers of 1 to 4 cups of filtered coffee per day.

Professor Thelle said: "The finding that those

drinking the filtered beverage did a little better than those not drinking coffee at all could not be explained by any other variable such as age, gender, or lifestyle habits. So we think this observation is true."

Filtered brew was also less risky than the unfiltered beverage for death from any cause, death due to cardiovascular disease, and deaths from heart attacks. "Our analysis shows that this was partly because of the cholesterol-increasing effect of unfiltered coffee," said Professor Thelle.

Professor Thelle noted that unfiltered coffee did not raise the risk of death compared to abstaining from coffee - except in men aged 60 and above, where unfiltered brew was linked with elevated cardiovascular mortality.

He said: "We only had one measurement of coffee consumption, but we know that brewing habits were changing in Norway during the follow-up period. We believe that some women and younger men drinking unfiltered coffee switched to filtered, thereby reducing the strength of the association with cardiovascular mortality, whereas older men were less inclined to change their habits."

Professor Thelle emphasised that these are observational data, but that if public health authorities asked for his advice it would be: "For people who know they have high cholesterol levels and want to do something about it, stay away from unfiltered brew, including coffee made with a cafetière. For everyone else, drink your coffee with a clear conscience and go for filtered."

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THE 1935 BUCKLEY'S REVOLUTION, LABOUR, PAM, PLP! - PART (6)

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“Yes, I am my brother’s keeper. I am under a moral obligation to him that is inspired, not by any maudlin (out of drunkenness) sentimentality, but by the higher duty I owe myself. What would you think of me, if I was capable of seating myself at a table and gorging myself with food and saw about me, the children of my fellow beings, starving to death?” Eugene V. Debs:

Dear Reader, thanks for some of the sentiments which have been expressed to me for the series which I have been educating you with. In 2016, we allowed Traitors to our cause –the cause of the Working Class to bamboozle us with all kind of vain and cannot be fulfilled promises and we readily forgot the Party which fought tooth and nail to raise our standard of living; the Party which introduced many of the privileges we take for granted today, but which were fiercely resisted by those who owned the sugar estates and still owned the big businesses as well.

These SERIES of ARTICLES are intended to educate my readers by outlining the unbiased history of all the Political Parties in St. Kitts, so that you my readers will be well informed about those Parties which were never launched to really look after the interest of the Working Class. I have no intention of misleading the next generation of Working Class People, thus the presentation OF TITUS 2:8 Historical Facts!

Today, we are going into the Belly of the Peoples Action Movement (PAM) with which I was involved for a very short while, when my Working Class Consciousness was awakened and I came to the conclusion that I was in the wrong Church, sitting among the wrong congregation and singing from the wrong hymn book.

I was helped in the awakening of my Working Class Consciousness by two factors. (1) An illiterate Working Class man from Thompson Street in Mc. Knight who informed me about the Treachery of the Working Class by the Founder of PAM. (2) I happened to be passing the corner of Fort and Central Streets, when my training told me to slow down. I walked slowly with my ears cocked and I heard a white manager from Lodge sugar estate speaking to a not so white sugar estate overseer.

The white estate Manager was telling the overseer that when their Party comes into power, they are going to put the Workers and Mr. Bradshaw in their place. I ran as fast as I could to tell my cousin Dr. Kennedy Simmonds who had his office at the corner of Cayon and West Bourne Streets, what I had just over heard?

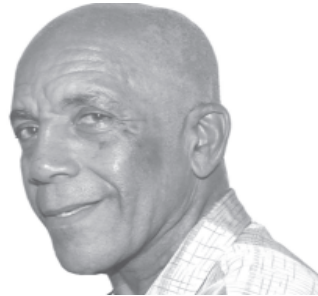
He tried to convince me that they are using them to finance the Party, but I replied that poor people cannot use people with money and that BLACK People could never use white people and I said “GOOD BYE Cousin, I am in the wrong church! Now, if the Founder of PAM is a traitor to the Working Class, how could the Working Class be members of that Party which is financed by those who owned the sugar estates and the big businesses in down Town Basseterre?

Can a Political Party serve the interest of the Working Class and still look after the interest of its financiers at the same time? Isn’t there a quotation which says, “He who pays the piper, calls the tune?” In 1948, there was what is called the 1948 13-WEEKS STRIKE. This STRIKE was in an effort to improve the earnings of the sugar workers. The sugar estate owners were reeling under the effects of the strike, because they had to meet their financial obligations to the Bank.

In those days, the estates would borrow monies to plant the crops in the DULL, or OUT OF CROP SEASON and the monies would be repaid with interest at the ends of the harvesting or crop time. Their financial obligations could not be met, because the sugar crop could not start, due to the Strike. The united efforts of the workers were squeezing the testicles of the planters, who were now at the mercy of the workers.

They were just about to give in to the demands of the Workers Union headed by Mr. Bradshaw, it is said that the Founder of PAM, Mr. William Herbert (Snr.), who was the Secretary of the Sugar Producers Association (an association of all the sugar estates and the sugar factory), admonished them not to give in to the demands of Mr. Bradshaw.

These were the word of a Black man to his white bosses, “I



By: Earle Clarke

know my people, hold out just a bit longer; when they are hungry, they will return to work!” With that advice from a Black man, the planters held out and slowly, but surely, the workers drifted back to work, for the little assistance coming from other Trade Unions could not meet their demands.

When I hear Jonel Powell his grandson, who is now a Leader of PAM, proclaiming on Freedom’s ISSUES PROGRAM that PAM is a Party of the workers. I am definitely sure that he does not know what he is speaking about. There is this white man whose name was Charlie Smith; he was in charge of the loco shed, where all the engines (both steam and diesel) were serviced and repaired. These engines or locos pulled the sugar cane from the sidings where they were packed into carts, to the sugar factory.

At one time Charlie Smith was President of the White Democratic Party, which, as I stated before, was membered by the white Planters and of which the founder of PAM was a member. When Mr. Smith interviewed Black workers who came looking for jobs, he displayed his racism by telling them, “I hate the very dirt that a Black man walks on; the only Black man that I respect is Mr. William Hebert, who is only Black of skin, but white of mind!”

When the Trade Union negotiated the 1953 crop, it requested that the working day be reduced to 8 hours (men worked until 6pm); they also negotiated that there be half days on Saturdays, so that workers from the country areas be given time to shop before catching the passenger truck at 4pm to go home.

There was the founder of PAM, refusing to give in. He advised that the workers worked until 2pm on Saturdays and working through their lunch hour to achieve it. Could this man, ever form a Political Party which would work in the interest

of the Working Class of the land?

To prove my point, could anybody in such a high up position in the planters association and party, form a political party to oppose their boss and still continued to work for them? Despite all the historical facts I have heaped on the Black Traitor of my Working Class people, I must applaud him, for being an ambitious Black man, who hailed from Sandy Point.

This poor Black boy started as the office boy or messenger and ended up as the Secretary of the white planters Sugar Producers Association. He wanted so much to be in the company of his Massa’s that he was christened in the Methodist Church in Sandy Point but changed to the Roman Catholic Church, where the majority of his Massa’s worshipped.” How could such a man who founded this Political Party PAM ever intended it to work in the interest of the Working Class of the land? HOW dear reader, HOW?

His duty to the Massa’s was to ensure that never again, would that cohesion of the workers in 1948, be ever displayed again? When PAM held its first public meeting in the village, it was said on the platform, “Bradshaw supports the cane cutters and those lowly workers, but we support the rich people and you know what?

Working class people clapped, because there are some of us who want to hang our hats higher than we can reach them. We want to peak with that ecstatic feeling that we have arrived in the upper class bracket. We like to buy company! And that is because we do not know our history. We are ashamed of where we came from; we are ashamed to glance back. It is for this reason why I write these Articles, so as to awaken the consciousness of the worker within you?

For the Massa’s to get you on their side to swell their ranks for they are always in the minority, they have divided us into upper class (them) Middle class who look at the rungs of the social ladder and want to climb upward, despite the exacting price they have to pay and the lower class, from which the middle class sprung These middle class are totally and mortally afraid and ashamed to look down for fear of being reminded from whence they originated

Many are the times, in their ascendancy, the rungs of the ladder break and they find themselves right back in the lower class of which they were so ashamed, but now feel safe and secured, from all alarm; there is no price to pay for the comfort and joy, of being back home, where you don’t have to FAKE everything or anything; you are now in genuine territory. YES! Everything is genuine; everybody down there is grounded, happy and content. There is a Book entitled “The Anguilla Revolution 1967 written by TWO Anguillans which describes in detail the Plans by PAM and some misinformed Anguillans, who in 1967, ATTEMPTED to overthrow the Lawfully 1966 Elected Labour Party Government. Many of us do not yet realize the enormity (the extreme scale of seriousness).of this move by PAM assisted by the Anguillans. Did you know dear reader that they were going to set up another South Africa with an Apartheid System right here in St. Kitts? Did you know that the Estate owners present and past in England were supporting the overthrow?

Did you know that this was absolutely possible because they had the Black Chief of Police and head of the Defence Force in their pockets? Did you know that not one Church condemned the Attempted overthrow? Thank God that His Divine Intervention saved us from a catastrophe! We, the Black People of this country, do not realize how near we were to being re-enslaved? All of the estate managers, and overseers were involved.

Thank God that the captain of the boat on which the Anguillans were travelling to St. Kitts mistook St. Eustatius (STATIA) for St. Kitts? By the time that they discovered their error, morning had already begun to break. (Divine Intervention) When the pregnant wife of a manager awoke and saw her husband donned in army fatigues and with a gun in his hand, she fainted, This affected the child when it was born in the USA! The child was born funny as we would say and was left in the USA.

PAM, true to form has always attacked any proposal to uplift the standard of living for the Working Class of the land. PAM declared that Pond Pasture, when Labour opened it to alleviate the slums in New Town would sink and people should not buy or build any houses there. They even labelled it Shanty Town. Ponds Pasture is still intact up to today.

When Labour attempts to uplift the standard of living of the Working Class of the Land, PAM and before it, the planter class, always oppose it. In 1950, 15 years before PAM made its appearance on the political landscape, in Saddlers Village, Labour built some hook up houses with verandahs for those who worked in the sugar industry; this incensed the managers of the estates, who claimed that Mr. Bradshaw was spoiling the sugar workers by providing them with verandahs on which to regale, like them, when they finished working.

When Labour constructed the First J.N. France General Hospital, PAM referred to it as a Horse Stable, but for the 15 YEARS (1980-1995) that they were in Power, they did nothing to uplift it, displaying their total contempt for the health and safety of the common man and woman.

Open Our Eyes Lord That We may See Christ As You See Him



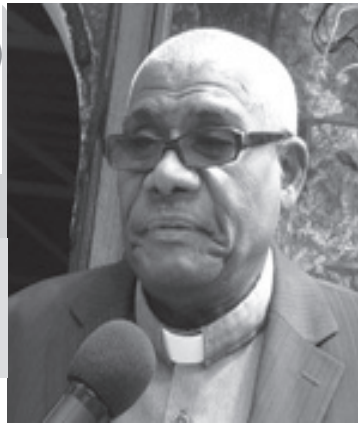
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In the Epistle of Acts:2: 14a, 36-41, the passage speaks of a recognition that derived from an allegation that there was an absence of good news in the sermon he the Apostle delivered on Pentecost. Peter's sermon on this occasion strikes a contrast between how his audience treated Jesus and how God dealt with him. Here is the manner in which Peter says in v. 36, "This Jesus whom you crucified," "God has made him both Lord and Messiah." In most of Peter's sermons he describes how God exalted Jesus to the position of royal authority; and how from that vantage point, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit upon all and Jesus functions within the wider world that was harsh towards Him. Peter makes it clear how the audience's intentions concerning Jesus differed from God's.

In his writing, Peter formally charged his audience, which was a broad range of Jews from a variety of places. One would hardly believe that fifty days earlier, the powerful men were directly



involved in this illegal act of handing Jesus over to the Romans and called for his execution. Luke's Gospel takes note that many in Jerusalem expressed sadness over Jesus' death (23:27, 48); be reminded that it was only a limited number of influential Jerusalem elites demanded the prosecution of Jesus. Peter cannot be placing primary blame for Jesus' death on all Jews in general nor claiming that everyone in Jerusalem shared the specific

guilt of the leadership. Peter lays this charge to the Jewish audience simply because he was addressing a Jewish audience at this point in the sermon. At the same time however, Peter spreads the responsibility of Jesus' death only partial (Acts 2:23). This is Peter's way of generalizing the rejection of Jesus and Jesus' claims to authority. This is how Luke puts it, "But first He must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation" (17:25).

Indeed there were many specific instigators and executioners, whose rejection of Jesus led to His death, and in many aspects, including a broad sense of ignorance. Acts records those, "Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize Him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning Him" (13:27). It is said too, that humanity as a whole failed to recognize what God was doing through Jesus; Hence His resurrection and exaltation now leave humanity without excuse.

What then does Jesus' death, resurrection, and exaltation demand from Peter's audience and all Christians? First, Peter calls for repentance, which is a reformed behavior; there must be expressions of remorse, or the amends of wrongs; a changed mind and a new positive understanding of Christ's way of life. Christ's resurrection and ascension requires a move from the ignorant humanity to a new understanding of who He is and an hold on His authority to exercise God's rule within creation. What God has done through Christ creates a point of recognition about God and Christ. This new understanding, of course, leads to new possibilities.

Old Street Lights To Be Thrown Away In An Eco-friendly Way

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020)– With the changeover of the street lights to the eco-friendly Light Emitting Diode (LED) ones in the Streetlight and Floodlight Retrofit Project- being handled by the St.Kitts Electricity Company Ltd. (SKELEC)- the old lamps are expected to be thrown away via an environmentally safe process.

These eco-friendly streets lights are currently being installed in the Federation of

St.Kitts and Nevis in a 15.6 million project rolled out through a loan provided by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

Notably, the SKELEC is continuing its switching ways it had in place for over two years to before this new two-phase scheme that is expected to see some 10,760 lamps altogether being installed on both islands.

On Thursday 23rd April 2020, members of the media attended a changeover of streetlight event in the Newton

Community within the vicinity of the dental clinic and health center.

These lights which are being rolled out in a one-year phased project to save on future lighting costs and make the Federation more energy-efficient.

Renewable Energy Special Projects and Planning Engineer Rondel Phillip of SKELEC explained the process.

"Basically what we'll be doing in the changeover of the bulbs. We have the high pressure sodium bulbs, mercury bulbs and so what we'll be doing is the arc tube is what we're going to be shipping back overseas for disposal. Over the years... we've been eco-friendly."

He continued: "The vapours within these tubes are harmful once inhaled once it's exposed into the atmosphere so that's the main reason for changing them out. So what we do you've seen, we take down the old lights and separate the bulb from the fitting, the bulb is then packed, placed in drums and they'll be in a container waiting to be shipped overseas to a facility that's going to crush the bulb, take out the tube and supposed of the tube properly and collect the gases and dispose of the gases in an environmentally safe manner."

SKELEC General Manager Clement Jomo Williams said the company has taken a proactive approach to this project.

"Even before we started



A SKELEC employee shows how the old bulbs are wrapped safely after the changeover process. Immediate left-Minister of Public Infrastructure, Post, Urban Development, and Transport Ian 'Patches' Liburd looks on (Spokesman Snap)

rolling out the CBD project, we have been changing over LEDs for over two years now so when the project started we had some almost 6,000 lights allocated and since, we have changed approximately a thousand of these which would mean that thousand would end up being our stock for replacement."

Minister of Public Infrastructure, Post, Urban Development, and Transport Ian 'Patches' Liburd spoke about the safety and energy saving benefits of the news lights.

He said he has received feedback from residents on St.Kitts "who are clamoring for street lighting in their neck of the wood" whilst noting "I know it would enhance the safety and security of our different neighbourhoods here in St.Kitts and Nevis.

Minister Liburd continued: "It is important to note as well- apart from the environmental benefits is the fact that from a fiscal standpoint-in the long term, the government would be at least reducing its cost for lighting our streets... we cannot lose sight of the fact that to provide street lighting, it costs the government millions of dollars each year and we're going to be reducing that cost though this project

He also commended SKELEC for assisting with the government's policy and decision in particular having offered the three-month moratorium to customers.

"We know that it has impacted negatively on its cash flow but I believe that in a time like this, a company like SKELEC ought to show compassion and we're happy that they have come onboard."

China turns on the Charm and Angers Trump...

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Resident Ambassador Talks About Taiwan's Leading Fight On COVID-19

...Comments On WHO Topic

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 24th April 2020) – Regarding the issue of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has made its independent mark on the global scale in tackling the disease early on.

Taiwan, however, is not a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) which continues to be a widely debated topic.

“The right to health is a fundamental part of our human rights. If it is indeed WHO’s mission to ensure the highest attainable standard of health for every human being, then WHO needs Taiwan just as Taiwan needs WHO. “

The above comments are of resident Taiwanese ambassador Tom Lee who was recently contacted by this media house in an effort for him to talk about his country’s success and challenges on the subject including assistance to St.Kitts-Nevis.

At the time out the press outreach, he shared that the embassy has been following the rules regarding the State of Emergency set by the St.Kitts-Nevis government. See the full interview below:

REPORTER: Tell me about Taiwan’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am aware that the Republic of China (Taiwan) has been a model in this regard even before the disease reached the category of being a global issue.

AMBASSADOR LEE: Taiwan’s success in combating COVID-19 is a combination of efforts by medical professionals, government, private sector and society at large. On the very last day of 2019, authorities in Taiwan began assessing passengers arriving on direct flights from Wuhan, checking for symptoms of fever and pneumonia. Soon after, on the 20th of January, our Government activated the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) to directly coordinate efforts by different ministries and agencies. CECC has overseen crucial measures including border control, fighting misinformation, and providing financial relief for businesses.

Moreover, Taiwan has been widely praised in its approach to utilize technology, big data and approved science to contain COVID-19. For example, Taiwan has established an electronic system for entry quarantine, which allows passengers with a local mobile phone number to fill in health information via mobile phone. A health declaration pass will then be sent to them via a text message. This is connected to the community care support management system, which allows government agencies to provide care services and medical assistance. Individuals’ travel history is now stored on the National Health Insurance (NHI) card to alert physicians to possible cases and prevent community transmission. For those undergoing home quarantine or isolation, the government is working with telecom operators to allow

GPS tracking of their locations. Quarantine offenders are subject to fines or mandatory placement according to relevant laws and regulations, so as to prevent transmission.

REPORTER: To date, what is the situation on the ground in Taiwan including ongoing measures?

AMBASSADOR LEE: Latest statistics from the CECC reveal 422 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Taiwan as of April 20, with six deaths. Two hundred and three (203) patients have been released from isolation. Taiwan’s Central Epidemic Command Center announced new disease prevention measures April 18, the latest in a series of moves aimed at safeguarding the country amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The new rules require inbound travelers who have visited Southeast Asia in the last 14 days to fill out health declaration and quarantine notice forms before boarding flights to Taiwan, the CECC said, adding that the measures take effect April 21 at midnight local time.

REPORTER: Now, can you tell me about Taiwan’s diplomatic helping hand extended during the pandemic to its allied Caribbean countries (and further) and in what areas?

AMBASSADOR LEE: In addition to donating essential medical supplies and helping procure medical devices, Taiwan has been doing its best to share experiences and know-how on fighting against COVID-19 with our allies in the Caribbean, Latin America and also other like-minded partners.

For instance, a five-party video conference was organized by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to share COVID-19 prevention measures with our four Caribbean diplomatic allies, including St. Kitts and Nevis, St.

Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Belize on March 30.

REPORTER: Apart from the masks donation, specifically for St.Kitts-Nevis what else can be expected in partnership with the government of Taiwan in the near future?

AMBASSADOR LEE: In addition to the 40,000 masks donated on April 15, 6 thermal detectors (thermal imaging cameras), a batch of thermometer temperature guns are on the way from Taiwan and will arrive in SKN shortly. Our Embassy has also assisted the Ministry of Health (MOH) to have Taiwanese experts review SKN’s official COVID-19 Preparation Plans to provide constructive feedback.

REPORTER: Although Taiwan is not a member of the World Health Organisation, is there any working relations with the organisation at this time? Also with the independent accomplishments made in the area of health especially regarding COVID-19, has Taiwan earned the right to be embraced by WHO?

AMBASSADOR LEE: The right to health is a fundamental part of our human rights. If it is indeed WHO’s mission to ensure the highest attainable standard of health for every human being, then WHO needs Taiwan just as Taiwan needs WHO.

Despite public statements earlier this year by Dr. Michael Ryan, Executive Director of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, that Taiwan had been fully engaged and fully aware of all the developments on COVID-19, Taiwan’s participation remains extremely limited. Taiwan is not only prevented from obtaining firsthand information concerning the disease in a timely manner, but also faces hurdles in sharing its Taiwan Model on epidemic prevention with other countries.

Due to political factors, however, Taiwan has not been invited to attend the World Health Assembly since 2017. From 2009 to 2019, Taiwan applied to take part in 187 WHO technical meetings. It only received invitations to 57 of these, meaning that 70 percent of applications were rejected. WHO takes a long time processing Taiwan’s applications, and often does not even provide a reason when rejecting applications.

Even though Taiwanese experts can take part in the clinical management and infection control networks related to epidemic prevention, WHO has not invited Taiwan to take part in its laboratory network. And even though WHO has included one Taiwanese expert in the International Health Regulations Expert Roster, it never invited the expert to attend related meetings. This is most clearly reflected in its current handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, owing to political considerations, WHO cannot certify vaccines produced by Taiwan, affecting Taiwan’s research and development endeavors and also creating obstacles for Taiwan to share vaccines with countries that need them. These facts show that Taiwan’s inability to participate in WHO not only jeopardizes the right to health of the 23 million people of Taiwan, but also disadvantages people from other countries that could benefit from Taiwan’s assistance and experience.

As President Tsai said during a recent interview with TIME Magazine, although Taiwan has been unfairly excluded from the WHO and the U.N., we remain willing and able to utilize our strengths across manufacturing, medicine and technology to work with the world.

Front Page Photo::

A glimpse of the video conference between Chi Mei Medical Center in Taiwan and Joseph N. France General Hospital held on Monday 30th March 2020 as part of the Caribbean Diplomatic Allies for the Sharing of COVID-19 Prevention Measures sessions



Boxes of the donated masks

CHEST. TEST AND FAMALAAAYYY!!!

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

For a prime minister who claims that he and his government are so popular, he is mortally afraid of calling the elections.

Anybody who knows Timothy, knows that he is a coward. And that is why he doesn't like to take and make decisions. And calling the elections is a decision that he is wishing somebody else can make for him, so that when they lose, he can blame somebody else.

Notice how when we had no cases of the Corona Virus in the federation, he was up front beating his chest how PAHO and all sorts of people wanted to know what we were doing so that they could copy our model. The next day when we had two confirmed cases, he was nowhere to be seen.

His BBC interview was the ideal opportunity to boast that everybody wanted to follow our model. Common sense, however, prevailed. But he did boast about the \$120 million stimulus package (the less said about that, the better), and claimed that we in St. Kitts now had SIX TIMES the number of ventilators than before the Corona Virus. It made me wonder how many we now have.

I really hope it is not six times zero as a social media post suggested.

He also boasted that of the fifteen confirmed cases, one had recovered and none of the others had required hospitalization. He appeared to be saying that we had the virus under control and he didn't forget to shower praise on the citizens for adhering to the rules and regulations of the curfew.

Now considering all that the prime minister said, it is obvious that if we can line up to shop and

go to Western Union, we can line up to vote. The process is essentially the same.

But Timothy is afraid.

He is not taking on any poll because the writing on the wall is clear to all.

He cannot survive a defeat.

That is why he is trying everything to avoid an election. If he could get the State of Emergency to last five years, and if fighting the Virus could be deemed fighting a war, Timothy would be the happiest man in the world.

The General Elections are the biggest test in Timothy's life, and he is not ready for them. He can hardly find twenty people from outside of his constituency who were there with him in 2015 to come now in 2020 to defend him.

In 2000 Dr. Douglas didn't let the clock run out on him. He called the elections with months to spare and won All 8 seats. For Timothy and Team Unity, the clock ran out two whole months ago and Timothy is still not ready to ring the bell.

If the BBC interviewer had more time I believe that would have been his next question. "When are you going to call the elections Mr. Expired or are you waiting until you find a candidate to run against Dr. Douglas in Constituency 6?"

In the meantime we continue to work towards the victory.

In the meantime we continue to welcome and welcome back all to the **CARING HAND OF LABOUR.**



By Vigilante

• People want to know how come is as soon as de man say what he say bout Humpty Dumpty dat dey throw him een de loony bin. Dey say dat all when he did busing De Real Boss he never insane. But as soon as he talk bout Humpty Dumpty, he head ain't good.

• Dey say dat everybody else get big wuk and all dey had for de man was a gardener wuk in de nature park paying him minimum wage. Through he mek noise and start to talk what he know, dey throw in up de psyche.

• Dey tell him dat he was gon get back he money what he spend on de land but unto now he ain't get back a red cent. And dey say dat he did went go see Humpty Dumpty. But Humpty Dumpty give him a twenty and did try to molest him and police had was to hold him back. And das what mek Humpty Dumpty mek police lock him up.

• School chirren say dat dey got de phone because it got een incriminating text from Humpty Dumpty. And das what mek he not getting back de phone.

• Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty blue mudder wex dat de paper leak out and he say dat he not gon rest till he find out who do it. He say dat he gon have to give he famalay de big wuk and what he carn read and write, he will read and write for him. Just like what he does do for de lady who he give de big wuk to.

• Humpty Dumpty buse off Walla Walla and tell him dat for all de money he getting, he not defending de government on de social media. He tell him dat all like he so suppose to be writing not two paragraph of good writemanship but a whole composition bout de government.

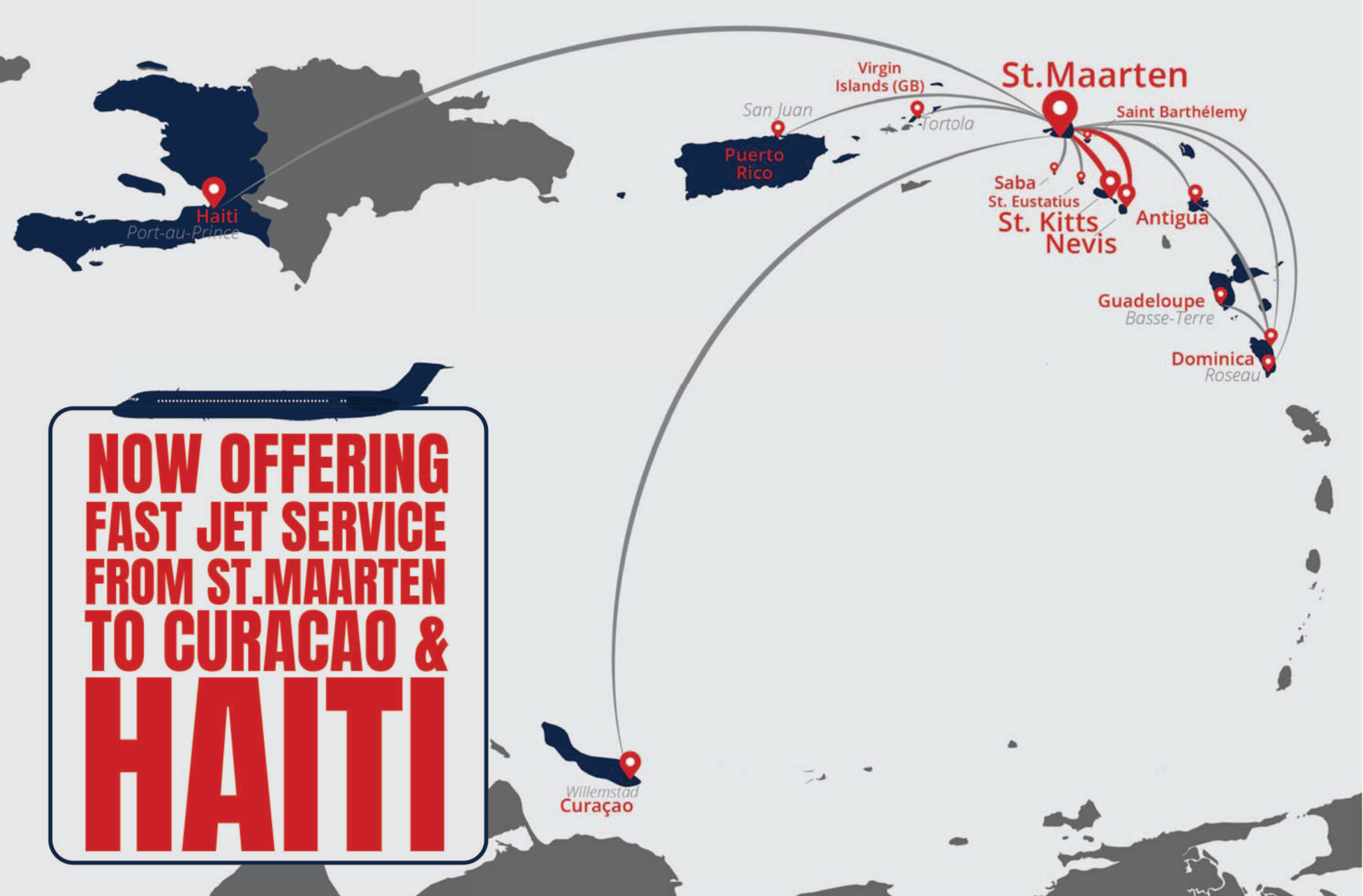
• But Walla Walla tell dat is only he one left back from last election. Everybody else gone or gone quiet. And he wuk under threat and he carn afford to lose it because how water breaking now it looking like a one term.

• De Bad Wud minister trying to finish up all he concrete wuk before de House dissolve. So he tell dem to tek night mek day wid de airport, de sidewalk from by de Power station, de sidewalk dem round de island, de bus terminal and anywhere else dey could put concrete.

• Dey say dat de junior lady nearly fall out wid de doctor dem when dey stop rum from selling early up in de lock dung. Dey say through it look like she was getting renum strenum, dey tek dung all de sign dem in de supermarket dem so she could buy she rum again.

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