Blake suggest High Court staffing and facilities be improved

A call for improved staffing and facilities in the High Court was made in the Senate yesterday by Senator Vivian Blake

He urged specifically appointment of more registrars in the Court of Appeal, better quality and quantity of staff in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal and expansion of library facilities.

Mr. Blake was speaking in the debate on the Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) Act, 1967, designed to increase the number of judges in the Court of Appeal from six to seven.

The Leader of Government Business, Sir Neville Ashenheim, presented the Bill to the Senate

While he congratulated the Government for taking a necessary step to expedite the efficient administration of justice, Mr. Blake said it was essential that the number of registrars should be increased if the Court of Appeal was going to sit in two divisions.

At the moment, he said there were not enough qualified persons able to study the papers when appeals were filed and determine when there were matters of urgency to be place on the list for hearing

On the quality and quantity of staff in the High Court, Mr Blake said it had become a fashion for documents to be missing and important exhibits to be lost because of the deplorable filing facilities

Library

Finally, Mr Blake said, there was a desperate necessity for an increase in library facilities because of the greater number of counsels now practising

More libraries, more reference books and more volumes of important cases were needed, Mr Blake said

Closing the debate, Sir Neville said that it should be remembered that the Government had little control over the judiciary and many of the matters Mr Blake had mentioned could be dealt with through joint representations by the Law Society and the Bar Association to the judiciary

Similar representations could be made about the libraries and the Courts could in turn bring pressure upon the Ministry of Finance to provide the necessary funds.

The matter, of course would be given attention whether or not such representations were made, Sir Neville said

The Bill which passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday, passed through the Senate without further debate

'Atlantic Sky' calls at MoBay

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MONTEGO BAY S J, July 4

The ss **Atlantic Sky** of the Atlantic Shipping Line arrived here yesterday from the United States bringing general cargo from New York and Miami

The unloading of the cargo at Fletcher's Wharf has provided work for many waterfront workers

There are no rights without corresponding responsibilities, Sir Neville tells JC boys

Sir Neville Ashenheim, Leader of Government Business in the Senate told students of Jamaica College — his old school — on Thursday night that there were no rights without corresponding responsibilities

Speaking at the annual prize-giving ceremony the former Jamaican Ambassador to the United States called attention to the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Jamaican Constitution, in which it was set out that the rights of the individual should not interfere with the rights of others.

"What we need to have is a consciousness of what that means,' Sir Neville said "All of us are in a position where we have rights and privileges But we also have corresponding responsibilities and obligations"

Obligations

There were obligations on the part of parents to see that their children were good students And there were obligations on the part of the students to see that they made the best use of the privilege of education which in many cases they were enjoying at the expense of the state

Sir Neville also spoke of the responsibility of giving service to the community. "Everyone is responsible to render to the community the service that he is capable of rendering," he said Responsibility, dedication and the following of a vocation were the hall-marks of the good citizen

Lady Ashenheim handed out the prizes and both Sir Neville and herself were welcomed by the chairman of the board of management of the school Mr Mayer Matalon and by the headmaster Mr W H Middleton

Mr Matalon also spoke on the question of responsibility in his opening remarks He commented on the responsibility of parents for the performance of students at school and said that much of the blame for poor work done at school rested with the parents

Wrong tendency

One of the problems facing Jamaica College, as it did all schools in the country, was the relationship of the family of the boy with the school There was a wrong tendency on the part of some parents to regard education as the responsibility of the school alone and he challenged the parent teacher association to take action to change this attitude

Asking the question where do we go in education" — Mr Matalon said Jamaica was undergoing a change in the pattern of the society but there was no corresponding change in the pattern of education

Some change was necessary in this area he said It was necessary to maintain the classical type of education to some degree, but there must also be opened up other avenues of education — such as in agriculture — to meet the changing needs of Jamaica

On the question of finance, Mr Matalon said there was a need for improvement in the Government approach to education, although he acknowledged that there was evidence of new thinking in this regard as shown in the present Budget

End of an era

Mr Matalon announced that the end of an era" at Jamaica College — the closing down of the boarding school He said that the present figures of enrolment at the school indicated that parents no longer felt the need to board their boys at JC, and therefore this side of the activity would cease after many years

In his report, the Headmaster also took a look at education in Jamaica. He spoke of the problem created by conditions in the modern world and asked To what end are children being educated? Was the system helping boys and girls to gain a sense of national identity?

Speaking for himself Mr Middleton said he realized the need for a change in the educational pattern in Jamaica and was taking steps at Jamaica College to make that change — by means of introduction of manual training to complement the academic, as well as by other means

New methods were needed in respect to teaching, and efforts were also being made at Jamaica College to introduce these new methods There was the need for a better work pattern on the part of the students, and the school was also doing what it could to bring about this, and other changes

Teacher problem

Mr Middleton also had some comments to make on the problems of teachers He said that there was understandable concern about the question of salary but it should be remembered that teaching was a noble profession, and what was needed in it most of all was a spirit of enthusiasm and adventure

At the same time, there was also a need for more public appreciation of the teaching profession The public should give the teachers commendation rather than condemnation, support rather than criticism and encouragement rather than frustration

Among the prize-winners was C W Mills who passed the G C E 'O Level Examination in 1966 in eight subjects and gained distinction in six

M H D Coore also passed the same examination in eight subjects gaining distinction in two

T G Campbell the school captain was awarded the Harty Bowl for "loyalty integrity and leadership He also won the school captain's prize and was awarded his colours in cricket and hockey

Dr Saunders won the award for the outstanding athlete of 1966-67, gaining his colours in athletics for soccer, cricket, and athletics

COLLEGE PRIZE-GIVING Sir Neville Ashenheim, Leader of Government Business in the Senate, speaking at the annual prize-giving ceremony of Jamaica College on Thursday night Seated (from left) Lady Ashenheim who distributed the prizes Mr Mayer Matalon, chairman of the board of management of the school, and Mr W H Middleton headmaster

Heavy rains

ANNOTTO BAY S M July 6 (From our correspondent) It has been raining heavily here and in surrounding districts since this afternoon A strong wind accompanied the rain

40 for Spanish summer school in Mexico

Thirty students of the University of the West Indies (Mona) who are studying Spanish and ten teachers of Spanish in Jamaican schools will take part in a summer school at the University of Yucatan Merida Mexico from July 16 to August 16

The summer school has been organized between Professor G R Coulthard Professor of Spanish at the UWI and the University of Yucatan in Merida

The emphasis of the course will be on the more practical aspects of spanish conversation groups will be held with Mexican lecturers Various excursions have been arranged to such places as Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Dzibilchaltun and Campeche while some students will go on to Mexico City and Oaxaca

The University of Yucatan has lent some of its buildings for lectures and round-table discussions

Professor Coulthard leaves for Merida on July 14 and will join the members of the summer school on their arrival there on July 16

The Mexican Ambassador to Jamaica Lic Ignacio Silva will see the party off at the Palisadoes Airport when they leave by Mexican Airlines on Sunday July 16

Senate resolution records congratulations to Canada on its centennial

Congratulations to Canada on the celebration of its centenary were expressed by the Senate yesterday, when it passed a resolution moved by Senator *Hector Wynter*, Minister of State.

However, a note of reservation was struck by Senator CAROL RECKORD, of the Opposition, who said that in congratulating the Canadians, it should be remembered that Canada's attitude towards the purchase of Jamaican sugar was "neither just nor fair," and had created "a certain amount of bitterness" in Jamaican agricultural circles

Senator Reckord also expressed concern at the so-called "brain drain" from Jamaica to Canada. He described this as a serious situation to which the Jamaican Government should pay urgent attention.

The resolution

Following is the text of the resolution

"Be it resolved that this Senate places on record its profound congratulations to the Government and people of Canada on the centennial of the establishment of the confederation of the Dominion of Canada and its tribute to the Government and people of Canada for their constant and unremitting service to the cause of peace and progress in the Commonwealth and the world,

"And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Government of Canada"

Moving the resolution, Senator Wynter said Jamaica had enjoyed a long and friendly association with Canada in several fields, and this association had increased since Jamaica became independent

Senator Wynter recalled the assistance which Canada had given to Jamaica in the field of higher education — in such fields as Medicine and Agricultural Science

Reference was made to the Canada-West Indies conference in Ottawa last year, when the 1926 Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement was reviewed and updated, and accords made in several fields One of these was in the area of foreign policy and particularly with respect to membership in the Organization of American States

Not one-way

Senator Wynter who is Minister of State in the Ministry of Education also spoke of Canadian aid to Jamaica by way of a soft loan for a school-building programme and the expansion of primary education in Jamaica

But the aid had not been one-way. Jamaica was also helping Canada in its own way, by contributing in manpower — in terms of nurses, teachers, doctors and agriculturists, in household helps and agricultural workers.

To put it in a phrase, it was mutual assistance development between Jamaica and Canada

Finally, Senator Wynter referred to the recent association between Jamaica and Canada over the illness and death of Sir Donald Sangster, when the Government and people of Canada showed deep affection and sympathy for the Government and people of Jamaica "in this time of sorrow

Senator **Dr. Arthur Burt**, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministy of Education, seconded the motion He pointed to a parallel between Canada's progress towards independence and that of Jamaica, and said that the two countries understood each other because they had had similar constitutional development

Assistance

Senator Burt also dealt with other contributions which had been made by Canada to Jamaica in the area of higher education

Senator JOSEPH McPHERSON, of the Government, spoke in support of the resolution He called attention to the friendly relations which existed between the trade union movements of Canada and Jamaica, and of the many instances of assistance given to Jamaican trade unionists by their Canadian counterparts.

Closing the debate, Senator Wynter said the points made by Senator Reckord had been noted But he was sure that the Senator joined in the birthday expression of affection for the people of Canada from the people of Jamaica

Customs Law amendment affects heavy equipment

The Minister of Finance and Planning the Hon Edward Seaga, has stated that recent changes in the Customs Law approved by the House of Representatives include an amendment giving the Minister power to make regulations with regard to the importation of heavy equipment used in construction, whereby duty can be charged by the Government on the depreciated part of the value of such machinery while it is in the island

The amendment has special relevance to the complaints of local contractors that foreign contractors have been able to underbid them on Government and other construction projects because local contractors had to pay duty on equipment imported to satisfy such contracts while foreign contractors had been permitted to bring in such equipment duty free and then ship them out afterwards

The new regulations will make it possible for the Collector of Taxes to assess a value on such machinery as its depreciation value while in use in the island and collect customs duty on such value

NWU wins Cement Co. poll

The National Workers Union has retained bargaining rights for employees of the Caribbean Cement Company in accordance with the outcome of a fact-finding poll conducted by the Ministry of Labour

The poll was arranged after the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union had challenged the NWU's position with a claim for bargaining rights

A poll agreement was drawn up between the company and the two unions but the BITU did not return the signed documents to the Ministry and in effect withdrew from the poll

Of the 224 workers eligible to vote 199 voted 121 in favour of the NWU and 75 against 23 workers did not vote and two votes were spoilt

Mr Hugh Crosskill of the Ministry staff supervised the polling on Thursday and the count yesterday

Appointed Consul for Italy

The **Jamaica Gazette** announced on Thursday that Mr Nicola Domenico Vaccino former Vice-Consul of the Italian Consulate in Kingston Jamaica has been appointed Honorary Consul of Italy by the decree of the Italian Ministry of External Affairs

Provisional recognition for Mr Vaccino to perform the duties of his office has been accorded pending the issue of Exequatur by Her Majesty the Queen

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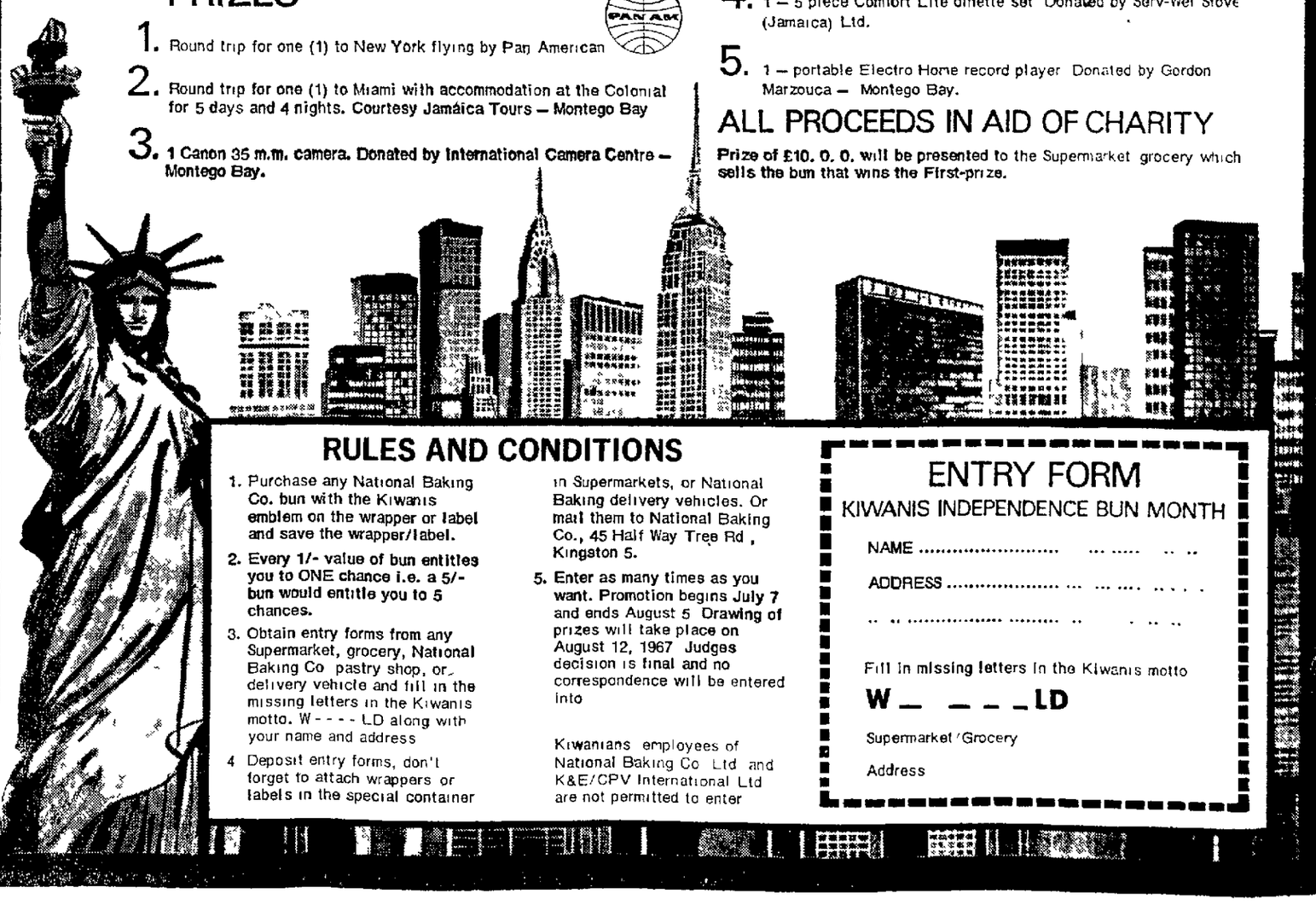

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