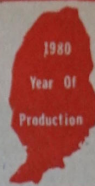


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TOMORROW will be a historic day for women in Grenada, for its when the National Women's Organisation (NWO) will hold its first general meeting at the National Convention Centre (Dome) in Grand Anse.

What is significant about tomorrow is that it will be the first time so many women in Grenada will come together to discuss political issues and to chart a course of development for their future.

When the NJM women held their first meeting at Pope Paul's Camp three-years ago, they had only 60 members.

But tomorrow, more than 1,500 committed members will be taking part in the meeting.

The NWO now has 43 support groups from around the island and its members are actively involved in all the programmes of the revolution, including the militia, co-operatives, the Centre for Popular Education and voluntary work brigades.

Chairwoman of the NWO, Phyllis Coard said that in the past, women were not involved in political organisations in Grenada, only in the traditional charitable organisations that see the coun-

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try's politics as men's work, and the kitchen as women's work.

Because the revolution had extended a hand to women, she said, they have developed a new attitude and no longer see their role as being in the kitchen but as being equal and active partners with men, playing their part in building a revolutionary society.

For 1980, women have been involved in many educational programmes, discussing why women have always been oppressed and their role in a new society. Sis. Coard said these discussions stimulated new thinking among

women in the organisation and they have begun to look at themselves in a different way.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow with the seating of delegates and giving out of tags. The programme includes a report from the steering committee, and reports on the constitution, Maternity Leave Law and NWO's programme of work.

A welcome address will be given by the chairwoman of the meeting, Rita Joseph, with opening remarks by the Minister of Education, Youth and Social Affairs, George Louison.

The women will discuss



RITA JOSEPH

the work programme for 1981, adopt a constitution and then take lunch break at 12:15.

At 1:30 p.m. officers of the national executive will be elected and installed by Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. Highlight of the meeting will be PM Bishop's address at 3:45 p.m. to be followed by

a cultural show and prize-giving by the PM's mother Alimenta Bishop. The event will end with the singing of "Forward March".

NWO is calling on all patriotic Grenadian women to take part in this historic and novel experience..



Wrecker on the roam

WATCH out for the wrecker. It's on the move again. Between Thursday and yesterday, it took up 12 vehicles belonging to stubborn drivers who insist on parking their vehicles in authorised zones, despite several warnings over the radio by the police. The owners of vehicles picked up will have to pay \$100 to reclaim them.

Inspector Trevor Parris, who is spearheading the operation, said illegal parking around the town has caused unwarranted traffic jams and sometimes accidents.

The operation will continue until the practice is stopped.

Picture shows one of the 12 vehicles in a "no parking" spot about to be removed.



FOOD FROM SOLDIERS

SOLDIERS of the People's Revolutionary Army feed two detainees, held in connection with the murder of five young men in St Patrick's two weeks ago. This week, security forces continued their investigations into the brutal slayings.

Editorial

Tribute to our women

TOMORROW'S first general meeting of the National Women's Organisation will bring together hundreds of Grenadian women who are now on the road to complete liberation in a new, free and revolutionary Grenada. They are expected to ratify their constitution, vote for an executive, exchange ideas and formulate programmes for 1981.

Since its formation as a mass group less than a year ago, the NWO has blossomed into 43 chapters across the country. It has pioneered the new maternity leave law, conducted nation wide discussions on primary health care and nutrition, set up the Scotland Noel Memorial Fund for Day Nurseries and sought to get all school-age children into school.

These impressive contributions to the welfare of the nation complement the high priority given by the PRG to Women's rights and roles early in the Revolution. Since March 13, 1979, Grenadian women have seen the realization of some of their rights. And with greater participation in the Revolution, more women's rights will be materialised.

Already the PRG has banned sexual exploitation of women who seek employment and decreed equal pay for equal work performed by women on government estates. As Grenadian women with a courageous history of struggle against oppression, dating as far back as resistance to the rapacious slave-master, these NWO sisters are now mobilizing themselves to strengthen the people's democracy, fight imperialism and push the Revolution's programmes forward.

The patriotic women who make up the Airport Development Committee deserve our applause for their tireless efforts in the past year, resulting in over \$15,000 towards the construction of our international airport.

Also in the past year, especially on June 19, our women became painfully aware of the brutality of imperialist terror when three young flowers of the Revolution, Lauren, Laurie and Jackie, were killed and 95 more people injured.

And once again, just two weeks ago, Grenadian women, and men, shared the pain of the mothers, wives and girlfriends of five young comrades savagely murdered by terrorist bullets.

As our women seek to express their unique qualities within the revolutionary process, Grenadian men must not stand in their way. Instead, they should welcome the sisters as equal and loving partners, respecting and protecting each other, united by the common purpose of building a new society based on justice, equality, peace and productivity.

And this new society will breed the new revolutionary Grenadian woman, indeed, the new Caribbean woman, at once productive and vibrant, tender and tough, spicy and serene

More action, less talk

THE 1981 budget formulation process now in its sixth week involved scores of public servants, state enterprise workers and the Minister of Finance, Trade and Planning Bernard Coard is proving to be one the most innovative moves in the history of public administration in Grenada.

Such a process has never been conducted in this country before. This fundamentally democratic and scientific approach is unprecedented in the political and economic history of our land, thus reflecting the seriousness, honesty and maturity of the PRG.

Discussions of the PRG's total financial picture have been frank, open and realistically weighed against the country's present financial resources and their ability to match the nation's needs and expectations.

The whole exercise has been motivated by a genuine commitment to sound and responsible money management in the interest of the masses. Such a process will also help to inspire a heightened awareness of the importance of economics in the Grenada Revolution.

Soon we hope to see the vanguard forces carrying out concrete work in the Revolution's many economic programmes, which are designed to improve the quality of life for the masses of working people in Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. We need more conscientious workers and less "tell-what-to-do" supervisors in these programmes; more action and less idle talk at marathon rap sessions.

Meetings that only lead to other meetings without implementation of plans are counter-productive. Building revolutionary institutions is not like organising the occasional tea-party. It calls for sacrifice, commitment consistency and hard work. A sister or brother who is heavy on the rapping but light on the working is not an asset to this Revolution.



THE unity and camaraderie of the Grenadian leadership inspires unity among the people as they move forward, hand in hand, with determination and high hopes to build the nation and push the Revolution forward.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



New kind of teacher for new society

The Editor:

On March 13, 1979, I, a teacher, was on my way to school, only to learn that my beloved country, Grenada, had finally seen the golden dawn of a new day.

There was a lot to be done and the job was tough. It meant a lot of sacrifice and patriotic love.

I was called to participate in the liquidation once and for all of illiteracy in my country. Hundreds of my colleagues were called to do the same.

What was I going to do? Pack my bags, book and pen and quit? Or could I try?

Could I try to help the innocent yet powerful infants who crowd around me, struggling to learn what is this and what is that, asking for me, seeking for me, waiting to release their creative minds through only the flick of my finger?

Letters express the views of the writer. Letters should be type-written where possible, and delivered by Wednesday.

And what about my grey grandmother who is always talking about her son in England: 'Me son educated, you hear? So much books and pens?'

Can't I for once in her 79 years sit her in front of a sheet of foolscap paper, give her a pencil and lead her on and on?

What can I do for my country, what can I do for my children, what can I do for my eldens?

I'll try my best while I'm still alive. I'll try.

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