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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Welcome to our first monthly on line newsletter which we hope will serve as the central communication link between the electorate and the New National Party. As we introduce our newsletter, it was necessary to make some structural changes on our website to ensure the relevancy of our site. As social media takes its grip and rightful place in society, the New National Party finds it imperative and necessary to respond to the changes taking place.

As you are no doubt aware, in recent months, our tri-island state has been faced with much embarrassment and disgrace which points clearly to the Botanical Gardens and the “weak Knee” leadership shown by Prime Minister Tillman Thomas and his Ministers. While it is not our intention to label or commemorate the National Democratic Congress blunders, it is difficult to resist commenting as these blunders continue to embarrass the entire Country.

Three important blunders need to be mentioned. The famous no show of two re-assigned Ministers who left both Sir Carlyle and the Prime Minister camped out at the Governor General’s residence for two days. It shows clearly that the Prime Minister cannot control some of his Ministers and there is a mutual dislike brewing. This is definitely a sign of weak and incompetent leadership demonstrated by the Prime Minister.

The Canadian visa issue is very important as many Grenadians with close Canadian ties have always taken the opportunity to visit and return home. While the Thomas regime was quite contented to fool the Grenadian electorate as to the reasons for Canada’s action, during the election campaign which earned him a majority, he and members of his coalition

team specifically made a commitment to the electorate that if the NDC assumed electoral power, they would have the visa policy rescinded. Voters were quite pleased with this promise. Almost four (4) years later, the ruling NDC Government has remained mute and it was only one more broken promise to the electorate.

What is equally embarrassing to the aforementioned was Prime Minister Thomas's attempt to raise the issue with Canadian Prime Minister Harper both at the 5th Summit of the Americas and later at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. Grenadians were told all along both by Prime Minister Thomas and his former Foreign Affairs Minister Peter David that discussions had been initiated between St. George's and Ottawa and since the Canadian High Commission in Bridgetown was accredited to Grenada, they would have a substantial liaison role to play. Whatever Thomas told Harper, our "weak-knee" Prime Minister was advised by Harper to dialogue with the Canadian High Commission in Trinidad on the visa issue.

Unfortunately for Thomas, he applied limited thought to Harper's suggestion and contacted Trinidad only to be told that it's a Bridgetown issue. Since then, Thomas has avoided the issue and it is only one more election promise down the drain.

The final embarrassment on Prime Minister Tillman's leadership became quite obvious a few weeks ago when he tried firing Hon. Joseph Gilbert at a Cabinet meeting. What was equally embarrassing about Prime Minister Thomas was a press release which emanated from his office and published on a known NDC propaganda medium stating that Gilbert's conduct was under scrutiny which might lead to dismissal.

Finally, Grenada has gone through many governments and there have been many Cabinet reshuffles and dismissals. Our recollection is that they have all been executed in style with no defiance.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH THOMAS AND HIS MINISTERS?

**THE NEW NATIONAL PARTY (NNP) HAD THIRTEEN SUCCESSFUL
YEARS OF EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE (1995-2008)**



Former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell

From 1995-2008, the New National Party (NNP) under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Keith Claudius Mitchell and his effective team of Cabinet Ministers and Advisers, led the tri-island state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique with effective political leadership and understanding about the needs of the electorate.

The NNP Government assumption of state power on the Island State of GRENADA, CARRIACOU and PETITE MARTINIQUE saw the development, implementation and management of a dramatic and unprecedented program of economic and social development through the three electoral mandates received from the people of Grenada.

Economic and social development for the island state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique were quite evident. Extensive infrastructural work included the building of new roads to replace dirt tracks existed in every parish and village of the state. Existing roads, especially the main roads were rebuilt and resurfaced with adequate drainage. Water supply throughout the island was greatly improved and consumer metering system was installed. Major sea and coastal defense works were undertaken to prevent erosion in specific areas. Roadways were widened. bridges were expanded, rock-slide protection was visible island-wide.

Sports and recreation received its share of improvement to sporting facilities. A modern stadium was built at Queens Park to facilitate world class sporting events. Grenada hosted the SUPER EIGHT leg of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in April 2008 at our National Stadium Queens Park. Many other sporting facilities throughout the country were improved and brought up to standard. A modern Ministerial Complex and a new Education Ministry building were built at the Botanical Gardens; several new secondary and primary school were rebuilt and some renovated up to modern day standard. Several Police Stations were rebuilt and renovated to improve the facilities for the Police personnel. A new modern Hospital Complex with state of the art Health Care Facilities was completed with assistance from Cuba and many other foreign governments. In 2008 after demitting political office; several other health reconstruction facilities were well underway throughout the island.

Carriacou and Petite Martinique have also received its share of improved facilities for the people. Roads and water supply have been significantly improved. Petit Martinique was the beneficiary of a desalination water plant to improve water supply, construction of a new jetty and upgrading of sporting facilities.

JOIN THE NNP IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESCUE PLAN FOR GRENADA:

THOMAS'S MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY MUST SHOLDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER IN GRENADA:

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) National Security strategy requires more intense scrutiny through the various recognized state organs. The New National Party (NNP) is not lamenting about any of the short comings. Suffice to say that the national breaches of security which have occurred over the few months require greater scrutiny from the Ministry. Since it is Prime Minister Thomas's Ministry, the finger must be pointed at him. Two incidences at St. David's involving the police and the discovery of contraband items at the Prisons does not look good. Measure up Prime Minister Thomas.

DR. MITCHELL AND PARTY SUPPORTERS PRAYING FOR MANNING



Former Prime Minister Manning

Former Prime Minister of Grenada and Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition Dr. The Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell says he is praying for the total recovery of the former Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Hon. Patrick Manning.

"My prayers are with him and his entire family. This must be a difficult time but I believe that all will be well. Manning has always been a true friend of Grenada and has demonstrated this in so many ways especially in the period after the passage of Hurricane Ivan. I wish to call on all Grenadians to remember Manning in their prayers."

Dr. Mitchell has urged Mrs. Manning and the entire family as well as the people of Trinidad and Tobago to be strong and of good courage as they look towards God who is able to work all things out in a miraculous way.

NNP CARETAKER SUPPORTS YOUTH INITIATIVES IN THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE



Nicholas Steele, Constituency Caretaker

SCORES TURN OUT TO FUN, FOOD FASHION FIESTA

Monday 6th February 2012: Scores of participants turned out to the first ever Fun, Food and Fashion Fiesta on Sunday February 5th 2012 at the Wembley Playing Field, River Road. The activity which is a product of the NNP Youth Arm of the Town of St. George coincided with their Independence Celebrations as Grenada mark her 38th anniversary of being an Independence State.

The very well organized and coordinated event saw in attendance many of our senior citizens of the constituency. They were very animated with the foot ball games especially with the inclusion of an all female team who gave a good account of themselves. Flanka Boys eventually won the competition. All eyes then turn to the much talked about and highly anticipated Independence Fashion show, and indeed no one was disappointed. Several competitors smartly dressed in the National colours paraded before the judges as they vie for the first prize. The eventual winners were Nubia Smith, Azyla Wells and Kimberly Salhab respectively.

The large crowd was also entertained by local artistes and dancers. Debra Bailey the Vice Chairperson of the Youth Arm spoke of the participants

asking for more of these types of activities and the need to engage the youth of the constituency in other areas such as football and Netball competitions etc. While Floor Member Ms. Carnisha Charles spoke of the group's intention to continue these activities based on the response to other projects undertaken in the constituency, such as the beautification of a section of the River Road area as well as the painting of a portion of the Pre- School and social activities.

New National Party Caretaker for the Town of St. George, Mr. Nickolas Steele spoke of the hard work and dedication of the Youth Arm in bringing the day's activities to realization. He stated that the praise must go to the members of the Youth Arm who came up with the idea, planned and implemented it on their own. He stated that this falls in line with his philosophy of ensuring self-sufficiency in the various groups in his constituency.

This activity is one in several being staged by various NNP Constituency Youth Arms around the nation as part of their Independence Celebrations.

- S - Strength**
- T - Trust**
- E - Effort**
- E - Enthusiasm**
- L - Love**
- E -Energy**

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**NNP EXTENDS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR
DUDLEY THOMPSON TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND PEOPLE OF
JAMAICA**



Ambassador Dudley Thompson

Former Prime Minister and Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, the Right Honourable Dr. Keith Mitchell has extended heartfelt condolences to Prime Minister Portia Simpson and the people of Jamaica on the recent death of Ambassador Dudley Thompson who is best described as a national hear and committed regionalist.

Apart from holding senior Cabinet positions in the Michael Manley government, Thompson did active combat as a Flight Lieutenant during World War 2 and on his return to Jamaica became a founding member of the Royal Air Force Association, Jamaica Branch. As an ex-serviceman, Thompson will receive the military tradition of having the Last Post and Reveille blown by buglers at the graveside during the interment.

Thompson was conferred with the Order of Jamaica in 1989 having given outstanding service in the fields of international law, governance and foreign affairs.

He died on January 20, a day after his 95th birthday.

ELECTION READINESS IS A FAIR GAME PLAN



January 29, 2012 crowd in La Tante St. David's

Turbulence in the marriage of convenience between Prime Minister Tillman Thomas and his defiant ministers will continue as there seem to be no pause or attempt to a resolution. As a disgruntled NDC supporter recently said "dem NDC people like too much tabay". If this is the conclusion of an NDC member, what are the responsibilities of the New National Party (NNP)? Get into the state of election readiness.

This is why we have to implore on our supporters to get registered and resist intimidation and tomfoolery as expected to be carried out by some of the NDC operatives responsible for voter's registration. NNP supporters need to know their rights and responsibilities when registering to exercise their constitutional franchise.

The NDC promises have not been realized. Unemployment and poverty amongst Grenadians continue to grow. Construction has come to a halt thus leaving carpenters, builders, masons and other craftsmen out of work. In other words, people are bawling and they must be saved.

THIS IS WHY THE NNP RESCUE PLAN IS REALISTIC. LET'S SAVE GRENADA:

