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GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

BRITISH GUIANA

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1960.

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REPORT OF

THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

FOR 1960.

INTRODUCTION

In 1960, as British Guiana moved towards internal self-government, the Government Information Services continued to project overseas the image of the territory as a place which would welcome investors for the Development Programme. At home, the G.I.S. performed its appointed task of letting the people of British Guiana know the reasons behind decisions of policy and was also closely linked with cultural liaison and the encouragement of national feeling within British Guiana.

Of special note is the G.I.S. coverage of the Royal visit to British Guiana during the year. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, paid a visit to the territory over the period January 27 - 31 and in addition to the special articles and facilities made available to the press, the G.I.S. recorded in a film the highlights of the Royal Visit, particularly the visits to the H.Q.'s of the B.G. Branches of the Red Cross and the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the Girls Guides and the joint parade at which H.R.H. graciously presented new Colours to the Red Cross.

A filmed record was made, too, of another significant event of the year; when a short feature was shot on the occasion of the ceremonies marking the Alliance between the B.G.V.F. and the Worcestershire Regiment.

In keeping with the desire of the Honourable Minister of Community and Education that a Council of the Arts should be established in British Guiana, the Department was fully involved at planning and executive levels with matters relating to the creation of this Council. The Department continued its participation in the activities of the Adult Education Association.

As in previous years, the G.I.S. took the leading role in planning and organising, under the auspices of the Ministry of Community Development and Education, the country wide programme for the 1960 History and Culture Week in October, designed to integrate the various groups in the Community into one Nation, One People, with One Destiny and marked by the award of Gold Medals for the best contributions in Literature, Music and Art. The Week's activities were climaxed by three days of colourful carnival in Georgetown organised by the Chamber of Commerce in which decorated floats, steelbands and costume competitors paraded the streets of the city in attendance upon a Beauty Queen specially crowned for the occasion.

During the months of June and July, under the auspices of the U.S. State Department, the Chief Information Officer was invited to study American Information and Cultural Exchange Institutions. This 60-day visit was highlighted by a Seminar held at the Aspen Institute of Humanistic Studies on America's Purpose in the modern world and by visits to many places including the Voice of America, Library of Congress and the annual corn dances in New Mexico. He also accepted the invitation of the Demerara Bauxite Company, Limited, to spend a few days at Arvida in Canada where he saw carried to the final stages, the process that begins with the extraction of Bauxite from B.G. soil.

One of the most important information developments was the report by the Senior Information Officer, who had been assigned by Government the task of making a preliminary survey to find out how the existing overseas public relations operation could best be overhauled and extended in the United Kingdom. To compile the survey

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he held discussions with a wide range of persons, including officials of the Colonial Office, Central Office of Information and the U.K. Board of Trade and the West India Committee.

At the end of the year the equipment of the Government Recording Studio was installed.

Liaison continued cordially with kindred bodies such as the British Council, the Extra Mural Department of the University College of the West Indies, the United States Information Service, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and with the Caribbean Branch of the U.K.I.O. based at Trinidad. The Chief Information Officer served as a Chairman or member on the Committees, directorates and Boards of the Guianese History and Culture Week Committee, the B.G. Tourist Committee, the Public Free Library, the Carnegie School of Home Economics, Board of Film Censors, Council of the Adult Education Association, the B.G. United Broadcasting Company, Limited, and the Standing Committee for the Preservation of Historical Monuments.

The total vote provided in 1960 for running the Department was \$180,497.

Noteworthy developments based on co-operation with other bodies included a visit in October to British Guiana at the instance of the G.I.S. of Mr. Igor B. Allan, Communications Media Officer of U.S.O.M., Haiti, who was made available by I.C.A. to advise on personnel, equipment and other requirements necessary in establishing an overall unit for Audio-Visual Aids to service all British Guiana Government Ministries and agencies. Mr. Allan and the G.I.S. Films Officer, (Mr. R.L. Young), worked in close collaboration and a report was submitted before the end of 1960.

Mr. Frederick Carrol, its Chief Photographer, was commissioned by the Central Office of Information during the year to take photographs in British Guiana in order to augment its Films Library. He was accompanied by the Photographs Officer, (Mr. R. Fung), and the Films Officer on his tours throughout the territory.

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

News Conference

The most significant development in press liaison for the year was the decision taken to broadcast the regular week-end news conference conducted by the Minister of Trade and Industry and other Ministers of the Government. At this conference questions are discussed which range over the field of Government policy and as from June of this year, the 60 minute conference of written questions and answers with supplementaries was broadcast on the two programme services of the B.G. United Broadcasting Co. Ltd., and attracted and held a very considerable radio audience.

These and other Ministerial press conferences are arranged by the Division and are attended by reporters of the daily press and the radio and by "stringers" for overseas news agencies.

The British Guiana Bulletin

This fortnightly Government newspaper remained sensitive to the main trends of social and economic development in the rural areas. The paper is distributed mainly in the rural areas where the circulation of the daily press is still small and its principal aims are:

- (a) to bring to readers in rural areas, in simple terms, reports of the achievements of village

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communities, and the development of the spirit of self-help and co-operation within the ambit of the Development Programme;

- (b) to lay emphasis upon the opportunities being created for "the small man" to improve his condition; and
- (c) to develop self-reliance and self-confidence among the population, emphasising the responsibility for one citizen to help the other.

The pleasing presentation of the "Bulletin", the result of printing by offset lithography by the Contract Printers to the British Guiana Government, continued to draw expressions of appreciation from readers both in British Guiana and abroad. As a result of this improved printing the middle pages were prepared as photo-posters depicting the work of various Government Departments and subjects. Two of these dealing with "New Crop Bonuses" and "History and Culture Week, 1960", were later converted into posters to form part of publicity campaigns for the respective subjects. Departments and subjects covered in this way are given in Appendix 'B'.

Children's Newspapers

A children's newspaper (which is in effect a special issue of the "B.G. Bulletin), featuring articles by pupils of primary schools and articles specially written for them, was issued three times during the year. It is distributed through schools and is very much in demand.

Guiana Diary and Informatives

This weekly summary of British Guiana News, together with the more occasional service of "Informatives", was sent overseas to journalists, broadcasters and students.

Industrial Newsletters

A monthly Industrial Newsletter, which was started in 1958 mainly for overseas distribution to editors of economic journals, was reproduced during the year as a regular feature of the Chamber of Commerce journal. The Newsletter records the quickening of industrial development in the country and the progress of Government's development programme.

Publications

During the year the Division undertook publication of a 12-page information brochure, copies of which were sent to local and overseas travel agencies, students, and the Tourist Committee.

Communiques and Newscasts

In addition to the normal work of handling the releases of Government Ministries and Departments, the Division also issued to the Press and Radio releases based on a wide range of information material received from Commonwealth Information posts. In selecting items for release preference is given to material in respect of which parallels can be found in British Guiana or which for other reasons is of special interest to Guianese.

BROADCASTING GENERAL

Administration & Staffing

The Broadcasting Division - Broadcasting General and

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Broadcasts to Schools - was administered as one unit during the year.

The staffing situation was more difficult than usual and at the end of the year, all of the trained officers at the Division were either on leave undergoing further training abroad, or had resigned to be married. The quality of the service was, however, maintained by recruitment of staff from the Clerical division.

Government Recording Studio

The equipment for the studio was installed in December although the construction work is not yet completed. In the absence of operating staff, the equipment is kept running in order to prevent it from deteriorating.

Programmes - (Old & New)

- (1) In addition to programmes that run for a limited period like "POEMS I LIKE", a weekly series in which individuals chose to read the poem of their choice, the following programmes were maintained in their previous form throughout the year:

MAINLY FOR WOMEN - a half-hour magazine programme for women containing items of information and entertainment.

RURAL NOTEBOOK - a half-hour magazine programme providing talks of special interest to rice farmers and co-operative societies and also a vehicle for extracts from ministerial addresses delivered in rural areas.

SUNDAY AT NOON - a weekly radio talk by Ministers of Government and distinguished speakers inside and outside the country.

TOPIC FOR TONIGHT - a daily five-minute background talk.

NEWSCASTS - twice daily, five-minute collections of items of government news and information of public interest.

UNION CALL - a fifteen-minute programme on Trade Union Education arranged weekly by the Trade Union Council.

The magazine programme RADIO MAGAZINE, a half-hour programme directed to the urban audience and consisting of talks, music and interviews, changed its form in June and was supplanted by AT HOME AND ABROAD, a programme which deals with people and things Guianese, as well as foreign affairs. In this new form there is considerable use of C.O.I. tapes on subjects of interest to the community.

(2) New Programmes

PATTERNS OF PROGRESS - a fifteen-minute programme illustrating aspects of the British Guiana Development Programme - both in the governmental and the private investment sectors.

TO START YOU TALKING - a half-hour programme making use of the senior boys and girls of secondary schools to discuss matters of perennial and contemporary interest such as 'Brothers Karamazov', 'Music, the greatest of the Arts', and 'Changing attitudes to the Family'.

HALF A DOZEN WEST INDIAN POETS - a quarter-hour programme discussing the attitudes and poetry of some of the major poets writing in The West Indies today.

NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE AIR

Perhaps the most important radio development was the practice adopted by the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry of conducting a sixty-minute news conference on the air, answering questions from Press representatives on all aspects of government information and policy.

This programme has another hearing on the second station, B.G.B.S.

As a special Christmas feature, the G.I.S. presented recitals by outstanding musical performers in British Guiana in violin and piano and choral work. There was also a special Christmas programme broadcast on Christmas Night on which Heads of Churches brought the message of Christmas.

Liaison

Cordial relationships continued between the G.I.S. and the B.G. United Broadcasting Company, the British Council, the U.S.I.S., the University College of the West Indies, the B.B.C., the C.B.C., and United Nations Radio.

Continued use was made of the excellent B.B.C. Transcriptions and tape services of the United Nations Radio. The B.B.C. programme CALLING THE CARIBBEAN was "trapped" for re-broadcast at a more suitable listening time.

SPECIAL MENTION should be made of the B.B.C. Programme TALKING ABOUT TEACHING, which teachers continue to find most beneficial in their work in the classroom.

BROADCASTS TO SCHOOLS

In 1960, Broadcasts to Schools in British Guiana completed its sixth year of operation. Although 226 Primary and Secondary Schools are known to be receiving the broadcasts, only 197 of this number qualified as "Listening Schools", the basis for qualification being the systematic return to the Broadcasts to Schools Unit of the G.I.S., of not less than 50% of the number of Weekly Report Cards issued to a school during a term. Following the pattern established at the inauguration of the service, two daily quarter hour talks or dramatised programmes were presented five days of the week, emphasis being laid on the British Guiana scene, its history, civic institutions, its human geography and its flora and fauna. The schedule also includes two series of simple singing lessons for the Lower and Middle Divisions, and there is a weekly CURRENT AFFAIRS programme dealing with subjects topical at home and overseas. These Current Affairs programmes continue to be most popular both with the teachers and pupils.

The ROMANCE OF ENGLISH series designed to give children a pride in speech for its own sake continued to help to improve the speech of children in Guiana schools.

New series introduced during the School Year were:

- (a) "CIVICS - Central Government" (Middle Division) - This series aimed at showing the child how people live in groups, explaining what is meant by the Government and giving illustrations of the Government at work.
- (b) "Children of Other Lands" (B.B.C.) (Middle Division) - replaced the "Civics" programme the following term. This B.B.C. series was intended to widen children's knowledge of the outside world, and to show how people of other lands lived together.

- (c) "Our Health" (Middle Division) - a series illustrating the growing patterns of development in the Public Health Services in the community and the increasing attention to child health, finally took the place of the B.B.C. series.
- (d) "We Face the World" (Upper Division and Secondary Schools) - a combination of the two series "Civics" and "Working for a Living", was broadcast instead of the usual "Working for a Living" series.
- (e) "The Shakespeare Series" - also for Upper Division and Secondary Schools, were continued under the new titles of "Women in Shakespeare", and
- (f) "The Shakespeare Tradition" - The object of these broadcasts was to provide enrichment in which pupils of the Upper Division would be introduced to the writings of William Shakespeare. It would also serve to supplement the reading done by pupils of Secondary Schools, who were preparing for the Overseas School Certificate and G.C.E. Examinations in mid-1960.

In addition to the "CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER" published by the Government Information Services, the Broadcasts to Schools Unit produced and distributed the first edition of a magazine booklet called the "YOUNG LISTENER". The first issue of this "YOUNG LISTENER" was a small twelve-page cyclostyled booklet, including summaries of broadcasts during the term, and advance information for teachers on the next term's programmes. This booklet will be issued once every term.

Invaluable service was given by the trained teacher specially seconded to the Broadcasts to Schools Unit to assist the Schools Broadcast Organiser and the procedure continued of training teachers in microphone techniques and the art of broadcasting.

FIELD SERVICE

Operations in the Field Service during 1960 followed the general pattern of previous years, namely:

- (a) Maintaining a two-way flow of information between headquarters and the outlying districts;
- (b) Interpreting and explaining Government's policy and keeping Government informed of local reaction to its policy statements;
- (c) Assisting in the promotion of Community Development in the rural districts;
- (d) Giving coverage of important events taking place in, and the visits of important persons to the districts;
- (e) Helping to plan programmes both of local and national interest.

In the carrying out of all these activities the District Information Officers received the full cooperation of District Commissioners and other members of the district teams of Government Officers.

Special Assignments

These included publicity campaigns in connection with the taking of the Census and the launching of the BCG and Polio Campaigns. Two surveys were carried out, one in connection with the impact and distribution of the British Guiana Bulletin, and

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the other with cattle damage in the Black Bush Polder. Officers also assisted in organising and executing Community Education Programmes in West Berbice and at Queenstown, Essequibo. Full coverage (tape recordings, news stories, photographs, along with the use of Public Address System), was also given to a number of outstanding events notably the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Royal to Victoria Village, the Opening of the Boerasirie Project, the Annual Village Chairman's Conference, and the opening of a number of Health Centres.

In the History and Culture Week celebrations, the field officers assisted in planning rural programmes, publicised the several events and projected films. They also helped to stimulate interest in the annual debate for the Patrick Dargan Shield, and the celebrations of the Children's Day, "Guiana Day".

Field Officers have also acted as official guides to personages visiting the districts. Among the visitors thus assisted were the Mauritius Ministerial Delegation, Mr. W.P. Morrison, M.V.O., the U.K.I.O. Representative in Trinidad, and the U.S. Vice-Consul, Mr. Nelson C. Ledsky.

General Duties

In addition, the District Information Officers continued to act as agents of the District Commissioners in checking and reporting on self-help and other community development schemes. They assisted at seminars run for Community Councils, Women's Institutes, Teacher-Trainees and Parent-Teachers Associations.

In adult education, one officer organised a drama group in Essequibo and others addressed clubs and groups on various topics.

In the course of their duties, District Information Officers undertook field trips with other district officers and thus they were closely associated with the work of the Agriculture, Public Health, Co-operative, Local Government, Social Welfare, and Education Departments. They also attended meetings of Local Authorities, Regional Development Committees and Community Councils, assisted in planning programmes for agricultural exhibitions and fairs and community education projects, and publicised a number of important events and achievements in the rural areas.

This close collaboration with the district officers has resulted in two main benefits:

- (i) a better understanding by villagers and district officers of the role and function of the District Information Officer; and
- (ii) the provision of facilities for on-the-spot checks of news stories.

Film Shows

In accordance with the accepted policy of emphasising the educational aspect of film shows, Officers of the Agriculture, Health, Co-operative, Education and Social Welfare Departments, took part in film show-discussions held during the year in support of some aspect of extension work.

Staffing and Leave

Staff strength remained unchanged at one Information Officer (Field) and four District Information Officers, although there were some few acting appointments, consequent upon officers in the Department going on leave.

Mr. B. DeRushe, who went on vacation leave in 1959, resumed duty in May and was posted to Essequibo, vice Mr. V. Jones, who

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proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. In mid-August, Mr. P. Haynes was transferred to headquarters to act as Senior Broadcasting Officer, and Mr. S. Leacock, (a member of the British Guiana Press), was appointed to act for Mr. Haynes. Mr. Jones resumed duty in November taking over from Mr. Leacock. Meanwhile, Mr. M. Dundas, who originally had been appointed to act for Mr. DeRushe continued to serve in this capacity throughout the year first for Mr. Jones and subsequently for Mr. Haynes.

General

Equipment - Two of the Station Waggon's which were in use from the inception of the Service in 1955, were replaced by Land Rovers. Replacement of some of the other equipment, notably the generators and tape recorders, is under consideration.

Material - The officers maintained their weekly despatch of material to headquarters, comprising stories, newscasts, photograph negatives and tape recordings for use in the G.I.S. programmes, the newspapers and the G.I.S. radio programmes.

FILMS DIVISION

The benefits which can be derived from the use of visual aids in Educational Programmes, particularly in Community Development, formed the basis of a number of talks and demonstrations given by the Films Officer during the year. These talks were given at week-end Seminars organised by various Government Departments, as well as by the Sugar Estate Authorities, for Community and Youth Leaders and Government Extension Officers. To illustrate these lectures a flannel-graph board was made as well as electric board and other visual materials.

In October, through the courtesy of the I.C.A., Mr. Igor B. Allan, Communications Media Officer in Haiti, visited the Colony for the purpose of investigating and making recommendations on the establishment of an Audio-Visual Division within the Government Information Services. During his visit, he gave lectures and demonstrations on the use of inexpensive audio-visual materials to teachers and Government Extension Officers. Many who attended these talks were very much impressed with the silk-screen process. His report to the British Guiana Government on his visit setting out recommendations on Communications Media in British Guiana was received towards the end of the year.

From a grant of £400 received under a Colonial Development and Welfare Scheme, a certain amount of audio visual equipment was purchased from the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The equipment included the following: Three Aldis 500 35 mm filmstrip/slide projectors and Two 35 mm film/slide Viewlex projectors, (the latter projectors are capable of working on A.C. current as well as on a 6 volt battery); Two day-light screens and Two large-size Matte screens. This equipment will be available for use by Government Officers, teachers, or Social Workers.

At the end of the academic year's training of the teachers at the Government Training College, the Films Officer gave talks to the teachers on the utilization of this equipment in the hope that teachers would make use of it when they returned to their schools.

Films

Three films were completed during the year. They were:

- (1) "A PRINCESS RETURNS" depicting highlights of the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Royal to British

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- (ii) "ABOUT CHICKENS AND EGGS" - the development of the poultry industry in British Guiana;
- (iii) "THERE'S MONEY IN COCOA" - the planting of cocoa as a major crop in diversified farming.

Two other films which had been completed in 1959 were received during the year and circulated. These were "SIR RALPH GREY ARRIVES" - scenes in Georgetown during the arrival of the new Governor, and "FISH CULTIVATION" - the Government Experimental Station at Onverwagt, West Coast, Berbice. On the advice of the Films Adviser of the Colonial Office, this latter film was entered in the Commonwealth Film Award contest for 1960. Results have not yet been announced.

A successful attempt was made to produce a 200 ft. "storyette" in cooperation with the Police Department on Crime Prevention and the use that should be made of the Force Control Room at Police Headquarters. This film was shot and processed locally and shown on several occasions every night during the week-long Industrial Fair of the League of Coloured Peoples.

Film Library

The G.I.S. Film Library continued to be in demand and the need for additional titles for the Library met with an excellent response from the Central Office of Information, particularly through the new series of films now titled "LOOKING AT BRITAIN". Sixty additional films were received from the Central Office of Information, seven copies of old films replaced by new ones, and six extra films purchased.

Many organisations made requests through the G.I.S. for the loan of films from the Overseas Film Library, London. The majority of these were used for special training courses in office management, safety in factories, techniques in telephonic communications, and social welfare work. Assistance was also received from the United Kingdom Information Office in Trinidad and the Canadian Commissioner in Trinidad with the supply of films. It is heartening to note the important role that films continue to play in training sessions and many officers now appreciate how useful the film can be in their training programme.

An effort was made to have Documentary Films included in week-end shows at the cinemas and, as a trial project, eight films were sent from the U.K.I.O., Trinidad. These films were well received and have since been returned. Another shipment is expected shortly.

One particular feature worthy of record was an open air film show at the Stabroek Square, when over one thousand persons watched from their cars and from the roadside a one hour's showing of films on local subjects and showed their approval when the show came to an end.

At the end of the year, the two year old catalogue was in the course of revision with seventy-five new titles added. Copies will be available **very** early in 1961.

Eighty-five educational film shows were arranged by Headquarters Staff in urban and suburban areas. At these shows, the films are introduced by the chairman, and the showing is often followed by a discussion. Through this system of presentation of films, audiences are developing a better appreciation of documentary films.

PHOTOGRAPHS DIVISION

The Division provides the photographs the Department needs in its press work, to illustrate its publications and for displays. It provides also photographs for press use both locally and overseas and for Government Ministries and Departments for instructional and publicity purposes.

For the year 1960, 1,034 negatives and 3,041 prints were produced; these photographs exhibited a wide range of subjects, but helped chiefly to illustrate the Government's Development Programme. Of the 3,041 prints produced, 741 were used by various Government departments to illustrate reports, brochures, Christmas cards and lectures.

There has been an increase in requests from overseas agencies and visitors for photographs showing industrial development and tourist attractions in the Colony.

A feature of the Division's activities for the year was the coverage of the visit to British Guiana of many important personages, the most important being the visit of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal.

The Photographs Officer resumed duty on February 13, 1960, after successfully completing an I.C.A. training programme in 16 mm motion picture production in the United States of America. Upon his return he was responsible for the cutting and editing of the films "A PRINCESS RETURNS", "ALLIANCE", the writing and shooting of the script on "COCOA PROPAGATION", and shooting the film "ABOUT EGGS AND CHICKENS". The Photographs Officer acted as camera-man under the direction of the Films Officer, MR. R.L. Young, when the division shot a short film on crime prevention for the Police Force.

Mr. Vernon Murray, a free-lance photographer, who had acted for the Photographs Officer during his absence on leave, was employed temporarily for a period of two months. This helped to relieve the Photographs Officer of darkroom duties so that he could accompany Mr. Frederick Carrol, Chief Photographer of the Central Office of Information, on his photographic tour of British Guiana.

LIBRARY

During 1960, the Reference Librarian performed the usual functions including the revision, in collaboration with the Press Officers, of the sections about British Guiana in a number of standard reference books.

There was also a general revision of Library stock and books were sent to the Archives or to Departments more directly concerned. To the stock were added 79 new books on information techniques and on British Guiana. Enquiries involving reference to the Library continued to average 12 per day.

Agency for Central Office of Information, London

Weekly air bags were received regularly containing one copy of important reference papers and publications. Surface bags containing numerous books, booklets, leaflets, photo posters and printed reference material were also received.

Copies of biographies and reference material were filed for reference purposes.

Keesing's Archives and Commonwealth Survey were kept indexed.

Photographs were also filed for reproduction in the British Guiana Bulletin and the press and for use by Government Departments.

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Distribution of the various publications and posters was made to the Public Free Library and its branches, Government Departments, Schools, Youth and other Organisations. The coloured posters continued to be most popular.

Film strips were also received and lent to schools, social organisations and departments,

"COMMONWEALTH TODAY" one of the most popular of the C.O.I. six-weekly magazines continued to be in great demand, the supply being increased to 5,300.

A limited supply of "CALENDAR OF BRITAIN" was also distributed.

London Press Service and Feature articles were also received and reproduced in the BULLETIN, G.I.S. RADIO PROGRAMMES, and filed for General Information.

A weekly bag containing all General Broadcasting and School Broadcasting scripts, Bulletins, weekly newspapers and communiques, was sent to Colonial Office.

DISTRIBUTION

G.I.S. material continued to be despatched according to the undermentioned distribution list:

General List A (British Guiana)	...	...	6,195
" " B (West Indies)	...	...	184
" " C (United Kingdom)	...	...	238
" " D (U.S.A.)	...	...	95
" " E (British Commonwealth excluding Colonial Office List)	...	...	27
" " F (Foreign Territories excluding U.S.A.)	...	...	43
" " G (Colonial Office excluding West Indies)	...	...	48

During the year 1960, 575,577 copies of British Guiana and Overseas publications were distributed both in British Guiana and Overseas, this number being made up as follows:

B.G. Bulletin	...	345,000
Guiana Diary	...	23,782
Informatives	...	393
Industrial Newsletter	...	1,876
News Roundup	...	322
Commonwealth Today Magazine	...	37,350
Annual Departmental Reports	...	1,048
Annual Report of British Guiana, 1958	...	134
Annual Report of British Guiana, 1959	...	204
B.G. Land of Opportunity	...	1,125
Learning by Radio	...	156,000
Going to Britain	...	603
Miscellaneous	...	7,740

Staff Co-operation

The activities of the Government Information Services often involve overtime hours of work, given with the loyal and willing co-operation of the members of the staff.

(A.J. SEYMOUR)
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.

APPENDIX 'A'

- Staff at December 31, 1960 -

<u>POST</u>	<u>OFFICER'S NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD OF DUTY</u>
Chief Information Officer	A.J. Seymour	1.1.60 - 31.12.60
Senior Information Officer	L.A. Searwar	do.
Information Officers	Miss Celeste Dolphin	do.
	R.E. Thompson (Field)	do.
Films Officer	R.L. Young	do.
Photographs Officer	R.A. Fung	do.
Senior Press Officer	W.L. Carto	do.
Press Officers	H.W. Josiah	do.
	W.A. McAndrew (Acting)	do.
Broadcasting Officers	V.C. Forsythe (Senior Broadcasting Officer)	do.
	Miss C. Croal	do.
Assistant Broadcasting Officers	Miss L. McArthur	do.
	Miss R. Hazel	do.
Librarian	Miss G. Tiam Fook	do.
Assistant Librarian	Miss L. Gordon	do.
District Information Officers	Mrs. W. McWatt	do.
	V. Jones	do.
	P. Haynes	do.
	A. Persaud	do.
	B. DeRushe	do.
Driver/Projectionist	M. Dundas (Acting)	do.
Accounts & Advertising Clerk	E. Mitchell	do.
Secretary	C. Farinha	do.
Senior Clerical	Miss D. Rodrigues	do.
Assistants	Miss N. Manget	1.2.60 - 31.12.60
Clerical Assistants	Miss A. Mittelholzer	do.
	Miss J. Jordan	do.
	Miss E. Miranda	do.
	Miss S. Brewster	do.
	Miss G. McLean	do.
	Miss M. Steele	do.
Temporary Clerical Assistants	Miss O. Waldron	28.5.60 - 31.12.60
	Miss S. Naraine	1.1.60 - 31.12.60
	Miss B. Sutton	11.4.60 - 31.12.60
	Miss K. Jansen	1.1.60 - 31.12.60
Class 1 Clerk	C. Walcott	do.
Class 11 Clerk (Temp.)	L. Isaacs	do.
	T. Holder	1.9.60 - 31.12.60
Messengers	B. Taylor	1.1.60 - 31.12.60
	E. Edun	do.
	H. Bobb-Semple	do.
	Sat: Persaud	do.
	E. Limerick	do.
Chauffeur	C. Gouveia	do.
<u>Temporary Typists</u> <u>employed during</u> <u>the year</u>	Miss J. Naraine	
	Miss G. Marques	
	Miss L. Blackmore	

APPENDIX 'B'

BRITISH GUIANA BULLETIN
- MIDDLE PAGE PICTURE SPREADS -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
January 18, 1960	New Governor's Arrival
February 29, 1960	Princess Royal's Visit to British Guiana
April 25, 1960	Sea Defences
June 30, 1960	Progress in Health Services
August 8, 1960	New Crop Bonuses
August 29, 1960	Post Office Savings Bank
September 17, 1960	Community Development at Orealla
October 17, 1960	Fort Island
October 31, 1960	The B.G. Police Force
November 28, 1960	History & Culture Week, 1960.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF

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IN BRITISH GUIANA IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>SINGLES</u>	<u>BULK</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Upper Demerara River	33	345	493	871
West Coast & West Bank Demerara	194	1,178	540	1,912
East Bank Demerara	168	811	265	1,244
East Coast Demerara	292	2,545	1,005	3,842
Lower Corentyne	188	1,597	680	2,435
Upper Corentyne	254	2,529	975	3,758
Essequibo Coast & Islands	164	1,593	786	2,543
North West District, Rupununi and Upper Essequibo	42	612	448	1,102
Georgetown & Environs	1,114	868	695	2,677
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	2,449	12,078	5,887	20,414
West Indies	119	67	-	-
United Kingdom	176	57	-	-
Colonial Office & British Commonwealth	52	6	-	-
Outside British Commonwealth	21	-	-	-
United States of America	70	13	-	-
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	2,887	12,221	5,887	20,414
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V I S I T O R S

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Her Royal Highness, The
Princess Royal

ALLAN, Igor B.	Communications Media Officer Haiti & U.S.A.
BOLT, Anne (Miss)	...	...	Photographer in the United Kingdom
BRUCE, George	...	...	Secretary of the University of London, Entrance and School Examinations Council
BOOTH, Gordon	...	...	U.K. Trade Commissioner in The West Indies
CARROLL, Frederick	...	...	C.O.I. Chief Press Photo- grapher
CONNOR, Edric	...	...	Film Director, London
FISHER, Nigel	...	...	Member of Parliament, U.K.
HANNAN, William	...	...	do.
LEE, Wilfred A.	...	...	Managing Director & Producer, Documentary Films, Trinidad.
MACE, Dr. David	...	...	Family Planning Consultant, U.S.A.
MANZONI, Sir Herbert	...	...	President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, United Kingdom
MORRISON, W.P., M.V.O.	...	...	U.K. Information Officer in Trinidad
MARK, Dr. Francis	...	...	Lecturer in Political Insti- tutions, U.C.W.I.
NEWMAN, Peter	...	...	Senior Lecturer in Economics, U.C.W. I.
NAIRAC, Hon'ble Andre	...	...	Minister of Industry & Commerce, Mauritius
ROY, Kulwant	...	...	Journalist, New Delhi, India
RAJKUMAR, Dr. V.O.	...	...	Indian Commissioner for the West Indies & Br. Guiana
RINGADOO, Hon'ble Veerasamy	...	...	Minister of Labour, Mauritius
TENENBAUM, Edward	...	...	I.C.A. Industrialist Special- ist
VON ZITZEWITZ, Bodo	...	...	Political & Public Relations Adviser, Shell Trinidad, Limited.
WALKER, W. A.R.	...	...	W.I. Students Liaison Officer in U.S.A.
WALTER, Hon'ble Harold	...	...	Minister of Works, Mauritius
WALTERS, Dr. Elsa	...	...	Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, U.C.W.I.

MINUTES of the second meeting of the Committee of Selection held in the Speaker's Office of the Legislature at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31st January, 1962.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj - Chairman.
Hon. B.H. Benn, Minister of Natural Resources.
Hon. B.S. Rai, Minister of Home Affairs.
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Member for Berbice West.
Mr. J. Carter, Member for Werk-en-Rust.
Mr. R.E. Cheeks, Member for Georgetown North.
Mr. I. Crum Ewing, Clerk of the Legislature.

The Committee met to -

- (i) fill the vacancy on the Committee of Selection created by Mr. Henry's election as Member for Houston having been declared void; and
- (ii) to nominate personnel for the Business Sub-Committee in terms of Standing Order 65(1).

Vacancy on Committee of Selection:

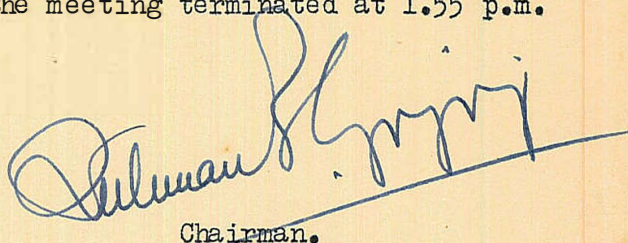
Members nominated Mr. Moses Bhagwan to fill the vacancy.

Business Sub-Committee under Standing Order 65(1):

Committee nominated the following Members to comprise his Committee:-

- (1) Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. B.H. Benn.
- (2) Minister of Finance, Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.
- (3) Member for Western Berbice, Mr. S.M. Saffee.
- (4) Member for Ruimveldt, Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.
- (5) Member for Werk-en-Rust, Mr. John Carter.
- (6) Member for Georgetown North, Mr. R.E. Cheeks.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 1.55 p.m.


Chairman.

28th February, 1962.