

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Major I.O. Smith, O.B.E. (Ag.)  
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.  
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.P. D'Andrade.

Ministers

The Honourable B.H. Benn,  
Minister of Natural Resources.  
The Honourable Janet Jagan,  
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.  
The Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Communications and Works.  
The Honourable B.S. Rai,  
Minister of Community Development and Education.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
Mr. E.B. Beharry  
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. R.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.  
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,  
Minister of Trade and Industry - on leave.  
Mr. Ajodha Singh,  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 10th of November, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ORAL ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONSQuestion No. 32

Mr. Tello asked the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Communications and Works state whether anyone is being trained to take over the management of B.G. Airways after the agreement between Government and British West Indian Airways for running the Company terminates?

The Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Minister of Communications and Works, gave the following reply:

ANSWER: There is no Agreement in existence at present between Government and the British West Indian Airways for the management of British Guiana Airways.

There are British Guianese now employed with British Overseas Airways Corporation in London and with British Guiana Airways as well as the Department of Civil Aviation in this country, who are gaining experience in airline business.

There should be no difficulty in having a management course tailored to fit whioever candidate is selected as being most suitable for appointment as the future Manager of British Guiana Airways.

A Supplementary Question was asked by Mr. Tello.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONSItem 1 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE PROHIBITION OF TRADE WITH THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham seconded by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Council recommends to Government that all trade between British Guiana and the Union of South Africa be prohibited.

Item 2 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS OF TAX-HOLIDAY CONCESSIONS.

Mr. Bowman was moving the following motion when the hour of adjournment was reached:-

WHEREAS the unemployment situation throughout the Colony is progressively deteriorating and it is generally believed that only industrial investments on a large scale can alleviate this desperate situation and that the greatest encouragement should be given to investors both local and foreign:

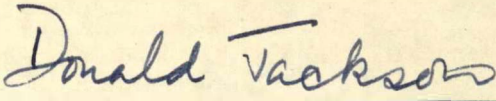
BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government that the present period of tax-holiday concessions offered by Government to all new industrial enterprises be increased from five years to seven years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd of November, 1960.

Confirmed,

  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

23rd November, 1960.