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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, 26TH OCTOBER, 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 Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
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
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
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. Fredricks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

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

Absent:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 21st of October, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONS

Item 1 - MR. JAI NARINE SINGH'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE
CONVERSION OF THE RICE MARKETING BOARD INTO A
CO-OPERATIVE ORGANISATION.

Mr. Beharry resumed and concluded his speech on the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the introduction of legislation to provide for the Rice Marketing Board to be converted into a co-operative organisation of rice producers of this Colony.

After discussion, the question was put and negatived on the following division:-

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Fredericks	Mr. Hubbard
Mr. Jai Narine Singh	Mr. Davis
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Gajraj
	Mr. Jackson
	Mr. Burnham
	Mr. Ajodha Singh
	Mr. Saffee
	Mr. Rai
	Mr. Ram Karran
	Mrs. Jagan
	Mr. Benn
	Dr. Jagan
	The Financial Secretary
	The Attorney-General
	The Chief Secretary

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Item 2 - MR. JAI NARINE SINGH'S MOTION PROTESTING AGAINST
THE APPOINTMENT OF A NON GUIANESE AS DIRECTOR OF
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Jai Narine Singh stated that he understood that the Chief Secretary would make a statement concerning the motion and thereafter, with the leave of the Council, he would ask that consideration of the motion be deferred.

The Speaker then read a Statement made by the Acting Chief Secretary in the Legislative Council on the 14th of July, 1959, in which an undertaking was given to the Member for Georgetown South that Government's policy for Guianisation would be reviewed and after consultation with various representative organisations of the Service and, if necessary, the

Secretary of State, there would be set out in a White Paper the policy of Guianisation which it is considered should be followed in future. This Paper would be laid in the House as soon as possible when Members would be given the opportunity to debate the proposals in it.

The Chief Secretary informed Council that considerable time had been taken up in obtaining the views of the Staff Organisations but he hoped that the White Paper would be presented to Council in the near future.

Accordingly, consideration of the motion was deferred.

Item 3 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Burnham moved and Mr. Jackson seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That proceedings of the Legislative Council be broadcast.

Mr. Campbell spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary moved and Dr. Jagan seconded that the motion be amended to read as follows:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether proceedings of the Legislative Council should be broadcast and, if so, in what form.

After discussion, the motion in the amended form moved by the Chief Secretary was put and carried on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Bowman
Mr. Ajodha Singh	Mr. Davis
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Rai	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Ram Karran	Mr. Burnham
Mrs. Jagan	
Mr. Benn	
Dr. Jagan	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney-General	
The Chief Secretary	

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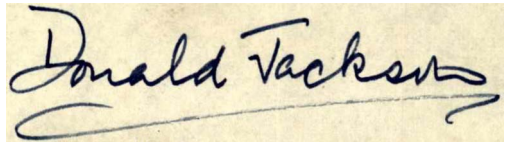
At this stage Mr. Burnham pointed out that the amended motion as approved by the Council was in negation to the substantive motion. The Speaker intimated that the proper time to have made the point was when he had put the amendment for discussion, but that he would at this stage put the question for the substantive motion.

Accordingly, the substantive motion was put and negated.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.57 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, Council was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 27th of October, 1960.

Confirmed,

A rectangular piece of aged, yellowish paper containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Donald Jackson".

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

27th October, 1960.