

# SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Constituted under the British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions)  
Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956).

Friday, 8th May, 1959

The Council met at 2 p.m.

## PRESENT :

**Speaker**, His Honour Sir Donald Jackson

**Chief Secretary**, Hon. M. S. Porcher (acting)

**Attorney-General**, Hon. A. M. I. Austin, Q.C.,

**Financial Secretary**, Hon. F. W. Essex.

} *ex officio*

<b>The Honourable Dr. C. B. Jagan</b>	— <i>Member for Eastern Berbice</i> (Minister of Trade and Industry)
„ „ <b>B. H. Bean</b>	— <i>Member for Essequibo River</i> (Minister of Community Development and Education)
„ „ <b>E. B. Beharry</b>	— <i>Member for Eastern Demerara</i> (Minister of Natural Resources)
<b>Mr. R. B. Gajraj</b>	— <i>Nominated Member</i>
„ <b>W. O. R. Kendall</b>	— <i>Member for New Amsterdam</i>
„ <b>R. C. Tello</b>	— <i>Nominated Member</i>
„ <b>F. Bowman</b>	— <i>Member for Demerara River</i>
„ <b>L. F. S. Burnham</b>	— <i>Member for Georgetown Central</i>
„ <b>S. Campbell</b>	— <i>Member for North Western District</i>
„ <b>A. L. Jackson</b>	— <i>Member for Georgetown North</i>
„ <b>S. M. Saffee</b>	— <i>Member for Western Berbice</i>
„ <b>J. N. Singh</b>	— <i>Member for Georgetown South</i>
„ <b>R. E. Davis</b>	— <i>Nominated Member</i>
„ <b>A. M. Fredericks</b>	— <i>Nominated Member</i>
„ <b>H. J. M. Hubbard</b>	— <i>Nominated Member</i>
„ <b>A. G. Tasker, O.B.E.</b>	— <i>Nominated Member.</i>
<b>Mr. I. Crum Ewing</b>	— Clerk of the Legislature
<b>Mr. E. V. Viapree</b>	— Assistant Clerk of the Legislature.

## ABSENT :

The Honourable Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing—on leave.

The Honourable Ram Karran, Minister of Communications and Works.

Mr. B. S. Rai.

Mr. L. F. S. Burnham.

Mr. Ajudha Singh.

## PRAYERS :

Prayers were read by the Most Reverend Dr. Alan John Knight, C.M.G.,  
Archbishop of the West Indies.

## MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 7th May, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall suspend this sitting for a few minutes in order to enable me to meet His Excellency the Governor.

*.Sitting suspended for a few minutes.*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

*At 2.10 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison, K.C.M.G., accompanied by Mr. Speaker, entered the Council Chamber and proceeded to make the following presentations :—*

Mr. J. I. Ramphal, O.B.E. — The Insignia appertaining to the Award of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Mr. H. E. Turner, O.B.E. — The Insignia appertaining to the Award of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Mrs. Eleanor Dorothy Kerry, M.B.E. — The Insignia appertaining to the Award of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Miss L. DeW. Dolphin, M.B.E., — The Insignia appertaining to the Award of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Mr. T. S. Felix.—The Imperial Service Medal.

**The Clerk:** Mr. James Isaac Ramphal !

*Mr. Ramphal proceeded to the dais, accompanied by Mr. G. A. C. Farnum, C.B.E., and Dr. G. Giglioli, O.B.E.*

**His Excellency:** You have been in the Labour Department of the Government for over 16 years, and for five years you have held the responsible post of Commissioner of Labour. The present good labour relations in this country are in no small measure due to your knowledge and experience, and as Commissioner you are held in high regard by employers and employees alike.

For over 17 years prior to your service with Government you have made a contribution to Education in British Guiana, and your initiative and leadership during the visit of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret are not forgotten.

By Command of the Queen, conveyed to me through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I present to you the Insignia of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (*Applause*).

**The Clerk:** Mr. Harry Everard Turner !

*Mr. Turner proceeded to the dais accompanied by Mr. Percy W. King, C.B.E., and Mr. P. H. Gibbings, O.B.E.*

**His Excellency:** You have for 40 years contributed in no small measure to the development of the cattle industry in British Guiana and to the welfare of the Wapisiana Indians of the Rupununi Savannahs.

You have set an example as a good employer and friend of the unsophisticated Indians, and have at all times placed your specialized knowledge unstintingly at the disposal of Government.

By Command of the Queen, conveyed to me through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I present to you the Insignia of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (*Applause*).

**The Clerk:** Mrs. Eleanor Dorothy Kerry !

*Mrs. Kerry, accompanied by Miss Olive Rose, M.B.E., and Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E., proceeded to the dais.*

**His Excellency:** You have for a number of years been in the forefront of those persons engaged in the promotion of musical appreciation and in the improvement of the standard of music in British Guiana. The high degree of success of your students at the Overseas Exhibitions of the Royal School of Music is a testimony to your endeavours.

You have been the joint Honorary Secretary of the Music Festival Committee since it was begun largely at your suggestion in 1952, and your tremendous hard work has been the inspiration behind the organization of successive Festivals.

By command of the Queen, conveyed to me through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I present to you the Insignia of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (*Applause*).

**The Clerk:** Miss Lynette DeWeever Dolphin!

*Miss Dolphin proceeded to the dais accompanied by Mr. H. A. M. Beckles, O.B.E., and Mrs. Ruby MacGregor, M.B.E.*

**His Excellency:** Your service as a teacher has been most satisfactory, but it is in the field of music that your contribution to the country has been outstanding. Since 1952 you have been largely responsible for the Biennial Music Festivals in Georgetown. You are joint Honorary Secretary of the Music Festival Committee and the success of the Festivals is in a large measure due to your organization and supervision.

You have also made a name for yourself in arranging musical programmes in the Schools Broadcasts which have taught many children the joy of music and of singing together.

By Command of the Queen conveyed to me through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I present to you the Insignia of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (*Applause*).

**The Clerk:** Mr. Tilbert Simon Felix!

*Mr. Felix proceeded to the dais.*

**His Excellency:** You served the Post and Telecommunications Department faithfully and well for forty-two years prior to your retirement, and by your zeal and devotion to duty rose to the highest post open to you in the Unclassified Branch of the Public Service.

You have always placed your duty first and maintained the highest traditions of the Service, thus serving as an example to your colleagues.

By Command of the Queen, conveyed to me through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I present to you the Imperial Service Medal. (*Applause*).

*The Council rose, and His Excellency, accompanied by the Speaker, left the Chamber.*

Council resumed at 2.30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**The Chief Secretary** (Mr. Porcher, acting) : I beg to move that Council do now adjourn until Thursday, 14th May at two o'clock in the afternoon.

*Council adjourned accordingly, at 2.30 p.m.*