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Sir,

Report on the Bye Election in the
Constituency of St. Michael South
Central held on 6th July, 1978

On Friday 9th June, 1978, the Governor General issued a writ to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Section 47(2) of the Constitution of Barbados.

The writ appointed the 18th June, 1978, as Nomination Day and 6th July, 1978 as Polling Day.

Election Officers

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 30(2), 31 and 32(1) of the Representation of the People Act Cap 12, the following persons were appointed Election Officers:-

- (1) Mr. Sydney Harris - Deputy Supervisor of Election
- (2) Mr. Lisle Harrison - Returning Officer
- (3) Mr. Carlos Smith - Election Clerk

In addition to the officers named above, other appointments were made in accordance with Sub-sections 1 and 2 of Section 33 of the Act. A complete list is set out as Appendix 'A'. Training sessions for Election Officers were conducted at the St. Michael's Girls' School. A booklet, 'Notes for the Guidance of Election Officers prepared by the Supervisor of Elections for distribution to all Election Officers.

Notice of Election

Notice of Election was published in the Official Gazette on 10th June, 1978 and in the Advocate News on 13th June, 1978 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3 of the Election Rules.

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Nomination papers were handed in to the Returning Officer, Mr. Lisle Harrison at the St. Paul's Primary School. Three (3) candidates were duly nominated to contest the election. These were:-

- (a) Carl StAubyn Haddock - Tweedside Road, St. Michael, Company Director
- (b) Dr. Richard C. Haynes - 5 Golf View Terrace, Christ Church, Physician
- (c) Charles R. Hinds - Burkes Road, Brittons Hill, St. Michael, Mortician.

At the Nomination Centre as well as at each Polling Station within the Constituency, the Returning Officer displayed statements of persons nominated to contest the Election, as well as a guide setting out the locations of all the stations, together with the persons entitled to vote thereat.

Polling Stations

There were twelve (12) polling stations in the Constituency and in accordance with provisions of Rule 12(2) of the House of Assembly Rules, polling began at 6.00 a.m. and ended at 6.00 p.m. on the 6th July, 1978. Polling was considered generally good and there were no incidents of serious nature reported by the Returning Officer.

Electoral List

In accordance with provisions of Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act, as amended, the register was published on the 30th June, 1978.

Dr. Richard Haynes, one of the candidates for the election, submitted to this office a list of just over 300 names in which he claimed that no trace could be found of such persons although their names appeared on the register for the constituency. There was no time to carry out any investigation on the matter before the statutory publication of the register and Dr. Haynes was accordingly informed.

Equipment

All equipment for use in the conduct of the Election was provided by the Supervisor of Elections and transportation was done by the Ministry of Communications and Works.

Storage of Election Documents

The Returning Officer delivered the Election Documents to the Supervisor of Elections on Friday the 7th July, 1978, and these were handed over/the Registrar in accordance with Rule 50(2) of the Election Rules the same day.

/Candidates.....

Candidates Election Expenses

Returns of Election Expenses were forwarded by Candidates/Agents in accordance with the provisions of Section 52(1) of the Act.

The following is a summary of the Candidates Election Expenses:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
Carl StA. Haddock	\$ 198.00	78-08-10
Richard C. Haynes	\$2,167.00	78-08-23
Charles C. Hinds	\$2,814.86	78-08-24

Election Statistics

Appendix 'B' presents in some detail election results:

- (a) the number and percentage of votes cast for each party,
- (b) the number of registered voters, the number who voted, together with the percentage of the number of rejected ballot papers.

Summary of the Cost of Election

An analysis of this expenditure is set out below:-

	\$	¢
Election Officers	3,155.00	
Police and Island Constables	216.00	
Marking of roads and linking barriers	114.00	
Travelling	100.80	
Supplies	128.83	
Contingencies	50.00	
Total	<u>3,764.63</u>	

General

Election in general was conducted in/relatively happy atmosphere, and I consider the officers performed their duties extremely well taking into consideration that some were serving for the very first time.

Acknowledgement

I wish to extend sincere thanks to the staff of Data Processing Unit, the Commissioner of Police, the Government Printery, as well as the members of my own staff for the willing assistance and co-operation in this exercise.

Permanent Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government Headquarters,
Bay Street,
ST. MICHAEL.

D.A. SMITH
Supervisor of Elections.

Constituency of St. Michael South
Central

List of Election Officers

- RA S.J.P. Polytechnic P.O. Mr. Jewel ward, George Street
(1) Merton Cummins, C/o Electoral Office
(2) Emmerson Bennett, C/o Self Help Enterprises
- P.O. Mr. Ruster White, Lr. Arthur Hill,
Tweedside Road
(1) Oswald Perkins, Reece Land, Brittons Hill
(2) Charles Briggs, Pine Gardens
- RB St. Cyprians School P.O. Mr. Neville Clarke, C/o Electoral Office
(1) Darnley Deane, Salters, St. George
(2) Michael Robinson, Bank Hall Main Road
- P.O. Mr. Sylvan Gittens, Goodland Gardens
(1) Rudolph Shepherd, Scotts Gap, Brittons Hill
(2) Ermytrude Willock, Brittons Hill
- RC St. Michael's Girls' School P.O. Mr. St. Clair Hunte, Maxwell
(1) Trevor Mapp, Gall Hill, Christ Church
(2) Blondelle Bullen, C/o Electoral Office
- P.O. Mr. Bruce Gibson, Goodland Gardens
(1) Charles Skeete, C/o Audit Department
(2) Simeon Burke, C/o Electoral Office
- RD1 Erdiston Model School P.O. Mr. Maurice Gay, Brighton, Black Rock
(1) Kathleen Charles, Brighton, Black Rock
(2) Andrew Pollard, Pine Gardens
- P.O. Mrs. Eileen Corbin, Rendezvous Terrace
(1) Zenette Briggs, Pine Gardens
(2) Annette Green, Pine Plantation Road
- RD2 Springer Memorial School P.O. Mr. O'Neale Hope, Fitts Village, St. James
(1) Norma Gibson, C/o Electoral Office
(2) Joan Grant, C/o Government Headquarters
- RE St. Paul's Girls' School P.O. Mr. Henderson Richards, Cane Vale, Ch. Ch.
(1) Michael Sealy, Villa Road
(2) Deborah Maynard, Brittons Hill
- P.O. Mr. Michael Best, C/o Lands & Surveys Dept.
(1) Roger Forge, C/o Prime Minister's Office
(2) Audrey Harper, C/o Electoral Office
- P.O. Mr. Valdemar Millington, Mansion Road
(1) Celeste Smith, Clapham Court
(2) Erline Ashby, Government Headquarters

Counting Assistants

Mr. Cyril E. Carrington, "Ullsdale" #19 Pine Road
Mr. Noel A. Clarke, Sheraton Park, Christ Church
Mr. Michael A. Gibson, Flat 3, Lodge Hill
Mr. Ernest St.C. Gilkes, #21 Highgate Gardens
Mr. John Jones, Government Hill
Mr. David Murray, "Inverness" 4th Avenue Belleville
Mr. Stanton Parris, 84 Wanstead Terrace, Cave Hill
Miss Odessa Parris, Gittens Road, Government Hill
Mr. Kenneth Pile, "Tronvilla" 3rd Avenue Belleville
Mr. Reuben A. Sealy, "Montrose" Pine Road, Belleville
Mr. Howard Spencer, "High Tor" Graeme Hall Terrace
Mr. Rudolph Spencer, Rendezvous Gardens

Statement Showing the number of Registered Voters,
the number who voted together with the Percentage
and the number of Rejected Ballot Papers

Polling Station	No. of Registered Voters	No. of Persons who voted				No. of Votes cast for: Haddock	Haynes	Hinds	Total Votes cast	Spoilt Ballot Papers	Rejected Ballot Papers
		M	F	T	%						
RA	1,185	329	452	781	65.9	9	538	223	770	2	11
RB	992	265	415	680	68.5	9	377	279	665	2	15
RC	943	281	325	606	64.3	10	400	180	590	-	16
RD1	720	223	261	484	67.2	8	259	212	479	2	5
RD2	597	157	243	400	67.0	8	286	101	395	1	5
RE	1,649	479	676	1,155	70.0	7	744	372	1,123	1	32
	6,086	1,734	2,372	4,106	67.5	51	2,604	1,367	4,022	8	84

Statement showing the number and Percentage of votes
for each Party

B.L.P.		D.L.P.		Independent	
No. of Votes	%	No. of Votes	%	No. of Votes	%
1,367	34.0	2,604	64.7	51	1.3