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In accordance with the provisions of Section 47(2) of the Barbados Constitution, the Governor General on Monday the 25th June, 1984, issued a writ to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly. The writ appointed the 4th July, 1984, as Nomination Day and 19th July, 1984 as Polling Day. The Governor General, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18(1) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap.12, having issued the writ on the 25th June, 1984, declared the period ending 14th July, 1984, as the special electoral registration period.

Appointment of Certain Election Officers

2. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 30(2), 31 and 32(1) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap.12 the following appointments were made:-

- (1) Mr. Simeon Earle - Deputy Supervisor of Elections
- (2) Mr. Peter Timothy - Returning Officer
- (3) Mr. A. Keith Estwick - Election Clerk

3. In addition to the officers mentioned above, other appointments were made in accordance with sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 33 of the Act. A complete list of such officers is set out as Appendix "A".

Notice of Election

4. Notice of election was published in the Extra Ordinary Gazette (No. 57), the Nation and the Barbados Advocate Newspapers on the 26th June, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3 of the Rules for Conduct of House of Assembly Elections.

Publication of the Revised Register of Electors and Register for Elections

5. The Revised Register of Electors was published on the 27th June, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18(1) (b) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap.12 and consisted of 7 475 persons.

6. Pursuant to provisions of Regulation 35(3) of the Registration of Electors Regulations (Cap.12) the Revising Centre was established at the St. Peter's Girls' School from the 27th June to 9th July, 1984. In accordance with Regulation 35A of the Regulations, the last date for the receipt of claims was fixed as 3rd July, while 9th July, 1984 was fixed as the last date for the receipt of objections.

7. Lists setting out the names of persons who filed claims were prepared daily and made available for inspection by members of the public. Similarly, lists of objections were also prepared for public inspection.

8. The Register for Elections was published on the 1984-07-14 and comprised 7 613 voters.

Nomination Day

9. Nomination Papers were handed in to the Returning Officer, Mr. Peter Timothy at the St. Peter Girls' School. The following five (5) candidates were duly nominated to contest the election:-

- (1) Mr. Owen S. Arthur of 31 Oxnards Road, St. James;
- (2) Mr. Martin P. Cadogan of Farm Road, St. Peter;
- (3) Mr. Everton Green of Farm Road, St. Peter;
- (4) Mrs. Sybil F.P. Leacock of The Whim, St. Peter;
- (5) Mr. Glenroy E.S. Straughn of Gills Road, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Statements of persons nominated to contest the election as well as guides setting out the locations of the Polling Stations were publicly displayed by the Returning Officer at the Nomination Centre and at all buildings selected as Polling Stations within the Constituency.

### Polling Stations

10. There were eleven (11) buildings used as Polling Stations at the election of which three (3) were privately owned. Rent ranged from \$200.00 to \$250.00. In accordance with the 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.

### Election Circulars

11. The Supervisor of Elections, in an effort to ensure that electors in the Constituency were fully aware of the locations of their respective Polling Stations, arranged for a computerized circular to be issued to each elector providing the necessary information. Unfortunately, an error in a computer programme caused conflicting information to be produced in the circular, which was of great concern. However, new circulars were prepared and delivered on the 1984-07-18.

### Counting of the Votes

12. The counting of the votes took place at the Alexandra School. The count began at approximately 8.30 p.m. on the 19th July and ended at 1.30 a.m. on the 20th July, 1984. At the conclusion of the count, two of the candidates received equal number of votes and a recount was requested by one of the Election Agents. The Returning Officer consented to a recount and it was agreed that 4.00 p.m. on the 20th July, 1984 would be acceptable to all to begin the recount. This recount lasted approximately eighteen (18) hours and ended with Mrs. Sybil Leacock gaining a majority of one (1) vote over Mr. Owen S. Arthur. A second recount was requested but this was refused by the Returning Officer.

### Storage of Election Documents

13. At the conclusion of the first count, the Ballot Boxes were re-sealed and stored at the Hometown Police Station.

14. After the recount of the votes, the Ballot Boxes along with the Counted Ballot Papers remained at the Alexandra School under Police Supervision until Monday 23rd July, 1984 when the election documents were delivered to the Registrar in accordance with Rule 56(2) of the House of Assembly Election Rules.

### Candidates Election Expenses

15. Returns of election expenses were filed by the Candidates/Election Agents in accordance with the provisions of Section 52(1) of the Act. These returns have been delivered to the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of Section 60(2) of the Act. Each candidate was allowed to incur expenses up to a maximum of \$7 613 in accordance with the provisions of Section 48(2) of the Act.

16. The following is a summary of the Candidates' election expenses:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u> \$	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
Mr. Martin R. Cadogan	1 028.00	1984-08-27
Mr. Everton Green	272.59	1984-09-04
Mrs. Sybil Leacock	4 264.25	1984-09-06
Mr. Glenroy Straughn	6 669.65	1984-09-06
Mr. Owen Arthur	6 094.90	1984-09-10



### Election Statistics

17. Appendix "B" presents in some detail the election results -

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

### Election Petition

18. Following the declaration of the results of the election and the return of Mrs. Sybil Leacock as the elected representative for the Constituency, an election petition was filed in the Supreme Court by Mr. Owen S. Arthur. Mrs. Sybil Leacock was named as first respondent and Mr. Peter Timothy as second respondent. The Court ruled that errors by the election officials affected the result of the election and as such declared the election null and void.

### Cost of the Election

19. It is estimated that the cost of the election will be approximately \$16 700. An analysis of this total is set out below:-

	\$
(a) Election Officers	8 550.00
(b) Rental of Buildings	650.00
(c) Publishing Notices	1 000.00
(d) Repairs to Booths and Boxes	883.55
(e) Island Constables	720.00
(f) Marking of Roads	600.00
(g) Travelling	1 400.00
(h) Miscellaneous	2 020.00
(i) Contingencies	791.00
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Return of the Writ

20. The return of the writ was fixed for 20th July, 1984, but the count was not completed and as such the writ was returned on the 21st July, 1984.

General

21. The election was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The Returning Officer in his report on discipline at the Counting of Votes commented as follows:-

"Very unsatisfactory".

Unfortunately too many persons were permitted in the Counting Centre and this was primarily responsible for the disorder which resulted.

22. I wish to extend sincere thanks to all who participated in one way at the election for the assistance given.

*D.A. Smith*  
D.A. SMITH  
Supervisor of Elections.

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APPENDIX "A"CONSTITUENCY OF ST. PETERLIST OF PERSONS APPOINTED AS PRESIDING OFFICERS

EA1	Coleridge & Parry School	(1)	Hensley Williams, Reservoir Road, Ashton Hall
		(2)	George Broomes, Grazettes, St. Michael
EA2	Pentecostal Church, Sixmens	(1)	Stanley Gilkes, Burma Road
		(2)	David Awer, Queen Street
EB1	Alexandra School	(1)	Oscar McClean, Farm Tenantry
		(2)	Ms. Alma Parris, Goddings Alley
		(3)	St. Aubyn O'N. Hope, Appleby Gardens, St. James
EB2	Maurice Byer Clinic	(1)	Erwin Babb, Retreat, St. Peter
		(2)	Winston Welch, Major Walk
EC1	Dr. Keith Forde's Clinic	(1)	Marcia Boyce, Greenwich, St. James
EC2	All Saints Girls'	(1)	Curtis Goodridge, Holy Innocents Rectory, St. Thomas
		(2)	Lincoln Scantlebury, Boscobelle
ED1	Black Bess Mixed School	(1)	Andrew Alleyne, Black Bess
ED2	Indian Ground Mixed School	(1)	Clifford Jordan, Rose Hill
		(2)	Roger Jordan, Holders Hill, St. James
ED3	All Saints Boys'	(1)	Rev. C.V.S. Belle, All Saints Rectory, St. Peter

ED4	All Saints Boys'	(1)	Jeffrey Small, No. 62 Wotton, Ch. Ch.	APPENDIX "A"
EE1	United Holy Church of America	(1)	Ms. Glenda Cumberbatch, Diamond Corner	CONSTITUENCY OF ST. PETER
EE2	Boscobelle Girls' School	(1)	Junior Phillips, Boscobelle	APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT
	George Broomes, Grassettes, St. Michael	(2)	Giraud Robinson, Gays	EAI
	Stanley Gikes, Burns Road	(1)	(3) Randall Belgrave, Lower Top Rock, Ch. Ch.	EAS
	David Awer, Queen Street	(2)		
	Oscar McClean, Farm Tenantry	(1)	Alexandria School	EAI
	Ms. Alma Parris, Goddings Alley	(2)		
	St. Aubyn O'N. Hope, Applby Gardens, St. James	(3)		
	Erwin Babb, Retreat, St. Peter	(1)	Maurice Byer Clinic	EBS
	Winston Welch, Major Walk	(2)		
	Marcia Boyce, Greenwich, St. James	(1)	Dr. Keith Forde's Clinic	ECI
	Curtis Goodridge, Holy Innocents Rectory, St. Thomas	(1)	All Saints Girls'	ECB
	Lincoln Scantlebury, Boscobelle	(2)		
	Andrew Allayne, Black Bass	(1)	Black Bass Mixed School	EDI
	Clifford Jordan, Rose Hill	(1)	Indian Ground Mixed School	EDS
	Roger Jordan, Holders Hill, St. James	(2)		
	Rev. C.V.S. Belle, All Saints Rectory, St. Peter	(1)	All Saints Boys'	EDB

CONSTITUENCY OF ST. PETERLIST OF PERSONS APPOINTED AS POLL CLERKS

<b>EA1</b>	<b>Coleridge &amp; Parry School</b>	(1)	Don Johnson, Ashton Hall
		(2)	Verna Goodridge, Tom Bend Gap, Ashton Hall
		(3)	Marcia Watson, Ashton Hall
		(4)	Maria Roach, Tom Bend Gap, Ashton Hall
<b>EA2</b>	<b>Pentecostal Church Sixmens</b>	(1)	Clement Jordan, Sixmens
		(2)	Victor King, Church Street Gardens
		(3)	Aiden Vaughan, Boscobelle
		(4)	Pamela Small, Sixmens
<b>EB1</b>	<b>Alexandra School</b>	(1)	Sharon Gibbons, Archers Lane
		(2)	Sandra Best, Rectory Hill
		(3)	Wayne Walker, Farm Tenantry
		(4)	LaSonta Lewis, Battaleys
		(5)	Sonja Best, Farm Tenantry Road
		(6)	Marlene White, Station Hill
<b>EB2</b>	<b>Maurice Byer Polyclinic</b>	(1)	Ermine Massiah Major Walk
		(2)	Neville Gibbons, Archers Lane
		(3)	Hensley Skinner, Sand Street
		(4)	Nancy Best, Rectory Hill

Code	Organization	Count	Name	Address
EC1	Dr. Forde's Clinic	(1)	Harriet Pierce,	Cemetery Lane, Road View
		(2)	Paulette Harris,	Around-The-Town
EC2	All Saints Girls'	(1)	Lynbrook Cumberbatch,	Millionaire Road
		(2)	Jacqueline Straker,	Mile-and-a-Quarter
		(3)	Mariel Vaughn,	Boscobelle
		(4)	Philip Yearwood,	Millionaire Road
ED1	Black Bess Mixed School	(1)	Joan Williams,	Salters
		(2)	Richard Rochester,	Black Bess
ED2	Indian Ground	(1)	Alva Hood,	Rose Hill
		(2)	Roger Waterman,	Maynards
		(3)	Lolita Archer,	Diamond Corner
		(4)	Frank Gilkes,	Burma Road
ED3	All Saints Boys'	(1)	Gordon Gilkes,	Pleasant Hall
		(2)	Selma Phillips,	Maynards
ED4	All Saints Boys'	(1)	Winston Roach,	Rose Hill
		(2)	Jacqueline Best,	Porters Lane
EE1	United Holy Church of America	(1)	Marlene Jackman,	Diamond Corner
		(2)	Keslin Gilkes,	Diamond Corner

EE2

Boscobelle Girls'

(1) Carmen Johnson,  
Gays

(2) Philip Boyce,  
Date Tree Hill

(3) Urline Chandler,  
Baltic

(4) Wilmar Scantlebury,  
Boscobelle

(5) Levere Newsam,  
Boscobelle

(6) Dian Williams,  
Boscobelle

Year	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
1913	452	462	472	482	492	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632
1914	462	472	482	492	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642
1915	472	482	492	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652
1916	482	492	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662
1917	492	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672
1918	502	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682
1919	512	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692
1920	522	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702
1921	532	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712
1922	542	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722
1923	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732
1924	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742
1925	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752
1926	582	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762
1927	592	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762	772
1928	602	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762	772	782
1929	612	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762	772	782	792
1930	622	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762	772	782	792	802
1931	632	642	652	662	672	682	692	702	712	722	732	742	752	762	772	782	792	802	812

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 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPENDIX "B"  
CONSTITUENCY OF ST. PETER (BYE-ELECTION 1984)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS, THE NUMBER WHO VOTED TOGETHER WITH THE PERCENTAGE AND THE NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS

P.S.	Number of Electors				%	Number of Votes Cast For						Total Votes Cast	Rejected Ballot Papers	
	On Register of Electors		Who cast their votes			Arthur	Cadogan	Green	Leacock	Straughn				
	Total	M.	F.	Total							M.			F.
EA1	753	339	414	549	247	302	72.9	224	2	0	317	6	549	0
EA2	589	293	296	413	202	211	70.1	220	2	1	184	4	411	2
EB1	1017	462	555	737	335	402	72.5	334	2	6	391	7	730	7
EB2	783	369	414	556	251	305	71.0	211	10	2	326	2	551	5
EC1	486	233	253	340	161	179	70.0	122	2	1	213	2	340	0
EC2	858	414	444	651	313	338	75.8	193	4	4	441	3	645	6
ED1	315	153	162	244	112	132	77.5	214	0	0	27	1	242	2
ED2	539	268	271	398	198	200	73.8	201	2	1	191	2	397	1
ED3	464	225	239	365	170	195	78.7	166	1	3	187	0	357	8
ED4	339	172	167	263	140	123	77.6	159	0	1	99	2	261	2
EE1	508	255	253	376	183	193	74.2	297	1	0	76	1	375	1
EE2	962	485	477	755	352	403	78.5	423	3	1	323	2	752	3
Total	7613	3668	3945	5647	2664	2983	74.2	2764	29	20	2765	32	5610	37



APPENDIX "B" CONT'D

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST AND THE PERCENTAGE FOR THE  
POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY		DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY		INDEPENDENTS	
<u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2 764	48.94	2 765	48.96	81	1.43





