

France Giving Dollars To Caribbean States

Following a three-day state visit to France in late September, Prime Minister Maurice Bishop has announced that the French government has decided for the first time to extend its million dollar Fund for Aid and Cooperation (FAC) to Grenada and six Eastern Caribbean States.

Bishop said the FAC inclusion "is going to have tremendous implications for us in Grenada" and will add a "new major dimension to the aid coming into this region." The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Unison Whiteman met with French President Francois Mitterand, Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson and other top French government officials.

Describing the action as a "major and historic step" and "the single most important result of the visit" PM Bishop said the French will be giving grants to small Caribbean Island States as Canada and the European Economic Community (EEC) have been doing.

Bishop pointed out that the French Government has three different levels for giving external

aid: provision of technical assistance; the signing of financial protocols under which soft loans and lines of credit are extended and grants through the FAC, which gives money "that you don't have to pay back". Over the past two years, Grenada has been receiving the first type of assistance.

Prior to PM Bishop's visit, FAC grants went only to former French Colonies in Africa, and more recently, to a few Portuguese speaking African countries.

Now, President Mitterand's Socialist Party Government will distribute the \$386 million in the fund for financing projects in some African countries and seven small Caribbean Island States com-

prising the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean State (OECS), of which Grenada is a member. This sum is 20% of France's yearly bilateral aid, and half of 1% of its gross domestic product. "The way in which this fund operates," Bishop explained "is that you have to put up projects for particular forms of assistance, and if the project is approved (by the French Government) then the grant is given."



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The patriotic hymn "America," written to the music of Britain's "God Save the King," was once this nation's national anthem.

Black Chiropractors

Hold First Convention

The American Black Chiropractic Association held its first annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri, September 17-19. Black chiropractors from across the United States were joined by students from six of the chiropractic colleges as the group met to formalize the organization and initiate its program. The convention was held on the 87th anniversary of the discovery of chiropractic.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Valdeenia Lillard Simons, daughter of the first chiropractic patient, Harvey Lillard, a black man from Davenport, Iowa, received the first chiropractic adjustment from D.D. Palmer in 1895, when his daughter was five months old. This first modern adjustment is reported to have restored his hearing after 17 years of deafness. Mrs. Simons gratefully acknowledged the recognition given to her father through the for-

mation of the Harvey Lillard Fund (to recruit and support minority careers in chiropractic) and the Harvey Lillard Society (a student organization with chapters planned in all the colleges).

The ABCA initiated a five-year educational and community service campaign to expand black participation in the profession, to increase chiropractic awareness in minority communities, and to assist chiropractic students. Membership is open to all doctors, students, and the interested public. ABCA officers elected at the convention were: Dr. Bobby Westbrooks, St. Louis, Mo., president; Dr. Allisen Henson, Chicago, Ill., vice president; Dr. Bernard Matthews, Detroit, Mich., secretary; Dr. Hubert Wheelchel, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer; and Dr. Gene J. Riggins, Allentown, Pa., parliamentarian.

The ABCA has its central headquarters in St. Louis.



WASHINGTON—Miss Kathleen Moore enrolled at Dunbar Senior High School two years ago as an unwed teenager with a 7-month-old daughter. Mother and child are now in their final year there. Miss Moore will finish high school and daughter Patrice will complete a pre-school program. UPI Photo

Hooks Signs \$1 Billion Pact With Utility Trade Groups

WASHINGTON — NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks last week signed a "fair share agreement with the Edison Electric Institute and the American Gas Association that will provide more than \$1 billion in jobs, contracts and related economic benefits. The agreement was signed by George H. Lawrence, president of AGA, and William McCollam, Jr., EEI president.

Immediately upon concluding the quiet ceremony at the offices of the Edison Electric Institute in Washington, Hooks announced that the national NAACP office was sending out model copies of agreements to regional offices and branches across the country so that they might work out similar affirmative action agreements with utility companies in their areas. "By the beginning of 1983," Hooks said, "there should be at least 50 negotiations underway with electric and gas companies."

Though local branches will spearhead and conduct negotiations, they will have guidance and help from the NAACP national fair share director, Fred Rasheed, and his assistant L.R. Bird, southeast regional fair share director, whose office is located in Greenville, S.C. Additionally, the seven NAACP regional field directors will assist the branches.

The purpose of the document is to provide a model of corporate social responsibility for the more than 200 member companies of EEI and the 250 AGA members.

Hooks heralded the agreement as "the first of its kind." Both trade organizations' members have more than one million employees all together. They conduct tens of billions of dollars worth of business each year and offer stability and "limitless" opportunities for minority procurement and employment, Hooks explained.

The NAACP, he said, will be looking very aggressively at the affirmative action programs of these companies. They will be seeking to open up senior management positions and procurement opportunities for small minority-owned companies. Hooks has established

as a firm NAACP goal "over next few months" the adding of more than 300 people to boards of directors of utility companies and senior management positions. These companies, he said, "have hundreds of opportunities in managerial positions." (Continued on Page 16)

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