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DATES IN OUR HISTORY WE MUST REMEMBER

AT MIDNIGHT last night, Trinidad and Tobago's new Republic Constitution came into effect. It marked the last day of the country's association with Britain dating back to 1797.

1797 - Trinidad conquered by a British expedition.

1801 - First Legislative Council of Trinidad established.

1818 - Spanish law discarded.

1832 - Trinidad linked with Tobago for several years.

1861 - Commission of Major J. L. Wood (later Lord Hall) studies Trinidad and Tobago's constitutional needs.

1865 - Word Commission Report leads to general elections.

1888 - Trinidad and Tobago's first general election.

1901 - First elected Legislature of Trinidad and Tobago.

1914 - Four elected legislators placed on Executive Council.

1920 - Labour unrest leads to constitutional development.

1926 - Elected membership increased to nine in Legislative Council.

1944 - Four elected legislators placed on Executive Council.

1946 - Universal adult franchise recommended.

1948 - First general election for universal adult franchise.

1954 - Six elected legislators placed on Executive Council.

1958 - Legislative Council members elected.

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THE REPUBLIC of Trinidad and Tobago came into being at midnight last night in a brief ceremony at President's House, St. Ann's, witnessed by only a few specially invited guests.

The Queen sends good wishes

HER MAJESTY the Queen, who at midnight last night ceased to be Queen of Trinidad and Tobago, has sent her warmest good wishes to the new Head of State, Interim President, Sir Ellis Clarke. Messages have also been received from the British Prime Minister, Mr. James Callaghan, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Crosland.

Following is the text of the Queen's message:

From Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to President Sir Ellis Clarke:

"On the inauguration of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I send you my warmest good wishes for the future and the prosperity of the people of Trinidad and Tobago. It is a source of great satisfaction to me that your country remains within the Commonwealth. I am confident that the friendly relations between the people of Britain and Trinidad and Tobago will be maintained and strengthened in the coming years. Elizabeth R."

From the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. James Callaghan to the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Eric Williams:

"On behalf of the British Government I send you and your colleagues my best wishes for the success and prosperity of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. I am confident that the close friendship between Trinidad and Tobago and Britain as fellow members of the Commonwealth will continue to flourish and grow in strength. James Callaghan."

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Anthony Crosland, to Dr. Cuthbert Joseph, Minister of External Affairs:

"On the occasion of the inauguration of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I send you my warmest good wishes for the success and prosperity of the new nation. Anthony Crosland."

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As the last notes of midnight faded, Sir Ellis Clarke, T.C., was sworn in as Interim President by the Chief Justice, Sir Isaac Hvalby.

The ceremony itself was witnessed by a small gathering including Prime Minister, Dr. Eric Williams and what a spokesman described as "personal" friends of the President.

An early decision to bar Press photographers from recording last night's historic event was reversed following protests by newsmen.

The Queen of England and the British Prime Minister both sent their greetings to this country on its last remaining links with the monarchical system.

The ceremony last night was carried out in an extremely low key and had none of the fanfare of the coming into being of Independence, fourteen years ago this month when the late Princess Royal and Heads of State from fifty-one countries were present.

This lack of festivity extended throughout the country where the change from monarchical to republican system of Government found Trinidadians and Tobagonians going about their normal "Discovery" weekend affairs.

This is due to the fact that today is not being observed as Republic Day. It is only the date on which the new constitution has come into force. Republic Day, and its attendant celebrations, will be announced shortly.

Sir Ellis Clarke will make his first public appearance as President today when he and members of his family attend an Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

It will be the only public event of the day and will be presided over by His Grace the Archbishop. Most Rev. Anthony Pantin. It begins at 10.30 a.m.

Sir Ellis will act as Interim President until next month's general elections when a President will be elected by the Electoral College comprising members of both Houses of Parliament.

Trinidad and Tobago has the temporary provisions were made by Police Commissioner, Mr. C. A. May.

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Crawford to get a hero's welcome

Havely Crawford, comes home tonight bringing with him the shining gold medal he won last Saturday in the 100 metres at the Olympics in Montreal.

It will be a hero's welcome at Port of Spain with the Prime Minister, Dr. Eric Williams, the Regiment Band, Hatters Steelband, and of course, his widowed mother, Mrs. Phyllis Crawford, who will be in the front line to receive her son and to take charge of the Gold medal for safe keeping.

The Trinidad and Tobago team, expected by BWIA flight 003 at 8.15 p.m., will share in the welcome, which marks the first gold medal ever won by a Trinidadian.

After tonight's reception in the V.I.P. Lounge, the team will be another reception at the St. James Hotel.

At 9.45 a.m. tomorrow they leave Port of Spain in a motorcade arriving at the Port of Spain Town Hall at 10.15 a.m. for a Civic Reception. Later at 1.30 p.m. there will be another reception at the St. James Hotel.

Speaking at a party rally at Dorking, near here, he said that despite the Helsinki European security conference declaration on easing East-West tensions the Soviet Union remains a closed and repressive society.

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Interim President, Sir Ellis Clarke, T.C., in a recent photograph taken at his residence by Noel Norton. — (See exclusive interview on Page 3)

The Iron Lady hits closed Red society

LONDON, Sat.

MRS. Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the British Opposition Conservative Party, today returned to her criticism of Soviet policy that recently earned her the rebuke of "Iron Lady" from Moscow.

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Barbados levy on air travel

BRIDGETOWN, Sat.

Prime Minister Errol Barrow, yesterday evening announced a 10 per cent levy on air travel out of the Caribbean Community.

Mr. Barrow's announcement came in his budget presented to Parliament.

The levy is expected to make up for the loss of revenue which will result from the removal of sales tax on a number of items. These include medicines, industrial sewing machines, live poultry and so on.

Mr. Barrow also said foreign insurance companies operating in Barbados would now have to pay a three per cent tax on premium income, while local companies would pay up to 1.5 per cent. (Cana)

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CARIBBEAN NEWS BRIEFS

World premiere

ST. JOHN'S, Sat. — A black movie, "Car Wash," by Universal studios, will have its world premiere in Antigua during the convention of Black American radio and television artists from August 15.

The movie, starring Richard Pryor and George Garlin, was produced by Gary Shostang and directed by Walter Schultz. The movie is by Norman Mailer.

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Cane bills

BASSETERRE, Sat. — This week the St. Kitts-Nevis House of Assembly passed three Bills on cane sugar production and funds financing the acquisition of sugar lands.

One of the Bills, the Sugar Levy (Amendment) Act, 1976, seeks to amend the Sugar Levy Act of 1975. It provides that sugar earnings will be exempt from the levy imposed by the Act if the export price does not exceed \$606 (E.C.) per ton and \$888 (E.C.) per ton as determined by the principal Act. (Cana)

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Banks hit

BRIDGETOWN, Sat. — Opposition Barbados Labour Party (B.L.P.) leader, Mr. J.M.G. "Tom" Adams, has attacked Government's budget delivered yesterday and foreign commercial banks operating in the island.

Mr. Adams was speaking in a televised reply to the budget proposals read minutes earlier by Prime Minister, Mr. Errol Barrow.

Mr. Adams said the Central Bank had reported that the first half of the year had been a "disaster" but still interest rates were too high. (Cana)

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Shooting incidents

GEORGETOWN, Sat. — Two men were shot and injured in separate incidents here yesterday, and eyewitnesses to the first said they believed a Member of Parliament was involved.

One shooting occurred shortly before dawn at a nightspot, and the other near noon, reportedly during an attempted street robbery. Car residents Stanley Stoute and Keith Jones were admitted to a Georgetown hospital with bullet wounds as a result of the incidents. (Cana)

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Massive blackout

Trinidad had a half hour last night by a massive blackout which affected almost the whole island. Officials blamed the disruption on a power problem at the

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Workers to share

GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY finally took over Trinidad's electricity supply at Claxton Bay, Trinidad, after the same

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HER LAST ORDER IN COUNCIL

QUEEN ELIZABETH II of England on Friday signed her last Order in Council with respect to a legal matter from Trinidad and Tobago under the monarchical system of Government.

The Queen signed the Order setting aside the conviction and sentence of barrister-at-law, Rimshaw Lawrence Mahabir, imposed upon him by Mr. Justice Soumy Mahabir on April 17, 1973.

She accepted the advice of the Privy Council which had recommended last Tuesday that the conviction and sentence for contempt of court be set aside.

The Queen ordered that former Governor-General, Sir Ellis Clarke, or officer administering the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, and all other persons whom it may concern, to take notice and "govern themselves accordingly."

Mr. Mahabir's case was also the last to be heard by the Privy Council in England while this country was still under the monarchical system.

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CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

In the meantime it was announced yesterday that Frederick Street between Duke Street and Independence Square North, Broadway between Independence Square South and South Quay; Knox Street between Abercromby and Frederick Streets, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow for the Havelly Crawford Motorcade through Port of Spain.

The motorcade will travel along Golden Grove Road, Eastern Main Road, South Quay and into Frederick Street, turning into Knox Street.

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TRINIDAD SONGBIRD WEDS



THE ST. ANN'S CHURCH, St. Ann's was the scene of a fashionable wedding yesterday when Miss Bernadette Lauchlin, Mr. Bernard

The bride, who is a soprano, is well known for her achievements during the 1974 Music Festival when she scored a hat-trick, by winning the Mezzo-Soprano, Contralto and Lead roles.

This feat earned her the title of the "Most Outstanding Performer" in the entire

Karen still in deep coma

MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. (UPI) — Karen Anne Quinlan, whose "death with Dignity" trial focused international attention on her plight, remained in a deep coma today at the Morris View Nursing Home.

"She is unchanged," a nursing home spokesman said.

Miss Quinlan, 22, was transferred to the nursing home on September 9, more than two weeks after she was removed from a respirator that helped to keep her alive since she lapsed into coma in April 1975.

However, doctors say Miss Quinlan has continued to breathe on her own since the respirator was disconnected.

Her parents, Joseph and Julia Quinlan, had won court permission to remove the respirator, contending their daughter had no hope of recovery and was being kept in a chronic vegetative state by extraordinary means.

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