

MoBay Co-op houses opened...

Impossible for Govt. to provide houses for all — Eldemire

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MONTEGO BAY, S.J., Oct. 13. The two houses completed in the second stage of the Montego Bay Co-operative Housing Society scheme at Carthagena, Granville, St. James, were officially declared open for display this evening by the Minister of Health and acting Minister of Housing, the Hon. Dr. Herbert Eldemire.

The first stage of the co-operative's housing scheme at Carthagena was completed in 1965 and consisted of 25 houses, all of which are now occupied.

The second stage consists of 26 houses and is divided into two phases. The first phase consists of 13 houses, four two-bedroom houses, and nine three-bedroom houses. The remaining 11 houses of the first phase are scheduled to be completed in five weeks' time.

Construction of the 13 houses in the second phase is expected to begin in the near future.

The main address at the opening of the houses was given by the Hon. Dr. Herbert Eldemire. The Minister said that "we all know that the Government can do so much and no more and that it was impossible for the Government to provide all the houses for the people. He said that the Government supports the Montego Bay co-operative Housing Society. He stated that the Government had loaned the society £21,500 and that this amount is expected to be paid off by December 31, of this year.

Jobs

The Minister pointed out that the construction of these houses provided jobs for the artisans and supported local industries such as the furniture industry. He added that this would cut down the island's adverse balance of payments. He said that the problem of housing in Jamaica could be overcome by societies such as the Montego Bay co-operative Housing Society. He ended his address by wishing the society continued success.

Another speaker at the function was the Mayor of Montego Bay, Councillor Cecil H. Donaldson, who said that the Montego Bay Co-operative Housing Society was "rather a unique and novel development in Jamaica". He added that the people of Jamaica would never be able to get all the benefits they required hence it was incumbent for them to embark upon their own projects. He gave his assurance that the society would get whatever help the St. James Parish Council was capable of giving to it.

Referring to Montego Bay, the Mayor pointed out that the "republic" had come up with another "first", that of the first Co-operative Housing Society to be formed in Jamaica. He expressed his hope that the society would continue to grow in strength, and that others would copy the society and build such homes.

The Acting Custos of St. James, the Hon. Walter Fletcher, said that the payment for the houses was not onerous as payment was on a long-term basis. He said that he believed the Co-operative Housing Society was the first of its kind in Jamaica. Speaking as chairman of the St. James Benefit Building Society, he stated "that the society was honouring all its financial commitments to the building society. He also expressed the opinion that St. James had come up with another first for the rest of the island in the form of the first co-operative housing society to be formed in Jamaica.

History

Mr. Paul Thompson, chairman of the Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Housing, gave a brief history of the Montego Bay Co-operative Housing Society. He

said that the society was registered in 1961. He added that land was acquired in 1964 and was divided to yield 51 lots. Roads were then built and the first 25 houses were constructed in 1965, all of which are now occupied. He said that if more members joined, the Montego Bay Co-operative Housing Society would expand its activities to other areas.

The GLEANER understands that long-term loans were made to the Montego Bay Co-operative Housing Society by the St. James Building Society. It is also understood that a loan of £10,000 was made by the Government to the St. James Building Society to provide the Co-operative Housing Society with these long-term loans. Interim loan to the co-operative society was made by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

After the houses had been declared open, an inspection was made of them by Dr. Eldemire, the acting Custos of St. James, the acting secretary of the St. James Parish Council, Miss Dahlia Clarke, the Superintendent of the Roads and Works department of the St. James Parish Council, Mr. A. A. Edwards, and members of the public.

Clay Shaw trial set for mid-February

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 16 (Reuters)

A New Orleans criminal district judge today set the long-awaited Kennedy assassination conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw for mid-February.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty decided the date as a result of a compromise between the defence, which had sought a six-month delay, and the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison, which wanted to go to court immediately.

The District Attorney's Office agreed to a reasonable delay, and the judge set the February trial date — nearly one year after Shaw's arrest March 1.

The judge officially set the trial for the first jury day in February. The day varies from month to month, but is always after the 10th and usually about the 15th.

Shaw, 54-year-old retired managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, has been accused of conspiring in September of 1963 to murder President John F. Kennedy at Dallas two months later.

Setting the trial date, Judge Haggerty denied a motion by the defence which sought to have additional information supplied by the District Attorney's Office.

by Lee Falk & Sv Barry

Evangelistic campaign marks church's 50th year

The closing address of an evangelistic campaign which was held all last week at the Lincoln Kirk, Franklin Town, was delivered on Sunday night at the church by the Rev. Cleve Grant, one of the originators and the leader of the campaign. The programme was launched as part of a series of activities designed to mark the 50th anniversary of the church.

In his address, the Rev. Mr. Grant welcomed the large congregation, thanked them for their consistent and enthusiastic attendance over the past week, and expressed the hope that they would gain spiritual upliftment and inspiration. These were essential, he said, for any Christian who was a member of a society which was so motivated by a desire for power and pleasure as the one which we live.

Speaking of the role of the Church in Jamaica society, the Rev. Mr. Grant said there was a constant need for revival and renewal. This was necessary, he explained, because mankind had made tremendous strides in other spheres and if the Church was to remain relevant to the needs of the society, it had to progress too. He concluded by calling upon the congregation to remember their duties as Christians and to meet the challenges presented by modern living.

The service was conducted by the resident pastor of the church, the Rev. T. A. M. Grant.