

Is the Bath Stream Question Closed?

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

Government May be Pressed to Act

MUCH speculation has been aired as to the future of the Nevis bath stream after judgment in the Supreme Court action for trespass and conspiracy was delivered yesterday. The view of the court being that the defendants had not established any right by custom to use the track and the bath stream, some of the parties were faced with queries from several persons as to whether an appeal against the decision will be made.

Persons have been inquiring also whether any steps would be taken by the authorities to place the question of the use of the stream in a position where it cannot be challenged. It is true that in his address to the court on Monday, the senior counsel for the plaintiff asked for an injunction to restrain the defendants from using the track and the bath stream, but this was not granted. Nevertheless, the view that these places are not public property gives rise to quite a measure of interest.

The following is the continuation of Mr. Bradshaw's evidence in the case on being cross-examined by Mr. G. P. Boon at Charlestown last Saturday:—

MISBEHAVING

I said that a man by the name of Mr. Deane came here from Barbados and would not behave himself. As a result, he got no co-operation from the people of this island and he sold out and left. Cane Garden, I think, was the last place he sold out. I didn't come to Nevis specially to tell the people of Mr. Deane. I spoke along general lines regarding aliens to these shores misbehaving. If Mr. Barber misbehaved, my Government can do what Mr. France indicated in a resolution to acquire the land surrounding the bath stream. I heard Mr. Barber was booed. I gave instructions some time ago for high official to be booed. It was not Mr. Greening. I did not make any mistake with what I said

the Administrator had told me. The right which I advocate in the matter is that of the people of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla in general, and the people of the island of Nevis in particular. In doing so, I have no prejudice against the people of anywhere else. With regard to the coming over of the bathing party, a number of our members as well as Mr. Gordon invited us to come over and help them in the matter. It was a veritable call from Macedonia to "come over and help us."

TENTH WITNESS

Mr. Caleb Azariah Paul Southwell was the next witness called. He said he lives in Basseterre, St. Kitts, and is Vice President of the St. Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union and Treasurer of the St. Kitts Workers League Ltd. Continuing he stated: I was present at the meeting on 10th Sept, 1950, when Comrade Bradshaw spoke at the Park. I remember Comrade Liburd and Comrade France were on the rostrum. Comrade Liburd is not an official of the Union, nor is Comrade Eddy. I did not know what Comrade Bradshaw was going to speak about. During the course of his speech, he made mention of the Nevis bath stream. I agree with what he stated in court that he had said. I don't recollect that he told the people to look out for a notice. Reports were made to the Union regarding the bath stream. I came across by boat with the other defendants and had a bath. I bathed in the pool which I was shown yesterday. On 10th June I recognised a few persons in the pool who did not come over with us. I went to Bath Village first and then came up the tract to the west. I served as a member of the Leeward Islands Police Force here from May, 1941, to December, 1943. I was stationed at Cotton Ground first, then at Gingerland. I know the foot path from the east. When I came some of

the defendants were in the pool. I used it and saw people using it. The loudspeaker was under a tree near the bank of the stream.

SPOKE AT MEETING

I spoke at the meeting in the afternoon. Comrade Bradshaw spoke also. He spoke of his trip to Europe, the political advancement of these islands, the impending change in the constitution and the occasion on which he had come over as well as his expectation to visit Europe again. In the course of his speech, he mentioned Mr. Barber's name. As I arrived at the stream, I saw what looked like a white man, saying "I will put you where you won't need a dictionary." I did not know him before. I had no spite against Mr. Barber. In fact, there is no room for spite for anybody in my nature.

Mr. Southwell was cross-examined by Mr. Kelsick.

LAST WITNESS

Mr. Joseph Nathaniel France was the last witness called for the defence. He said he resides in St. Kitts and is General Secretary of the St. Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union, Secretary of the St. Kitts Workers League, Third Elected Member of the Legislative Council, editor of the Union Messenger (which is owned by a private company) and editor of Workers Weekly, official organ of the Workers League. He was born at Mount Lily Village and owns lands there. His function as General Secretary of the Union is to do all that is necessary to promote the welfare of members and whatever is otherwise placed to his responsibility to do. In 1947, 1950 and 1951 the question of the bath stream was brought to his attention in his official capacity. Persons reported that lands were being bought in the neighbourhood and requested that the organisations should be vigilant to see that the ancient rights of the people were not interfered with. He wrote an article in the Press about it. Acting upon reports from members who were prevented from bathing in the

The following communication has been received from the Colonial Secretary, Trinidad and Tobago, and is published for general information:

CAURA TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

It has been brought to the notice of this Government that in several instances persons from other West Indian Colonies who wish to obtain treatment at the above sanatorium proceed to this Colony without first having ascertained whether they can be accepted or whether arrangements can be made for their accommodation.

2. In all such cases where persons from other Colonies wish to seek admission to the Sanatorium it is essential that representations should be made on their behalf by the Government of the Colony in which they reside, and on no account should such patient proceed to Trinidad unless and until it is known that he can be accepted and that arrangements are made for his admission to the Sanatorium.

3. I would be grateful if arrangements could be made for suitable publicity to be given to the above procedure as the Sanatorium is now working at full capacity and tuberculosis patients from other colonies not properly referred, will be denied admission to the Sanatorium.

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bath stream, he spoke to the Administrator and gave notice of a resolution to be considered by the Legislature for the acquisition of land in the neighbourhood of the bath stream. He was given assurance that Government would give the matter at-

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tion, so did not pursue the resolution.

The witness corroborated what another witness had said with regard to the purpose of the meeting at Warner Park on 10th September, 1951, the officers who were present on the platform, and the purpose of the trip to Nevis on 10th June, 1951. He said Mount Lily Village is in St. James Parish and the bath stream is in either St. John's or St. Pauls Parish. The witness also corroborated what had been said in reference to Iran, Mr. Dean and the common concern felt over the financial stability of the Empire. He said it was he who had fixed the date for the bathing party in Nevis and published it in the Press. The arrangements were not made at any assembly of the defendants. He gave instructions to Mr. L. Burd concerning certain details.

The witness was shown a news item in the Union Messenger relating to the incident of June 10th. He said it was written by him.

The court was adjourned at 4.30 p.m. to be reopened at Basseterre on Monday, 7th. The case was concluded on Monday and judgment was given on Wednesday, 9th, where in Mr. Barber was awarded \$1,500 damages for trespass and three-quarters of the taxed costs. The action for conspiracy failed.

Atla Heavily Flooded

Medicinehat, Atla, April 2nd (CP)—Homeless evacuees on Wednesday added to the havoc in food soaked Medicinehat while temporary respite from spring run off water flooding hinged on hope for cool weather city. Police had to be stationed in flood battered 25 block area yesterday to help attempts of many of 305 evacuated families to return home meanwhile five more families were evacuated from flood district and new threat though still remote was seen in one foot rise of the South Saskatchewan river. More than 1000 persons have been left homeless.

Reward

A Reward of \$200.00

will be given to any person giving information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who stole goods from my store in Charlestown, Nevis, between the night of the 8th and morning of the 9th April 1952.

(Sgd.) H. KASSAB.

Sailor On Murder Charge

Kingston Jca, April 8th (CP)—Federick Hawkins, Englishman is now under arrest and charged with the murder of Allan McIntyre, Scotsman. Hawkins is alleged to have fatally stabbed McIntyre aboard steamer "Letchworth". Both were members of the crew.

Ladies to go out of Service

OTTAWA, April 4 (CP)—Last of famed Lady boats of Canadian National Steamships soon will vanish from Atlantic seaboard. Government-owned CNS in its annual report to Parliament on Thursday said Lady Nelson and Lady Rodney, ships that served valiantly in Second World War are being taken out of service at end of summer season. Old passenger-carrying Ladies won't be replaced with similar liners on run between Montreal and Atlantic ports and West Indies, instead CNS will provide prosaic freighters.

Jacobs For Accountancy Course

It is hereby notified for general information that the Comptroller for Development and Welfare has approved a grant under the West Indies General Training Scheme in order to enable Mr. C. A. Jacobs, Principal Clerk (Accountant) of the Treasury, St. Kitts-Nevis, to undertake an 18 months course in Accountancy in the United Kingdom.

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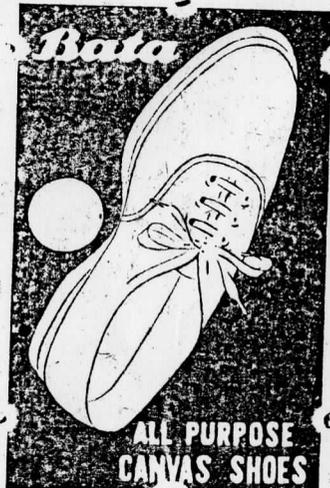
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Re-Imposition of Tax

Kingston Jca., April 1 (CP) By majority vote House of Representatives this afternoon passed a resolution asking government to consider the reimposition of excess profit tax abolished 1947, on ground that businessmen failed to keep promise to reinvest money saved under tax development enterprises.

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