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INTERIM REPORT of the Special Select Committee appointed under
Resolution No. XX of the 1st of February, 1962.

Your Honour,

We, the Members of the Special Select Committee appointed in terms of Resolution No. XX dated 1st February, 1962, with the responsibility for designing a national flag and a coat of arms; composing a national anthem and recommending an appropriate name for a politically free and independent British Guiana, have the honour to submit the following Interim Report.

The Committee sat on four occasions so far and at one of its sittings elected Mr. W.O.R. Kendall (Deputy Speaker) as its Chairman.

It may be recalled that during the life of the last Legislative Council a Select Committee was appointed for a similar purpose and had published notices in the newspapers inviting suggestions, a large number of which were received. In view of this we decided to re-open the competition as early as possible and to inform the Public that suggestions which had been received for the last competition would be considered as entries for the new competition. It was also decided to offer cash prizes of the same value as those proposed by the previous Committee and to proceed along much the same lines except to change the order for the submission of entries as we were of the view that in a competition for a National Anthem, it was essential for the composer and the lyricist to know the name of the country, for it is around the name that an Anthem will be built. It was agreed therefore to commence by inviting suggestions in the first instance for an appropriate name.

The following press release was issued on the 22nd of May, 1962, and it was arranged for publication of the release in the daily newspapers of Thursday, 24th and Sunday, 27th May, 1962, and also in two issues of the Weeklies of not later than Saturday, 2nd June, 1962:

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PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE

With the appointment of a new Committee comprising Members of the Legislative Assembly it has been decided to re-open the Competition for suggestions for -

- (a) an appropriate name
- (b) a national flag
- (c) a national coat of arms
- (d) a National Anthem

for a free and independent British Guiana.

Prizes

Prizes as under will be awarded for winning entries.

- \$500: for the national flag
- \$1,000: for the Coat of Arms
- \$2,000: for the National Anthem (words and music)
alternatively \$1,000: for words and \$1,000:
for music to be competed for subsequently).

No award is offered for the name accepted for a
free and independent British Guiana.

The Competition will be open to all. Entries received for the last Competition will be accepted as entries for this Competition.

New entries should be sent to the Clerk of the Legislature, Public Buildings, Georgetown, British Guiana, to reach him as follows:-

Entries for an appropriate name - Saturday, 2nd June, 1962.

Entries for a national coat of arms - Saturday, 30th June, 1962.

Entries for a national flag - Saturday, 30th June, 1962.

As soon as an appropriate name has been accepted the Competition for a National Anthem will be announced. "

Of the eighty-nine suggestions received for an appropriate name, the Committee, after careful deliberation, unanimously agreed to recommend for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the name "GUYANA" and as an alternative the name "DEMBERARY", both of which are of great historical significance; and expressed the hope that the Legislative Assembly will take a decision on this matter at an early date in order to enable a closing date for entries for the words and music for a National Anthem to be fixed.

We have the honour to be,
Your Honour's obedient servants,

W.O.R. Kendall
..... Chairman.
W.O.R. KENDALL

B.H. Benn
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RAM KARRAN

No objection - B.S. Rai
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B.S. RAI

L.E.M. Mann
..... Members.
L.E.M. MANN

Noted L.F.S. Burnham
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L.F.S. BURNHAM

J. Carter
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J. CARTER

R.E. Cheeks
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R.E. CHEEKS

I. Crum Ewing
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I. CRUM EWING
Secretary.

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