

PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE

MINUTES of the Second Meeting of the Special Select Committee appointed in terms of Legislative Assembly Resolution No. XX of the 1st February, 1962, held on Monday, 21st May, 1962, in the Chamber of the Legislature at 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Hon. B.H. Benn, Minister of Natural Resources.
Hon. Ram Karran, Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
Hon. B.S. Rai, Minister of Home Affairs.
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. J. Carter
Mr. R.E. Cheeks

Mr. I. Crum Ewing, Clerk of the Legislature - Secretary.

Absent:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall - excused.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Secretary invited nominations for the post of Chairman of the Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Benn seconded by Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. Kendall was unanimously elected to be Chairman.

As Mr. Kendall was not present, the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Burnham seconded by Mr. Carter, unanimously elected Mr. Benn to take the Chair for the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 16th March, 1962, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed.

COMPETITION

The Committee considered the question of re-opening the Competition inviting suggestions for -

- (a) designing a national flag and coat of arms;
- (b) composing a national anthem; and
- (c) recommending an appropriate name for a politically free and independent British Guiana.

It was decided -


- (i) that the competition should be open to anyone;
- (ii) that applications should be invited for the name first, and when one had been selected, this would be announced, together with the date for the closing of entries for words and music for the national anthem. To enable this to be done fairly early, the closing date for the submission of suggestions for a name

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was fixed for Saturday, 2nd June, 1962.
Committee agreed to meet on Monday, 5th
June, to consider the entries received;

- (iii) that the notice inviting applications should
be published in the press on Sunday, 27th
May, but meanwhile, there should be a press
release and an announcement over the radio.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated.


Chairman.

8th June, 1962.