

PRINCESS MARGARET TO OPEN WEST INDIAN STUDENTS
CENTRE IN LONDON

The West Indian Students Centre at No. 1 Collingham Gardens, S.W.5., which is being opened by Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret on Wednesday, June 1, will provide West Indian students in the United Kingdom with a central club and a place to entertain their friends. The Centre, which is situated in a residential area in Earls Court, has been entirely redecorated and furnished. The capital cost of the premises amounts to approximately £20,000, and is being provided by the West Indian Governments who will also contribute to the furnishing and recurrent costs of the Centre. Many of the special fittings and amenities in the Centre have been presented by business houses and others interested in the West Indies and in the welfare of the students in the United Kingdom.

Students using the Centre -- and there are over 2,000 West Indian students in the United Kingdom -- will find many amenities including a library and writing room, a games room, a television room and a billiards room, besides a reception lounge, drawing room, dining room and canteen. Later, it is hoped to equip other rooms as dormitories for students visiting London for examinations, and to open hairdressing saloons in the Club. The West Indian Students' Union will also have an office in the building.

A Governing Body was appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in May, 1954. Its membership is as follows:-

Sir George Seel, K.C.M.G.,
Senior Crown Agent for Oversea Governments and Administrations.
(Chairman).

Garnet H. Gordon, Esq., C.B.E.,
Trade Commissioner for the British West Indies, British Guiana and
British Honduras. (Deputy Chairman).

C. Belfield Clarke, Esq., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), M.B., etc.
(representing the Government of Barbados).

D.T. Pitt, Esq., M.B.(Ed.),
(representing the Governments of the Windward Islands).

M.B. Laing, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
(formerly Commissioner for Local Government, British Guiana, and
representing the Government of that Colony).

O.R. Marshall, Esq., LL.D.,
Sub-Dean, Faculty of Laws, University College, London,
(representing the Government of Trinidad).

Bryan King, Esq., M.A.,
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge,
(representing the Government of the Leeward Islands).

E.R. Richardson, Esq.,
Jamaica Civil Service, Under Secretary, Finance Dept., Jamaica.
(representing the Government of Jamaica).

L.B. Francis, Esq.,
President, West Indian Students' Union.

G. Stoll, Esq.,
Hon. Treasurer, West Indian Students' Union.

J.L. Keith, Esq., C.B.E.,
Director of Colonial Students, Colonial Office.

C. de Groot, Esq.,
Student Liaison Officer for the West Indies, Colonial Office.

Mrs. H.I. Monson, M.B.E.

A.E.V. Barton, Esq., C.B.E.,
Secretary, West India Committee.

Mr. W.K. Hynam, of Barbados, has been appointed Secretary/Warden of the Centre and will be assisted by a Committee of nine chosen by the students.

May 31, 1955.