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The Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Maudling) at the request of the Premier of Trinidad and Tobago (Dr. Eric Williams) has agreed that the Trinidad and Tobago Independence Conference should begin in London on May 28.

The Trinidad and Tobago delegation, which will be led by the Premier, will consist of four representatives of the Government, three members representing the Opposition in the Legislature and three Independent members of the Senate, who will represent the major economic and religious interests in the Territory.

The Conference, which is expected to last about two weeks, will consider the Independence Constitution for Trinidad and Tobago and a date for the Territory's Independence which the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has requested should be as early as practicable in 1962.

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The Government members of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the Independence Conference due to open in London on May 28 will be as follows:

The Premier (Dr. Eric Williams, M.P.)

The Attorney-General (Senator George A. Richards)

The Special Adviser to the Premier and Minister without Portfolio (Senator W.J. Alexander); and

The Minister of Local Government and Community Development (Mr. Saeed Mohammed, M.P.)

The Premier has asked the Leader of the Opposition to appoint three persons to the delegation.

He has also invited the following non-party members of the Senate to join the delegation:

Senator Sir Patrick Hobson

Senator M.T.I. Julien; and

Senator John F.F. Rojas

Cabinet will decide later on the official advisers who will accompany the delegation



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The Government has agreed that the Opposition members on the Territory's delegation to the Independence Conference in the United Kingdom should have with them two advisers drawn from their representatives in the Legislature.

The Government has also agreed that a member of the Opposition in the Legislature will represent the Territory at the forthcoming Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in London in June. This member will also serve as an adviser to the Opposition at the Trinidad and Tobago Independence Conference.

The Secretary of State has indicated his concurrence in **these** arrangements.



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11th May, 1962.

The Premier, Dr. Eric Williams, will discuss with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the occasion of the Independence Conference in London, two matters of vital importance to the Territory, namely, the future of British West Indian Airways and the European Common Market with particular reference to Oil.

In the discussions on British West Indian Airways the Premier will have as his adviser Senator Sir Patrick Hobson, Chairman of the airline's board of management.

Sir Patrick, who is also President of the Petroleum Association of Trinidad, and Senator John Rojas, President of the National Trades Union Congress, will be the Premier's advisers in the discussions on the European Common Market with particular reference to Trinidad's Oil industry.

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The following persons will comprise the Trinidad and Tobago Delegation to the Independence Conference with the British Government due to begin in London on Monday, May 28:

Government

Delegates: The Hon. Dr. Eric Williams, Premier and Minister of External Affairs;
The Hon. Senator George Richards, Attorney General
The Hon. Senator W.J. Alexander, Minister without Portfolio and Special Adviser to the Premier;
The Hon. Saied Mohammed, Minister of Local Government and Community Development.

Advisers: Sir Learie Constantine, Commissioner designate to the United Kingdom;
Mr. Ellis Clarke, Constitutional Adviser to the Cabinet;
Mr J.O'Neil Lewis, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce (who will also serve as Secretary to Conference)
The Public Relations Officer, Office of the Premier, will be in attendance.

Opposition

Delegates: Dr. R. Capildeo, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. Ashford S. Sinanan,
Mr. Tajmool Hosein

Advisers: Mr. Stephen Maharaj
Mr. Lionel Seukeran
Mr. Peter Farquhar

Independents

Delegates: Senator Sir Patrick Hobson
Senator John F.F. Rojas
Senator M.T.I. Julien

The Government delegates and advisers will leave by air for London on May 23. Opposition delegates other than Dr. Capildeo will leave on May 22 for New York to arrive in London on the afternoon of May 24. Senator Rojas will also leave on May 21, Senator Julien on May 23 and Dr. Capildeo on May 26.



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Arrangements are being made by the Premier at the direction of Cabinet for the attachment of two members of the Legislature to the Public Accounts Committee and its related agencies in the United Kingdom for about a fortnight after the Trinidad and Tobago Independence Conference opening at Malborough House, London, on May 28.

The legislators, both members of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature, are Mr. Cecil W. Alexander, Deputy Speaker, now in England on a parliamentary course, and Mr. Lionel F. Seukeran, who will be one of the advisers of the Opposition at the Independence Conference.

It is planned that the Assistant Director of Audit should also join in the attachments.