



Winter Carnival



by C. Ricketts

Grab your towel and sunglasses and get to the official opening Summer Carnival ceremonies at Blackrock Beach at noon on January 27.

Summer carnival? That's the

theme for this year's Winter Carnival '84 which runs from Jan. 26 through Feb. 2. Winter Carnival chair Rusty James (the first half of Rusty and Dave) explains. "No one is ever around in the summer to have fun, so we have

to do it in the winter," he said.

Plans have yet to be finalized but James promises a broad spectrum of summer activities. They will include a Hawaiian Luau on Jan. 29 where 500 leis (flower garlands) will be given away. Also a Super SUB prize for the best summer get-up will be a trip for two to Florida. Escaping the summer heat at a skating party in the Memorial Arena, take part in a summer sports festival on Studley field, or a pool party.

The Black and Gold Revue will feature great amateur talent. ("Get your entries in," says James.) And Dal will try to break the world record in stuffing a car with people in the SUB lobby.

"If that's not enough, you can enter the banana-eating contest and stuff yourself," said James.

This year's charity danceathon will raise money for foster children.

If none of the above fails to interest you can catch Rusty and Dave's potato shoot-out during the Dal Tiger's game on Jan. 28 against UPEI.

The Winter Carnival committee has "anywhere from 40-60 people" working on it said James, with some being responsible for organizing major events within the week.

Anyone interested in helping out during the Summer Carnival Week can contact Rusty James at 6576 or in Rm. 218 SUB. Messages can also be left with Cheryl in the Student Council Office, 2nd floor SUB.

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Grenada and the American invasion

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also the view of the countries of CARICOM which met in emergency session in Port of Spain on Saturday, October 22nd, and decided to suspend the military council from CARICOM, and to take economic measures against this totally unpopular and illegitimate regime within CARICOM. Any form of military intervention by CARICOM countries such as Barbados or Jamaica was ruled out as impermissible. It would seem that this meeting was unaware of the fact that, as they were sitting, the order to the U.S. invasion had already been formally signed by President Reagan in the early hours of Saturday, October 22nd.

It has now been established that the plans for the military invasion preceded the murder of Maurice Bishop and the as yet unknown Grenadian people shelled and machinegunned on October 19th. Mr. Adams has revealed that he was approached by the Americans the day after Bishop was arrested to suggest a military invasion. Moreover, the *New York Times* of November 7 reveals that the Inter-American American Bureau of the State Department backed by Eagleburger started pressing for the invasion on October 17th, two days before Bishop was liberated and then killed, and that they advocated a take-over of the whole island, on the pretext of evacuating the 500 students at the American medical school.

The purpose was "a show of American resolve to the Caribbean and Central American region and the world" and to "rid the island of its radical leadership."

Mr. Seaga and Mr. Adams had tried, unsuccessfully, to drive an ideological wedge into CARICOM, to split Grenada from the rest of the CARICOM countries, on the grounds of its revolutionary government. They had unsuccessfully sponsored Haiti's membership in CARICOM. These efforts failed because of the unquestionable authority and popularity of the government of Maurice Bishop—both in Grenada and throughout the wider Caribbean. What they failed to achieve is now a fact. CARICOM is divided on ideological lines. Barbados has expelled the High Commissioner of Trinidad.

We can expect to see efforts to create a new regional political formation—Mr. Adams has called it "CARICOM II"—composed of all those countries which have chosen to accept U.S. domination of the region and to signal this by declaring their hostility towards Cuba. Jamaica, Barbados and the small islands, Haiti and the Dominican Republic are the nations to be included in CARICOM II. This is an historic setback to the advances which had been made these last ten years in the building of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and in the development of diplomatic, economic and person-to-person

relations with Cuba, the largest of the islands in the Caribbean—which has so much to offer to smaller Caribbean countries, and whose government and personnel in Grenada conducted themselves with dignity and respect for the sovereignty of Grenada.

President Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative, first outlined by Mr. Seaga of Jamaica in 1979, has been thrust into the Caribbean by force of 6,000 marines. CARICOM is finished; the traditional Commonwealth ties have been shattered. Britain's closest ally has invaded a Commonwealth country. Mrs. Thatcher was furious, but has found no way to get the Americans out of Grenada. Three years ago, Canada declared the Commonwealth Caribbean to be a region of priority in its external relations. The Prime Minister of Dominica was detailed to tell Mr. Trudeau, but she said she could not find his telephone number! So much for Canada's presence in the Eastern Caribbean.

The Americans have tasted blood. Weinberger refused to deny that they are planning a full-scale military assault on Nicaragua. The reactivation of the Condera regional defence pact on Central America looks like a replay, on a vastly larger scale, of an American so-called multinational invading force, this time with Nicaragua as the target.

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