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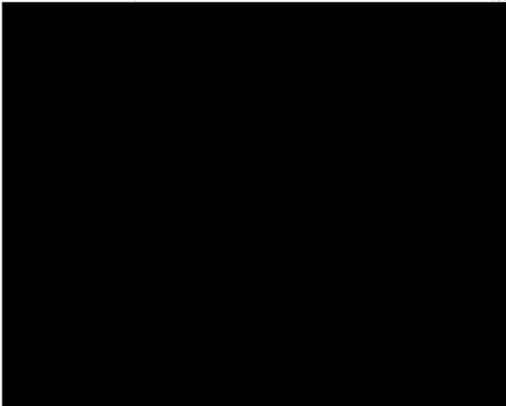
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BRITISH CARIBBEAN PROBLEMS



Williams, buoyed by his party's December electoral sweep, is confident that he will be able to set his own terms for association with the other islands. For the moment, however, his government appears to be planning to seek separate independence

The leaders of the small islands have not yet indicated whether they would agree to the centralized, Trinidad-dominated federation Williams envisages.

Williams may make prohibitive demands for aid to make up for the loss of Jamaica's contribution.

In any case, Williams is attempting to use the US naval base and missile-tracking facility at Chaguaramas as a lever to extract greater US development aid than the \$17,300,000 promised last year. He has prepared a legal argument to support his contention that the demise of the West Indies Federation nullifies the 17-year Defense Areas Agreement signed in February 1961. Should he gain control over Antigua and St. Lucia, demands for increased aid for facilities on those islands would also be in prospect.



the PPP is not yet "set in concrete," however. Growing dissatisfaction in the civil service, fiscal measures which hit major PPP backers, and difficulties in the rice industry, which supports the PPP, offer the opposition an opportunity for exploitation. Jagan apparently plans to visit the Soviet bloc this year

He seems to be making plans to put pressure on the US to make a definite commitment on an aid program.

British Honduras--where hurricane devastation precludes consideration of independence for some years

Guatemalan President Ydigoras has gone so far in his recent claims on the colony that he may be compelled to break relations. The Guatemalan claim, which has its origin in the colonial era, has been used periodically by Guatemalan governments to divert public attention from domestic problems. Ydigoras is publicly committed to "regain" the territory and is likely to press the issue in the United Nations, perhaps later this year.

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