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Reference:	ICS56
Title:	Moyne papers on the West India Royal Commission
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Name of Creator:	Guinness, Walter Edward (1880- 1942) 1st Baron Moyne of Bury St Edmunds, politician

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Walter Edward Guinness was born in Dublin on 29 March 1880, the third son of the 1st Earl of Iveagh. From Eton he volunteered for service in the South African war, where he was wounded and mentioned in despatches. In 1907 he was elected to Parliament as conservative member for Bury St Edmunds, which he continued to represent until 1931. During World War One Guinness again served with distinction in the Suffolk Yeomanry in Egypt, and at Gallipoli. In 1922 he was appointed Under Secretary for War, the first of several political appointments which culminated in his term of office as Minister of Agriculture, November 1925 - June 1929.

After the Conservative defeat in 1929 he retired from office and was created Baron Moyne of Bury St Edmunds. He was now able to indulge his love of travel and exploration, and he was also frequently called upon to chair commissions of enquiry - the Financial Mission to Kenya, 1932, the Departmental Committee on Housing, 1933, the Royal Commission on the University of Durham, 1934 and the West India Royal Commission, 1938-1939.

During World War Two he again took political office, becoming Secretary of State for the Colonies and Leader of the House of Lords in 1941. In August 1942 he was appointed Deputy Minister of State in Cairo, and in January 1944 Minister Resident in the Middle East. On 6 November 1944 he was assassinated in Cairo by members of the Stern gang.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Papers of Walter Edward Guinness, Lord Moyne, relating to his chairmanship of the West India Royal Commission (WIRC), 1938-1939. The majority of the material comprises memoranda on means of improving the social and economic conditions of the people, submitted to WIRC by interested parties in Trinidad and Tobago, although Colonial Office publications and draft speeches are also included.

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ICS56/1	Annotated speech	undated [?1938- 1939]
	Text of a speech made by Moyne at the first public session of the WIRC.	
	3 pages	
ICS56/2	Annotated notes	undated [?1938- 1939]
	Notes for the preparation of the WIRC report.	
	32 pages	
ICS56/3	Colonial Office report: Cmd 3517	1930
	Report of the West Indies Sugar Commission.	
ICS56/4	Colonial Office report: Cmd 4093	1932
	Report by Moyne on certain questions in Kenya.	
ICS56/5	Colonial Office report: Cmd 5641	1938
	Report of the Commission on Trinidad and Tobago disturbances, 1937.	
ICS56/6	Colonial Office report: Cmd 6070	1939
	Report by G St J Orde Browne on labour conditions in the West Indies.	
ICS56/7	Colonial Office report: Cmd 6608	undated [c1939- 1944]

Report by F L Engledow on agriculture, fishereis, forestry and veterinary matters.

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| ICS56/8 | Colonial Office report: Cmd 6663
Colonial Research report, 1944-1945. | 1945 |
| ICS56/9 | Colonial Office report: Col No 189
Report on development and welfare in the West Indies, 1943-1944. | 1945 |
| ICS56/10 | A bill to provide for a federal consitution for the BWI | undated
[c1939-1945] |
| ICS56/11 | Message to the legislative council
From the Acting Governor of Trinidad.

15 pages | 1939 |
| ICS56/12 | Colonial Office report: [Cmd 5641]

Steps taken to implement the Trinidad commission's recommendations.

6 pages | 1938
September
15 |
| ICS56/13 | Colonial Office note | undated
[c1939-1939] |

Note on Friendly Societies in the West Indies.

3 pages

ICS56/14 Two circulars

**1939
February
25-1939
March 8**

Circular Trinidad no 8 (25 February 1939);
Circular Trinidad no 22 (8 March 1939).

2 items

ICS56/15 Memorandum no 52

**1938
October 6**

From Mr M A ap Rhys Pryce, for submission to His Majesty's Commission [i.e. WIRC].

6 pages

ICS56/16 Memorandum no 55

**undated
[c1938-
1939]**

By Mr A E Jeffery, on impressions of social situation in Trinidad.

17 pages

ICS56/17 Memorandum no 499

**undated
[c1938-
1939]**

By S A Hammond on education in the Windward and Leeward islands. Cover only.

ICS56/18 Memorandum no 855

**undated
[c1938-
1939]**

By Mr Laurence Edwards on ways and means of improving the social and economic conditions of the people.

4 pages

ICS56/19	Memorandum no 856	undated [c1938- 1939]
	By Port of Spain Ministerial Association on ways and means of improving the social and economic conditions of the people.	
	5 pages	
ICS56/20	Memorandum no 857	1939 January 2
	By Bishop of the Anglican Communion on ways and means of improving the social and economic conditions of the people.	
	1 page	
ICS56/21	Memorandum no 867	1939 January 18
	By the Civil Service Association of Trinidad and Tobago on certain disabilities obtaining in the service.	
	11 pages	
ICS56/22	Memorandum no 868	undated [?1939 January]
	By Port of Spain Nurses and Midwives Association on recommendations for the improvement of the nursing profession in general.	
	2 pages	
ICS56/23	Memorandum no 869	1939 January 18
	By Railway Workers Trade Union on conditions of service.	
	12 pages	
ICS56/24	Memorandum no 870	1939 January 17

By Captain C R Williams JP on aftercare and probation work by the church army in Trinidad.

3 pages

ICS56/25 Memorandum no 871

**undated
[?1939
January]**

By the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad on industrial and social problems.

8 pages

ICS56/26 Memorandum no 872

**1939
January 20**

By the Trinidad Labour Party on consitutional reform and social and industrial conditions.

3 pages

ICS56/27 Memorandum no 875

**1939
January**

By attendants and nurses of St Ann's Mental Hospital on conditions of service.

4 pages

ICS56/28 Memorandum no 877

**undated
[1939
January]**

By the Trinidad and Tobago Nurses Association on the nursing profession in the colony.

2 pages

ICS56/29 Memorandum no 883

**1939
January 18**

By Port of Spain City Council on social and economic matters pertaining to the borough.

2 pages

ICS56/30 Memorandum no 885

**1938
October 22,**

		1939 January 19
	By the British West Indies and British Guiana Teachers' Association on educational problems; 5 pages (19 January 1939). Appendix: memorandum by the Dominica Teachers Union; 8 pages (22 October 1938).	
	13 pages	
ICS56/31	Supplement to memorandum no 885	1939 January 11
	On educational policy in the British West Indies and British Guiana.	
	11 pages	
ICS56/32	Memorandum no 886	1939 January 19
	By the Trinidad and Tobago Teachers' Union on matters pertaining to education and the teaching profession.	
	14 pages	
ICS56/33	Memorandum no 888	1939 January 18
	By the Trinidad Federation Workers Trade Union on social, economic and political conditions of labour.	
	4 pages	
ICS56/34	Memorandum no 892	1939 January 17
	By the Guiana and West Indies Labour Congress on the social, political and economic welfare of the British West Indies and British Guiana.	
	5 pages	
ICS56/35	Memorandum no 893	undated [c1939 January]

By a coterie of social workers on matters pertaining to the welfare of women and children in Trinidad and Tobago.

9 pages

ICS56/36 Memorandum no 894

**1937
November-
1938 March,
1939
January 20**

By the Chinese Commercial Association on matters pertaining to the retail trade in Trinidad and Tobago (20 January 1939). Enclosures: copies of the Trinidad Royal Gazette showing the return of magistrates' licences (November 1937-March 1938).

2 pages and enclosures

ICS56/37 Memorandum no 899

**1937-1939
January 18**

By Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Inc on commercial problems in the colony (18 January 1939). Enclosures: copies of the Trinidad Royal Gazette vol 107 no 11, containing an economic report for 1937 (24 February 1938); Colonial paper no 95: memorandum by the treasurer regarding the draft estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1939 (8 pages, dated 1938).

28 pages and enclosures

ICS56/38 Memorandum no 901

**undated
[1939
January]**

By the Gordon Plantations Committee on the financial aspects of agriculture.

3 pages

ICS56/39 Memorandum no 902

**undated
[1939
January]**

By 'The West Indian Pilot', the official organ of the Trade Union Movement, on social economic and political conditions in the colony.

3 pages

ICS56/40 Memorandum no 903

**1939
January 19**

By South Trinidad Cane Farmers Association on the sugar cane farming industry.

4 pages

ICS56/41 Memorandum no 904

**1935, 1938,
[1939
January]**

By the government of Trinidad and Tobago on agricultural, veterinary, forestry and fishery matters [produced ?January 1939, except for certain enclosures, as noted below].

I. Maps and diagrams.

II-III. Food supply; self sufficiency in food supply.

IV-V. Cash and export crops; imports of fertiliser.

VI. [None: ?missing at transfer].

VII-VIII. Department of Agriculture; veterinary matters.

IX. Forestry (including 'Forests and forestry in Trinidad and Tobago' (16 pages), a statement prepared for British Empire Forestry Conference by R L Brooks, 1935).

X-XI. Fisheries; agricultural education.

XII. Plantation agriculture. (including Council Paper no 119: 'Report of a committee appointed to advise government whether the scale of minimum prices and the method of fixing such ... to be paid by the sugar manufacturers to the cane farmers for cane-farming control ordinance are equitable' (14 pages), 1938).

ICS56/42 Memorandum no 905

**1937-1938,
[1939
January]**

By the government of Trinidad and Tobago on social welfare [produced ?January 1939, except for certain enclosures, as noted below].

I. General social conditions.

II. Health.

III. Education (including Council Paper no 64: Report of the Director of Education for 1937 (70 pages), 1938; and report of the Special Committee on Vocation Education, chaired by J O Cutteridge (8 pages) 1938).

IV-V. Women's welfare; child welfare.

VI. Housing, prisons, juvenile organizations, recreational facilities (including Council Paper no 59: Administration Report of Acting Superintendent of Prisons 1937, dated 1938; and Council paper no 73: report by Mr Alexander Paterson on the treatment of offenders in Trinidad and Tobago (12 pages), 1937).

ICS56/43 Memorandum no 906

**1939
January 20**

By the elected members of the legislative council on constitutional reform (2 pages). With a minority report from Adrian C Rienzi (2 pages).

4 pages

ICS56/44 Memorandum no 907

**undated
[1939
January]**

By the Indian Evidence Committee on matters pertaining to the welfare of East Indians.

7 pages

ICS56/45 Memorandum no 908

**undated
[1939
January]**

By the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago on agriculture in the colony.

30 pages

ICS56/46 Memorandum no 909

**undated
[1939
January]**

By the Trinidad Asphalt Operating Co Ltd on the asphalt industry.

33 pages

ICS56/47 Memorandum no 910

**1939
January 18**

By the Coconut Growers Association Ltd on the coconut industry (2 copies, each of 6 pages).

12 pages

ICS56/48 Memorandum no 911

**1928, 1937,
1939
January 12-
27**

By the Petroleum Association of Trinidad on the oil industry (27 January 1939). Enclosures: Council Papers no 96: Oil Industry of Trinidad, report by Sire Thomas H Holland (32 pages, 1928); Report of Inspector of Mines and Petroleum Technologist for 1937; extracts from the evidence of H C Hickling and Gerald H Scott and the summing up of the case for the Oil Employers' Association of Trinidad (OEAT) in the arbitration proceedings between the Oilfield Workers' Trade Union and the OEAT (12 January 1939).

12 pages and enclosures

ICS56/49 Memorandum no 912

**1938, 1939
[January]**

By the government of Trinidad and Tobago on proposals for economic and social development. Enclosures: Council Paper no 97: message from the Governor to the Legislative Council (11 pages, 4 November 1938); Council Paper no 96: report of the Estimate Committee on a comprehensive development programme to be carried out within 1939-1944 (15 pages, 1938); Council Paper no 3: report of a committee appointed to advise the government whether the existing coastal steamer service between Tobago and Trinidad was adequate (12 pages, 1939); Council Paper no 95: memorandum by the treasurer regarding the draft estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1939 (160 pages, 1938).

ICS56/50	Memorandum no 913	undated [1939 January]
	By the government of Trinidad on labour statistics.	
	123 pages	
ICS56/51	Memorandum no 914	1939 January 24
	By the Committee for Industrial Organisation on political, social and economic conditions.	
	16 pages	
ICS56/52	Memorandum no 915	1939 February 6
	By A Anthony Cuthbert on the question of gratuity due to him by the government.	
	8 pages	
ICS56/53	Memorandum no 916	1939 January 20
	By Trinidad and Tobago Public Works and Service Workers Trade Union on working conditions in certain departments of the public service.	
	31 pages	
ICS56/54	Memorandum no 917	undated [1939 ?January- February]
	By the Sugar Manufacturers' Association of Trinidad on the sugar industry.	
	49 pages	
ICS56/55	Memorandum no 918	1939

		January 20
	By St Patrick Indian Producers Committee on social and economic conditions in the colony.	
	16 pages	
ICS56/56	Memorandum no 919	1938 December
	By Arthur Calder-Marshall on Trinidad.	
	32 pages	
ICS56/57	Memorandum no 919A	1939 January 19
	By Joseph Belgrave on the lack of a transport service to and from Laventille.	
	3 pages	
ICS56/58	Memorandum no 920	undated [1939 ?January- February]
	By the United Traders Association on hardships created by the new shop hours ordinance.	
	5 pages	
ICS56/59	Memorandum no 921	undated [1939 ?January- February]
	By Mr James Mungal on East Indian affairs.	
	14 pages	
ICS56/60	Memorandum no 923	1938 November 25
	Debates of the Legislative Council.	

ICS56/61	Memorandum no 924	1939 February 24
	By Mr A W Baddeley (Harrison Line) on shipping freights and facilities.	
	3 pages	
ICS56/62	Memorandum no 925	undated [1939 ?January- February]
	By the Trinidad and Tobago Union of Shop Assistants and Clerks.	
	9 pages	
ICS56/63	Memorandum no 926	1939 February 10
	By Diego Martin Ward Ratepayers Association.	
	7 pages	
ICS56/64	Memorandum no 927	1939 January 19
	By Mr A H Donowa re bus route to Laventille.	
	1 page	
ICS56/65	Memorandum no 929	1938 December 5-1939 February 20
	On trade union organization and industrial relations in Trinidad (20 February 1939). Enclosures: agreement between the Shipping Association of Trinidad and the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union respecting wage rates, hours of labour, etc (16 pages, 5 December 1938); Trinidad Royal Gazette vol 108 no 6 (21 January 1939) and vol 108 no 8 (31 January 1939).	
	12 pages and enclosures	

ICS56/66 Memorandum no 931

**undated
[1939
?January-
March]**

Note on the control of public health and on medical personnel.

13 pages

ICS56/67 Memorandum no 932

**undated
[1939
?January-
March]**

On the general financial position of Trinidad and Tobago.

15 pages

ICS56/68 Memorandum no 942

**1939 March
7**

By the Trinidad Landowners' Association on the rent restriction ordinance.

44 pages