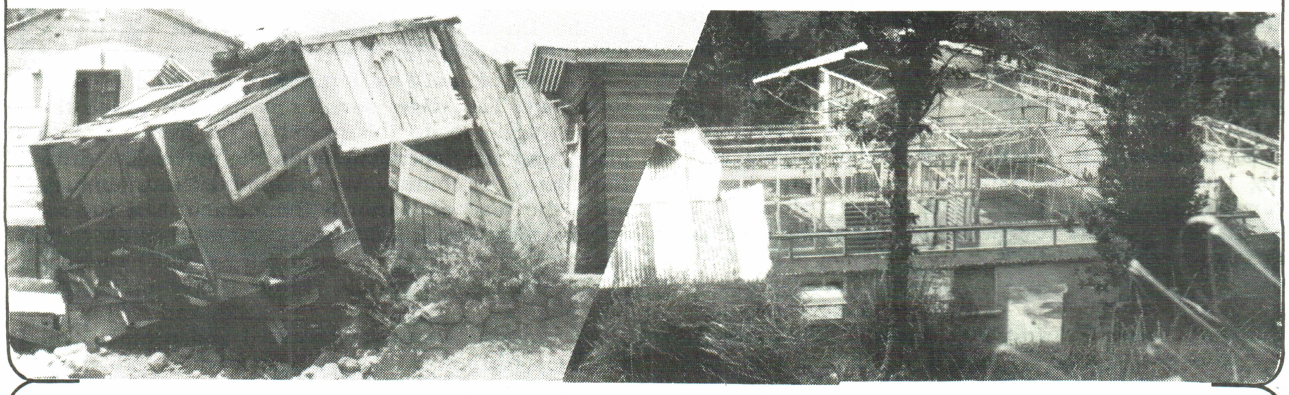
Emergency programme of reconstruction



Immediately upon entering office, the DLM-Alliance Government will put into force a one-year emergency programme of Reconstruction that will straightaway bring some improvement to the conditions of thousands of suffering people. Highlights of the programme are :

HOUSING :

* Locate building materials needed to rehouse the population, setting up a highly efficient system of distribution and accounting to ensure that housing needs are met without favour. Also provide designs for sturdy, comfortable housing.

* Ensure the availability of all housing materials and supplies at the best prices by having the new Import/Export Agency immediately obtain large supplies of our needs.

* Encourage a significant element of self-help at the construction phase, extending into maintenance of house and surroundings.

* Make full use of all trained contractors as project supervisors and trainees of youth and others in the basic construction skills.

* Make a special effort at planned rehousing in the rural areas and in the really congested area of the South.

* Give all support to on-going initiatives at timber extraction, Government and non-government, to reduce dependency on imported timber, create jobs and permit effective use to be made of our forest resources, making way for scientific reforesting.

FOOD AND HEALTH CARE :

These two go together as a healthy nation begins with a well-fed people ; the Ministry of Agriculture will, through the Food Production Programme, ensure a steady supply of food products to the public and all public institutions feeding people – all this to be done through the local market arm of the Import/Export Agency.

A pilote school feeding programme will be started in two of the areas reporting nutritionally related disease among children, namely, Scotts Head/ Soufrière and Salybia.

Immediate attention to all hospitals and clinics in the area of :

* Roofing
* Water supply
* Staffing and staff housing
* Transport
* Drugs and equipment
* Training of community health aids

Massive public sanitation drives in conjunction with existing community groups (Jaycees, 4-H Club, Youth Groups, etc.) aimed at registering marked improvement in public hygiene and cleanliness.

Identify and locate opportunities for further training of nurses and doctors in areas of specialised medicines of relevance to our health plan for the next ten (10) years.

JOBS :

Through these and other programmes of reconstruction, the creation of jobs for our army of unemployed ; strengthening the task force approach already underway and instituting on the job training.

OVERSEAS AID :

* Establish a permanent Hurricane Relief Committee

* Re-establish contact with aid donors and clear up matters causing delays in the support for development projects

* Reassure all overseas relief committees of Dominica and others, of the Governments support for the efforts and seek to provide all the necessary documentation to authorize bona fide committees to act on our behalf not only in terms of relief but in more long term trade, and diplomatic capacities where appropriate.