

FRANCISCO «TINKO» ESPRIT CANDIDATE FOR MAHAUT CONSTITUENCY

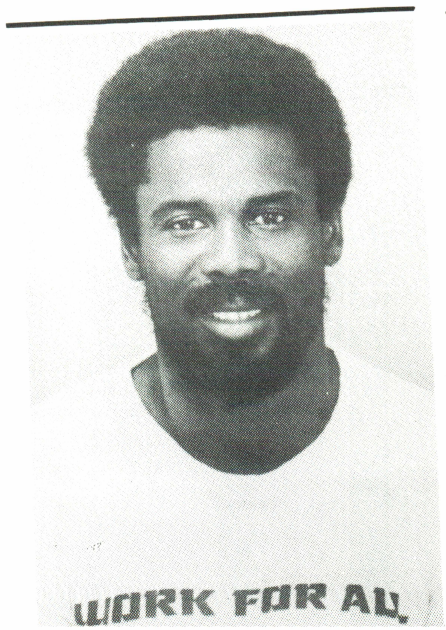
Francisco «Tinko» Esprit – born in Mahaut in 1952, attented primary school in Campbell, Belles, Mahaut, Massacre ; attended the Saint Mary's Academy ; worked in the construction industry and in Agriculture ; taught at the Dominica Grammar School from 1973 to 1976, read for a degree at the University of the West Indies, graduating with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) honours degree in Agriculture, from 1976 to 1979 ; worked with the Banana Development Programme , helping small farmers to increase their incomes from their banana holdings.

He has been actively involved in organising the youth, sports, entertainment and cultural activities, in literacy training. He has been active at the local and national level, the National Youth Council, Pre School Committee, the Credit Union, and the local Branch of the Farmers' Union.

Politically, he has been consistent over the years in taking positions in the interest of the poor and working people. Today as Assistant Secretary of the Dominica Liberation Movement-Alliance, he continues the struggle for a genuine road to development for Dominica.

DR. WILLIAM RIVIERE CANDIDATE FOR COTTAGE CONSTITUENCY

Dr. William Riviere, better known as «Para», gave up a promising career as University Professor in Caribbean History and Third World Politics in the United States six years ago, to work among the poor classes here in Dominica, because he firmly believed two things : One, the new society which alone can end poverty and misery in our country can only be built by a highly organised and disciplined population. Two, the task of organising people for nation-building is a business not for jokers but for well-trained, committed people, political organisers. (He looked at Dominica and saw an unorganised people without any sense of where they were going. He searched for political organisers and found few). In 1974, he returned home for good. Today as General Secretary and Deputy Leader of the DLM-Alliance, he stands as our Candidate for the Cottage Constituency.



Born 40 years ago at Portsmouth, he attended the Portsmouth Government School, won a Government Scholarship to the Grammar School, won the 1958 Island Scholarship, holds a Bachelor of Arts, (Special Honours History), from the University of the West Indies and a PhD. in Caribbean Economic History from University of Glasgow, Scotland.

From 1968 to 1974, he taught at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and then in Trinidad, and at Cornell University, at City University of New York, at Brooklyn College, City College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Riviere has written a long list of articles on Caribbean History and Politics and has spoken widely before University, social, cultural and political audiences. He has travelled extensively throughout the Caribbean, Europe and North America.

Dr Riviere has been deeply involved in the Liberation Movement in Dominica. He played a central role to give the Black man dignity in himself, when the Black Power Movement called upon our people to express pride in themselves as a Race, to cast off the feeling of inferiority inherited from Slavery and Colonialism and see themselves as noble children of the universe. He was a founding member of Movement for a New Dominica (MND), when the politics of education was first introduced in Dominica, and the struggle for human rights took an organised form. Para's hard work bore fruit in the formation of NFAC (National Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives),Committees of farmers in a number of villages which finally crystallised in Dominica Farmers' Union (DFU), National Workers' Union (NWU), whose forte was drastically curtailed through illegal weapons used by Government, fishermen's cooperative groupings, scattered over the island, youth and discussion groups in many villages.He gave rise also to League of Socialist Workers (LSW) that lead to People's Democratic Party (PDP). This is really the foundation of the DLM-Alliance. Dr. Riviere has been one of its main architects.

Such is the dedication and courage of our Deputy and General Secretary.