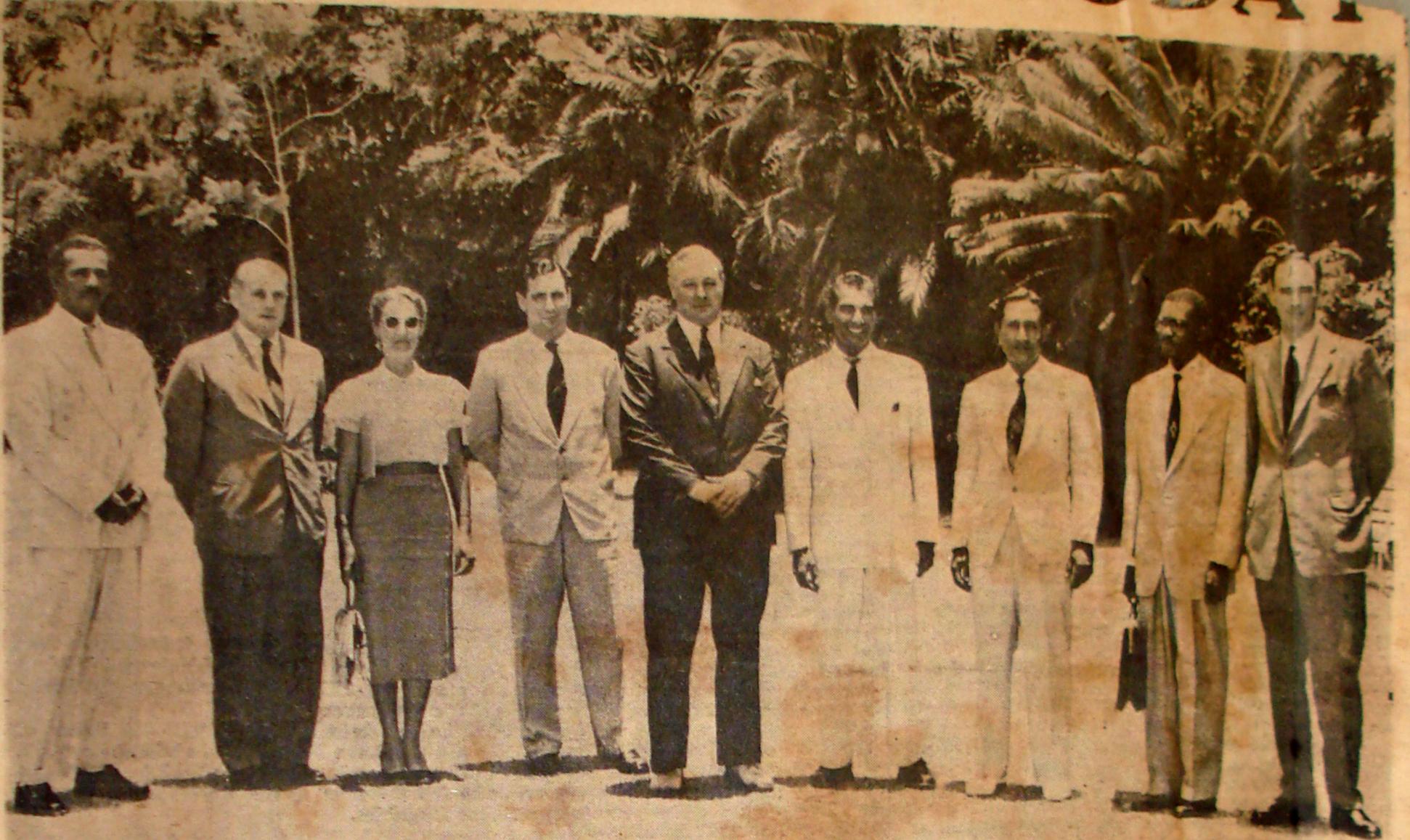


NEW GOVERNMENT STARTS WORK TODAY



This morning the new Executive Council under the Renison Constitution met at Government House Annexe for their first meeting which lasted 3½ hours. At the end of the meeting the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison, the elected Ministers and the three ex-officio members posed for the *Evening Post*.

Photo shows (left to right) Hon. Ram Karran, Minister of Communication and Works, Hon. F. W. Essex, Financial Secretary, Hon. Mrs. Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Hon. F. D. Jakeway, Chief Secretary; the Governor, Hon. Dr. C. B. Jagan, Minister of Trade, Industry and Commerce; Hon. Edward Beharry, Minister of Natural Resources; Hon. B. H. Benn, Minister of Community Development and the Hon. A. M. I. Austin, Attorney General.

Dr. JAGAN AND HIS MINISTERS ATTEND FIRST MEETING OF EX. CO.

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BRITISH GUIANA'S new Executive Council held its first meeting at Government House Annexe this morning.

At the 3½ hour conference, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison, K.C.M.G., administered the Oath of Office to the five elected Ministers and the three ex-officio Members.

Sworn to secrecy were the Hon. F. D. Jakeway, Chief Secretary, Hon. A. M. I. Austin, Attorney General, Hon. F. W. Essex, Financial Secretary, Hon. Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Minister of Trade, Industry and Commerce, Hon. B. D. Benn, Minister of Community Development, Local Government, Social Services and Education, Hon. Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing; Hon. Edward Beharry,

Minister of Natural Resources and the Hon. Ram Karran, Minister of communication and Works.

MINISTERS ARRIVE

At 8.30 a.m. the Elected Ministers arrived at Government House, each carrying a brief case or a larged sized envelope with the words "Secret and Personal" typed in red.

On arrival they were met by a Government House orderly on duty who showed them a plan of their seats around the Council table.

Dr. Cheddi Jagan without his familiar bow tie and two-tone shoes wore a fawn tropical suit. He arrived accompanied by Mrs. Jagan. Sitting with them at the back of the car was Minister of Communication and Works, the Hon. Ram Karran, carrying a black brief case.

As they alighted from the car,

Dr. Jagan with his dynamic smile waved to reporters and photographers, while Mrs. Jagan looking chic in a white nylon bodice and light brown skirt smiled innocently as she looked at the seating plan.

With the temperature at 32 degrees farenheit, the Minister of Natural Resources the Hon. Edward Beharry mopped his brows and walked through the gate closely followed by the Minister of Community Development, the Hon. B. D. Benn.

GOVERNOR'S GREETING

After a few handshakes they were joined by the three ex-officio members and together they went up to the Council Room where Sir Patrick greeted each one with firm handshakes.

Sir Patrick then administered

the Oath of Office and swore the new Executive to secrecy.

Then for 3½ hours they sat in close confab sorting out the various problems, and getting down to the business of the day.

The *Evening Post* was reliably informed that some of the

Ministers will go into their offices this afternoon.

It is likely that after Tuesday's official opening of the Legislature by the Governor the second meeting of the Executive Council will follow during the middle of next week.



NEW GOVT. INVITES PRINCESS... British Guiana's new Executive Council shortly after being administered the oath of allegiance and the Oath of Office by His Excellency the Governor Sir Patrick Renison, K.C.M.G., yesterday morning unanimously requested the Governor to invite Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret to visit British Guiana in April, 1958 when Her Royal Highness will be in Trinidad to inaugurate the West Indies Federal Legislature. His Excellency has asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies by telegram to convey the invitation. This photo shows the members of the Executive Council (from left to right): Hon. Ram Karran, Minister of Communications and Works, Hon. F. W. Essex, Financial Secretary, Hon. Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Hon. F. D. Jakeway, C.M.G., O.B.E., Chief Secretary, His Excellency the Governor Sir Patrick Renison, K.C.M.G., Hon. Dr. C. B. Jagan, Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. B. H. Benn, Minister of Community Development and Education and the Hon. A. M. I. Austin, Attorney-General.