

# *Sherlock's new book: 'West Indian Story'*

WEST INDIAN STORY, by Mr. Philip M. Sherlock has just been published by Longmans. Mr. Sherlock, the vice-principal of the UCWI, is the author of *Caribbean Citizen*, published by Longmans, Green & Co. in 1957.

This new book sets out to show how the various nations and races of the world have contributed to the formation of a West Indian people. It starts with the discovery of the New World by Columbus, and continues with the coming of the Spaniards to settle in the islands. Then follows the arrival of the Africans as slaves and the British, many of whom came as bond-servants, while the author briefly discusses the crops which brought prosperity to the area.

The overthrow of the slave system, from Toussaint L' Ouverture to emancipation in the British territories, is then recounted and the consequent demand for labour which brought the Chinese and the Indians to the Caribbean.

It is at that point that the story ends, the author being content only to show the origins and the backgrounds of the present generation which is now on the road to independence. The book is illustrated with old prints and modern photographs, including one of the first Prime Minister of the West Indies.

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