

*We have received following information from
the Organizing Committee in*

Central American and Carribean Games

Kingston (Jamaica)

21st February, 1962.

Subject: Change of dates of Games from 21st July - 4th August to 11th - 25th August, 1962.

The Jamaican members of the Organizing Committee of the Ninth Central American and Carribean Games held an Emergency meeting of the Committee from 14 to 16 February 1962.

It coincided with the return of the Jamaican Delegation to the London Conference where it was decided that our Independence under Dominion status will be proclaimed

on 6th August, 1962. Owing to the fact that the dates of the Games had been set from 21st July to 4th August, it was felt that the closing of the Games and the Independence celebrations were too close. Accordingly, the Organizing Committee discussed a change of dates amongst other things.

It was explained that there was a very strong feeling that Jamaica should hold these Games as a dominion rather than under its present status - that of a colony. There were other considerations, such as the possible overcrowding of the City of Kingston

for two big celebrations at practically the same time and the strain of organizing two such very big events where the same people in many instances would be involved in both.

As a result, the meeting unanimously decided that the dates should be delayed by three weeks and commence on Saturday, 11th August, and continue through to Saturday, 25th August, 1962. We therefore wish to officially announce this change of

dates. The programme will not be changed in any other respect whatever.

I would be very grateful if you will pass this information on to the widest possible circle in order that everyone will know of the change of dates.

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