

AT THURSDAY PLENARY SESSION...

ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS AUTONOMY

The THA will discuss the final draft bill for Tobago's autonomy on Thursday (October 27) at the Assembly Legislature, and the public has been invited to witness the session. The document, which outlines Tobago's demands for self-government must be discussed by the house before it is for-

warded to Cabinet for consideration. On October 2, the Forum of Political Parties, which led the autonomy campaign, held its final convention to give Tobagonians one more chance to contribute to the draft bill in some key areas. This included the process for selecting the Chief Secretary, as well as the pro-

posal for a new bi-cameral legislature. Following the convention, the final draft was prepared. Thursday's plenary session will mark the end of almost four years of public debate and consultations, which preceded the drafting of the document. The final draft will be sent to Cabinet by the end of October.

SPORTING BODIES URGED TO SEEK ELITE ATHLETE \$\$

Tobago's sporting organisations are being encouraged to make use of the Lalonde Gordon Fund.

At a stakeholder session held on October 14, aimed at increasing public education and access of the fund, the sporting administrators were told that the fund is meant to provide support for sporting bodies and elite athletes in Tobago.

The session was held at the Scarborough Library Facility.

The fund was established in 2013 to provide support for sport at the elite level. It is managed by a committee chaired by long-time sport administrator Annette Knott.

It also includes Dr. Verne Alleyne, Ronald Duke, Donna Wallace, Annette Lewis-Williams, and THA representative Justin Latapy-George.

Jomo Pitt, Assistant Secretary, in the Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport with direct responsibility for Sport, told the gathering that they must be accountable when receiving funding.

"Reporting is a key element in accessing the fund, and funding is based on the amount of funds available," Pitt said.

The stakeholder session included a presentation on criteria for receiving funding and how the money should be used.

Application forms and how to submit was also addressed at the meeting.



AQUA WARRIORS: Tobago's young swimmers, who competed at the recent Peter Awong Meet in Trinidad. From left, front row, are Timothy Clarke, Jacob Cox, Kaori Robley, and Reyanna Thomas; middle row, Judy Thomas, Nike'lah Boucher, Yunique Wilson, Djimon Wilson, and Zarah Etim; and back row, Jaden Myrie, Dante Williams, Justin Thomas, and Ezekiel Wilson.

TOBAGO SHINES AT 'PETER AWONG' MEET

Young swimmers representing Tobago put on yet another impressive showing, snatching up ten medals at the recent Peter Awong Swim Meet.

Twenty-five swimmers represented Aqua Warriors Swim Club at the meet, which was held on October 9 at St Michael's Swimming Pool in San Fernando, Trinidad.

At the 'Peter Awong' meet, Jacob Cox (Eight and Under Boys), Yunique Wilson (11-12 Girls), and Ezekiel Wilson and Dante Williams (both 13-14 Boys) all medalled in the Compet-

itive Division, with Williams earning bronze, and the other swimmers securing silver.

Kaori Robley (Eight and Under Girls), Jaylon Campbell (Eight and Under Boys), Inez Thomas (11-12 Girls), Nike'lah Boucher (11-12 Girls), Judy Thomas (13 and Over Girls) and Jaden Myrie (13 and Over Boys) got medals in the Non-Competitive Division.

Robley won gold in her Division, while the Thomas girls, as well as Myrie took home silver. Campbell and Boucher each bagged bronze.