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Commission to re-appraise the NSC

THE scope and composition of the National Sports Council will be re-appraised by the Commission of Enquiry into all Major Sports, which will begin their public sittings on Friday at 1.00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

This was revealed by Joe Goddard, a former National Olympic sprinter and a member of the commission at a Press Conference at White Hall on Monday.

At that stage Mr Justice Ralph Narine, the chairman of the Commission had asked Goddard to elaborate on a question put by the Press.

"Yes," said the ex-sprinter now an airline official, "We have a lot of work to do researching the National Sports Council and the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Association.

"We are particularly interested to find out" Goddard said, "whether the formula of administrating sport in Trinidad and Tobago is adequate".

Goddard revealed that certain Government ministries would be involved, for part of their exercise was to work out what was the best approach to subventions.

Discussion

The Commission, he said, would deal generally with the organisation and administration of sport.

A long discussion of whether a Government appointed committee had the power to interfere with the TFOA without transgressing the creed of the World Olympics then followed between Press and the Commission members.

Mr. Justice Narine however explained that his Commission had the power to enquire into sports and make recommendations: his was

a government-appointed commission to serve the public.

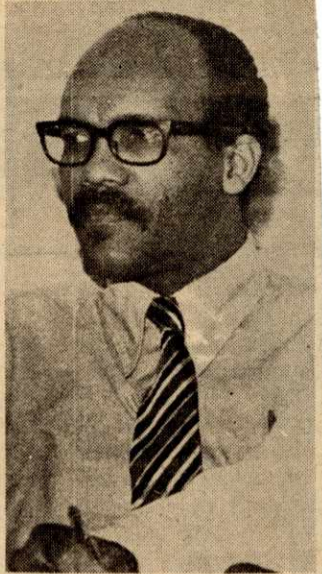
Justice Narine said if he had to call on the TFOA or any such body to give evidence before the commission he would do so. He would not interfere with the TFOA more than: "How things were going? How well? How badly?"

Then discussions reverted to the National Sports Council, at which stage Administrative Officer in the Prime Minister's Office Ainsley Tim Pow, member-secretary of the Commission explained that he would have to go to Cabinet again to extend the NSC's term of office in order to retain its status.

The Administrative secretary said he did so, not as member-secretary of the Commission, but "while I am wearing the other hat."

Justice Narine said that his Commission will be hearing evidence from 50 persons and associations every Friday (1-4 p.m.) and Saturday (9 - a.m. to noon) he planned to wind up the enquiry by the end of June, exactly a year after the commission was set up.

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Sport probe blasts off

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NINE persons have been summoned to give evidence before Mr. Justice Ralph Narine and his government-appointed Commission of Enquiry into Sport at 1 p.m. on Friday.

This opening session, which is expected to be a lively attack on football organisation and administration in Trinidad and Tobago — and how to improve it — will be held at the Assembly Hall, Knox Street, Port of Spain.

The persons, who are to appear before the Commission are those who as individuals have sent in memoranda on football. They are Alvin Corneal, Captain Ralph Brown, Alfred Geyette, Jeremy Williams,

HERE'S how the Commission of Enquiry into Sport plans to do it from now on, Justice Narine, the chairman (centre in coat) tells EXPRESS Sports Editor Bootins Alkins (extreme right). Other members of the Commission in picture at White Hall, yesterday (l to r): Marjorie John, Bertie Thompson, Supt. Lloyd Creed, Neil McCommie and Joe Goddard.

John Alleyene, Anthony Patino, Winston Johnson, Egbert Solomon and Ken Oxley.

The Commission will continue at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the football associations giving evidence — like the TFA, SFA, NAFL etc — who have sent in memoranda.

In that way the associations will be able to answer any criticisms levelled at them by the individuals.

In both instances the sessions will be held

over three hours, Friday's from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday's from 9 a.m. to noon.

All this was revealed to the news media yesterday by Mr. Justice Narine and his Commission at a Press Conference at White Hall.

The Commission will deal with one sport at a time. So far, Mr. Justice Narine said, he had received memoranda from generally on all sports — golf, basketball, netball, body building, weightlifting, lawn tennis and karate.

"Everything that's played we have a memoranda for," Mr. Justice Narine added.

