

Biography Tubal Uriah “Buzz” Butler Tubal Uriah Butler aka Buzz was born on the 21st January 1897 in Bluggo Cottage, Georgetown, Grenada. He is the son of a sexton at St. George’s Anglican that gave him the opportunity to attend the St. George’s Anglican School in Grenada which was quite reputable. He worked voluntarily in the first contingent of the British West India Regiment at the age of seventeen and served in the first world war in Egypt and Palestine. He started the Grenada Representative Government Movement and the Grenada Union of Returned Soldiers. Butler migrated to Trinidad during 1921 where he worked as a pipe-fitter at the Roodal Oil Fields. An injury in 1929 left him with a limp permanently. Mr. Butler was involved in the Moravian Baptist Church in 1922 and was appointed the chief pastor of the church in 1931. During 1935 Butler joined Captain Arthur Andrew Ciparini’s Trinidad Labour Party (TLP) formerly called the Trinidad Workingmen’s Association (TWA). In 1936 he was the leader of The British Empire Workers and Citizens Home Rule Party (BEWCHP). He called a general strike in 1946 which cause a riot during 1947 of the Red House that got him expelled from the Oilfields Works Trade Union (OWTU). He won a seat in 1950 to represent St. Patrick West in the Legeslative Council which he served till 1961. His achievements includes : 1970 He was awarded Trinidad and Tobago’s highest award which is the Trinity Cross for his contribution as a labour leader and reputation as fighter for the people. On June 19th, 1972 marked the anniversary for the Oilfield Workers’ riots of 1937, it was declared a public holiday by Act 19 of 1972 which is now celebrated as Labour Day.