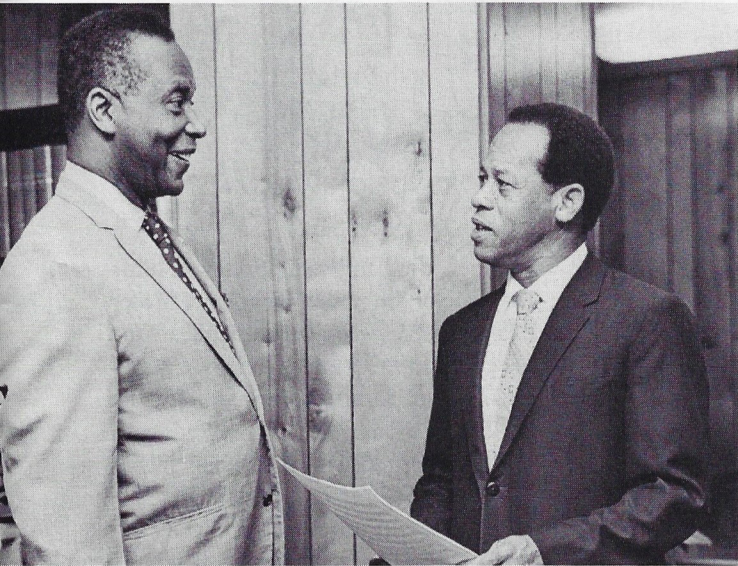


NATIONAL ANTHEM FOR BAHAMAS



MR. TIMOTHY GIBSON, winner of the National Anthem words competition (left) is shown with Hon. Arthur D. Hanna, Minister of Home Affairs.

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs, the Hon. A. D. Hanna, announced in Parliament the new National Anthem for the independent Commonwealth of the Bahama Islands following final clearance by the appropriate authorities in London.

In making the announcement, the Deputy Prime Minister revealed that Mr. Timothy Gibson, a respected citizen, honoured by Her Majesty the Queen for service to his country was the winner of the National Anthem (words) competition. Mr. Gibson submitted as his entry in the competition words and music of a song written by him in 1969.

The Deputy Prime Minister told Parliament that "so appropriate were the words, so well suited was the music that it had been decided that Mr. Gibson's words and music of the song March On Bahamaland be accepted as the future National Anthem for the Bahamas."

Following are the words of the new National Anthem of the Bahamas:

"Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,
March on to glory, your bright banners waving high,
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing
Pledge to excel through love and unity.

Pressing onward, march together, to a common
loftier goal,

Steady sunward, tho the weather hide the wide and
treacherous shoal,

Lift up your head to the rising sun Bahamaland
Til the road you've trod lead unto your God,
March on, Bahamaland."

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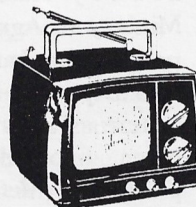
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