

Editorial

FREEPORT: THE MAGIC CITY

Freeport has been called many things, but the most appropriate one which seems to fit is the "MAGIC CITY". She got her name from back in the late 60's when business was booming. It was like a gold rush in this town, so I am told. Everyone could have at least two or more jobs if needed. Money was flowing like water, but like everything else it has a season, and that season ended almost as soon as it started.

Wallace Groves, D. K. Ludwick, and Jack Hayward together built Freeport, some a little more than others, but they did it. They laid the foundations, and she took off like a rocket, but things were going too good for Freeport. So in 1967 The Progressive Liberal Party came to power, and quickly stepped into Freeport to answer the calls out of the wilderness from Bahamian People, crying out that they felt like and in some instances were treated like foreigners in their own home town.

Well, the government in anger stormed into Freeport and laid down the rule. This frightened the people living in Freeport and those which had already invested in Freeport. They fled, only leaving a handful behind. Amongst the handful were the good and the bad, the rich and the survivors.

Many belts had to be tightened after the government tightened up on Freeport. Business didn't just get bad, it just disappeared. The dollar only went from one pocket to the next. No one was interested in investing anymore. Just waiting and surviving. Waiting for the storm to blow over and hoping that things would hurry and get back to normality again.

Well, that waiting for most is now just about over. The storm has cleared, the debris, moved away, and the renovations almost completed. We have survived, and life once more goes on. Cash registers ringing, typewriters clicking, phones buzzing, and people just being themselves, alive and on the move.

There's only one thing you can say for most of the people living in Freeport and that's they are survivors. They have proved themselves to the Bahamas and to the world. There is nothing too big or too small that Freeport can't handle. Most people and businessness in Nassau dislike Freeport for some reason or other and vice verser. Freeport presents a fear to the rest of the Bahamas because we all know that given half the chance, Freeport can do anything. We are a part of the Bahamas, but then again, we are independent. Nassau is like a mother, protecting her young, although it's time for them to look out for themselves. Mom we love you, but at least let us be ourselves. Continue to watch over us and be the mother which you are, but let us grow up to be something you can be proud of.

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