

# Grenadians grab Discovery T.V.

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — Prime Minister Herbert Blaize has confirmed that the Grenada government has reached agreement to acquire the American-owned Discovery Television.

"We are working towards getting a company established so that shares will be sold to the public," Blaize told CANA, "It will be an organisation owned by the government and the public."

Discovery Television, Channel 11, was set up by Boston businessman David McCourt and went on the air in 1986.

Blaize said that Minister of Education George Mcguire had been charged with organising the new company of which government will own 51 per

cent of the shares.

Mcguire told CANA that negotiations with McCourt had been finalised for the purchase of the station for EC\$2 064 000 but "there is a little obstacle which has to be overcome."

"We would prefer to make a public statement next week when everything is in order," he said.

Mcguire said he was not competent to say how the purchase would be financed but government had been looking for assistance "all over the world" and since last April, has had an offer of financing from a British company.

An informed source said on Sunday that technicians from the British firm of International Generics were in Grenada for the purpose of install-

ing relay equipment at various sites to ensure television reception throughout the mountainous three-island state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

The source said the total cost of acquisition of Discovery Television and installation of the relays was likely to exceed EC\$10 million.

According to a press release

issued by McCourt, who operates McCourt Cable Systems in Boston, Discovery has a staff of 21, of which one is an American, one is Trinidadian and 19 are Grenadians.

The release said the station has increased its initial daily on-air time of two hours to the present fifteen hours and the number of television sets in Grenada has jumped from



GEORGE MCGUIRE: promises a statement next week

1 000 four years ago to over 30 000 today.

The relationship between the management of Discovery Television.

## Carriacou schools excel at CXC

HILLSBOROUGH, Carriacou — Richard Cox from Bishop's College created local history when he recorded six passes — all distinctions — from seven subjects in the 1989 CXC/GCE Examinations.

Kester Leggord, Fitzgerald Cudjoe, Godwin Coy and Gerod Cudjoe followed in the honours list of two secondary schools here.

Fitzgerald Cudjoe and Leggord, from

Bishop's College, recorded four passes each from five and four subjects, respectively.

Gerod Cudjoe, with a distinction in History, and Fitzgerald Cudjoe, with a distinction in Agricultural Science, were commended for their excellent performances.

Hillsborough Secondary School (HSS) also did "reasonably well" in the examinations, according to Principal Patrick Compton.