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Cabinet has decided to invite the public of Trinidad and Tobago to submit compositions for a National Anthem for Trinidad and Tobago. The compositions may consist of words only or of words and music. The deadline for submissions has been fixed at July 15, 1962.

An award of a Gold Medal bearing the Arms of Trinidad and Tobago and other suitable inscription together with a prize of \$5,000 in Government Bonds will be made to the person submitting the winning composition.

It was decided that, having regard to the shortness of time if the Anthem is to be produced as soon as possible, in the event of the winning award being composed of words only, a musician of high standing should be commissioned to compose the music for the Anthem.

The competition will be open to West Indians resident abroad but their entries must be received not later than July 15.

The members of the Committee appointed by the Minister of Education to advise on the matter will continue to function in order to organise the competition and to propose for the consideration of Cabinet a panel of Judges for the competition.

The committee comprises:

Dr. C.V. Gocking, Chief Education Officer
(Chairman);

Supt. F.E. Taylor, Director of Music, Trinidad
Police;

Mr. Vernon Evans, Director of Culture;

Mr. Melville Robin, Music Officer;

Senator Olive Walke; and

Mr. Noor Ghany.



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The conditions for the competition for a National Anthem for Trinidad and Tobago have now been determined.

Entries may be submitted in any or all of the three following categories:

- (a) a poem suitable for setting to music;
- (b) a suitable harmonised melody; and
- (c) a complete Anthem of words and suitably harmonised melody.

For each of the first two categories it has been decided that the person submitting the winning entry will be awarded a Gold Medal, bearing the Arms of Trinidad and Tobago and other suitable inscription, together with a prize of \$3,000 in Government Bonds.

For the third category, namely, a complete anthem of words and suitably harmonised melody, there will be for the winning entry an award of a Gold Medal, bearing the Arms of Trinidad and Tobago and other suitable inscription, together with a prize of \$5,000 in Government Bonds.

Closing date for submitting entries will be 15th July, 1962, and must be addressed to the Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education and Culture, Hayes Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies, marked on the outside of the envelope "National Anthem Competition."

To ensure that all entries will be judged anonymously by the panel of judges, competitors are requested not to affix their names and addresses to their manuscripts, but should instead supply this information clearly and fully on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the entry.

It has been decided that all copyrights and performance rights of the winning entries will be vested in the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.
