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The British Colonies in the West Indies

Stock#: 65475
Map Maker: Cons
Date: 1942 circa
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 30 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating pictorial map of the West Indies, "Prepared and Published By Pictorial Charts In Consultation With G.J. Cons, MA. . . ."

This informative pictorial map was prepared primarily to illustrate the agricultural production of the British West Indies. The graphics provide a fascinating period glimpse at British exploitation of the her colonies.

At the bottom, under the heading Planning For the Future, The virtues of the Anglo-American Commission, Caribbean Research Council and West Indian Conference are suggested with graphic vignettes, with a note



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the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission was formed in 1942 to deal with the economic and social problems of the British and American colonies in the West Indies from a regional rather than a local standpoint.

The map was issued following the British and Americans entering into the Atlantic Charter. This was partly to show a kind of solidarity between fellow democracies but had clauses which would significantly impact political and economic events in the Caribbean. One clause stated that all people had a right to self-determination and a second clause effectively gave American companies access to British imperial markets.

The Americans were invited to form an Anglo-American Caribbean Commission from 1942 to re-examine the social situation in the light of the war getting in the way of the recommendations of the Royal Commission. America was increasing its influence over Britain's Caribbean colonies without taking on any of the burdens or responsibilities of governance. They were also gaining the market penetration and access they sought for companies like the American United Fruit Company or the Aluminum Company of America.

Rarity

The map is apparently unrecorded.

Detailed Condition: