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## L'Argent

*“L'argent, tu n'en connais pas la valeur,” dit Topaz à son ancien collègue Tamise de la Pension Muche qui est venu lui rendre visite à son nouveau bureau “Mais ouvre donc les yeux, Regarde la vie...”*



*L'argent peut tout, il fait tout,  
Il donne tout ...  
C'est la force qui gouverne le monde.*

En ces quelques mots, Marcel Pagnol, l'auteur de Topaz a tout dit sur le pouvoir de l'argent et son influence sur notre vie.

**L'argent peut tout.**

L'argent est puissant. “L'argent ne fait pas le bonheur mais tout le monde veut l'avoir,” dit Marcel Pagnol plus loin dans son texte. Dans un de ses manuels scolaires, Claude Augé qualifie l'argent de “scélérat.” Et dans le nouveau Testament on lit “the love of money is the root of all evil”. Mais il n'est pas dit que l'argent lui-même “is evil”. The ABBA girls, Agnetha and Anni-Frid (Frida) sing Money, Money, Money, Always sunny in the rich man's world.

When the British representative went to India and China to induce these two countries to buy the British engines to propel their aircraft in construction, it was reported that he took with him bagloads of money. The BBC commentator reporting the circumstance thereafter said “money is the oil that lubricates the machinery of governments.” **P.C.**

## The Destruction of Palestine

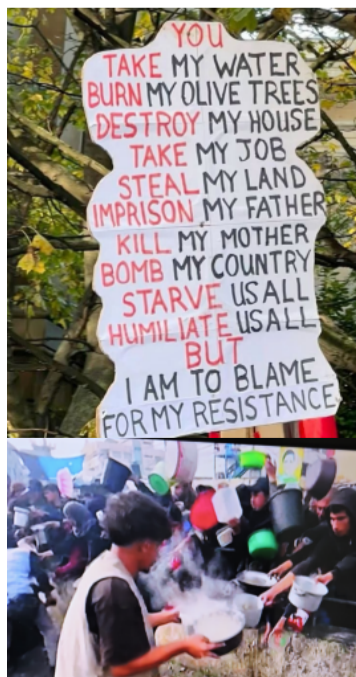
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## The Holocaust Revisited

### The Final Solution

The Final Solution was the Nazi's attempt to finish off the Jews. Hitler failed because he had America and Europe against him. Netanyahu is succeeding to finish off the Palestinians because America, Britain, and the European Union are behind him. Hitler needed lebensraum, so he killed and killed. Netanyahu needs lebensraum, so he kills and kills.

**K. Lingum**



*This was a Palestinian beach. The photo is from 1944, when Israel still didn't exist...*



# The Rodrigues Newsletter

*From Paul Draper,  
Port Mathurin*



April/May 2024

Already May is at the doorstep and this is my first NEWS Letter for 2024.

We have entered 2024 in a rather timid fashion here at care-Co and the GPL School, without a great deal of NEW news to share.

We have been treading carefully into the New Year and looking ahead to events later on rather than in the immediate.

The children and staff of the GPL School were all here and present at the start of the new year term in January.

Improvements have been made to the Canteen and food store, and new equipment purchased.

The play garden and rear area of the building funded by Messrs. Emtel have received their final touches to their improvements and are now ready for use.

In order to take us through a replanning of our School management, Susan Auguste has returned on a part time basis and Orlando is also attending on a part time basis until the process of management and director re-structuring is completed.

The school functions well and it is a delight to see the children arriving each day, some by their own means and others on mini busses.

The Islands Chief Commissioner Mr. Johnson Roussety and Mrs. Christelle Grandcourt his Head of Department in charge of Education matters, visited the GPL Centre in March and took note of the work we are doing and promised to move forward in providing more disability-oriented training opportunities for our teachers

Some of the children in the GPL Centre are now quite grown up and it is always stimulating to see them taking part more and more in the learning and play and games sessions, and helping each other despite their various disabilities. Some of the older ones have now graduated to other groups on the island that arrange their participation in Sport for the disabled events and even to compete in overseas tournaments.

## General & Care-Co

The island has not fully returned to the pre-covid overseas visitors' numbers, or so it seems.

It appears that the number of visitors coming from Mauritius for holiday breaks in Rodrigues has been maintained OR even increased judging from the reports of our Shop's staff.

As we now have our Prizewinning Honey on sale again, thanks to the efforts

of Charles and the beekeepers, our shops have once again been targeted as worth visiting by visitors from overseas and those who have been consulting their guide books before coming, and see Care-Co as THE place to get guaranteed top quality honey and crafts.

We had the pleasure and honor of a visit from H.E. Mr. Oskar Benedikt who is the Head of Delegation of the EU Delegation to Mauritius. He was interested to see the work being done here at Care-Co. in providing skills and training and full-time paid employment to people with disabilities in the Care-Co Workshop. He met all of the workers and then we discussed with him the joint participation of Care-Co in the ENSAMN Project which is funded by the EU through the Italian Ngo's FELCOS and CESAR.

This project which includes support and development of Women's Small Enterprise groups in Rodrigues as well as Ecological projects and beekeeping and the involvement of vulnerable groups and people with disabilities.

The various stages of this three-year project are about to start, and Care-Co will be involved.

We are planning to have a GPL & Care-Co Open Day in August to celebrate various milestones in our history.

More news in the next NEWS.

Oh! And I nearly forgot!

The Christmas Quiz! The results....

The Seaside shop is to found at Flic en Flac Mauritius.

The Restaurant at Grand Bay Mauritius

The 'Twin Tours' bus is on the roads in RODRIGUES

The Service Station sign is near Port Louis Mauritius

Thanks to those who bothered to take part – no list of winners (or losers!)

I once again apologize for maintaining contact by printed NEWS, but promise to reply immediately to your emails.

## Paul

## The National Award

The National Award for the conferment of the **GRAND COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE STAR AND KEY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN (G.C.S.K.)** to well-known linguist, playwright, novel and poem writer, and fervent advocate of the Mauritian Creole, late Narendraj Virah Sawmy also known as Dev Virahsawmy, was handed over at the State House in Réduit, to her spouse, Mrs Loga Virah Sawmy, by the President of the Repub-

lic of Mauritius, Mr Prithvirajsing Roopun. Mr Virah Sawmy, former Member of Parliament, passed away on 07 November 2023 at the age of 81. On the occasion of National Day 2024, and on the advice of the Prime Minister, President Roopun conferred the highest distinction of the Republic of Mauritius to Mr Virah Sawmy for his valuable contribution in the field of education, particularly in the promotion of the Mauritian Creole language and literature.

Several personalities were also conferred the

National Awards for the crucial role they played in their chosen field or area of expertise today. Hence, the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, Mr Harvesh Kumar Seegolam, was presented the **GRAND COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE STAR AND KEY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN (G.C.S.K.)** award for his valuable contribution in the banking sector.

Moreover, the **GRAND OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE STAR AND KEY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN (G.O.S.K.)** awards were presented to Mr Arnaud Martin for his significant efforts in the tourism sector.

# CAN MAURITIUS TAKE HOME A MEDAL IN BOXING AT THE 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES?

Commonwealth Games Medallist Kennedy St Pierre is the island's Hopeful Veteran Louis Richarno Colin could also be a winner



By Yvonne Persand-Goder

In 1930, the first Commonwealth Games were held with Boxing being an integral part of the competition. Today, 72 Commonwealth Games Associations from the 56 countries making up the Commonwealth of Nations participate in this multi-sport event. The Games have successfully been organised in a host country every 4 years with the exception of 1942 and 1946 due to World War II.

Mauritius has participated in 16 Commonwealth Games since 1958, only missing the 1986 ones. The island won no medals for the next seven games from its first participation. But its popularity in these championships grew since winning four medals in 1998 at the Kuala Lumpur games: 3 in boxing (Gold for Richard Sunee, Silver for Michael Macaque and Bronze for Giovanni Frontin) A Bronze in Pole Vaulting was taken by Jean-Kersley Gardenne.

Mauritius has so far won a total of 18 Commonwealth Games medals with 9 achieved in Boxing. The last Boxing medal was a Silver won by Louis Richarno Colin at the Birmingham Games in 2022. He previously won a Bronze in 2010.

Mauritius is now well entrenched in the Commonwealth Games. Of the 5 medals the country scooped at the 2022 Birmingham Games, 3 were for Judo, a growing winning discipline as well.

## Mauritian boxers of note

It is worth noting that Bruno Julie was awarded Silver at the Commonwealth Games in 2006 (Melbourne) and Bronze in 2010 (Delhi) in Boxing. He made history by taking Bronze at Beijing Olympics in 2008. This is Mauritius' only Olympic medal.

Kennedy St Pierre aged 30 won a Silver at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. A four-times Games medallist, he almost obtained a heavyweight Olympic medal in 2016 at Rio de Janeiro but narrowly lost in the quarter-finals to Vassiliy Levit from Kazakhstan who won Silver.

Kennedy St Pierre still has age on his side. We hope he will win Mauritius' second Olympic medal. Colin is also hoping to compete in Paris 2024 Olympic Games taking place between the 26th July until 11th August 2024. We wish them both the best of luck.

It is worth stating that it is through Boxing that Mauritius has been able to make a name for itself in international sporting events. Moreover, it has been said that the Mauritian boxing elements are the best amidst the African nations.

## Score Board : Mauritius Boxing Champions in the Commonwealth Games (9 medals)-

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| 1. 1998- Gold medallist Richard Sunee (flyweight) born in 1966.                     | born in 1978.  |
| 2. 1998- Silver medallist (Louis) Michael Macaque (super heavyweight) born in 1974. | 6. 2010- Bronze medallist Bruno Julie (Bantamweight)                                   |
| 3. 1998- Bronze medallist Giovanni Michael Frontin (lightweight) born in 1977.      | 7. 2010- Bronze medallist Louis Richarno Colin (welterweight) born in 1987.            |
| 4. 2006- Silver medallist Giovanni Michael Frontin (lightweight)                    | 8. 2014- Silver medallist (Joseph) Kennedy St Pierre (light heavyweight) born in 1992. |
| 5. 2006- Silver medallist (Louis Richard) Bruno Julie (Bantamweight)                | 9. 2022- Silver medallist Louis Richarno Colin (welterweight)                          |



*Potential Paris 2024 Olympic Games medalist Kennedy St Pierre who won Silver at the 2014 Commonwealth Games*

**MBC**  
**Daily Saying**

**The first step to success is to believe.**  
**Believe in life. Believe in your dreams.**  
**Believe in miracles. Believe it's possible.**  
**Believe in friendship. Believe in peace.**  
**Believe in love. Believe in yourself.**