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For over a year now the "Bulletin" published by the Caribbean Research Institute as a medium of information about what we are attempting to do ceased to come out due to our being under-staffed. At the beginning of the 1977-78 school year we decided to resuscitate it since it was becoming obvious that the community was interested in our efforts and was anxious to obtain information from the Institute.

COVICRIER (College of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Research Institute Excerptor) will, we expect, be published as a Quarterly "News-letter". It is hoped that it will serve the purpose intended and that the community, with facts in hand, will be able to give us the support desired.

Norwell Harrigan
Director

THE SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTER (SRC)

SOCIETAL CHARACTERISTICS

the process.

Using a framework earlier developed by Norwell Harrigan describing the characteristics of this society-dubbed 'Raran' by Harrigan (meaning dwarfed) - Dr. Jerome McElroy, Senior Research Associate, is putting the economist's interpretation on them and introducing some rigor in

STUDY OF CONSUMER PATTERNS

Virgin Islands and should prove useful to government agencies, businesses and interested persons.

Phase I of a study of consumer patterns in the Virgin Islands has been completed and is being prepared for publication. This section deals with St. Thomas; phase II will be concerned with St. Croix. The study is intended to provide an indication of cost of living indices in the

**CRI PUBLICATIONS
COMMITTEE MEET**

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Social Research Center

**SRC COORDINATOR
IN TOKYO**

Institute was represented at this meeting by Dr. Jones-Hendrickson who chaired a panel on "The Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Context of Economic Development".

September 7th thru 13th were the dates of the 37th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance held this year in Tokyo, Japan. The

seminar at the V.I. Hotel on September 23rd and

**SEMINAR ON
ECONOMIC POLICY**

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Water Resources Research Center

**SOLAR ROOF STILL
NEARS COMPLETION**

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Ecological Research Center

**LAND CRAB STUDY
COMPLETED**

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TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT,
SHARK - THAT IS!

is now being prepared for printing. "Shark as a potential fishery resource for the Caribbean," is the subject of a report completed in September by the ERC Director and the report describes the life history and potential available resources for the Caribbean in regards to shark fishing. The study describes the market and production problems.

WATER QUALITY STUDIES
COMPLETED

A "Study of the Effects of Run-Off on Water Quality in Two Tropical Bays" was also completed during this quarter by Mr. Tom Purcell. This effort kept track for two years of rainfall, fresh water run-off volume, water chemistry and the growth of plankton in the bays. It was found that a) the near-shore or on-shore salt ponds, mangroves, etc. greatly effect the quality of run-off water and protect the bays, b) there appears to be a second order connecticn between the runoff and local fisheries.

Outreach Activities

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
MEET IN ST. CROIX

The Caribbean Council of Churches held a meeting on September 17th and 18th on St. Croix, U.S.V.I. and had as its theme, "The Role of the Church in the U.S.V.I. and St. Maarten". Dr. Jones-Hendrickson was an invited guest at the meeting which included clergy and lay people from St. Croix and St. Maarten. He spoke on the role of the church from an economic and social standpoint in the U.S.V.I. and St. Maarten.