

Barbados model for St. Vincent project

During March, Mr. Peter Helgren, the U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in charge of establishing a market information service in St. Vincent visited Barbados for discussions with the Barbados Marketing Corporation — Barbados Agricultural Statistical Information Service (BMC-BASIS) staff.

The St. Vincent market information service began operation in January this year, having been stimulated by the BMC-BASIS initiative in Barbados. During his visit, Mr. Helgren familiarised himself with all aspects of BASIS work-surveys, compilation of tables, writing reports and assembling and distributing information. comes for farmers, and a

information on market conditions in extra-regional countries and non Caricom regional countries and ad hoc research assignments for specific clients. In essence, the ob-

jective of a regional production and marketing information system would be to increase opportunities for, and reduce the risk involved in, trading activities, specifically to allow middlemen to identify and act upon opportunities to reallocate supplies within and outside the region and through trade.

Within the region the agricultural sector model has been recognised as one worthy of emulation. The development of a workable food strategy can therefore be for the Caribbean seen as being beneficial to community.

Irrigation coming for small farmers

ON April 10, an important landmark was reached in the implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Project (IRDP). A ground breaking ceremony for the inauguration of a comprehensive cultivation scheme has also gone into operation and has provided a service on over 400 acres. Considerable effort has also been devoted to marketing activities, in collaboration with other



Pictured above is Peace Corps volunteer Mr. Peter Helgren and some of the BASIS staff examining a farmer's crop of cabbages. Left to right are Dr. Michael Griffin, Ms. Cynthia Scott, Mr. Peter Helgren, Cheryl Alleyne and Mr. Mel Johnson.

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