

# Where was the Eco gang?

## *This is serious monkey business*

**Belize City, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001**

A recent visit to Monkey River by NEMO Officials and Senior Minister George Price has proven that, that area, once a haven for howler monkeys is now devastated. Devastated to such an extent whereby all the food supply and natural habitat have been destroyed for the monkeys of Monkey River and these creatures now face an uncertain, hungry future.

Logically, when catastrophe strikes, it does not discriminate. In other words, both man and animals under the path of the catastrophe will bear the consequences. The Monkey River case speaks for itself. Discovered in the village by Senior Minister Price and the NEMO Officials were a colony of 300 hungry monkeys begging for food on the side of the road.

Sympathetic to the monkeys' cause, Senior Minister Price and the NEMO Officials came to their rescue. The NEMO not only assisted the human residents of Monkey River rebuild their lives but also assisted the simian population of Monkey River get through the hard times that followed in the wake of Iris. Truckloads of food for the monkeys were delivered instantly to the area. The big question is, nevertheless, why don't the so-called "nature sensitive" group lead by Sharon and her NRDC (Natural Resource Defense Council) cronies do something besides whining on and on about Chalillo? Where were Sharon, Meb and the NRDC eco-gang when the monkeys were in dire need? The simians in Monkey River were starving. Those furry critters needed Sharon and

Meb's international connections and finances, but didn't receive one banana in aid from them. Conversely the government that the not-so enlightened eco-crew perpetually accuses of being insensitive to wildlife came to the rescue of the wildlife.

On one hand Shar-Meb-NRDC pur-

sue a vicious campaign of bad-mouthing Belize in the international media as being anti-wildlife, while on the other hand when their help could mean the difference between life and death for a whole colony of monkeys they're nowhere to be found. Actions speak louder than words. The ac-

tions of Senior Minister George Price and the NEMO personnel speak volumes about the GOB actively caring about nature and wildlife. The non-actions of Sharon, Meb and NRDC speak volumes about their all-mouth hypocrisy.

Nuff said.

## *New Building, Musical & Sporting Equipment For St. Michael's College*

**07 November, 2001 - Belmopan**

A new building for St. Michael's College was inaugurated this afternoon during brief ceremonies in Belize City.

The 4-classroom building will accommodate 120 students.

Guest speakers at this afternoon's dedication and inauguration included Prime Minister Said Musa, Education Minister Cordel Hyde and Minister of Hous-

ing Richard "Dickie" Bradley and the Ambassador of Taiwan Mr. Charles Tsai.

In his address Minister Hyde encouraged the students to stay focused on obtaining a good education.

Minister Bradley told the gathering that "education is an important investment" and that the new St. Michael's College building is a foundation to invest in our Belizean youth.

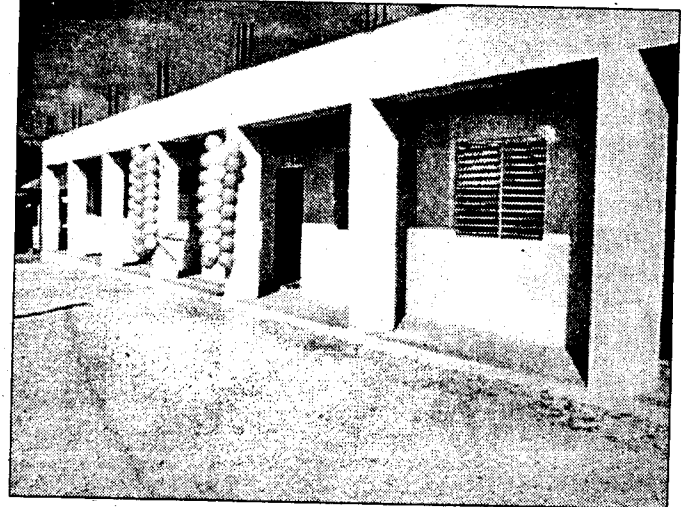
Also during this afternoon's ceremonies, Ambassador Tsai handed over a donation of musical and sporting equipments to the students of the College.

Among the donation were 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, 3 alto-horns, 2 Volleyballs, 2 basketballs and 2 footballs.

The new St. Michael's College building was blessed by Father Noel Leslie.



*New music & sporting equipment from ambassador Charles Tsai*



*Spankin' new classrooms at St. Michael's*