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Je souhaite que l'intérêt des communications ici réunies, qui, pour la plupart, demeure au delà de l'année de leur présentation, compense ces défauts et ravive, si besoin est, la croyance de tous à l'utilité de la Caribbean Food Crops Society pour les chercheurs, les agriculteurs dynamiques et les responsables de l'évolution agricole du Monde Caraïbe.

L.M. DEGRAS
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FORWORD

The members of the Caribbean Food Crops Society have been informed of the accidental difficulties which account for the important delay in the publication of these Proceedings. At the XVth and XVIth Meetings, in Surinam and in Santo Domingo, they remain confident, and the Board of Officers of the Society could add its financial contribution to those of the donators mentioned elsewhere and to the INRA one which had been essential.

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I wish that the interest of the papers we gathered here, which, for most of them, goes far beyond their year of presentation, balances these defects and invigorates if needed, the belief of all in the benefit of the Caribbean Food Crops Society for the research workers, the dynamic farmers and responsible authorities in the agricultural evolution of the Caribbean World.

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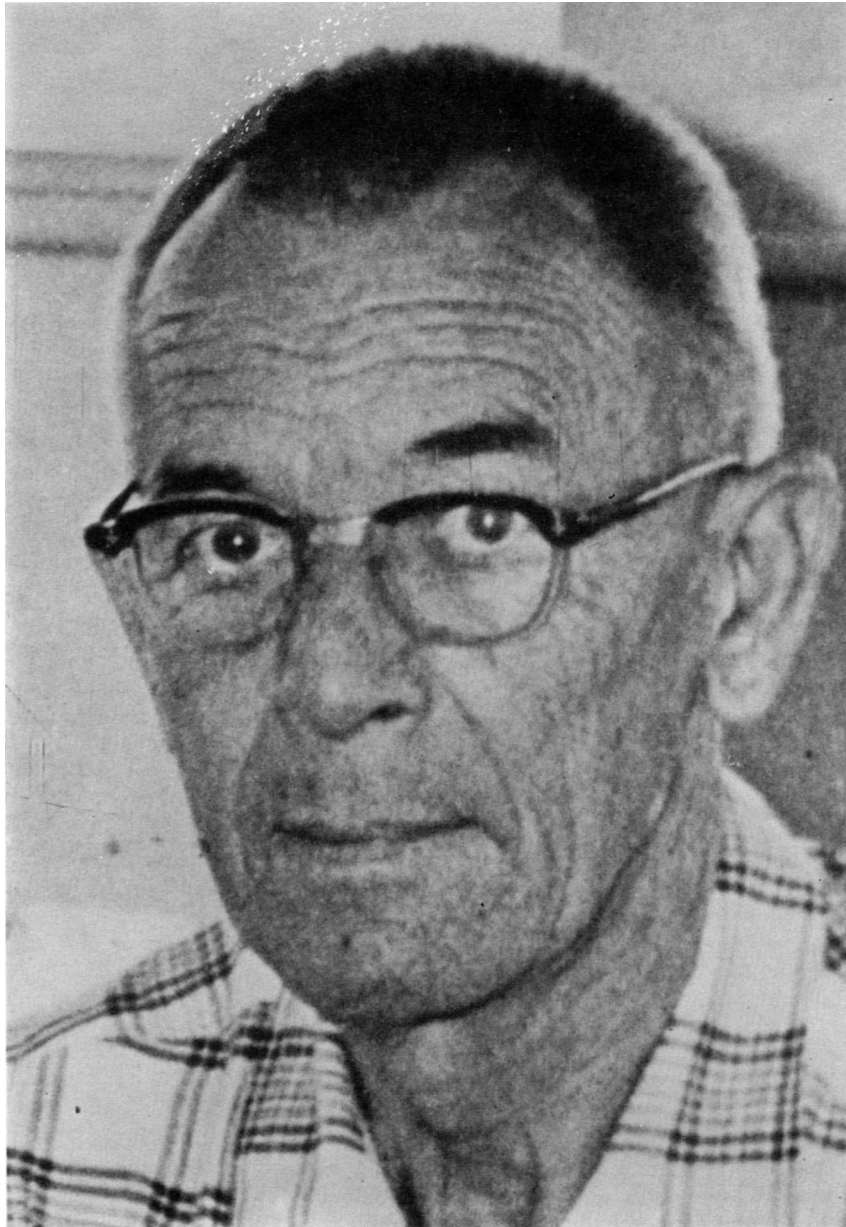
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From a photograph taken in Barbados, Oct., 1964*

Richard M. Bond 1903-1976

George C. Jackson °

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The above item, taken from American Men of Science (1951, 1969, 1970), regrettably, needs only one more entry to be complete ; died September 25, 1976. It should also be noted that he was an American School of Prehistoric Research Scholar, and a Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Fellow. Member of : The Society of Sigma Xi, The New York Academy of Sciences, The American Institute of Biological Sciences, The Soil Conservation Society and The Range Management Society.

We who live in the Caribbean remember Dr. Richard M. Bond for much more than can ever be included in such a brief but complete *curriculum vitae*. He was an ecologist, long before it became a household word, constantly aware of, and oriented to the environment about us. He was a man who resisted the change of the of the land. Richard was responsible, directly or indirectly in stimulating the interest that has saved or restored many of the Historical landmarks in the Virgin Islands.

During his tenure with the Virgin Islands Corporation, he was instrumental in the initiation of the present activities of the U.S. Forestry Service, which has resulted in many of acres of mahogany and other tree species that grace the landscape of the Virgin Islands today.

(°) Associate Horticulturist, Agricultural Experiment Station, Univ. of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, Rio Piedras, P.R.

Dr. Bond's interest in botany was varied. His adeptness at orchid growing commanded the respect of fellow orchidists, and he was considered a foremost authority both at home and abroad. He was a staunch supporter for the establishment of the Botanical Gardens in the Virgin Islands.

As Officer-in-Charge of the V.I. Agricultural Program, he and his staff were responsible for the introduction of many excellent tropical fruit varieties, new & improved vegetables, forage & pasture grasses, sugar cane, and the establishment of one of the most comprehensive root crop collections in the Caribbean at that time.

Richard Bond was a founding member, and Chairman of the committee that established the Caribbean Food Crops Society. At this same meeting he was elected its first President. He was active in the Society affairs for many years, always avoiding the limelight, offering sound counsel, and making numerous contributions towards its present development. (°°)

Dr Bond was ordained to the Ministry of Priest in the Anglican Church.

After his retirement as a public servant, he remained active as an independent consultant, and continued to render invaluable service to the Industrial and Scientific communities.

He was a Research Associate at the Caribbean Research Institute, The College of the Virgin Islands, where he had also taught courses on the History of the Virgin Islands, History of the Caribbean ; lectured and held seminars on Human Genetics, West Indian Geology and Horticulture.

His work had taken him to many places, to name a few : Barbados, Curacao, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Venezuela, St. Vincent, Saba and Montserrat. His last job took him to the South Pacific, where he was a land management consultant on a five man team. There he became so ill, that he had to retire from the expedition and return to San Francisco, Calif. When well enough to travel again, he returned to St. Croix. His health continued to fail him for some time, and finally he had to be hospitalized. A week later Dick passed away on a Saturday morning at the Charles Harwood Hospital in Christianstead, and he lies buried in the Family Cemetery at his beloved Estate Bellvue.

(°°) The establishment of the Caribbean Food Crops Society took place during the morning of May 3, 1963, at the Central Secretariat of the Caribbean Organization, Hato Rey, P.R. Listed alphabetically the twelve founding members are : Francisco Aponte Aponte, Carlos Aponte Moran, Hassan Azzam, Richard M. Bond, Carlos D. Acosta Colorado, C.P. Erskine-Lindrop, A. Dek. Frampton, Miguel A. Gonzalez Flores, G.C. L. Gordon, Arnold Krochmal, Jorge Mejia Mattei, and Hugh C. Miller. Others present were : The Secretary-General, Mr. C.F. Beauregard, and Mr. A.J. Seymour.

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