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TUBAL URIAH 'BUZZ' BUTLER

Tubal Uriah Butler was born on January 21st 1897 in Bluggo Cottage, Georgetown, Grenada. He is credited as the founding father of the trade union movement in Trinidad and Tobago and his contributions are recognized each year, with a national holiday known as Labour Day on June 19th.

Butler is the recipient of the 'The Trinity Cross' for his contribution as a labour leader and is reputed as a fighter for the people. In his early years he worked as a pipe-fitter at the Roodal Oil fields.

In 1922- 1931 he became involved in the Moravian Baptist Church and became the Church's chief pastor.

He was the organiser of the sit down strike which became the catalyst for future labour movements. Butler died on 20th February 1977 and 'The Uriah Butler Highway' in his honour.