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ARTHUR ANDREW CIPRIANI

Arthur Andrew Cipriani was born in Port of Spain and was the son of a Corsican immigrant. He first came to notice at the outbreak of World War 1 when he was involved with recruiting soldiers for the fighting front. He was subsequently made Captain in the British West India Regiment and left for the front in 1917.

In the years 1919-1920, Cipriani took interest in the ex soldiers who found themselves neglected and fought to help them have better lives. During a labour dispute on the Port of Spain, Cipriani called on the workers to withhold their labour and was a pioneer in self government and anti-colonialism.

He formed the Trinidad and Tobago Labour Party and was a mayor of the city of Port of Spain. A statue in his memory can be found at the intersection of Marine Square (now Independence Square) and Frederick Street.