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ALBERT MARIA GOMES

Albert Gomes was born on March 26, 1911 and was major activist for equal rights in Trinidad and Tobago. He was a City Councilor and Legislator who fought for social and political justice for the people of Trinidad.

Gomes was an avid supporter of the literary and visual arts. In 1931 he founded the magazine "The Beacon" which provided a forum for well known figures such as C.L.R. James, Earl Lovelace, Merle Hodge and many others from Trinidad and Tobago.

After the labour riots of 1937, Gomes wanted to help the people fight for equal rights against the Colonial society. In 1944, he became known as one of the most unrestrained and dynamic members of the City Council.

His many clashes and outbursts at the City Council meetings were always related to the welfare of the workers. In February 1962, he left Trinidad to reside in England and passed away in that country in January 1978.