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Is a Chief Minister needed?

The Constitutional Report tabled in the Legislative Assembly last week proposes sweeping changes to the architecture of local government — among them the appointment of a Chief Minister. The New Caymanian this week posed the question: Would you welcome the appointment of a Chief Minister?



David Robinson, taxi driver, Bodden Town

This island don't call for no 'big boy' yet. Twelve men in the House do fine. Things are going alright; maybe down the road, but not now.



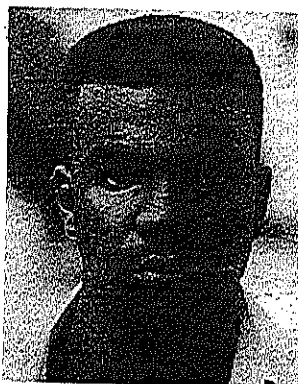
Jan Andrejak, legal assistant, South Sound

It will be a good move if it will somehow hasten the operation of government. The Legislative Assembly drags on forever. A powerful figure might get things going.



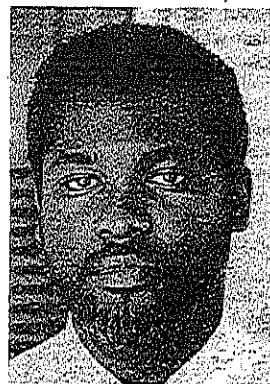
Norbert Hill, Trust Manager

I'm not totally against it. One person with a lot of power won't necessarily be a negative, but I prefer government as it is. I'll say this, the members of the Legislative Assembly should give more serious mind to business at hand.



Edric Brooks, Cayman Islands High School student, Breakers

One man with such power might get out of control. The government is doing fine. There's no need for change.



Claude Myles, businessman, Savannah

The time is right. The Constitution is ready to be advanced. Such a move must be done with care, however. We must not jump right into it.



Nelly Ebanks, salesperson, West Bay

Cayman is ready. A Caymanian Chief Minister is needed. It would make the government run better, but it should not be taken as a move towards independence.