

The world is in a mess!

On several occasions, I have mentioned throughout these pages that there is not a person in the world who knows it all. What we do have, is our personal experience in life. To have knowledge about an existing thing, situation, we have to investigate, and we have to read a lot and listen to the opinions of many. There are people who are dedicated to analyzing history or events, both past and present. They seek, through this, to prophesy about what the future may be, but no one knows for sure what tomorrow is going to be. At the end of 2019, a virus that we all know by the name Coronavirus appeared. It was something new; we know where it came from, but we don't know who developed it or how it was developed. Many give their theory, but no one has the truth, and that truth we will never get to know. We will have to learn

to live with this virus, like many others.

The world turned upside down. Many countries invested, those who had funds to invest, and most of the countries, like Third World or developing countries, got into debt. Many people have died and continue to die. Many vaccines came out. There were those who wanted the vaccine to be free for all the inhabitants of the world, but the Western countries didn't want that. What they wanted to have was their own, which could be marketed for the benefit of the pharmaceutical corporations. Here we can see a big difference between the way of thinking of the Western alliance and the thinking of other countries, such as China and Russia, that are now in a conflict with the West that seems to be global.

There are those who have predicted a third world war. We know that what there

is, is an economic war which has been going on for a long time. The Coronavirus left us naked and left us begging, because we were not prepared. In a conversation I had with a friend who has a Master's degree in economics, he told me that capitalism is not a bad thing, that it is a good thing. The bad thing is the corruption of the leaders of the countries. The truth is that I had to remain silent, because he would be absolutely right. The corruption of political and religious leaders, in general, all of them, are corrupt; and that has caused our people to be in poverty. Large corporations are also corrupt and have taken advantage of the weakest due to their power. They have bled us dry and robbed us and continue to bleed us dry and rob us. Something

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that is not going to stop right now. Possibly a third world war could see a new world order—a more egalitarian one, one where the working class and the producers of goods, are paid what is rightfully theirs.

We can see right now in Europe, Europe does not produce; it still needs what we produce, and it has always been like that. They need the grain from Russia, they need the gas from Russia and they have to pay for it in rubles, in Russian money, so Vladimir Putin put a price of 5 thousand rubles for an ounce of gold, and there we can see how the petro-dollar that was so powerful is falling. They have been investing in supporting Ukraine in a senseless war which many have predicted will be global, that is, a bloody war, not only economic, bloody. It has not been declared yet; the coin is in the air, but the actions are showing that it is. The curious thing about this is that many of the countries that are members of NATO, like in the case of the majority of the European countries who depend on gas, grains and many other material goods, are suffering the consequences of the sanctions that were imposed on the producer, Russia. It is easy to destabilise the enemies of Russia by simply not supplying them with what they need, such as turning off the gas tap—and they would die of cold; simply stop selling them grain, and that's it: they have nothing to eat or to feed their animals.

As for its leaders, we hope that it never happens. Russia has a bomb which is called Poseidon that in 12 minutes can either destroy Miami, Washington or Los Angeles, and they will not be able to stop it. One of those bombs could fall on Great Britain and wipe out all of Europe. It wipes out in the sense that people are going to die. But there is another interesting matter which is the People's Republic of China that for years has been saying that Taiwan belongs to them, but Taiwan has asserted its independence, okay, but for that those other dominant countries would have to give up the countries that they have under their control, like the Falkland Islands, or Puerto Rico, and we could continue the list. It's a never-ending song, but watch out, as Taiwan is known as the number one producer of a CHIP that is used in electronic products, such as iPhones, computers, and cars, etc. Without that CHIP, the communication system, the entire internet system, will go down. We would be going about 30 years behind. That's how big this is.

The idea of globalization, the idea of a single country that dominates the whole world, a single law, a single God is impossible. That is the dream that the United States and NATO have had, including Canada, of course. That is impossible because each region has its history and its culture; each region has its

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NOTICE

Electro Mechanic

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Mechanic/Electrical Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity both males/females, able/ differently abled are encouraged to apply for the available post.

Reports to: Technical Manager

Summary of Responsibilities: Electro mechanical technicians are competent in combining mechanical technology with knowledge of electrical and electronic circuits. It includes applying the principles and theories of electronics to the mechanical systems. They utilize their knowledge to devise, test, maintain and repair the any and all electro-mechanical component and machines. The main purpose of the role is to undertake maintenance, repairs and installation to upgrade, maintain and commission mechanical and electrical installations for all Port of Belize equipment and auxiliary systems within the compound..

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintains releases and assists in developing electrical/mechanical drawings, systems designs or engineering documentation and data, by applying Company, industry and governmental standards.
- Read blueprints, schematics, and diagrams to determine the method and sequence of assembly of a part, machine, or piece of equipment.
- Perform corrective, preventative and predictive maintenance on all equipment in regards to both electrical and mechanical.
- Independently performs set up and testing of digital and power electronics hardware.
- Responsible for troubleshooting and documenting test failures.
- Using design tools and prepares documentation and incorporates basic design changes.
- Creates, develops and maintains elementary systems designs.
- Supports engineering system design and functionality validation activities.
- Troubleshoot, maintain and install Mechanical, Electrical (PLC's), Pneumatic, and Hydraulic systems to provide maximum percentage of uptime possible.
- Supports the development and maintenance of moderately-complex product installation designs and part designs.
- Ensuring all maintenance and installation work is carried out cost effectively, safely and to the highest standard.
- Diagnosing, overseeing and rectifying electrical, electronic and mechanical faults on the port's container handling equipment as well as maintaining the crane lift assemblies, including routine inspection and testing on boat systems.
- Diagnosing, rectifying and repairing faults on the control and instrumentation and utility equipment including electrical control and distribution systems up to and including 440 volts on the port's compound, and handling equipment such as Container Stackers, Tractors, and other equipment within the Port compound include non-lifting light motor vehicles and boats.
- Ensuring compliance to all policies, procedures, standard operating practices with recommendations for action and continuous improvements.
- Maintaining the mobile elevating work platforms and other associated personnel carrying apparatus such as forklifts and man lifts.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

- Associates' degree in Electronics or Post -Secondary Technical Degree with over 5 years of experience in Electrical and Mechanical Marine and Heavy Equipment Repairs.
- Being prepared to undertake sufficient training to ensure familiarization with all equipment in service.
- Working Knowledge of Boats would be an asset.
- Having working knowledge of Control Systems, electronics and electrical systems.
- Intermediate Level knowledge of AutoCAD Studio.
- Computer literate and Intermediate Level Knowledge of Microsoft Office Systems.
- Self-starter, strong problem-solving, decision making and interpersonal skills. A high degree of diplomacy and tact is required to deal with depart heads, telephone requests and operators/office personnel in a pressure environment.
- High sense of responsibility, persistence and confidentiality with strong planning and organizing skills. Discretion in dealing with sensitive matters is of utmost importance and must be able to anticipate unusual situations and project solutions.
- Be able to operate under deadlines, and utilize personal initiative.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics: To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- **Mechanical** — Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.
- **Computers and Electronics** — Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.
- **Engineering and Technology** — Knowledge of the practical application of engineering science and technology. This includes applying principles, techniques, procedures, and equipment to the design and production of various goods and services.
- **English Language** — Strong oral and written skills.

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two(2) previous employers.

Email to:

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Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, May 27, 2022.