Labour Day celebration in Trinidad and Tobago was declared an annual national holiday in 1973. Celebrated on June 19th, it is the anniversary of the day of the Butler Oilfield Riots which took place in 1937. Prior to this time there were ongoing tensions between workers and employers in many sectors of society. These were characterized by situations of worker abuse, underpayment for labour, racism, economic depression and a considerable fall in the living standards of the working class.

During a labour dispute on the Port-of-Spain wharves in November 1919, Captain Andrew Arthur Cipriani called on the workers to withhold their labour, and this resulted in their first important industrial strike in Trinidad.

Between 1934 and 1937 workers became more influenced by a need for change resulting in strikes and riots on the sugar plantations and in the oil fields and in September 1937, the Oilfield Workers Trade Union (OWTU) also became the first registered trade union in the country representing the rights of those in the petroleum industry. This social unrest then extended throughout the Caribbean and gave rise to several prominent labour leaders in Trinidad and Tobago such as Tubal Uriah “Buzz” Butler, Captain Andrew Arthur Cipriani, George Weekes, Albert Maria Gomes, Adrian Cola Rienzi, Elma Francois, and C.L.R James.
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This is the first history of Trade Unionism in Trinidad and Tobago and an important study of colonial and neo-colonial labour history. It provides a timely and useful perspective on the local labour movement. West Indian emigration is well known but little understood. Given also the country’s recent industrialization and the wider implications of this, the reader concerned with the problems of underdevelopment in the Caribbean will find much of interest in this book.

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This volume offers the most comprehensive approach to developing an effective safety culture. Information is easily accessible as the authors move first through, understanding the cost of incidents, then to perspectives and descriptions of management systems, principal management leadership traits, establishing and evaluating goals and objectives, providing visible leadership, and assigning required responsibilities.  

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*Employee morale: driving performance in challenging times* / by David Bowles and Cary Cooper. 

This book which is support with current material and excellent case examples lays out in an engaging, readable and practical way, the consequences of high morale and how to measure, develop and maintain it.  

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This collection has been specially written by some of the most eminent experts and researchers on labour market issues. Each chapter seeks to map out the challenges, based on the latest theory and evidence, and then identify the areas of labour market policy that are needed.

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This textbook is primarily intended to give an account of the current laws relating to the regulation of the workplace, employment, and industrial relations. It seeks to comprehensively cover the subject of individual employment law and collective labour law in the UK in an accessible, engaging and highly contextual format.

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This book provides information on ill health in employment. It is a practical guide on the employment potential of anyone with an illness or disability, as well as examining the art and skills of fitness for work assessment and its ethical framework. Additional chapters deal with cancer survivors in work, health promotion in the workplace, and managing and avoiding sickness absence.
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This practical guide for employers provides managers with the essential advice on how to establish health and safety procedures in organizations. It cuts through the legal complexities to enable you to fully understand the law and its implications for your business.

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