

P.P.P. VICTORS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

Janet Jagan was born October 20th, 1920, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. Attended University of Detroit, Wayne University, Michigan State College, Cook County School of Nursing, Chicago. Married: Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Au-



Janet Jagan, Western Esseq. Deputy Speaker of the House Assembly. Gen. Secy. P.P.P. Editor, THUNDER.

August 1943. came to British Guiana December, 1943.

One of founders of Women's Political and Economic Organisation and was its first Secretary. One of founders and Secretary of People's Free Press Ltd. Worked for five years with Political Affairs Committee and its Bulletin which emerged into People's Progressive Party and **Thunder**.

Samuel (Bally) Lachhansingh born 15th March, 1911, Bush Lot Village. W.C. Berbice.



S. Lachhansingh, W/Berbice.

Attended Massiah C.M. School High School worked

Fred Bowman, born Plaisance Village, 12th Sept. 1908, educated at St. Paul Anglican School. Worked as miner in gold and diamond fields many years ago. Up to time of election was employed as a shovelman on sugar



Fred Bowman, Dem. Esseq.

estate. Active member of Guiana Industrial Workers Union. One of original members of People's Progressive Party, served on Executive Committee and recently elected to General Council and Executive Committee for 1953.

Has written numerous articles for **THUNDER**. Hobby is reading and has made intense study of working class movement.

Jane Phillips-Gay born in Georgetown, November 2nd, 1911. Attended St' Ambrose, St. Leonard



Jane Phillips-Gay, E. Cen. Dem Smith Church, Brickdam R.C. and Collegiate Schools. received Junior Cambridge.

Member of African Development

Ram Karran born at Bel Air, E.C Dem. on April 22, 1919. Worked for Transport and Harbours Dept. from 1936 to 1953, President, Clerk section, Transport & Harbours Union, Member of Council of Federation of Govern-



Ram Karran, West Central Demerara.

ment Employees Unions, Treasurer, People's Progressive Party from inception and one of its founders. Member of Political Affairs Committee, Treasurer, People's Free Press Ltd.

Clinton Wong born in Georgetown, 29th Dec. 1919. Studied at St. Phillips Primary School and



Clinton Wong, E. Town South Central.

Central High School. Went to England and qualified as a Barrister-at-law. Worked as Clerk Argosy Co. Ltd, Shipping Clerk Dem. Bauxite Co., Ltd, Store Clerk, Clerks & Messengers Ltd, Clerk

1936.

P.P.P. MINISTERS FROM

(205)
Sydney King, twenty-eight year old Minister, one of the most beloved leaders of the working class was born at Pln Lusignan on April 4th 1925. He attended the Lusignan Anglican and the Buxton Roman Catholic Schools.



Sydney King, Central Dem.

Sydney whose hobby is dramatics, is a school teacher at Buxton. He has been described by one of his bitterest enemies a school teacher by day and a revolutionary by night.

Comrade King has been an ardent fighter of the working people and his participation in the working class struggle has allied him with many organizations. He is a member of B.G. Teachers Association and the militant Guiana Industrial Workers' Union. For his participation in the struggle of the sugar workers he is banned off all sugar estates. He is the Assistant Secretary of the P.P.P. and played an important part in its formation.

In an effort to stamp out the rule of the reactionaries in Buxton Village where Sydney King lives, he assisted in the organisation of the Rate Payers Association which secured all the seats in the Council elections. Sydney was elected Deputy Chairman and the Council's stand has been a constant headache to the Sugar Producers who before this victory rode rough shod over the interests of the village.

Dr. Joseph Prayag Lachhman-Singh was born at Bellem, West Coast Berbice on August 1st, (Emancipation Day) 1896 and attended Hopetown Congregational and Hopetown English Schools. He completed his edu-



Dr. J. P. Lachhmansingh, Bsc., M. D., C.M. L.M.S. East Bank Demerara.

cation at the Naparaima College Trinidad and returned to B.G. to teach. He left B.G. after spending a number of years in the teaching profession, pursued studies at Dalhousie University where he graduated with a doctor's degree.

Comrade Lachhmansingh's activities are well known in the Trade Union field, having been the President of the Guiana Industrial Workers Union from its inception. He is also a member of the T.U.C. of which the union is an affiliate.

Dr. Lachhmansingh's uncompromising stand for the sugar workers of the country has caused the sugar newspapers to heap upon his head all the renown and bitterness at the disposal of their hirelings but that has ceased to worry him. He is satisfied that the struggle is a just one and in his new sphere as a Minister he will be able to put more and more of his zeal and enthusiasm into the work to free the workers of Br. Guiana from the shackles of the British Imperialist yoke.

Comrade L. F. S. Burnham one of the Ministers of the People's Progressive Party was born in Kitty Village on February 20th, 1923.

In 1947, he won the Government Junior Scholarship and in



L. F. S. Burnham, B.A. LLB. London (Hons.) Georgetown North-East.

1942. he took the much coveted Guiana Scholarship. He proceeded to London University and in 1944 was awarded the B.A. degree. He won the best Speaker's Cup in 1949.

Comrade Burnham made a tour of the several Eastern European countries and was delegate of the World Federation of Democratic Youth to Czechoslovakia in 1947.

On his return to B.G. he joined the People's Movement as the Party was about to be formed and became its first Chairman. Since then he has been elected unopposed to the position.

When the Party made its bid at the Municipal Elections in 1950, Comrade Burnham Candidate for Bourda Constituency was defeated by a few votes by the right wing candidate. But he returned 2 years after to whip into submission his opponent.

Comrade Burnham

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

(206)

Cheddi Jagan, Leader of the House of Assembly and Minister Elect of the People's Progressive Party was born at Pln. Port Mourant on March 22nd, 1918. He left for the United States of

Comrade Ashton Chase was born in July 18th, 1926 in the city of Georgetown and became associated with the labour movement at a very early age. He has served as Secretary of the B.G.T.U.C., Secretary and co-founder of the Workers' Study Circle, Industrial

Barrister—Agriculturalist Jai Narine Singh, the son of indentured sugar workers was born at 48 Village on November 4, 1908. He attended the Berbice High School and the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad



Cheddi Jagan, Bsc. D.D.S.
Corentyne Coast.

America and studied at Howard and North Western Universities, where he qualified as a Dental Surgeon.

On his return home, along with his wife, he threw himself wholeheartedly in the struggle for liberation of the Guiana masses from imperialist domination. He was the pillar around which the People's Progressive Party was formed even before his election to the Legislative Council for the Central Demerara Constituency in 1947.

In 1946 together with a group of trade unionists, he formed the Political Affairs Committee (P.A.C.) with groups in the country districts. Out of these emerged the mighty Party which swept the imperialists and their supporters off their feet in the recent General Elections. The P.A.C. Bulletin, became the Thunder, the monthly organ of the Party.

Cheddi Jagan by his outspoken stand against the enemies of the people of Guiana has endeared himself to the Party's



Ashton Chase,
Georgetown South.

Adviser to several unions and was a lecturer in the Adult Education programme of the Extra-Mural Department of the West Indian University.

Comrade Chase was, in 1948, awarded a scholarship by the British T.U.C. for colonial trade unionists to study trade unionism in the U.K. He studied economics at Ruskin Colledge and in London was trained directly under the T.U.C. He was awarded a further scholarship to attend summer school at the International Labour Office in Geneva Switzerland. Before leaving England, Comrade Chase underwent brief training under the auspices of the Colonial Office with the Ministry of National Insurance and the Ministry of Labour.

As acting General Secretary of the British Guiana Labour Union, Ashton Chase brought the union again to the forefront as one of the most progressive unions in the colony.

His long association in the political and trade union field will give



Jai Narine Singh,
West Bank Demerara.

where he graduated with the D.I.C.T.A. He worked with the Department of Agriculture, Venezuela for several years and then returned to B.G. to engage in farming

Fired with a determination to serve the people of his country, Comrade Jai Narine Singh left for England to pursue legal studies where he qualified as a Barrister at Law.

He was three times President of the B.G. East Indian Association and served as Vice-President of the M.P.C.A. many years ago. He has been associated with the People's Progressive Party since the first year of its formation. He was recently instrumental in the formation of the Bolivarian Society, of which he is presently the President.

Comrade Jai Narine Singh's long association with the working class movement and his ardent determination fit him a

MEMBERS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

207
F. O. Van Sertima, born 25th Dec., 1897. Attended Queen's College and obtained Senior Cambridge.

Worked with Transport and Harbours Dept. from 1923-1952, was Founder and President,



F. O. Van Sertima,
Georgetown North.

Transport Workers Union, Editor, Transport Workers Quarterly

One of original members PPP and served as an officer in the Party.

President and founder, People's Press Ltd.

Ajodha Singh, born 16th Dec., 1925 at Berbice.

Attended Modern High School,



Ajodha Singh, Berbice River.

worked as sugar estate labourer, Pln. Rose Hall, Canje. Victimized by employers as result of participation in Berbice strikes.

Chandra Sama Persaud, born Nov. 7th 1914 at Buxton Village Minister of Religion; Founded Indian National Congress, Buxton. Travelled to India, South Africa, Ceylon in 1949. Spent week-end with Jawaharlal



Chandra Sama Persaud
Mahaica-Mahaicony.

Nehru. Member, Ayas Samaj Agva, Sydiant Chastri (Ajmeil) Dharam Ratan (Delhi).

Mohamed Khan, born 4 April, 1928 at Pln. Skeldon. Attended Skeldon Anglican School.



Mohamed Khan,
Corentyne River

Member Committee R.P.A., elected member General Council, P.P.P. 1952 and 1953. Organized Party in Corentyne. Worked as Rice Farmer and Newspaper correspondent. Led monster May Day parade of 8,000.

Dr. R. Hanoman Singh, born Nov. 6th, 1905, Cumberland Berbice

Attended Berbice High School Imperial College Tropical Agriculture, Mc Gill University, Queens's Belfast and Trinity



Dr. R. Hanoman Singh,
Eastern Berbice.

University, Dublin. Holds degrees of Bsc. (Hons) M.B.B.C.I. B.A.A., D.C.H., L.M. D.I.C.T., F.R.E.S. Was a member British Labour Party.

Jessie Irma Sampson Burnham born in Kitty Village on Sept 26th 1927



Jessie Irma Sampson Burnham,
Central Georgetown.

Attended Kitty Methodist and Bishops's High School for Girls. Obtained Junior Cambridge Certificate, London Matriculation, Teacher's Certificate. Taught at Protestant Methodist School.

Ferdina
The C
and lex
Party's
lication
for all
General
sions ex
the nex
ed after
deletion

Before
bearers
the flood
of the
after el
Council
leader.
This r
tions v
Chairm
Junior
Leader
tant S
fifteen
Council

The
ham ;
Group
Janet
tary,
unop
other
15th

S

T
Gen
Khan
Lach
B. H
Misi
Shei
Fred
Geor

L
was
tant
low