

THUNDER

Hark the rolling of the Thunder,
Lo! the sun and lo there
under
Riseth wrath, and hope and
wonder

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Working People of Guiana

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Chinese Greetings

FROM Peking, China, the All China Federation of Trade Unions has through THUNDER a message on the occasion of the international workers holiday — May Day. Addressed to Guianese workers, the cable reads:

WARM MAY DAY GREETINGS TO GUIANESE WORKERS. WISH YOU SUCCESSES IN FIGHT FOR BETTER LIFE, SOCIAL PROGRESS, NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND WORLD PEACE.

United Effort Required

are now on the threshold of independence, Cheddi Jagan, Majority Leader, told a large audience at Betoverwagting April 27, anniversary of PPP electoral victory of

leaders of the Party were out on Sunday and Monday throughout the country, carrying the flag of freedom and recapturing the spirit of united victory of 1953.

... a party we had a split in the national movement, said Dr. Lyttelton, but the imperialists move in different and one different ways. ... the bait before you in many ways.

... five year plan was being considered, and he felt that it should be as large as the present one.

... Plunked Guiana Jagan recalled that on his mission to London he said he would spend \$200 million in 1953 that worthwhile schemes in the colonies will not be held up for lack of money, Dr. Jagan



Janet Jagan

MAY DAY MESSAGE FROM PPP SECRETARY

AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY I EXTEND GREETINGS TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF BRITISH GUIANA WHO ON MAY DAY 1959 EXPRESS THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SINCE THE LAST CENTURY, MAY DAY HAS BEEN THE DAY DEVOTED TO THE STRUGGLE OF WORKERS. IT HAS BEEN THE DAY ON WHICH WORKERS HAVE MARCHED WITH SLOGANS EXPRESSING THEIR DEMANDS AND AMBITIONS FOR BETTER WAGES, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND SHORTER HOURS OF WORK. MAY DAY IS A DAY OBSERVED INTERNATIONALLY BY ALL WORKING PEOPLE.



Review

It is fitting at this time to review the activities of the trade unions during the past year, to assess the gains made by workers through their trade unions and to chart the course for the year ahead. It is also essential for workers to be aware of the activities of workers abroad and to appreciate that gains made in other countries will be of ultimate value to the struggle here.

Backbone

In most countries, the progressive trade union movement is the backbone of the national liberation struggle. Trade unions, by the very nature of their organisation and activities must, of necessity, be part of the struggle for self rule and freedom from foreign control.

It is indeed unfortunate that in British Guiana, the trade union movement as a whole has not properly seen its role, nor, in fact, has yet seen itself in its proper perspective in the national activity to end colonial rule. This was pointed out by the Cuban trade unionist, Mr. Powell, who when he visited B.G. a few months ago spoke in quite frank terms to the unions at a Bourda Green meeting.

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talked about "guesstimates" and other rot. Yet economic experts had been here and it is expected that they will confirm that this figure — approximately \$200 million — is needed. He pointed out that the country needs at least \$40 million a year rather than \$20 million to embark upon development. Referring to the statement by Lyttelton former Secretary of state for the Colonies, in the House of Commons in 1953 that worthwhile schemes in the colonies will not be held up for lack of money, Dr. Jagan declared that now we can show that we have worthwhile schemes, that we have thousands of hands idle. All we needed now was the united effort of the people. The majority party leader stressed the need for unity of our people. Reactionary forces which had been eliminated from the political scene by the united movement in 1953 were now being resurrected. If we continue this division, said Dr. Jagan, all it means is that the reactionary forces in our midst will be reloaded.

GRESS HALL



s held over the Easter School, No. 64 Village,

nal decorations prepared decorations also captured the Congress feeling. The funds behind the school

Dulles Out

Foster Dulles, former Secretary of State, has succeeded by Christian Dulles carried on he was incapacitated, suffering from cancer.

NET ATTACK

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May Day Message

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With the return to a measure of representative government at the 1957 elections a popular party with its mass membership made up of farmers and workers, won by an overwhelming majority. The P.P.P. won nine out of fourteen seats with the opposition party winning only three seats.

Certainly the balance of nine against three is sufficiently indicative of the strength of the PPP and the fact that it commands a majority. Yet in spite of these obvious facts, and in spite of the attitude of the majority party in encouraging trade unionism and furthering the cause of all workers, the formal trade union movement has allowed itself to be used for petty political intrigues as a tool of the minority party.

Thus it has slipped into a most dispicable position in the country and has allowed itself to be used as a

weapon against the party fighting on all fronts for the people's rights.

There is peculiarly enough a lack of unity of purpose between trade union leadership and its rank and file. This lack of unity has unfortunately made the trade union movement in B.G. what it is today, a shell of officials uttering phrases and fighting phantom enemies, yet totally removed from the ideas and opinions of the workers who make up the union.

Wake Up

It is time the trade union movement of B.G. wake up and see the light of day. May Day 1959 is a fitting day for an examination of its position and for a fearless decision to forget petty political intrigues and join wholeheartedly in the national efforts to lift B.G. from its inferior status for all round gains for the working people.

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