

Parents Here Describe Girl 'Storm Center in Guiana'

"They call her *'The Lady in White,'* and she's dynamite."

That's the way Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts of West Hollywood last night described their daughter, Janet Jagan, 32-year-old blonde storm center of the present unrest in British Guiana.

Mrs. Jagan, first woman to be elected to the colony's House of Assembly, is the wife of East Indian-born Dr. Cheddi Jagan, ousted Prime Minister and wealthy dentist.

"She's been accused of being a Communist," Roberts told the Examiner. "She's been charged with everything since she entered politics. But I don't believe she is a Communist, though I know she is a liberal."

SINCE 1944

Roberts hasn't seen his daughter since 1944—the year she left with her husband from Florida on a British passport—but Mrs. Roberts made a brief journey there in 1947.

"I don't believe in any of her political philosophies," Roberts explained, "but I admire her and I'm proud of the way she has courage to put her convictions into practice."

Chicago-born Mrs. Jagan—her father describes her as a tiny "dishwater blonde"—has

been called the "blonde rebel of the rum and sugar colony."

Roberts said since his daughter arrived in the colony, she has worked for woman suffrage, eventually forming a women's political party which became the present People's Progressive Party which Jagan heads.

COUNCIL SEAT

Mrs. Jagan won election to the Georgetown (British Guiana) City Council but was defeated for a second term, by what she called "an unholy alliance."

She publishes a monthly newspaper called "Thunder," works in her husband's office as bookkeeper and dental assistant, and has been deep in Assembly politics since her election last April.

Mrs. Roberts summed up her feelings for their only child:

"Whatever her convictions are, they aren't our convictions. But still she's our daughter and she's made a name for herself."