

# THUNDER

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

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## RED LETTER DAY FOR ALL GUIANESE

### AS FREEDOM HOUSE OPENS

**D**ELIVERING THE KEYNOTE SPEECH at the formal opening of **FREE-  
DOM-HOUSE**, Party Chairman B. H. Benn declared this was a great day  
for our Party, great as the days when we won victory at the polls. "Our dream  
of having headquarters worthy of the greatest political force in Guiana has come  
true", he said.

From the moment the name of the building was unveiled by Mrs. Christina Ramjattan, everyone present was conscious that this was a historic occasion in the Party's efforts to build a free Guiana. The Chairman, continuing his speech on the nature and aims of the Party, said:

We feel a sense of pride over this achievement and those of us who are here know that thousands of friends and supporters inside and outside the country who cannot be present feel as we do. Among those absent persons I must mention the Leader of the Party, Dr. Jagan who worked unceasingly, so that the Party could own this building. I am sure that he, though absent is thinking of the ceremony in which we are participating.

Ladies and Gentlemen this building has been secured (we have not finished paying for it however) through the help of friends of the Party and members. We are grateful for the assistance so far and look forward to support for our forthcoming excursion, and other appeals which we will make from time to time to pay off for it. This unity of action by people inside and outside the Party is an excellent example of the partnership which we have been fostering in our struggle for Independence.

This fight for independence is the immediate aim of the Party and you who have given us support financially or otherwise show by this action your abhorrence of our colonial status.

The leadership of the Party deem this an opportune moment to reiterate the concept of the nature and the aims of the People's Progressive Party.

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Attend

**PPP Excursion**

**SUNDAY** See Ad page 11

### Magnificent, Historic Occasion

**I**T was historic. It was magnificent. After a miserable night of rain, the sun shone brightly on Saturday afternoon to witness the unveiling of **FREEDOM HOUSE**, name of PPP headquarters 41 Robb Street. Representatives of groups and other invitees saw Mrs. Christina Ramjattan, Secretary of the Wismar Group, pull the cord unveiling the large red letters—**FREEDOM HOUSE**. This is what she said:

"Today marks another milestone in the history of our country. It heralds the opening of 'Freedom House'—another step in our struggle for the national liberation of British Guiana. I sincerely hope that within these walls, many great events shall take place, many noble, good and militant deeds done, and that a spirit of friendliness and comradeship shall always exist, to beckon more workers for the great struggle ahead. It is therefore with the greatest pleasure that I unveil this sign, a symbol of our struggle for Independence."

### Painting Unveiled

A painting by Guianese artist Patrick Barrington—"Boy at the Well"—presented to the Party by Composer Alan Bush, was unveiled by Stella McCurius. She said: "In unveiling this picture, presented by our dear friend and colleague Alan Bush, I pray that it may be an inspiration to all those who set eyes on it, and like the boy at the well, may the day not be too distant when we—not one or a few—but all the people of Guiana may draw from the well of freedom."

Just before the unveiling, Neville Annibourne, close associate and secretary of Mr. Bush



The shout went up when Mrs. Christina Ramjattan pulled the string unveiling the "**FREEDOM HOUSE**" sign last Saturday afternoon. About 250 persons, representatives of party groups and other guests attended the opening function.

Photo by N. Annibourne

during his stay in B.G., described how Mr Bush visited the art exhibition and decided to purchase the painting for the Party.

The General Secretary, Mrs. Janet Jagan, in a vote of thanks, told how it was ten years ago around this same time, that a small group of people gathered at a house in Kitty and drew up plans to form this Party which has grown so mightily through the efforts of thousands. She thanked all those who contributed money and labour to make the party's dream of owning its own building come true.

H. W. Thomas, Executive Member, R. Chandisingh, Editor of Thunder, and Comrade Sandy of Beterverwagting also made short speeches.

### CONSIDER COUNTRY

Government employees led by the FUGE were expected, at press time, to strike if Govt. did not satisfy their demands, according to their 7 day ultimatum. While Government has indicated its willingness to help the workers, the financial condition of the country cannot bear the strain of such immediate increases the FUGE is demanding, without endangering the country's development. Union leaders who are doing everything possible to embarrass the present Govt. should take note of this essential fact.