

Jagan urges intensified solidarity with Africa

People's Progressive Party General Secretary, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, called upon Guyanese people to take note of the great similarities between the struggles of the peoples of Africa and the Caribbean and urged intensified solidarity with the African peoples in their fight for liberation.

Dr. Jagan was at the time delivering a lecture at his party headquarters, Freedom House, Tuesday evening on the occasion of the international day of solidarity with the peoples of Africa sponsored by the PPP Georgetown District Committee.

The PPP leader, speaking on the topic "Emerging Trends in the Revolutionary Process in Africa" referred to the two-main directions — one oriented towards capitalist development and the other towards socialist orientation.

Dr Jagan spoke of the valiant struggles waged by the people of Africa for independence and their present fight against imperialism and for national liberation and socialism.

Africa, he said, is the most impoverished of the continents because of past

colonial oppression and neo-colonial oppression by imperialism which robs the nations of rich resources through super exploitation of the peoples and the reaping of fabulous profits. He said the population of Africa will soon double and the situation will get even worse if radical changes are not undertaken. He showed that presently Africa is populated by 10.5% of the world's population but produces only 3-5 per cent of the world agricultural output. And inside the continent 17 per cent of the population earns 70 per cent of the national income.

Imperialist strategy, he said, is geared to supporting neo-colonial regimes and burdening them with debt traps and using South Africa to attack frontline revolutionary democratic states. The hated Apartheid regime, he said, is being supported especially by US imperialism.

He said the positive process now underway in Africa must take deeper note, with support for the peoples and revolutionary democratic regimes in their struggles against imperialism, for closer ties with the Soviet Union and

socialist countries, anti-feudal agrarian reforms, cultural revolution, for a New International Economic Order and socialism.

In closing, Dr. Jagan showed the many

similarities between the peoples of the Caribbean and Africa in their common struggle against poverty and imperialism which is attempting to set back the tide of liberation in Africa.

'Model Prisoner' Sophia mad at the Press

ROME (AP) — Actress Sophia Loren is a 'model prisoner' but is furious over the press coverage her eight-day-old imprisonment has drawn, an Italian newsweekly said Thursday.

"Frankly, it even bothers me," *L'Espresso* quoted the deputy head of Caserta's prison Liliana De Cristofaro as saying.

"All these phone calls and questions about what she ate, at what time she woke up, how is she dressed today...and the number of photographers,"

De Cristofaro was quoted as saying.

The magazine said Miss Loren, currently serving a 30-day jail term on tax evasion charges, "instead of privileges, has sought

equality" among the inmates, most of them convicted prostitutes and cigarette smugglers.

"She is a model prisoner," the magazine said quoting jail sources. "The only thing she can't take is the clamour her case has triggered."

The 47-year-old actress was reported on Wednesday as depressed and suffering from a loss of appetite after a doctor visited her in her cell at Caserta's prison, 32 kilometres (20 miles) north of Naples.

With the article entitled "Santa Sofia, Martyr," *L'Espresso* printed a photo of Miss Loren sleeping in a cell. It was shot during the 1966 filming of "Yesterday, Today".

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