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Hark the rolling
of the thunder
Let the sun and the
thunder
Rise with wrath and hope
and wonder — William Morris



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The Ideological Struggle

The world is today engaged in a titanic battle between two systems, capitalism — imperialism on the one hand and socialism — communism on the other. The fight for national liberation, for genuine independence, in countries like Guyana is part and parcel of this struggle, in which the winning of man's minds becomes a vital factor:

The fathers of scientific socialism set out their views on this question quite clearly. Writing on morality, Frederick Engels said in his **ANTI-DUHRING** :—

"Men, consciously or unconsciously, derive their moral ideas in the last resort from the practical relations on which their class position is based — from the economic relations in which they carry on production and exchange . . . Morality was always a class morality; it has either justified the domination and the interests of the ruling class, or, as soon as the oppressed class has become powerful enough, it has represented the revolt against the domination and the future interests of the oppressed."

In the West, though the church may moralize and preach, "thou shalt not steal"; "men must be brothers" (the brotherhood of man), the system of capi-

talism — imperialism is based on the exploitation, on the robbery, of man by man. Surplus value in the form of profit, rent and interest is extracted, is stolen, from the working people.

Socialism, on the other hand, starts out from the moral position that exploitation of man by man is evil that man will not achieve the heights he is capable of ascending, that crime and petty stealing will not end, until the system of capitalism—imperialism, and the ideas rooted in it, are eliminated.

What about ideas? On ideology, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels wrote:—

"The class that possesses the means of material production, by virtue of this also possesses



that their ideas are the dominant ones of the epoch."

The individual is therefore constantly bombarded and influenced from the cradle to the grave by such thoughts, ideas, sentiments

by
Cheddi Jagan

the means of spiritual production . . . The individuals composing the ruling class possess, among their things, consciousness as well, and by virtue of this, think. In so far, therefore, as they rule as a class and determine the extent and scope of an epoch, it is self-evident that they do this in all its spheres, hence rule also as thinkers, as producers of ideas, and regulate the production and distribution of the ideas of their age; and that means

and customs which are a the interest of the ruling class. This is done in a multitude of ways, sometimes open, more often hidden and disguised: The press, radio, cinema, church theatre, organisations of different kinds become the instruments for imbuing the masses with the world outlook, morals, customs etc of the capitalist-imperialist class.

This was clearly demonstrated in a recent sensational expose of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the USA. During the past month the exposure of the CIA has indicated that it has

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acted not merely as an informant in a liaison-gathering agency, but almost as a government within a government — an invulnerable government.

In order to fulfill cold war objectives, to maintain the imperialist system, it has overthrown governments (Massadeh's government in Iran in 1953, Arbenz government in Guatemala in 1954, Lumumba's government in the Congo in 1961); violated the sovereignty of other nations (US spy plane over the USSR); attempted bribery (\$10 million bribe offer to Prime Minister of Singapore to release a CIA spy).

Even more far reaching was the use of its vast funds at its disposal (\$500 to \$1000 million) to subvert a wide range of institutions. The list of organization was published in *Time Magazine*, the influential *New York Times*, the Catholic progressive monthly, *Ramparts* and other publications. They include:

STUDENTS

- a) National Students Association of the USA (N.S.A.) The NSA connection with the CIA for the past 15 years was exposed by its President, Eugene Groves, at the risk of a maximum 20-year prison sentence. Groves was pressured by the CIA to deny the exposure by *Ramparts* magazine, but he refused.
- b) International Students Conference.

The CIA spearheaded the International Conference of

Students (ICS) and its coordinating Secretariat (COSEC) as a counter to the progressive International Union of Students.

Richard G. Stearns, vice-president, of the NSA, said that (the NSA) employed former students to represent it at international conferences maintaining three in Europe and one in Africa.

"The CIA was just interested in getting the United States point of view across at these conferences," he said.

c) Canadian Union of Students

President of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) disclosed that the CUS accepted \$1,500 in 1965 and 1966 from the U.S. Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs to pay for international student seminars at the universities of Loyola in Montreal and Manitoba. CUS expressed deep concern that CIA front organizations "could be used to compromise the integrity of private Canadian organizations in the youth and student field."

2. YOUTHS

- a) US Youth Council in New York
 - b) World Assembly of Youth based in Brussels
- Guyanese have attended from time to time the CIA backed World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which was formed to oppose the World Federation of Democratic Youth. The CIA has used these organizations to offer scholarships, to sponsor training courses and seminars, and even to send delegates to the World Youth

Festivals. The whole objective was to "sell" US ideology.

3. CHURCHES.

a) National Council of Churches.

b) Billy Graham Spanish American Crusade

4. RESEARCH INSTITUTES and UNIVERSITIES

a) Independent Research Service in Washington

b) Institute of International Labour Research Inc. headed by Socialist Norman Thomas. This body received \$1 million from a CIA backed foundation between 1961 and 1963 and used the funds to operate a political training centre in Costa Rica, a research organization in the Dominican Republic, and a publishing house in Mexico City. "Socialist" Norman Thomas has always been a rabid anti-communist but his "socialism" fitted in nicely with the CIA's and State Department's foreign policy objectives.

c) Center for International Studies (CIS) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). MIT was forced to discontinue a CIS project in India because of anxiety over the center's CIA connections.

d) The Michigan State University (MSUG) had responsibility, according to Warren Hincle in *Ramparts*, April 1968, for "the proper functioning of Diem's (South Vietnam) civil service and his police network, the shaping up of the 50,000-man 'ragamuffin' militia, and the supplying of guns and ammunition for the city police, the civil guard, the palace police, and the dreaded Surets — South Vietnam's version of the FBI"

e) The Foreign Policy Re-

search Institute of the University of Pennsylvania was engaged in intelligence work for the US Defense Department and is now working on a classified study for the US Navy on "The Nature of Sublimated Warfare" (guerrilla war).

University participation in overseas intelligence also came to light last year around the controversial Army project, Project Camelot, to "produce a better understanding of the dynamics of revolutions in foreign countries."

This was why at the anthropologists annual meeting last November, Professor Ralph L. Beals reported that 1) "Agents of the intelligence branches of the US Government, particularly the CIA, have posed as anthropologists..." 2) "Anthropologists... have been full — or part-time employees of the US intelligence agencies, including the CIA especially, either directly, or through grants from certain foundations with questionable source of income"

Beals warned his colleagues that "although Camelot is dead under that name, in a sense it has only gone under-ground. Similar types of projects have been conducted and are being planned under different names and through other kinds of agencies." (Quoted in *Science*, December 13 1966.)

5. RADIO

Radio Free Europe, a powerful radio station based in Western Europe for beaming US free enterprise capitalist propaganda to socialist Eastern Europe.

6. PRESS

The American Newspaper Guild, a union of journe-

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ists received \$1 million from the CIA. In Latin America, the Guild operated through the Inter-American Federation Newspapermen's Organization, with headquarters in Panama. Guyanese journalists have attended conferences called by the latter, at which Cuba was almost always singled out for attack.

7. JURIDICAL

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) was according to Peter Benenson, secretary — general of Amnesty International, "a front for the CIA for the last 15 years." This was the body brought to Guyana by the coalition government in breach of the agreement between the British and PPP governments on the question of making the police and armed forces represent a broad cross-section of the population. The ICJ fixed completely unsatisfactory terms of reference. This led to the boycott of its hearings by the People's Progressive Party.

8. CULTURAL

- a) Congress of Cultural Freedom, which founded the London magazine, Encounter
- b) American friends of the Middle East.
- c) American Society of African Culture.
- d) Friends of India Committee.

e) North American Secretariat of Pax Romana.

9. CHARITABLE

John Jay Whitney trust for Charitable Purposes.

10. FOUNDATIONS

A Congressional Com-

mittee chairman, Wright Patman disclosed that the J.M. Kaplan Fund of New York was used from 1959 as "a conduit for channeling CIA funds". He also reported that certain other foundations had contributed large sums to the J.M. Kaplan Fund; namely, the Gotham Foundation, the Michigan Fund, Andrew Hamilton Fund, Borden Fund, Paice Fund, Edsel Fund, Beacon Fund and Kentfield Fund.

According to Time Magazine, (March 3, 1967), "More than a score of dummy fronts, such as the Gotham Foundation, the Beacon Fund, the Borden Trust, the Michigan Fund, the Edsel Fund, the Andrew Hamilton Fund, fed money from CIA into legitimate foundations such as the J. M. Kaplan Fund, the M. D. Anderson Foundation, the Hoblitzelle Foundation and the David, Josephine, and Winfield Beard Foundation, which, in turn, completed a supposedly secret "triple pass" by dispensing money to various organisations deemed needy and worthy by CIA."

12. ECONOMIC

International Development Foundation for work in Latin America, for putting out bourgeois ideas on economic planning and development.

13. TRADE UNIONS

a) The Retail Clerks' Union.

e) International Food and Drinks Workers Federation

- e) The Newspaper Guild
- d) The State, County and Municipal Employees Union

Neil Sheehan writing in the N.Y. Times on February 21, 1967 in a special article headed "CIA Is Linked to Strikes That Helped Oust Jagan" said that "Operatives of the Central Intelligence Agency working under cover of an American Labour Union, helped organize strikes in British Guiana in 1962 and 1963 against Dr. Cheddi Jagan, a marxist who was Prime Minister there."

The union referred to the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, which operated in Guyana through its international affairs department, officially known as the Public Service International.

"The union used agency (CIA) funds for four and a half-years from 1959 un'til May 1964 — to finance its overseas activities, mainly in Latin America," said Sheehan.

The New York Post charged that money from the CIA had been paid regularly to AFL-CIO agents and that an inquiry would show "innumerable instances" in which AFL-CIO agents "collaborated with CIA cloak and dagger men" in various coups and undercover intrigues.

Victor Reuther, head of the international affairs department of the Auto Workers Union, says that "CIA involvement with American labour" is far greater than anything reported about the students.

In an editorial on March 13, 1967, the New York Times, commenting on the revelation in the USA about the CIA's activities said:

"The most conspicuous was the revelation that the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees had, in effect, turned its International Affairs Department over to the CIA in 1962 and 1963 to use as a case for strikes and other activities aimed at overthrowing Dr. Cheddi Jagan's Marxist regime in British Guiana."

No wonder, Walter Lippman, one of the leading US journalists refers to the American people's "revulsion against the enormity of the corruption which has resulted from the cold war."

Guyanese too are becoming deeply concerned against the creeping conformism and opportunism based on political puppetry, idolatry of material possessions and Americanization of our culture. It is our duty as a national vanguard party to wage a relentless ideological struggle.

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