

Dear Sir,

I have just received for the first time a copy of "Labour Research", ~~expressed~~ ~~reason for writing you~~. I note with interest one of your columns "Ask the L.R.D." I therefore take this opportunity in making the following enquiries. I have been elected a Member of the British Guiana Legislative Council since November 1947. This is the highest legislative body in this colony. The term of office is for a period of five years. ~~Some~~ Last year we have had a 4 month strike on several sugar estates ~~which~~ which culminated in ~~the~~ the shooting <sup>of workers</sup> by police at one Planter's house. During the strike, which was unauthorised, ~~some~~ some of us who assisted were given trespass notices. These ~~the~~ notices were temporarily suspended and later re-imposed. ~~Actually the trespass notices are still binding.~~

A few weeks ago, <sup>one of them says,</sup> a President of ~~an~~ ~~unrecognised~~ ~~trade~~ union unrecognised by the Sugar Producers Association was brought before the Court on a charge of trespassing with fire damage; and

a temporary injunction order has  
been made against him: the trial  
is still pending: A similar charge  
has now been brought against me.  
Actually I was only on a roadway  
~~in~~ in the estate talking to a few  
workers. The whole object of the charge  
is to prevent us from organizing the  
sugar plantation workers. I have now  
got myself elected <sup>to the Executive of the</sup> one of the  
two unions which is recognized by  
the sugar producers' Association, and  
notice of this is to be given forwarded  
to them. This will no doubt create  
an interesting situation, <sup>and that is,</sup> would the sugar  
proprietors still persist <sup>in keeping me</sup> ~~in~~ out of  
~~entering~~ the estates? Nevertheless the  
charge instituted against me is  
for an alleged trespass ~~of~~ before my  
election.

I shall be pleased to know  
whether trade union leaders, and  
Legislative Council members (even the  
latter equivalent to an M.P.) have  
the ~~same~~ right to visit <sup>despite trespass notices</sup> plantations  
and settlements, such ~~even though~~

are private ~~persons~~, and ~~are~~ <sup>resident</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>union</sup>. No doubt similar situations may have arisen in the history of the trade union movement in Great Britain.

I shall be grateful for an early ~~airmailed~~ <sup>airmailed</sup> reply stating full details. Kindly let me know also of your charges.

Truly  
Sincerely

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A few weeks ago, one of the six, the President of a Trade Union unrecognized by the Sugar Producers Association was brought before the court on a charge of trespassing with \$1000 damages; and a temporary injunction order has been made against him. The trial is still pending. A similar charge has now been brought against me. Actually I was only on a roadway in the estate talking to a few workers. The whole object of the charge is to prevent us from organizing the sugar plantation workers. I have now got myself elected to the Executive of one of the two unions, which is recognized by the Sugar Producers Association, and notice of this is to be forwarded to them. This will no doubt create an interesting situation, and that is, would the Sugar proprietors still persist in keeping me out of the estates? Nevertheless the charge instituted against me is for an alleged trespass before my election.

I shall be pleased to know whether trade union leaders, and Legislative Council members ( the latter equivalent to an MP) have right to visit, despite trespass notices, plantations and settlements, which are private ...**(a portion of paper had been destroyed)** resident thereon. No doubt similar situations may have arisen in the history of the trade union movement in Great Britain.

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