

A MESSAGE BY DR. CHEDDI JAGAN

I wish to thank the Editor for the opportunity of sending greetings to all the readers of this publication.

The issue of the Amerindian Lands Commission is one which has concerned the People's Progressive Party for a considerable time. My Party, in April last year, called upon the Government to honour its promise to settle the question of titles to lands to the Amerindian people before Independence, in conformity with the promise given when the Independence Constitution was being drafted and agreement on this point was reached in November 1965.

Unfortunately, the Government did not fulfill its promise to settle the question of titles to lands before Independence. In fact, it has taken the Government well over a year to even get the Amerindian Lands Commission started.

The P.P.P. warned in April last year that no time limit had been set for the work of the Commission and consequently it could take as long as it wished to settle this very important matter. Also there was no guarantee that the promises given since 1965 would be fulfilled to the letter.

This issue is a cause of much concern by the Amerindian people whose very future depends on the sincerity and honesty of the Commission's work.

As Leader of the Opposition, I promise to do all in my power to see that justice is meted out to the Amerindian people and that the promises made are fulfilled. The battle for fairplay and justice is not limited to the problems of the Amerindian peoples, but to the whole nation at this trying time when the very foundations of liberty and democracy are challenged by a government which has no real interest in the plight for the poorer people of Guyana.

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Dear Sir,

At last the long awaited Amerindian Lands Commission is now fully constituted and will get down to business this month.

Please send us a message to the Amerindians for the September issue of our Journal 'Kak Bragon' which we hope to publish about the 15th.

Yours sincerely,

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