

GUYANA AND NON-ALIGNMENT

The People's Progressive Party welcomes the fact that this Preparatory Meeting for the Non-Aligned Conference is taking place in Guyana. Under the People's National Congress regime, however, Guyana's claim to non-alignment is highly questionable. Indeed that it has been and yet remains aligned with U.S. imperialism is established by the record.

It is therefore appropriate to review briefly the PNC Government's position and performance in relation to the principles of non-alignment.

Non-alignment has been conceived largely on two declared principles: opposition to colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, and non-involvement in military blocs of either the Western, imperialist camp or the socialist world system.

The urge to non-alignment sprang from the very nature of the situation in which the newly free states found themselves in the period of the breakup of the colonial system of imperialism.

Elimination of direct political rule did not put an end to economic dependence and exploitation, and this in turn jeopardised the newly-won political independence.

To win real independence it was necessary for the new sovereign states (mostly underdeveloped) to struggle for economic independence. This meant breaking away from dependence on the imperialist states in the economic sphere as well. And the existence of the world socialist system provided the opportunity for the first time for states desirous of escaping from imperialist domination and establishing their genuine independence to be able to do so.

For example, the socialist world provided aid and trade on conditions which effectively broke the Western monopoly of credits, industrial and scientific know-how, and manufacture of capital equipment needed by the underdeveloped countries to transform their economies. Thus, within the framework of non-alignment many newly free states entered into new and fruitful relations with the socialist world.

Spokesmen for non-alignment have repeatedly stressed that the essence of the concept is independence. Sometimes independence is seen only in terms of an independent policy in foreign relations, but the basic need to break from imperialist exploitative ties cannot be overemphasized. And economic freedom cannot be preserved if economic ties are maintained only or overwhelmingly with the imperialist states.

There are some however, who do not see this logical and inner connection, and prefer to regard non-alignment as a device to protect their countries from equally rapacious 'superpowers', and of staying precisely in the middle between two evils. But this is a negative view.

A more positive view of non-alignment would embrace the active struggle against imperialism for full independence. And in this context the struggle against imperialism is expressed in the fight against colonialism, racism, war, for peace, disarmament, the dismantling of military blocs and bases on foreign territory, equitable trade relations, etc.

Objectively, the struggle of the truly non-aligned countries and their stand on matters of war and peace contribute to the world struggle against imperialism and place the non-aligned movement on the side of peace and social progress.

How does Guyana under the PNC regime measure up to the basic principles of

alignment?

The outstanding thing about the PNC Government's policy is the haste with which it has moved in recent times to dress itself in the garb of non-alignment. It has manoeuvred to adopt an outward appearance to conceal the reality of its position, which is far removed from non-alignment and is indeed still very much tied to the United States and enmeshed in the global policy of U.S. imperialism.

For example, on the question of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, it may be recalled it was only when on his way to attend the Lusaka Conference of Non-aligned States in 1970 that the Guyana Prime Minister met the Soviet ambassador in London and agreed in principle to establish diplomatic relations. It is known, however, that since Guyana became an independent state in May, 1966, the Soviet Union expressed its desire to establish such relations. The Soviet request was shelved by the Guyana Government until the very eve of the opening of the Lusaka Conference. Was this not mere image building?

Furthermore, the subsequent course of events has demonstrated that the PNC regime was not really sincere in wanting genuine relations and in fact wished to avoid closer contacts with the Soviet Union - the main representative of the world socialist system.

The Guyana Government has not even treated the Soviet Union on the basis of equality with the main countries of capitalism. It has so far effectively denied the Soviet Union the possibility of having a resident mission in Guyana. But the United States, Britain, France, the German Federal Republic and others have resident missions in Georgetown, even though in some cases (e.g. Federal Republic of Germany) Guyana does not reciprocate by having resident missions in those countries.

The Guyana Government's attitude to the People's Republic of China has recently undergone a change -- in keeping with the changing attitude of the United States. The record previously was that when the matter of seating People's China came up in the United Nations, Guyana voted in 1968 and 1969 in favour of the American-sponsored resolution that the matter be treated as an important one requiring a two-thirds majority and abstained from voting on the Albanian-sponsored resolution. In 1966 and 1967, Guyana also voted in favour of the American draft but voted against the Albanian.

Although the PNC Government boasts of its policy of non-alignment in external affairs and has diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), it has not recognised the German Democratic Republic (GDR) which already has friendly relations with several non-aligned states. It seems clear that the PNC regime will move opportunistically in this direction only after securing the green light from Washington. The People's Progressive Party has given notice of a motion in Parliament, published 1st June, 1971, calling on the Government to declare and realise its recognition of the GDR.

Military agreements have been signed with the U.S. Government allowing it the right to land troops and military equipment in Guyana at anytime, construct military installations on Guyanese soil, and enter Guyana's airspace at will. This can very well militate against the interest of Latin America and can provide a stepping stone for operations in Africa.

Training of Guyanese personnel abroad - in both military and civil fields - is carried out exclusively in imperialist or imperialist-controlled countries such as U.S.A., Britain, Federal Republic of Germany, and more recently in Brazil where several members of the Guyana Defence Force have been sent for special military training.

While the PNC regime encourages and freely permits students going to Western

it has put severe restrictions on those going to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries -- denying passports and using other devices to block their travel.

Qualified persons who have studied in the socialist world are viewed with suspicion on their return and have been discriminated against with respect to Government employment. A few have belatedly been given employment in their professional fields, but many have left Guyana in frustration after failing to get jobs despite the country's need of their skills. Their academic qualifications have been recognised in the developed Western countries such as the U.K. and Canada.

Continued pressure and bad publicity abroad have forced the regime to relent in a few cases. But the basic trend remains, namely to avoid the socialist world as much as possible, and even the Guyanese professionals who received their training there. This policy contrasts glaringly with the Government's policy towards training in the West.

The PNC Government is not averse to carrying its discriminatory policy even in the field of trade. The Government, through the External Trade Bureau (ETB), imposes a 10% service charge on goods imported from the socialist countries, such as the Soviet Union and China. This charge is not imposed on imports from the capitalist-imperialist countries.

The PNC Government boasts about its financial contribution to the African Freedom Fighters and uses this contribution to heighten its reputation as an active supporter of those fighting against imperialism and colonial oppression. The PNC Government could hardly have done otherwise, after the Pope gave recognition by granting audience to the African freedom fighters against Portuguese colonialism, and after the World Council of Churches had made a financial contribution.

The PPP has welcomed and fully supports this contribution -- in keeping with its well-known anti-imperialist position.

Since September 11, 1970 the PPP called on the Guyana Government to demonstrate its sincerity by granting at least a similar sum to the NLF of South Vietnam and by recognising the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. The statement added: "The PPP, conscious of the fact that the struggles in Asia, Africa, and Latin America are part and parcel of the same worldwide struggle against imperialism, supports aid for freedom fighters everywhere", and regarded the fight of the NLF of South Vietnam as "a decisive struggle against imperialism."

To date, the PNC regime has not made any contribution to the Vietnamese freedom fighters, nor has it uttered a word of moral support for them, or of disapproval of the U.S. aggression. Documentary films from North Vietnam are not permitted to be shown in Guyana.

In the same context of image building, the PNC Government announced it would grant sanctuary to African freedom fighters. Apart from the fact that Guyana's geographical position renders such aid largely theoretical, the Government's sincerity was exposed by the fact that it refused to grant asylum to freedom fighters and political dissidents fleeing the brutal torture regime of neighbouring Brazil. To give sanctuary to Guyana's neighbours from Brazil would have been a practical proposition and a great help to democrats in that tortured land. Nor is the Guyana Government interested in granting political asylum to freedom fighters from the U.S.A.

Indeed, the PNC Government which was brought into power by U.S. imperialism (see

Arthur Schlesinger Jr. - A Thousand Days) and which maintains itself in office by force and massive election rigging, steers clear on matters that impinge on the corns of the United States ruling circles, for example, the Angela Davis issue and the whole question of Black oppression in the U.S.A. The Prime Minister condemns Black oppression in Africa but is silent on Black oppression in the U.S.A.

In this connection, the Guyana Prime Minister's position on the issue of the Dominican Republic is worth recalling. At first he was opposed to U.S. intervention. But after visiting Washington he recanted.

Subservience to the United States accounts for many otherwise inexplicable stances by the PNC Government which wants to acquire a progressive, non-aligned image without actually breaking away from the U.S. diktat.

Pressure of public opinion at home and the necessity for image-building abroad has recently propelled the PNC regime to open relations with a number of socialist to non-aligned countries, e.g., Soviet Union, China, Chile, Peru, and in the case of the latter two non-aligned Latin American countries diplomatic relations were entered into just prior to the current round of non-aligned talks - reminiscent of the tactics pursued with respect to the Soviet Union on the eve of the Lusaka Conference. But relations with the socialist countries are largely nominal. The PPP has been pressing the Government to normalise relations with Cuba. For a long time the Government has hedged and only recently has shown signs of relaxing its rigid position with respect to Cuba.

The PNC Government studiously avoids taking positions on international issues contrary to the wishes of the United States, for example on the Middle East question and Israeli aggression.

Non-alignment in words is not matched by non-alignment in deeds. In fact, the evidence would indicate that the PNC Government is aligned with the pro-imperialist U.S.-Brazil-Nicaragua-Paraguay-Argentina axis. But to keep up appearances, it will maintain merely nominal associations with the anti-imperialist Cuba-Chile-Peru axis in the Western Hemisphere.

Guyana has diplomatic relations with Haiti, and the Guyana Prime Minister went to that country, but not to Cuba, and extremely close links are being forged with the Brazilian distatorship.

In the light of such developments, Guyana's newly acquired position as a Permanent Observer in the Organisation of American States (OAS) and its role in that presently U.S.-dominated body is regarded with grave disquiet.

The People's Progressive Party calls on the Guyana Government to match its words by deeds, to adopt a policy of genuine non-alignment abroad, coupled with democracy at home.

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BALANCED AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDED

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And what kind of industries? Basic strategic industries like bauxite-aluminium in which for instance the Caribbean produces 86 per cent of the bauxite requirements of the North American aluminum smelters and get only 4 per cent of the net income of the integrated industry or agro-industries or small-scale, labour-intensive industries where international competition is more intensive against dumped, subsidized or mass-produced goods from the highly developed states. We must think of production not only for import substitution but also for exports.

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THE SEATING OF PRG AND CAMBODIA

August 10, 1972 will go down as another historic landmark.

In 1956, eighty-two nations condemned at the United Nations the Anglo-French-Israeli attack against Egypt. This, together with the firm stand of the Soviet Union, caused imperialism's retreat and moral defeat, and a breach of the cold-war policy of "containment of communism" and national liberation. It sounded the deathknell of "gunboat diplomacy" and "big stick" methods.

Yesterday's decision of the Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers Conference to seat the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG) and the Royal Government of the National Union of Cambodia is another blow for freedom and humanity and a crushing defeat for imperialism at the political, psychological and ideological level.

It is also a defeat for the puppets whose role is to so manoeuvre as to make non-alignment a weapon of imperialism against national liberation and socialism. That Indonesia, Malaysia and Laos walked out of the Conference is no surprise. These puppets have been unmasked; others remain to be unmasked.

In taking this decision, the Conference has put non-alignment firmly back on the rails of principle where the non-aligned founders - Nehru, Nasser, Sukarno, Tito and Nkrumah - had placed it against colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism.

Ideologically, it has moved from the generalisation of non-intervention, sovereignty and territorial integrity to the fundamental question of the content of sovereignty. It has given notice that the client-states set up under puppets through CIA subversion and imperialist boyonets and bombs will be isolated and attacked.

To Cuba must go a great deal of credit for the decision. Its clearcut, dynamic and uncompromising stand on Vietnam and other issues of liberation was a beacon of light cutting through the fog of imperialist manoeuvre, semantics and demagogy.

Jamaica too, must be congratulated for its stand on Vietnam and offer of assistance to the African liberation movement.

The time has come for the non-aligned movement firstly to forge an effective instrument, not an amorphous, ineffective conglomeration of states, pro-imperialist and anti-imperialist, but a dedicated grouping committed to struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism; and secondly, to build anti-imperialist unity and solidarity of the national liberation movements in the "third-world", the socialist world and the democratic and peace forces of the capitalist world.

AUGUST 11, 1972.

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The government of Trinidad & Tobago recently announced that its delegation, in voting at the sea conference in Santo Domingo against co-sponsoring the resolution to have Cuba admitted to regional conferences, had failed to carry out its policies, and thus placed it in an embarrassing position.

The PPP sympathises with the government of Trinidad & Tobago. It wishes further to commend it firstly for taking the initiative some time ago at the O.A.S. Conference to have Cuba readmitted to that body; and secondly, for an exchange of experts at the technical level between Trinidad and Cuba.

The PPP, however, feels that the recent embarrassment of the government of Trinidad and Tobago could have been avoided had it followed up those initial steps by establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba, as Chile and Peru have recently done.

Now that the world powers are moving towards an easing of tensions and the breaking down of cold-war barriers, the objective situation in the Caribbean suggests that relations between the independent Commonwealth Caribbean territories and Cuba should be normalized. The government of Trinidad & Tobago can enhance its reputation by taking the lead.

The Manley government of Jamaica also should restore the air services between Jamaica and Cuba which were disrupted when the US blockade was imposed in the early 1960's.

JULY 22, 1972.

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The Prime Minister grand-standed at the non-aligned Conference at Lusaka, waving a cheque for \$50,000 for African Freedom Fighters. In other moves in the field of external affairs he has continued the ban on trade with South Africa and extended it to Portugal and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). Although fully aware that the PNC government was not really non-aligned, the PPP supported these moves as being in the right direction.

By contrast with these steps, the government is pursuing a policy here in Guyana of maximum harassment and discouragement of visitors from socialist countries or of any who are thought to be likely to be critical of what they see. These actions, which are certainly not those of a government pursuing a policy of genuine non-alignment, betray the under-lying inconsistency, uncertainty and fear which grip it.

The government cannot justify its refusal to grant visas to a number of young people from socialist countries who wanted to attend the P.Y.O.'s Conference over this August weekend. The North Korean pressmen who visited Guyana recently were accorded a rather rough 'welcome' when their stay was limited by the government. This was in marked contrast to treatment the London TIMES and DAILY TELEGRAPH correspondents received when they were here some months ago.

Nor can the government justify the treatment meted out to 4 South African Muslim missionaries a few days ago when they were made to leave the country within 24 hours after being virtually held as prisoners.

A recent letter in the press revealed the very shabby treatment suffered by a young visitor from T & T. He was practically stripped naked, his papers were confiscated and he was subjected to rough treatment by the Police.

Coupled with the policy of depriving Guyanese of passports to travel overseas, especially to socialist countries, the Government has proclaimed that its brand of a non-alignment is spurious.

Indeed taking everything else into consideration, its studied destruction of the rice industry and of the living standards of the rural people in general, its moves to control the University of Guyana, its employment practices and a thousand and one acts of discrimination, confirm that the government is proceeding to a full scale policy of apartheid not dissimilar to that in South Africa. This is the main reason for its refusal to allow Guyanese to go abroad permit visitors to Guyana. Like most cowards the government fear

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RECOGNIZE THE G.D.R.

The PPP welcomes the trade mission from the Democratic Republic of Germany (GDR). This mission has been long overdue.

The PPP hopes that the Guyana government has not accepted the visit in a nominal way for propaganda purposes on the eve of the non-aligned conference of foreign ministers. This was what was done in the case of the U.S.S.R. On his way to the 1970 summit non-aligned conference in Zambia, the Prime Minister conferred with the Soviet Embassy in London and agreed to diplomatic exchange on a non-residential basis.

We said at the time that the government's action towards the Soviet Union was in the nature of one putting oneself in order merely to qualify for entry into the non-aligned club. We have been proved correct as relations with the U.S.S.R. are still on a nominal basis.

The G.D.R. is a highly developed socialist state. From a devastated country at the end of World War II, it has **advanced to** tenth place as an industrialized nation.

There is much that Guyana can learn and profit from by establishing the closest relations with the G.D.R.

For instance, the PNC government, which claims to be socialist, has sent to Taiwan, Israel, Greece, U.S.A. and lately Brazil, Guyanese technicians, economic planners and experts for training. No one has been sent to the socialist countries.

The G.D.R. has not only a modern technology under a sound system of socio-economic planning. It can also teach us many lessons in organization in terms of workers involvement in a people's socialist democracy.

The PPP calls on the government to follow the lead of many non-aligned states, and of Cuba and Chile in this hemisphere, for diplomatic recognition of, and the establishment of the closest relations with the G.D.R.

JUNE 29, 1972.

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MORE PNC DOUBLETALK

Mr. David Singh appealed to the UNCTAD Conference to march together with the revolution under the banner of socialism. At the same time, he called on the "third-world" to close its ranks against the "superpowers."

Once again, one is confronted with PNC double-talk and demagogy.

In the same breath that the PNC government is calling for unity, it is practising disunity.

It isolates Cuba, a third-world socialist country. It refuses to give even moral support to Vietnam. It equates superpower USA (imperialist) with superpower USSR (socialist).

By refusing to recognize that the Soviet Union, which is in the forefront of the world socialist system, is giving material assistance to national liberation movements (freedom fighters in Vietnam, Bangla Desh, Africa, etc.) and for the building of socialism and the defense of sovereignty (India, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Cuba, etc.), the PNC government is weakening the world front against reaction and therefore objectively aligning itself with imperialism. This explains why despite its talk about "socialism" and "revolution," it continues to get the backing of Anglo-American imperialism, and also why it does not nationalize US Reynolds Guyana Mines Limited and the British sugar companies.

The government's pro-imperialist foreign policy has led it into a cul-de-sac. While it shuns aid from, and closer ties with the Soviet Union and has developed the closest relations with Yugoslavia, the latter country has itself been the recipient recently of huge aid from the former.

The Economist (London) of February 12, 1972, stated -

"The biggest deal so far is between the go-ahead firm of Energoinvest, of Sarajevo (the capital of Bosnia, one of Yugoslavia's poorest states), and Tavetmetaleksport of Moscow. Energoinvest will be paying £77 m. for a plant and other help to set up the biggest alumina plant in Europe. The Russians will grant a credit of £50 m. Bosnia will thus be able to expand production from its three big bauxite mines. Energoinvest will export the entire output of alumina from the new works to Russia for the first 10 years, and 20% of that will constitute repayment of the loan."

The Soviet Union is also providing to another non-aligned country, Egypt, the blue-prints and materials for an aluminium factory with an annual output of 100,000 tons, to be built at Nag Hammadi, in Upper Egypt. When completed it will meet all Egypt's needs for the metal and provide surplus for export. It will get power from the Aswan hydro-electric station, also built with Soviet help.

The PPP calls on the government to abandon its double-talk, and in the interest of the hard-pressed people of Guyana, to change its domestic and foreign policies to conform with its posture on socialism and revolution.

APRIL 22, 1972.

SEND MISSION TO CUBA

The PNC government has recently sent a goodwill mission to Venezuela. One of its objectives was to look into agriculture development. The PPP did not oppose the visit even though it realized that little would come out of it.

That visit could be justified only on the ground of goodwill. Venezuela has palpably failed in her agricultural programme. Time was when Venezuela fed herself but today she imports large quantities of foods from the USA. And her attempts at moving the people onto the land has been an expensive failure.

What is today more than ever necessary is a goodwill mission to Cuba. Much can be gained from such a visit -- trade, cultural exchange, knowledge in economic planning and diversification. Dr. Iton, Chief Livestock Officer of Trinidad not too long ago said that what Cuba had done in 10 years, Trinidad had not achieved in 50 years.

Because of the US dictation, practically all the South American countries have joined the US blockade of Cuba. Supplies of food and other materials from Latin American countries such as rice from Brazil have to go to the socialist countries and then shipped to Cuba.

The PNC government refuses to recognize Cuba and is thus in collusion with the USA in trying to destroy a small country. Instead of forcing the Guyanese rice farmers to grow Star Bonnet (now that Blue Belle has failed) in order to capture the illusory market in the US satellite Jamaica, the government should recognize Cuba, send a goodwill mission, grant meaningful recognition to the USSR and the other socialist countries and develop a triangular trade: Guyana-Cuba - socialist bloc. This will not only help rice farmers, but also timber producers as during the PPP regime. It will also help us to buy goods more cheaply and get factories to industrialize, provide more jobs and reduce the cost-of-living.

exposure. It is high time that Guyanese react to these invasions of their rights and seek to put an end to the system of creeping apartheid.

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The single handed battle against the obviously wrongful dismissal of Mrs. Hazel DaSent goes on. Although the campaign has been fully ventilated in most of the newspapers and has been given unusually frank treatment, this mother has received so far only congratulations for her principled ~~trouble~~ *struggle* against overwhelmingly odds.

The Ministry of Education continues to ignore her case which from the published statements and correspondence is a cast-iron one.

One cannot but agree with her that her Union is 'motivated by personal ambitions'. The latest development in which the TUC is alleged to have turned its back upon this unfortunate woman brings that organisation too into disrepute on this question. This national body which has the ~~ear~~ ^{ear} of the Prime Minister, can settle disputes of the size of the Demba confusion, is helpless in the case of a woman woefully abandoned by her own Union.

We have had occasion to refer to and to criticise the Ministry of Education on several occasions. Its decision to 'swamp' the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the University with PNC members is an unscrupulous and bare faced act to bring the institution under the direct control of the government to enable the PNC to select the Academic Staff and more important to hand-picked the student candidates.

It is common knowledge that the discrimination against a section of the community is intended.

We have also had cause to refer to the still unsettled scandal at the Covent Garden Secondary School, where forced rather than ~~association~~ ^{negotiation was} the Ministry arbitrary answer to the pupil's reasonable demand.

This DaSent's case, the latest reported inroad into the rights of the people who fall foul of the Minister again exposes the Ministry's ruthlessness and the government's tendency to dictatorship.

It is important that we heed and join the impassioned ^{ed} call already made to demand a halt to arbitrariness and the persecution so prevalent.

JULY 31, 1971.

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AGREEMENT FOR ENDING THE WAR AND
RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM

The United States recognises the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the DRV.

A ceasefire on the entire territory of South Vietnam within 24 hours of the signing of the agreement.

An end to U.S. bombing and mining of North Vietnam and all other military action.

Withdrawal of U.S. troops and military advisers from South Vietnam within 60 days.

The people of South Vietnam shall themselves decide their political future through genuinely free and democratic general elections under international supervision.

The U.S. shall not seek to impose a pro-American government in Saigon; reconciliation and national concord, with guarantees for the people's democratic rights and freedoms.

A National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord shall be established to assist the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam in implementing the agreement and organising general elections.

The sides in South Vietnam shall resolve the question of Vietnam armed forces in South Vietnam without foreign interference, in a spirit of national reconciliation and concord, equality and mutual respect.

The unification of Vietnam shall be carried out stage by stage by peaceful methods.

The government of the DRV, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Vietnam shall fully respect the basic national rights of the peoples of Cambodia and Laos: independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

Foreign states shall cease all military actions in Laos and Cambodia, withdraw all their troops and not re-introduce them into the two countries.

Note: The U.S. negotiators agreed to the initial signing date, October 31, 1972, but as all the world knows, Washington rejected that date and did not sign.

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STRONG CONDEMNATION OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OF
U.S. BOMBING

The PPP congratulates the Non-Aligned countries for the firm statement it issued on the murderous bombing of North Vietnam.

At the same time it wishes to condemn the Speaker of the National Assembly and the government of Guyana for their failure to act decisively on this vital cause of national liberation against imperialism.

On December 22, 1972, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Leader of the Opposition, sought the leave the National Assembly to move an adjournment motion, in order to discuss as a matter of importance and urgency, the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. The Speaker refused the request on the grounds that while it was an important matter, it was not urgent, and that the Prime Minister had just issued a statement.

The Prime Minister at about 11 a.m., after Dr. Jagan's request, which was submitted at 10 a.m., issued a mild statement on Vietnam, which in no way measures up to the strong language used in the non-aligned statement.

The PPP calls on the government to take in future a more forthright, unambiguous and positive stand on vital questions of principle affecting Guyana's short-term and long-term interests.

It should be noted that the forthright stand taken by world public opinion -- the socialist world, the non-aligned movement and by sections of the capitalist world (Sweden, Canada, Australia) and the outright denunciation of U.S. Senators and Congressmen, even Republicans, coupled with the heavy losses of U.S. bombers -- forced Richard Nixon to call a halt to his murderous and genocidal campaign and to return to the Conference table.

The PPP on December 28, 1972, called on the non-aligned nations to join Sweden in its condemnation of U.S. war crimes.

The Guyana Government must publicly state what initiatives it had taken, if any, to influence the non-aligned states in their forceful stand; and secondly, what steps it has taken to answer the call of Madame Binh for an urgent meeting of the non-aligned states.

UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON VIETNAM

On September 27, 1972 Salim Ahmed Salim, Tanzania's representative, said that since May 8 the United States government had subjected North Vietnam to a blockade and "some of the most destructive and barbaric bombings that have ever been experienced by any country since Hiroshima." He called for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam as well as from Cambodia and repeated his government's "full support to the heroic people of Indochina who have demonstrated their strength, tenacity and perseverance in the struggle against gross injustice and bullying by the forces of reaction and international imperialism."

On September 26, 1972, Knud B. Andersen, Denmark's Minister of Foreign Affairs, speaking in the general debate in the U.N. General Assembly reported the indignation of the Danish people over "the misery and the losses caused by the war and by the recent escalation and extension of the warfare, and in particular the massive bombings" in Vietnam.

JANUARY 16, 1973.

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

Non-alignment from the inception of the Bandung Conference in 1955 embraced two significant principles: firstly, opposition to colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism; secondly, non-committment militarily to either of the two world blocs.

Consequently, the PPP questions the status of Guyana under the PNC regime as a non-aligned state, and the presence of Mr. Burnham and his entourage at the non-aligned Conference.

It is abundantly clear from the following that the PNC government is aligned to imperialism:

1. Military agreements have been signed with the U.S. Government allowing it the right to:
 - (a) land troops and military equipment in Guyana at anytime;
 - (b) construct military installations on Guyanese soil;
 - (c) enter Guyana's airspace at will. Guyana can very well be the gateway for future U.S. military operations in Africa.
2. Hundreds of thousands of acres of Guyana's richest lands, laden with minerals and timber, have been given away to American, British and Canadian monopolies.
3. All overseas training of Government's personnel (police, army, teachers, etc.) is done in the U.S.A., Britain, Canada, West Germany, Greece, Japan, Taiwan, Brazil and other imperialist or imperialist-controlled nations. As a matter of fact, regular orientation visits are undertaken by numerous government delegations to the above-named countries.
4. There is a large and ever-increasing number of Peace Corps, VSO's and CUSO's in Guyana today. It is essential to know that the PPP Government did not allow these "volunteers" into Guyana.
5. Diplomatic relations have been established with all the main imperialist countries - U.S.A., Britain, France, West Germany, Canada, Holland, etc. - but not with the socialist nations.
6. Students are denied passports to travel to socialist countries. Scores of Guyanese, highly qualified but who studied in socialist countries during the regime of the PPP, are not given employment.

These are just some of the pro-imperialist and anti-socialist policies of the Government of the People's National Congress.

The Burnham Government, by its deeds, deserves no seat at the Conference of Non-Aligned Nations.

4th SEPTEMBER, 1970.

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

REMOVAL OF 10% SURCHARGE ON SINO-SOVIET GOODS

The announcement that the PNC government has removed the 10% surcharge on goods imported from Sino-Soviet sources is another triumph for the PPP. The government announcement added that this would help to reduce the cost of the goods to the Guyanese people.

In July, 1971, speaking in the Guyana National Assembly, Cde. Ranji Chandisingh said that the people of Guyana could benefit considerably if Guyana traded with socialist countries. Such trade he said, would not only help to reduce the cost of living; it would also help to develop closer relations between Guyana and these countries.

In January, 1972, the PPP submitted a Motion calling on the National Assembly to agree to the removal of the 10% surcharge on goods from socialist countries. The motion was never debated. On 24th February, 1973, it was re-tabled in the new Parliament. The motion recited the government's claim to be non-aligned, pointed out that the surcharge discriminated against the USSR, the People's Republic of China and other socialist states, and that whereas the cost of living was still rising, if the surcharge was removed, the cheaper goods from the socialist countries would help in its reduction.

It is true to say that over the years since its fraudulent accession to power, the PNC government has been forced to implement policies which the PPP had long advocated. The list is long. Where the PPP leads, the PNC inevitably follows.

MARCH 31, 1973.

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

IMPERIALIST LINKS TIGHTENING AROUND GUYBAU

The latest loan to Guybau of some \$7 $\frac{1}{2}$ million from the U.S. Import-Export Bank confirms what the PPP has always stated; namely, that apart from pressure from the PPP, the PNC regime moved from "meaningful participation" to nationalisation with U.S. imperialism's tacit agreement, if not connivance.

The PPP's contention is borne out by the following facts:-

- (1) Compensation terms of \$100 million with no interest was varied to \$107 million at 6 per cent interest to be paid in 20 years to satisfy the then U.S. majority shareholders of Alcan/Demba. Guybau was also made a private company which makes it liable to foreign court action.
- (2) Chase Manhattan Bank (US), followed by other foreign banks provided \$14 million working capital to Guybau.
- (3) U.S. Philipp Bros, a subsidiary of the giant, multi-national South African Anglo-American Corporation was made the marketing agent.
- (4) Guyana's high-grade bauxite (Surinam is the only other source) is used to "sweeten" U.S. low-grade bauxite. U.S.A prefers to have a puppet PNC government owning Demba rather than having it owned and controlled by a highly nationalistic Canada through the Aluminum Company of Canada which was passing out from American into Canadian hands.

If the PNC regime is anti-imperialist and pro-socialist, as is claimed, how is it that it is receiving such generous assistance and help from the U.S.A -- a treatment which is not meted out to Cuba and Chile?

It should be noted that the PNC does not intend to nationalise the U.S. Reynolds subsidiary, Guyana Mines Limited, the British-owned sugar companies, the banks and the insurance companies.

MARCH 31, 1973.

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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

WHAT KIND OF PNC INTERNATIONALISM?

Sir S.S. Ramphal, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is reported to have told the PNC Congress that Guyana "has deserved and secured the recognition and respect of the international community" because of Mr. Forbes Burnham's "forthright leadership and his unwavering commitment to internationalism."

A close examination reveals, however, that despite talk about socialism, it is not proletarian, working-class internationalism, but internationalism largely in the service of imperialism.

The PNC government had never taken a firm stand on Vietnam, the most decisive national liberation struggle. It has not recognized the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG) even though it gave the impression that it supported the seating of its delegation at the Non-Aligned meeting in Guyana in August 1972.

Nor has it recognized the Sihanouk's Cambodian Government, which was also seated at the Non-Aligned Conference.

It condoned U.S. armed intervention in the Dominican Republic.

It agreed to cooperate in fighting "terrorism" with Brazil, imperialism's gendarme in the Western hemisphere.

It has largely remained silent on the black liberation struggle inside the U.S.A.

It had long ostracized the socialist world, the other world revolutionary stream, until moves towards peaceful coexistence and detente were made by President Nixon. Restrictions on trade through licensing and quotas, aid and other exchanges still continue.

At the theoretical-ideological level, it equates, with its two super-powers line, imperialist U.S.A. with socialist U.S.S.R., regarding both as predatory.

It contraposes the "North" to the "South" ("third-world") and the "developed" to the "developing" countries without making any ideological distinction between the developed, capitalist countries of the North and the developed socialist countries of the North.

The PPP sees the need for sacrifice, self-reliance and cooperation in and among underdeveloped countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. But unlike the PNC government, we also see the need for the closest cooperation of the three world revolutionary streams -- the liberation movement in the developing countries, the socialist world and the anti-monopoly-capitalist and peace forces of the capitalist world.

Vietnam, Cuba and other countries have proved that without the fullest cooperation with, and help from, the socialist world and the democratic and progressive forces in the capitalist world, it would be impossible to break the political, economic and cultural domination of imperialism.

However strenuously and loudly Sir Shridath, with a general election not far off, showers praise upon the Prime Minister, the cold, historical facts belie his words, and Guyanese and others who are able to peer behind the veil, remain unimpressed. The people have long since categorised the P.M. as a demagogue and political opportunist; any socialist principles he may once have held have long since dried-up and withered away, like a diseased coconut tree, in the arid blasts of hot air and adulation that have surrounded him for so long.

MAY 5, 1973.

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

WELCOME TO PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO

The PPP welcomes the visit to Guyana of the head of the Cuban Government, Premier Fidel Castro --- a visit long overdue.

The PPP is glad that the same PNC which attacked the Cuban revolution has been forced to recognise the Cuban government, and its great leader.

The Cuban revolution has been, and is, a beacon of light to all oppressed peoples everywhere. The visit of Premier Castro to Guyana is a recognition of the strength of this revolution, and its ideology, Marxist-Leninism.

The PNC, Batista-type regime has been forced to welcome the head of the Cuban government because firstly, of the continuous pressure from the PPP; secondly, it accords with the hopes and aspirations of the Guyanese people; and thirdly, the desire of the PNC top brass to brighten their tarnished image in the reflected glory of Fidel Castro.

AUGUST 25, 1973.

NON-ALIGNMENT AND ALGIERS CONFERENCE

The PPP had expressed its warm support for the non-aligned movement and its principles enunciated at its first conference at Bandung, Indonesia in 1955.

Subsequently, the PPP expressed concern that the firm principles of anti-colonialism and anti-imperialism of the movement were watered down as a result of the broadening of the movement by the inclusion of states with doubtful ideological commitment.

Because of the growing strength of national liberation and socialism nationally and internationally, and particularly because of the firm leadership of the Cuban delegation, the Non-Aligned Conference of Foreign Ministers in August 1972 in Guyana took a revolutionary decision of seating the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Viet Nam (PRG) and Royal Government of Cambodian National Unity led by Prince Sihanouk.

This decision led to a walkout of the rightist governments of Laos, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The PNC regime gave the impression of supporting the decision, but refused to extend diplomatic recognition to the PRG and the Royal Cambodian Government. Indeed, the PNC seized at the airport documentary films brought back by Dr. Cheddi Jagan from Hanoi, and refused to deliver them.

The summit Non-Aligned Conference in Algiers must face two important questions; firstly, at the politico-ideological level; and secondly, at the economic level.

The PNC regime, like the reactionary Malaysian regime, has been propounding the pro-imperialist two-super powers line, which falsely talks about two imperialisms and equates imperialist USA with socialist USSR. The PNC also over-emphasizes self-reliance and "third-world" cooperation, failing to advocate the correct position taken by Marxists-Leninists of the closest unity and cooperation among the three revolutionary streams -- the national liberation movements of the "third-world", the world socialist system, and the working class and progressive forces in the capitalist world.

At the economic level, the PNC in its \$300 million, 7-year (1966-72) D-Plan embraced the discredited pro-imperialist Puerto Rican economic planning strategy. Now, in its \$1,150 million, 5-year (1972-76) Plan, it has adopted the reformist ECLA model which also failed in Latin America during the past decade.

At the last 26 July celebrations in Havana, Premier Fidel Castro attacked the two super-powers line, and stated categorically that there is only one imperialism - western imperialism.

The PPP hopes that Dr. Castro would be able to influence the PNC regime to abandon its pro-imperialist position.

Without a correct political-ideological line and an anti-imperialist economic planning strategy as in Cuba, the gap between the capitalist states and the "third-world" will continue to widen and living standards of the masses will continue to deteriorate. The non-aligned movement must face these challenges.

Non-Alignment

JAMAICA PEACE COUNCIL PRESENTATION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT HELD AT THE PEGASUS HOTEL, 16 -
18TH MARCH, 1979, KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W.I.
DELIVERED BY MR ROBERTICK FRANCIS, LEADER OF
THE JAMAICA DELEGATION:

MR. CHAIRMAN,
MR. PRESIDENT,
DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT,
MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE,
MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT

WE BRING YOU WARM AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM THE JAMAICA PEACE
COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA.

WE FEEL GREATLY HONOURED THAT OUR CAPITAL AND OUR COUNTRY HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN AS THE VENUE FOR HOSTING THIS VERY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL
SEMINAR DEALING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT TOUCHING ON THE
FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE AND THE WORLD. "PEACE".

FIRST OF ALL ALLOW US TO EXTEND OUR WARM AND PROFOUND SOLIDARITY WITH
THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF GRENADA, WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED FACISM
THAT TRIED TO RAISE ITS HEAD IN THE CARIBBEAN.

WE SALUTE AND EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF VIETNAM
WHOSE TERRITORY HAS BEEN INVADED BY THE BARBAROUS CHINESE AGGRESSORS
WHO SEEK WORLD EXPANSION AND HEGEMONY AT THE EXPENSE OF VIETNAM TO
FULFILL THEIR OBJECTIVE GREED FOR WORLD DOMINATION.

OUR SOLIDARITY IS FURTHER EXTENDED TO THE GALLANT AND HEROIC PEOPLES
OF MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF
SOUTH AFRICA. THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR
NATIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE,
TO THEM, OUR SOLIDARITY IS WARMLY GIVEN.

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM BY OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA IS ALSO OUR STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT THE TENTACLES OF FASCISM, NEO FASISM, REACTION AND MILITARISM.

JAMAICA BEING A TRADITIONAL MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, REGRETABLELY BEARS ALL THE CONTRADICTIONS AND VESTIGES OF THE SYSTEM THAT DENIES PEACE, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THAT IS WHY, EVEN AT THIS TIME JAMAICA STRUGGLES FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AS AN OBJECTIVE THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND FOR ALL APPEARANCES IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

OUR INALIENABLE RIGHTS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IS STILL AN ONGOING PROCESS, WHICH IS STILL SUBJECTED TO CONTRADICTIONS INHERITED FROM OUR COLONIAL PAST.

OUR ECONOMY, OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN GOODS AND MARKETS ARE STILL SUBJECTED TO THE DECISIONS OF THE SAME IMPERIALIST POWERS WHO HELD US DOWN FOR CENTURIES, WHO KEEP UPPING THE PRICES OF THEIR PRODUCTS AND LOWERING THE PRICES OF THE INDEGINEOUS PRODUCTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ARE THE SAME ONES WHO ARE TODAY ENTREATING US TO JOIN THEIR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PACTS TO FURTHER THEIR EXPLOITATION, WEAKEN THE UNITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ULTIMATELY SMASH THE MOVEMENT.

JAMAICA SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY MUST RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE GROWING UNITY AND SOLIDARITY THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AMONG A UNITED AND STRONG NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. IT MUST SEEK TO ADOPT AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE GREAT FAMILY, A MOTTO, " THAT AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL". ALL THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND SEMI-INDEPENDENT NATIONS, THOUGH THEY ARE RICH IN VARIOUS FORMS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, YET THEY ARE TODAY SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS FEATURES OF IMPERIALIST EXPLOITATION AND INSPIRED AND FUELED CAPITALIST WORLD CRISES, BEARING UPON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH SOCIAL ABNORMALITIES AS MASS UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, DESTABILISATION, LOW OR STAGNANT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CONTINUOUS CRAWLING PEG DEVALUATION OF THEIR CURRENCIES AS IS THE JAMAICA EXPERIENCE.

OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, IMPERIALISM HAS BEEN BUSY USING THE METHOD OF DESTABILIZATION TO SUBVERT THE INDEPENDENCE OF JAMAICA, TOPPLE ITS DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT WITH EVEN THREATS TO MURDER THE HEAD OF THE STATE. ONLY BY/ETERNAL VIGILANCE AND UNITY OF A PEOPLE CAN FRUSTRATE THE EFFORTS OF FASCISM AND IMPERIALISM IN ANY COUNTRY.

THE JAMAICA PEACE COUNCIL CALLS UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO REMAIN VIGILANT, STEADFAST IN THEIR EFFORTS AND OBJECTIVES WITH RENEWED RESOLUTIONS FOR PEACE TO COMBAT THE VARIOUS INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALISM WHOSE SOLE OBJECTIVE IS TO SHATTER THE GROWING UNITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. FOR THE POSITIVE PROMOTION OF PEACE GLOBALLY, JAMAICA MUST RENOUNCIATE AND DIS-ASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM COUNTRIES LARGE OR SMALL WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ASTRONOMICAL MILITARY BUDGETARY SPENDINGS AND ARMS BUILD-UP FOR AGRESSIVE PURPOSES. ON THE OTHER HAND OUR POSITION SUPPORTS MAXIMUM DEFENSE OF ANY COUNTRY TO DEFEND ITSELF, ITS LABOUR AND OTHER PEACE LOVING PEOPLE AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTS OF IMPERIALISM AND FASCISM. WE CONTEND THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IS THE STRUGGLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLE. IN BOTH WORLD WARS MANKIND HAD EXPERIENCED AND SACRIFICED ALL THAT HAVE BEEN WON BY THEIR HARD LABOUR DURING THE PERIOD OF PEACE. IN MANY COUNTRIES THE SCARS OF WORLD WAR I WHICH ^{U.S} / 61 YEARS AGO, IS STILL VISIBLE. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF WORLD WAR II WHICH ENDED 34 YEARS AGO, WHICH LEFT BEHIND RUINS OF MANY COUNTRIES, STATES AND CITIES THAT ARE NOT YET RECONSTRUCTED.

WARS HAVE ROBBED US OF MANY GREAT SONS AND DAUGHTERS NOT TO SPEAK OF THE GREAT SOCIO-ECONOMIC SET-BACKS EXPERIENCED BY THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE SPENT DAILY ON ARMS WHILE MILLIONS OF CHILDREN DIE FROM STARVATION AND MALNUTRITION PARTICULARLY IN THE UNDEVELOPED AND FASCIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES.

IF ONE-TENTH OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WERE USED FOR SOCIAL-ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES THIS ALONE WOULD SOLVE THE WORLD ILLITERACY AND MALNUTRITION PROBLEMS.

PLEASE ALLOW US TO QUOTE FROM NEW PERSPECTIVE 3/78 FROM AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CARLTON GOODLETT" " IN 1960 THE WORLD SPENT 120 BILLION DOLLARS FOR ARMAMENT, WITH THE U.S SPENDING 60 BILLION DOLLARS. 10 YEARS LATER IN 1973 DESPITE INFLATION, THE WORLD SQUANDERED 270 BILLION OF ITS WEALTH ON MILITARY ARMAMENTS, OF WHICH 78 BILLIONS WERE SPENT BY THE UNITED STATES, THE NATIONS OF AFRICA \$2.08 BILLION, THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SPENT \$42 BILLIONS. THE U.S. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY 1978 THAT THE NEW U.S. MILITARY BUDGET WOULD BE \$128.4 BILLION".

WHILE SUCH ASTRONOMICAL SUMS ARE BEING SPENT ON ARMS IMPERIALISM REFUSED TO PAY FOR RAW MATERIALS IN THE CASE OF BAUXITE AND ALUMINUM. IN 1974 FOR THE CAUSE OF SURVIVAL, THE JAMAICA GOVERNMENT ADDED A SMALL PERCENTAGE AS LEVY ON BAUXITE EXPORT TO NORTH AMERICA IN ORDER TO MEET A PART OF ITS LOCAL SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS. THIS CREATED EXTREME HEATED FEELINGS AND UPROARS BY THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, LOCAL REACTIONARIES AND THEIR FRIENDS, AND HAD REACTED TO THE EXTENT OF TAKING THE JAMAICA GOVERNMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURTS OF JUSTICE. WHEN THIS EFFORT FAILED THEY BEGAN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO DESTABILISE THE COUNTRY WITH THE VIEW OF WORKING FOR THE ULTIMATE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS MUST CREATE THE NECESSARY MACHINERY TO OWN, CONTROL AND MARKET OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS. ALL THOSE GREAT SUMS SPENT ON ARMS ARE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREAS THAT THE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED, LEAVING THOUSANDS DIEING FROM STARVATION.

WAR THEREFORE, IS TOTALLY IRRELEVANT TO JAMAICA'S OBJECTIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

SOME OF THE LEGACIES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM COLONIALISM INTO INDEPENDENCE OF THE NEWLY FORMED NATIONS, ARE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE ANTI-SOCIAL CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO IMPERIALISM SINCE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS HAVE PROVEN OVER THE YEARS TO KEEP THE NATIVES AS A PERMANENT SOURCE FOR EXPLOITATION.

THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BY LAW. BLATANT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS EVIDENT IN ALMOST ALL THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER SHOULD BE THE ACCEPTED AND WORKING PRINCIPLES OF ALL MEMBER STATES. IN MANY COUNTRIES THE CONVENTIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER COVER ONLY ONE SECTION OF THE CITIZENS WHILE THE OTHER SECTION IS LEFT UNPROTECTED AND ABUSED. GLARING EXAMPLES ARE THE SUB-HUMAN TREATMENT METED OUT TO THE ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE INDIANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE RIGHTFUL CITIZENS OF SOUT AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN HOME BY ISREAL.

IN MOST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES THE CRIME RATE IS HIGHEST AMONG WORKERS AND PEASANTS THAN THAT OF OTHER MEMBERS IN THE SOCIETY. MANY WORKERS AND PEASANTS HAVE TO MIGRATE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT UNDER CONDITIONS OF SUB-HUMAN STANDARD AND ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE RIGHTS AS ENJOYED BY THE NATIVES OF THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY HAVE MIGRATED, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO JOIN TRADE UNIONS. MEMBER NON-ALIGNED STATES MUST DEVELOP PROGRAMMES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR HUMAN RESOURCES. JUSTICE AND SECURITY ARE SOME OF THE GUIDING LINES FOR PEACE. ILLITERACY, UNEMPLOYMENT, POVERTY, MALNUTRITION, INFANT MORTALITY, PHYSIC-DISABILITY AND SUB-HUMAN STANDARDS OF LIVING. THESE SOCIAL ABUSES ARE THE GREATEST ENEMY TO THE PEOPLES' PURSUIT TO SOCIAL PROGRESS WHICH IS INSEPERABLE FROM THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE.

PERISTENT POVERTY IS THE LIFE-LONG EXPERIENCE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATION.. THEIR TRAINED INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES ARE BEING EXTRACTED FROM THEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE BEING TRAINED WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES OF THESE POOR COUNTRIES. IMPERIALISM EXPLOIT THE INTELLECTUAL WEALTH OF THESE COUNTRIES THUS MAKING SOCIAL PROGRESS A MYTH IN MANY OF THEM. SOME YEARS AGO JAMAICA SPENT \$30,000,000 IN THREE YEARS IN TRAINING INTELLECTUALS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL: IN MANY FIELDS. AT THE END OF TRAINING ALL HAVE MIGRATED TO THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES, RESULTED IN ONE DENTIST ALONE OPERATING IN THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 42,000 PEOPLE. THIS BRAIN DRAIN MUST STOP IF SOCIAL PROGRESS IS TO BE AN OBJECTIVE TO WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES INTEND TO STRUGGLE TO ATTAIN.

INEQUALITY AMONG THE SEXES IN THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IS ANOTHER ABNORMALITY AFFECTING THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. WITHOUT EQUAL AND FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE FEMININE SEX TO US SOCIAL PROGRESS WILL BE ALWAYS A NEGATIVE FORCE. 1979 THE YEAR OF THE CHILD SHOULD BE THE YEAR OF WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION.

NEWS MEDIA MUST NOT SERVE NARROW ELITIST INTERESTS

In Havana, Ministers and officials from 19 non-aligned countries are holding talks on achieving greater co-operation over news and communications within the non-aligned movement.

In a three day meeting, says a news item in the Guyana Chronicle of April 17 the Inter-Governmental Council for the Co-ordination of Information from non-aligned countries will discuss progress towards a common news pool and collaboration over communications. The establishment of the Council was one of the decisions of the last Non-Aligned Summit Meeting in Sri Lanka to "de-colonize information between and about non-aligned countries". Seven countries attending the conference are from Africa, seven from Asia, four from Latin America and the Caribbean, and Yugoslavia.

The PPP agrees that in "third world" countries the foreign press monopolies had dominated the mass media -- press, radio and T.V. -- and continues to do so in many countries in the post-independence period to serve imperialism and perpetuate neo-colonial rule.

The PPP agrees also that the mass media can help in the ideological-educational development of the people and in the creation of a new culture.

The Guyanese experience, however, has shown that the ending of foreign ownership in itself is not leading to liberation. In Guyana, the media has come largely under Government control and this control is used to maintain a minority regime in power and to serve the interests of a reactionary petty-bourgeois elite. The regime at the same time has used administrative and legal (i.e., the law) methods to obstruct those who are genuinely interested in national liberation and socialism.

Guyanese reacted sharply against the imposition in early 1972 of restrictions on the importation of newsprint and printing equipment. The New Guyana Company, the publishers of the Mirror, which is anti-imperialist and socialist-oriented, has not yet succeeded in securing import licences for a press which it ordered since 1971. The law was also used at the same time severely to inhibit freedom of expression by heavily increasing the deposit required to publish; in addition, the scope of the law of libel has been widened; and in practice, administrative delays for the issue of licences have been responsible for non-publication of the Mirror on several occasions. In the Courts a case was brought against "Dayclean", a periodical comprising a one-sheet roneoed publication. When the restrictions were imposed, it was sent to Trinidad and Tobago, but on the arrival of the printed issue, it was seized and burnt.

The PPP feels that the Non-Aligned Movement must concern itself not only to fight against foreign ownership and control but also against local hegemonies protecting narrow petty-bourgeois elitist interests.

APRIL 18, 1978.

Non-Alignment

GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR STATES MUST BE CLOSED, WARNS
UNESCO CHIEF.

NAIROBI: UNESCO Director General Lahmadou Mahtar M^rBow of Senegal yesterday warned that, ~~if the gap between that,~~ if the gap between rich and poor countries were not closed, the world faced a serious risk of conflicts of "disastrous proportions". ...

He said recent developments had spotlighted the interdependence of all nations. In today's world the poverty of some nations could not go on co-existing with the affluence of others for much longer without "the very serious risk of tensions and conflicts, which because of modern scientific developments, might assume disastrous proportions."

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THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES' CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Twenty-two years ago, at the first Non-Aligned Countries' Conference held in Bandung, Indonesia, the anti-imperialist theme had been strongly stressed. Today, at the Conference opening soon in Colombo, there is even greater need for a firm and united stand against imperialism, for national liberation and revolutionary democracy.

Then, in the post-war, cold war period, imperialism used gun-boats and strong-arm methods, and the governments of many countries were overthrown or their territories occupied. But after the defeat in the Bay of Pigs in Cuba in 1961 and the fiasco of the American involvement in Vietnam, the tactics changed. A new word crept into use: de-stabilisation, and the classic example of this in our region was the overthrow^{in Chile} of the Marxist government of Salvador Allende. For over a decade now, making full use of its Central Intelligence Agency, particularly in Latin America, the United States has been working overtime, by overt and covert means, to remove progressive governments and to maintain or put into office right-wing repressive governments.

Not even India, whose famed and revered first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was one of the architects of the Non-Aligned Movement at Bandung, has been spared an attempt at subversion and overthrow of the government by imperialism, and its supporters in the sub-continent; and Nehru's daughter, and India's present Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, has had to impose a state of emergency and to take other drastic steps to preserve democracy. The most recent "de-stabilisation" victim, Jamaica, will also be represented at Colombo. These countries, with Guyana, could be expected to take a strong stand against imperialism next week.

The Conference should also condemn Israel's refusal to comply with the U.N. Resolution of November 1967, calling for a return to the pre-war frontiers and the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people; it must seek to mobilise opinion all over the world, and moral, material and military pressure, to bring down the racist regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe); it must come out in support of the people of Angola under the MPLA and call for the immediate freedom of the people of Namibia from control by the vicious Vorster white supremacists; it must condemn the repressive regimes of Latin America, particularly Brazil and the Pinochet military junta in Chile, and call for the release of patriots like Luis Corvalan; it must support the Puerto Rican independence movement; it must forthrightly denounce the "two super-powers" line which weakens opposition to imperialism. And the Conference must take a resolute stand against the capitalist/imperialist states which are refusing to countenance the call for a new economic order.

But the politicians gathered in Colombo would be neglecting their duty if they did not also speak out against the opponents of detente and disarmament; if they did not call for the reconvening of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, the resumption of the SALT talks; if they did not speak out against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; for the declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and against the use of Diego Garcia as a US Base.

Peace should be the main plank for those countries, such as Guyana, which have declared that their goal is socialism.

If the delegates in Colombo, at the conclusion of their Conference, are seen to have advanced the cause of peace, freedom and socialism, they will have done well, they will have earned our thanks, and the gratitude of future generations.

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