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To Sunday Argony

Dear Sir:

In your two previous issues, you published two stories, the main purport of which was to malign me as a individual devoid of principles, and grasping for money.

You accused me of shelving my political responsibilities and then went on to say "Dr. Jagan . . . now spends a good deal of his time practising his dental profession in order to augment his meagre public salary of \$800 a month (\$300 of it free of income tax) in order to live".

Since you have resorted to this style of journalism, I wish to inform you that of my salary as a legislator, \$400 is paid at Freedom House, and \$93 per month is deducted for Income Tax. Incidentally, my wife does full time political work free of charge and the money she earned while a member of the Elections Commission was given to the People's Progressive Party.

As regards my dental practise, I work only for 1½ hours a day relieving my brother during his lunch break. And this in no way is allowed to interfere with my visits overseas and my frequent visits to the countryside, sometimes for many days at a time.

I'm sure your remarks about my association with GIMPEX does not bother the public. As a shareholders, including myself, of thus business have not, and do not intend, to receive dividends from profits, if any, as in other business enterprises.

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