

ORGAN OF THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

THUNDER

Mark the rolling,
of the thunder
Lo! the sun and lo
thereunder
Rise! wrath and hope
and wonder — William Morris



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Message from Party Leader:

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INDEPENDENCE YES! CELEBRATIONS NO!

The People's Progressive Party has been in the fore-front of the struggle for national liberation — political independence and economic emancipation. From the time of its formation in 1950, it has battled on many fronts to free Guyana from political subservience and economic domination.

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The PPP opposed the fraudulent constitutional arrangement which resulted in its removal from the government in 1964. It did not take part in the rigged constitutional talks in London in November, 1965. And it was not consulted on the date of independence.

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The party's attitude to the independence celebrations is therefore coupled with mixed feelings.

On the one hand *we are* happy that on May 26 our Guyana flag will replace the Union Jack, that we will have our own national anthem and coat-of-arms.

But independence has meaning for us not only in symbolic terms. Above all we want also the substance of independence. The substance has been denied the Guyanese people.



who have a stranglehold on our economy *are* being further strengthened. Thirdly, independence is being ushered in under a state of emergency. The main purpose is to silence *the political opposition* and to intimidate the working class. Fourthly, on independence day, comrades who have vigorously

fought for independence during the course of several years will be in detention.

Under these conditions we look with mixed feelings on the question of independence date and independence celebrations. Our slogan is *Independence Yes; Celebrations No.*

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● The slogan "Independence Yes! Celebrations No!" originates from the pen of the Chairman of the People's Progressive Party, Vernon Nunes, writing from Detention Camp at Sibley Hall.

For the following reasons, *we cannot* celebrate independence. Firstly, full powers have been transfer-

red to the puppets of the imperialists by a rigged constitutional arrangement. Secondly, the imperialists

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We therefore have mixed feelings on the question of independence celebrations.

We will mark Independence date as another milestone in our march to freedom and progress, as the ending of the chapter of colonialism and the beginning of our struggle against neo-colonialism.