

IN NEW YEAR'S DAY BROADCAST DR. JAGAN DECLARES

War On Waste

ON New Year's Day radio listeners heard a broadcast talk by Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry and Leader of the PPP, in which he reviewed the year just past and looked ahead into the year that is upon us. Below are a few of the points made by Dr. Jagan.

Rough Year

1958 for many Guianese has been a rough year—quite a few have been retrenched. This, unfortunately, is a world-wide condition over which we had no control. Some other dependent backward territories have had even a rougher time.

It is commonly said that when America sneezes, it is time for others to catch a cold. Let's hope that as a result of the recent Commonwealth Economic Conference and new economic re-thinking in other quarters, that our country and others like us will be saved the vicissitudes of boom and bust.

Broken Pledges

It is cruel that we should have less to spend in 1959 than we did in 1958, considering the back-log of unemployed and the increasing number of children coming out of school. Pledges given by the British Government in 1953-54 have not been honoured. We

hear much talk of aid. Unfortunately, it seems to remain at the talking stage. The urgency of our problems tends to be overlooked.

Drawbacks

Referring to the colonial drawbacks, Dr. Jagan said:

The tragedy of our situation is that aside from the drawbacks of being an undeveloped territory, we are a Colony; we work under political and economic restrictions; we are caught in a vicious circle. Our investment needs are great yet internal savings are inadequate or not mobilizable because wage-earners and farmers live at a bare subsistence level.

Let us hope that in the coming year, more companies, particularly Insurance Companies and the Banks will follow the example of



dams, schools, etc. etc. Politicians and Government officials must be willing to work with their hands as well as their brains. By example, they must make manual labour more respectable. We must be prepared to struggle and make sacrifices for what we want.

Efficiency

This brings me to the point of all-round efficiency and economy in production. If we are to progress, antiquated methods and habits have to be discarded. Whenever possible, individual, small-scale production should give way to cooperative production. The Cooperative Movement in all its aspects must be embraced.

Now that we are in the throes of preparing a new development plan, I look forward that soon all over the country our Regional Development Committees and Sub-committees will help in initiating plans for their respective areas and regions. We must make use of the excellent talent we have at the local level. Economic development, if it is to be successful, needs the cooperation of a whole people.

Dr. Jagan concluded with a call for unity to achieve the common goal—a better and brighter Guiana with opportunities for all.

Jamaica and invest more heavily in B.G. An attitude of thrift must be cultivated and a system of voluntary savings instituted.

Waste

Let's declare war on waste—waste of material and waste of time. Each and everyone must indulge in some self-examination and self-criticism. Once we are prepared to criticise ourselves, criticism of others will be taken in better grace. Let's learn to organise our spare time more beneficially to acquire more skills, to help in community efforts by contributing free labour.

Hands and Brain

Call on me and the other Ministers, and let's help to build roads,

P.P.P. Forms Education Trust

In an effort to promote education in British Guiana the PPP set up an Education Trust, incorporated on December 18, 1958, which will award scholarships and generally assist deserving youth to get a break in furthering their education. At a press conference held by the PPP on Saturday, January 3, the following release was made concerning the Trust:

Mrs. Indarmati Beharry, Treasurer
Mr Miles Fitzpatrick
Mr. Earle M.G. Wilson
Mr. Alfred A. Ramlochand

The Board of Governors, in accordance with the Articles of the Trust, is about to set up an Advisory Board whose function will be to advise the Governors on any matter pertaining to the objects of the Trust.

Additional information about the Trust may be obtained by addressing the Secretary, 15 Holmes & Water Streets, Georgetown 2,

With the Incorporation on December 18, 1958, of the People's Progressive Party Education Trust final action was taken to bring about the realization of a long felt desire on the part of the P.P.P. to help promote education in British Guiana.

of such scholarships and financial aids.

The subscribers of the Memorandum of Association, who also constitute the Board of Governors of the Trust, are:

The Rev. Charles C. Belgrave, Chairman
Dr. Charles Jacob. Jr., Secretary

The PPP Education Trust is a non profit organization, limited by Guarantee and registered pursuant to a Licence granted by the Governor in Council. Principal objects of the Trust are:

- [a] To provide loans for the promotion of education among deserving youth of British Guiana
- [b] To provide funds for the said promotion of education;
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- [d] To make rules for the award

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