ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION, ONE DESTINY

Guianese History and Culture Week opens Monday

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT celebration booked to take place in Guiana opens Monday, October 20. ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION, ONE DESTINY will be the theme for the Guiana History and Culture Week proposed by the Minister of Community Development and Education.

The details of this historic occasion were worked out by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. A. J. Seymour. The event is calculated to educate Guianese about their own country and inspire them to work harder for its progress.

It is the first time in the history of Guiana that such an event will take place. From the small beginning this year it is hoped that the occasion will grow into a mammoth national occasion.

Gala Events

Lectures, concerts, drama and art exhibitions will be held throughout the country. On the Corentyne Coast held teachers have made preparations for the occasion and on the Upper Corentyne there is to be a Children's pageant, aspects of Guianese history and culture. One of the most interesting issues of the B.G. Bulletin has been produced carrying portraits of some of the heroes of B.G., also articles on Guianese music and composers, art and literature.

Guiana is invited to celebrate this event, to make worthy of their country. Guiana, a country of peculiar problems, needs every effort of its loyal sons and daughters to make her free, independent and prosperous. Let the memory of those who fought for Guiana in the past so inspire her sons and daughters that they may be willing to sacrifice for her. Let all with one voice echo the sentiments of Walter McLawrence expressed in the following lines:

O beautiful Guiana
O my lovely native land
More dear to me than all the world's
Thy sea-washed sun kissed strand
Or down upon the borders
The great Atlantic blown
In the crimson sunset's glow
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In the city of Georgetown on the evening of Oct. 20 at Queen's College, the Minister, Hon. Brindley Benn, will declare the week open. At the same time the Crane Medal Award will be made and there will be a Dance Pageant of the Guianese people with the Police Band. On the 21st the final of the countrywide debating competition for the Patrick Darian Shield will be held. Subject for debate is "That a proper national feeling is essential for the development of a backward territory."

On Wednesday 22nd there will be a children's pageant; on the up-and-coming B.G. There's a Guild presents at B.H.S. A Pocket Festival of Guianese Drama — the plays being, "Porkers", "Hassa Curry", and the reading of "Legend of Riaateur."

The week ends with a toast in which the programme including a variety of Guianese airs and a favourite arrangement of three Guianese folk songs — "Janiname", Sunflower man, and "Satirga Gal."

During the week, 6 talks will be conducted dealing with various

"Totalitarianism" about the daily press, "Help the opposition to organise" in their party view of democracy.

Leasehold Good Enough

Mr. Jai Narine Singh's motion urging Government to revert to freehold grants to settlers in land settlement schemes was defeated last Wednesday in the Leg Co.

Replying to the argument that farmers occupying freehold land have more incentive to work the land better, Dr. Cheddi Jagan pointed out that the motive was not whether the lands given out were leasehold or freehold but we want more lands. He did not see any advantage in reverting to the freehold system of tenure.

Dr. Jagan said that lands should be given to the tiller and not the landlord, and he should be given the right of perpetual renewal according to the law of good husbandry.

Hon. Janet Jagan declared that the lack of confidence in land settlement schemes did not arise from the question of tenure. Once the scheme was properly run to benefit the settlers, land leased for 21 years with the right of renewal was a satisfactory solution.

Rigid Tests to Find 100

From 4,000 applications received by the Labour Department for jobs under the U.S. Farm Labour Scheme, 100 men are now being selected. Mr. F. Sykes of the Florida Producer's Association was in charge of recruitment and the selection process is most stringent. Those who are finally selected after passing the most rigid tests have been told that upon their good work will depend the return of the representative of Florida Association in the future.

The first selection of 600 labourers for the U.S. after a lapse of several years was the result of a successful discussion held by Hon. Dr. Cheddi Jagan and Hon. Edward Beharry with officials in the U.S.A. during their recent trip.