DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE SPEECH at the formal opening of FREE- 
DOM HOUSE, Party Chairman B. H. Benn declared this was a great day 
for our Party, great as the days when we won victory at the polls. “Our dream 
of having headquarters worthy of the greatest political force in Guiana has come 
true”, he said.

From the moment the name of the building was unveiled by Mrs. Chris- 
tina Ramjattan, everyone present was conscious that this was a historic oc- 
casion in the Party’s efforts to build a free Guiana. The Chairman, continuing 
his speech on the nature and aims of the Party, said:

We feel a sense of pride over this achievement and those of us 
who are here know that thousands 
of friends and supporters inside 
and outside the country who can- 
ot be present feel as we do.

Among those absent persons I 
must mention the Leader of the 
Party, Dr. Jagan who worked un- 
ceasingly, so that the Party could 
own this building. I am sure that 
he, though absent is thinking of 
the ceremony in which we are 
engaged, and we are sure that he 
would have been pleased to witness the unveiling of the building.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this 
building has been secured (we 
have not finished paying for it 
however) through the help of 
friends of the Party and members. 
We are grateful for the assistance 
to far and look forward to support 
for our forthcoming execu- 
tion, and other appeals which we 
will make from time to time to pay- 
eff for it. This unity of action 
by people inside and outside the 
Party is an excellent example of 
the partnership which we have 
been fostering in our struggle for 
Independence.

This fight for indepen- 
dence is the immediate aim of 
the Party and you who 
have given us support fin- 
ancially or otherwise show 
by this action your abhor- 
tence of our colonial status.

The leadership of the Party 
drew this an opportune moment to reiterate the con- 
cept of the nature and the 
calls of the People’s Progres- 
sive Party.

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Magnificent, His- 
toric Occasion

It was historic. It was mag- 
ificent. After a miserable 
night of rain, the sun shone 
brightly on Saturday afternoon 
to witness the unveiling of 
FREE- DOM HOUSE, name of 
PFP headquarters 41 Robb Street 
Representatives of groups and 
or invites saw Mrs. Christina 
Ramjattan, Secretary of the 
PPS, pull the cord unveiling 
the large red letters—FREE- 
DOM HOUSE. This is what she 
said:

“Today marks another milestone 
in the history of our country. It 
heralds the opening of ‘Freedom 
House’ — another step in our 
struggle for the national liberation 
of British Guiana. I sincerely hope 
that within these walls, many 
great events shall take place, many 
noble, good and militant deeds 
done and that a spirit of friendli-
ness and comradeship shall alway- 
exist, to beckon more workers for 
the great struggle ahead. It is 
therefore with the greatest pleasur- 
that I unveil this sign, a symbol 
of our struggle for Independence.”

Painting Unveiled

A painting by Guianese artist 
Patrick Barrington—“Boy at the 
Well”— presented to the Party by 
Composer Alan Bush, was un- 
veiled by Stella McCourt. She 
said: “In unveiling this picture, 
presented by our dear friend and 
colleague Alan Bush, I pray that 
it may be an inspiration to all 
those who set eyes on it, and like 
the boy at the well, may the day 
not be too distant when we — 
one or a few — but all the people 
of Guiana may draw from 
is well of freedom.”

Just before the unveiling, 
Neville Annibourne, close associ- 
ate and secretary of Mr. Bush speeches,

CONSIDER COUNTRY

Government employees led by 
the FUGE were expected, at press 
time, to strike if Govt. did not 
satisfy their demands. According 
to their 7 day ultimatum. While 
Government has indicated its 
willfulness to help the workers, 
the financial condition of the 
country cannot bear the strain of 
such immediate increases. Govt. 
are anxious, without 
edamgning the country’s deve- 
lopment. Union leaders who are doing 
everything possible to 
embrace the present Govt. 
should take note of this essen- 
tial fact.