Some of the Problems President Obama Faces

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The newly elected President of the USA Barack Obama, who will not be sworn into office until January next, will have more problems to face than many more before him. He faces the worst economic crisis in almost a century and a wide range of problems overseas, including two wars. Certainly not an easy task for a young man, who has not yet served one full term in the US Senate. Great expectations exist for him to solve a multitude of problem, made very serious by President George Bush who literally messed up almost everything he touched in his term of presidency.

Obama seems to have all the qualities for leadership that Bush lacked. In many ways, Obama has already shown his ability for good leadership in the way he conducted his election campaign, first winning the Democratic Party nomination against unbelievable odds. He has a strong character not too often seen in for real change.

It is not too long ago to remember events in our own country in 1992, when the PPP under the leadership of Cheddi Jagan had as its election slogan “Time For A Change” and like the Bush administration, had a Party and two Presidents who had wrecked the country and brought poverty and authoritarian rule, thus destroying spread unemployment, loss of homes and general fear of the future by the vast majority of Americans. In a recent “60 minutes” interview, Barack Obama said that he has “to get the economy back on track.”

By pandering to the super rich, the industrialists, the bankers, etc. George Bush let go of the regulations which had formerly re-millions living in poverty or solve the weighty health care problems that had become a big issue in the USA.

The international issues, which may have to wait on the urgent attention to the US economy, are many. In an interview (“60 Minutes”) Obama reiterated his promise to close down the Guantanamo prison and to ensure that that his govern-

He has a strong character not too often seen in political life—genuine concern for the welfare of the American people and a determination to change the way government has been run for too long. In fact, that was his strong appeal to the American people—the need for real change.