THRESHOLD OF INDEPENDENCE

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS THE SEASON’S GREETINGS. IT IS NOW TEN YEARS SINCE THE PEOPLE’S PROGRESSIVE PARTY WAS FORMED, THESE TEN YEARS HAVE BEEN, PERHAPS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT YEARS IN THE HISTORY OF BRITISH GUIANA, THEY HAVE BEEN THE YEARS OF POLITICAL AWAKENING, THEY HAVE BEEN THE YEARS WHEN PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE WHOLE AREA OF EXPLOITATION AND THE NEED TO END IT.

Confiscation, the acceptance of long accepted practice and custom, is an attitude that we must do away with. There is developing in Guiana now, a new dynamism, a growing surge to compensation of the country and to build a new society, a net culture based on the fundamental rights of man to live a normal and happy life, the leeting of the wide gap between the ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’.

Today, we stand on the threshold of our national independence we can see the great chimes behind us, and the great future before us. Behind the funeral march marking the end of a reign and domination of a certain clique which has controlled the political, social, cultural and economic life of the community since the days of A ver. Behind us we see the footprints of colonialism continuing. And before us, the bright future of the Guianese nation, building and developing the wonderful resources of this beautiful country.

And who can deny that the People’s Progressive Party played a dynamic role in all of this? No, not even.

WATCH NEXT WEEK

For a thought-provoking article by the B.O. Jadunath. The Association has looked at the ‘extreme-mentality’ trend developing, in which Guianas are being used to refer to God and the ANP as if they were the same. It’s time to turn the page on this.

Father Christmas Was There

GEORGETOWN’s next Mayor for 1960 is Mr. Lionel Luckhoo. In Mayoral elections last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. L.F.S. Burnham suffered defeat by a vote of 6 to 5. Despite many boasts that the Guy’s affairs were being handled with a new look under his leadership, Mr. Burnbrahm lost the support of his fellow councillors.

PR Call

SIR RALPH GREY, B.G.’s new Governor, arrived Tuesday morning on the “H.M.S. Vidal”.

His Excellency was welcomed by Ministers of the Government and other officials, and drove to Government House. He then went to the Legislative Council where the swearing-in ceremony took place. This was followed by a Church service at St. George’s Cathedral. In his speech, at the Legislative Council, the new Governor hoped for ‘Peace, Progress, Prosperity’ which is quite in accord with the policy of the Majority Party whose three Ps herald the same sentiment.

Replying to His Excellency’s address, Majority Party leader, Hon. Dr. Cheddi Jagan said in part: “You have come to our country at a critical period of its colourful history, a time when forces, hitherto latent but nevertheless developing, have emerged to play their part in the task of bringing for our people the fulfillment of its national aspirations.

“British Guiana, in common with all under-developed territories, faces many problems on all fronts. It has fallen to your lot to be placed among us, at this most challenging time, to share our cares and burdens, and to give all such good fortune as may come to us. We sincerely hope that during your year in office, we shall, with your cooperation and support and with your encouragement, overcome those obstacles and solve those problems which confront us in our march on the road to social advancement, economic development and political independence.”

Dr. Jagan requested Council’s permission for His Excellency’s address to be printed and circulated.