

As General Secretary of the People's Progressive my I wish to extend to all Party members and sup meters fraternal greetings for the new year ahead. the year 1959 begins the tenth year of our Farty and oursiardy newspaper Thunder.

serbaps, the most important years in the history of our mentry. These have been be years during which the les scattered voices de Basding democratic rights ar the people and the right a sovern themselves have cose to a loud chorus. Gering this time our Party blied to organise, educate the consolidate the Guianese

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These years have been, of the members assembled We at an historic meeting? We recall the first tastes of electoral victory at the munici rai elections in 1950, local government elections in 1952 and the magnificent country wide sweep of 19.3, which was repeated again in 1957. Who can forget the Party Leader's valiant one man stand in the old legislature fight the reactionary Luckhoo subversive litera-

We have had a record year. While every effort must be made to bring in new lands under cultivation, improvement must be a watchword of the industry. World rice production is increasing rapidly and improved efficiency must compensate for any possible drop in world prices.

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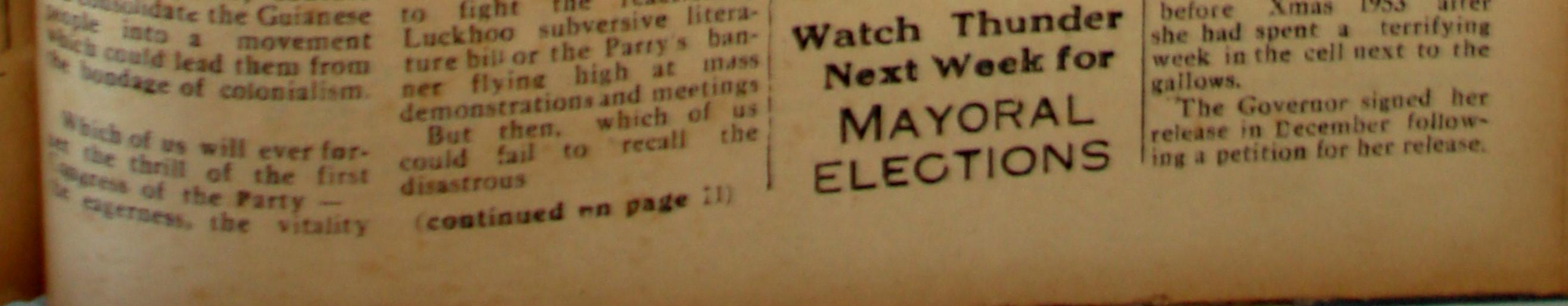
Watch Thunder

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Most Wonderful Xmas

Elisa Harty has got a new lease on life. She was re-We must take a leaf from leased from prison only a the sugar industry. A few few days before Christmas to spend her first free Christmas in six years, with her mother.

Miss Harty was sentenced to death in 1953. Her sentence was commuted a few days before Xmas 1953 after she had spent a terrifying



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vitte 1957 elections?

relevial rule, and the strength and never be forgotten by the historians

of the people. These events, these years have here like the building of a solid indation, a pyramid at the top which is the point we are striving to reach. That goal is the ac-Verement of the national independence of our country.

The Committee recom- cularly over the difficulties mended too that in operation sustained as a result of the al zones around the central severe drought of 1957. The massive four - too by Burnham in 1955 and mills 'existing single-stage, A few of these recommen artificial satellite guided into opportunism of King, Khan, huller type mills will be shut dations which find support orbit on Friday, December percop who left on the eve down with monetary com-percop who left on the eve down with monetary com-pensation and no new mills low Luderd are listed be 19, by the United States. pensation and no new mills low. Indeed, some of them proclaimed that country's the loss and 1956 when lished; any small multi stand to be estab- have already been implemented. rapid advance in the past 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956, when lished; any small multi stage 1. Rent Reductions. In few months in the past mills which sere already in Mar 1959. Courtiens. In few months in the space mades willingly took jail sen- mills which a ere already in May 1958 Government re- field. Russia's largest satethe strength and Zones at the date of this forced basic rice land rentals life weighs 11 tons. Zones at the date of this for one year. sidenity of the rank and file can report should however be allowed to continue in operation.'

Rice

For the "free" zones, the Committee recommends that encouragement be given to small millers to rationalize and modernise their old mills, but that after two years the position be reviewed and if the modernization was not carried out satisfactorily Govt. should consider the desirability of compulsory closures.

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Mills

2. Provision has been The American satellite, made for pumping charges weighing 8,700 pounds was incurred during the drought in fact the entire Atlas Mis to be met from public funds. | sile. The Americans succeed 3. It is recommended that Government should increase the Credit Corporation's capital as soon as conditions for borrowing were favourable, and that the possibility | should be considered of the Corporation borrowing from non government agencies. Goverament has already given the O.K, for this.

In space race

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ed in the tricky business of getting the entire rocket into orbit-hence the huge weight of the satellite. Instrumentation was also noteworthy-being designed. to relay a Christmas message from President Eisenhower. The quick progress which the Americans are making in space science indicates 4. On additional credit, it | that scientific ingenuity and Weapons created here.

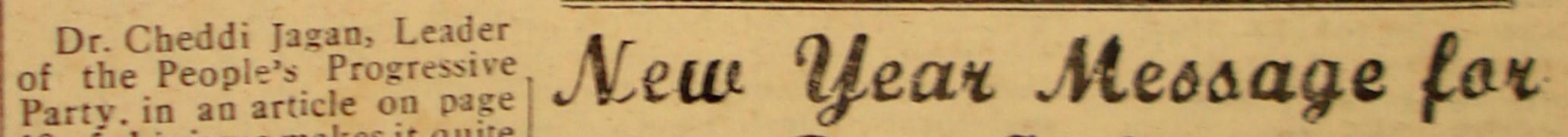
Million problems This, above all, is the goal of out Party. For those who do not inderstand, the frustrations and filures of being a majority party a colonial territory under a colorial constitution, are not clearly masped. In British Guiana today there are half a million people with a million problems. When we are mable to solve the million probems the opposition, the press, the losers in the last elections and the opportunists start hollering.

They are the unpatriotic ones who see no colonial rule in B.G., and are unaware that the Colonial Office dictates every move made B.G. Like ostriches they hide

Committee's recommendations were made known rice millers and farmers have been in uproar over the proposal to compulsorily close down the single stage huller type mills in the zones of operation of the Central Mills.

Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Leader

Since the Governor's Rice was recommended that the know how in these days are unspent balance of the monopolised by no one nation. \$200,000 placed at the Corpor- It points also to the need for ation's disposal by the R.M.B | nations on earth resolving for 1958 Spring crop credit their problems peacefully, should be made available for soon the earth will befor the Autumn crop. \$130- | come too small to accom-000 has accordingly been modate the destructive provided.



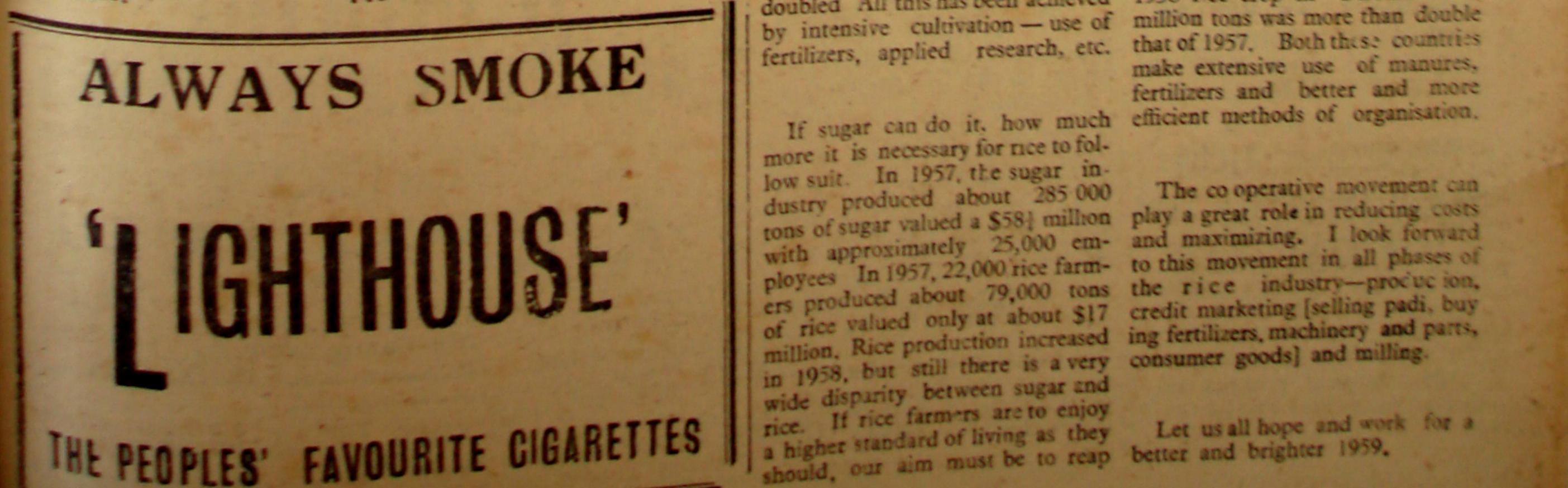
their heads from reality, but shake meir tails and stamp their feet.

No Easy Struggle To the many thousands of members of the Party and the many i existing deadlock. tousands of supporters I give you this message for the New Year. The year that will come may well te a hard one. All struggles are afficult, I never heard of an easy one, In British Guiana, the strug ge for a better life, for a free nation, cannot be easy. It will be son by a valiant people, a brave people, a patriotic people. And of cene, British Guiana has more than its share.

10 of this issue makes it quite clear that he is not in favcur of legislation to close the small mills, and he proposes ja 5-point plan to solve the

Aid To Farmers

In addition to the question of the rice mills, however, the Committee made several recommendations concerning the rice industry as a whole These recommendations aim to benefit the industry and to assist rice farmers parti.



Rice Industry

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tons per acre. Today it is 3 } one is reaped, especially since land tons, and in some cases more per holdings are so small. A recent acre. Whereas before only up to survey has disclosed that 50% of 3 to 4 ratoon crops were reaped, our rice farmers cultivate less than today as many as 7 ratoons are 5 acres of land. Getting more reaped. For Bookers Group of lands, properly drained and irri-Sugar Estates in 1950, 40,000 gated is inevitably a slow process, acres yielded about 120,000 tons We must therefore increase the of sugar. In 1957, about 62,000 yield on every acre of cultivated acres yielded nearly 240,000 tons rice land, We have all heard about In other words, with only a 50% the Japanese method of cultivation increase in acreage, production was I have just read where the early doubled All this has been achieved 1958 rice crop in China at 43

average yield of sugar was 2 to 2¹/₂ two bags of padi where now only