

I Never Assaulted Policeman

Says Janet Jagan

THERE has been a serious accusation made against me by the People's National Congress in their paper 'New Nation' that I assaulted a Policeman. There have been many strange things said about me in the sixteen years I have been in political life in British Guiana, but none so fantastic and malicious as this.



P.N.C. Tells Monstrous Lie

In politics one becomes accustomed to being accused of attempting to burn down the city of Georgetown or of planning to burn down all the churches or of entertaining Cuban and Soviet agents on a boat. Thus this accusation can be regarded as one of the many lies which persons in public life must be expected to endure.

However, the danger of this, and it is deliberate, is that it is one used to foster racial antagonisms in this country. According to the P.N.C., I not only hit a policeman, but I hit an African policeman. This reminds one of the filthy racial campaign carried out against a white lady candidate in the 1947 elections when she was accused of kicking an African child.

stupid and ignorant behaviour, the results of poor and bigoted leadership.

I cannot allow them to create more racial hatreds, and it is for this reason that I make a clear and categorical statement that I never assaulted a policeman. Otherwise, I would ignore such a silly accusation.

Bigoted Leadership

Monstrous Lies

The P.N.C. is not only creating racial discord among the East Indians and Africans, but it is creating and has always tried to create racial antagonisms between the white and non-white population in B.G.

The circumstances around which this monstrous lie was built are as follows:- On January 29, I addressed the public meeting at Ann's Grove which was well attended and orderly. The press reported that there were disturbances, but this is untrue. After the meeting I was talking over some community problems with a number of persons when I heard some noise on the road. I went over to where the P.P.P. van was parked and saw some stones being thrown at the vehicle.

Nearby was a policeman and I asked him how he could stand by and see private property being destroyed. I then got in a car and drove off.

This was witnessed by a large number of persons. What is strange that the P.N.C. should suddenly, almost two months later, start a campaign that I assaulted this policeman. I am sure that if I had done so, it would have been in the daily press the next day, as a newspaper reporter attended my two public meetings that evening.

Dr. Jagan's Statement on "Trips Ahead"

In the "Daily Chronicle" of Sunday March 26, we read of the usual vituperations of the writer who goes under the pen name of Vigilance. Among many of his irrelevancies he says the following:-

"the cost of the frequent trips abroad of the P.P.P. Government can provide all that is necessary for the cultivation of land to feed the hungry"

This is the kind of sense which the Party loves to display against the frequent trips amounting to \$90,000 of which the biggest items of the nature was connected with the Constitutional Commission which visited Georgetown last year. This amount is \$45,564.

The writer seems to have no conception as to the costs to carry out the irrigation scheme on the Bush Polder cost about \$1 Mn and only about \$100,000 will be settled by the Government. It should be noted that 6,000 people applied for shares at the Black Bush Polder.

The Tapakuma is worth nearly \$12 Mn. The phase of the Mahabary Scheme is worth several million dollars.

All this land and money will be necessary for cultivation if we are "to feed the hungry". It is obvious that a small amount spent abroad for which great profits have derived from the country is infinitesimal compared with what is spent on drainage and irrigation schemes. It is strange that this same newspaper has been attacking us for extravagating too much on drainage and irrigation.

This is the kind of propaganda which is being used to spread hate against the Majority Party and to arouse emotionalism in the country.

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