GUARANTEES AND LIBERTIES OF THE GUIANESE PEOPLE
by Janet Jagan

URING the Independence debate in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Burnham spent some time on the question of guarantees and the liberties of the people. What guarantees, he wanted to know, will there be for the rights of the individuals, after independence?

He was then reminded that at the initiative of the Majority Party, the Constitutional Committee had unanimously agreed that a new constitution should have a Bill of Rights providing for freedom of the individual as set out in the thirty articles of the United Nations Declaration of Rights.

But that did not please Mr. Burnham. Any government in power, he stressed, could change a constitution and take away from the individual the rights he enjoyed under the constitution. It must be made difficult to amend the constitution and urgent but amendment must be by a two-thirds majority of those present as follows:

HOW THEY VOTED

FOR
Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lai, Anne Singh, Mr. Ayotha Singh, Mr. Saffee, Mr. Ral, Mr. Jagar and Mr. Benn.

AGAINST
Mr. Tasker, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Kendall.

DID NOT VOTE
Mr. Bowman.

What better guarantees are noted? In the existing Legislative Assembly there are 55 of which the Majority is twenty. The Majority alone could not amend a constitution; for in a fully elected House it would require at least 24 votes to carry any amendment.

P.P.P Protest

The People’s Progressive Party and the Progressive Youth Organisation view with grave disapproval the introduction by the United Kingdom Government in the House of Commons, a bill — the Commonwealth Immigration Bill — designed to restrict the entry and residence of the coloured Commonwealth peoples in Britain.

This Bill violates the basic principles of the free association and free movement among the peoples of the British Commonwealth.

A mass protest rally was held at Bauxda Green on Friday night.

Greetings From Alan Bush

The Party has received a letter of greetings from Alan Bush, well known composer, who is writing an opera based on the theme of the independence movement in British Guiana.

“What a wonderful success you have had,” he wrote. “I read Thunder every week with greater and greater enthusiasm. With my very best wishes, The First President.
Premier Speaks At Howard University