

Dear Comrades,

I bring fraternal and very warm greetings from the People's Progressive Party of Guyana. Our Party was honoured to receive an invitation to attend the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the USSR. We have been particularly fortunate, also, to have the opportunity of attending this historic session of the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of ~~the~~ Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic.

A visit to this great land of socialism where we see the tremendous achievements of the Soviet people generates inspiration among our people of Guyana and within our Party. For fifty years the progress and stupendous achievements of the Soviet Union have been a guiding light to the peoples of the world in their struggle for a life free from exploitation and poverty.

The Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in December 1922 was a result of the October Revolution, an event of decisive importance in world history, an event which exercised and continues to exercise its influence on mankind, so much so, that today, fifty years after the formation of the USSR, a complete transformation has taken place in the lives of hundreds of millions of people all over the world. At the same time, hundreds of millions of oppressed peoples are engaged in struggle for a similar transformation.

The great Lenin died a year after the founding of the USSR. But the Party he helped to found, the CPSU, carried on his work, consistently fortifying the new state economically, politically and militarily, building it into a citadel of socialism and world peace, a powerful ally of the national liberation movements and an invincible force in the battle against world imperialism.

The victories of many nations in their liberation struggles, their gains in social progress, in delivering themselves from oppression and exploitation - all this was possible only as a result of the existence and help of the Soviet Union.

The Leninist policy on the national question and the correct application of this policy have resulted in a fundamentally new type of people - the Soviet people - to which each nation with its

own culture, language and history adds its richness and beauty.

Comrades of Lithuania, with your record of achievements in industry, agriculture and all aspects of social life including the advances made in the culture of your nation, you have made your own special contribution to the history of the USSR and to the construction of a socialist society, respected all over the world.

Our Party has for more than two decades been leading the struggle to rid Guyana of colonialism, neo-colonialism and all imperialist influences. In our struggle, we are guided by the principles of Marxism-Leninism and in our relations with ~~socialist~~ ^{Communist} parties ~~and people~~, by the principles of proletarian internationalism. We consider ~~that~~ the defence of the socialist policies of the USSR and friendship with all Soviet peoples as an integral and indispensable part of our struggle.

In our struggle for genuine independence and for socialism, we have been inspired by the achievements of ~~xxx~~ the Soviet peoples during the fifty years since the formation of the USSR. Comrades, we congratulate you on the fiftieth anniversary of the USSR.

We salute the Soviet people

We salute the people of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic

Long live friendship among our peoples.'

Long live the USSR!

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Dear Comrade,

I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party on its recent achievements, more particularly the accession to UNESCO.

I wish also to inform you that Comrade Janet Jagan, International Secretary of our Party is proceeding today to Guadeloupe to attend the Congress of the Communist Party of Guadeloupe.

~~She will also be going to the Soviet Union to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Soviet Union.~~

En route from Guadeloupe to the Soviet Union via the United Kingdom, she may travel to Berlin to attend the meeting of the World Peace Council from December 5-8. In case she does so, she will cable or telephone you from London.

While in Berlin, she will be grateful for the opportunity of meeting you to have discussions which will be of mutual benefit to our fraternal parties.

Attached, please see copy of statement we issued.

With warmest regards.

Yours fraternally,

Cheddi Jagan.