

TRIBUTE TO COURAGE

We all know the details of the bombing of Freedom House on July 17th and the gallant and brave act of Comrade Michael Forde in removing the bomb and thus saving the lives of over forty comrades. His selfless act is a symbol of the character and devotion of the members of our Party. We will

all forever remember with pride and love the sacrifice made by our comrade.

There were many others at Freedom House who met the attack with calmness and courage. The Manager of the bookshop, Comrade Mulzac, after recognizing the danger of the parcel which was planted in the bookshop, accompanied Comrade Forde when he carried it out of the building. It was due to her clear thinking and quick action that persons in the area were cleared out of the way and thus saved from certain death. She and others who were injured, including Comrades Mary Nunes and Patsy Christian, did not panic when the explosion occurred, but calmly, despite serious injuries, carried on. Inside Freedom House, our telephone operator Comrade Yvonne Bobb stayed at her post and put out calls for help and answered calls of worried relatives and friends. Other comrades quietly went about the business of removing injured persons to the hospital and securing Party property.

Barely an hour after the bombing, Party volunteers began clearing the debris and bringing in concrete blocks and lumber to patch up the torn sections of the building.

We wish to place on record the Party's appreciation to all those who stood by us and helped when Freedom House was attacked so viciously. We also record our pride that all Comrades behaved in the way members of the P.P.P. would be expected to behave under the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

— JANET JAGAN.

The Humour of Protests

Ever since Governor Luyt celebrated the Queen's Birthday in British Guiana by imprisoning leading members of the People's Progressive Party, the Progressive Youth Organisation and the Trade Union Movement, protests have been pouring into Government House in a constant and growing stream.

Hundreds of "Release the Detainees" post cards signed by individuals are posted every day and in addition, incensed citizens have written individual letters protesting at the one-sided "justice" which Governor Luyt has instituted in fulfilment of his promise on his arrival here that "there must be equal justice for all".

Guianese are appalled at the disparity between Governor Luyt's deeds and his words and they regard him as being unique in this respect when compared with previous Governors.

Following is a list of protests sent to the Governor about which we have been notified. The list also includes protests sent to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth and Colonial Affairs, and the Secretary General of the United Nations:

PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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| Peter's Hall — Bagots- | Success E.C., Demerara. |
| town Group. | Mass Rally. |
| Eccles Group | Adventure Constituency |
| Bush Lot, Corentyne | Committee |
| Group. | Wakenaam Island Group |
| Cotton Tree, W.C. Ber- | Progressive Youth Or- |
| lice Group | ganisation. |
| Annandale Group | Women's Progressive |
| Abary Constituency | Organisation |
| Committee | |

WOMEN'S PROGRESSIVE ORGANISATION

- General Council of the Women's Progressive Organisation

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANISATION

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| Georgetown | New Amsterdam |
| Campbellville | Grove |
| Alexander Village | Craig |
| Kitty | Little Diamond |
| Kingston | Leonora |
| Vreed-en-Hoop | Porika |
| Garden of Eden | Central Leguan |
| Anna Catherina | Crabwood Creek |
| Success | Bush Lot |
| Mon Repos | Part Mourant |
| Annandale | Albion |
| Lusignan | Northberaadt |
| Better Hope | Central Mahakoooy |
| Black Bush | Enmore. |

SWEET AND LOW

The following figures issued by the Government Information Services on the basis of returns made by the B.G. Sugar Producers' Association to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, show the production of Sugar for the Spring crop in the customary period January to May in the years 1960 to 1964.

STATISTICS OF SUGAR PRODUCTION
1960 — 1964, January to May

Month	1960 tons.	1961 tons.	1962 tons.	1963 tons.	1964 tons.
January	1,289	979	510	—	—
February	31,541	17,742	17,474	18,414	6,056
March ..	51,419	49,848	33,286	34,298	15,920
April ..	31,645	43,188	33,322	18,708	28,423
May ..	22,180	29,989	28,563	2,099	18,940
Total:—	138,074	141,746	113,155	73,519	69,339



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To Michael Forde, Who Lost His Life Defending Freedom House

(Written in 1964)

Death did not find you unprepared.
Death did not creep upon you unaware.

You strode with the package of death
Like a soldier; Like the hero you always were.

Your heroism began
Not on that dark Friday of death.
But on the day you understood
And became a revolutionary
To the depths of your soul
To the marrow of your bones.

No fear was in your eyes
No chill went through your body
When you took that death packet
And saved your comrades.

The parson who prayed
over your charred, torn body
was apologetic.
Those who murdered you
laughed
When your lacerated body passed by.
But we who love you are not apologetic.

We are proud that men like you
Are born from our struggle.
And we will still their laughter,
Yes, their laughter will be no more.

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