

Yugoslavian Embassy Visit to them 13/2/78 (Sharon & Tim)

-we talked to the second secretary ~~Eng~~ Rieko Bogoyevich

-he said he could arrange for us to meet the Ambassador but they've been a little
x busy/ they've had a delegation from Yugoslavkia/ there are just 3 of them here,
himself, the Ambassador and a man who takes care of the building

-he said that the structure of Yugoslavia is based on self-mangement/ businesses
allow for self-management by the workers

-churches are allowed to have their own programs, they can have their own schools/
people can x set up their own communities / even the Gypsies are allowed to do their
own thing andx have their own schools

I asked them if they would be willing to take a bunch of immigrants/ he said that
immigrants have not generally flocked to Yugoslavia in large numbers because it is
not a ~~developed~~ highly developed country/ it's a middle-developed country, ~~not~~

-but when I asked if they would take a bunch of people in, he said "why not"/ I
mentioned that we were interested in~~xxx~~ being in Guyana and wanted to help here
but just wanted to know their policy

-they have room for people and wouldn't mind people coming and starting their own
community and their own school/ they don't have licensing of schools or govt.
regulation of schools

-they have no regulations or rules ~~xxx~~ against churches

-they wanted to be totally independent of USSR and that's why they got into self-
management because they felt people would be motivated if they could manage their
own companies, and even art is set up on a self-management basis

-he would like to visit Jonestown

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There are some 800 persons or more there now. I have got cottages set up that you just could not believe. I saw sanitation there, that I had never seen in any part of the world, except Switzerland. You can eat off the ground. He went on to speak of the consistently high level of medical care, organized under a doctor who is "thorough, conscientious and dedicated." The medical team has "the latest in medical equipment and books," and "every person who goes to Jonestown is medically thoroughly examined, and charts are prepared." He recalls that he urged Dr. Schacht to start keeping daily, hourly diaries, to put the operation of the medical compound in writing, so that some of our medical schools, and the American Medical Association, can learn from what is being done at Jonestown. A high point of his talk related to the care of senior citizens, which he said moved him deeply. "All of the senior citizens' cottages are built around the immediate vicinity of the medical compound. Every single morning a member of the medical team knocks on the cottage of the senior citizen and inquires, 'Did anybody have any problem during the night? Do you have any problems here this morning?' Can you imagine the security that the senior citizens feel with this kind of care? I'd like to have a representative from a body here that's trying to improve the lot of senior citizens who are left to be beggars and paupers to see what is going on in Jonestown." He spoke of the many agricultural projects, including an improvised method of developing

The project as a whole is described as quite developed: a thriving sawmill, generators to meet electrical needs, wells, streets, refrigeration. The school is open-air, in a large covered area, with 15 to 20 youngsters in a class. Teachers are drawn, in part, from "at least 50 people there who have advanced degrees." He spoke of the enthusiastic participation and discussion on the part of all the students, which is something he had not seen here, with the exception of the Oakland Community School.

Does Jonestown lack for entertainment and fun? Not at all, Garry says. "There's this beautiful auditorium, and for three-and-a-half hours I saw the most beautiful entertainment in the world. I've never seen such talent in my life. I saw children from toddlers through about the age of seven putting on a demonstration, with voice, and clapping, and marching, and children six and seven years old getting up and reciting poetry with meaning and gusto. It was just remarkable.

"Why are those people so happy?" he mused again. "They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life. When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise. From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity."

And then, as if to reinforce the amazing description, he added, "This is not propaganda. I'm not a propagandist. I'm a hard-hitting, factual-analysis lawyer. I saw this with my own eyes. I felt it."

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