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LUCKHOO'S \$150,000 SHARES

A REPORT ORIGINATING FROM BARBADOS AUGUST 3, DESCRIBED FORMER PRIME MINISTER ERROL BARRON AS BEING EMBARRASSED OVER A LARGE NUMBER OF SHARES ALLOCATED TO SIR LIONEL LUCKHOO (OF GUYANA) IN RESPECT OF A WEST COAST BATH HOLIDAY RESORT.

BARRON WAS TESTIFYING ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE DUFFUS COMMISSION PROBING THE FINANCES REGARDING FIVE (5) SCHEMES STARTED DURING HIS 1961-1967 TERM OF OFFICE.

THE PROJECTS WERE: PURCHASE OF A FORMER US WARSHIP FOR A CEMENT PROJECT WITH GUYANA; AND AN AIR CARGO COMPANY, A BARBADOS BASED SHRIMPING CORPORATION AND TWO TOURIST RESORTS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE BATH PLANTATION SCHEME. BARRON DENIED HE HAD ANY SHARES IN THE BATH SCHEME.

INSISTED: He however declared that at a meeting with the Executives of the Company developing the West Coast Bath Resort, he insisted that the government-owned Barbados Development Bank be given at least a 20 percent share holding. FLABBERGASTED: He continued, "I was flabbergasted when I learnt that Sir Lionel Luckhoo (of Guyana) would get \$150,000 in shares, and the Barbados Development Bank only \$100,000 which is ten percent."

He considered that such an arrangement was not fair and felt that the Bank should have had at least twenty percent. He continued that he took this attitude because he was looking after the country's interest.

He however did not tell one of the leading figures behind the company, Mr. Bruce Baxter to take away Sir Lionel's shares. "I told him: I don't care where he got them, but the Barbados Development Bank must get 20 percent" he added. TRUSTEE Barrow later admitted that in respect of another scheme known as Golden Mile, he acted as trustee for an overseas-based Barbadian and that Sir Lionel Luckhoo had interests in the scheme also. He did not disclose the amount of shares Luckhoo held.

Vanguard understands that since the coming into force of the Exchange Regulations, investments abroad must have the permission of the Ministry of Finance. The regulation also states that income for goods exported should be brought back to Guyana.

Luckhoo may have fulfilled the law but this certainly shows very little confidence here.

APPEAL

We have to keep appealing for financial help. It is not that we are not helped by a few kind friends but we really do need more assistance, so we may continue our work which includes producing the weekly Vanguard. Our duplicating machine has now been repaired at some cost. This was made possible by some response to this appeal. Thanks to all those kind people who made this possible.

But we still have to grapple with the cost of paper, ink and other means to carry on our work.

Donations may be sent to the Head Office at 69 Main Street, Georgetown, Guyana.

SUGAR TO GO UP

The regime is to increase the price of Dark Crystal Sugar at an early date. This information was leaked through to Vanguard Patriot and attention was called to the daily releases in the "Chronicle" bewailing the "subsidized" price of 13c for two pounds to Guyanese.

This special price has its historical roots in the struggle of Guyanese, and their pride in the product famed as Demerara Sugar.

The colonialists all through the years were forced to maintain this price, and they defied efforts by the Sugar Producers' Association to have it increased.

Since the publication of Guyuco's Harold Davis' Financial Statement, the state controlled Chronicle carries dailing wailings concerning the low world price, accusations about the \$15m. loss in the industry and that ".....the Corporation must also subsidize the sales of sugar on the local market". Chronicle put the 'subsidy' to \$20.0m.(G)

The regime has already put it out that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) "Stand-by" credit has been made necessary because of "decline in sugar prices.....and the prolonged strike in the sugar industry" and set out that there has been requirements for Guyana to "mobilise domestic resources for investment..."

However the increase in sugar will rocket the cost-of-living ever higher and completely wipe out the new minimum wage increases.

Meanwhile, it has been learnt that bus fares are to be increased. This was projected in the Budget Speech and Vanguard called attention to it.

Guyanese are paying dearly for ~~corruption~~ and gross incompetence.

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Do you know that...

THE TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT OF THE BURNHAM REGIME INCREASED OVER THE YEARS.

BURNHAM ECONOMICS

1964 - 1977

(BANK OF GUYANA REPORT)

1964	\$127,900,000
1965	\$148,000,000
1966	\$171,800,000
1967	\$187,600,000
1968	\$198,500,000
1969	\$229,700,000
1970	\$267,200,000
1971	\$436,200,000
1972	\$506,900,000
1973	\$655,200,000
1974	\$695,200,000
1975	\$991,200,000
1976	\$1,376,600,000
1977	\$1,471,300,000

estimated

are one nation" is there peace among the ethnic groups and tribes. Readers will recall the tribal war between the Federal Gov't. of Nigeria and the Ibos. (Biafra)

Indeed, in spite of racial differences, Guyanese enjoy greater social intercourse, than in any part of Africa or indeed India.

All this is not to say that problems do not exist. But it is necessary not to over stress them, not to permit evil forces to make them the principal impediment to national liberation and development.

In the Manifesto of our Party we stress our confidence in this country in this way, "The Party believes that the masses who comprise the majority of the population certainly want fundamental economic and social changes. They are becoming fed up with the evil conditions brought on by imperialism and neo-colonialism. The Party believes that though large sections are today confused by racialist leadership and propaganda which paralyse their militant zeal, they are bound to see through this divisive ruse and oppose imperialism, neo-colonialism and all forms of oppression."

CUTS ACROSS In the second case, our statement put forward the concept of a united front of progressive forces. This united front cuts across the racial lines, under the circumstances of Guyana.

It is clear for all to see that the burdens imposed by the regime fell not on one race or on one class. This is why all who are oppressed and discriminated against, must form the broad unity for removal of the clique.

The Working People's Vanguard Party does not see the struggle in Guyana today as immediately for socialism. Socialism cannot be built on our weak economic base, with a population of less than three quarter million who do not have a tradition of military experiences.

CONSOLIDATION The role of a united front as set out, is for the purpose of removing the impediments to the consolidation of independence. This is our present task.

The "Creole" statement called upon all to cherish and build on the unity demonstrated in the boycott. This is a serious task, especially for those who spend time categorising all Africans as "Burnham people" and all Indians as "Jagan people". It is also a serious task for those who, hopefully, for the removal of the PNC clique say, "he own people gun deal with he". This is racialism and a negation of broad unity and a negation of the July 10 spirit.

Unless these weaknesses are overcome, Guyana will go down the road to a Haitian degeneration.

DEVELOPING BROAD UNITY

Two aspects of our statement published in Creole July 23, stress developing broad unity as a prerequisite for victory over the PNC ruling clique.

The first refer to the boycott by 90 per cent of the voting population, while the other refers to the united front of workers, farmers, working intellectuals, students and progressive elements in business and commerce.

The first reference demonstrates that at least for the referendum boycott, the problem of race was de-emphasized. So the Guyanese people, who have been divided into "two major races" which imperialism and local reaction including some political parties and trade unions have kept at logger heads, were able to take a united stand on the important issues of their political future. This is very heartening.

Very many Guyanese say that because Guyana has difficult for united action for political advance. They argue that if there was "one race" then things would be cool.

But there are very few countries where "one race" live and even so, they are divided by religion as in Ireland. In Canada, there is the problem with the French Canadians, while in Spain, there is the problem of the Basque nationalists.

The British Parliament is now grappling with the same problem as regards Wales and Scotland. This is why they have put forward the idea of Devolution. The Soviet Union had to deal with the problem of many different nationalities.

Nowhere in Africa where some believe "all

NEXT WEEK: A NEW STATE STRUCTURE

GET ORGANISED!

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Courts and Kim's fire rage ³TOP VET, GEOLOGISTS QUIT

The courts are being used as the front line institution in Burnham's drive to protect his corrupt régime. One needs only to consider how election petitions were treated after the 1973 rigging. More recently, for the referendum the Courts stood their ground in protecting Burnham's constitutional rigging. One must not forget too what occurred concerning the Trade Union cases involving the OwP militants.

INDEBTED Now a new law is to be made - it will be made - to prevent persons who are indebted to the régime from leaving Guyana. This is in addition to their control of airline tickets, passports and Income Tax Exit Certificates. They even prevent people from travelling to certain parts of this country.

Under this new law, almost everyone could be trapped. For many people are indebted to the State, some even in their self employed National Insurance payments. So the courts will act under this new rule of law.

CAPTAINS And certainly there must be great deal of concern on how the South Korean trawler captains are being treated. They were convicted several months ago for intruding into Guyanese territorial waters. They appealed against the conviction. The appeal is still pending and the foreigners after so many months are not allowed to leave.

Why does not the registrar have their appeals heard? Why must these nationals of a foreign state be held here at great expense and inconvenience to themselves and their employers? **MANSLAUGHTER** The Courts recently decided they cannot leave Guyana while their appeal was pending. Why does the appeal have to take so long? And there is really no excuse. One recalls with what dispatch the PNC ordered a manslaughter appeal to be heard when one of their Berbice supporters was involved. The case involved Mustapha Alli who was convicted by Judge Akbar Khan for the death of a child. Alli's conviction was quashed by the higher court.

ADVENTURIST But now Burnham is on his adventurer path. He is taking up President Kim Il Sung's fire rage, so he can secure substantial North Korean aid. He violates the Human Rights of South Korean nationals. The folly of it all Guyana has always suffered because of Burnham's adventures and even if the North Koreans do give aid, under Burnham it cannot benefit Guyana.

And when North and South Korea reunite as they certainly will, Guyana will still have to settle problems with her neighbours.

NEXT "THANK YOU" IN CEMETERY

The next "Thank You Meeting" will be held at the Cemetery.

After all "they" raised the "Dead" to vote. There will be no need for the PNC to use Canary, the steel band nor the troop of youth dancers to secure a crowd as they did at the Kitty and other "Thank You" events.

MORE POWER CUTS

The long suffering Guyanese people are likely to blow their tops if the increasing power cuts continue. Since the end of July, there have been more power cuts and with the days becoming hotter, it is becoming more difficult to work in offices and buildings. In the Stabroek Market, male stall holders are now working without their shirts and one cynic even suggested that conditions may force a topless exercise. In other places employees go outside when the power cuts occur, since most machines go dead, the place is dark and very hot. So much for Produce or Perish.

Dr. Peter Fernandes, Executive Chairman of the Livestock Development Corporation, who is now far away, is unlikely to return to his post. Fernandes, a highly capable officer, was expected to accelerate developmental projects to make Guyana self sufficient particularly in beef and milk.

As such he was pushing the Mobilissa Dairy Milk Project and the massive Rupupuni Beef scheme, to mention two.

It is understood that he became disgusted because of interference of a non-professional nature. He left the country to attend an international Conference and has not returned.

His family has left the country but Vanguard was unable to find out if he had sent in his resignation.

Meanwhile, the Chief Geologist and three others of that profession have left the service. Among those leaving is Mr. Belshaw, the son-in-law of Their Excellencies, President and Mrs. Chung. It is understood that the farwe party for him took place recently and there were hints among his other colleagues that they will soon follow.

It is known that most of the geologists will leave the service on completion of their contracts. They have had nothing to do for more than two years, because their Ministry was ill supplied with funds.

Some geologists are also concerned over shortage of consumer goods and what they describe as sub-standard education. They say they see little future in Guyana.

So Burnham talks about Produce or Perish but evidently does not understand that production today is a highly skilled and competitive activity. Without good technical officers and up-to-date information, what we produce shall not prevent our perishing.

The way out is really the removal of the PNC clique, so that confidence will return to Guyana.

COMPLAINTS OF ETB

Businessmen are now louder in their complaints over the operations of the ETB (External Trade Bureau).

Complaints are that very small supplies - in dozens and scores - are being given to those who used to import thousands of dozens etc. The traders declare that the amounts made available to them, made it a waste of time to carry on certain lines of business. They also say that a large number of new traders are securing larger supplies, and suggest that they are special supporters of the régime.

As a consequence of these conditions of under supply, there has been a reduction of employment. In addition, the cost of non control items have risen sharply.

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STRUGGLES

Several Doctors from a number of Colombian University Hospitals and most of the others from 19 first aid centres across the country are on strike for higher salaries.

Several thousand employees of the commercial bank, staged a strike too and were successful in signing a new collective labour contract with the management.

Workers and employees of the state-owned national air-lines announced that they too would be going on strikes in protest against the delay of payment of wages.

180,000 teachers are also in the struggle and they have stated that if their overdue wages and salaries are not paid shortly and if a new educational law to improve their working conditions, they will stop working.

With inflation rate in Colombia amounting to 29 percent last year, and being estimated to stand at 20 percent this year, the workers find their standard of living deteriorating and therefore they are demanding a 30 to 50 percent increase wages.

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About 1,200 farm hands of five estates in hinterland Sao Paulo State went on strike to demand payment of three to sixteen months back pay and to protest against cruel exploitation.

The Brazilian Union of Rural workers issued a statement in support of the striking farm hands, in which they denounced the existence of slavery on banana plantations.

City workers in a number of US cities have recently organised strikes to press their demand for higher wages.

Nearly 20,000 city workers in Philadelphia, have been on strike for a number of days in protest against the attempt to dismiss large numbers of workers and the management's refusal to accept their demand for higher wages. The strike is continuing inspite of the agreement reached between the union and the city authorities.

In Washington, D.C., 2000 transport workers are also on strike for pay increases. Also workers in Louisville and Cleveland walked off their jobs too. The Authorities have declared the strike illegal and ordered the workers to return to work but the workers are still holding out. This has caused the public transportation to be paralysed.

The workers are determined to hold out until their demands are met.

Italian workers have held strikes and demonstrations over the last few days to demand job guarantee, higher wages and better living conditions.

About 700,000 workers in the tourist industry are demanding a new labour contract to provide for wage increases.

Workers in the chemical, textile, construction and some other industrial sectors are demanding job guarantees and have held demonstrations and meetings to back their claims.

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SKIRMISH

Minor skirmishes are taking place in several areas as an aftermath of the referendum. Two of these skirmishes have taken place in areas where the PNC used to claim support. In both cases, there was confrontation with the Police.

The reports state that the incidents occurred because of the bullying nature of the PNC activists and in one case police recruits most of whom were used by the PNC in their referendum thuggery.

On Sunday 30, there was confrontation between police and young men claiming to be Rastafarians. The Police claimed the "Rastas" were smoking pot, but handled the matter badly and one of their number was beaten.

As a consequence, reinforcements were called out and the Rastas were outnumbered and beaten mercilessly. Several batons were broken in the police attack.

It is understood that twenty six of the young men were arrested to be charged with disorderly behaviour. The Police did not find any dope on the young men.

It has been disclosed that several police officers have been dispatched to Monkey Mountain where confrontation took place between PNC area leaders and some of their former supporters. It is reported that a free for all took place and both the area leader and the police were attacked.

The Police were protecting the PNC interests but in the shoot out the Chairman for the PNC group was fatally murdered.

And on Referendum Day, an army patrol travelling on the Linden Highway were ambushed and shot at. The Army Patrol deserted their jeep and ran into the woods. Some army personnel were injured but not by the gunfire.

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