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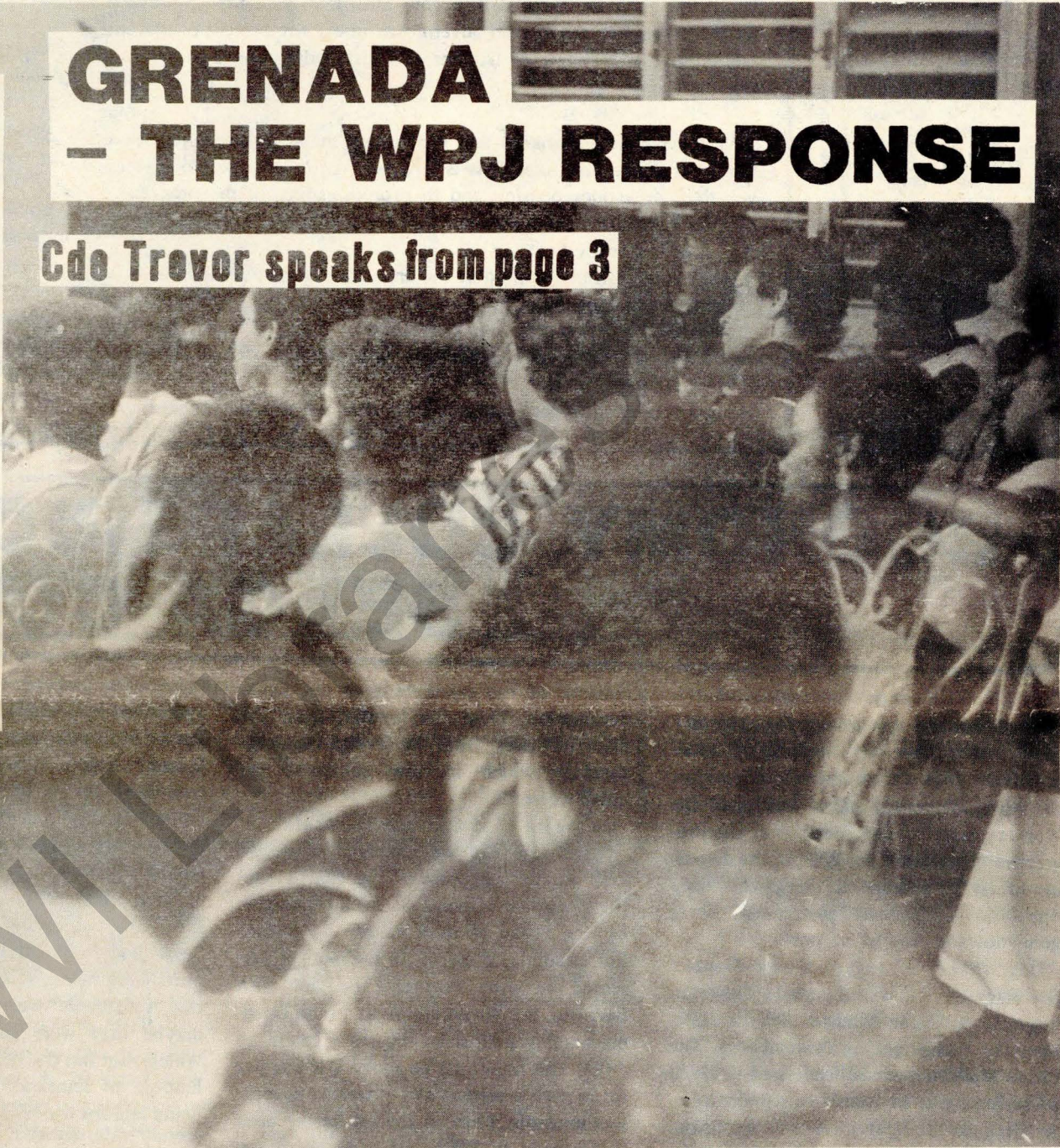
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## “CHANGE THE LABOUR LAW”

THE GENERAL SECRETARY of the WPJ, Comrade Trevor Munroe has demanded the immediate amendment of the Termination of Employment and Redundancy Act, as one of the main ways to ease the present hardships facing the working people. He said this law should be changed to ensure that no more layoffs take place without first consulting with workers and workers' organisations; without reasonable notice or without improved minimum rates of pay for laid-off workers.

### PROPOSALS

This proposal, was one of a number of proposals put forward by the WPJ leader following news that new penalties were going to be imposed by the IMF as a result of the failure of the September IMF tests by the Seaga government. Indications are, Comrade Trevor said, that the IMF is demanding a devaluation of the Jamaican dollar to between \$3.00 to \$3.50 and a cut

in the Budget of at least \$200million.

The Seaga government has been trying to cover up these new measures with big words, delaying tactics and propaganda against Grenada and communism. But nothing could hide the starvation, massive layoffs and price increases which this Seaga-IMF "invasion" would bring down on the backs of the majority of the Jamaican people while bringing even more riches to a small minority. The layoff of the over 1,000 sugar workers, Berec, Bata and other workers, as well as the price increases in Seprod products, was only the beginning, Comrade Trevor said.

### RELIEF

In addition to taking steps to cut down on layoffs, price controls on a wide range of goods used by the working people, must be immediately reimposed and a special tax be placed on the big bankers. This tax would raise between \$30 - \$40 million to

help subsidise prices and provide relief work for the people, Comrade Trevor continued. To carry out these measures, the government will have to renegotiate paragraphs 15, 16, 17, 18, and 43 of the IMF agreement. These sections bind the government to free up prices and imports and to pay out the bulk of the country's hard-earned foreign exchange in debts to

American banks.

If the Seaga government cannot be pressured into taking these steps to protect the working people, then the conditions of the masses of people will continue to move from bad to worse, until elections are called, the present government removed and a government which is closer to the working people is put in power.



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Cde Trevor Munroe,  
General Secretary, WPJ**

**RJR 3.00pm**

**Sunday, November 20, 1983**



# EDITORIAL

## UNITY IS REQUIRED

OUT OF bad sometimes comes good and out of the military invasion of Grenada by U.S. imperialism has come many good lessons for the Caribbean people. One such lesson is that the big people who control these countries and their political representatives like Seaga, while posing as democratic, stop at nothing and will even invite in foreigners to crush their own peoples revolutionary struggle.

Some of us thought that this ended with colonialism. 118 years ago when Governor Eyre and the Jamaican ruling class could not manage the peoples revolution being led by Paul Bogle, Eyre called to England, Canada, Barbados and other countries to send troops to kill off the people and to restore "law and order". Four hundred and thirty nine Jamaicans were killed by the foreign invasion forces and the ruling classes set up a puppet government which lasted for 70 years.

Thirty years ago in 1953 the Guyanese ruling class could not prevent the masses of the Guyanese people from electing the Peoples Progressive Party to carry out a programme to benefit the masses of poor people. But within 133 days the British government invaded British Guyana, overthrew the peoples elected government under the pretext of preventing communist takeover of Guyana and installed a puppet government over the people.

This is why revolutionaries and progressives must give the wicked no chance to divide and rule. This is why we in the WPJ continue to do everything to reduce division and to promote unity in the progressive movement. Whilst making sure our Party gets as strong as possible in the interest of that movement.

Unity is going to be required at the grass-roots and at the leadership of the progressive movement to resist the frame-ups, the victimisation in employment, the lay-offs and redundancies, the price increases, the reactionary political violence and the taking away of peoples' rights which Seaga has planned.

Seaga's words and deeds make it clear that no genuine progressive is

going to escape by trying to be moderate or by smiling up with him and Shearer in Parliament.

As the PNP is finding out in this situation, all that moderation does is encourage reaction to drop on heavier licks in the belief that there will be no serious resistance from the PNP section of the anti-imperialist movement.

The heavier the licks from the economic and political policies of the reactionaries, the PNP leaders are going to have to learn that cooperation with WPJ is a must if the resistance is not to be weakened to everybody's detriment. This is why the PNP leadership is joking around with the people's interest by not responding positively to the request of the WPJ for talks, whilst being fooled by the skin teeth from Seaga and Shearer.

Rather than wait PNP supporters and WPJ supporters in the communities, and work centres should sit down and discuss how to reduce differences and cooperate better in the common struggle against Seaga.

WPJ's attitude on this question is clear. Where it can be shown that the PNP could not win a constituency without WPJ support, we are prepared to sit down and discuss with local or national PNP leadership without sacrificing the development of the revolutionary movement. The working people are the ones who are going to suffer most from disunity and they must therefore pressure the PNP to sit down and talk to WPJ.

Whether the PNP talks or not the Workers Party, its leadership, its members and supporters now have their tasks cut out for them.

- EDUCATE the working people better around the Grenada events, the coming IMF invasion of Jamaica, the nature of Seaga and of imperialism as well as what to expect from Seaga's "shattering offensive".

- ORGANISE the working people better in Party groups to defend themselves better in the communities, in the work-centres and educational institutions to resist Seaga's economic and political offensive.

- MOBILISE the working people to take mass action in defense of rights and justice and against imperialism to the fullest extent of the people's capabilities.

## ECONOMY COLLAPSING, SEAGA COVERING UP

GIVEN THE extremist nature of the Prime Minister's speech and the absurdity of the charges, the Workers Party of Jamaica advises that we cannot rule out unjust detention without trial, of leaders of the Workers Party and leaders of the progressive elements in the PNP, in the desperate effort by a desperate Seaga to silence opposition and to save a government that is going down in popular support.

This view was expressed by General Secretary of the WPJ Comrade Trevor in response to Prime Minister Seaga's statement to Parliament on November 1. The Prime Minister accused leaders of the WPJ of laying plans to recruit volunteers to go to Grenada to fight after military operations had started there and said that the WPJ had received instructions from Cuba to step up subversive activities against the Seaga government.

### Extremism

Seaga also identified 25 persons including WPJ members who he said had travelled to Grenada, Cuba and the Soviet Union in 1983 and were presumably linked to subversive activities. He also announced that four diplomats from the Soviet Embassy and the representative for the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina were being expelled from the country. They were accused of being involved in a plot to murder a senior protocol officer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Commenting on the charges of subversion Comrade Trevor said:

"To the Workers Party of Jamaica and any well-thinking citizen, the answer is clear as to why Prime Minister Seaga is turning to this extremism: The economy is about to collapse and the pressure on all classes of the people from the business man to the unemployed youth is going to double and to triple as Seaga's government takes new economic measures having failed all three IMF tests recently. This is the first reason Seaga must find something to try and distract Jamaica's attention from the

collapse of the economy from the likely devaluation, from the layoffs, from the price increases, from the foreign exchange shortage which is now about to get much worse."

On the list of 25 Comrade Trevor said: "What else can we conclude when we look at the flimsiness of the charges and the absurdity of some of the claims made by the Prime Minister in the broadcast? For example, a list of 25 people was presented to show increased contact with Grenada, the Soviet Union and with Cuba - presumably with some subversive intent, in 1983. This list would be a joke if it was not set in such a serious and extremist speech. For example, I am on the list having been to Grenada in 1983, but what about my visit to Canada in January of this year, or to Trinidad in this year also, or the many invitations to visit the United States? Do these indicate information being passed on, or instructions being given from Canada and the United States? What about the three persons on the list who have not travelled to even one of those countries in 1983 - Clearly not even the most basic facts were properly researched. What about Dr Aggrey Brown, Mark Ricketts, and Ronnie Thwaites - who have also been to Grenada? Does this mean subversion? What about Michael Manley, who went to Cuba in 1983, and Don Robotham who, together with his entire family, went for a holiday to the Soviet Union in August 1983? Why aren't they on the list?

It is quite obvious that this list of names is arbitrary, that the persons on the list travelled for a variety of legitimate purposes, and is being picked out to create some spectre of "subversive" in the PNP and in the WPJ."

### Absurd

In addition he said the charges that WPJ was recruiting volunteers to go to Grenada to fight was absurd:

"And what about the absurd charge that

"after the commencement of military operations in Grenada... some leaders of Dr Trevor Munroe's Marxist Workers Party of Jamaica begun laying plans to recruit volunteers to go to Grenada to fight"? Which "leaders" were laying what "plans"? So how were these volunteers to get to Grenada? In the first hour after the military operations were commenced on Tuesday the 25th, according to Prime Minister Seaga and President Reagan both the airports were taken, so clearly these treacherous "volunteers" were not going to fly, but maybe they were going to go by ship. Which ship has the WPJ got hidden in what harbour of Jamaica? What were the plans being laid for the WPJ ship with the treacherous "volunteers" to get past the aircraft carrier "Independence" and the American task force that had blockaded Grenada from Monday 24th. But maybe the plans being laid were for the "volunteers" to go by submarine. Well, where is our submarine parked and how was it going to get past the nuclear powered submarine that the United States had patrolling the waters from Monday the 24th? Clearly this charge of laying plans to recruit volunteers to go and fight in Grenada is absurd. Though, no doubt, the Prime Minister or his chief of security forces will produce some tape of some so-called WPJ leader or activist saying how much he or she would like to go and help the Grenadian people defend themselves against United States military intervention."

### Has never

On the matter of WPJ receiving instructions from Cuba, Trevor said:

"I and the Workers Party totally reject this absurd charge along with the others about receiving instructions from Cuba "to step up action against the Government of Jamaica". Could the Prime Minister's security forces be referring to an open cable sent openly from Cuba by Casa de las Americas - the Cuban Association of Latin American literary intellectuals - through

JAMINTEL, arriving in Jamaica on Monday the 31, asking us to express solidarity and to condemn the American invasion as a great grave threat to peace "as instructions from Cuba"? What a way to send instructions! Clearly this is also absurd."

Our Workers Party has never, is not now, and will never take any instructions from anybody - inside or outside of Jamaica - except the membership of our Party, in accordance with our Party's Programme and Constitution.

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## POLICE COMMISSIONER REPLIES

November 1, 1983

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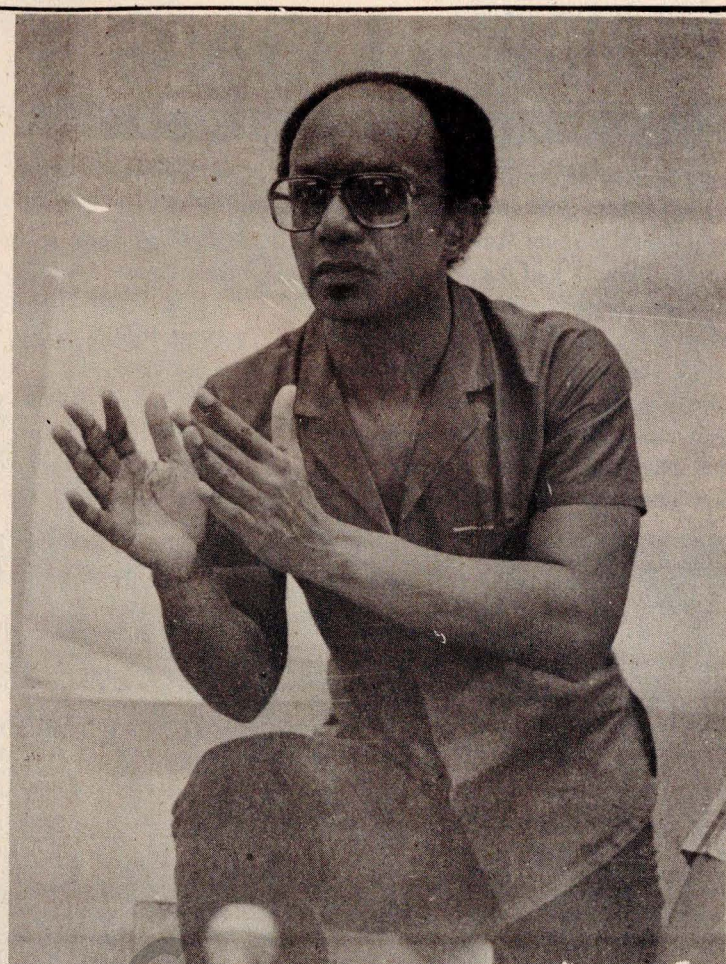
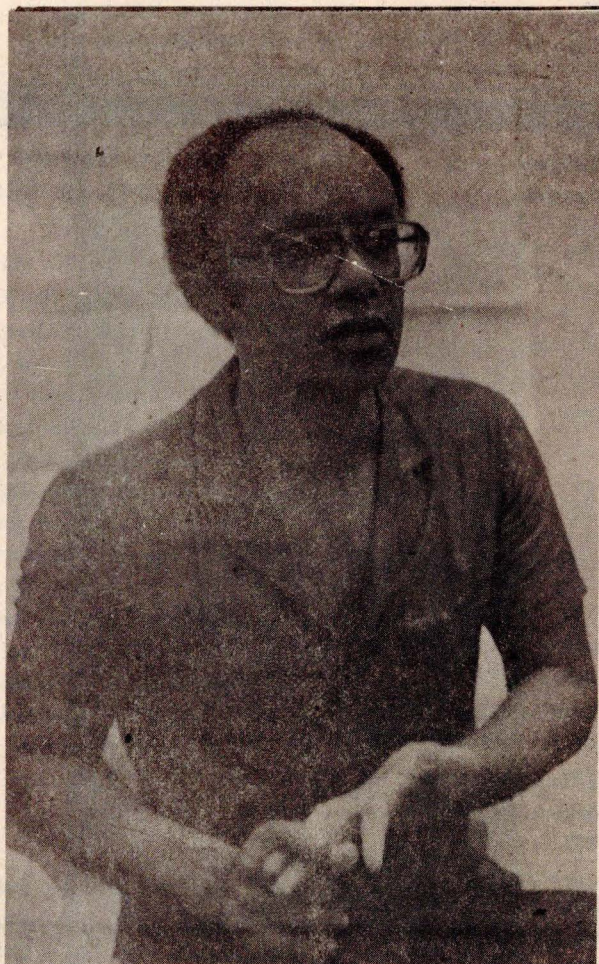
Dear Sir

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 31, 1983 in which you were informing me of a March and Demonstration on Tuesday the 1st November, 1983 at 5.30pm

I regret I am unable at this time to approve of the March/demonstration and the necessary Police coverage.

Yours sincerely  
(J.E. Williams)  
Commissioner of Police

# GRENADA THE WORKERS PARTY RESPONSE



● "... whatever the revolutionary process, it is bound to experience serious defeats, it is bound to experience setbacks, but it is also bound to rise up again"

*SINCE October 13 the General Secretary of the WPJ, Comrade Trevor Munroe and other party leaders have held numerous meetings with the people in their organisations, groups and communities in town and country explaining the crisis in Grenada and the lessons which are to be learnt from these developments.*

*In addition in the two weeks following October 13, the WPJ made one national radio broadcast; held two news conferences; distributed seven news releases to the media and over sixty individuals and organisations. Comrade Trevor also appeared on a special television programme on JBC television and Comrade Don Robotham and other party members made several calls to the radio call-in programmes, Hotline and Public Eye. On the following pages STRUGGLE presents excerpts from the General Secretary's talk to workers at a special Education seminar on October 30.*

Seaga has to make the most of the invasion in Grenada, so that while me and you are looking down to Grenada, he is hoping that we will not see the IMF invasion of Jamaica which is going to be more intense than any IMF invasion we have had in the past. But what he forgets is that even though you don't see it, you feel it. That is the difference between this kind of invasion we are going to experience and the one he is showing us at the present time. Very soon people's minds are going to be focusing on whether we can put a piece of meat on the table; give the youth a bus fare or lunch money; whether they will be able to put on a patch on the patch pants, whether they will be able to preserve themselves from madness with the nervous strain that is going to go on in this country when people cannot live. Therefore, I come back to the point, we are going to go through a rough time, but just cool yourself, it's not the end of the world. Imperialism, with Seaga's help, is going to deliver such a lick on Jamaica just now that people are going to be drawn back to their senses to look at what is going on around them and not continue to buy imperialist argument about what is happening in Grenada.

THAT leads me to the conclusion which none of us as revolutionaries should forget. It is this: that whatever the revolutionary process, it is bound to experience serious defeats, it is bound to experience setbacks, but it is also bound to rise up again. If it is one thing history proves, history in our country and history in every country, is those two points. No revolution can succeed without experiencing serious blows. But secondly, no serious blow can kill the revolution. It

can knock it out partially, it can knock it out for the count, but it cannot kill it.

IF you think of serious blows that our progressive movement has experienced but still we keep coming forward again, you will understand what I mean. The serious blow we got in 1980, when there were comrades in this very room who said 'we gone fi 20 years now'. Don't worry comrades, we get a lick but it not going last forever. Within three years the people, experiencing the subjection of deliverance, are turning against it.

1980 was not the first lick we get

either. We got a serious blow in 1952 when the left were eliminated from the PNP; we got a serious blow in 1938 when the British brought marines into Jamaica; we got a serious blow in 1865 when 500 of us were hanged by the neck until death. But each time we get a serious blow, we knock down for the time, but the people begin, slowly but surely, to gather forces again for a new carrying forward of the revolutionary process.

IN Russia, in 1905, 6,000 Russian revolutionaries executed. By 1917 the

revolution was in power. France - 1870. The first revolutionary seizure of power by the working class in the history of the world, within three weeks destroyed, seventeen thousand killed by the reactionaries and today, there are revolutionaries in the Cabinet in France.

SO I beg the comrades, let us be sad, let us be a little discouraged - we can allow that. But let us also be proud of how the comrades in this little island that you could drop into St. Andrew, have stood up. Let us also be absolutely confident that the period of rough weather that we are going to pass through, and which every revolutionary process has to pass through, must be followed by the ultimate victory and for that victory we just need to work hard; study harder; organise harder and prepare for the day when we will be triumphant.

"... Their invasion was from the American military. Ours is going to be from the IMF"

IN TERMS of Jamaica we have to expect certain things. In the first place reactionary positions among the people are going to get stronger and we have seen that already. Why? Because the propaganda

has gone out and it is supported by both the leaders of the JLP and the PNP together that what took place in Grenada on October 19th was an example of the butchers and by implication these butchers



Journalists attending the news conference on the developments in Grenada on October 21.

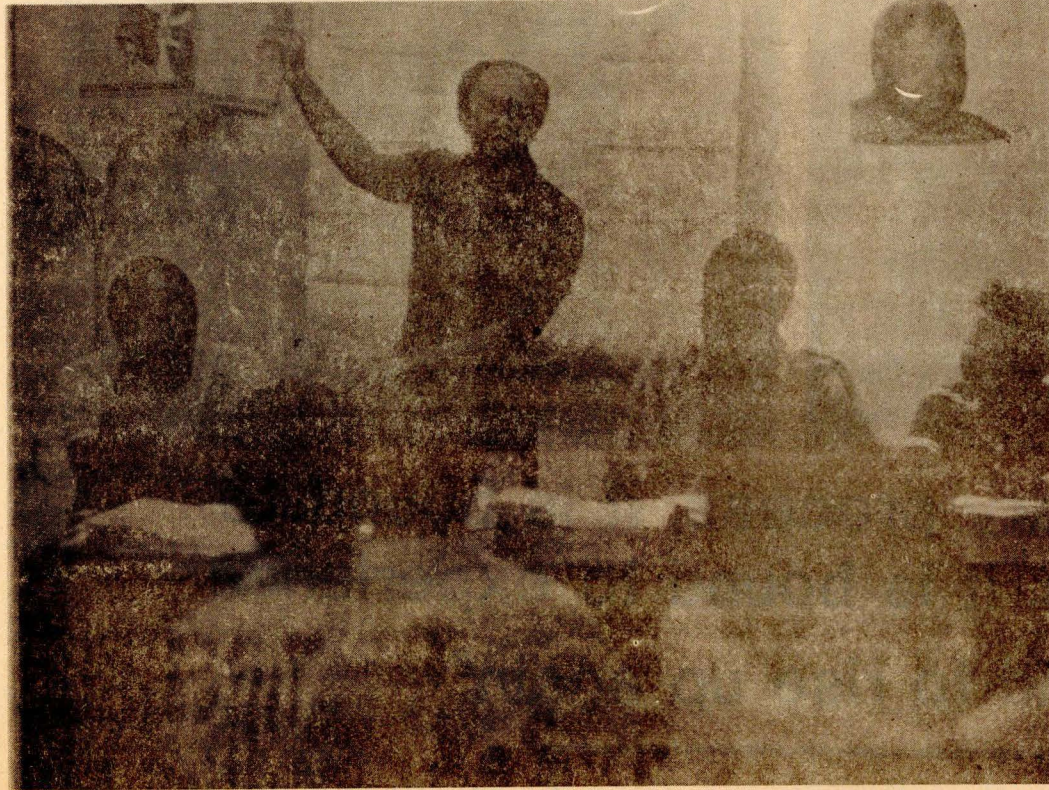
were communists and revolutionaries. SO ONCE that goes out through the Gleaner, RJR, JBC as well as the grass roots activists of both political parties, then you have to expect that the position amongst the people that communists are wicked and that revolutionaries are wicked people, and therefore we should get rid of these people, is going to get stronger. People who used to take STRUGGLE from you not going to take it from you again; man who used to sell the paper not going to want to sell it again and this will be a sign of such positions getting stronger.

AT THE same time, the Jamaica Labour Party leaders who up until two weeks ago, would not have been able to hold a meeting and get anybody to come there in any large numbers will now be able to hold meetings and to get people to come and to celebrate them as a result of the lies and propaganda; as heroes that saved Jamaica

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# GRENADA "A COWARDLY ACT ... PLANNED LONG IN ADVANCE"

I REMEMBER in March of 1982 when we had a Workers Education session on we pointed out that an American military invasion of Grenada had been planned long ago. Maurice himself pointed this out in November 1981. He pointed out that since July of this year, the Americans had actually planned the blueprint of an invasion in that operation called 'Amber and the Amberines' And that blueprint which was rehearsed in 1981 is exactly what happened in 1983.



COMRADE TREVOR exposes Gleaner lies and US State Department propaganda at the

SO THIS foolishness about the Joint Chiefs of Staff and President Reagan worked through the night on Monday to develop a plan to implement on Tuesday - they must really believe that we are a set of idiots to swallow a story like that. They have been preparing for a military intervention since everything else the American imperialists had tried had failed.

THEY TRIED the economic sabotage which they had tried on Manley here. It worked here but didn't work there because the first factory that them closed down, the government went into the factory and kept it open and the workers in it on the behalf of the people.

THEY TRIED the newspaper propaganda sabotage, like what was done here and as soon as that was tried the government locked down the Torchlight. They tried the ter-

rorism; put the bomb under the platform that killed so many youths and almost killed the entire leadership (in June 1980 - that failed as well.)

SO THAT the only thing left for the Americans to do was military intervention. The New Jewel Movement and the Revolutionary Government knew this and therefore had to prepare sufficiently in terms of weapons

and arms so that the people would be able to defend the revolution.

SEAGA AND Adams, and what they did, and the woman Charles, is simply to provide a thin disguise to cover up what was an American military intervention against a sister Caribbean people trying to make a revolution but experiencing difficulties.

I THINK THAT we need to understand the extent of the invasion because it allows us to have a much clearer picture of two things:

One, what imperialism is and two, the extent of the people's resistance.

AT THIS TIME as I am talking to you, there are between 5 and 6,000 American troops inside Grenada and another 15,000 on ships around the coast. We need to remind ourselves of the size of this country Grenada and the size of the population in order to understand what 5 or 6,000 American troops inside the country really means. Grenada is smaller than the smallest parish in Jamaica. The smallest parish in Jamaica is St. Andrew with 166 square miles. Grenada is 133 square miles. So you could drop the whole of Grenada in here, inside the parish of St. Andrew and still have space. The whole of Grenada. Part of it would probably reach up by Stony Hill (the North) and the other part (the South) may catch down by

Trafalgar Road. That is the whole of Grenada. Smaller than Hanover, which is the second smallest parish bar Kingston, and a parish like St. Ann is over three times the size of Grenada; St. Elizabeth is over three times the size of Grenada; St. Catherine is over three times the size of Grenada and of the fourteen parishes in Jamaica, only six of them have less people than in Grenada. Eight

of the parishes in Jamaica have more people than in the entire country of Grenada.

NOW I AM going into all of this so that you can understand what 5 or 6,000 troops inside of that country means. The Americans have landed on the soil of Grenada the amount of soldiers which would equal about 5% of the population of Grenada.

IF WE WERE to have an invasion like that, with 5% of the amount of the Jamaican population, that would be 100,000 striking US Marines.

I GO INTO this comrades so that you can appreciate the extent of the resistance of the Grenadian people. These Grenadian people, who have been totally defeated according to Seaga at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, resisted to the extent where the first group of soldiers that came in - 1,900 - was not enough. They had to bring in an additional set - the 82nd airborne paratroop division - and you should know a little about this. This 82nd airborne paratroop division is the best thing that the American Army has, there is nothing that them have better than that. And then when that was not enough, on Thursday they had to send in another 100,000 troops. And when that was not enough, on Friday they had to build it up with 6,000; the equivalent of 100,000 Marines in occupation in Jamaica.

OF COURSE, how it would look if you put out to the world that it is the Grenadian



EAGER FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GRENADA: This farmer still had questions to

ask Comrade Trevor after a lengthy meeting in St. Ann.

black man on a little piece of rock that is tying down so many American troops. No, you have to say is Cubans. Black people are not supposed to be able to fight for their rights to that extent. But anybody that have sense know that this Cuban thing is foolishness. I think that we really need to be clear on this because it tells us something about imperialism.

WHAT IS THE first thing it tells us? It tells us that we are dealing with the most wicked beast. So wicked, that they are killing out the people down there and have been doing so since Tuesday morning and cannot bring themselves to bring into Grenada, not the WPJ reporter you know, until in the last day or two, reporters from their own imperialist newspapers, like the Washington Post or the New York Times. In the Vietnam war the

reporters from the imperialist news actually flew in with the helicopter ships when they first went in.

IN THE FALKLANDS, the reporter in with the British, so that the British could see what they were doing and see how the response from the Argent was. But on this occasion for the first the imperialists have breached their rules and regulations and have not allowed to this day the reporters to come in where they want to go, to see what they want to see. They have kept them under strict and heavy censorship, even after they have allowed them to go in. And allowed them to go in only as a result of protest of the imperialist newspapers against the imperialist government, that something is going on and this is not right.

THE SECOND lesson to be learnt is that we are dealing not only with a wicked beast, but one that is an absolute total coward. Since you are cursing someone, what is going on in Afghanistan, send the 82nd airborne paratroop division to Afghanistan, or since you curse what is going on in Poland send them to Poland! But you are not sending anybody there, because you know that if you go in those places you are going to meet you match. So instead of picking on the smallest country in the world that you can find to drop the heavy bombs that you can manage and even with all the bombs, you can't even manage the Gre-

people. Which leads me to the third lesson. Anybody who don't learn from this, how weak imperialism is, don't really understand one of the main lessons. It is vicious and cowardly, but if you require 100,000 troops proportionately in Jamaica, 100 sub-marines which is around the water of Grenada right now, 21 helicopter gunships, jet aircraft to deal with somewhere in the Caribbean than St. Andrew, somewhere smaller than Hanover, with a population 20 times smaller than Jamaica, then brothers and sisters believe me, that kind of imperialism is dying days. Because if you can't manage Grenada, how are you going to manage the liberation movement around the world, much less the Soviet Union and the Soviet countries. So that the weakness of imperialism must not be lost on us even as we see their willingness and their ability to vene.

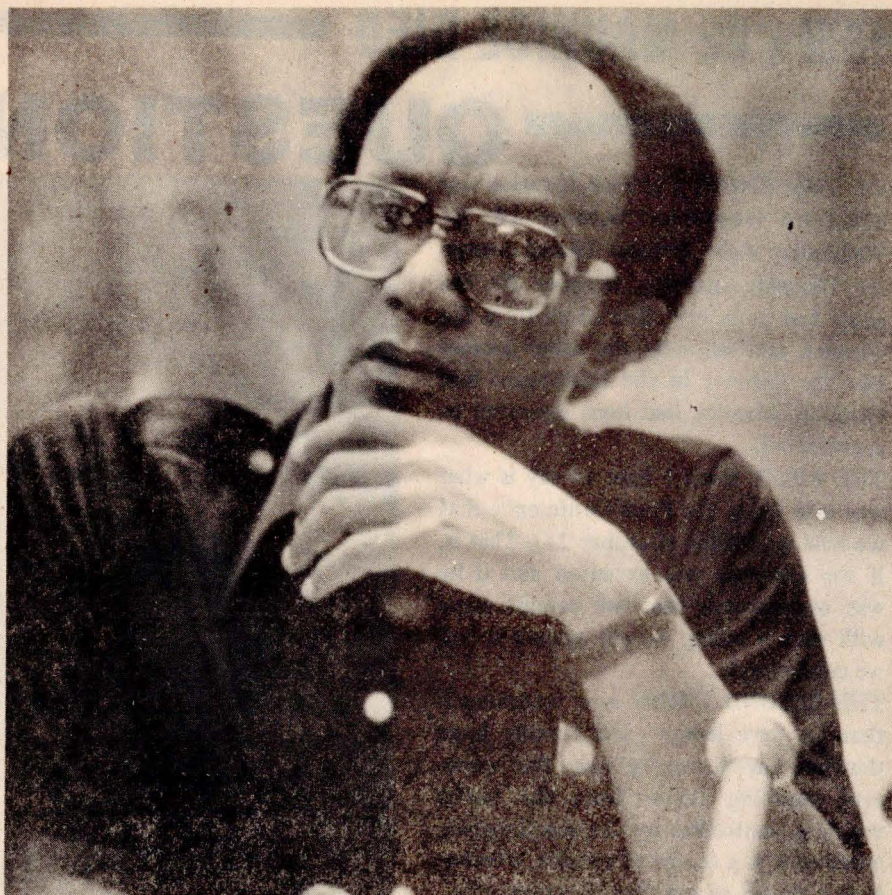
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\* GRENADA CAN FIT INTO JAMAICA OVER 33 TIMES

**GRENADA**

AT THE TIME of the Grenadian Revolution, before the revolution and since the revolution, the Workers Party and myself personally have been in such close relations that we have constantly responded to the request of the Grenadian comrades for fraternal assistance and advice whenever they wanted it.

before. I have been to Grenada almost every year since the revolution, and every time we go, we have long and deep discussions on all the problems. And therefore, one month ago on September 23, the telephone rang twice - two calls from Grenada. One from Comrade Bernard saying take the next flight, we have serious problems that we need to discuss with you and get your opinion. And the other from Comrade Maurice in which he also asked me to come. I said to Maurice, look, if the thing is so serious and you can't tell me on the phone, send your private plane up to Barbados for me so that I could get in on Sunday. He agreed. For reasons which are still not clear to me, the plane did not come, and I got into Grenada on the morning of Monday the 26th, at the very same time that Maurice was leaving for Hungary and for Czechoslovakia. So that nobody feels it more than me when I did not have a chance to speak with him fully. If I had got in on the Sunday night it would have been possible, the Monday morning it was not possible. Therefore, I stayed there for the Monday and the Tuesday and in those two days I had two tasks. One of them was to find out the full extent of the crisis



COMRADE TREVOR listened to many questions and comments on Grenada during meetings with workers, women, students, farmers and youth.

## WPJ GAVE FRATERNAL ASSISTANCE

A STRONG CONTINGENT OF WOMEN turned out for the meeting ON GRENADA in Waterhouse.

IN FACT, one of the things that Comrade Maurice always said in public, whenever any of our comrades were leaving Grenada to return to Jamaica, after doing service down there, he always said that the Grenadian people made the Grenadian revolution led by the New Jewel Movement, 'but there are two parties in the world which if it wasn't for them, the revolution could not have lasted more than two days and that is the Workers Party of Jamaica and the Communist Party of Cuba'. Because of the help and the assistance that we have always given. And I am saying this now because you are going to hear that we intervened last week or the week

in the Party and this I did. I got all the minutes, all the notes. The second thing I did was to give my advice on how the crisis was to be solved. And my advice in fact coincided with what they had already decided, in terms of the nine points that the Party members had agreed to - making sure that the workload was cut down, making sure that better planning of the activities in the various mass organisations. The one thing that I proposed which they had not fully considered or agreed on was that at the beginning of each week both Maurice and Bernard should sit down and plan the work schedule for the week. That is something we do in the UAWU every Friday night; we sit down and we plan the schedule for the next

week. Then, at the end of the week, you both sit down and see which meetings took place, which didn't take place, why they didn't take place, and then try on that basis to overcome the weaknesses that were identified in Comrade Maurice which he agreed with, that he wasn't sufficiently organised in terms of keeping appointments and fulfilling the work and the tasks that were set. On the other hand, I proposed that as Bernard's weakness was insufficient contact with the ordinary people, some of the work in relation to visiting work centres, he should also do. So in that way, Maurice would overcome the weakness of being insufficiently organised and Bernard would overcome the weakness of being insufficiently in touch with the people.

And those two proposals that I left with them and added to the other proposals. And those are two of the proposals that I left with them and added to the other proposals that had been actually outlined. Happily, we are the ones who pointed out and announced to the people that we were down there. Sometimes I think what would ever happen if we had kept it in the back that I went down there on the 26th, and Seaga and imperialism burst that. Then it would look like a conspiracy. So we talk it out and let everybody hear that it come from us and if any of them challenge why I went there and on whose invitation, then what I will do is challenge them to produce the Special Branch tape of the telephone discussion on Friday the 23rd.

## THE RESPONSE OF OUR CUBAN COMRADES

IT IS THE socialist community - the Soviet Union and Cuba included - the strength of which today is far greater than what it was 30 years ago, that has been one of the main reasons why in little Grenada the Revolutionary Army and the militia can fight the way that they are fighting. That is the first point that needs to be made. It is the working class in power in the socialist community that has devoted so much of its labour

and its time to producing weapons to defend the working class in power and to defend people struggling for their rights like in Grenada and Nicaragua and in South Africa where the common weapon being used is the AK.

THE SECOND point that I want to make relates to Cuba's response right after Maurice's killing. The Cubans made a statement on Thursday and many of the

points in that statement were the same as the points in our statement in the Workers Party. They went further than we, and I believe, looking back at it, that they would have given the imperialists a signal when they said that they would be re-examining their political relations with the rulers in Grenada who followed on the killing of Bishop.

Now, the moment that is said, the danger was that the imperialists would immediately seize the opportunity to jump in and invade Grenada while the Cuban comrades were assessing the situation and during the three days of mourning which had been declared.

COMRADES, we say it - when it come to helping Ethiopia, Cuba could not be beaten; when it come to helping the Vietnamese, when it come to helping Nicaragua, all people that are fighting for their rights, the Cubans are in the front of internationalism; risking their own lives, risking their own military hardware.

But in this case a serious mistake was made. Over the three days especially the Friday and the Saturday, October 28 and 29, it was possible to send in reinforcements, but this was not done. Whereupon the American imperialists seized the opportunity and sent in their submarines by the

Sunday. At this point it was impossible for the Cuban comrades to send in reinforcements.

WHILE MOURNING, mourn, but also understand that an attack is imminent. Do something to reinforce those who were going to be under attack. I completely agree with him that from Sunday it would have been impossible because by Sunday the Americans had moved in their submarines. By Sunday they had also moved in place the ships that had been diverted from Lebanon and therefore a blockade was in effect in place.

So that revolutionary principles will support the comrades in saying that as of Sunday it would have been wrong to put in any direct reinforcements because that would risk a world war, and our first duty is to preserve peace at the same time as we

strengthen the struggles of the people for liberation and at the same time that we defend socialism.

THE POINT I am making, is that if the comrades in Grenada were in a position to hold out longer then the grass roots movement would have been able to develop more, as well as the position of the govern



POISED TO QUESTION COMRADE TREVOR: One of the many small farmers who attended the St Ann meeting.

## HOW CDE MAURICE DIED

# QUESTIONS WE MUST ASK

AS YOU KNOW, Comrade Maurice was killed on Wednesday October 19. By Wednesday night, October 19 and moreso by Thursday morning October 20, the story had gone out, first of all from the Gleaner, and secondly the other sources like the Gleaner in the Caribbean, that Comrade Maurice had been executed or assassinated.

THE FIRST thing I have to say is what was said from the Press Conference that we held on Friday (October 21). That is, if the comrade was executed and if he was assassinated, then we cannot agree with such a thing, we are against it and we condemn it.

THE SECOND THING now comrades is that we have learnt - and I really hope that you have learnt by now - that whenever anything comes from the media which is controlled by the reactionaries, whether it is a report of a strike, whether it is a report of a police shooting, whatever it may be, if you are really conscious and serious, your first reaction to that report must be to ask yourself whether 'is-so it really go'?

### Experience

I REMEMBER in particular, the strike in 1972 where it was reported in the Gleaner that we were mashing down, burning down, violence all over the University Campus. Anyone of you who have been in a strike know that how they report it is to suit themselves, not to suit the truth, not to suit the workers. And therefore comrades, I am begging you to use your experience today, to doubt anything and everything that you hear coming from the media which is controlled by the big capitalists, by the reactionaries. ANYTHING AT ALL THAT IS CONTROVERSIAL, your first reaction must be, 'a wonder if is so it go'?

THEREFORE, in relation to that execution/assassination story there are a number of questions that those of you who are believing it should ask yourself and you should ask others who already believe it and who come to you with that argument.

### No sense

I SAW a youth on JBC TV who said that he was in a tree, and he saw everything including when the hand was raised in the air and the other Ministers as well. I have to ask you to ask yourself, would my deputy, planning to execute or assassinate me do it in a spot and in circumstances where a youth afterwards could say that he was in a tree and saw everything; or alternatively, where there was a large crowd around. It don't make no sense to me.

I could understand my deputy executing or assassinating me in public, if he did not have the opportunity to do it in private. But here we have a situation where whether you agree with it or not, Comrade Maurice was under house arrest between October 13 and October 19. Which means that if the Deputy or the clique or the faction wanted to kill him, they had the 13th, the 14th, the 15th, the 16th, the 17th and the 18th. They could have backed him up in a room, him alone, shoot him, put a gun in his hand, then wait two days so that the story could be properly prepared and a press release ready, and you make your police information say that Cde Maurice Bishop was shot while trying to escape from detention. So I ask you to ask yourself that second question, if an assassination or execution was planned, why not in pri-



COMRADE TREVOR at a Press Conference Bishop. At left is Comrade Tony Harriott, the day after the death of Comrade Maurice W.P.J. Central Committee member.

vate, where there was nobody to see.

THE THIRD QUESTION that you have to ask in this important business of execution or assassination is, If he was executed and assassinated - then why isn't JBC TV and the Gleaner publishing all the eye-witness accounts so that all who said they saw could be heard by us the citizens, or we could read their account of what happened? Why are they only selecting one or two. Radio Free Grenada from the day after the killing began to publish on the air the statements of those who were on the scene. All of those statements were monitored in Barbados because everything that Radio Free Grenada put out you can hear it easily from Barbados. But not one of those statements have been brought to us to let us hear the other version. Only one version has come, and it is the version of assassination and execution.

AND WHAT I think makes me much more suspicious of this thing is that I know for a fact that JBC TV did an interview with a Jamaican who was working in Grenada, he told them what he saw and what he told them he saw is the crowd with Maurice going up to and into Fort Rupert without a shot being fired.



COMRADE DON ROBOTHAM, Short-Wave Listening (SWL) and 'D-Xing' enthusiast, and a team of W.P.J. members, monitored news-casts from Western Europe, the Soviet Union, the USA, Latin America and the Caribbean, on a daily basis in order to get the widest coverage of the Grenada crisis.

THE OTHER VERSION which said that at the Fort there was a confrontation in which Comrade Maurice and the others fired first and killed three of the soldiers on the spot and a fourth died later on. We have to look at that version and we have to ask ourselves which is more likely in the circumstances.

SOME comrades will say, "Well how is that a reasonable thing to do? For a man to fire first in those circumstances?" My answer to that is, what is he marching up to the equivalent of Up Park Camp for? Why go to Up Park Camp or Newcastle which is the equivalent of Fort Rupert in Jamaica? If your intention is to talk to the nation so that the nation can hear your side of the story, then you head for Radio Free Grenada, take it over and say 'this is Maurice speaking'. Instead they go into the headquarters of the army. We have to look into that version rather than close our minds about this execution, assassination business.

### Accepted

WE HAVE to ask ourselves, that if there was no confrontation and no clash between two sides, why then did the Gleaner wait until Saturday October 22 to publish the official account of what happened on the 19. And when it was put in the Gleaner, it was put on page 16. It is quite obvious that their plan was to ensure that their version, sunk into the people, became totally accepted by the people, so that no amount of facts, no amount of new information would then be able to change your mind or make you modify your opinion. I must say that they have succeeded. It is no strange thing or surprise that the reactionaries would have put out a version of this which would justify their opinion which they are trying to inject the people everyday with, that revolutionaries are murderers.

### Surprise

WHAT IS A little surprising - and I am talking honestly to you - is that so many otherwise conscious and progressive people could immediately jump on to the story of the reactionaries and believe it as if it is gospel truth. I think that that is something we need to look into. It means that we have not done enough work of political education, we have not done enough work of building the consciousness - even of those closest to us - so that immediately their first response to anything coming from the source of reaction is to doubt it.

WHEN I LOOK at just the last seven days just to prove what I am saying, the number of lies which the Gleaner has put out and which they themselves expose to be a lie afterwards is just amazing. I can count three right away: the first lie, Phyllis Coard is in Jamaica. We hear now that Phyllis Coard has been captured or surrendered along with her husband in Grenada. Lie no. 2: Alister Hughes is dead; entire family executed and 170 people along with them slaughtered. Lie no. 3: Austin cornered and captured with hostages.

SO, the said same source that is giving us the execution of Cde Maurice, in the space of five/six days have printed so many lies that they themselves forget which lie them print so that they contradict themselves a few days after printing the particular lie.

AND WHEN I look at the People's Nation cont'd on pg 8

# U.S. INVASION CONDEMNED

CONDEMNATION of the United States led invasion of Grenada has been voiced by national governments and international and national organizations throughout the world. Below are noted some of these protests:-

- The United Nations General Assembly. One hundred and eight countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas voted against the US invasion.

- The only countries which supported the US invasion were Israel, El Salvador and the six Caribbean countries, including Jamaica, which joined the US in invading Grenada. South Africa which has no vote in the UN has also voiced its support.

- Jamaica was the only country which did not support the call (paragraph 3 of the resolution) for safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations. Jamaica abstained.

- The United Nations Security Council 11 member states voted against the US invasion. Three abstained and the US vetoed the Resolution.

- The Soviet Union was among the first countries to have condemned the invasion of Grenada.

- In Britain, Reagan's friend Prime Minister Thatcher expressed "her considerable doubts" about invading Grenada.

- Several demonstrations were held in Britain by members of the West Indian community and the British Peace Movement. Also at the American military base at Greenham Common.

## Not military

The November 3rd issue of 'New York Times' said "The Plessey Company, the British Contractor managing the airport construction (Grenada)... said the airport was designed for tourism and had none of the standard military features. The British government underwrote the financing and would not have done so if there had been a military aspect."

- In the US members of the Senate and Congress came out against the invasion of Grenada.

- So did Democratic and Republic members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The New York Times, 30, reported the Committee as saying 'the (Reagan) administration had exaggerated Cuba's role in Grenada... that they were concerned about a lack of information about the Grenada invasion (and) ... called ... for a Congressional fact-finding mission to the island'.

- House speaker Thomas O'Neill said "to be perfectly truthful his (Reagan's) policies frighten me. I truly feel that the President has been working for a period of two years to do what he did the other day."

## Solidarity

The New York Times also noted that "The wording of the formal request (the OECS call for US military forces) was drafted in Washington and conveyed to the Caribbean leaders by Special American emissaries".

- Several demonstrations were held in the US - New York, Boston, Minneapolis, Burkley-California

- Most African countries condemned the invasion.

- Spain - San Sebastian demonstrators hung an effigy of Reagan on a tree to show their condemnation of the invasion.

- Guyana - Peoples Progressive Party led by Cheddi Jagan held a demonstration to protest the invasion, in front of the US Embassy in Georgetown. The ruling PNC as well as the Working Peoples Alliance also strongly condemned the invasion.



GEORGETOWN, GUYANA: Oct 25, 1983: The Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) and the Working Peoples Alliance (WPA) stage a joint demonstration outside the US Embassy in Georgetown. Later the protest shifted to the CARICOM Secretariat. PPP General Secretary, Comrade Cheddi Jagan is at centre holding placard: NO TO FOREIGN INVASION!

- TRINIDAD .... The government and 'Caribbean Contact', the newspaper associated with the Caribbean Conference of Churches also protested the invasion.

- Dominican Republic - over 5,000 people demonstrated against the invasion

In Nicaragua a rally of 100,000 protested

the invasion; expressed solidarity for the Grenadian people and pledged to fight to the last man to defend their country if the US should invade Nicaragua.

- Fighters of the Farabundo National Liberation Front in El Salvador carried out a guerilla operation, seized a strategic town and claimed it in the name of the Grenadian people.

- In Canada demonstrations against the invasion were held in Winnipeg and Montreal.

- Demonstrations were also held in West Germany and the Netherlands against the US invasion of Grenada.

- In Cuba hundreds of thousands of



'HANDS OFF GRENADA!'. Students at the Mona Campus UWI voice their outrage and condemnation of the invasion.

Cubans demonstrated against the US invasion and expressed solidarity with the Grenadian people.

Officials representing the Secretary General of the United Nations were refused permission by the American soldiers to see the status of officials of the Grenadian Revolutionary Government and other prisoners held in prison by the American invading troops.

## In Jamaica

Locally several organisations also protested the US led invasion of Grenada. They were

- The Workers Party of Jamaica
- Univeristy and Allied Workers Union
- Peoples National Party
- Jamaica Peace Committee
- National Union of Democratic Teachers
- West Indies Group of University Teachers
- Junior Doctors Association
- Union of Democratic Students (UWI, Mona)
- Guild of Undergraduates (UWI, Mona)
- Grenadian Students Association
- Jamaica Council for Human Rights
- American Association of Jurists (Jamaica Branch)

## Seaga covering up

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Concerning other extremist allegations, made by Prime Minister Seaga - about our Workers Party of Jamaica being involved in criminal acts of whatever kind - we wish to state that this is totally false, that we are prepared to go before any court of law in Jamaica to prove our innocence and to take whatever legal action is open to us - should Prime Minister Seaga repeat these extremist statements outside of the cover of parliamentary privilege.

We advise Party members, supporters and all the people to look out for attempts to frame innocent persons - "left" as well as moderate - in this extremist campaign to win further favour with Reagan, to turn the people's minds away from hardship and

frighten them with plots, intrigues, behind-the scenes subversion, witch-hunts, and no doubt, stories of Russian ships such as Jamaican people were given by the leadership of the Jamaica Labour Party in 1961.

## "THEIR INVASION WAS ..."

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from what happened in Grenada. Therefore you have to expect that as well.

WE ALSO have to expect that the PNP is going to draw closer to the JLP leaders as we have seen them doing it already. What we are seeing, as developing from the last election, including the removal of Duncan the removal of Beverly Manley, the removal of the left and revolutionary forces is going to even develop more now in that the two of them (the PNP and the JLP) at the leadership level will be almost indistinguishable from one another. Which is how it was in the 1950's and the 1960's in Jamaica.

THE PROBLEM with that is that if the PNP and the JLP are going to be presenting the same position to the masses of the people, a little different from one another but on the right, then the PNP itself is going to get soaked as a result. Because if you going to have a choice between the real reactionary and the one who only just becoming in that direction, then you must choose the real one rather than the counterfeit one. And that is the problem

the PNP find themselves into now. Because they go and agree with this man and he now run with it and leave them behind in the middle again. So I think we are going to find, comrades, a very difficult time. We are going to have more attacks from the security forces, from the political government and from even ordinary people, who will be saying that Trevor must dead because is the same thing (in Grenada). Therefore we have to prepare. Prepare yourself rather than close you eyes to it. You are going to prepare yourself first of all by explaining to the people. Whatever question they ask, whatever argument they carry in the rum bar or at the workplace or in the community. You are going to show them points and show them facts which at least make their minds a little more open than has been the case so far.

SECONDLY, you are going to prepare for the various attacks that are going to come, especially from the police, by doing the things that we have always advised you to do. Make sure that you get the license plate on the vehicle. Make sure that when an attack takes place you collect statements

from the citizens who saw what happened. So that we are in a position to defend ourselves in whatever ways are open to us and in whatever ways are suitable. You have to be more careful and you'll have to be more on the defensive than you have ever been before.

BUT COMRADES, believe me it is only going to last for a time. It is only going to last for a time because Grenada has had their invasion, Jamaica is about to have its. Their invasion was from the American military. Ours is going to be from the international Monetary Fund. The three tests have been failed and within the next one

at the most to the end of the year - our invasion is going to bring a total devaluation of the Jamaican dollar. It is devalued already but it is going to be devalued more.

It is going to bring a cutback in the Budget which is going to mean even less money in circulation. It is going to mean more layoffs, as there is less people to buy the s and it is going to mean even more businesses closing down as the foreign exchange is short. We have already seen what has happened with the sugar factories and 750 are announced today as being fired.

# PROSPECTS FOR GRENADA



COMRADE JOHN HAUGHTON at the Theoretical conference of Latin American and Caribbean Communist and Revolutionary Parties in Cuba last month.

Comrade John's presentation on the struggles of the Jamaican people and the role of the WPJ was well-received by Conference delegates. The Conference was sponsored by the Cuban Communist Party (PCC) and World Marxist Review (WMR).

THE FIRST thing comrades, that is going to happen in Grenada is already happening. That is the lies and the propaganda. We are going to get television films and Gleaner photographs of ordinary Grenadian people jumping up in the streets with rum bottle and beer bottle; drinking in the bars and dancing to calypso in celebration of the American invasion.

OF COURSE, there will be a section of the people that are very happy. In every country that a revolution is being made and the revolutionary process is going forward, you are going to find a section of the people who don't support it.

AND even if nobody is celebrating, you will be able to find some people who will go on like dem celebrating in order to get a money or in order to get certain benefit.

THE SECOND THING to expect is photographs of more Cuban bases. We have one already in the Gleaner and the other one provided by the Pentagon. You are going to get more of that and you are going to get photographs of documents.

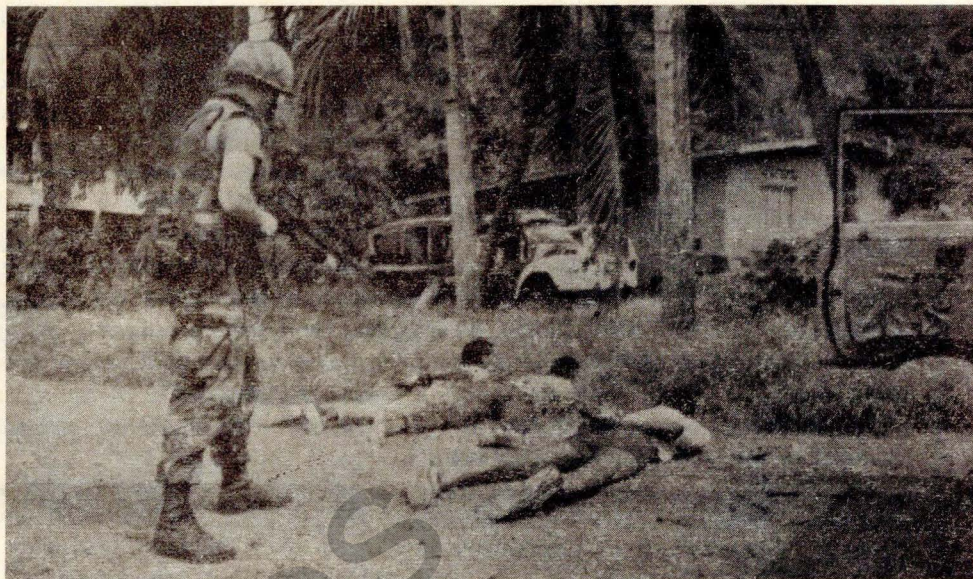
SO WHEN you start to get those pictures and documents and all of that, and people come to you and say, 'You see what come on JBC TV last night?' ask them why they did not allow the reporters to go in there (Grenada) from the Tuesday to see and photograph the sophisticated military camp from that day. Why wait until after so many days of military campaign to allow people to go in and take pictures of this sophisticated camp.

OF COURSE, there is a lot of arms but then if there was not a lot of arms, how would the revolution have been able to defend itself against imperialism. And if there was not to be any invasion and it was a lie, then what has taken place. What they will not be able to produce is the

kinds of weapons and military hardware which are associated with defending a revolution, but rather with carrying it to a next country.

AND IF you have any sense, just ask yourself - if the Americans only had the equivalent of AK-47 rifles would they have been able to invade Grenada? No, he would need his helicopter gun-ship; he would need his big ship to transport the troops. Where was the helicopter gun-ship in Grenada waiting to go to St. Lucia or to Barbados? Where are the coastguard ships that were going to transport people

that when you have a force of occupation there is no question of any fair and free elections. The only thing you have is elections like those you had in El Salvador - which was a total cook-up business; or elections like what you had in Guyana when the army actually take the ballot box and stuff it with the ballots that are favourable to the administration. So that too we have to look out for, and we have to tell the people these things so that they will understand when the results come out of such an election that is a bogus business.



AMERICAN SOLDIERS HOLD GRENADIANS AT GUNPOINT

## Comrades in Moscow

WPJ COMRADES Ben Brouie and Horace Levy are now in Moscow, Soviet Union representing Struggle newspaper at the 'Meeting of Editors of Workers and Communist Parties newspapers' in the Soviet Union.

They are attending at the invitation of Professor V. Afanasev, Editor of PRAVDA newspaper - the official organ of the Soviet Communist Party.

Central Committee member Comrade Don Robotham to whom the invitation was extended in his capacity as Acting Editor of Struggle was unable to attend. The meeting which began on the 4th ends on the 16th November.

## Questions we must ask

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nal Party, the leadership of that Party, believe me, when history is written, their role in it in this moment is not going to be a pretty one. Up until now, the 30th October 1983, the leadership of the PNP cannot come to any agreement as to how Roy McGann was killed but within one day of Maurice Bishop being killed, all of them are agreeing with Seaga that it was an execution and assassination; that it's a clique.

I SAY there must be some other reason why dem run to agree with Seaga. It can't be on the basis of an investigation

of the facts, because the facts are still not fully known and therefore could not justify a conclusion as to what could have happened. And comrades, I really and truly have to ask you, those of you who were in that Party and who still are sympathetic, to ask yourself, 'what is really going on inside of the PNP that they could find themselves in such total agreement with Seaga save and except for one point, namely the support for the American military intervention'. That is all I want to say on the first point of the killing.

to go and interfere in Barbados' affairs? Grenada has a total to my certain knowledge of two coast guard vessels. That is less than Jamaica and each one of them is smaller than what we have.

OF COURSE there are all kinds of counter-revolutionaries flying in from the United States to be part of that government and we can expect that that government will be a government of puppets. Soon after this, whether six months to one year, you are going to have face-card elections. Free and Fair elections - the same kind of free and fair elections, free from fear.....

THE SAID Jamaican soldiers that are down there now to look after their fair and free elections, we remember how fair they were in October 1980 in Jamaica. We remember how fair they were in relationship to the ballot boxes. So we know

## Cuba's response

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nents denouncing what had taken place; to develop more strength and therefore be able to get some solution before the military hostilities were actually ended. And therefore comrades I want to say this, that it was a hard decision to make. But it turned out to be wrong.

Any man who believes about 'hand of Moscow' or that we 'take orders from Moscow'. We take orders from nobody. We only take orders from the principles of Marxism-Leninism and from the Congress of our Party. And on the basis of those principles of Marxism-Leninism, we feel that our comrades in the Cuban leadership made an error which had meant the comrades have not been able to hold out longer than they have done so far.

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# GRENADA BEING RE-COLONISED BY AMERICA

THE SIGNS are clear— the Reagan administration and its Caribbean partners in counterrevolution are digging in for long-term occupation of tiny Grenada.

REAGAN PLANS to move in a 30-man Embassy to the tiny Spice Isle of 113 square miles and 110,000 people - at least twice the size of the Embassy in Barbados which serves the entire Eastern Caribbean.

REAGAN'S LOCAL puppet, Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor General, and the so-called Interim Government are having trouble getting back important personnel documents for the State sector, which were 'captured' and are now in Washington.

THE SPEEDY departure of Britain's Legal Advisor sent in by the Commonwealth Secretariat, Anthony Rushford raised troubling questions.

Indeed Scoon, under his US master's voice has re-instated in part the 1974 Constitution except those sections concerning liberty and protection from discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, religion, politics etc. He holds sole authority over these rights.

THE EXERCISE of this power by Scoon, acting on behalf of Reagan, is seen by the Grenadian people through the inhumane treatment of NJM leaders and members (see box), soldiers of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (PRA), and ordinary citizens who opposed the invasion. They are now being detained at Richmond Hill Prison and two make shift concentration camps at the Point Salines International Airport site and Queen's Park in St George's.

#### INTERROGATION, ASSEMBLY LINE FASHION

WELL OVER 2,000 Grenadians out of an adult population of approximately 65,000 have so far been brought in and detained between 24 hours and two to three days, while several hundred more have been kept under lock and key since their capture. On being detained or re-detained the prisoners are interrogated in assembly-line fashion at Point Salines or Queens Park, after which they may face beatings, be cooped up in wooden crates eight feet by eight feet for up to 24 hours, or be transferred to Richmond Hill Prison.

#### INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONCERNED

ABOUT TWO weeks after the invasion when the International Red Cross was allowed into Grenada they spoke out strongly against the conditions in which the detainees are being held. Although their representatives have tried to secure better conditions including shelter and regular exercise, and Scoon's claim that the detainees are being well treated,

there's no evidence these proposals are being implemented.

THERE HAS also been torture of some detainees. This ranged from forcing them to eat faeces and grass and the confiscation of Comrade Bernard Coard's glasses, without which he is hardly able to see; to sustained physical brutality as in the cases of top PRA officers such as Lt Colonel Ewart "HEADACHE" Layne who was tortured for fifteen hours on November 16, the day before Major Christopher Stroud was also badly beaten.

Concern is also being expressed for the safety and well being of both Comrades Bernard and Phyllis Coard who are mainly being held in solitary confinement and have been denied the weekly visits promised. Phyllis who has only been allowed one visit in one month of imprisonment has not been allowed to see her husband Bernard.

In addition lawyers from Jamaica and the United States have been denied permission to see them on the grounds that 'they are not qualified to practice in Grenada'.

A team of US black Congressmen were also prevented from visiting them in jail.

#### NO CHARGES, NO MEDICAL TREATMENT NO LAWYERS

NONE OF the detainees have been charged and none have been allowed to see lawyers of their choice. Medical treatment is being denied as in the case of Trade Unionist John 'Chalky' Ventour who was only allowed to have his medication for an old complaint of hepatitis after a concentrated struggle by his wife and mother over several days.

#### FOREIGNERS IN KEY POSTS

ALSO OF growing concern is the wholesale replacement of Grenadians in key posts by foreigners. One such example is the Commissioner of Prisons under the Bishop administration, Pat McLeish, who was also Commissioner of Police under the Gairy regime. McLeish has been detained without charge and replaced by a Barbadian.

#### BRUTALITY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

THE BRUTALISATION by the invaders is not just concentrated on the detainees however, but is bringing misery onto the society in general. Many young girls fall prey to the invitations of the occupation forces whose habit is to wave US dollars in front of them; those who resist are often forced to flee their homes after and Caribbean soldiers and police size them up in the day and make "appointments" to return for a "search" of their homes at night. Cocaine has also been widely distributed amongst the less stable youths.

## NJM LEADERS IN DETENTION

As the US-led invaders in Grenada have taken over that country, one of the main aims of imperialism has been to discredit and humiliate the leaders of the working people in the New Jewel Movement (NJM), in so doing they want to demoralise the working people into accepting counter-revolution.

After being captured by the invading forces, top NJM leaders, including Comrades Bernard Coard, Selwyn Strachan and General Hudson Austin were first held on the battleship GUAM. They were then taken through the streets of St. George's blindfolded, hands tied and stripped to the waist to the Richmond Hill Prison. This is no different than when the British colonialists displayed Tacky's head around the island of Jamaica; hanged Paul Bogle; locked up Marcus Garvey - all true heroes of the Jamaican peoples struggles against oppression.

Shortly after overcoming the defences of the Grenadian revolutionaries, Regan's CIA propagandists used the NJM's printing press to print hundreds of posters showing the NJM leaders in captivity defaced by black crosses over the counter-revolutionary caption: THESE CRIMINALS ATTEMPTED TO SELL GRENADA OUT TO THE COMMUNISTS - NOW THEY HAVE SURRENDERED!

However this is not having the wholesale effect that the invaders wanted as most of these posters are being torn down by Grenadians as soon as they appear on the streets.

The NJM leaders and members now in captivity under inhumane conditions at Richmond Hill include

Comrade Bernard Coard NJM Deputy Leader and member of the Political Bureau and Central Committee; former Deputy

Prime Minister, Minister of Finance Trade and Planning in the Peoples Revolutionary Government (PRG). The



World Bank report on the Grenada economy in 1981 was full of praise for the work of his Ministry: 'Grenada has been one of the very few countries in the Western hemisphere that continued to experience positive per capita growth during 1981'. This performance improved further in 1982 which saw a 5.5 per cent growth in the Grenada economy.

General Hudson Austin



Member of the NJM Political Bureau and Central Committee; Minister of Construction and Telecommunications in the PRG and Commander of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (PRA). Led the dawn attack on Gairy's Army at the True Blue Barracks on March 13, 1979 in which one man died accidentally. 'Construction has experienced the highest rate of growth in the economy ..... expenditure by the Ministry of Construction showed a 15 per cent growth from the previous year,' the World Bank report of 1981 said.

Comrade Selwyn Strachan



Member NJM Political Bureau and Central Committee; Minister of Labour and Mobilisation in the PRG. Trade Union membership leapt to over 80 per cent of the working people. Laws to benefit workers were introduced (Maternity Leave Law, Worker Participation etc) and the Worker Parish Councils flourished under the leadership of his Ministries.

Comrade Phyllis Coard



NJM Central Committee member; President National Women's Organisation (NWO); first Minister of Information in the Revolution. Under her leadership the NWO became the Revolution's largest and strongest mass organisation with over 70 per cent of Grenadian working women in its ranks. Through the work of the NWO the first Day Care centres were built on the island.

Comrade Liam "Owusu"

James - NJM Political Bureau and Central Committee member; Secretary of State for National Defence

Commercial and Industrial Workers Union, and General Secretary Trade Union Council, the umbrella trade union organisation.

Comrade Leon "Bogo" Cornwall - NJM Central Committee member and former leader of the National Youth Organisation (NYO); Ambassador to Cuba at the time of the invasion.

Comrade Kamau McBarnette - NJM Central Committee member and former Secretary for Information.

Comrade John "Chalky" Ventour - NJM member; President Com-

Comrade Christopher DeRiggs - NJM member and former Minister of Health.