

U.D.S. CONDEMNS THE INVASION OF GRENADA

Today's (25.10.83) invasion of Grenada by U.S. Marines has confirmed the worst fears of the students and people of the entire Caribbean Region.

Since last week we have seen an unprecedented military build up in the Eastern Caribbean with the arrival of 15 United States Warships, 2 British Warships and since last Sunday (23.10.83) the deployment of troops from Jamaica, Antigua-Barbuda, Barbados and Canada in Barbados. Indeed only last night a U.S. Army transport plane landed in Barbados with a number of the troops leaving in helicopters in the direction of Grenada.

Ever since the death of Maurice Bishop those like Seaga and Adams who attacked him relentlessly while he was alive are now shedding crocodile tears in death. Despite these tears of grief for the 17 slain persons it is likely that many more Grenadians will be killed and injured. Those who will die include men, women and children, including students. It is clear that conditions will worsen for the Grenadian people in particular and the Caribbean people in general. As vengeance will be extracted from the Grenadian people for supporting the Revolution and the precedent has been set for a return to gun boat diplomacy in the Caribbean if any people dare to oppose U.S. imperialism!

It is also clear the hysteria being generated by U.S. Imperialism in concert with some Caribbean leaders in particular Seaga and Adams has been used by them to prepare the Caribbean for foreign intervention in Grenada.

Whatever is your opinion on the crisis and subsequent events in Grenada like the majority of the Caribbean students and people we must oppose the invasion of Grenada.

We in the Union of Democratic students call on the Guild to publicly condemn the invasion of Grenada, the first occasion since independence that a CARICOM State has been invaded!

We demand that the Jamaica Government immediately recall all JDF Troops from the Eastern Caribbean!

We demand that the Jamaican Government and the University Administration immediately make special arrangements to ensure that Grenadians on Campus are not affected by disruptions in their finances and also that steps are taken to prevent them from facing any other hardships.

We call on all students to follow the lead of the U.D.S. and resolutely condemn the U.S. Invasion by attending the public Guild meeting this Thursday (27.10.83) and make your voices heard!

In these critical times who can predict where next in the Caribbean Basin and invasion invasion will take place?