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Caraïbische gebied.

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Hierbij heb ik de eer Uwe Excellentie het volgende te berichten.

Deze maand verscheen in Londen het eerste nummer van "The Carib", een nieuw maandblad voor het Caraïbische gebied, dat duidelijk revolutionaire tendenzen vertoont.

Bekend is, dat er zich onder degenen die het initiatief tot deze uitgave namen Trotzkisten en aanhangrs van de pro-Chinese fractie van de Britse communistische partij bevinden. Het eerste nummer van het blad is gestencild, doch blijkens een mededeling van de redactie zal op korte termijn worden getracht tot een gedrukte uitgave te komen.

Eén van de belangrijkste figuren van de groep rond "The Carib" is John Edward James, een te Londen wonende Brits Guyanees, die in 1963 deelnam aan te Parijs gehouden beraadslagingen over een nieuw orgaan voor het Caraïbische gebied, dat "Libération" zou gaan heten (zie mijn brief d.d. 31-1-1964, no. 715.068).

Het lijkt er op, dat met het verschijnen van "The Carib" de eerste stap is gedaan ter realisering van de destijds te Parijs

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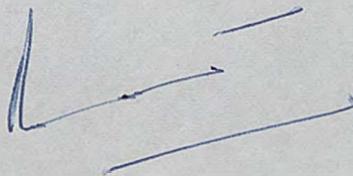
In het eerste nummer wordt onderaan op pag. 1 een opsomming gegeven van de organisaties, welke aan het verschijnen van het blad meewerken. Blijkens deze mededeling behoort hiertoe onder meer de "Surinam Anti-Imperialist Movement".

Uit kringen van nationalistisch georiënteerde Surinamers in Nederland werd inmiddels vernomen, dat deze naam door de initiatiefnemers werd gekozen om daarmede een kleine groep Surinaamse geestverwanten in Nederland aan te duiden, tot wie eerst na het verschijnen van het eerste nummer een verzoek om medewerking werd gericht.

Tot nu toe beschik ik niet over gegevens, waaruit sterkte en invloed van de andere organisaties, die aan het blad meewerken, valt af te leiden.

Een fotocopie van het eerste nummer van "The Carib" gaat als bijlage hierbij.

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AIM and OBJECTIVE

The time is long overdue for a periodical like this one, owned and published by Caribbean and Latin American people i.e. workers, students, housewives etc.

Some six or seven years ago a similar attempt was made by Caribbean workers and students but regrettably it fell into the hands of evil people who eventually 'pinched it', right from under our very noses. WE HAVE MADE QUITE CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN TO OUR NEW PERIODICAL.

Our intention is to run this periodical in the interest of all our people. We open our pages to all shades of political opinion from among our people and their friends, whether they be religious, nationalist, socialist or conservative. We want our people and their friends to express themselves freely on the various evil imperialist problems; domination, exploitation, unemployment, starvation and disease that confront us.

We will strive to achieve Caribbean Unity and Carib-Latin American Unity against our common enemy, world imperialism. We will work strenuously to bring about the joining together of the anti-imperialist forces in our part of the world to that of our Afro-Asian brothers and sisters and our working class brothers and sisters in other countries.

Our immediate objective is therefore clear, to work towards CARIBBEAN and CARIBBEAN LATIN AMERICAN UNITY in the struggle for NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY and ultimately SOCIALISM against WORLD IMPERIALISM.

THIS IS YOUR PERIODICAL, USE IT, SUPPORT IT, BE PART OF IT.

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The C.S.U. in collaboration with other Caribbean and international workers organisations is seeking to accomplish this in two ways. First by political education. We co-sponsor the Caribbean Organisation for Mass Political Education. (C.O.M.P.E.) We guarantee that when a worker has passed through the six half-day discussions of COMPE no Caribbean bourgeois slick-tongue can fool him or her from a soap box. COMPE plans to make these courses available to every Caribbean worker wherever he or she is.

Secondly by political organisation. The capitalist exploiter and his stooges have been organised for four hundred years. The profits are delicious and they defend these ruthlessly. To attempt to turn things upside down single handed is suicidal. But organised workers can successfully explain appeal and enlighten their brothers and sisters who now walk in darkness. Not once every five years from political platforms in the city squares but by painstaking daily discussions in village houses, in fields and on wharves, the measure of their domination and exploitation will be brought home to them. They in their turn will demand a new order.

Soon after the betrayal of the Federation in 1962, a number of Caribbean workers came together and formed the C.S.U. Every word in this name means

what it says. It is Caribbean. It is striving for unity and democratic centralism. We see no reason why the divisions which are part of the imperialist policy of - divide and rule - should continue to keep people of similar historical and economic backgrounds apart. We therefore appeal to all Caribbean Workers, worthy of the name, to join forces against our common enemy.

The fact that so many of our workers representing so many islands and territories are in the U.K. has made it more convenient to start here. But we are primarily a Caribbean political organisation with the Caribbean as our objective. We already have members in the various territories. When we know we are ready we will return home to educate and agitate towards Caribbean Workers Governments.

Will we succeed? The answer to this is less worry to us than to the type of Caribbean opportunists and bandwaggoners who sit on the fence and in the wings, until the greatest danger has blown over. They wait and reckon without the new type of Caribbean man and woman political education will produce. We know that political movements flourish or fail according to the support they attract. Caribbean history witnesses that Caribbean workers have not been slow to respond to genuine appeals. Our prime task therefore is to make our appeal heard throughout the Caribbean.

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- REVOLUTIONARY CARIBBEAN POETRY - (Cont'd from page 22.)

.....Oh comrades, we must face the common foe,
Though far outnumbered let us still be brave,
And for their thousand blows, deal one death blow
Though right before us lies the open grave.
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back.....Claude McKay
Jamaica.

- I clench my fist -

You came in warships terrible with death
I know your hands are red with Korean blood
I know your finger trembles on a trigger
And yet I curse you - Stranger khaki clad
British soldier, man in khaki, careful how you walk
My dead ancestor Accrabreh, is groaning in his grave
At night he wakes and watches
With fire in his eyes
Because you march upon his breast and stamp upon his heart.

Although you come in thousands from the sea
Although you walk like locusts in the street
Although you point your gun straight at my heart
I CLENCH MY FIST ABOVE MY HEAD;
I SING MY SONG OF FREEDOM.

- Martin Carter, Guyana. 1954

(This poem was written by Carter while in prison for political activities)
during the 1953 Guyana Crisis.

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