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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 7th Sitting of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1963.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

(a) Members of the Government

People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,
Minister of Finance.
Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye,
Attorney-General.
The Honourable E.M.G. Wilson,
Minister of Communications.

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Natural Resources.
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Finance.
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. G.L. Robertson
Mr. M. Bhagwan
Mr. J.B. Caldeira
Mr. V. Downer
Mr. M. Hamid
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall
Mr. M. Shakoor

(b) Members Constituting the Minority

(i) People's National Congress

Mr. E.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker.
Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. N.J. Bissember
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh
Mr. J.G. Joaquin
Mr. R.J. Jordan

Mr. C.A. Merriman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar
Mr. R.E. Cheeks

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

The Honourable R. Chandisingh,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - on leave.
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. F.E. Melville - on leave.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that Mr. Melville had been granted leave until the 10th of January, 1963.

(ii) Congratulations to recipients of New Year Honours

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly, extended congratulations to those persons who were awarded New Year Honours by Her Majesty the Queen, and more particularly to the Chief Justice who had been knighted and to Mr. W.P. D'Andrade, Secretary to the Treasury, and a former Member of the Legislature, who had been made a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Works and Hydraulics:

Memorandum on the Integration and Reorganization of the Ministry of Works and Hydraulics. (Sessional Paper No. 9/1962).

(PW 102/170)(Circulated).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS SET OUT IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

Assembly resumed consideration of the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Government's policy as set out in His Excellency the Governor's Address at the opening of the Second Session of the Legislature on 10th December, 1962.

Mr. Carter, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wharton spoke to the motion.

Suspension of Sitting

At 3.55 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

MOTION TO DEPRECATE IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE OF THE DAILY CHRONICLE IN PUBLISHING A FALSE REPORT.

At this stage the Minister of Finance was granted leave to move a suspension of the Standing Orders to enable him to proceed with a motion deprecating the irresponsible attitude of the Daily Chronicle in publishing a false report in that day's issue.

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Minister then moved the following motion:

WHEREAS there was published in today's issue of the Daily Chronicle a report that the delivery of more than 250 firearms consigned to a local trading company was stalled by Security Police:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly deprecates the irresponsible attitude of the Daily Chronicle in continuing to publish false reports, thereby creating an atmosphere detrimental to the national interest.

Mr. d'Aguiar, Mr. Mann and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Mr. Burnham moved the following amendment:

Deletion of the words "continuing to publish false reports" and

Substitution therefor of the words "publishing the aforesaid false report".

The Premier spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied and accepted the amendment.

Thereafter, the motion as amended was put and carried on the following division:

FOR	AGAINST
Mr. Wharton	Mr. d'Aguiar
Mr. Merriman	
Mr. Jordan	
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Blair	
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Correia	
Mr. Carter	
Mr. Kendall	
Mr. Burnham	
Mr. Shakoor	
Mr. Lall	
Mr. Jagan	
Mr. Hamid	
Mr. Downer	
Mr. Caldeira	
Mr. Bhagwan	

	FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought forward:	17	1
Mr. Robertson		
Mr. Saffee		
Mr. Mann		
Mr. Bowman		
Mr. Wilson		
Dr. Ramsahoye		
Dr. Jacob		
Mr. Ram Karran		
Mr. Benn		
Dr. Jagan		
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MOTION TO APPROVE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS SET OUT IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

At 5.37 p.m. Assembly resumed consideration of the following motion:

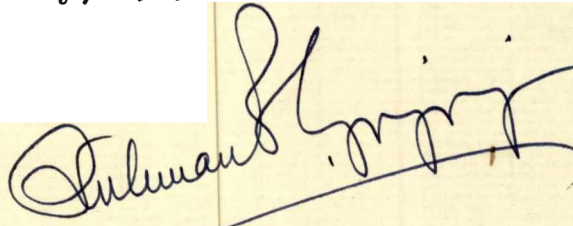
BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Government's policy as set out in His Excellency the Governor's Address at the opening of the Second Session of the Legislature on 10th December, 1962.

Mr. d'Aguiar was speaking when the hour agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 3rd of January, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

3rd January, 1963.