BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION

1962 - 1963

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th Sitting of the Legislative Asserbly 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 Bullaings Georgetown, Demerara,

at 2.00 p.m.

on

MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 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

The Honourable R. Chandisingh,

Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.

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.

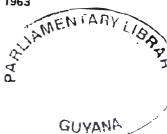
(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. G. Bowman,

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr. L. E. M. Mann,

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Social Developme



Mr. S. M. Saffee. Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.

Other Members iii)

Mr. M. Bhagwan Mr. J. B. Caldeira

Mr. V. Downer Mr. M. Hamid

Mr. D. C. Jagan Mr. H. Lall

Mr. M. Shakoor

Members Constituting the Minority (i) People's National Congress

Mr. L. 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

Mr. P. S. d'Aguiar

(ii) United Force

Mr. S. Campbell Mr. R. E. Cheeks Mr. E. E. Melville

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The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 — MOTION RE CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 8th day of May, 1963, Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 was made by the Governor declaring a public emergency for the purposes of article 14 of the Constitution of British Guiana:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation was laid before both Chambers of the Legislature in pursuance of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of the said articles:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation shall be of effect for fourteen days beginning on the 8th day of May, 1963, in terms of paragraph (b) of the said article unless the Legislature resolves that it shall be of effect for a further period not exceeding three months from the date on which it would otherwise expire.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 made on the 8th day of May, 1963, do continue in force until the 15th day of August, 1963, unless sooner revoked.

Mr. d'Aguiar resumed and concluded his speech on the motion.

Suspension of Sitting.

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Carter was speaking to the motion when the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed and Mr. Carter concluded his speech.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Campbell was speaking to the motion when the sitting was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st May, 1963.

Rahman B. Gajraj, Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Georgetown, 21st May, 1963.