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DEC 15th Tell them back-a-yard

VOTE MANLEY

The present JLP leadership is different from the old type of Bustamente and Shearer. People like Barrant, Lynch, Newland and Allen have been replaced by Seaga and a team representing big business and landbarons in Jamaica.

Douglas Vaz, past president of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association and Eric Abrahams, former president of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica have both resigned their positions to run as JLP candidates. Yap Sam, whose "Yap Sam Fighters" are gunmen terrorizing and murdering people in Tower Hill and Waterhouse in Kingston, is of a very wealthy land owning family. He has the support of rich merchant and hotelier John Issa.

This group is working with the CIA to ensure that Jamaicans don't have the right to run their own affairs and determine their own destiny. Seaga and the JLP can't do it by themselves and the Americans can't do it without local help.

So the two joined together to start trouble making: Bad press in the US and in Jamaica, stopping investments, smashing the tourist trade, closing hotels and factories and providing funds for the gunmen. Toyota cars were provided for the terrorists and the money will be ready to hand out now the election campaign has started.

What has Manley done for Jamaica?

A special Jobs Program, the literacy campaign, free public education, a minimum wage, a national housing program and the land lease program all help the small man in Jamaica against the oppression in the country.

To have a Jamaica where people can read and write, have land to work or a job to keep them, a house to live in and can choose their own destiny; this is what Manley and the PNP have brought nearer.

That Jamaica should cooperate with other poor countries such as Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba, Guyana, Angola and Tanzania, who have similar problems and solutions, is seen by the PNP as a step forward. The JLP does not want betterment for the people of Jamaica, nor does it want relations with these poor countries, for it realises that the further from the old days of illiteracy, poverty and links with Britain and the USA that Jamaica progresses, the smaller will be the support for the JLP backers, imperialism and big capitalists.

What can we do?

1. Write home to our families and friends and get them to use their vote wisely.
2. Discuss this election special with our friends and 'pass it on'.
3. Join Caribbean Labour Solidarity, or offer your help to it in its fight against US imperialism throughout the Caribbean.

DON'T LET BIG BUSINESS - C.I.A. CONTROL JAMAICA'S GOVERNMENT!

MERCENARIES FOR THE CARIBBEAN ?

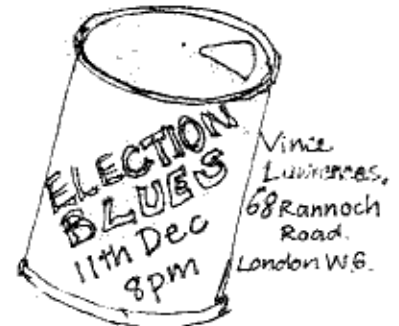
A mercenary force of 1,000 trained men is being assembled in this country with a view to fighting in the West Indies. That is the claim being made in reports in 'Time Out'.

It would seem from these reports that the men were to be used as some kind of police force being flown in to put down unrest.

To whom they would be answerable is unclear and the man who is allegedly in charge of the recruitment has recently changed his address and disappeared.

CLS IN ACTION

On November 12 300 people heard CLS member Dick Hart at the LSE meeting called by concerned Americans Abroad to expose CIA activities in Jamaica. Other speakers were Phil Agee and Stuart Hall. 80 copies of Dick's pamphlet on Jamaica were sold..... A hundred copies were sold at the anti-racism demo called by the TUC and Labour Party, and CLS members carried their banner..... Collets and Central Books report sell-outs of Dick's pamphlet, mail orders continue to come in, and further supplies can be had from 60 Wellesley Road, E.11..... LEVELLER magazine promise a follow-up to our story in CUTLASS 3 about the British activities of Seaga's Jamaica Freedom League..... In defence of Rosenball and Agee CLS members are using the NCCL protest petition and have cabled Home Secretary Rees because West Indians in the UK oppose in particular the deportation of Agee who has done a good job in exposing the CIA's role in Jamaica..... 100 delegates at Liberation's ACM unanimously passed the CLS resolution attacking US imperialist intrigues in Jamaica..... At the CLS meeting on Nov. 7th Joe Hunte of the West Indian Standing Conference gained full support from members for his organisation's occupation of the West Indian Students' Centre in Collingham Gardens, S.W.1, in the cause of having it turned into a West Indian community centre and not sold by the Caribbean Governments who own it..... CLS has a new catalogue of anti-imperialist Caribbean literature: SAE to Ken Biggs at 60 Wellesley Road, E.11 for copies.



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of the
U.S. EMBASSY
9th Dec. 5 - 6.30
C.I.A.
HANDS OFF JAMAICA!

Jamaica
Election
meeting organised
by West Indies
Standing Conference
Brixton town hall
3rd Dec. 7.30 pm.

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IN JAMAICA!
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JOIN CLS

MEETINGS DEC 5th & JAN 9th

11 a.m. Waterloo Action Centre, Bayliss Rd. S.E.1.

I WISH TO JOIN C.L.S.

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