

Jamaica's Manley Makes New World Order Issue of New Elections

Dec. 3 (NSIPS) — Having scheduled new elections in Jamaica for Dec. 15, Prime Minister Michael Manley, a pro-development spokesman for the Third World, has embarked on a political offensive to rout the opposition Jamaican Labor Party (JLP) by making the main issues his commitment to a New World Economic Order and his opposition's commitment to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The incumbent Prime Minister told 120,000 followers at a Nov. 21 rally in Montego Bay that if elected, he would expand state control over all facets of the Jamaican economy and its foreign trade and expand special development projects in the bauxite and cement industries. Manley has also declared that the CIA's sole hope of preventing his election lies in JLP use of "the technique of the big lie," and related violence and destabilization of the island's governing institutions to facilitate outright vote-fraud.

Internal violence and economic blackmail have been directed at Manley's government since last January. His new campaign offensive ends months of official silence on the CIA-JLP "terrorism" and rumor-campaigns against him. Now, Manley is "breaking the rules" with ruthless attacks on the "Watergate"-style projects of his opponents.

Since last year, revealed the Nov. 15 London Times, the CIA has doubled its agents in Kingston, and these "are on a war-footing against Mr. Manley" because of his role in the Third World demands for foreign debt moratoria. "At least three U.S. Vietnam veterans," added the British weekly, Latin America, "are known to be organizing gangs in the volatile slums of Kingston...represented in parliament by Seaga," the leader of the Jamaican Labor Party.

Manley himself has warned of the possibility of electoral sabotage, and the New York Times confirmed that there is "wide speculation" that thousands of JLP "expatriates" will be flown to Jamaica from New York to vote for JLP candidates Dec. 15. Both right-wing and left-wing "pollsters" are now proclaiming a significant "shift to the JLP" in voter preference, a prediction for which there is no basis in fact but for a vote-fraud scenario.

"Many debtor nations are talking about a moratorium on debt payments," admitted a newspaper which has endorsed the JLP. "It must surely be against this background that one has to judge what has been happening here in Jamaica." Tremendous violence has gone on on the island all year, aimed largely against the Peoples National Party's (PNP) candidates and supporters. The violence is very purposeful, rightwinger Carl Stone inadvertently admitted in a recent "voter analysis" report for the JLP. The violence "could keep people away from the polls," said Stone; "My data suggests that a low poll would be to the disadvantage of the PNP."

Manley, however, has continued to blow the cover off each operation of the CIA-JLP forces as they are discovered, and his emphasis on international development has given the PNP campaign an international significance which could make fraud on Dec. 15 extremely "expensive" for Rockefeller faction strategists in both the present Administration in Washington and the Carter "transition team." Any attempt to defraud Manley will be read by European and Third World nations as a U.S. attack on their economic future.

Manley: The JLP and "The Technique of the Big Lie"

The following is excerpted from a speech delivered by Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley Nov. 19 at a mass rally of his Peoples National Party in Montego Bay. Manley announced that new elections would be held on Dec. 15, and then devoted himself to uncovering the sources for a rumor campaign against him which has led his opponents to go so far as to claim that the Cuban Embassy in Kingston contains special equipment to guide Cuban troop landings in Jamaica after a Manley electoral victory.

We are shortly to embark on the official election campaign. Everyone knows and accepts that elections tend to produce a lot of propaganda, exaggerations, distortions and even invective. We become accustomed to this and know that the voter learns how to get at what is relevant in spite of it.

However, there is a big difference between ordinary politics in this sense, and the use of what is known as "the technique of 'the big lie'." This happens when a Political Party sets out to create a totally dishonest and bogus story, either on the basis of a total invention, or by the deliberate misrepresentation of a half truth, for the purpose of confusing people and affecting the outcome of an election....

Now, during the past couple of weeks, there has been increasing evidence to suggest quite clearly that the JLP is planning to fabricate evidence designed to distort and grossly

misrepresent our relationship with Cuba. Against the background of this knowledge, a suspicious series of incidents have come to light.

The PNP has a radio communication circuit. In fact, both political parties have radio circuits since this allows campaign headquarters to keep in touch with all candidates. Recently it was reported to me that out of a clear blue sky on one of our circuits, a brief conversation in Spanish was heard followed by a PNP slogan in English. A careful check revealed that none of our people had done this and that others had heard the same thing.

Within a few days ago, two more reports of this came in. I checked the technical angle of this matter and, as I thought would be the case, had it confirmed that it is very easy for people with the right kind of equipment to beam a broadcast in on the PNP frequency and broadcast anything they like.

Putting two and two together, it was quite obvious that anybody could tune in on our frequency, get people to make any statement in Spanish, pretend to have recorded those statements and then reveal them to Jamaica as if they were real statements made by people acting on behalf of the People's National Party...

This made us think back and we noticed the fact that in recent months there has been a continuous, partly underground, attempt to spread the lie and the propaganda that there is some

secret deal between... the Government of Cuba... One version of the story that is spread is that the deal would involve the landing of Cuban troops in Jamaica. Needless to say, this is an absolute total and malicious lie.

In fact, the propagandist, Thomas Wright of the *Gleaner*, actually wrote a piece on Thursday which is designed to make people think the Cuban Embassy is preparing equipment to guide aircraft to landing in Jamaica....

As I have stated publicly before and repeat now, there is no such secret deal between either me or the Government of Jamaica and any foreign Head of, or Government of, another country.

It is obvious that a tremendous attempt has gone on over the last year to make the relationship between Jamaica and Cuba a matter of controversy. This is a free country and everybody has the right to their own opinion, and, obviously, not everybody will agree with our strong, Third World foreign policy. This is fair enough. However, it is a totally different thing to try to influence an election by any kind of lie or bogus distortion of the official foreign relations that are pursued by a Government on behalf of the people of a country.

This kind of local political action can have the most dangerous implications for our relations with other countries in the world. Therefore, I intend to speak about this in my capacity as Prime Minister since it is my responsibility to maintain our international relations on a sound basis where the truth and the facts are clear to everyone....

Let me then, once again, state simply and clearly what are the relations between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of Cuba, and why those relations are pursued, so that all can base their judgments and opinions on the facts and on the truth.

This Government has developed a Third World Foreign Policy because we do not see any real chance for small, poor countries like ours under the present world economic arrangements. Of all of the poor countries of the Third World, Cuba is our nearest neighbor, shares with us great dependence on sugar, is home to many of our migrants, has a long history of friendly relations with Jamaica and, most importantly, shares our dream of struggling to change the present world economic order which condemns the poor to their poverty for the rest of time. Consequently, we have developed relations with Cuba in the same way and for the same reason as the relations we have developed with Mexico, Venezuela, our CARICOM partners, Panama, Costa Rica and countries all over Africa.

Our relations with Cuba herself fall into four main categories:

Firstly, all of us in the Third World including Cuba, co-operate in the development of international strategies for dealing with the struggle for a New International Economic Order. In addition, we discuss strategies in the struggle against Apartheid and racism in Southern Africa.

Secondly, we explore with Cuba, as indeed we have done to an even greater extent with Mexico and Venezuela, possible areas of technical and economic co-operation.

Thirdly, we have had limited co-operation in the area of security and the training of Security Personnel. This became urgent at the time when Prime Minister Castro was due to visit Jamaica after my visit to Cuba....

Fourthly, we have been deeply concerned to try, small as we are, to play a part in relaxing and de-escalating the tensions and

difficulties between the Governments of the United States of America and Cuba....

(Manley went on to outline Jamaica's attempts to improve U.S.-Cuban relations, and its discussions in this regard with the U.S., Cuba, and African nations concerning the question of Angola. He emphasized that these negotiations involved no secret deals with any countries.)

...We have made no deals of any kind with any Government that may compromise either the security or the sovereignty or best interests of Jamaica, or of her Government, or of her people.

I state categorically that if any information is produced to suggest that any deal of this kind was made with any of these countries that this evidence is contrived; if it is a document it is forged; if it is a tape it is bogus — if it is claimed to be somebody's memory — he is a liar.

Of course, now that I have dealt with this possible subject for a "big election lie," they may come with something else to fool people. But let all know that, as our record over the past four and a half years shows, this Government is totally dedicated to the preservation and strengthening of our national independence and sovereignty. This has been and will always be our most sacred trust.

World Economic Problems Explain What Is Happening In Jamaica

Nov. 25 — The following is a selection from a column which appeared in the Jamaican Daily Gleaner signed "by Petras."

...Since 1974 the world economy has experienced the worst battering from inflation and recession since the war. Few countries have not been very adversely affected. The Third World countries (including Jamaica) have taken the worst beating, but even advanced industrialized countries like the U.S. and Great Britain and communist countries like Poland have had great difficulties.

Many Third World countries have gone broke or are on the verge of insolvency. Their foreign debt has been variously estimated as being in the region of \$150 to \$180 billion. Many creditor nations and bankers are beginning to doubt how much will and can be repaid and many debtor nations are talking about a moratorium on debt payments. In the world economic crisis of the last few years many countries have abandoned growth as an objective and are frantically seeking instead to merely stabilize their economies.

It must surely be against this background that one has to judge what has been happening here in Jamaica....

...Criticism (of the PNP) must be anchored in the enormous social and economic problems they have courageously attempted to tackle with such little support from the private sector. The PNP did not invent these problems. They were always there and have intensified due to the world economic situation. It is to their credit that they have had the courage to try to tackle so many of them in a situation in which a more conservative party would have abandoned people needs and poor people programs in order to concentrate entirely on stabilizing the economy (such as is happening in Chile and Brazil) with tragic consequences for the poor...