

JAGAN BOYCOTTING GUIANA'S ASSEMBLY

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GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Dec. 31-Former Premier Cheddi B. Jagan and 23 members of his Progressive People's party boycotted today the new Parliament, which met for the swearing in of the 53-member House of Assembly. The Assembly was elected Dec. 7 under a system of proportional representation that Dr. Jagan opposed. Dr. Jagan's party, which lost the clear majority it had had in the Assembly since 1957, decided by Executive Committee vote to boycott this Parliament permanently. A coalition headed by Forbes Burnham, leader of the People's National Congress, as Premier, now governs this British colony.

Parliament elected a 65-year-old schoolmaster, Aubrey Alleyne of the People's National Congress, as Speaker of the House. Rupert Tello, 55, of the United Force, the junior party in the coalition, was elected Deputy Speaker.

Besides Premier Burnham, the members of the new Cabinet presented to the Parliament are:

First Deputy Premier and Home Affairs-Dr. Ptolemy Reid.

Second Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Housing-Neville Bissember.

Education, Youth, Race Relations and Social Development-Mrs. Winnifred Gaskin.

Finance-Peter D'Aguiar.

Trade and Industry-Rudy Kendall.

Lands, Mines and Forests-Robert Jordan.

Local Government — Randolph Cheeks.

Without Portfolio-DeOroop Maraj.

Agriculture-Llewellyn John.

Communications-Eugene Correia.

Labor and Social Security-Claudell Merriman.

Works and Hydraulics-Mohammed Kassim.

Messrs. D'Aguiar, Kassim and Cheeks belong to the United Force; the others are members of the People's National Congress.