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Maurice Bishop Speaks: The Grenada Revolution And Its Overthrow 1979-83



Synopsis

The triumph of the 1979 revolution in the Caribbean island of Grenada had "importance for all struggles around the world," said Maurice Bishop, its central leader. Invaluable lessons from that workers and farmers government, overturned in a Stalinist-led coup in 1983, can be found in this collection of Bishop's speeches and interviews.

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Customer Reviews

Advertisements for cruises and holidays to Grenada describe this Caribbean island as a place where "nothing much ever happens". The truth could not be more different. Less than 20 years ago Maurice Bishop led a popular revolution there that lasted for three and a half years and involved Grenada's working people of town and countryside in transforming their society and lives. The Grenada Revolution's giant strides in popular education, economic production, slashing unemployment, and developing national pride and internationalism, are graphically detailed in this outstanding book of Bishop's speeches that were made in the course of the revolutionary years. Bishop and the people of Grenada wrote an imperishable chapter in world history. The speeches address not just the situation of one small island, but the entire world faced with the crisis of capitalism that has sharpened greatly in the past two decades. This book is also valuable for the introductory analysis by Steve Clark of how the revolution was overthrown from within with the murder of Bishop and other revolutionary leaders in October 1983, plus indispensable documents from the Cuban government and speeches by Fidel Castro on Cuba's role in supporting the revolution.

Maurice Bishop, the assassinated leader of the revolution in Grenada, was a great revolutionary leader, and his speeches and writings, his struggle not only for revolution in Grenada, but also in solidarity with revolution in Cuba, Nicaragua, Africa, and around the world are recorded here. Stalinist thugs assassinated him. This opened the door for Washington's criminal invasion that crushed the revolution. The words in this book will live. When working people, especially the peoples of the Caribbean, and the Black people of the US, Europe, and Africa move into struggle we will seize the Maurice Bishop's words in this book and use them as weapons to fight for our liberation. While this book may not always be available from , it is always available from Booksfrompathfinder which you can reach by clicking on used and new at the top of the page.

La editorial Pathfinder y los lectores fieles siempre sostienen que lo que más le molesta al imperio de una revolución es el ejemplo que pone. En el caso de Granada admitió tal tesis. Los asesores de Reagan dijeron lo peor de la revolución granadense no fue tanto de porque es una isla de negros, sino que son anglohablantes: podrán comunicar directamente con estadounidenses inconformes y rebeldes. Los conocedores de Pathfinder a veces la llamamos "la editorial de los mártires" porque sus libros más populares dan voz a generaciones pasadas; Ésta es un ejemplar glorioso. A Bishop era el primer ministro de la revolución, y le hicieron mártir en el momento que literalmente encabezó la resistencia a la contrarrevolución.

This is the story of a big revolution in a very small country. In 1979 the movement led by Maurice Bishop overthrew the local dictator of Grenada, one E. Gairy. Land reform, free education and health care, new forms of working people's power to replace outdated parliamentary "democracy" which led to the dictator in the first place, development of agriculture and tourism as national industries to benefit the workers and farmers instead of super-rich foreign bosses : all this inevitably infuriated Washington D.C. But most of all they feared and loathed the fact that Grenada marched alongside the other anti-capitalist revolutions in the region : in Cuba and Nicaragua. Read this book and find out why Fidel Castro said "Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada are three giants rising up in the Caribbean." Perhaps most interesting for fighters against the profit system in this country is the story of the evolution of Bishop and his comrades : from Caribbean followers of Malcolm X to socialist revolutionaries. The Stalinist coup that assassinated Bishop and opened the door to Reagan and the Democrats' bipartisan brutal invasion in 1983 is also well covered here. Others in the Caribbean will take the same road during the new Great Depression looming in our (workers' and farmers') future.

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