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On Saturday 20 June 1959, the ~~Convention Peoples Party~~ (CPP) opened their new Party school with a welcoming address by Dr. ~~Oliver G. Cox~~ from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. ~~Mr. George Padmore~~ conducted the first class at the institution with a lecture on the purpose of the school, the historical development of Ghana from colonial status to independence. He pointed out that the school was formed to train Party Cadres in the ideology of the Party, and to teach students how to go out among the people. He told them about the Prime Minister's struggle for Ghana independence. On Sunday 21 June, he lectured on the "class struggle" through the ages. Padmore closed this lecture with the prediction that "within the next fifty years the whole world will be toeing the socialist line".

2. Padmore told the students that ~~Kojo BOTSIO~~, Minister Responsible for Economic Affairs, and himself (Padmore) would direct the courses of the school.
3. The new school is located in the Airport Flats area at the African Affairs Center. The students will be members of the "Vanguard Activist" and the classes will be conducted in the form of seminars.
4. On 28 June 1959, the second session of the School was held in the African Affairs Center. George Padmore personally distributed copies of ~~"Introduction to Marxism"~~ by Emile Burns and a new weekly newspaper, ~~"Soviet Weekly"~~. He added that copies of the "Communist Manifesto" will be distributed at the next session.
5. George Padmore lectured to this second session on ~~"Socialism"~~ and the aims of "Pan-African Socialism". He said in part:

a. On Socialism:

- (1) Socialism aims to take from each citizen what he or she has for the State in terms of service.

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- (2) Equal opportunity for each citizen according to his ability, to each according to his needs.
- (3) Socialism should provide for the citizen equal opportunity for everyone, each one, one vote. We are trying to create in Africa the "Pan African Socialism. This is in three-folds: political, social, and economic.

b. On Pan African Socialism.

- (1) Pan African Socialism should strive to promote and safeguard popular democracy upon Universal Adult Suffrage. One individual vote and also fundamental human rights. Freedom of the press, speech, movement, worship, social justice and the rule of law.
- (2) Pan African Socialism should seek, promote and safeguard the peoples' well being. To promote common ownership and the control of the essential needs of the people. To abolish private ownership of the vast lands and control of means of production and distribution.
- (3) The social aspects of Pan African Socialism shall seek, promote and safeguard the people by providing them with full employment for each and every individual. To provide the people with the three essentials of life: housing, food and clothing.

6. Padmore closed his lecture with quotations from the "Communist Manifesto".

7. Leading personalities attending this session were:

~~Dr. T. R. Makonnen~~
~~Mr. George Padmore~~
~~Mrs. Jean Elliot~~
~~Mr. I. A. A. Mensah~~
~~Mr. A. A. Mensah~~

Officials:
 Ghana T.U.C.
 Ghana Farmers Council
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2. [Redacted] Comment: "Introduction to Socialism" ([Redacted] Comment: sic) was first published in 1939 by Messrs. Victor Gollancz Ltd. as "What is Marxism?" and reprinted six times. New edition published by Messrs. Lawrence & Wishart Ltd. 1952, New and Revised Editions: 1957, pp 61 Printed and Bound in Great Britain by Crafton Press Ltd., Crafton Street, Leicester. Contents are as follows:

- Chapter I: A Scientific View of the World
- " II: The Laws of Social Development
- " III: Capitalist Society
- " IV: The Imperialist Stage of Capitalism
- " V: Class Struggles and the State
- " VI: Socialist Society
- " VII: The Marxist View of Nature
- " VIII: A Guide to Action

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