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Walter Rodney was banned from re-entering Jamaica on October 15, 1968, after attending a Black Writers Conference in Montreal, Canada. As a consequence, his post as lecturer in History, at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona campus was revoked.

The essays in this book are solid, potent and very relevant today. They capture the essence of brother Walter's rootical grounding with the people of Jamaica society, moreso, the Rastafari community, who he inspired, inspired and taught the importance of knowing African history as a foundation so as to be more knowledgeable of their African heritage.

In addition to this close collaboration of Dr. Rodney - one of the continent's brightest sons with Rasta, the so-called 'dregs', or 'down-trodden' of Jamaica society at that time, he was the Jamaica Government, under Prime Minister Hugh Shearer to turn the law against him.

Dr. Walter Rodney was assassinated on June 13, 1980, in his birth place, Guyana, by agents of the ruthless dictator Forbes Burnham who disguised himself under the cloak of socialism.

Dr. Walter Rodney was the author of many papers and articles published in magazines and journals throughout the world, his most well known works include "How Europe Underdeveloped Africa" (Bogle L'Ouverture Publications, 1972), "A History of the Upper Guinea Coast 1545-1880" (Monthly Review Press, 1981), "A History of the Working People of Guyana" (Heinemann 1981).

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