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MORE TRIBUTES FOR FORMER PM
THE RT. HON. MICHAEL MANLEY

KINGSTON, March 16 (JAMPRESS):

Tributes continue to pour in for former Prime Minister, the late Rt. Hon. Michael Manley. Following are the texts of tributes by the Jamaican Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency Earl Carr; the Pan American Health Organisation/World Health Organisation (PAHO/WHO); the Mexican Ambassador to Jamaica, His Excellency Jose Luis Vallarta; former Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young and former Israeli Ambassador to Jamaica, Gideon Saguy.

The following is the text of His Excellency Ambassador Earl Carr's tribute:

"The passing of the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, former Prime Minister of Jamaica, is a profound loss not only for the people of Jamaica but also for the wider international community.

Throughout his long years of sacrifice and public service to his country and the world, Mr. Manley was truly a legendary and historic figure. In this regard, he will be remembered for his inspiring leadership in the development of CARICOM, for bringing a particular focus and dynamism to the Non-Aligned Movement, and for re-directing the agenda of the British Commonwealth of Nations to infuse greater substance and relevance to that organisation. In addition, Mr. Manley epitomised the hopes and aspirations of the United Nations by touching the conscience of countless millions on such fundamental issues as human freedom, social justice, equality, decolonisation and world peace.

Mr. Manley will particularly be remembered in Asia and the Pacific region for orienting Jamaica's foreign policy to this economically and politically vibrant region. His pioneering visit to Japan and the People's Republic of China in 1991 was instrumental in laying a firm foundation for developing and enhancing the relationship between Jamaica and the Asian region.

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On behalf of the members of staff of the Embassy of Jamaica, Tokyo, and the Jamaican community in Japan and the wider Asian region, I wish to express deepest condolences to his widow Glynne, his children, his brother Douglas, and his other bereaved family members and friends, especially during this period of acute personal loss."

The Ambassador of Mexico to Jamaica, His Excellency Jose Luis Vallarta, in a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Seymour Mullings, had this to say:

"I have the honour to present to your Excellency and to the Government and people of Jamaica my sincere condolences for the passing of the late Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, OM, OCC, PC, former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

During my presentation at the Senate of Mexico for the approval of my Presidential nomination as Ambassador to Jamaica, the main item of my brief statement was the need to study the ideals and thoughts of Michael Manley to understand the struggle of the Jamaican people for a better future. Michael Manley is a source of inspiration for Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Please accept Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration."

The tribute from PAHO/WHO reads as follows:

"The Pan American Health Organisation/World Health Organisation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and by this medium wishes to convey deepest sympathy at the passing of the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, the former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

PAHO/WHO recognises the unparalleled contribution of Mr. Manley to the struggle on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged; his unswerving commitment to the establishment of rights for workers at all levels; his insistence on the recognition of the rights of women and children; his unequalled contribution to regional and global politics and his commitment to the principles of equity.

Our sympathies are extended to his family and colleagues."

The former Mayor of Atlanta in the United States, Andrew Young, paid tribute in the following message:

"I write today to pay tribute to a man of character, culture and charisma. My friend, the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley.

Michael Manley was one of the most impressive world leaders I have been privileged to meet in my journeys to more than 120 nations. His painful sensitivity to the plight of 'the least of God's children', and his determined efforts to improve their lot in Jamaica, amidst the turmoil of a global economy racked by roller coaster oil prices, was one of the leadership triumphs of our time.

Out of many, one people' sought to unite Jamaicans of many ethnic traditions, but Michael Manley understood that 'class', not ethnicity, was the challenge of the future, and that 'haves' versus 'have nots' was the tension most threatening to global order and Jamaica. His efforts to rally the world in the common cause extended from Bob Marley's music to Jimmy Carter's human rights policies and OECD economic initiatives. Indeed, the call for a new world order reverberated most clearly from Jamaica.

Michael Manley was, and will remain, a prophetic voice challenging our conscience, business, governments and churches to heed the cry of the poor and dispossessed for true justice. peace and prosperity."

Ambassador Gideon Saguy and his wife paid this tribute:

"Please allow me to convey our sincere sorrow on the passing of Michael Manley. He was a great leader and master batsman in many ways. He knew his people extremely well and inculcated in them perhaps the most important attribute for a young nation - pride in themselves.

I had the privilege of being the first resident Ambassador of Israel, but our relationship was far from routine. It was based on a kinship of two small nations, cemented by the vicissitude of life and our respective histories. There was and remains yet another common denominator - the Bible. Many mutual endeavours sprang from the recognition of those facts, on which we look back with much satisfaction

My wife and I always felt at home and appreciated his personal friendship, as well as that of Mrs. Edna Manley.

"Please convey to Mrs. Manley, to Rachel and the other children, as well as to Douglas and many mutual friends, our heartfelt condolences.

May we join with you and the people of Jamaica in expressing the hope that his memory will be cherished and live forever.

May all of you always walk good."
