



HONOUR AWARD FUNCTION; GOVERNOR-GENERAL, the Most Hon. Florizel Glasspole (second from left) arriving at the Pegasus Hotel last night for the Gleaner Honour Award function. Others from left are retired Gleaner Editor Mr. Theodore Sealy, Mrs. Glasspole and Mr. Oliver Clarke, chairman and managing director of the Gleaner Company Ltd.

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Gleaner award to G-G

THE GLEANER'S FIRST Annual Honour Award has gone to the Governor-General the Most Hon. Florizel Glasspole. The award was presented at a banquet last night at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

Mr. Glasspole was one of 26 nominees proposed by the public in response to Gleaner advertisements. The Honour Award for 1979 was based on the criterion the person must have "initiated, developed or accomplished some particular thing, by word or deed, that has contributed most in bringing about a dramatic change for the better in the Jamaican quality of life at any time during 1979."

THE JUDGES

A panel of judges headed by Mr. Leslie Ashenheim decided that the Governor-General should receive the award and last night it was made to him. Other judges were Miss Sonia Jones, Mr. Edgar Stewart and Dr. Carl Stone. The judges in their report read by the secretary, Mr. Hector Wynter said:

"The Governor General during 1979 provided a sense of leadership and balance that was greatly needed and of high merit.

"He maintained his integrity and performed the duties of his office with excellence.

"He withstood pressure and criticism and whilst he was bold and outspoken, he did not descend into the partisan arena.

GREAT DIGNITY

"He carried out all of his duties with great dignity.

"Electoral Reform was in the view of the Judges the most important achievement of 1979 in that our whole continued democratic existence depended upon it, and Mr. Glasspole's part in that achievement was critical and outstanding. No electoral reform would have been possible without agreement between the two political parties and it was he who made that agreement possible by reason of the universal confidence that was felt in the integrity with which he would per-

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form the vital functions which were entrusted to him as part of the reform operation. The Judges believe that the choice of Mr. Glasspole will find an echo in the hearts of the entire Jamaican people."

CERTIFICATES TO FIVE

Mrs. Glasspole and His Excellency were the guests of honour at last night's function.

The judges decided also that five other nominees should be honoured by Certificates of Merit for outstanding work in their field. They were Mr. Edward Seaga for his work in politics, particularly in the successful campaign for Electoral Reform; Dr. Sydney Williams for his outstanding work in plastic surgery; Mr. A. L. Cushnie for his outstanding technological achievement in solar energy; the Rev. C. S. Reid for his outstanding work as a priest; and Mr. Dennis Lalor for his

outstanding contribution to sports administration and in the field of finance.

Mr. Oliver Clarke, chairman and managing director of the Gleaner Company, was chairman of the function. In calling on Mr. Ashenheim to make the presentation to Mr. Glasspole, he spoke of the importance of honouring people in the society who are making a valuable contribution in various fields of endeavour, "particularly at this time when there is great despondency in the country."

Mr. Glasspole's citation said:

"Presented with pride to His Excellency, the Most Honourable Florizel Glasspole, O.N., C.D., Governor-General of Jamaica, in recognition of his incomparable contribution to the Jamaican quality of life, with words and deeds that gave encouragement, inspiration and hope to the nation. His demonstration of exemplary integrity and impartiality has laid the foundation for national unity."

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