

Groups back G-G's stand

.. A number of organisations have come out in support of Governor-General Florizel Glasspole for his speech on Friday night and have reproved the PNP Youth Organisation which has called for his removal from office in reprisal for his speech.

The Downtown Kiwanis Club expressed that hope that the time would never come when a Governor-General would have to toe a party line or be afraid of giving voice to his honest opinion for fear of being asked to resign by the Government which recommended his appointment.

The Club recommended that the PNP Youth Organisation re-read His Excellency's speech and try to understand its implications from a national, rather than from a party political point of view.

The Small Business Association of Jamaica deplored the attack on the

Governor-General and said they had noted that almost every policy statement made by Government in the interest of Jamaicans, which was answered by some other organisation like the PNP Youth Organisation, was usually completely out of touch with the Government's stated objectives.

The Association has stated that it is going to take the Governor-General's advice and speak out, from now on, on all national issues wherever necessary, in an effort to make their views felt and to make "organisations like the PNP Youth Organisation realise that they were not all of Jamaica."

"Let us not hear any more maligning of our country's leaders where it is well within their rights to make the type of statements they do", the Association stated.

The Chamber of Commerce has also congratulated the

Governor-General for "saying what many other have been saying for a long time but which before now seems to have fallen on deaf ears".

The Kiwanis Club of Kingston praised the speech made by Mr. Glasspole in which they say he accurately and fearlessly identified some of the problems in the Jamaican society.

The Club condemned the objection to the speech by the PNP Youth Organisation and has said that their call for the removal of the Governor-General was in poor taste, cowardly, and symptomatic of wide-spread indiscipline and lack of respect in the society.

Enquiries made at Kings House revealed that the Governor-General is not perturbed in the least about the attack of the PNP Youth Organisation and is going about his activities in the usual manner.