

# Norman Manley, National Hero, praised at service

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The memory of the late National Hero and founder of the People's National Party, the Rt. Excellent Norman Manley, was honoured at a religious ceremony held at the Manley Shrine in George VI Memorial Park, Kingston, on Thursday evening.

The Prime Minister, the Hon. Michael Manley, his wife, his mother, Mrs. Edna Manley, his brother, the Hon. Douglas Manley, Minister of Youth and Community Development; and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. David Coore, took part in the ceremony.

**The President of the Senate, the Hon. A. G. B. Byfield, gave a valedictory address at the ceremony, which was also attended by the Hon. Leacroft Robinson, Attorney-General.**

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Senator Dudley Thompson, called the meeting to order with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Senator Byfield led the gathering, which he lighted candles in prayer, and this was followed by the singing of the hymn, "There were Ninety and Nine", a favourite of the late Mr. Manley.

Senator Byfield, in his valedictory address, said that the late National Hero was not only responsible for setting up the two-

party system in Jamaica and putting the trade union movement on a sound footing, but he had also set the example of "a life of dedication and integrity."

"He taught us that there is no soft and easy way to nation-building, that unity and hard work are the essentials in the building of a strong and stable nation," he said.

**"This nation is grateful to God for many things, among them being the gift of Norman Washington Manley. Many of the things that we today hold dear, have come down to us through the great movement that he has inaugurated."**

Wreaths were laid by the Prime Minister, by Dr. Douglas Manley, Mrs. Michael Manley, Mrs. Edna Manley, Mr. Coore, Mr. Byfield, Senator Thompson, Mr. Douglas Graham, and Councillor Vin Bennett.

Candles were also placed at the foot of the shrine by party supporters and admirers attending the service, numbering some 150.

The service did not take the form in which it was originally planned — that of a meeting at the Bolivar Statue, followed by a procession to the shrine.

Instead, the company gathered at the north-eastern entrance to the park and were led by the party leaders to the shrine where the ceremony took place.

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