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NORMAN WASHINGTON MANLEY

stands in the front ranks of those who spearheaded the last battle for an end to colonialism.

He made his name as a barrister of outstanding brilliance and eloquence, and his successful efforts to secure the release of his cousin, Alexander Bustamante, detained for his campaign to organise the workers, led to the founding of the People's National Party, and the launch of a campaign for self-government and Independence in 1962. In 1955, the P.N.P. won their first majority in the House of Representatives, and one year later, Jamaica had taken another step towards Independence with the granting of a new constitution.

During his second term of office, the Federation of the West Indies came into being, and to settle the arguments for and against Jamaica's participation, a referendum was held. The decision was that Jamaica should withdraw. A General Election followed which his party lost. When Jamaica became Independent in 1962 he was Leader of the Opposition and held this post until his retirement in 1969, shortly before his death.