

Manley's bust presented to Institute

Jamaica's High Commissioner in London, Sir Laurence Lindo unveiled a bust of the Rt. Excellent Norman Manley, one of Jamaica's National Heroes, at a reception hosted by the People's National Party (UK) Group and the Jamaica Progressive League at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington on Sunday, September 26.

The bust of Mr. Manley was presented to the Institute jointly by the PNP (UK) Group and the Jamaica Progressive League (UK). It was the work of Mr. Richie Riley, a Jamaican sculptor, resident in Britain for some twenty years.

Mr. Cecil Collier, Public Relations Officer for the local PNP group, introduced Sir Laurence Lindo, who said how right and proper it was that a bust of Mr. Manley should form a part of the Jamaican display at the Commonwealth Institute. He congratulated all those who had conceived the project and brought it to fruition.

Sir Laurence paid tribute to Mr. Manley as one who had shared responsibility with Sir Alexander Bustamante for the growth over the past 30 years of the new Jamaica that we know today — an independent, sovereign territory.

It was fitting that the bust of Sir Alexander, already at the Institute, should now be joined by that of his contemporary who was his opponent in public life but who had shared with him the vision of an Independent Jamaica and worked with him towards that goal.

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The Commonwealth Institute represented one of the things which Mr. Manley supported, as he had been a believer in the in the concept of Commonwealth.

Mr. Jimmy Byfield, Chairman of the PNP Group, made the formal presentation of the bust to Mr. J.K. Thompson, Director of the Institute and the vote of thanks was recorded by Mr. Aston Hill, Secretary of the Jamaica Progressive League (UK).

Some 300 guests attended the function, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, Mr. Marcus Lipton, M.P., Councillors Linden Davis, Karl Enwright with their wives, Councillor Ralph Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hunte, Mr. Jeff Crawford, Miss Vida Menzies, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Laws and Mr. & Mrs. Theo Campbell.



MR. JIMMY BYFIELD (3rd from left) Chairman of the PNP (UK) Group presenting a bust of the Rt. Excellent Norman Manley to Mr. J. K. Thomson (left) Director of the Commonwealth Institute at a ceremony held at the Institute on Sunday, September 26. Second from left is Mr. Cecil Collier, Public Relations Officer of the PNP group. On the extreme right, Sir Laurence Lindo and the Mayor of Lambeth, Ald. George West, second from right.

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