

Marley statue to be unveiled on Arthur Wint Drive on May 11

The Bob Marley Statue will be unveiled at Celebrity Park, Arthur Wint Drive on May 11, Bob Marley Day, as part of the Jamaica 21 celebrations, Prime Minister Edward Seaga has announced.

The statue is currently being bronzed in New York and will be handed over to Minister of State for Culture, the Hon. Edmund Bartlett today during his

visit to that city to promote "Homecoming 83", a programme encouraging Jamaicans to come home and celebrate the country's 21 years of Independent nationhood.

The statue will be unveiled by Mrs. Cedella Booker, mother of the late Reggae Singer, the Opening Prayer will be said by Abuna Yesak, Archbishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the Western Hemisphere and Prime Minister Seaga will be the guest speaker.

IN 1981 PRIME MINISTER SEAGA announced that a life-sized statue to honour Bob Marley would be erected at Celebrity Park, a newly created shrine for Jamaicans who achieved international celebrity status and who lived their lives in a manner which brought pride and fame to Jamaica.

Since then work has gone ahead to fulfill this announcement and Mr. Christopher Gonzales was commissioned to work on a master cast in plaster for Bob Marley's statue.

After consultation with the Marley's Family the statue was flown to New York for bronzing and today the Urban Development Corporation is preparing the park for the May 11 ceremony.

May 11, 1983, the anniversary of Bob Marley death was designated Bob Marley Day in a resolution by the Civic and Cultural Affairs Committee of the K.S.A.C.

The statue will be flown to the island on Wednesday by Air Jamaica, the official carrier for Jamaica 21.

