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The late HON. ROB-ERT NESTA (BOB) MARLEY, O.M. whose birthday is being observed today.

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Today is Bob Marley's birthday - and the day's activities include the official opening of the new TUFF GONG/RITA MARLEY GROUP OF COMPANIES on Marcus Garvey Drive in Kingston. The opening will take the form of an Open House between the hours 12 noon and 5p.m. during which the buildings will be blessed by Archbishop Abuna Yeseq of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Tours of the various companies within the group will also be conducted each hour and there will be a sale on merchandise of T-shirts and posters.

Another feature of today's celebration will be the release of RE-DEMPTION SONGS - the first LP by Marley's mother Cedella Booker. Also to be released shortly is a tribute to Bob Marley 'HE'S A LEGEND' written by Marcia Griffiths. The song is performed by the I-Threes singing group of Rita Marley, Judy Mowatt and Marcia Griffiths, backed by the Wailers Band.

Marley's birthday is being observed world-wide by music lovers in appreciation for the genius of the man who played such a significant role in the development and internationalization of Reggae music. Bob Marley died in May 1981.