

# 'A TRULY NATIONAL FIGURE'

## Una Marson lived a full, rich life, incredible in scope - Rev. Carnegie

Representatives of various aspects of cultural and creative activity in Jamaica — poetry, drama, education, social work, art, journalism and Government among them — turned out in large numbers at the St. Andrew Parish Church yesterday afternoon to pay their last respects to Miss Una Marson, who died last week Wednesday at the age of 60, still active in the fields of social work and journalism and just getting ready to go abroad for further experience.

Many of Jamaica's leading citizens in Miss Marson's chosen fields of activity were there, and as the funeral procession left the church for the adjoining cemetery a group of boys from the Chestervale Youth Camp lined the path on both sides, in tribute to one who had done much to help improve their lot and had paid them many visits.

But perhaps one of the most touching tributes was the attendance at the funeral of the 99-year-old Rev. F. Cowell Lloyd, even though he was not strong enough to leave his car to enter the church.

### Incredible

The simple service was conducted by the Rev. K. D. Carnegie, and the lesson was read by the Rev. Maurice Marks of the St. Stephen's Congregational Church.

In his eulogy the Rev. Mr. Carnegie said Miss Marson had lived a full, rich life, incredible in its scope even to those who had known her from her childhood. She had been a truly national figure with a tremendous impact on other people. It was impossible to believe that such a life would simply come to an end on one particular day. He therefore sometimes wondered whether the day of death was not the greatest day of one's life, just as the early Christians regarded the life on earth as the prelude to another of greater scope and unimaginable beauty.

He said she had loved things passionately, and had been a builder and an idealist. Because of her idealism she had suffered much, for she had often felt and said that Jamaica was losing the standards of old.

### Great prophet

Mr. Carnegie referred to the Gleaner obituary and editorial on Miss Marson, as well as a tribute paid her in the same paper by Mrs. Aimee Webster-DeLisser, and said she had been one of Jamaica's great prophets, with a cosmopolitan outlook which made the whole world her parish, and at the same time with a love of Jamaica which never lessened.

He said she had enriched her own and Jamaican culture, and had indeed burnt herself out. She was devoted to unpopular causes and could and often did stand alone. She never talked nonsense, and she had been a poet, a maker and a creator. A great part of her greatness had been her humility. The presence of the congregation was itself a tribute to her, and she had been one of the most distinguished students of Hampton High School.

Remarking that Alfred Nobel himself would not be surprised if a woman of Miss Marson's stature and qualities had been nominated for one of his awards, the Rev. Mr. Carnegie digressed to tell of Nobel's own dedication of his fortune to the recognition of great creative achievement, when on the death of his brother, a journalistic error had caused Nobel's own obituary to be published. He had then seen himself as others had seen him — as the inventor of dynamite, a new means of destruction.

Mr. Carnegie then led the congregation in prayer, and after the singing of the hymn "For All The Saints Who From Their Labours Rest", the coffin was borne to the graveside for the final rites. Pallbearers at this stage were Mr. Vincent Sauter, Mr. Allan Burke, Mr. Frank Francis, Mr. Ronald

Coombs, Mr. Rudolph L. C. Aarons and Mr. Roy McFarlane.

Pall-bearers from the hearse into the church had been Mr. Wyatt Bryce, Mr. Vin Lawrence, Mr. Osmond Fairclough, Mr. C. Livingston, Mr. Rudolph McDowell and Mr. F. M. Edwards.

Principal mourners were: Mrs. Edith Marson Jones and Miss Ethel Marson, sisters; Mr. Ronald Coombs, nephew; Mrs. Phyllis Cameron, niece; Mrs. Ina Francis, Mr. Vincent Sauter, Mr. E. F. Francis, Mr. Allan Burke, Mrs. D. Taylor, and Mrs. Claire McFarlane, cousins.

Others included the

Rev. J. A. Leo-Rhynie, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Manley, Hon. Sir Cyril Henriques and Mrs. Henriques, Senator and Mrs. Douglas Fletcher, Mr. F. A. Glasspole, Mr. Wills O. Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Sherlock, Mr. J. J. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Mr. H. D. Carberry, Mr. Easton Souter, Mr. C. Bernard Lewis

Mr. Leon Brown, Mr. John Hearne, Mr. Hector Wynter, Mr. Donald Fitz-Ritson, Mr. A. Wesley Powell, Mr. Cecil B. Facey, the Rev. Donald Monkcom, the Rev. Fr. Samuel Carter, S.J., the Rev. Walter Foster, the Rev. Ivan Francis, the Rev. Cleve Grant, the Rev. Luther Gibbs, the Rev. William Blake, the Rev. D. I. McNab, the Rev. A. D. Langley.

Mr. L. K. Sutherland, Mr. Calvin Bowen, Mr. Clifton Neita, Mr. Ken Chaplin, Mr. Wyatt Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, Mr. S. O. Veitch, Miss Minna McLeod, Mrs. Gloria Cumber, Miss Amy Bailey, Miss Rose McFarlane, Mr. Hugh Burns, Mr. Eric Coverley, Mr. H. P. Jacobs, Mr. Alty Sasso, Mr. Ken Tomlinson, Mr. Archie Lindo, Mr. H. A. Ableton, Mr. Victor Bailey.

Mr. Vin Lawrence, Mr. O. F. Batchelor, and other representatives of the Jamaica Youth Corps, representatives of the Save the Children Fund, the Salvation Army, the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the City Mission, the Ethiopian World Federation Association Inc., and the Life Guards.

A special representation came from the Jamaica branch of the Royal Air Force Association — as a recognition of the late Miss Marson's work with the Jamaican servicemen during World War II while she worked with the BBC in Britain. Attending in a group from the R.A.F.A. were Messrs. William Haughton, A. J. Johnson, C. Q. Williams, Lloyd Isaacs and Keith Levy.

Mr. F. L. Sangster, Miss Ena Helps, Miss Marjorie Myers, Mr. George Bowen, Miss Joyce Wade, Mr. C. J. T. Anderson, Mrs. Elsie Benjamin Barsoe, Mrs. U. Leandro Stephenson, Mr. M. J. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goffe, Miss Nan Edwards, Mr. F. M. Edwards, Mr. Ivorall Davis, Dr. Eric Campbell, Mr. Aubrey Lafayette, Miss Palmira Bamford, Mrs. R. O. C. King.

Hon. Hector White, Mr. W. G. Morais, Mr. Aston Rhoden, Mr. C. M. Fuller, Mr. Burnett Webster, Mr. and Mrs. C. Innerarity, Mr. Sidney Smith, Mrs. Imelda Sutherland, Dr. Amos Foster, Mrs. Arthur Wint, Miss D. Dinette, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon-Somers, Miss Edna Lamont, Mr. Alvin Marriott, Mr. Gilbert Arscot, Miss Iris Benjamin, Mrs. Dudley Hume-Stewart, Mr. Leslie Henriques, Mr. H. A. Manley, Mr. J. McCall Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Leacroft Robinson.

Mrs. Alan Marsh, Mr. K. N. Aarons, Dr. Eric Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Morales Francis, Mrs. O. W. Grossett, Miss Elsie Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. L. Parkinson, Miss Glenvina Brown, Mr. Vivian Carnegie, Mrs. Mae Feurtado, Mr. Howard Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Taylor, Mr. Claude Webster, Mr. Anthony Allen, Mr. Basil McFarlane, Mr. George B. Wallace, Mr. Rudolph McDowell.

Mr. Garnet Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Prescod, Mr. C. M. Aitcheson, Mr. Frank Cameron, Mr. Odel Fleming, Mrs. Lucille Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Munroe, Mr. A. R. Taylor, Mrs. C. Escoffery, Mr. Frank Gordon, Mrs. Lauris Burke-Green, Mr. Dickie Vassell, Mrs. Thelma Blissett, Mr. Guy Fleming, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. S. W. Mowatt, Mrs. Marie Foster, Mr. Eustace Godfrey, Mr. P. A. L. Mullings, Miss Gladys Mullings, and Miss Madge Smith.