

PM gets Gold Key Award

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Prime Minister, Edward Seaga, has been selected by the Avenue of the Americas Association in New York to be the recipient of the Association's annual prestigious Gold Key Award.

In the absence of the Prime Minister, the award will be accepted by Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Keith Johnson, at a Black Tie dinner dance to be held in the grand ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel, at Rockefeller Centre on Wednesday, November 4.

The Prime Minister will be cited for 'his outstanding contribution to the fostering of amity, friendship and understanding among the peoples of the Americas'.

Western Hemisphere Day was first proclaimed in 1960. As part of the Association's celebration of the occasion in the month of October, seals of those American member-nations of the Organisation of American States were placed on the street-lighting poles as an

outward symbol of 'better neighbourly understanding and sounder economic relations'.

Jamaica is among those countries who seals are now on display along the Avenue of the Americas, and together they add a colourful note to the thoroughfare's decor.

Since the Gold Key Award became an integral part of the Association's Western Hemisphere Day celebration, recipients have included former President of Mexico, Luis Escheverria; former O.A.S. Secretary-General, Galo Plaza; the late Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York; David Rockefeller; the late Henry R. Luce, Publisher of Time Magazine; Frank Stanton and William S. Paley, outstanding leaders in America's radio and television industries; former U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Rusk; the late Conrad Hilton, founder of the Hilton Hotel chain; William P. Rodgers, former U.S. Secretary of State; world famous soccer player, Pele; and the former President of Pan American Airways, Juan T. Tripp.