

# PM named Privy Councillor

Prime Minister Edward Seaga has become the third Jamaican Prime Minister to be appointed a member of the Queen's Privy Council. This entitles him to be styled as "the Right Honourable Edward Seaga, P.C. M.P."

The two other Prime Ministers who have been so honoured are National Hero, Sir Alexander Bustamante (1964) and Mr. Hugh Shearer (1969).

There are about 360 Privy Counsellors.

The whole Privy Council is called together only on the death of the Sovereign or when the sovereign announces his or her intention to marry."

The Daily News understands that former Prime Minister Michael Manley did not accept

an appointment as Privy Counsellor as it is not in keeping with his own position being committed to Republican Status for Jamaica.

Mr. Manley's father National Hero and former Jamaica Premier Norman Manley, did not accept the title either.

In the Caribbean, Barbadian Prime Minister, Tom Adams is a Privy Counsellor also Opposition Leader Errol Barrow Former Prime Minister of Grenada, Eric Gairy accepted the honour as did the late Eric Williams, but he stopped using the title after the twin island state of Trinidad and Tobago became a republic. Mr. Ellis Clarke, president of Trinidad and Tobago dropped the title after Trinidad and Tobago gained republican status.