

Seaga back from IFPC meeting

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The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Edward Seaga, returned on Monday March 17 from a visit overseas to attend the annual meeting of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture. The meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal.

Mr. Seaga is a founding member of the Administrative Council of the IFPC which was set up in 1974 by UNESCO as a result of a proposal put forward by Mr. Seaga in 1971 at a Caribbean Conference on Conservation and Culture held in Kingston. This proposal was for the establishment of a World Culture Fund to finance cultural projects in view of the fact that no such United Nations fund existed for cultural programmes.

UNESCO accepted this proposal and the IFPC was set up in 1974. Mr. Seaga was appointed in his personal capacity as a founding member of the Administrative Council of the Fund.

The Fund to date has approved some 50 projects worldwide, among which are two projects for Jamaica.

The first of these two projects is the provision of a fully equipped recording studio for the Jamaica School of Music to enable the School to carry out recordings of music as part of its programme.

The second project is for the provision of a mobile theatre to facilitate rural exposure to drama.

The first of these two projects is now being implemented and the equipment is expected to arrive soon.