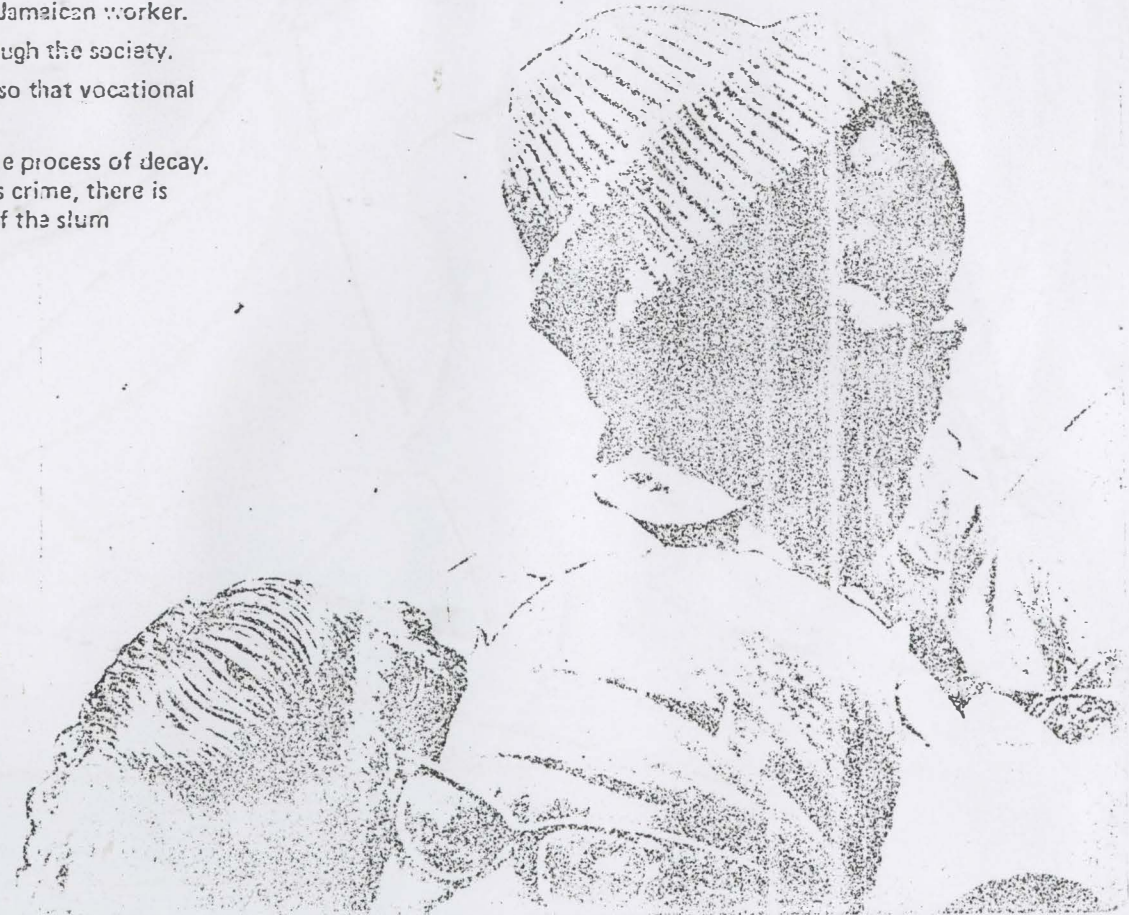


# EDWARD SEAGA - MAN OF EXPERIENCE

From 1952 when I spent 3 years living in Buxton Town, St. Catherine and in West Kingston slum areas doing research work I learned a motto I have never forgotten: "Treat people with respect and dignity and they will treat you likewise."

- We must create greater incentives for individuals, a pride of national development and so stimulate the creative drive of free individualism.
- It is one thing to erect new buildings, but unless you can induce a higher standard of living among the people you will simply end up with a higher class of slum. The focus of attention must be the people, what they need and what they want.
- Folk music, coming as it does from folk society is usually plagued by the social and cultural gaps which separate it from the rest of society.
- We must develop tourism, with the full awareness of the increasing needs of the Jamaican worker.
- We must plan so that the benefits of the economy can be distributed evenly through the society.
- Education should be aimed at changing young peoples attitudes to employment so that vocational craft and agricultural jobs appear as attractive as white collar jobs.
- TIVOLI GARDENS: "What we set out to do in West Kingston, was to reverse the process of decay. Where there were cemeteries there are now playfields; where yesterday there was crime, there is learning for tomorrow. What we have achieved is not only to take the man out of the slum but the slum out of the man".

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