

Seaga B/N marks 32

years

as MP

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Opposition Leader Edward Seaga has set a record for political representation in the Jamaican Parliament and a number of special projects are to be launched by him to mark the occasion. Activities to commemorate the record period of 32 years of unbroken service in Parliament were announced by the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) leader at a press conference at the party's Belmont Road headquarters in Kingston yesterday.

Mr. Seaga was elected as Member of Parliament for Western Kingston 32 years ago in 1962 and remains the longest serving Parliamentarian in Jamaica's political history. He has served as a Senator, Minister of Development and Welfare, and Minister of Finance and Planning. He became Leader of the JLP and Opposition Leader in 1974, and Prime Minister of Jamaica between 1980 and 1989.

He has now surpassed by two days the previous record held by Leopold Augustus Lynch, a former Minister of Local Government under the JLP, who represented the West Portland constituency and demitted office in 1976.

Among the plans announced by Mr. Seaga are: A proposal to amend the Constitution to require full backing in value for all Jamaican currency in circulation; a project for afforestation of denuded hills overlooking Kingston to rebuild the watershed and enhance soil conservation; a project to offer affordable health care to low income beneficiaries in the West Kingston constituency; a symposium entitled "The Charter of Human Rights" to be put on by the Jamaica Institute of Political Education (JIPE) to discuss specific areas of controversy arising out of the proposed charter of Human Rights; and a project to establish an archive of Jamaican Music and museum for exhibition of records and music films.

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