



CONGRATULATIONS: Prime Minister Edward Seaga being congratulated by Mr. Bill Davis, Director of the United States Information Service, on receiving the first Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award at a ceremony held at Jamaica House yesterday. Mr. Seaga was presented with the award by Mr. Kenneth N. Sherwood, 1985 Honorary Chairman of the Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King Com-

mittee, left, in recognition of his contribution to the first breakfast and commitment to the cause of human development. The ceremony was sponsored by the U.S.I.S. and the Jamaica-America Society. Applauding at right is Mr. A. B. Stone, President of the Jamaica America Society.

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PM receives first Dr. Martin King Jr. Award

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Prime Minister Edward Seaga yesterday became the first recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for his "dedicated and determined efforts in the cause of brotherhood, justice and human dignity." This Award will be made annually to distinguished persons throughout the world.

The plaque was presented to him at a ceremony at Jamaica House by Mr. Kenneth N. Sherwood, 1985

Honorary Chairman of the Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King Committee and Chairman of Burger King Jamaica Ltd. The ceremony which was sponsored by the United States Information Service and the Jamaica-America Society coincided with the 97th birthday of National Hero, Marcus Garvey, whose philosophy was a source of inspiration to Dr. King.

The inscription on the plaque read: "To The Right Honourable Edward Seaga, Prime Minister of Jamaica, statesman, humanitarian, for

his dedicated and determined efforts in the cause of brotherhood, justice and human dignity and also in grateful appreciation for his being the keynote speaker at our first annual Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King Junior on January 16, 1984 in Kingston".

Mr. Bill Davis, Director of U.S.I.S., said Mr. Seaga represented the continuity of the ideals for which both Marcus Garvey and Martin Luther King were known. He said Marcus Garvey lit a torch for freedom and humanity and that Dr. King not only

kept the flame burning, but brightened it with the intensity of his personal zeal. "That flame still shines as a beacon demanding attention wherever freedom is restricted and human dignity is denied," Mr. Davis said. He added that Dr. King, in the tradition of Marcus Garvey dared to be great without arrogance and expressed self-esteem without vanity. He said he adorned his successes with humility.

Mr. A. B. Stone, President of the Jamaica-America Society, said the

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Society was pleased to present Mr. Seaga with the award in recognition of his tremendous contribution to the first breakfast and his commitment to the cause of human development. He said he wanted to encourage the Prime Minister to continue the work he started with United States Vice President George Bush to have the name of Marcus Garvey exonerated. Mr. Stone stated that such a gesture would be appropriate and satisfactory to the people of the

country and the wider world.

He said the Society was determined to reinforce, promote and highlight this in "a very serious way" and hoped it could be the catalyst in mobilising Jamaican and American organisations to ensure that the task was accomplished.

Mr. Seaga said he was accepting the award "with a profound sense of honour, gratitude and humility." He said Marcus Garvey and Dr. King were joined together because of the enormous contributions they made

to the liberation of the human spirit throughout the world. The Prime Minister said: "their work inspires us all in the task which still confronts us, since the fight is not yet won; for we recognise that racism is not the only deterrent to the liberation of the human spirit. Ignorance and poverty are equally dangerous."

Chairman of the ceremony was Mr. Carey Robinson, Executive Director of the National Heritage Trust Commission. In attendance were members of the Cabinet, Senators and members of the two sponsoring bodies.