

GG TO PM SEAGA—

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'PUT FORTH THY BEST FOOT'

Governor General Florizel Glasspole has charged Jamaica's Prime Minister, Edward Seaga to "Go forth into the field and put forth thy best foot, and let us see your results in God's good time".

Mr. Glasspole who was speaking at the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Seaga as Prime Minister at Kings House Saturday evening, described the occasion as a "rather stirring moment," and congratulated Mr. Seaga on "the most massive election victory ever recorded in Jamaica's history since adult suffrage."

He said he had watched the new Prime Minister carrying the fight "over these last many years," and never letting go of "the principles which he believed in and for which he fought."

The Governor General said he suspected Mr. Seaga had often been weary, but continued to fight tenaciously, "and after many years with his head unbowed, he has emerged the victor in the longest and the most bitter election campaign that has ever been fought in this country's history."

Mr. Glasspole declared that "the people have spoken," had given Mr. Seaga a great mandate and "he has now been rewarded with the much coveted prize of Prime Minister of Jamaica."

BACK-BREAKING

He said that from that moment on, Mr. Seaga would take up "the most back-breaking task of his whole career." He declared that "Jamaica is in a desperate position," and said that Mr. Seaga will have to lead the country "with the help of all of us, back to a stage of peace and harmony and love and unity."

The Governor General said the new Prime Minister would have to seek "to restore good order and discipline in our society," and "to rebuild the shattered economy of our country." He said that all this was difficult to do, but had to be done, "if Jamaica is to be saved."

Mr. Glasspole said the task

would call for hard work, sweat and toil, but expressed confidence "that if our people catch the real spirit of the situation, with good leadership they can rise to the occasion." He expressed the belief that Mr. Seaga would be able to supply "the quality of leadership that is needed in this crisis."

The Governor General went on to express confidence that the new Prime Minister would bring "all his compassion and humanity to bear in the exercise of his power," and that Mr. Seaga would do his very best "to heal the terrific wounds in our society."

Mr. Glasspole prayed "that success attends the efforts of the honourable Prime Minister, ... that peace and happiness will be restored once more to our beautiful land, and that once more our people will be able to laugh and laugh once again."

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Governor General Florizel Glasspole handing over the Instrument of Office to Jamaica's new Prime Minister Edward Seaga.

INAUGURATING THE NEW PM





Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Hugh Shearer [left] having a talk with Chief of Staff of the Jamaica Defence Force Brigadier Robert Neish [centre] and the British High Commissioner John Drinkall at King's House on Saturday.



Prime Minister Edward Seaga taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office at Kings House on Saturday. To the extreme right is the Governor General Florizel Glasspole.

Prime Minister Edward Seaga being applauded by the Governor General [left], Mrs. Florizel Glasspole, Mrs. Mitzie Seaga and Deputy Prime Minister Hugh Shearer after his lengthy speech at Kings House after he was sworn in.

Lady Bustamante hugs the Prime Minister's wife Mrs. Mitzie Seaga at Kings House on Saturday.

A section of the large crowd of party supporters and well wishers who turned out at the swearing-in ceremony at Kings House on Saturday. Second from right in the front row is the mother of the Prime Minister Mrs. Erna Seaga.