

Award for Seaga in Venezuela

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Prime Minister Edward Seaga left the island yesterday for Caracas, Venezuela, to receive the Golden Mercury International Award (First Class).

The Award is a distinguished international honour given to individuals, heads of state or Government who have made outstanding contributions for improving international relations, development and socio-economic co-operation for the strengthening of world peace.

The Award is held in and sponsored by a different country each year and selections are made by a committee comprising representatives of many countries. This year Venezuela is the host country.

Mr. Seaga will leave Venezuela for Miami, where he will address the annual Caribbean Conference on Trade, Investment and Development on Monday.

From Miami he will go on to New York to hold discussions with bauxite companies in connection with the production of the 1.6 metric tonnes of bauxite, which the US Government will purchase from Jamaica. These discussions will take place on

Thursday.

While in New York, Mr. Seaga is also scheduled to address the US Businessmen's Committee, headed by David Rockefeller.

On Saturday the Prime Minister will be in Ottawa, Canada to have talks with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. On the following day he will launch the Canadian Businessmen's Committee on Jamaica. The committee, which is led by Ced Ritchie, has 25 members. All leading businessmen, they are forming the committee to promote investment with Jamaica.

Mr. Seaga returns to the island on December 9.

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