

Edward Seaga returns to business world

MR. Edward Seaga, former Prime Minister and now Leader of the Opposition, has returned to the world of business finance, setting up a company called Premier Financing Ltd.

Although not "fully settled in," the company occupies part of the fifth floor of the Mutual Security Bank building on Knutsford Boulevard, New Kingston.

Mr. Seaga's office, not yet draped or fully furnished, overlooks the northern section of the

boulevard. The lush St. Andrew hills form a picturesque backdrop. In the background workers move at a frantic pace to put things right.

This is where the former Prime Minister is re-committing himself to a business which he said earned him enough to make him "comfortable" during the 1970s while he was in opposition.

Premier Financing Ltd., will provide and mobilize financing for projects in real estate and other

types of development including lease financing for equipment and commercial vehicles.

But Mr. Seaga said this venture will not distract him from his public duties as Leader of the Opposition and Member of Parliament.

"Public duties will be my No. 1 priority and responsibility. Perhaps 40 per cent of my time will be devoted to my private business," Mr. Seaga told the **Gleaner**.

As Prime Minister Mr. Seaga

led a hectic schedule, developing the reputation of a workaholic. Will this continue in opposition?

"The workload at nights is not as heavy as before, but I now have an earlier start, I suppose that compensates for the earlier nights. I am also not satisfied unless I put in a full day's work, although there is now time to catch up on some reading and so on," he said.

For now he operates in his usual business suits. His spacious office is adorned with select pieces

of personal furniture and the walls are enhanced by sets of prints by Balanger, Robertson and Kidd.

On his "trusted desk" rests a photograph of his wife, Mitsy (taken when she was crowned "Miss Jamaica" in 1964) while photographs of his children are prominently displayed on tables.

He spends most of his weekends at Carinosa Gardens in Ocho Rios, one of the stellar attractions Mr. Seaga developed for tourists a few years ago.

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And now...back to business!



MR. EDWARD SEAGA ponders the hills of St. Andrew as he discussed his future yesterday. The former Prime Minister, now Leader of the Opposition, is setting up a company called Premier Financing Ltd. on the fifth floor of the Mutual Security Bank

building on Knutsford Boulevard, New Kingston. But he will still devote much of his time to ...“public duties, my number one priority and responsibility.” (Full story on Page 3)