

# Queen appoints Seaga to Privy Council

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JAMAICA'S PRIME MINISTER the Hon. Edward Seaga has been appointed a member of Her Majesty the Queen's Privy Council, according to a report reaching the Gleaner. He now joins the small band of leaders who are entitled to be styled "the Right Honourable". He will now be known as the Rt. Hon. Edward Seaga, P.C., M.P.

Mr. Seaga is the third Jamaican Prime Minister to join this distinguished "inner circle" of traditional advisers to Her Majesty the Queen.

In 1964 the then Prime Minister Sir Alexander Bustamante was so honoured and in 1969 the then Prime Minister, Mr. Hugh Lawson Shearer.

In the Caribbean, the Barbadian Prime Minister, Mr. Tom Adams is a Privy Councillor, as is the Leader of the Opposition Mr. Errol Barrow.

It is not known whether former Prime Minister of Jamaica Mr. Manley was ever offered such an appointment.

The Privy Council is one of the Commonwealth's oldest and most distinguished bodies. It dates back many centuries to Norman times and consists of persons appointed by the sovereign to advise her on affairs of State.

Many of the Council's duties are now carried on by the Cabinet in London, which itself began as a committee of the council. The Judiciary Committee of the Privy Council is the Court of last resort for several Commonwealth countries including Jamaica.



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