

# Tomorrow is E-Day— The Party Leaders in profile

**MR. HUGH SHEARER and Mr. MICHAEL MANLEY lead the Jamaica Labour Party and the People's National Party respectively, in their bid to secure a majority at the polls tomorrow, when the nation chooses its Government for the next five years.**

The careers of the two men bear certain similarities. Both are established trade union leaders. Mr. Shearer is the youngest Prime Minister the country has ever had, and Mr. Manley the younger of the previous Leaders of the Opposition.

**HUGH LAWSON SHEARER** became Prime Minister of Jamaica on April 11, 1967, following the death of Sir DONALD SANGSTER. Almost forty-four years old then, he became the youngest Prime Minister in the Commonwealth.

At that stage he had just won the South Clarendon seat for the JLP in the February 1967 General Elections. He took the portfolios of Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Defence.

Mr. Shearer was born in Martha Brae, Trelawny, on May 18, 1923. He was educated at the Falmouth Elementary School and St. Simon's College. He was awarded the Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship in 1948.

He joined the staff of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union in 1941 and rose to prominence

in the union. He is presently Island Supervisor (on leave of absence) and Vice-President of the BITU.

Mr. Shearer was elected First Deputy Leader of the JLP on November 26, 1967, a position he retained at the last annual conference of the party in November last.



MR. SHEARER

He was the JLP Member of the House of Representatives for West Kingston from 1955-59. First nominated to the Legislative Council (now Senate) in 1951, he became Minister without Portfolio and Leader of Government Business in the Senate from 1962-67. During that same period he was also Leader of the Jamaica Dele-

gation to the United Nations.

Mr. Shearer was formerly an Ex-member of the KSAC Council and served on several statutory boards and organizations. In 1969 he was awarded an Honorary L.D. (Howard University) and that same year, awarded the Grand Cross with Liberian Star by the Liberian Government. He contests the South Clarendon constituency.

## WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO MORE —SHEARER

**THE Prime Minister and First Deputy Leader of the Jamaica Labour Party, Mr. HUGH SHEARER** in a message to the public has asked that his party be returned on its record of performance so that his party may continue to do more for the country.

The message read: "Tonight the General Elections campaign will come to an end.

"In this campaign the Jamaica Labour Party has set before you our record of performance. It is a source of great pride, that throughout the campaign this record has remained unchallenged and untarnished even by our opponents.

"As you go to the polls tomorrow to re-affirm your faith in the Jamaica Labour Party we renew OUR pledge to you that we shall continue and accelerate the social and economic programmes we have initiated and implement new projects for our country's development.

"We are confident that by working TOGETHER and with God's guidance and help, and your faith and courage, we will continue to achieve more and more for our country."