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Personal Mention

BY KITTY KINGSTON

Lady Allan back

LADY ALLAN is looking very well after her four-month holiday in England which she says was altogether very pleasant. She returned home on Sunday.

I spent a long time with her yesterday afternoon hearing news of the many Jamaicans working and studying in London, whom she had seen and from whom she has brought messages to relatives and friends.

Lady Allan also brought news of many old friends of Jamaica—among them Lord Milverton, who as Sir Arthur Richards was Governor here, and Lady Milverton; Lady Huggins, who is as interested as ever in her old project, the Jamaica Federation of Women, and who is coming to Jamaica next year; Lady Grantham, whose husband was Colonial Secretary here for a few years, and Mr. William Ferguson, retired U.K. Trade Commissioner, and Mrs. Ferguson with whom she stayed at their Surrey home for a week. She also attended the wedding of their daughter in July.

One of the highlights of her stay in London was attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace with Mrs. Cazelet-Keir at whose Discovery Bay house Lord and Lady Hailes stayed for part of their holiday. Mrs. Cazelet-Keir is spending Christmas in Trinidad with Lord and Lady Hailes and will come to Jamaica after that.

Besides meeting friends Lady Allan saw quite a lot of the work of the Women's Voluntary Services and was impressed particularly with the "Meals on Wheels" scheme—where meals, cooked in a school canteen, are taken in a van to old people, who perhaps cannot make the effort to go out and buy their food.

She was, like the rest of us, disturbed by the racial disturbances in England, impressed on the whole by the way West Indians reacted to the situation, and would like to substantiate Mr. Manley's advice that West Indians ought to know that they are going to jobs and proper accommodation before leaving for England.

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Berlin Orchestra for city soon

I HEARD from the German Consul, Baron von Mullenheim-Rechberg on Monday that the Berlin Symphony Chamber Orchestra, under its founder-director Hans von Benda, will be giving a concert in Kingston early next month.

Mr. Dudley MacMillan, representative of the Daniel Musical Society, which is sponsoring the concert, later gave the date as November 7, and the group is coming here as part of its Latin-American tour.

This is very good news indeed, as those of us who heard the Orchestra on its first visit two years ago will not soon forget its classical purity. The programme then consisted mostly of eighteenth century masterpieces—the Handel Concerto Grosso in B Minor, the Mozart Symphony in G Minor, and the Telemann Concerto for Flute and orchestra, brilliantly played.

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