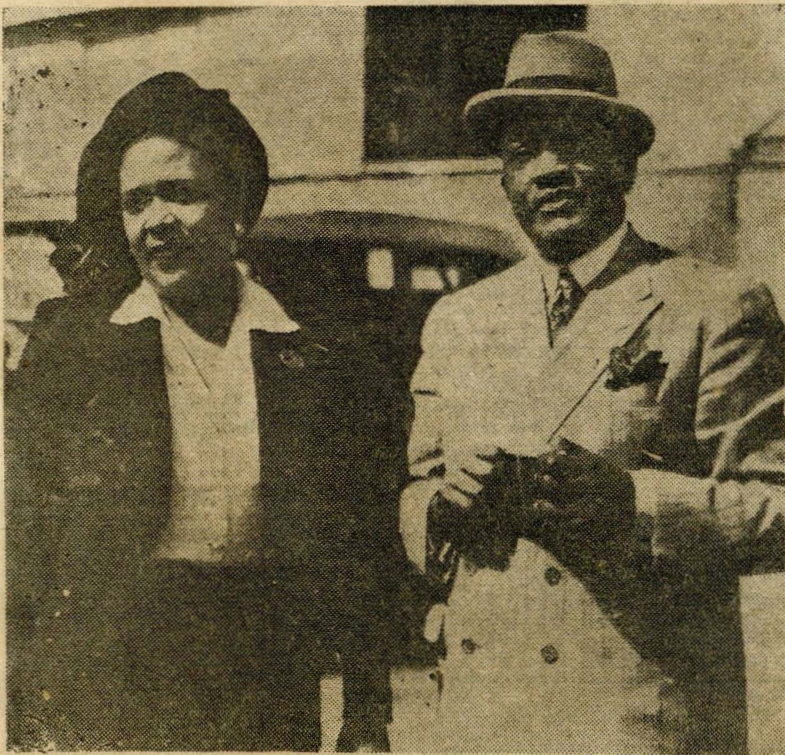


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## Back From Trade Talks



*The Hon. H. E. Allan, O.B.E., M.H.R., and his wife, who returned to the island yesterday morning by Pan American Clipper from Miami, en route from New York and Geneva, where Mr. Allan led the West Indies delegation at the international trade talks.*

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## THE HON. H. E. ALLAN

We welcome back the Hon. H. E. Allan, O.B.E. There is no doubt that he is glad to be back in Jamaica after his long and arduous task as leader of the West Indies Delegation to the International Trade Talks at Geneva. Mr. Allan is a Jamaican of whom we are justly proud, and in whom we have placed a good deal of confidence. In the old Legislative Council Mr. Allan showed a good deal of promise and it was quite evident that in him was growing a rare quality of statesmanship.

The people of Portland showed their faith in him again when they elected him as the Representative for East Portland in the New House of Representatives, and there is no doubt that they will share in the general rejoicing at his return.

Mr. Allan has been representing us and our trade in discussions which have bristled with difficulties and in which diplomacy was necessary. One false move and much damage might easily have been done. Many delegates struggling for world markets, no doubt quite deliberately set out to look after the interests of their own countries, no matter who was hurt in the process, but fairminded, logical and forceful arguments from Mr. Allan protected the West Indies. So many international and commercial matters affect us these days; sugar, tobacco, coffee, bananas, rum, in fact, most of the commodities we have for sale, have to be placed on an open market, and it is so easy for richer and larger countries to cut us out.

Our representative knew this and stood for preferential tariffs, trade within the British Commonwealth and bigger facilities for our exports. He has argued for more and faster conveyance for our goods. He has pleaded for better prices in the market. He has arranged reciprocal trade agreements which are in our favour. There is no need to say that to represent our interests in these difficult and competitive days needed a man of astuteness, and this we have found in Mr. Allan.

We were sorry that he was away from the Island when the Federation talks were proceeding, for we know that he could have given a splendid contribution to the discussions, but we rejoice to note that while in New York, he met the Right Honourable Arthur Creech Jones, and has no doubt expressed himself on the matter. We notice that he has also met our newly appointed Colonial Secretary and we can be sure that he has paved the way to a successful term of office for him. Mr. Allan no doubt told him the truth about Jamaica.

We welcome back the leader of the House of Representatives and hope that he will have health and strength to continue to lead, and we shall look forward to information from him with regard to the work he has so successfully accomplished while he has been abroad.

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