

The Women

Most Important Marriage of the year

TO count the marriage of Miss Longbridge to Sir Alexander Bustamante, Prime Minister of Jamaica as another Secretary catch boss romance would be an error.

The historic marriage which was second in importance only to Independence itself in this year of 1962 — is the culmination of a life of devotion and service and of a loyalty which the present world has almost outworn. You may say that is not enough for marriage. It is not. But there has been love.

Always Sir Alex would tolerate most things from most people — but not even an unconscious lack towards his secretary. This is a man who has been proud of women and has always had a proper respect for all — but for none greater than his wife — Lady Bustamante.

And what of Lady Bustamante? In the years of his enforced confinement at interment camp — the person who served him and the trade union cause best was undoubtedly Miss Longbridge. Of this lady no word could be uttered in the presence of Sir Alex which was not complimentary to the nth . . . Of such stuff is loyalty built.

A modest girl from the country (how I love them) Miss G. now Lady B. has during all these years even as secretary to the "Chief" and then Prime Minister of Jamaica conducted herself in such a manner that we as Jamaicans can be glad and proud to have her as our First Lady.

In her every secretary who reads the great love stories of today will find a likeness to themselves — This is romance — there are not so many Prime Ministers — and sorry girls — there are not so many Miss "G's" either. A girl who gave of her talents, her time her devotion unstintingly and whose reward was the ability to serve a great, big man well — this is the woman who has earned and won much more than that. This is Lady Bustamante.



The Bride on her Wedding day