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that the HON. FLORIZEL GLASSPOLE, C.D., who becomes Jamaica's 2nd native Governor-General, today served as a Member of Parliament ever since Jamaica's first general election 1944 until his retirement earlier this year? One of the longest serving MPs, he has also represented the constituency of East Kingston & Port Royal for the PNP for the 7 times he was elected and throughout the 29 years he served as a Parliamentarian. His impressive election record reflected on the firm grip Mr. Glasspole had on his constituency. In 1944 he defeated Mr. G.E. Valentine by 1,065 votes; in 1949 Mr. G.P. McFarlane by 6,547 votes; in 1955 Mr. D.C. Tavares by 6,770; in 1959 Mr. Eli Hanna by 5,933; in 1962 Mr. Blackwood by 5,809; and in 1967 and 1972 he defeated Mr. Frederick Johnstone by 3,089 and 4,353 votes respectively. He was Minister of Labour from 1955-57, Minister of Education from 1957-62 and again from March 1972 - June 1973. He was also Leader of the House of Representatives from 1955-62 and again from March 1972 - June 1973. Mr. Glasspole was also a Member of the Jamaica branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and was deputy chairman from 1967-72 and chairman from 1972 - June 1973. He was also a member of the CPA delegation to Nigeria in 1962, and was one of Jamaica's representatives of the Standing Federation Committee or West Indies Federation. He was a member of the House of Representatives Committee for the revision of Jamaica's Constitution and was a member of the delegation which concluded Jamaica's Independence Constitution with the British Government in 1962. Mr. Glasspole has also served the Trade Union Movement with distinction, holding positions of General Secretary, Jamaica United Clerks Association from 1937-38; General Secretary of the Jamaica Trades Union Congress 1938-52; President of the Jamaica Printers and Allied Workers Union 1942-48; General Secretary of the Water Commission and Manual Workers Association 1941-1948; President of the Machado Employees Union 1945-52; and General Secretary of the National Workers Union 1952-55. A Methodist, Mr. Glasspole was born on September 25, 1909 and was educated at Central Branch Elementary School, Wolmer's High School and Ruskin College, Oxford, where he did trade union studies on a scholarship awarded by the British Trades Union Congress. The proper title of the new Governor-General is HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST HONOURABLE FLORIZEL GLASSPOLE, O.N., C.D.