

Sir Florizel

HEARTY CON-GRATULATIONS to Sir Florizel Glasspole on the well-deserved honour which has come to him. It has been the wish of most Jamaicans that the Governor-General would be knighted, and it was a delightful Easter present which he, and the country, received on Good Friday.

As befitting the high office which he has filled with such distinction, Sir Florizel has become the symbol of unity in the island — a fact that became all the more valuable during the past eight years when political tribalism threatened to rend the Jamaican nation asunder.

At a time when spirits were low and hearts were heavy, the clear, strong voice of the G.G. rang out like a clarion, calling the people to faith and courage. The knighthood which many Jamaicans felt was his by right is a fitting reward for his leadership, during those dark days.

To Sir Florizel and Lady Glasspole, now adorned with their proper titles as the First Citizens of Jamaica, the STAR extends its warmest greeting. Long may they continue to set their shining example of true greatness; to invest their exalted positions with dignity and grace and charm.

"I will be the same old Florizel", the Governor-General said on Sunday, displaying that rare quality of humility that is the hallmark of the truly great". We echo that sentiment: for it has the rich meaning that he will continue to serve as before, in the best interests of all the people of this country.