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### MANLEY DESCRIBED AS MOST PASSIONATE CAMPAIGNER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

NEW YORK, April 11 (JAMPRESS):

Minister for Special Programmes in the Office of the Prime Minister, Senator Arnold Bertram, has described former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, as Jamaica's most passionate, indefatigable and scientific campaigner for social justice.

"No one spoke with greater passion about the anguish of the poor and dispossessed," said Senator Bertram, as he delivered the Remembrance at a candlelight ecumenical service of thanksgiving for the life of the former Prime Minister who died on March 6.

The service was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in upper Harlem, New York City, on April 9.

"The immense merit of Michael Manley was that he provided the synthesis between the labourism and the nationalism which dominated Jamaican politics for the three decades preceding him. To the labour movement he brought modernization and an international perspective. Nationalism he placed within an ideological framework which the Jamaican people readily claimed as their own," Minister Bertram said.

He noted that the late, former Prime Minister rescued radical politics in Jamaica from its ideological eurocentricism, and in the process, galvanized many into enthusiastic and noble activism, who otherwise might have remained on the sidelines.

Recalling that he witnessed first-hand, the response and loyalty of those social classes which Mr. Manley raised to unprecedented heights, Senator Bertram noted that his generation, into which the former Prime Minister emerged, was one with which he had the courage to share political power in a meaningful way.

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"Most of us need an ideal to rouse the spirit to a realization of the greatness in mankind and the latent powers within oneself. For my generation, Michael Manley's vision was that ideal," he said.

In her tribute, Jamaica's Consul-General to New York, Kay Baxter-Collins told the congregation that Mr. Manley's legacy was left in their hands.

"Jamaicans everywhere, no matter their political persuasion, will revere this gentleman who taught us much, who sacrificed much and this evening is an example of the love and reverence in which we hold him," Mrs. Baxter-Collins said.

She urged members of the congregation to carry "that legacy which he gave us", imparting it to everyone, especially the young.

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