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### JAMAICANS IN MONTREAL PAY TRIBUTE TO RT. HON. MICHAEL MANLEY

TORONTO, March 21 (JAMPRESS):

Hundreds of Jamaicans living in Montreal, Canada, turned out last Sunday to pay their final respects to former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, who died on March 6 and was given a State funeral on March 16.

The Service of Thanksgiving was held at the Trinity Memorial Church in the city's west end.

Jamaica's Honorary Consul in Montreal, Noel Patrick Brady, read a message from Jamaica's High Commissioner, Her Excellency Maxine Roberts.

The High Commissioner noted that Mr. Manley's "indomitable spirit, his deep conviction in his political beliefs and his belief in the power of third world countries led him to cross paths that had not been trodden before."

In delivering the eulogy, William Harrison, a former teacher at Munro College and Ferncourt High School in Jamaica, noted that Mr. Manley dedicated his life in championing the cause of freedom and equality.

"The one thing that impelled him, that drove him, even in failing health was his love for Jamaica. This was the wellspring for almost all the things he did in public life."

Mr. Harrison, a resident of Montreal since 1963 and a retired high school principal, told the congregation that although "we mourn the passing of Mr. Manley's physical person, his spirit and the principles he embraced will remain indestructible and will be to the people and the country he loved, a light of love."

President of the Jamaica Association of Montreal for the past 16 years, Noel Alexander, in a tribute to the late former Prime Minister, described him as one of Jamaica's most charismatic leaders.

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"Mr. Manley's ability to define and articulate issues and to assimilate them in contextual relevance and propose remedies was a far reaching foresight which ranks him as an international thinker of tremendous respectability," said Mr. Alexander.

Also present were several politicians, including Minister Serge Menard; Member of Quebec's National Assembly, Christos Sirros and Member of Parliament, Sheila Finestone.

Other memorial tributes in honour of Mr. Manley will take place this Sunday (March 23), in Ottawa at St. George's Anglican Church and on April 27 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto.

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