

# The Hon. Michael Norman Manley

## Prime Minister of Jamaica

The Hon. Michael Norman Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica, was born in Kingston, Jamaica on December 10, 1924.

He was educated at Jamaica College (1935-1943), and was an Honours student at the London School of Economics.

Between 1949-52, Mr Manley worked as a journalist with the B.B.C. (London).

Mr Manley has been actively involved in the trade union movement since 1952. In 1955, he became Island Supervisor of the NWU, and since 1984 has held the office of President of that union.

Mr Manley entered the field of politics in 1952. He was appointed to the Senate (the Upper House of Parliament) from 1962 to 1967, and was elected to the House of Representatives (the Lower House) in 1967 when he won the seat for the Central Kingston constituency in the General Election held that year. Mr Manley retained this seat in the subsequent 1972, 1976 and 1980 elections. He was elected Vice-president of the PNP in 1967 and became President of the party in 1969, a post he has held since.

In 1972, Mr Manley led his People's National Party to a landslide electoral victory, over the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) to become the country's fourth Prime Minister.

In the general election of 1976 when the PNP won a landslide victory Mr Manley was returned as Prime Minister, retaining that



office until October 30, 1980 when the General Election was won by the JLP.

In the General Election held on February 9, 1989 the PNP, under the leadership of Mr Michael Manley, won a resounding victory, and Mr Manley for the third time took the oath of office as Prime Minister of Jamaica on Monday, February 13, 1989.

Mr Manley has also been an outspoken critic of apartheid in South Africa. His role in this area was recognised when in 1978 he became the recipient of a United Nations Gold Medal and the Juliot Curie Peace Award of the World Peace Council in 1979.