



Glynne Manley, widow of Michael Manley, being escorted through the gates of the Holy Trinity Cathedral on North Street, Kingston on Sunday by a member of the Jamaica Defence Force. Mrs. Manley, her immediate family and thousands of Jamaicans turned out to pay their respects to the former Prime Minister of Jamaica. ■

Guarded funeral

LAW-ENFORCEMENT personnel from all departments of the island's security forces were detailed to provide maximum security for dignitaries and specially-invited guests for Sunday's state funeral for former Prime Minister Michael Manley.

Members of the crowd were kept under the watchful eyes of plainclothes security personnel from the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) who mingled among them. In addition, security personnel patrolled the neighbouring communities, frisking suspicious-looking persons heading towards the funeral.

Despite the strong security presence some persons still beat the system and breached disciplinary measures.

For example, when Cuban President Dr. Fidel Castro arrived, scores of mourners scaled the barriers and the hedges around the Holy Trinity Cathedral in an effort to get a closer look at him. However, the police and soldiers

kept them from getting too close to Dr. Castro.

While the service was in progress, two senior officers, Senior Supt. S. A. Martin and Supt. Dudley Bryan had to escort a woman away from the crowd gathered in front of the Cathedral. The police said she appeared to be intoxicated and was misbehaving.

Later, across the road from the Cathedral, a Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) soldier chased away a man puffing a large ganja spliff.

However, the funeral service and interment were largely incident-free as up to the time of leaving the National Heroes Park. Assistant Commissioner in charge of crime Walcott Brown said there had been no problems.

Meantime, it was big business for persons who were peddling alcoholic beverages and other refreshments along the street and in the shops near the church. Prices of soft drinks were hiked as hundreds of mourners sought refreshment to beat the afternoon heat.