

# Manley being inducted into International Walk of Fame

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LATE Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley will this Saturday be inducted into the International Walk of Fame by the Atlanta-based Trumpet Foundation for what the foundation said was his "sterling contribution to the international civil rights movement through his passionate concerns and tireless work for equality and social and human rights".

The induction ceremony is scheduled for the Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site in Atlanta, and according to Danny Roberts, chairman of the Michael Manley Foundation, the honour being bestowed on Manley is a timely reminder of the relevance of Manley's philosophy of rekindling the hopes and fulfilling the dreams of the vast majority of the Jamaican people for a life of peace, economic betterment, social justice and egalitarianism.

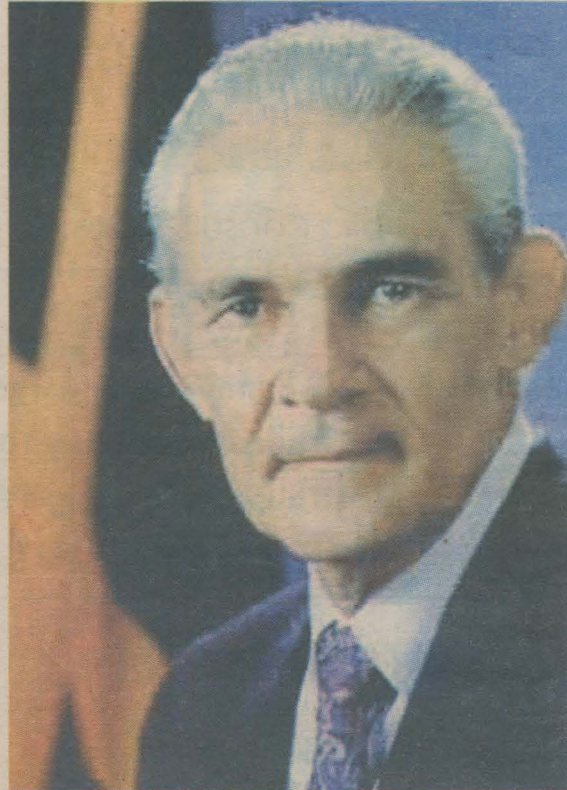
A news release from the Michael Manley Foundation reports Roberts as saying that the philosophy of change which Manley advocated "remains an enduring legacy for those wishing to advance the agenda of progressive politics".

Roberts said that Jamaica's future, possibilities and prospects must entertain and embrace the ideals of Manley's political thoughts as a constant reminder that the notions of equality, social justice and self-reliance are the primal purpose of human existence.

He noted that Manley understood the dynamics of the politics of change and its connectivity to global politics. "It was his untiring devotion to boldly confront the inequitable global economic arrangements and terms of trade that led him to define a Third World ideology as an alternative to existing global arrangements where the world was sinking into increasing division between narrowing wealth and spreading misery; a world too unjust to be acceptable and too unstable to be safe," said Roberts.

Manley's call for new levels of dialogue between the North and the South; practical coalition through South-South co-operation; and his support for the liberation struggles of the times were all, interwoven in a major continuing strand of political philosophy, added Roberts. "It is this consistency of thought, and unflinching commitment to equality that is to be recognised by the Atlanta-based Trumpet Foundation," he said.

Roberts also said that the Michael Manley



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Foundation will be embarking on a series of public discussion forums to highlight the positive contribution of Manley's political ideology to Jamaica's political, economic and social development.

"Much of Manley's thinking were expressed through his political party, the People's National Party (PNP), and his firm belief that political parties are the most important single agent through which the politics of change must be effected," said Roberts.

He also expressed the hope these series of discussions will cause the PNP to recommit to Manley's dream of creating a highly organised "cadre of leadership devoted to the understanding of change and its problems..." and carry out its first and primary responsibility of political education.

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