

The following is an excerpt of the speech delivered by Dr. Peter Phillips at the 2007 Michael Manley lecture at the University of the West Indies, Mona.

HISTORIANS AND social scientists will long argue about the relative merit and consequences of the Michael Manley era, by which essentially they mean the 23 years between 1969 and 1992 when he was in the People's National Party (PNP), including 11 years as Prime Minister of Jamaica.

With the passage of time, the

intense passions that typified the politics of the period will subside, and more sober and reasoned judgments will be arrived at.

Indeed, the very fact that even today talk of the 1970s generates

extreme reactions is proof enough of the immensity of the Michael Manley presence in our political and social history.

Our purpose here is not to do the accounting of the Manley years in

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