



"At a rather obvious level excellence can mean being the best. However the problem is that we cannot all be the best. More sensibly, it can mean doing your best. And we should all feel ourselves under an absolute obligation to do that. But the word can also suggest approaching work with a restless refusal to accept things merely because we find them in place."

Michael Manley, delivering UWI Commencement Address - November 14, 1992

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Dear Friend,

A great deal has happened since the publication of Newsletter No. 2, including a changing of the guard in the Foundation. Professor Brian Meeks imposed a term limit on his chairmanship at the end of 2003. The Executive Committee chose his deputy, Mr Danny Roberts, as the new Chairman and Senator Dwight Nelson as Deputy Chairman. Hon. R. Danny Williams stepped down as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee and was replaced by Ms Rosalyn Campbell. Mr Williams remains Treasurer. We also doubled our staff complement with the addition of an Administrative Assistant, Ms Joan Gordon.

The Foundation is celebrating in 2004 the 80th anniversary of the birth of Michael Manley, the actual anniversary being December 10. In addition to our annual projects -- the Award for Community Self-Reliance on Emancipation Day, the Lecture on December 10, and Essay Competitions for secondary-level and tertiary students -- we have been executing a number of special events, a couple of which will leave permanent marks on the landscape.

The 80th anniversary celebrations began at a media breakfast on March 4 under the theme "Celebrating Michael Manley... The Vision Lives On".

Website

We launched our website www.michaelmanley.org on May 21, the Foundation's fifth anniversary. The website includes a profile of Michael Manley, a brief history of the Foundation and its objectives and activities, biosketches of Executive Committee members and notices of future events. While the website is a work in progress, we would welcome your feedback on this effort.

Monument

You may recall media reports that the Michael Manley monument at National Heroes Park had an inauspicious beginning, with paint stripping from its concrete superstructure and some mounted letters that were part of the inscription falling off. Thanks to the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, the architects Mark and Susan Taylor, Exotic Stone Creations and Clean Well Services, the monument has been beautifully restored. Its finish is now in Italian granite and the inscription, a Michael Manley quotation, is etched into the granite. The monument was rededicated on May 28 in a modest ceremony attended by Manley family and Foundation members. It is a fitting memorial to a great leader.

Michael Manley, Supreme Companion of O.R. Tambo

The Most Hon. Michael Manley's collection of high international honours rose to eight with the posthumous award of the Order of Supreme Companion (Gold category) of O.R. Tambo. Mr Manley's widow, Mrs Glynne Manley, received the emblems of the honour from South African President Thabo Mbeki in Pretoria on June 16. The citation reads: "Order of the Supreme Companions of O.R. Tambo in Gold awarded to Michael Norman Manley for his lifelong contribution to the ideals of unity among the oppressed people in the diaspora and the African continent and to the struggle against apartheid". Oliver Reginald Tambo was President of South Africa's African National Congress (ANC) and spearheaded the successful campaign to internationalise the anti-apartheid movement. In 1978, Mr Manley was awarded the UN Gold Medal for "significant contribution in cooperation with the United Nations and in solidarity with the South African liberation movement in the international campaign against apartheid".

Award for Community Self-Reliance

The Michael Manley Award for Community Self-Reliance happily has attracted an outstanding crop of entries in 2004. Michael Manley would surely have been delighted with some of them. Seven short-listed projects have been visited and assessed by our eminent judges. The contenders are the Amity Hall Water Supply Project, the multi-faceted Flanker Community Development Centre and the Mafoota Agricultural Cooperative Vegetable Project, all in St James; the Bethel Baptist Church's Youth Summer Employment Programme in Half Way Tree, St Andrew; the Bryant's Hill/Orange River Basic School in Clarendon; the wide-ranging Sturge Town Community Development Services in St Ann; and the Treasure Beach Women's Group's craft project, in St Elizabeth.

They are vying for the Michael Manley Trophy, a cash prize of \$200,000, and a special environmental award of \$100,000. We have been supported this year by the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ). Other sponsors include Air Jamaica Ltd, Wray & Nephew Ltd, the Hilton Kingston Hotel, the Jamaica Pegasus, Alhambra Inn, Sweetheart Limited, the Little Theatre Movement and the Jamaica Library Service.

The Michael Manley Award and the special environmental Award will be presented at the Little Theatre on August 2. The Guest Speaker will be Ms Diane Abbott, U.K. Parliamentarian. Other participants will include the Hon. Maxine Henry-Wilson, Minister of Education, Youth & Culture, representing the Prime Minister, Foundation Chairman Danny Roberts, Deputy Chairman Senator Dwight Nelson, and the Revd Garnett Roper, Pastor of the Portmore Missionary Church. There will be a brief programme of entertainment featuring the Carifolk Singers and Conroy Cooper, with Fae Ellington as MC.

We are greatly indebted to the judges of the competition, a group of professional volunteers who have given unstintingly to the cause to determine which of the projects entered best exemplifies the Jamaican tradition of self-reliance and community participation. They are the Chief Judge, Dr John Maxwell, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the West Indies (UWI); Ms Peta-Anne Baker, Lecturer in the Social Work Unit, UWI; Ms Rosalyn Campbell,

entrepreneur; Mr Derrick Gayle, the EFJ's Coordinator of Environmental Programmes; Mr Cliff Hughes, journalist and broadcaster; and Mr Claude Robinson, journalist and Senior Fellow of the Mona School of Business, UWI. The Hon. David Coore, former Deputy Prime Minister, is consultant to the judges.

In late April, on their own initiative, the 2002 winners of the Michael Manley Award for Community Self-Reliance, the Woodside Community Development Action Group, hosted a two-day Community of Communities Conference. Representatives of communities from various parts of Jamaica participated. The morning of the second day was dedicated to presentations by the four winners of the Michael Manley Award for Community Self-Reliance. Bad news was that the 2003 awardee, the Maroon Town Community Enterprise, was devastated by Moka Disease on the banana farms of Maroon Town, the source of raw materials for the project's breadwinner, a banana chips factory. Good news was that the first Michael Manley Award winner (2000), the Manchioneal Community Club Broiler Rearing & Community Development Project, played a pivotal role in the Haitian refugee crisis. On the first landing of a refugee boat, the Manchioneal police contacted the group and they immediately swung into action. Leading members of the group were seen on television extending hospitality to the Haitians and giving logistical support to the state agencies.

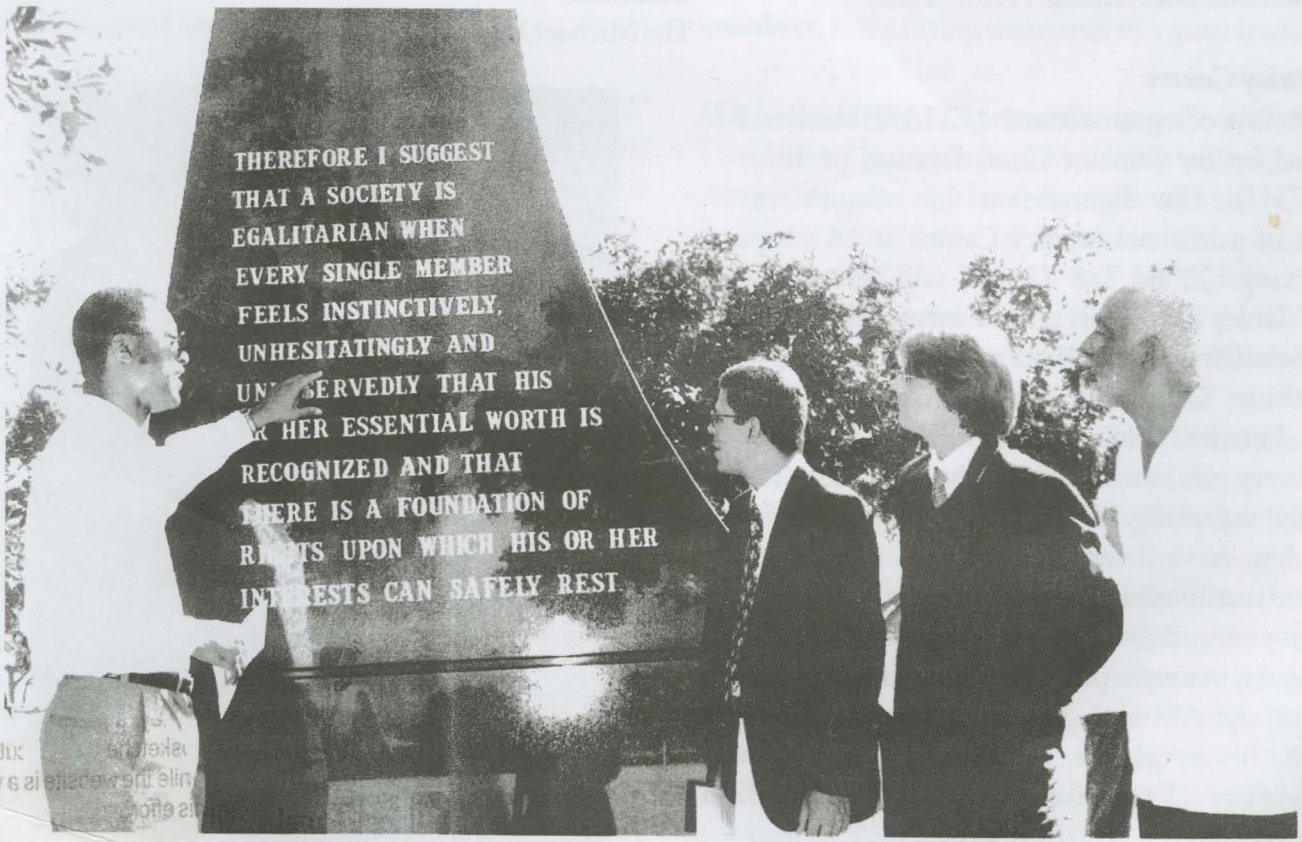
Essay Competitions

Entries are being judged for the second Michael Manley Essay Competitions. The secondary essays are on the subject "How can we foster a greater spirit of self-reliance in Jamaica as part of the process of nation-building?". The subject of the tertiary essays is: "Successful Caribbean regional integration can be achieved only in the context of wider South-South cooperation: Discuss." Again, a superb panel of highly competent judges, mainly educators, have dedicated themselves to this cause. They are the Hon. David Coore, Chief Judge; Ms Daphne Comrie, former Principal of Kingston Technical High School; Mrs Schontal Moore, Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Languages, Linguistics & Philosophy at the UWI; and Mrs Pamela Kelly, Director of the Self-Access Learning Centre at the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTECH). The essay awards will be presented in late August.



Left, Mr Danny Roberts, Chairman of the Michael Manley Foundation, receives a symbolic walking stick, the main emblem of the Order of the Companions of O. R. Tambo, from Mrs Glynne Manley, widow of the late former Prime Minister Michael Manley. The emblems of the Order, bestowed posthumously on Mr Manley by the Government of South Africa, will be stored and displayed in the Foundation's Michael Manley Centre, which is being prepared for a November launch.

Below: Admiring the restored Michael Manley monument at National Heroes Park are, from left, Mr Danny Roberts, Chairman of the Michael Manley Foundation; Mr Manley's son Mr Joseph Manley; grandson Mr Drum Manley Drummond; and Mr Louis Marriott, Executive Officer of the Foundation.



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THAT A SOCIETY IS
EGALITARIAN WHEN
EVERY SINGLE MEMBER
FEELS INSTINCTIVELY,
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RIGHTS UPON WHICH HIS OR HER
INTERESTS CAN SAFELY REST

Lecture

The third annual Michael Manley Lecture will be staged at the Sagcor LOJ Auditorium on Friday December 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Arrangements are still to be finalised with the chosen lecturer, an international leader to follow our inaugural lecturer, St Lucian Prime Minister Dr Kenny Anthony, and our second lecturer, Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor of the UWI and Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO/WHO).

Hugh Lawson Shearer

The Michael Manley Foundation was saddened by the death on July 5 of the late former Prime Minister Hugh Lawson Shearer. The Executive Committee observed a minute's silence at its monthly meeting on July 8. The Foundation paid tribute to Mr Shearer in an advertisement in supplements published by *The Gleaner* (July 16) and the *Sunday Observer* (July 18) and our Chairman, Mr Danny Roberts, contributed a message to the latter publication. We recall the close personal friendship between Hugh Shearer and Michael Manley, despite their rivalry on the political and trade union fronts, and their initiatives towards detribalisation of Jamaican politics and unification of the trade union movement. We note a moving letter to the press by Mrs Manley relating an act of great kindness by Mr Shearer during Mr Manley's terminal illness. Their remains are adjacent to each other in National Heroes Park.

Michael Manley Centre

With the assistance of a grant from the CHASE Fund and space donated by the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU), the Foundation has begun the development of a Michael Manley Centre at 1A Hope Boulevard, Kingston 6. The Centre will house and display Mr Manley's documents and memorabilia. We have been identifying and collecting valuable materials from the Cabinet Office, the People's National Party (PNP), the Jamaica Information Service (JIS), the National Library of Jamaica and other sources. The Manley family, especially Mrs Glynne Manley and Mr Joseph Manley, have been tremendous sources of documents and memorabilia. Among materials already in hand are Cabinet minutes during Mr Manley's first tenure as Prime Minister, manuscripts of books he authored (Mr Manley wrote eight books), his last two diaries, his address book, his eyeglasses, a personal letter from United States President George Bush

Senior, Mr Manley's famous "rod of correction" and the emblems of his most recent international honour, the South African Order of Supreme Companion of O.R. Tambo. A number of items of furniture for the Centre have been donated by National Commercial Bank, paint was provided by Berger Paints and an air-conditioning unit donated and installed by Climate Control Limited.

Display cabinets, shelves, document cases and other paraphernalia have been ordered, an expert librarian has been engaged, consultations held with museologists and other experts in this area and a search for audiovisual materials initiated. Meanwhile, the Foundation would be grateful for any donation of text, photographs, books, audio or video recordings, film or artefacts of Michael Manley. The Michael Manley Centre will be launched in November.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at our flagship event, the Award for Community Self-Reliance, on August 2, when, among other things, you will be able to view some Michael Manley memorabilia, a foretaste of the Michael Manley Centre, in the foyer of the Little Theatre.

Yours sincerely,
Danny Roberts
Chairman
The Michael Manley Foundation

