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TOM ADAMS DIES SUDDENLY

Both Prime Minister Edward Seaga and Mr. Michael Manley, President of the PNP have expressed their sorrow at the death yesterday, of Prime Minister Tom Adams of Barbados. Mr. Seaga said in part: "It was with great shock and deep sadness that I learned... of the sudden and untimely death of the Prime Minister of Barbados, the Rt. Hon. J. M. G. M. (Tom) Adams. Prime Minister Tom Adams was a leading figure in the political life of this region for more than a decade... We here in Jamaica feel his loss with particular sadness... He leaves many friends here, among whom I am privileged to count myself. Our thoughts go also to his wife Genevieve, mother, Grace, and the rest of his family at this time of such great and sudden loss. The news of Prime Minister Adams' death came during a Cabinet meeting, and my colleagues join me in extending on behalf of the people and the Government of Jamaica, our heartfelt sympathy to the people of Barbados on their loss". In his statement, Mr. Manley said: "I was shocked to learn of the unexpected death today of the Prime Minister of Barbados, the Rt. Hon. Tom Adams. Mr. Adams worked closely with successive governments of Jamaica and made many friends here during his various official visits on behalf of his government. As Prime Minister he made an impact on Caribbean political affairs. In his own country he earned the respect of his people who now mourn his loss. On behalf of the People's National Party I have sent a telegram to the Rt. Hon. Louis Tull extending our sincere condolences to his family, colleagues and the people of Barbados." A CANA report from Bridgetown yesterday said: ● Tom Adams, Prime Minister of Barbados, died among one of his greatest loves: stamps. As a little boy, Adams developed a deep interest in philately and eventually became a stamp dealer. His early acts in office included the establishment of a Philatelic section in the post office to develop Barbados as a leading Philatelic centre in the area. Adams was apparently sorting and viewing his extensive collection in the study of his official residence, Ilaro Court, when he died of a massive heart attack. He was found by his wife sprawled on the floor and wearing a short pants. One colleague recalled that Adams enjoyed playing poker, and played until the early hours of this morning returning to his home around four o'clock. He was a shrewd gamester and every Sunday usually played at a beach house on Brighton, a coastal village on the west coast of the island.

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