

ANECDOTE - EVON BLAKE

Blake was a man with strong society and definite views on the Jamaican Society and the status quo of that era.

So much so, that the incident at the prestigious and exclusive Myrtle Bank Hote in downtown Kingston is often told.

The story is that on a hot summer afternoon, Blake deliberately and boldy jumped into the hotel's pool and dared the Management to get him out. "Call the Police, call the army, call the owner, call God ... and let's have ne helluva big story", he defied. It is said that he emerged an hour later with a life time pass.

The significance of this incident is that he, single-handely broke the social and racial barriers which existed then at the hotel.

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