J.L.P. pays tribute to journalist Evon Blake

The Jamaica Labour Party has paid tribute to journalist Evon Blake and former Minister of Government and Member of Parliament for Southern Trelawny, Mr. A.U. Belinfanti, on their passing.

Party Chairman, the Hon. Bruce Golding said: "The Jamaica Labour Party has learnt with great sadness of the death of veteran author and journalist, Evon

Blake was colourful, fearless and aggressive writer who not only believed in the freedom of the press but also in the fact that press freedom must be supported by responsible journalism. He pursued relentlessly issues which were of interest and importance to the public but was always conscious of the role of the media in building Jamaica and heightening the awareness and consciousness of the Jamaican

people. It is noteworthy that he was a part of that community of thinkers, writers and activists who espoused and missionized the philosophy and teachings of Marcus Garvey and he played a prominent role in shaping the opinions which led to self-government and independence for Jamaica.

The Jamaica Labour Party deeply regrets his passing and extends its heartfelt condolences to his

family

The Jamaica Labour Party profoundly regrets the passing on Sunday of Mr. A.U. Belinfanti, a former Minister of Government and Member of Parliament for Southern Trelawny.

Mr. Belinfanti had a long and distinguished career as a parliamentarian serving as a member of the Federal Parliament and later as a Member of Parliament for

Southern Trelawny.

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