

B I O G R A P H Y

PERCIVAL NOEL JAMES PATTERSON,

Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Born, St. Andrew, April 10, 1935.

University College of the West Indies;

London School of Economics. (Sir Hughes Parry Prize for excellence in Law of Contract (1960), Leverhulme Scholar, (1961);

Called to the Bar at Middle Temple, (1963);

On return to Jamaica began practice as an Attorney-at-Law. His political career began in 1959 when he was appointed as Organizer of the People's National Party;

1964 - Elected to the Executive Committee of the Party;

1967 - Appointed to the Senate and later became Leader of the Opposition in that House;

1969 - Vice-President of the People's National Party;

1970 - Elected to fill vacant seat in South-East Westmoreland;

1972-76 - Minister of Industry, Tourism and Foreign Trade;

As Minister of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Mr. Patterson was the nation's chief negotiator in overseas markets. He has effected some far-reaching and fundamental changes in the external trading policy of the country.

One of the most important was the part played in the ACP negotiations with the EEC, leading to the establishment of the Lomé Convention.

Religion - Baptist;

Interests - Sport, music and literature.