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'WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN I MAKE?'

by Troy Russel

**T**he team stays in place. There is no time to chop and change. There is work to be done immediately."

With these words, the Hon. Percival Noel James Patterson ended the fears of many and started his job as Prime Minister of Jamaica.

At approximately 5:15 yesterday afternoon, P.J. Patterson was sworn in as Jamaica's sixth Prime Minister, armed with 34 years of experience in politics and backed by his fellow Cabinet ministers and out-going Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley.

In a ceremony that was about an hour in length and which flowed smoothly, its course interrupted every now and then by rounds of applause and standing ovations, tribute was paid to both Michael Manley and Patterson.

Mr. Manley was praised for his contributions to Jamaica and was also recommended for the conferral of an Order of Merit.

He was credited with raising Jamaica to unprecedented levels of importance in the eyes of the world and "retires with his bat held high."

### Live in comfort

Mr. Patterson stated that it was his intention to see that citizens are able to live in the comfort of their own homes, with the ability to acquire their basic necessities and for those who must use it, a transportation system that is "reliable and stress free," all of this in an environment which is sustainable.

The lawns of King's House were strewn with expensive cars, driven by a host of Jamaicans from a cross-section of people from the business community, legal fraternity and other areas of society.

### Acceptance speech

With his swearing in yesterday, Mr. Patterson becomes the first person to head the People's National party without

direct Manley bloodline descent.

In his acceptance speech, he said that it was with humility that he accepted his new post and said he was aware of the "awesome responsibility" which lay before him.

He said he had asked himself "What difference can I make?" but urged everyone to start with the man or woman in the mirror in order to effect the changes necessary as "the whole is but the sum of the individual parts."

The Cabinet was sworn in at 9:30 a.m. this morning and should have been "at their desks and working" by 10:30 a.m. Mr. Patterson is to retain the post of Minister of Planning and Development.

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1. P.J. Patterson arrives at King's House for the ceremony to swear him in as Prime Minister of Jamaica.

2. A HEARTY HANDSHAKE from out-going Prime Minister Michael Manley.

3. Mr. Hugh Small is pleased.

4. Miss Portia Simpson in the crowd

5. Patterson is congratulated by members of the Opposition

6. Hello Jamaica, the new Prime Minister of Jamaica.

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