

Jamaica Press Association fetes Author of new book

Mr. Victor Stafford Reid, author of the newly published novel "New Day", and his wife were the guests of honour at a happy function arranged by the Jamaica Press Association and held at the Press Club on Wednesday evening.

Dozens of newspapermen and women and other friends attended, and several congratulatory speeches were delivered on the achievement of "one of our own"—meaning both as a newspaper man and a Jamaican.

Mr. Reid in his reply said that while financial considerations were a strong motive behind the writing of the novel, perhaps his strongest hope—which appeared to be materialising—was to win the approval of his colleagues and fellow countrymen.

This function was one of a series that has been arranged

by various groups concerned with literary activities in the city this week.

Early copies of the book, which arrived from the publishers a few days ago, sold off rapidly.

Increase night patrols cut down smuggling

The waterpolice recently intensified their campaign against smuggling along the waterfront. By increasing patrols particularly at night, smuggling activities have taken a sharp nose dive.

Hitherto smugglers did a brisk business and even combined pilfering with their activities. Overcrowding and congestion in the waterfront warehouses is still making pilfering comparatively easy for the criminal element infesting the waterfront.

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