

More sympathy messages

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on Sir Donald's death

The Prime Minister of Jamaica, Hon. Hugh I. Shearer, has continued to receive messages of condolence on the death of Sir Donald Sangster from statesmen all over the world, from local individuals and organizations and from organizations and individuals abroad. Following are some of the messages received over the week-end:

Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of New York State;

"The untimely death of your illustrious Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster, has shocked all of us who knew him personally and officially. He was a scholar an architect of progressive programme and a good and valued friend of our state and nation. He will be sorely missed by many persons including the substantial Jamaican community in the state of New York and by others who knew this outstanding statesman. On my own behalf and that of the people of our state I extend sincerest sympathy and condolences to all of you at this sad time."

Pen Yu, former Chinese Charge d'Affaires to Jamaica;

"My wife and I mourn with you in deep sorrow passing of Sir Donald Sangster, an outstanding statesman and a good friend. Our sincere sympathy to the people of Jamaica."

Hussein Ahmed Mustafa, United Arab Republic Ambassador to Venezuela;

"On behalf of my Government please accept my condolence and sympathy for loss of his Excellency Prime Minister of Jamaica late Mr. Donald Sangster."

Mr. Stanley Payton, former Governor of the Bank of Jamaica;

"Very sorry to hear untimely death of Donald Sangster. Deep-est sympathy."

Mr. Ray Hadeed, president of the JMA;

"My association and I join the rest of Jamaica in expressing our profound regret at the death of the late Prime Minister. His untimely death has deprived Jamaica of one of its greatest sons. By his discreet, personal example he has set new standards of political integrity and dedication to public services. Please convey our heartfelt sympathy to your Ministers and his relatives."

Mr. A. E. Ross, Member of Parliament;

"The death of the Hon. Sir Donald Sangster has deeply affected the whole nation each one feels a sense of personal loss in his passing. My constituent of South East St. Mary join my wife and myself in sending his relatives, colleagues and friends our profoundest sympathy."

Mrs. Sybil McLaughlin, secretary; CPA, Cayman Islands, branch;

"Be it resolved that an expression of the deep sympathy of the Cayman Islands Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on the death of the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Hon. Sir Donald Burns Sangster, K.C.V.O. be conveyed to his relatives, to the Jamaica Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and to the Government and people of Jamaica."

Mr. A. Ronai, Belgian Consul;

"The Belgian Government asked me to convey to you, to the Government and people of Jamaica their most sincere condolences on the tragic demise of Sir Donald Sangster, of which they learned with great sorrow."

"I should like to reiterate heartfelt sympathies on my behalf and assure you of my highest consideration."

His Excellency, Mr. J. D. Murray, British High Commissioner to Jamaica;

"The tragic death on Tuesday, April 11th, of Sir Donald Sangster has robbed the Caribbean and North Atlantic territories of one of the great national leaders in our area. The Government and people of the Bahamas mourning this loss extend their heartfelt sympathy to the Government and people of Jamaica."

Mr. Richard Biamby, Consul for Haiti;

"May your Government and the people of Jamaica accept the profoundest sympathy of the Government and people of Haiti and myself over the untimely passing of the late Prime Minister, Sir Donald Sangster."

May his universally appreciated qualities, his life and work be a permanent inspiration to all his countrymen.

In taking this opportunity to extend to you, on behalf of the Government and people of Haiti and also on my own behalf, our congratulations and best wishes as the new Prime Minister of Jamaica."

Mr. Hugh Levy, Liberian Consulate General;

"It is with mingled feelings that I write to you. Words cannot express my deep regret at the, as it were, sudden passing of your predecessor and my friend Sir Donald Sangster, yet that being the will of the Almighty we can but say His will be done. As for you, Sir, I congratulate you on your preferment and it gives me great happiness in wishing for you God's richest blessings in your new and most responsible sphere. I pray that you will go on in the strength of the Lord. Remember King Solomon, 1st Kings 3rd chapter, verses 7-10. Read these words and live by them and no man or problem shall make you afraid for he whom God has blessed no man can curse."

I shall always pray for your successful tenure of office and that God will give you health, wisdom and fortitude."

Mr. John R. Shaffer, director of Peace Corps in Jamaica;

"At this time of national loss the 103 volunteers and staff of the Peace Corps extend to you our deepest sympathy. As sorrow over Sir Donald's death, however, turns to new hope for Jamaica's future under your leadership, we pledge our continued co-operation and dedication to the opportunity we have to help Jamaica achieve its full greatest as a nation."

Mr. A. Ronai, Belgian & Luxembourg Consul;

"On behalf of all Belgian Residents in Jamaica and on behalf of the Belgian & Luxembourg Consulate, myself and my family, I should like to extend to you and to Jamaica our most sincere sympathies to the tragic and most untimely death of Sir Donald Sangster."

He was a great man, anxious to do his utmost. May the Almighty give you and your colleagues strength to support your great loss and wisdom to continue in his great work for the success and prosperity of Jamaica."

Mr. Jackie Robinson, Special Assistant to Governor Rockefeller;

"Words cannot express our sorrow at the death of Sir Donald Sangster. As you know Sir Donald has always been close to me. May I wish you God speed in your new responsibilities. These are challenging times in which we live and it is good to know that you, with your capabilities, will continue the fine Government that Jamaica had under Sir Donald."

The Mayor of New Amsterdam, Guyana;

"Deepest condolence to Government and relatives late Sir Donald Sangster on behalf of Mayor, Council and citizens of New Amsterdam"

Baron and Baroness Meulleaheim, former German Ambassador to Jamaica;

"Shocked and grieved about untimely death of Sir Donald Sangster deep sympathy we join you and Jamaican population in sorrow."

Mr. F. L. Chaplin, Chairman F. W. Woolworth, London;

"The chairman and board of F. W. Woolworth and Co. Ltd. London wish to express their condolences at the tragic passing of the late Sir Donald Sangster."

Secretary, Parish Council of St. Ann;

mourns with all Jamaica passing of Sir Donald Sangster and directed me to convey its profound sorrow on his untimely death."

Mr. L. P. Scott, chairman, Shipping Association of Jamaica;

"The Members of the Shipping Association of Jamaica join in expressing their sincere grief at the tragic death of Sir Donald Sangster. His passing leaves Jamaica inestimably bereft, a denial of the dictum "No man is indispensable."

Resolution of Port Authority;
"That the Port Authority at its meeting today places on record its profound sorrow at the untimely death of the Prime Minister the Hon. Sir Donald Sangster, K.C.V.O."

His many years of loyal and unselfish dedication to the service of his country and the Commonwealth will be a source of inspiration to all Jamaicans.

The Authority would like to convey its sincere condolences to the Prime Minister and his colleagues in the Government and to the relatives of Sir Donald Sangster."

Colonel Robertson, Accompong;
"On behalf of myself and the Maroons we send our great sympathy for the death of our late Prime Minister Sir Donald."

Robert Lehman & Partners of Lehman Bros., New York;

"We learned with profound sadness of the death this morning of Prime Minister Sangster. We extend sympathy on your nation's loss and offer you our sincere best wishes for inspired leadership in your newly assumed position."

Alfredo E. Vargas, Venezuelan Ambassador to Jamaica;

"I wish to express on behalf of the Ambassador Senor Rafael Echeverria to the Government and people of Jamaica and also to the relatives of Sir Donald Burns Sangster, wishes of condolence on the death of so distinguished a statesman."

I ask you to accept Mr. Prime Minister assurances of my deep regard."

Mr. Cecil J. Morrison, chairman, YVLA;

"Yallahs Valley Land Authority shares deepest regret and sorrow with rest of nation on death of Sir Donald Sangster and send condolence to you and Government and members family of Sir Donald."

Sir Herbert McDonald;

"As president and on behalf of chairman of the board of directors and staff of the National Stadium we send our profound sympathy on the loss of our illustrious friend Sir Donald Sangster, I wish you every success and above all good health."

Committee of Jamaicans and West Indians, Santiago, Cuba;

"We extend our condolence at the death of the Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster."

Mr. R. T. P. Hall, Governor of the Bank of Jamaica;

"The board of the Bank of Jamaica at their meeting on 12th April 1967 took note of the untimely death of Sir Donald Sangster, former Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and have asked me to convey to you and the Government of Jamaica their profound regret."

The Prime Minister also received messages from Mr. William L. Wedderburn, Guantanamo, Cuba; the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; Mr. Keith Clachar, New York, Muir and Batts, Brooklyn, New York; the Jamaica Society of Architects; Mrs. Ethlita Irons, secretary of the Jamaica Music Teachers Association; Dr. Ivan Parris, Mercury House; officers and members of the Victory Mutual Relief Association No. 1; Mr. Trenchard, general manager of Casa Blanca Hotel; Gilda Davis and Henry Medly, BITU, Caenwood; the president of the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Arnold Gracey, East Race Course.

The Principal Beecher Town School; JLP Ginger House Branch; secretary, Parish Councils Services Commission; Members of the Jamaica Young Workers' Council; assistant matron, Infirmary, Port Maria, Ferdie Madden and staff, Maddens' Funeral Supplies; headmaster staff and students, Wolmers' Boys' School; student body of

Immaculate Conception High School; Model U.N. Assembly, Manchester School; Mr. Irving Mindel, Rawcliffe, Gordon Twn., the president, Customs Broker's Association of Jamaica; Chairman, The Building Societies Association of Jamaica Ltd; The Church of God Prophecy; The Jamaica Permanent Building Society.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Kingston; John B. Lawla; secretary, The Water Commission; secretary; Negril Area Land Authority; secretary, Westmoreland Parish Council; Mr. Edward G. Fearson, on behalf of West Indians in Cambridge, England; Johnson Publishing Co. Inc., Miss Lucy Machell, Central

Middlesex Hospital, London; Mr. Reginald Harvey, Hamilton Mtn, RAFA Morant Bay; Mr. Aubrey McLeod, chairman, Jamaica Insurance Advisory Council; Mr. H. McBean of Skibo, staff and children of St. Theresa Preparatory School; Council Martin, Hayes; I.V. Gordon, Miss Louise Feurtado, Dumbarton Ave., Mrs. Hyacinth Quest; Faculty and Students of United Theological College of the West Indies; Little Greendale Citizens' Association; Ivan and Yola Delevante; Playboy Hotel, Bosobel; Councilor Shoucair, Linstead, staff and pupils of Darliston School; Mr. Basil Walker; Ja. District Grand Lodge Mechanics.

The officers and members Ruscian Order, Jamaica; Oracabessa Citizens' Association; Mr. Calvin Chin; Norman Gardens Citizens' Association; the headmistress Hampton School; St. Georges College Old Boys' Association; The Jamaica Co-operative Union Ltd., Miss Madge Saunders, Deaconess; The Very Rev. William A. Connolly, S. J. Miss Laura Agatha Edwards, New York; J. and A. Scrimgeour; London; The New Testament Church of God; Col. M. R. deCordova, Liguanea Club; The Incorporated Masterbuilders Association of Jamaica; the secretary, Joint Industrial Council; secretary, Joint Industrial Council for the Port of Kingston; Mr. D. A. Davis, Howard Humphreys and Sons; Jamaica Shoe Company; Mr. H. C. Cahusac, chairman National Water Authority; Mr. Robald L. Douglas, Kingston; Mr. Norman F. Eldredge, New York; Mr. Oliver Enggebresen, New York; Mr. Ken Moodie, Half-way Tree; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Taylor, Dumbarton Avenue.

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Among the messages received Wednesday was one from the Hon. Stanley J. Randall, Economics and Development Department, Toronto, Canada:

"Having met Sir Donald on a number of occasions in the past and, I believe, your good self on a visit to Toronto a few years ago, I was indeed shocked to learn of his critical condition when he was flown from Jamaica to Montreal for medical treatment."

We watched with anxiety the tremendous struggle he made to regain his health and we were, like all Canadians, sad to learn of his death a few days ago as, being still a very young man, he had so much to offer to the people of his country. I was aware, in my discussions with him in the past, of the great plans he had to improve the lot of his people through closer relationships with Canada and I believe he has done much to improve commerce and trade and cement a greater feeling of understanding between our two peoples, particularly those of us in the Province of Ontario.

May I, together with all my colleagues in Government and the people of Ontario, extend our deepest sympathy to the people of Jamaica on the untimely passing of this great and good man."

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The Incorporated Chambers of Commerce of the British Caribbean, Port-of-Spain:

"We have learnt with very real regret of the death of your former Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

We take this opportunity to express our sympathy to your Government and people of Jamaica on the loss of so outstanding a statesman who has served so well and from whom so much more was expected.

"The very special calibre of Sir Donald's contribution to West Indian leadership as exemplified by the role he was called upon to play in the last year or so of his life will long be remembered. We hope that it will also be possible to convey our expression of sympathy to Sir Donald's family."

Mr. B. B. Coke, M.P., St. Elizabeth:

"I here express my profound and sincere regret on the passing of the late Hon. Sir Donald Sangster K.C.V.O., with whom I enjoyed personal friendship for over 20 years. My Constituency of Southeast St. Elizabeth joins with me in this expression of regret and feels proud to know that the late Prime Minister was a son of the Parish of St. Elizabeth.

I deeply regret that it will be humanly impossible for me to join with mourners at the State Funeral at the George the Sixth Memorial Park on Monday. I joined the thousands who paid their respect and tribute to Sir Donald Sangster while his mortal remains rested for a while at the Mountainside Church. I kept vigil for over three hours by the bier. Go with God in your new high office. Kindly have this telegram published at your convenience."

Mr. Peter J. Standish, First National City Bank, New York:

"I share with you, and the people of Jamaica, your sorrow in the loss of Sir Donald Sangster.

In this moment of sadness it must be of great comfort to Jamaica to know that it could call upon you to take up the reins of Government and carry on the progress instituted by Sir Alex and advanced by Sir Donald."

Mr. David A. Morse, Director-General of the International Labour Office, Geneva:

"Please convey to Government and people of Jamaica my own most sincere condolences and those of the International Labour Organization on the passing of Prime Minister, Sir Donald Sangster."

Mrs. Gladys Morrison-Johnson, YWCA:

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the Kingston YWCA held on Tuesday April 11, members of the board observed two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the late Sir Donald Sangster.

The board wishes to express its profound condolences at the passing of this great and simple servant of the people of this country.

It also wishes to congratulate you on your appointment as Prime Minister and prays that you may be given the courage and strength to administer the affairs of this country."

Miss M. M. Speid, headmistress, Dunrobin High School:

"There are occasions when mere words seem inadequate to express the deep inner feelings of the mind. The sorrow of the soul, prevents full flow of sublime language — sadness stifles words

The foregoing states our feelings as we feebly endeavour to express sincere condolence and profound regret at the passing of the late Sir Donald Sangster K.C.V.O. "A man he was, to all the country dear".

His passing leaves us poorer year by year. His death is our personal loss.

We pray the Divine Architect of human life will give us strength to bear the loss inflicted on our country, and that His benediction will be on the friends and loved ones of him who has passed on.

Please accept our sympathy."

President, The Girl Guides Association of Jamaica:

"The Girl Guides Association of Jamaica wishes to record its profound regret at the untimely passing of our late Prime Minister, the Hon. Sir Donald Sangster.

It would appear to all Jamaicans that, before Sir Donald could complete his work for his beloved land, he has been called to higher service, but it is not for us to question God's will.

We appreciate the burden you have accepted as our new Prime Minister and trust that all our people will unite in their sorrow and give you, and the Government, the necessary support in the challenging days ahead.

Our association takes this opportunity in wishing you, with God's guidance, every success in your high office."

The president, Jamaica/Trinidad Society:

"I write on behalf of the Jamaica/Trinidad Society to express our sympathy and condolence to you, your Government and the people of Jamaica in respect of the recent death of Sir Donald Sangster.

We followed Sir Donald's illness with the greatest concern but prayed and hoped for the best. Now in your hour of grief and bereavement we mourn with you and share your sorrows over this irreparable loss to Jamaica and the world."

The St. Ann Jaycees:

"At a meeting of our Chapter held at Runaway Bay Hotel on Tuesday 11th inst., it was unanimously agreed, after we had observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect at Sir Donald Sangster's death, that a letter be sent to you.

This letter serves a twofold purpose — firstly to tender to you and your Minister colleagues, as well as the House, our profound sympathy at Sir Donald's death. As an organization whose creed says inter alia "That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise", we mourn especially the passing of this man, whose whole life and work was dedicated to the establishment of these ideals. His loss, we wish for you and his erstwhile colleagues all the strength and fortitude to carry on the work he started.

"Secondly our Chapter wishes to place on record our pleasure at your appointment to the highest position in the land and wish for you long life and good health to carry on the long and arduous task of steering our ship of state. We commend to you another section of our creed, "Government should be of laws rather than of men" and hope that if this is followed, you and your colleagues will find the job much easier.

On behalf of our Chapter, I wish you all the very best for a successful tenure of office."

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay:

"The president and members of the Montego Bay Rotary Club wish to express our deep regret at the untimely passing of our late Prime Minister, Sir Donald Sangster and extend to the Government and all his relatives our deepest sympathy."

The Prime Minister also received messages from the following persons; the J.L.P. Branch, Duckenfield; president of the Free Hill 4-H Club; H. W. Richards, 31 Rodney Road, Kingston 13; The Central St. Elizabeth Citizens' Association; Portland 4-H Advisory Council; Mrs. Gertie Bailey; Cross Roads; Mr. Derrick J (Frank) Berry; Kingston; Conrad L. Brown, Claremont; president, Mercury House Roy and Norma Chunev, 15 Adelaide Street, Spanish Town; sorrowful woman, Kingston 4; Angella Maxwell, (Miss Jamaica International Model 1966); Herma Miller, 42 Lyndhurst Rd. Kingston 5; J. Riley, & family; Frank Cousins, Transport & General Workers' Union, London; Pastor M. E. White, Union Vale, Stony Hill; Noelle Scott; Aubrey Shakespeare, Birmingham, Alabama; Barbara A. Tappins, Central Village E.A., Catherine.

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Donald Wraner, 115 So. 40th St., Phila. P.A., 19104; R. H. Coultman, (chairman N.W.U. Local 15) 28 King's Ave., Kingston 10; Eberall D. Palomino, 110 Orange St., Kingston; Robert G. McGregor, 530 Freeling Drive, Florida; Pioneer Branch of J.L.P., St. Ann's Bay; Juliana Douglas, 5 Annette Cres., Kingston 10; secretary, 23 Harbour Street, Kingston; L. L. Wolfgang, Holiness Christian Church, Brown's Town; Rev. Fr. Neil H. Donahue, S. J., Island Beautification Committee, Myrtle Bank Hotel, Kingston.

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Memorial

A Bereaved Nation

Death has now a victory!
Claiming our noble patriot
Loosening his feeble grasp on
life
Giving his nation not a thought
Then holding him fast—it took
him away.
And swallowed him up in eter-
nity's bay

What now ye waiting nation?
What must we do or say?
Arise! all citizens! your country
mould
Arise! before the day is old
Fulfil the task for which he
died
The task — for which his life
he sacrificed!
PAULETTE WILMOT
15 Victoria Avenue,
Kingston 16.
April 16, 1967.

'Only Remembered'

Faded away like the stars of
the morning,
Losing their lights in the Glo-
rious Sun;
Thus he has passed from this
earth and its tollings,
Only remembered by what he
has done.

Shall he be missed, though by
others succeeded,
Reaping the fruits he in spring-
time has sown?
Yes — but all labourers shall
cease from their tollings,
Only remembered by what they
have done.

Only the words that in life he
has spoken,
Only the seeds that on earth he
has sown;
These shall pass onward when
he'll be forgotten,
Deeds of his kindness and what
he has done.

Then when the Master shall
make up his jewels,
And that bright crown of re-
joicing is won;
Then he, the faithful Sir Don-
ald Sangster
Will be remembered by what
he has done.
IVA M. MILLER.
John Austin District,
Pennants P.A.,
April 14, 1967.

A tribute to Sir Donald Sangster

By Sylvia Forrest
Alas oh Son of Jamaica,
Thy soul from us the Creator
takes,
A man of credit and renown,
Cheated of what was thine
own.
To the poor, you were a father
Listing to their cry,
The ragged man, you didn't pass
by,
Thou wert born a friend of
the poor.

You did not die in the night,
But in the broad daylight
Your spirit passed away,
For your soul Clarendon will
pray.

We miss you so much.
A dear friend we could trust;
Death has robbed you away,
Dear Father, give him rest we
pray.

Few and short were the pray-
ers we said,
As we spoke the words of sor-
row,
And looked on the face that was
dead,
Bitterly thinking of the mor-
row.

Sir Donald Sangster— he rode the fury well.

Death could ne'er have brought
more fiend
On man, 'tis too harsh an end,
Not just here, but everywhere
And on all thy sons who care,
Life's not worth living to end
like this!

Donald — 'tis not the end just
a vital gist.
Bound to a duty in loving
hue —
Unself'd for a purpose true —
Relieved of strain of this
world's stress,
Now in Heaven to a peaceful
rest.

Son of earth — of Jamaica's
womb;
Alas the while! We'll salute thy
tomb —

Not for now but forever on.
God knows best ... He will
carry on.

Surely the shock's great; 'tis
not a loss,
Thou, on envoy, art gone to
siphon

Earth up to the realms of Hea-
ven;
Rest Donald — thy weary soul
needs rest.

E. A. S. TAYLOR
College of Arts, Science & Tech-
nology

Hope.
Kingston 6.
April 14, 1967.

Girls of Ottawa

THE EDITOR, Sir:— On behalf
of the Jamaican girls of Ottawa,
Canada I wish to express sin-
cere sympathy to the Jamaica
Labour Party, relatives and col-
leagues of the late Sir Donald
Sangster. We deeply regret the
passing away of our dear lead-
er.

May his soul rest in peace!
I am, etc.,

MONICA COLQUHOUN.
Y. W. C. A.,
133 Metcalfe Street,
Ottawa,
Canada,
April 14, 1967

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Young man's tribute

THE EDITOR, Sir:— Would you be so kind as to publish this small piece for me as a young man's tribute to our late Prime Minister, Sir Donald Sangster.

Sir Donald had a message for all the young people of our country at all times and wherever he went he vigorously but painstakingly proclaimed that message. It was that everyone of us, young people, have a part to play, however, small in the building of our beloved country. Perhaps we the younger generation of Jamaicans will remember him most for this message.

Our memorial to Sir Donald could fittingly be a determined effort by all of us to co-operate in building a better Jamaica. This was his dream. He was really an inspiration to the young. We shall all miss him.

I am, etc.

CEDRIC JOHNSON.

62 Gordon Town Road,
Kingston 6,
April 16, 1967.

Sir Donald Sangster

THE EDITOR, Sir:— Death came to Sir Donald Sangster that quite unassuming Jamaican.

The blow was hard,
The shock severe.

To lose our Prime Minister is an irreparable loss to all, but we can join with the Psalmist by saying:

"We cannot Lord thy purpose see,

But all is well that's done by Thee".

Eternal rest grant unto him
O Lord!

I am, etc.

M. R. CAMPBELL.

Sturge Town,

St. Ann.

April 13, 1967.

A tribute to the late Sir Donald Sangster

Oh how Jamaica mourns your loss today
You could not know the pain we felt when you so long in coma lay, until your life was taken away.

We know you did not want to leave us, only Lord knows how much you tried,

You fought against the pangs of death, until your strength gave up and then you died.

Your smiling face, your pathetic voice, will always be remembered,

Each of us a tear we'll shed from January till December.

If attention and care could death prevent

Your life on earth would be longer spent,

Human hands did all to save you
Prayers and tears were all for you

In you the world has lost a friend so dear

In you Jamaica lost a leader
One who would stand and say the words

Jamaicans love to hear.

When your link of life was broken

And you so suddenly departed,
It leaves a wound that will never heal deep down in Jamaica's heart,

Your heart was so sincere

Your work was so divine,

Your days were also numbered

You softly closed your eyes when Jesus said "come now be mine",

You toiled and toiled away to save Jamaica's name

And in the end you did not stay to share with us the fame.

When we asunder part it gives us inward pain

But we shall still be joined in heart until we meet again,

May God rest your soul in peace!

PHYLLIS BECKFORD.

The death of a Prime Minister

Sleep on dear leader gone before

Your work on earth is done
Deeds complete by you, we will adore

Your sins on earth He above will pardon.

Sleep on dear leader gone before
You led us well without regrets

Your life in heaven the Master will restore

Your actions have earned you highest merits.

Take him into heaven, oh Lord, and behold

His entry as one of the Saints
Let him walk about in Heaven's threshold

Lord, hold him in your bosom for we have no complaints.

Sleep on, sleep on dear leader,
Your life, if not full was flawless

Your days of service could not have been greater

Your soul the Saviour will truly bless.

C. V. DONALDSON,

16A Peckover Road,
Kingston 12,

April 13, 1967.

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Sir Donald Sangster

THE EDITOR, Sir.—The sudden, mysterious illness and death of our second Jamaica Labour Party Prime Minister of our Jamaican nation is certainly horrible and shocking news to all Jamaican citizens, be they high, low, rich or poor.

It will also shock the peoples of all our sister West Indian islands as well as all the hosts of our friendly, democratic countries all over the globe.

The late Sir Donald Sangster rendered to his country and countrymen services of the greatest magnitude in his capacity as Acting Prime Minister for almost the past five years, 1962-67.

Prior to reports of his mysterious and sudden illness a few weeks ago whilst working preparing Jamaica's Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for 1967-68, when he suddenly became seriously ill, he was looking the picture of health.

Despite the best medical attention rendered to him at a renowned medical institution in Canada, to which he was rushed, he died in that institution in the space of about three weeks.

The late Sir Donald Sangster had identified himself to his country and countrymen as a born leader of men. True, as it had been laid down "leaders are born, not created."

Some of the greatest events to occur in Jamaica occurred in 1966. The State visit of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain who is also Jamaica's Queen, and Her Consort H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, came at the close of March 1966. Shortly followed in early April last year another Royal State visit of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, and the Commonwealth Games were played here in August last. Here again Sir Donald presided over these noble events with credit and ability.

He fought against numerous odds in the general elections, the first held in Jamaica since our new Constitution of Independence. He was victorious. The electors voted an all out confidence in the former Cabinet. Every Minister was returned to his post.

The reaper death has certainly robbed Jamaica of the services of a brilliant "son of the soil." Death removed him before the first assembly of our new Parliament. History will disclose his fame as Acting Prime Minister, and not a word will be said of his career as Prime Minister.

Her Majesty the Queen was pleased to confer on him the high honour of Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. "Fare ye well Sir Donald, all your supporters and well-wishers honour you. May your spirit soar to the One Great Father of All." Sadly missed. Condolence to all sorrowing relatives.

I am, etc.,
E. A. GARDINER,
Hope Bay P.O.,
April 12, 1967.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Hon. Hugh L. Shearer, has over the weekend received the following messages of condolence on the recent death of Sir Donald Sangster:

From Hussein Ahmed Mustafa, United Arab Republic Ambassador to Venezuela:

"The UAR Embassy received only today your note, dated April 12th, 1967 concerning the State Funeral Late Honourable Sir Donald Sangster KCVO. Therefore Government was unable to send representative in due time. The UAR Embassy repeats on behalf of its Government its deepest sympathy and condolences to the Honourable Government of Jamaica for the tragic death of the Honourable Sir Donald Burns Sangster.

From the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association Ltd.

"Dear Mr. Prime Minister, "At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association Ltd. held on Wednesday the 19th instant, the following Resolution moved by my President, Mr. Ray Hadeed and seconded by Mr. Vin A. Bennett, was unanimously passed:

"Resolved that the Directors of the Jamaica Manufacturers' Association Limited here gathered, on behalf of the Members of the Association in particular and the Industrial Sector of the community in general, record their deep sorrow at the untimely and tragic death of our beloved and esteemed Prime Minister, the Hon. Sir Donald Burns Sangster, K.C.V.O.

"Be it further resolved that our expression of sorrow be conveyed to the Government of Jamaica and his family.

"In passing the Resolution, our Directors spoke in glowing terms of the work of Sir Donald over the years in the interest of Jamaica. He will be remembered as one who worked unselfishly and devotedly for the good of all Jamaica and they join with his many friends and well-wishers in mourning his sad loss.

Yours very truly,
THE JAMAICA MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION LTD.
sgd. E. A. Hall
Secretary.

From Mr. Samuel W. Frank, House of Representatives, Pennsylvania:

"Dear Mr. Shearer, "With profound sorrow at the passing of a great friend of mine, The Honourable Donald Sangster, whom I have known, as he was a guest of mine here in the United States at one time. We all know his loss will be a great one.

"Today I am presenting a Resolution on the death of our friend. Here in Pennsylvania he has had many friends, therefore, I believe a Resolution is in order. A copy of this Resolution will be sent to you within the next two weeks. As I believe I met you before when I was a visitor to your country a few years ago, I know that you will fulfil the ambition of your late Prime Minister.

"I wish you good luck,
Sincerely,
sgd. Samuel W. Frank

From the Jamaica Group of Professional Engineers:

"Sir:

"The Management Committee at a meeting today expressed deep sorrow and regret at the death of the Hon. Sir Donald Sangster, KCVO, and directed me to convey condolences to you and the Government.

sgd. K. F. Williams
(Hon. Secretary)

From the Secretary, Cathedral Church Committee:

"Sir,

"The Cathedral Church Committee at a recent meeting recorded with very deep sympathy the passing of Sir Donald Sangster, late Prime Minister of Jamaica.

"The members of the Committee and the Cathedral Church as a whole deeply mourn his death, and we wish that sincere sympathy be conveyed to the bereaved relatives.

"We pray that his soul may Rest in Peace".

Yours faithfully,
sgd. E. B. Ramsay (Miss)

From Ewbank and Associates Limited:

"Dear Sir,

"Please accept from the Board of Directors and staff of Ewbank and Associates deepest sympathy and profound sorrow on the death of the late Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,
sgd. Wilson C. Demain

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From H. M. Young, Commonwealth Games Association, Aden:

"Sir,

"The news of the death of Sir Donald Sangster, your Prime Minister, has reached us here in South Arabia and you are very much in our thoughts during these anxious days.

"For those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting him during the 8th Commonwealth Games, his happy and pleasant personality contributed much to the success, and many memories which we carried with us from Jamaica, and he will be sadly missed.

"Our sympathy is with you all at this time.

Most sincerely,

sgd. H. M. Young,

Secretary

Commonwealth Games Assoc.
Aden.

From Transport and General Workers Union:

"We have just heard that your colleague, Prime Minister Sangster passed away as a result of a brain haemorrhage and we would like to express our regrets at his unfortunate death so quickly after taking office.

"May we, at the same time, now express our pleasure that you have been endorsed as Prime Minister in succession believing as we do that this will enable ideas which we have about unity and closer working within the Islands to be fulfilled.

"May we wish you all the best in this connection and in any other problem which faces you."

The Prime Minister also received messages from the following persons: B. C. Hamilton, President Jamaica Tax and Ratepayers' Association; Potels External, Pratville; Mrs. E. Dalton-James, (Sec. Treasurer, TBC) 97 Church Street, Kingston; Roy A. Gentles, Christians Area Land Authority, Christiana P.O.; Horace Campbell, Jamaica School of Agriculture, Twickenham Park, Spanish Town; Secretary, Hermitage and Adj. Districts Citizens Association, 93 August Town Road, Kingston 7; Mr. R. W. S. Plumley, Carreras, London; Auditor General, P.O. Box 455, Kingston; Secretary, Parish Council Saint Thomas, Morant Bay; Mrs. Daisy Prince; Mr. Michael Rice, London; L. P. DeLisser, Secretary, Cocoa Industry Board, Marcus Garvey Drive, Kingston 15; Secretary, Jamaica Consumers Union, 4 East Queen Street, Kingston; Secretary — Winston L. Clayton, Pilot Project D and E Citizens Association, 21 Christopher Road, Kingston 14; C. L. Smith, Secretary, Seville Theatre Co. Ltd., 9 Bravo Street, St Ann's Bay; L. L. Wolfgang, Holiness Christian Church Inc., Brown's Town; The Sisters, Staff and Pupils of Holy Childhood Preparatory and Kindergarten Schools; Secretary, B. L. Williams and Co. Ltd., 25 Harbour Street, Kingston; H. A. Brown, Secretary Highgate Area Managing Committee; John Gerald, New York, Roy Hyma "Star of the East, JLP Branch, 35 Tavern Avenue, Kingston 6; Walter Manning, Osbourne Store, JLP Victory Branch, Bickersteth P.A.; Councillor Martir Hayes; Earl Morgan, Barbican Baptist Church; Mr. and Mr. Simon Soutar, Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston 10; Mr. Ewan Forrest, Ravinia Road, Kingston 6.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Clifford Campbell, received the following letter of condolence from Sir Alexander Morley, now British Ambassador in Budapest, and who was formerly, British High Commissioner in Jamaica:

"My dear Governor-General,

"I heard on the BBC this morning of the death of Donald Sangster and, although I am not at present well informed, I felt I must write and express to you and your Government my sense of shock at the tragic loss of their new leader. As you can well imagine, I feel also a sense of personal loss, having worked with him so much during my time in Jamaica. All in the island must be going through a sad and bewildering time and the thoughts of myself and my wife are very much with you at the present moment. Nonetheless, I am sure that Hugh Shearer will safely guide the country's destinies and I should like to send him my best wishes for the onerous burden which has so unexpectedly come upon him.

"With warm personal greetings from my wife and myself to you and Lady Campbell."

Yours sincerely,
sgd. Alex. Morley,

—JIS.

Hard and cruel blow

THE EDITOR, Sir:— In regard to the death of Sir Donald Sangster, I, on behalf of the staff and pupils of St. Mary's Infant Centre, 99 Molynes Road, would like to express our sympathy by your publishing this letter in the *Daily Gleaner*. We are aware of the fact that he has done a lot for Jamaica and that he was going to do a great deal more especially in the field of education. This is a hard and cruel blow but we do hope that his life will be an example to the people of Jamaica.

We are sure he ran with patience the race set before him, and we do hope his soul has found a resting place.

May he rest in peace!

I am, etc.,

L. BENNETT,
Headmistress

St. Mary's Infant Centre
99 Molynes Road,
Kingston 10,
April 19, 1967.

Sangster memorial

THE EDITOR, Sir:— In creating memorials to Sir Donald Sangster, I notice the usual trend of naming buildings and airports. In a place like Jamaica, however, memorials to a man such as he should benefit the poor people, whom he seemed to have loved so much and in which Jamaica abounds

To my mind, no more fitting memorial could be made than either to distribute the fund yearly to the poor of St. Elizabeth, say at Christmas time, or to create a Sangster Scholarship for a poor boy of St. Elizabeth to study law or politics. If the fund becomes large enough, probably both things could be done. I am sure Sir Donald would like, if he were able to know now, that the humble people he loved were so taken care of.

I also feel that the home of his boyhood, which I gather is now in decay, should be restored by the National Trust Commission, and that a small charge to visitors be made, and used to keep the Memorial Fund supplied with money — that is, if the Sangster estate will permit it.

I am, etc.,
NOEL CHAPMAN.

8 Central Avenue,
Rest Pen,
Kingston 10,
April 19, 1967.

Good night and good bye

Evening comes, ah! rest the toiler must get,
Rest from a hard day's toil and sweat,
His work unfinished, yet —
The heavy load from his back must fall,
And the noble toiler bold and tall,
Must bid goodnight to all.

Midnight strikes as fields in darkness steep
The toiler sinks deeper and deeper in sleep
While grim shadows around him creep.
Far into the night his warm breath goes,
Bearing sad message to friends and foes
"Good bye for aye to all earths woes".
Daylight breaks but brings the world no pleasure,
The toiler from life and toil must sever,
And sleep he must forever.
Who bids him rest err his work is done?
What's done is enough, a leg well run,
God bids him rest, a prize well won.

EULALEE CYNTHIA WALKER
9 Penrith Road,
Kingston 5,
April 17, 1967.

not break
It grows instead of dies,
Sweet is the memory silently kept
Of a Prime Minister we love,
And never will forget
By D.M.M.

Brixton Hill,
April 20, 1967.

Or cruel fate . . .

Our hearts are breaking from this tragic blow,
Each humble head is bowed in deepest woe,
Oh cruel fate, so quickly to remove
A leader whom we all respect and love!

How hard it is to say "Lord do Thy Will",
Our faithless hearts beat with rebellion still;
But He who suffered in

Gethsemane
Will understand our human frailty.

He could not rise on that auspicious day,
As on his bed of suffering he lay,
But we were comforted that he had been

So highly honoured by our Gracious Queen.

So we must try to see beyond the gloom.
Sir Donald now sits in a higher room,

Our Knight the greatest honour now has won, —
His Master called "Arise, well done my son."

—LILLIAN LOWE

Adelphi,
April 18, 1967.

In memory of the late Prime Minister

In loving memory of our dear and beloved Prime Minister, Sir Donald; Who departed from this land, To see a greater hand.

The ties of love death can-

'He gave his life'

THE EDITOR, Sir:— I am not for esteemed eulogies, nor am I a philosopher, but I would hereby like to mention to all my fellow Jamaicans the significance of the late Sir Donald Burns Sangster's life.

Here we can recall Shakespeare's commentary "The good that men do, lives after them", meditate this, and we have an appropriate example, Sir Donald Sangster. Here we had a man, devoted, unselfish, interested in the improvement of his country.

An example which every living Jamaican should aspire to emulate. But let us look at our nation as it is. How many of our workers have ever thought of, at work, anything more than the paybill to come? Who have thought that every sixty seconds' honest labour adds up to improve our little nation?

Can we list the numerous selfish and 'couldn't care less' attitudes in and among the workers of Jamaica? Men and women who chat away while the customers wait. Almost

Life's race well run

Life's race well run
Life's battle won,
Sir Donald takes the exit,
To receive his crown
Somewhere in the great beyond

His weary soul takes its rest
From a life of toil and turmoil,

In a land where he gave of his best.

Sleep on Sir Donald
On your master's breast,
We knew full well you were tired
And needed the rest.
God from His beautiful Garden
Has certainly plucked the best.

IVY WIZZARD

12 Christopher Road,
Kingston 14,
April 20, 1967.

Sir Donald Sangster

The Premier, the late Sir Donald Sangster, undoubtedly did a great deal for Jamaica;

He had a good yardstick that measured well, like the great John Fitzgerald Kennedy of America.

He led the arduous pathway with strength and courage —no wonder he had to bleed;

Constantly thinking like a father, his children he had to feed.

His journey was with wisdom filled with pain,

Today as we go on life's journey we shall honour him — it was not in vain. Like all good men who have mastered themselves,

Their great books are written and placed on the shelves; The pages are turned day and night,

His good work shall never be out of sight.

The life he lived was never his own

On his dying bed he wore the crown.