

Sir Donald's life built on 'uncommon equanimity'

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—U.S. Secretary at Washington memorial

WASHINGTON: THE LEGACY of the life of Sir Donald Sangster was described by United States Secretary of Labour W. Willard Wirtz as one "built on an uncommon equanimity. In "becoming master of the tools of his trade," the Secretary said "he had bent to none of its tricks."

Secretary Wirtz recalled his own personal recollection of Sir Donald as he gave the eulogy at a memorial service held for the former Prime Minister in Washington, D.C., last Wednesday.

The 600-member congregation heard Mr. Wirtz refer to his first meeting with Sir Donald—

"It was against a background of contention" he said, "I remember his deliberate, measuring glance, the crinkling of the corners of his mouth that prefaced either smile or warning, and then his quiet disarming comment, 'You don't look like the ogre I have been hearing about.'"

Service

The Secretary said that "in an age that puts a premium on personal charisma, this was a humble man who drew the love of his people, the respect of his political opposition, the admiration of nations, through intelligent unostentatious service."

THE SERVICE held in the Washington Cathedral was conducted by the Bishop of Washington, the Rt. Rev. William F. Creighton. The lessons were read by Mr. V. C. Smith, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Jamaica, and Mr. Leopold Edwards, Secretary Caribbean American Inter-cultural Organization.

Members of the Jamaican Embassy, the British West Indies Labour Organization and Jamaican students in Washington served as ushers. The Jamaican flag was borne by Archie Palmer, son of Ja-

maican Embassy chauffeur, Mr. Stanley Palmer.

The U.S. Government was represented by Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, and Chief of Protocol Ambassador James Symington. There was a large turnout from the Washington Diplomatic Corps as well as from the local Jamaican community.

"Conscientiousness was his trademark," Secretary Wirtz said, "and probably his epitaph."

"It is not Presidents or Princes or Prime Ministers who die" he continued, "but at that moment — only men. The legacy of Donald Sangster is that living, he ennobled his office with his humanity."

The service was arranged by the Embassy with the co-operation of the Cathedral authorities.

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