

Congratulatory messages pour in to new PM

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The Prime Minister, Hon. Hugh Shearer has been receiving numerous messages of congratulations on his recent appointment as Prime Minister of Jamaica. Messages have been received from heads of states, ambassadors, members of Consular Corps, those connected with the United Nations, trade union colleagues from all over the world, and from organizations and private individuals both locally and abroad, all wishing him God's blessings and guidance, good health and long tenure of office.

Among the messages received was one from the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

"I send my own warm wishes, and those of the Government and people of the United States, to you and your colleagues as you form a new Government. You will be leading your country further along the road of peaceful prosperity — a journey so well begun under the guidance of your distinguished predecessors. I assure you of the continued friendship and co-operation of my Government and people. Good luck and Godspeed."

From the Prime Minister of Canada, Hon. Lester B. Pearson:

"As in tragic circumstances you assume the high responsibilities of Jamaican leadership, I send my best wishes and those of the Canadian Government to you and your colleagues. I assure you of my desire to continue the warm personal and official relations I enjoyed with the late Sir Donald Sangster in developing close ties between Jamaica and Canada. I look forward to the opportunity of discussions with you and hope you will find it possible to come here on August 1, before the Jamaica Day at Expo.
L. B. PEARSON"

The Vice President and Premier of the Republic of China: "His Excellency Mr. Hugh Shearer: On happy occasion of Your Excellency's assumption of office of Prime Minister I take great pleasure in extending to you my sincere congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.
YEN CHIA-KAN
Vice President and Premier Republic of China."

Mr. John M. Coates, Jr., United States Mission to the United Nations:

"We are all deeply distressed at the death of Sir Donald Sangster. I cannot, however, let the moment pass without expressing to you personally my gratification at the recognition and honour accorded you by your appointment as head of government. Your task will most certainly not be an easy one but I know you will perform it with the greatest skill.
I do hope that this sad event will not prevent your being with us at the General Assembly next fall.
My very best wishes to you.

Mr. Allan McNamee, Grand Cayman: "In this dark hour I thank my God for a ray of light congratulations."

Mr. Marof Achkar, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations: "Warmest congratulations and heartiest wishes on the

Mr. Kalmen Kaplansky, International Labour Office:

"I was delighted to hear this morning the news that you were chosen to be the Prime Minister of Jamaica and I hasten to send my warmest personal congratulations and best wishes for a long, successful and happy career. It is a great distinction for a trade union leader to be chosen for the top position in his own country and it couldn't have happened to a nicer person.
With warmest personal regards to you, Joe and all our friends."

The Jamaica Congress of Labour:

"Please accept on behalf of my executive and myself, our strongest congratulations for the great honour having bestowed upon you, of having been elected as the Prime Minister of Jamaica.
We feel it is a great honour and deem it with great pride that through years of hard struggle, hard work and devotion to duty, one from among our ranks have been so elevated to lead this young nation of ours.
We wish to assure you that you can count on the entire rank and file of this union in assisting you during your period as Head of State and wish you maintain the same efficiency and devotion to duty as you have done during your 25 years of service to the workers in the fields, factories and allied services.
May God bless you to carry out this great task in no lesser manner, but far greater than your predecessors.
With best wishes for a long successful administration."

His Excellency R. Harry Jay, Canadian High Commissioner: "I know that you will have been called to your high office with something of a heavy heart today, but I wanted you to know as soon as possible that you have my congratulations and warmest best wishes for the honour that you have received. I look forward to enjoying with you the same friendly and co-operative relationship I enjoyed with Sir Donald, and I hope you will not fail to turn to me on any occasion when I might be of assistance to you.
With warm personal regards."

The Israeli Ambassador in Santo Domingo: "Please receive my best wishes on taking over the leadership of your people may your talents guide Jamaica to prosperity social justice and peace."
Bishop Hastings of the Moravian Church in Jamaica: "Moravian Church congratulates you on your appointment offers you its good wishes and pledges it prayerful support."
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The Attorney General and Staff: "Heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister."

Mr. Patrick Pichi Sun, Ambassador of the Republic of China: "Upon Your Excellency's assumption of office as Prime Minister of Jamaica, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the expression of my hearty congratulations with best wishes for your great success.
I am confident that the cordial relations which have heretofore subsisted between Jamaica and the Republic of China will further improve under Your Excellency's administration."

His Excellency, Mr. Egerton Richardson: "Congratulations on your appointment; may success always be yours."

Mr. W. Jacobs, president of Guild of Undergraduates, UWI, Mona: "On behalf of the Guild of Undergraduates, I extend congratulations to you on your assumption of the office of Prime Minister. We look forward to continued close and fraternal relationships with you and the Government of Jamaica."

Brigadier David Smith, Chief of Staff, Jamaica Defence Force: "On behalf of all ranks of the Jamaica Defence Force, I would like to congratulate you most sincerely on being appointed Prime Minister of Jamaica.
I would also like to take this opportunity of assuring you of our loyalty and devotion of duty.
May I also take this medium of expressing my personal congratulations."

Mr. Frank Walcott, Barbados Workers' Union: "Sincere congratulations your elevation to Prime Minister of your country. I join with all kind friends extending our deepest sorrow, sad news about Donald Sangster. Kindly accept mixed pleasure and sorrow with sincerity. Our long association will always be remembered."

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The Vice Chancellor of the U.W.I., Sir Phillip Sherlock:

"University sends warmest congratulations and wishes you great success as Prime Minister."

Chairman of Agricultural Development Corporation:

"Congratulations. We pledge you the loyalty of the board, and wish you success in the discharge of the duties of your high office."

Mr. W. Thomas Beale, American Ambassador to Jamaica:

"The warm good wishes of the official United States community in Jamaica are with you as you take up your heavy responsibilities as Prime Minister."

All of us who have observed the efforts of Jamaica to develop its resources and play a responsible role among the independent nations of the free world fully appreciate the challenging tasks that lie ahead for you and your colleagues. You are indeed fortunate in the contributions your distinguished predecessors have made towards those efforts.

I am certain you know of the admiration my Government has for the accomplishments thus far achieved, and the hopes we mutually share for the future. It is good to know that the feeling of friendship you expressed recently to me will continue to guide our future relationships. Both officially and personally my colleagues and I, and the members of our families, salute the new Government of Jamaica.

Mr. Cedric Titus, chairman Cane Farmers' Association:

"My association and I extend warmest congratulations to you on your appointment as Prime Minister of Jamaica, and pledge our full cooperation on behalf of the cane farming community in assisting you to discharge the heavy responsibilities of leadership of the Government for all the people."

Mr. Keith Clachar, New York:

"Congratulations on your recent appointment. I know the road will be very rough, but I also have a strong faith in you that you will be one of the very best ever. Good luck to you in your role as our new Prime Minister, and may God bless you to carry on successfully and diligently."

Mr. and Mrs. James Shearer, Bahamas:

"We extend to you our sincere love and congratulations for the noble honour bestowed upon you by your people. May God lead and bless your humble services to all mankind. Yours sincerely."

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

"I respectfully tender to you my sincere congratulations for the high honour conferred on you. I pray God that in your high office you will place Jamaica and its people especially the underprivileged first in all the operations of your Cabinet. May God bless you Mr. Prime Minister."

Mr. Stanhope, Deputy Speaker of the House:

"Heartiest congratulations your appointment Prime Minister of Jamaica. May the Good Lord direct thy path."

Mr. George Meany, President, AFL-CIO:

"The news of your elevation to post of Prime Minister is received by us with great satisfaction, we extend our best wishes for a successful tenure of office."

Mr. Hopeton Caven, T.U.C.:
"Please accept personal congratulation on your appointment."

Councillor Donaldson, Mayor of Montego Bay:

"Congratulations your appointment to highest political office. Great triumph for the working movement."

Mr. I. E. Brimble, president of Kiwanis Club, Kingston:

"I wish to send you congratulations on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston on your appointment as Prime Minister of Jamaica."

We have already had the privilege of a visit to our club by your goodself and to have you speak to us. We sincerely hope that in the very near future you will again honour us in your new position with a further visit to our club. I have asked our programme director Mr. Reg Bailey, to write you regarding this. Meanwhile, on behalf of the club, may I confirm that at all times you and your Cabinet have the fullest possible support from each and every member of our club and if at any time you think it necessary to call on us to perform a social service of any magnitude please feel free to do so. May we wish you the best of luck as Prime Minister."

Hon. M. S. Hendriks, C.M.G. of St. Elizabeth:

"Please accept my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister of Jamaica. May you have perfect health and strength to carry out your arduous duties. May God direct you in all your endeavours."

Mr. N. J. Fraser, solicitor:

"On behalf of my wife the other members of my family and myself I take this medium of conveying to you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as our Prime Minister."

The tragic circumstances which preceded and resulted in your appointment are somewhat offset by the fact that we are fortunate in that your close association with the late Sir Donald Sangster and your youth vigor — experience, sane approach and devotion to duty leave no doubt that Sir Donald's work will be ably carried on by you for the benefit of our beloved island and with credit to yourself.

With our best wishes for the future"

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