

B/N SANGSTER, SIR DONALD

JAMAICA PAYS HOMAGE TO SIR DONALD

City crowds share
Nation's sorrow

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Body lies in state in Kingston Parish Church

JAMAICA CONTINUED to pay homage to Sir Donald Sangster yesterday as his body lay-in-state in the Kingston Parish Church at the end of its slow two-day journey across the island from Montego Bay, where it arrived on Thursday from Canada.

Thousands of Kingstonians — from all walks of life — moved in heavy mournful procession up King Street and into the church on the first of the three days during which they will pay their last respects to the 55-year-old Prime Minister who died in Montreal last Tuesday after a doughy three-week battle for life.

Like their rural counterparts in Mountainside and Chapelton, the people of the city filed in solemn, respectful silence past the massive, silk-lined casket,

viewed the body of the late Prime Minister.

A total of about 50,000 persons filed past the body of Sir Donald as it lay in state at the Mountainside and Chapelton Anglican Churches on Thursday and Friday. This estimate was given by the police yesterday. They said that approximately 10,000 viewed the body at Mountainside and another 40,000 at Chapelton.

Preparations are going forward for the State Funeral tomorrow which will be attended by the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, Members of Parliament, members of

the Sangster family, representatives of foreign governments, and local officials.

The Anglican Bishop of Jamaica, the Rt. Rev. Percival Gibson, who is returning to the island from New York, will conduct the service, which begins at 3 p.m. The eulogy will be given by the Rev. Canon R. O. C. King, rector of St. George's Church, Kingston, where Sir Donald was christened 55 years ago.

(Sir Donald was born at the Victoria Jubilee Hospital, in Kingston).

Also attending and taking part in it are the Rt. Rev. John J. McEleney, S.J., Roman Catholic Bishop of Kingston; the Rt. Rev. Samuel Carter, S.J., Auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of Kingston; the Rt. Rev. J. C. Swaby, Bishop Suffragan of Kingston; the Rev. M. E. W. Sawyers, chairman of the Jamaica Council of Churches; and

Rabbi Bernard Hooker, Spiritual Leader of the Jewish Community in Jamaica.

After the service, which will last for about an hour, the official mourners and the general congregation will march in procession from the church to the burial site in the George VI Memorial Park.

This will be a walking procession. No cars will be allowed in the procession, or on the route which will be along from South Parade by East Parade to East Queen Street, up Duke Street to Manchester Square, and into the Park by the southern entrance.

A brief service of blessing will take place at the grave.

Boy scouts will be at George VI Park tomorrow, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, to attend to members of the public who wish to lay wreaths on the grave of Sir Donald Sangster. The wreaths will be received at the eastern entrance of the park, on East Race Course, opposite Hitchlen Street.

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