

5 memorials will honour Sir Donald

Five memorials have been decided on by the Government in honour of the late Sir Donald Sangster.

Announced last night by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Hugh Shearer, the memorials will be as follows:

● The new Income Tax office on East Street, in Kingston, will be named "The Sir Donald Sangster Building."

● The Montego Bay International Airport will be re-named the "Sangster International Airport."

● A commemorative stamp will be issued, bearing his portrait.

● A public fund — "The Sir Donald Sangster Memorial Fund" — has been launched, to finance another suitable memorial.

● A mausoleum, for which designs have been invited from the public, will be built on the site of Sir Donald's grave in the George VI Memorial Park, in Kingston.

Mr. Shearer made the announcements in his first broadcast to the nation as Prime Minister.

Opening the broadcast, the Prime Minister made the following reference to Sir Donald:

"Yesterday we said the final, sad, farewell to our late Prime Minister, Sir Donald Sangster.

"Since he died — one sad, short week ago — so much has been said about him, by me, his colleagues and friends, by Royal persons and Heads of State from all over the world, and by all of our people here in Jamaica, that there is nothing else I can add in tribute to him.

"All I can say now, is that he was my friend in life. I placed a high value on his friendship, and I will remember him, his work and his worth, as long as I live — with humility.

'We kept remembering'

"Today, I met with my colleagues in Cabinet. Before we started our meeting, I invited the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, the Right Reverend Dr. Percival Gibson, to join with us, and he was kind enough to ask for God's blessing in guiding us in our counsels, and that He would always be with us in our deliberations for the good of Jamaica, and Jamaicans.

"At the end of these prayers, we began our discussions, but all the while we kept remem-

bering this man, who only two short months ago had chosen us as his Cabinet team, and had left us so suddenly to carry out the work to which he had dedicated himself, and he had hoped to do.

"The first task we set ourselves today was to discuss the manner in which we could honour his memory in perpetuity. And we have decided on five memorials.

"The first is to name the new Income Tax Office now being built on East Street in Kingston 'The Sir Donald Sangster Building.' This is the newest, most modern, and most impressive Government office in Jamaica, and it stands out as a monument to his work as Minister of Finance.

"The second is that the Montego Bay International Airport will now be called the 'Sangster International Airport.' Sir Donald was an international figure, and this airport at which so many world-famous persons land daily will be a reminder forever of his stature in the world.

"The third is to issue a commemorative stamp. This will be the first time that a Jamaican

issue of stamps will carry a portrait of the Prime Minister of this country.

"We have also decided to launch a fund which will be called the 'Sir Donald Sangster Memorial Fund.' A Select Committee will be established, which in consultation with the Government and members of the family, will determine its appropriate use.

"To start this fund, I have donated One Hundred Pounds, and my Cabinet colleagues have donated fifty Pounds each. Sir Alexander and Lady Bustamante have also informed me that they will contribute the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, and I now appeal to you all to support the 'Sir Donald Sangster Memorial Fund.' All donations will be officially acknowledged and published in the 'Daily Gleaner.'

"As you know, too, we decided last week to invite you to submit designs for a suitable mausoleum, to be erected at the site where Sir Donald was interred yesterday."

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