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The workers' man
Their take on HUGH SHEARER

Following are some of the views expressed by persons, mostly Clarendonians, who attended the first State viewing of Hugh Shearer's body inside the Vere Technical High School auditorium in Clarendon on July 14.

Olive Lawrence, Rocky Point resident: "Shearer is a nice man. He take care of me when my baby's father drown. He was the only person who come help me."

Donna Henry, a mother of two who also lost her baby's father at sea: "I love Mr Shearer and I feel sad seh him dead. My son seh to me, 'Daddy' (the name given to Shearer by the Rocky Point community) gone, how we going to manage?"

Sally Porteous, deputy mayor of Mandeville: "I think the turn-out today is significant of how people felt about Mr Shearer. It is very nice to see everybody coming out to pay their respects."

Nathan Thompson, 17, student at Bustamante High School: "I came to represent my school and to let Mr Shearer know that we appreciate his work. He was a great leader, which is the most important thing to know about him."

Selisette Thompson, 12, from Clarendon Primary School: "I come here to show Mr Shearer my respect. My teacher told me that he was a prime minister.

Gerry Williams, 54: "I come here because I wanted to view the late prime minister and to give the respect for his good work during his years as prime minister."

Sylvester Folks, 84: "I had to come fi see him, because Mr Shearer be a nice man. He do some good. When he was prime minister he did a lot of good for the young people."

State Funeral for The Most Honourable Hugh Lawson Shearer will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, North Street, Kingston on Sunday, July 18, 2004. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. Guests are asked to be seated by 1:15 p.m. Interment will be at the National Heroes Park.

Students from a number of Clarendon schools queue to view the body of late Prime Minister Hugh Shearer as it lay in State inside the Vere Technical High School auditorium in the parish on July 14.
Minister Hugh Shearer In Parliament on July

Prime Minister P J Patterson delivering his tribute to late Prime Minister Lawson Shearer.

He was the first occasion that a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives has ever been held to pay tribute to one of our own.

Who better to establish this precedent than the Most Hon Hugh Lawson Shearer who, in over half-a-century of public life, has served the people of Jamaica as Labour Minister, State Minister, minister of Labour and national security, cabinet minister and prime minister.

Since his passing, the entire Jamaican community, his colleagues, constituents and a host of people who have served to convey the true depth of their admiration for the high values he upheld, the breadth of his sympathy, the depth of his consideration and the length of his patience. In addition to these well-deserved accolades, this supreme human being, the breadth of his sympathy, the measure of the man, the height of his ideals, the domi

The Jamaica in which Shearer served was very different from the Jamaica of today. The Jamaica in which Shearer served was one of our own.

Michael Norman Manley.

In the earliest days of his career, who knew him in good stead as he led Jamaica’s international trade negotiations, and when he returned to the foreign ministry during the 1980s, who saw him in good stead as he led Jamaica’s foreign affairs.

His own provision of a shining example of the virtues he passionately espoused, his citation calling the world to the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of workers could only mean the standards of works...
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For many years, Hugh Lawson Shearer was Jamaica's most respected trade union leader and later the voice of the Opposition for nearly a quarter of a century. He was reared in a society that was divided and polarized along class, race and political lines. His lifelong mission was to achieve social justice in the workplace and throughout society.

Hugh Shearer was born in 1931 to a prominent and influential family in Jamaica. His father, Sir Alexander Bustamante, was a key figure in the early development of trade unionism in Jamaica. Shearer was educated at Jamaica College and the University of the West Indies, where he studied law. He began his career as a journalist with the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union (BITU) and later became its general secretary.

In 1952, Shearer was appointed an assistant general secretary of BITU, and in 1966, he became the general secretary. Under his leadership, BITU became a major force in Jamaican politics and society, playing a key role in the fight for civil rights and social justice.

Shearer was also a key figure in the creation of the Jamaican Labour Party (JLP), becoming its first national chairman. He served as JLP leader from 1974 to 1983 and then as the Opposition leader from 1983 to 1993. During his time in opposition, Shearer was known for his principled and committed stance, often standing up to the government and advocating for the rights of workers and the marginalized.

Shearer was a vocal critic of the government's economic policies and its lack of support for trade unions. He was instrumental in securing key victories for workers, including the 1962 sugar workers' strike and the 1978 public sector workers' strike. He also played a significant role in the creation of the National Labour Relations Commission in 1962, which was a significant achievement for trade unionism in Jamaica.

Throughout his career, Shearer was known for his dedication to his family, his community, and his principles. He was a man of integrity and a tireless advocate for social justice. His contributions to Jamaica and the region are immeasurable, and he will be remembered as one of the most influential figures in the history of trade unionism.

Hugh Shearer's legacy lives on in the work of his successors and the ongoing struggle for social justice in Jamaica and beyond. His commitment to the betterment of society and his dedication to the rights of workers will continue to inspire future generation. Shearer's memory will live on as a testament to the power of the human spirit and the importance of standing up for what is right.
Hugh Shearer Tribute

The life and work of Hugh Lawson Shearer

Hugh Shearer, the politician and trade unionist who died on July 5, 1985, had emerged from obscurity to become one of the most influential figures in Jamaican political life. He was the first black prime minister of Jamaica and played a significant role in shaping the country's political landscape.

Shearer was born in Martha Brae, just outside Falmouth in 1923. He received his early education at Falmouth Elementary School and in 1953, having won the Tertiary Scholarship, studied at the University of London. He later joined the staff of the Bajan Times in Jamaica.

In 1960, Shearer was appointed assistant general-secretary of the SITU. That same year, in his first outing on the political hustings, he won a seat in the House of Representatives. Shearer was defeated by the People’s National Party’s (PNP) candidate on the Labour List.

Shearer was a trade unionist and a politician. He was the prototype of the elder statesman. He was the model of the politician who is a man of grace and integrity, who does not seek to gather power and influence for himself, but rather to serve the people.

In 1968, Shearer was appointed to the Senate and named chairman of the Labour and National Integration Committee. In 1972, Shearer was appointed to the Senate and served as chairman of the Select Committee on Royal Assent.

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Hugh Shearer

A man of distinction

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How I remember

Hugh Shearer

I remember one occasion when I took a copy of the paper to Busta in defence, he began reading an article on the front page... 'What a Blow!' he asked, "What a blow!"

It is only a little ragpicker who will be satisfied to let out a paper with his name on it. But Busta lied about the subject. "How much you say pay for this work." I defended a week. "( HIP) sent out this Busta reposed. "Give two lips to slippin'," one can say. "Sec again to-night." And he corrected...

It is a story Hugh Shearer has repeated on many occasions with sincere pride and uncontrolled laughter. "I imagined 40 per cent decrease by world acclaim, their hands become paragons of uncontrolled laughter.

He can only assume that this was the genesis of his infectious approach to writing, his speeches and his presentations.

It certainly was the beginning of a lifetime of commitment, dedication to the cause of the Jamaican people.

It has been written in recent days on Hugh Shearer’s contributions to the social, economic and political development of the Jamaican society. As he himself would proclaim...

"...Our system of education in Jamaica at independence was one in which we were taught the history of the kings and queens, and chivalry of the countries, and the history, and their authors were exhausted..."

...He was the first to point out the importance of education..."The Star was prepared to extend its readership..."

"...To put adequate investment in education— at primary, secondary, technical and tertiary levels..."

"...He often spoke matter-of-factly of his work..."

"...Ten shillings a week, I replied. To 'Who wrote this?' he asked, knitting his brow. I...

"...Teachers all over the world are also rightly speaking about an association of teaching and learning?"

"...A man whose infectious laughter could make you forget all the troubles in the world..."

"...A man who held your hands and comfort when overcome with pain and..."

"...One of the most important measures of improvement is development..."

"...Hugh Shearer wanted that more than anything else..."

"...It is important to teach the youth to read and write, and..."

"...It is important to provide the youth with the skills and..."

"...One of the most important roles of teachers is to familiarize the students with..."

"...National development was not only a question of constructing roads, bridges and buildings..."

"...The nurses Association of Jamaica regrets the passing of the Most Honourable Hugh Lawson Shearer..."

"...Hugh Lawson Shearer was No Ordinary Man- He was a Giant Among Men. Champion of the rights of the working class, trade unionists and all the workers in the country with thousands of clerks who were..."

"...Hugh Shearer said, 'Jamaica is on the threshold of having a trained..."

"...Hugh Shearer had a deep and abiding dedication to the improvement of this aspect of the learning system..."

"...It has taken a long time for Jamaica to adopt a national, the importance and value of technical and vocational education. In several years, Jamaica needs to..."

"...Hugh Shearer received a very high..."

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How I remember Hugh Shearer

I first met Mr. Shearer in the early 1980s during my time as a student, and I was immediately struck by his warm and engaging demeanor. He had a way of making complex ideas accessible and relatable, and his passion for education and development was contagious.

Hugh Shearer was not just a professor and a scholar, but a true educator who went beyond the classroom to influence and inspire his students. His dedication to his work was unwavering, and his commitment to excellence was evident in everything he did.

One of the most memorable experiences I had with him was during a seminar on international trade and development. He challenged us to think critically about the impacts of globalization on developing countries, and to consider the ethical and moral implications of our actions.

Hugh Shearer was a true pioneer in the field of economics, and his contributions to the understanding of global trade and development cannot be overstated. He was a role model for all those who aspire to make a difference in the world.

As a tribute to Hugh Shearer, I would like to share a quote that best captures his essence:

"Greatness is not measured by the quantity of goods and services, but by the impact on productivity, management and workers to, for example, reduce waste and increase quality of goods and services. It is a good thing for Jamaica, for the world, to see how a trade union movement has developed into a concern for and protection of the workers and their families.

The harsh reality of today's trade union movement is that we are in the interest of management and workers to, for example, reduce waste and increase quality of goods and services. It is a good thing for Jamaica, for the world, to see how a trade union movement has developed into a concern for and protection of the workers and their families."

In conclusion, Hugh Shearer was a true champion of justice and equality, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations. I am honored to have known him and to have learned from his wisdom.

May we always remember him as a true gentleman and a true leader, whose spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.
The Most Hon. Hugh Lawson Shearer
ON, OJ, PC, Honorary Harbour Master of Jamaica

The Port Authority of Jamaica joins the nation in mourning the passing of The Most Honourable Hugh Lawson Shearer, ON, OJ, PC, Honorary Harbour Master of Jamaica.

The late Mr. Shearer had a very special relationship with the ports. It was on the waterfront that he had some of his major triumphs as a trade unionist representing the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union. He played a pivotal role in the transformation of the Port of Kingston from a Flashpoint of labour unrest and social discontent to the stable, enlightened work environment that exists today.

With the advent of containerization, Hugh Shearer worked with the management of the Port to introduce mechanization and to reorganize the workforce, and in the process secured progressive benefits for the portworkers, including weekly guaranteed wages, pension and medical and housing benefits.

It is of some significance that the first Joint Industrial Council in Jamaica was established on the Port, a development in which Mr. Shearer played a major role.

With his passing, the portworkers have lost a champion for their cause. The nation has lost a patriot and a statesman. We have all lost a decent human being.

The Port Authority and the shipping industry extend deepest condolences to his wife, the members of his family, and his colleagues in the union and political spheres.