

Florida award to Sir Philip Sherlock

Caribbean Review, a quarterly journal published by Florida International University and dedicated to the Caribbean, Latin America and their immigrant groups, has presented its annual award to Sir Philip M. Sherlock, Jamaican educator, historian, writer and poet who founded UNICA, the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes.

The award is presented annually to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of Caribbean intellectual life. A plaque and an honorarium of \$250, donated by the International Affairs Centre of FIU, are presented to the recipient.

The award was announced in the spring Caribbean Review, a special edition focusing on the status of democracy in the Caribbean.

Sherlock, 80, whom the magazine called "a Caribbean renaissance man," has been a school teacher and headmaster, a member of the pre-independence Legislative Council (1952-59) and with the University of the West Indies since 1947 as director of the department of extra-mural studies, pro-vice chancellor and then vice chancellor.

He has published many books of history and folklore, including "Short History of the West Indies," with John Parry, which became the standard work on the subject.

He established UNICA in 1968, an organization which now includes more than 60 institutions. Sir Philip heads

the UNICA Foundations and continues to work for one of his deals, a Pan-Caribbean



SIR PHILIP... "Caribbean renaissance man"
society.

The award committee includes Lambros Comitas, chairman of Columbia University, Fiat Andic, Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan; Wendell Bell, Yale University; Locksley Edmondson, UWI, and Anthony P. Maingot, FIU.

Nominations for the 1982 Caribbean Review Award, to be presented at the seventh annual meeting of the

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Caribbean Studies Association in spring 1982, should be sent to

The Editor, Caribbean Review, Florida International University, Miami, Florida 33199.

The award recognizes individual effort regardless of field, ideology, national origin or place of residence.

In the special edition in which the Sherlock award was announced, editor Barry B. Levine, associate professor of sociology-anthropology at FIU, and the writers focus on recent elections in the Caribbean and their relation to the status of democracy.

In an editorial, he said that the issue on the status of democracy in the Caribbean is an attempt to assess the validity of the widespread fear

that the Caribbean is foregoing its long-standing commitment to democratic politics.

He concludes that while he believes that democracy is alive in the Caribbean today, and the region has indeed stepped back from radicalism to become more conservative than in the recent past, the range of articles offered should enable the readers can draw their own conclusions.

Articles on the elections in Jamaica, Guyana, Dominica and Puerto Rico and related material on Trinidad and Tobago, Bermuda Suriname, Trinidad and the Eastern Caribbean appear in the special edition.