

## MR. SHERLOCK

The appointment of Mr. Philip Sherlock to the faculty of the University College of the West Indies will give general satisfaction in the West Indies. It is particularly fitting that the second appointment on the teaching staff should be a West Indian, and among educational leaders of other colonies in the British Caribbean who have met Mr. Sherlock and know him the news will be received with gratification.

Mr. Sherlock's whole career has, as it were, been a course of training for the task which he is shortly to assume—that of Director of Extra Mural Studies, which embraces all aspects of adult education. As teacher, preacher, Institute secretary, welfare worker, he has covered a wide field of educational endeavour, and it may almost be said that he undertook such a varied career with studied intention of preparing himself for the work he now has the chance of doing.

He shared in the planning of the University, and indeed in making it possible. His work on the Irvine Committee which toured the West Indies getting evidence on the spot in regard to the British Government's plan for extending higher education in the colonies was impressive and successful. He is therefore, so to speak, a foundation member of the University, having helped to create it and now having a chance of serving it.

We take satisfaction in Mr. Sherlock's appointment too because he is a West Indian and a Jamaican. We have warned against the dangers of crippling the University's success by any narrow nationalism or sectionalism. The best men must be appointed regardless of their national or racial origins, so long as they are the best that can be obtained and so long as they are known to be people who will be friendly to and sympathetic with West Indian aspirations. For what comes first is the standard of excellence which the College will achieve. If it is excellent it will turn out excellent graduates, and in time more and more faculties will be able to find among West Indians suitable candidates for appointment to the teaching staff.

But we take pride and pleasure in the fact that the best man available for this post is a Jamaican; we know that were he not the best man he would not have been chosen.