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SHERLOCK GETS KEY TO CITY

The Freedom and Key to the City of Kingston, were conferred yesterday upon Mr. Philip Sherlock, C.B.E., B.A., LL.D., Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, by the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Leonard Currey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock were met in the foyer of the Ward Theatre by the Mayor and the acting Town Clerk, Mr. Basil Daniels, and Councillors and their wives and senior officials of the KSAC were presented to them.

An overture was played by the Jamaican Military Band, conducted by Mr. C. L. Warren and Mr. Daniels read an illuminated address which was then presented to Mr. Sherlock. The Mayor presented the Key to the City. Little Theresa Brown of the Maxfield Park Children's Home, presented a bouquet to Mrs. Sherlock. After a musical selection by the band, Mr. Sherlock replied.

Hard work

The Mayor said that Mr. Sherlock had achieved his high position as a result of hard work, after his training at Calabar School under the Rev. Ernest Price. Jamaica, he said, was proud of the contribution that Mr. Sherlock had made to education and learning in Jamaica, and indeed the West Indies. He urged head teachers to follow Mr. Sherlock's example.

In his reply, Mr. Sherlock spoke of the growth of the City of Kingston from a small fishing village, and the growth of the University, over the past 15 years. The staff had grown from 30 to over 300, the number of students from 33 to 2,150 and the completion of fully equipped buildings at Mona worth some £6,000,000, practically all of them gifts from the United

Kingdom Government. The University had achieved independent status with the power to give its own degrees and was pursuing a policy of decentralization.

"The University has become a strongly established academic community of students and scholars internationally accepted for the quality of its teaching and research," he said. He paid tribute to the many who had assisted in the teaching and research.

The support, he said, had enabled the University to give to the West Indies 221 graduates in medicine, 287 in the Natural sciences; 498 in the arts; 81 in the Social Sciences; 7 in agriculture and 332 holders of Diplomas and certificates in education, social work and public administration.

It was hoped that there would be a student body in the University of 5,500 students by 1970, Mr. Sherlock said.

Special tasks

"The University of the West Indies does not set itself apart from the educational system," he added, but concerned itself with making itself more and more closely a part of the educational system of the West Indies, contributing to the efficiency of the primary schools and their teacher-training colleges through the Institute of Education; influencing the development of secondary and technical schools through its Department of Education; establishing closer links with agricultural and technical schools, and advising on the overall educational news of the region.

It also carried out its own special tasks of objective inquiry and the disciplining of the mind in an atmosphere of freedom.

Mr. Sherlock said that the West Indian Governments had been scrupulous in respecting

the freedom of the University. "They have given us not only cash but confidence; they have emphasized that their University must be free from political control," he said.

He ended by saying that "the University of the West Indies remains the most powerful unifying force in our dispersed community".

Important office

The address presented to Mr. Sherlock read:

To:

Dr. Phillip Manderson Sherlock, C.B.E., B.A., LL.D., Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica:

The Mayor and Council of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation on behalf of the citizens of this Municipality extend to you most cordial greetings and take the greatest pleasure on this occasion to mark your elevation to the very distinguished office of Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

We regard your appointment to this important office with utmost satisfaction and ask you to accept our warm and sincere congratulations.

All Jamaica has over many decades identified you with movements for the promotion of Education and Culture.—indeed you have long been recognized as one of Jamaica's outstanding scholars. We recall with much pride, your brilliant career as a student at the Calabar High School. We also remember with gratitude the considerable and significant contributions you made towards the development of this country in the field of education, first as Assistant Master at your "Alma Mater" and afterwards as Headmaster of Manchester Secondary School, and Welmers' High School.

Member of the Board of Governors of the Mico Training College, Chairman of the Board of Governors St. Andrew High School, Vice Chairman of the Jamaican Schools' Commission and Vice Principal and Director of Extra Mural Studies of the University College of the West Indies.

Your ample talents have also been used to your country's advantage in the spheres of legislation and letters. As a Member of the Legislative Council your influence for good was impressive; and you have won high esteem as an author.

Most appropriate

It was therefore most appropriate that the governing body of the University should avail themselves of the services of one whose work and worth established him as fully fitted to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of Vice Chancellor. We venture to suggest, Sir, that your accession to the office can be regarded as the crowning glory of your many outstanding achievements in the world of scholarship. Your preferment has brought you and the people of Jamaica great honour, and we rejoice with you. Furthermore, we pledge on behalf of the citizens of the Corporate Area that we will do all that lies in our power to support you in the great and responsible task which lies ahead of you.

We wish for you, your dear wife, Mrs. Sherlock and your children, good health and God's continued blessing and guidance.

Given under our Corporate Seal this Fifth Day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Four.