

Sir Philip Sherlock quits UNICA post

Sir Philip Sherlock, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and founder of the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes has retired as Secretary General of the Association, which is referred to as UNICA.

This was announced at a banquet of the sixth biennial conference of UNICA held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Miami on Friday night, December 14.

Sir Philip has been replaced by Mr. Tom Matthews of the University of Puerto Rico.

At the banquet great praise was heaped on Sir Philip for his initiative, his drive and his "magnificent contribution to the movement for Caribbean integration". By Caribbean is meant in terms of UNICA not only the Caribbean islands but mainland territories which are washed by the Caribbean sea.

When Sir Philip and other Vice-Chancellors and Presidents of universities in the Caribbean islands, in Vene-

zuela, Colombia and Florida met in Tobago in 1967 the idea of UNICA was born. Twelve years later UNICA membership has extended to some 45 universities and research institutes in the region.

UNICA has shown an interest in a number of areas such as urban development, agricultural research, conservation, other environmental studies, public service training and so on.

At the banquet on Friday night a presentation was made to Sir Philip and Lady Sherlock.

Both Dr. Henry King Stanford, President of the University of Miami and Dr. Dennis Irvine Vice-Chancellor of the University of Guyana, spoke highly of Sir Phillip's contribution.

Tributes were paid and presentations made also to Mrs. E.J. Rafferty, executive secretary of UNICA for 12 years and Mr. Vernon Parkinson, UNICA's auditor also for 12 years.

Sir Philip is to head a newly formed UNICA Foundation which is to raise endowment funds to perpetuate the work of UNICA.