

LegCo tribute Sherlock's sympathy and influence

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TRIBUTE to the Hon. Philip Sherlock as a personality of "sympathy and influence calming troubled waters" was paid by the Legislative Council yesterday through its president, the Hon. Richard Youngman.

Mr. Sherlock is resigning from the Legislative Council immediately, as he leaves the island next week for the U.S. and goes on leave next month prior to taking up his appointment as head of the UCWI faculties in Trinidad.

Before the Council started its regular business, Mr. Youngman said:

"Before we proceed to the first item on the Agenda, I have a message of sadness to convey to you. We are losing, after today, the very valuable services of the Hon. Philip Sherlock. It is, of course, known that he has received preferment—preferment if it can be so described in having to go to Trinidad and leave Jamaica—and we shall no longer have his helpful counsel.

"Hon. Members, you all have individualities which build the entire picture and many of you are entirely different. I see—indeed I used to have my own when I was a floor Member—your main lines of approach to a great number of subjects.

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"To listen to the Hon. Philip Sherlock, there comes from him such a sympathy and influence, a calming of troubled waters, in an extremely quiet and pleasant manner — a manner which will not disturb anybody, that even the most unruly of us—and I include myself in that in the days of the past—would be quietened by his very sound and friendly advice.

"Some of us might never be missed if we left this Council, but that certainly does not apply to the Hon. Philip Sherlock. We wish him the very best of luck in his new job and his new atmosphere; and, indeed, this Council is happy to know that Mrs. Sherlock will accompany him. I assure him on your behalf—and I am doing this on your behalf—that we shall miss him far more than even he can realise.

Mr. Sherlock said in reply: Mr. President, I am most grateful to you for your very kind and gracious words. I would simply like to say that I have valued very greatly the opportunity of being a member of this Council and giving such service as I can, and that I value just as much the friendships that have been built up over the years with all those who are members of this Council. Thank you very much indeed."