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To Sir with love

Sherlock gets 1st ever UWI Chancellor's medal

SIR Philip Sherlock, a man highly regarded for his sterling work in the development of education in Jamaica, was on Tuesday morning presented with the first ever Chancellor's Medal from the University of the West Indies (UWI).

In a moving private ceremony at Sherlock's home, the medal was presented by Sir Shridath Ramphal, UWI chancellor, accompanied by Sir Alister McIntyre, vice chancellor, Sir Keith Hunte, principal of the UWI's Cave Hill campus, Dr Ken Hall, principal of the Mona campus and Joy Pilgrim, deputy university registrar.

According to a statement from the UWI, the medal will be awarded "sparingly and periodically... to signify service to the University of the West Indies of an extraordinary and superlative nature".

Ramphal described Sherlock as "the founding father of the University" and stressed that it was the unanimous wish of the University that this first medal should be awarded to him as a small token of the regard, esteem and affection in which he is held and in which his wife, Lady Sherlock, shares.

Ramphal assured Sherlock that the ceremony would be recounted at the Convocation for the UWI's 50th anniversary scheduled for Saturday, July 25 at the Mona campus and which the Sherlocks are unable to attend.

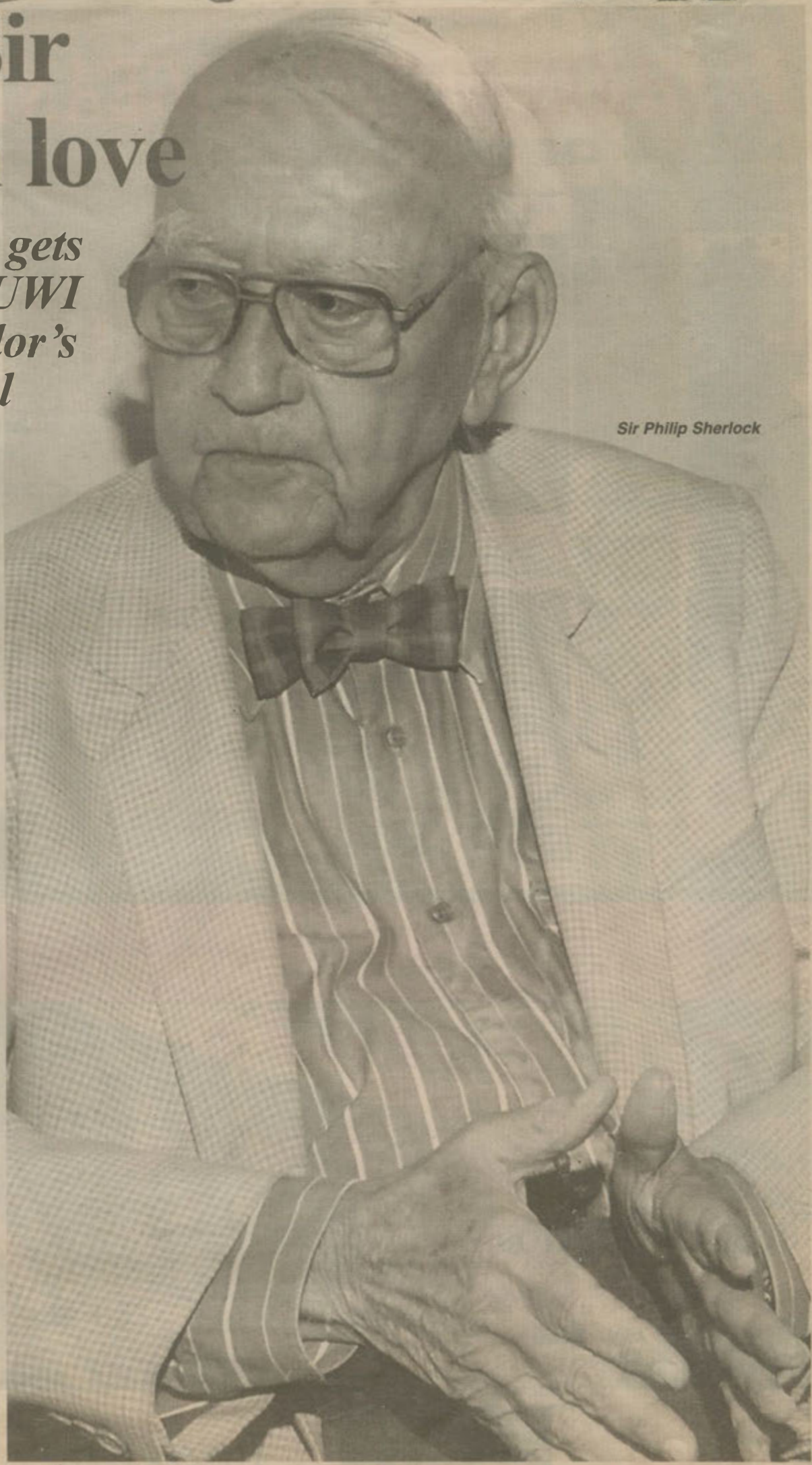
In his reply, Sherlock thanked the chancellor for the sentiments expressed and assured him that he appreciated his presence and those of the group, and would treasure the award.

Sherlock, in turn, presented the group with an essay which took the form of a message of love, gratitude and faith. He used the opportunity to speak of the challenges of the new millennium which he said started 50 years ago with the com-

ing of the atomic age. He noted that with the dramatic changes that have resulted in mind power replacing muscle power, there was a greater than ever need for universities and places of learning to prepare people for the social cohesion which

will be necessary in the world, which is now becoming a global village.

Sherlock ended by thanking God and all those who had helped him along the journey which had brought him to this moment.



Sir Philip Sherlock

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