

Free Jamaica Getting Strong-Minded Leadership

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—The prime minister leading Jamaica into independence from Britain today is a big, strong-minded man of startling frankness.

He is Sir William Alexander Bustamante, a knight by grace of Queen Elizabeth II and the government's leader through an upset victory over his cousin, Norman Manley, in a spring election.

Bustamante's habit is to say what he plans to do, remark that so-and-so doesn't like it, and add: "I don't care whether they like it or not."

He stands 6 feet 2 in well-made short boots and a sharply tailored three-button suit with cuffless trousers.

He has a ruddy tan complexion, dark eyes, a hawk nose, bushy gray eyebrows, a tremendous forehead and wire-

stiff, wavy white hair sweeping back behind his ears.

His sentences are short, bright and pointed. He speaks in the deliberate drone of a man telling stories in a bar-room.

Bustamante became chief minister after Jamaica's first parliamentary election, a universal suffrage affair, in 1944. He served for 10 years and then gave way to Manley. Last April Manley gave way to him.

"My cousin is the best lawyer in Jamaica," he says. "We are the royal family. When I'm in, Manley's out. When he's in, I'm out."

In the April election, Bustamante's Jamaica Labor Party got 26 seats in the House of Representatives, the lower chamber of parliament, against 19 for Manley's National Party.

Under the constitution, that entitled it also to a 13-8 edge in the legislative council, the upper chamber.

The prime minister describes himself as "78 years young," born in Jamaica of a Dublin Irishman and a woman who was at least 90 per cent Arawak Indian and the rest Negro.

He is a widower with no children.

"I'm a globetrotter," he says, telling how he served as an army captain in Cuba and in Spanish Morocco and how, from 1923 to 1932, he was a dietitian at the hospital for joint diseases in New York's Harlem.

He came back to Jamaica from New York and began agitating for wage reforms. In 1938 he founded the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union.

an island-wide strike. The British arrested him under the Defense Regulation Act. He served 17 months in prison. He organized his political party in 1943.

His Caribbean island, ruled by Spain for 161 years and then by Britain for 307 years, has 1,600,000 people concentrated within 4,411 square miles—the equivalent of Detroit's population on Connecticut's area.

Bustamante and his ministers are working out a 10-year development plan to build up Jamaica's agriculture and industry.

They went to Washington in June for, as he put it, "loans at small interest rate." They also want Jamaica to be in the United Nations, the Organization of

American States and the British Commonwealth.

"We are pro-American," he says.

"We are surrounded by some islands that are Communist, but communism has had no effect whatever on us. We are Christian people."

"We do not follow the other islands. We follow ourselves. We are not anti-Communist because the United States is. We are anti-Communist because we are."

Pakistani Appoints

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—President Ayub Khan has appointed a five-man commission to examine Pakistan's system for electing the president and members of the national and provincial assemblies.

Class in Canine Showmanship Set

A special class to teach people how to show dogs will be held Thursday at the Fred Lamb cottage in Skinner Butte Park.

The class is being conducted in preparation for the Eugene Kennel Club Labor Day Dog Show and Obedience match. Entry blanks for the annual show can be obtained by calling Mrs. Fred Lowe, RI 6-1486, or Mrs. Ray Bond, DI 4-8018. Deadline is noon Aug. 20.

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