

Culture

ORDER OF MERIT FOR MRS. EDNA MANLEY

A well known Jamaican artist has been awarded the Order of Merit (O.M.). She is Mrs. Edna Manley. She is the widow of one of our National Heroes, Norman Manley. She is also the mother of the Prime Minister.

The O.M. was presented to Mrs. Manley by the Governor General of Jamaica. He is the Most Honourable Florizel Glasspole.

The presentation ceremony was held in the National Gallery at Devon House. It was held during an art exhibition put on by Mrs. Manley. The title of the exhibition is "Edna Manley: The Seventies".

A citation to Mrs. Manley was read by Professor Rex Nettleford. He is the Chairman of the Council of the Institute of Jamaica.

The citation praised Mrs. Manley as a

sculptor and patriot. It said that Mrs. Manley had made a great contribution to Art and Literature in Jamaica. The citation further stated that she had made a name "both for herself and her country in the field of Sculpture".

In reply, Mrs. Manley thanked everyone for their support. She urged Jamaicans to "go back to love of the country, the love of people the love of work." "Only by this can we achieve greatness", she said.

Many people were there to cheer Mrs. Manley. Among them were diplomats, artists and Government Ministers, including the Prime Minister.