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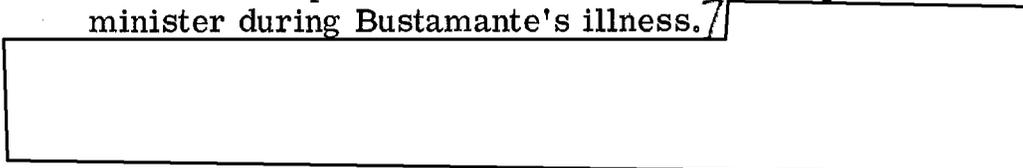
Jamaica: [Prime Minister Sangster's critical illness poses the threat of a leadership crisis at a time when the country is grappling with serious social and economic problems.]



[No other member of the cabinet has Sangster's ability to inspire confidence in Jamaicans of all political parties. Minister of Housing Tavares, who as the Jamaica Labor Party's deputy leader has been named acting prime minister, may not have sufficient party backing to succeed Sangster.]

[If an intraparty fight develops, Hugh Shearer, trade union leader and minister of external affairs, will probably have the support of octogenarian former prime minister Bustamante, but this may not be the deciding factor. Other ambitious party leaders, such as Minister of Trade and Industry Lightbourne and Minister of Development and Welfare Seaga, may also try to take over Sangster's position.]

[One of Sangster's first concerns when he took office on 23 February was to deal with the chronic unemployment that plagues Jamaica, even though its economy is booming. He had taken a particular interest in this problem when he was active as prime minister during Bustamante's illness.]



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NOTE

Venezuela: [President Leoni will attend the inter-American summit meeting next month, according to Venezuela's representative to the recent preparatory conference in Montevideo. Previous reports had indicated that Leoni was unwilling to participate because he saw little prospect for meaningful results. The Venezuelan representative predicted intensive bilateral talks, especially between the Latin American leaders and President Johnson, on topics such as the "Castro problem" that are not included on the formal agenda.]

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