

September Festival

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Woman to head UNICEF executive board

The next meeting of the 30-member UNICEF Executive Board, in Mexico City in May, 1979, will be unusual for a number of reasons. It will meet during the International Year of the Child in the largest city in Latin America and will be headed by a woman, Japanese diplomat Mrs. Sadaka Ogata.

United Nations, is the highest ranking woman in Japan's Foreign Service. She is the first Japanese to head the governing body of a major United Nations organization. Mrs. Ogata has gained considerable knowledge of UNICEF's work through her chairmanship of the Board's Programme Committee and Administration and Finance Committee and through visits to UNICEF-assisted pro-

grammes in developing countries. This year, she visited primary health care and rural drinking water supply projects in Indonesia and Thailand. She is the third woman to head the UNICEF Executive Board. Mrs. Adelaide Sinclair of Canada headed the Board in 1951-1952 and Mrs. Zena Harman of Israel, was Chairman of the Board in 1964-1965. — UNICEF Bulletin



MRS. SADATA OGATA, Japanese diplomat, (centre) who will head UNICEF's executive board. — Photo by MERRA

'Anansi' opens at Ward September 22

Opening at the Ward Theatre on September 22 at 8 p.m. will be this year's Festival Literary Competitions first gold medal winner, "Anansi and Unsung Heroes Out West," by Stafford Harrison.

Heading the talented cast will be seasoned entertainers John Jones, Bob Andy and Winston MacAnnuff, as well as well-known actors Munair Zacca, Charmaine Hemmings, Baldwin Howe and Andrienne Bonner.

Billed as a musical drama, "Anansi" cast of 34 also comprises some of the best performers in Festival '78: singers such as Marian Scott, who placed third in the Kingston and St. Andrew Festival Variety Concert; actresses such as Cecile Williams, who won a silver medal for her performance in the J.T.B. Production of "Incident At Jeans"; and dancers such as those from the Dancers Workshop and from St. Annes Secondary School who won the cup for the Most Outstanding Dance Group for '78.

Backing them for the show will be Zappow, a band which has already distinguished itself at home and abroad. Dances and general movement are being choreographed by the N.D.T.C's

Jackie Guy. Playing a primary role in the fate of the "Unsung Heroes Out West" is one of the main characters in the show, Exu Elaga played by John Jones and Bob Andy, who also wears the mask of Anansi.

Folk hero

Anansi is the original Jamaican folk hero. He is sometimes as spider, a human at other times — but always a somewhat devilish and cunning character who always wins. Anansi has been romanticised and held in awe, written about in books and lauded in plays, and has been the subject of serious study by students and professors. Today, long after African slaves invented and gave life to this character, Anansi remains the leading figure in Jamaican folklore.

Just how he originated is not documented, but there is little doubt that it was the work of an imaginative slave. What has been clearly established is that the word from which Anansi is derived comes from the West Coast of Africa, where the Ashanti tribe had a word "Ananse", meaning spider. Anansi's adventures are usually hair-raising. He comes

across always as wily and subtle and is on top of every situation as he plays tricks on other animals — and on humans, who he sometimes befriends. The knowledge that Anansi will triumph in the end does not remove the intrigue. There is always the mystery of just how he is going to get out of this one. Stafford Harrison's "Anansi & Unsung Heroes Out West" is woven around this 'fantasy' character; but it is also unflinchingly real.

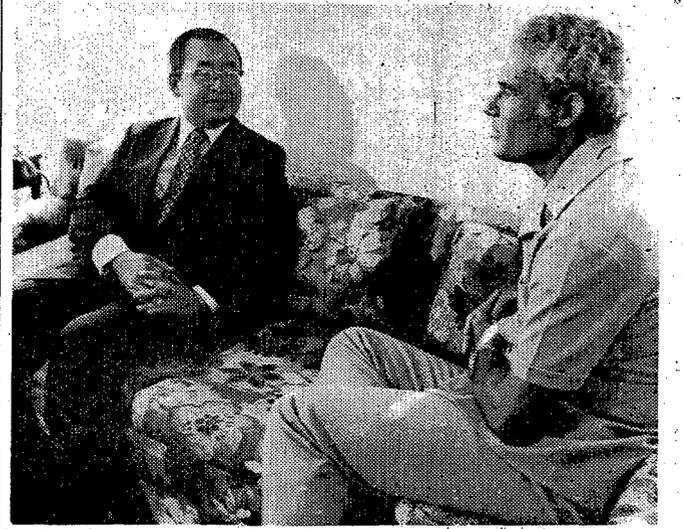
Ex-Beattie weds

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Sept. 8. (Reuter-CANA):

Former Beattie George Harrison has married Mexican-born Olivia Arias here in secret, it was disclosed today.

Harrison, 35, was wed by special licence last Saturday at a ceremony attended only by the bride's parents and witnesses.

The 26-year-old Miss Arias, his girlfriend for the past four years, used to work for his Dark Horse Record Company in Los Angeles. They have a five-week-old son named Dhani.



COURTESY CALL: Prime Minister Michael Manley (left), discussing co-operation between Jamaica and the Republic of Korea with that country's Ambassador, Dr.

Woosang Choi. Dr. Choi was paying a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at Jamaica House on Thursday, September 7. He said his country

was considering extending a line of credit to Jamaica, and was also interested in an economic and trade agreement between the two countries.

JAMAL featured in Kaiser magazine

The essence of JAMAL is its voluntary nature. The programme is administered by Professional staff, but it is the thousands of Jamaicans who spend voluntary hours teaching classes of 5, 10, 50, 100 in schools, churches, houses, community centres, garages and offices across the hills and valleys of Jamaica who make up the heart of JAMAL.

The above is taken from the latest issue of "ECHO," the in-house magazine of Kaiser Bauxite Company, which denotes a considerable number of pages to JAMAL and its association with Kaiser over the years.

The magazine traces this association which began in 1955 when Kaiser started a literacy programme at Duff

House in St. Elizabeth prospective standards of the Company's job requirements, to the present Kaiser sponsored classes being held at Puerto Seco Beach, Discovery Bay.

The classes at Puerto Seco Beach, according to "ECHO," are of particular interest, as they were started by two Kaiser employees at the request of a supervisor, for some of his own people who needed a little "brushing up."

The first graduation for the Discovery Bay classes was held on December 16, 1977, and during the function Kaiser's Vice President and General Manager, Mr. Ed.

Coyne, presented the Director of JAMAL, Mrs. Joyce Robinson, with the Company's No. 1 pin, the company's symbol for excellence. Mrs. Robinson in turn presented Mr. Coyne with a framed display of JAMAL-Kaiser photographs built around partnership and the No. 1 theme.

The magazine also features an article written by Michael Bell, a graduate student of one of the Company's earlier JAMAL classes at Rio Bueno in Trelawny. Michael, who did research into his article reveals some very interesting facts in the historic little township of Rio Bueno, and his article offers his services as a guide to tourists who wish to do a walking tour of the town.