

WISCo. director dies in London

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Mr. John Milliner, technical director of the West Indies Sugar Company, and president of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists, died suddenly in London yesterday, about a week after his arrival in the United Kingdom to spend a vacation. He was 57 years old.

Mr. Milliner and his wife left the island on July 24 on leave to the U.K., and was due to call at the WISCo offices in London this morning in connection with company business. Reports reaching the island yesterday said he died of a heart attack.

A son of the late E. E. Milliner, property owner of Tre-lawny, Mr. John Milliner attended Manro College from where he won a Rhodes Scholarship at the start of the 1930's. He attended Oxford University from which he graduated in the mid-1930's, becoming attached to the engineering firm in the U.K. of Babcock and Wilcox.

He was commissioned in the Royal Navy at the start of World War 2, and saw active service in the Mediterranean, among other places. He had become Lt. Commander by the end of hostilities in 1945.

Mr. Milliner after the war was appointed to the technical department of the Raw Sugar Group of Companies of the Tate and Lyle organization in the U.K. He was in Jamaica in this capacity during construction of Monymusk Sugar Factory in the late 1940's.

Promotion

After this, he returned to the U.K. and was back in Jamaica in 1959-61 as assistant manager of Frome Estate in Westmoreland, but was transferred to London in 1961 as group factory manager for the Tate and Lyle subsidiary companies in Jamaica, Trinidad and Honduras.



MR. JOHN MILLINER.

In 1967, he was promoted general manager at Monymusk factory, and last year was made technical director of the WISCo operations in Jamaica, being responsible in this sense for both Frome and Monymusk factories.

Mr. Milliner was married in the U.K. during the war. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Nigel and David, both at present in London studying accounts and medicine, respectively.

Other survivors include Mr. T. B. Milliner of Falmouth, a brother; and six sisters. Mrs. Agnes Robertson, widow of the late Dr. Henry Robertson; Mrs. Helen McCarey of Philadelphia, U.S.A.; Mrs. Kenneth Kilburn and Mrs. P. McPetridge, both resident in Canada; Miss Eva Milliner of Falmouth and Mrs. George Hart, of Kingston.

It could not be ascertained yesterday what would be the funeral arrangements for Mr. Milliner.