



## **Biographical Note**

### **The Honorable Arthur N.R. Robinson**

Robinson, Hon. (Arthur Napoleon) Raymond, T.C., O.C.C., S.C.; former President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Education:** Bishop's High School, Tobago; St. John's College, Oxford (Hon. Fellow 1988); LLB (London); MA (PPE) Oxon.

**Career:** Called to Bar, Inner Temple 1955; in practice, Trinidad and Tobago, 1957-61. Treasurer, People's National Movement (Governing Party) 1956; Member, Federal Parliament, 1958; Member, House of Representatives for Tobago East, 1961-71 and 1976-80; Minister of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago, 1961-66; Minister of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, 1967-70; Chairman, Democratic Action Congress, 1971-86; Chairman, Tobago House of Assembly, 1980-86; Leader, National Alliance for Reconstruction, 1986-92; Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, 1986-91; Minister Extraordinaire and Minister of Tobago Affairs, 1995-97; President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 1997-2003.

**Memberships:** Legal Commission on US Leased Areas under 1941 Agreement, 1959; Industrial Development Corporation 1960; Council, University of the West Indies, 1960-62. Director, Foundation for establishment of an International Criminal Court, 1972-87; UN Expert Group on Crime and the Abuse of Power, 1979; Advisory Council, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, 1994-96; President and Executive Member, Parliamentarians for Global Action, 1993-95.

**Awards:** Distinguished International Criminal Law Award, International Criminal Court Foundation, 1997; Distinguished Human Development Award, International Conference on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, UN Affiliate, 1983; Commendation Award and Freeman, City of a Thousand Oaks, California, 1987; Distinguished Service Award, California Lutheran University, 1987; Freeman: LA, 1988; Gran Cordon, Orden de El

Libertador (Venezuela), 1990; Chief Olokun Igbaro of Ife (Nigeria) and his wife Chief (Mrs.) Patricia Robinson, Ye Ye Olokun Igbaro of Ife 1991; Hon. DCL Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, 1991; Knight of Honour and Merit, The Imperial Russian Order of St. John of Jerusalem Ecumenical Foundation Knights of St. John (Brevet # R101992 O.S.J.), 1992; Individual of the Year Award, Friends of Tobago Library Committee, 1995; Award of the Trinity Cross, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 1997; Defender of Democracy Award, Parliamentarians for Global Action, 1997; Order of the Caribbean Community Award (OCCO), 1998; Hon. Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD), University of the West Indies, 1998; Hon. Vice-President of the International Association of Penal Law, 1999; Icon of the Nation, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 2002; Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation 2002; Silver Platter Award, No Peace Without Justice, 2002;

**Awards (Cont'd):** American Medal of Honour, American Biographical Institute Inc., 2003; Man of the Year 2003, American Biographical Institute Inc.; Grand Cross, Orden Nacional Vasco Nunez de Balboa (Republic of Panama), 2005; Tribute for work in establishment of the International Criminal Court, Association of Caribbean States, 2005; Knight Grand Cross in the Order of Orange-Nassau, 2005;

**Publications:** The New Frontier and the New Africa, 1961; Fiscal Reform in Trinidad and Tobago, 1966; The Path of Progress, 1967; The Teacher and Nationalism, 1967; The Mechanics of Independence, 1971; Caribbean Man, 1986; Presidential Speeches and Other Essays, 2004, numerous articles and addresses.