



VINCENT DeROULET

## Ex-Envoy To Jamaica Dies at 49

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FALMOUTH, Maine, Aug. 12 — Vincent DeRoulet, 49, former U.S. ambassador to Jamaica died Sunday of a heart attack at the home of his mother-in-law Joan Whitney Payson, owner of the New York Mets baseball team. He lived in Manhasset, N.Y.

Mr. DeRoulet served as ambassador from 1969 until July, 1973, when he was declared *persona non grata* by Prime Minister Michael Manley.

Manley sought Mr. DeRoulet's removal after testimony before a congressional committee that DeRoulet promised Manley the United States would not become involved in the 1972 Jamaica elections if Manley did not make an issue of the nationalization of American bauxite interests on the island.

While serving as ambassador to Jamaica Mr. DeRoulet gave a donation of \$100,500 to the Nixon re-election committee and received assurances of a more prestigious post according to a report by the House Judiciary Committee in July, 1974. However, he never received the appointment.

Mr. DeRoulet was in the 5th Air Force in the Pacific during World War II and subsequently became president of Towne-Oiler Associates, a marketing firm. He also was a director of the Meadowbrook National Bank on Long Island.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lorinda Payson; a son, Daniel, two daughters Whitney and Debe; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeRoulet, of Los Angeles; and a sister, Mrs. Warren Williamson, of New York.