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The West Indies did not establish itself as a top-class cricketing nation until after World War II, which is why Constantine played only 18 Tests and scarcely 100 first-class matches. He could hardly have found a better amanuensis: C L R James is now regarded as the greatest cricket writer ever. Even so, commented that his batting, while highly unorthodox in technique, could be very effective when he was in form.

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From 1962 when became an independent nation within the Commonwealth until 1964, he served in London as his high commissioner.

Constantine, Learie

By 1923, Learie's quality as a fielder had earned him a spot in the West Indies team heading for England, with his dad Leburn also featuring in the team.

Learie Constantine who managed to hit racism for six

And through cricket and otherwise, he did more to lift his countrymen and race to a new level of respect in the British Commonwealth.

Learie Constantine and a thread that runs through West Indies cricket history

Before he could do so, he died of a heart attack, probably brought about by bronchitis, on 1 July 1971. The early Constantines, who presumably lived out their lives in British occupied Trinidad, enduring misery and suffering, would establish a family on the island. That same year Sir Learie was awarded something that was perhaps much closer to his heart than knighthood, he was awarded the freedom of the town of Nelson.

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In 1923 they both played for Trinidad against British Guyana at Georgetown, one of the few instances of a father and son appearing together in a first-class match; both of them long cherished the occasion. During his life Sir Learie wrote seven books, his most prominent publication; The

Colour Bar, described his belief about British racial inequality. Constantine also worked closely with trade unions in an attempt to ease the fears and suspicions of white workers.

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