

FAMOUS SHEARER QUOTES

- "So I appeal to the liberal elements within that country to abandon their support of the suicidal policies of their government and to show the world that a group exists which is willing to accord the native African his just rights."

During a speech to the United Nations General Assembly, October 5, 1963.

- "Everywhere one goes, one will find bedbugs," Shearer said after being heckled by an antagonistic crowd in Savanna-la-Mar, as he tried to broker a deal in a dispute between the unions and the West Indies Sugar Company Ltd., January 8, 1966.

- "It has happened quite unfortunately that political campaigns are no longer being fought on principles and policies but to a large extent, politicians are indulging in rebukes and bitter character assassination. When that happens, it means that the politicians themselves are contributing to the destruction of the image of the politician."

In a speech delivered August 27, 1966.

- "If we content ourselves only to sit back and relax, and allow time, and the luck of fortune to attend to our problems, and build Jamaica's future, we will stop just where we are and begin a quick reverse into the mire of the distant past."

During Shearer's first broadcast as Prime Minister on April 19, 1967.

- "You have a no-nonsense Prime Minister to deal with."

During a speech delivered on May 1, 1967 to union men at the Ward Theatre explaining that he had given orders to the police to "proceed without reservation and

without restriction to tackle the problem of violence and to bring wrong-doers to justice in whatever way can be done".

"When it comes to handling crime in this country, I do not expect any policeman when he tackles a criminal to recite any beatitude to him (applause)... with due respect to the 'ologists, the police cannot tackle a wrong-doer and talk about 'blessed are the meek'.

Speech delivered on May 12, 1967 at the 23rd annual Central Conference of the Police Federation.

"It was the PNP who said that if you wear clean clothes, you can't be with Bustamante and Labour people. It was the PNP who opposed Bustamante and Labour Party and BITU by abusing the workers, calling the sugar workers 'cane piece rats' and calling port workers 'bolo men'.

At a speech defending the legacy of the late Sir Alexander Bustamante on November 30, 1977.

'Built by Labour'

Slogan Shearer helped make popular during the late 1960s when 60 secondary schools were built to beef up the local education system.

"Bum UWI, Bum UWI, Bum..."

Then Prime Minister Hugh Shearer quoted these words to Parliament on October 17, 1968 from a pamphlet which was circulated 35 years ago during a massive demonstration in Kingston on October 16, 1968. The specific event which triggered those demonstrations was the banning of Walter Rodney from re-entering Jamaica the day before.

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