

for almost thirty years.

ADAMS

The voice of the people is the voice of God.

WILLIAMS

Yes. It has certainly been fashionable for centuries to rest all the blame or glory, depending on your perspective, for our stupidity, on the seemingly broad shoulders of someone they call God.

MANLEY

The statement does sound convenient and painful.

WILLIAMS

No. It sounds like the voice of a loser.

BUSTAMANTE

And then what happened? Eh? What happened? (*Pause.*)

WILLIAMS

Look man, the liberal democracies that we set up on these islands, those islands, I am not sure where we are here. Anyway, our western parliamentary democracies are unprecedented in the whole history of all the ex-colonies in the post, post-colonial era. And we did that, we did it, we did it in the space of a generation. Only at the ballot box, my boy. Only-

ADAMS

(*Sarcastically.*)

So what are we going to do now? Boast about every little thing we did? Why you don't quote dates too? I start the PNM in Trinidad in 1955. Won elections in '56. I founded the PNP in Jamaica in 1938. Won elections in '55. 'The Chief' here was the first Prime Minister of an independent Jamaica till '67. I started the Barbados Labour Party in '38 and by '49 we had taken control from the planters. Blah. Blah. Blah. Blah. This is so ignorant. These little sweaty islands are so damn ignorant.

WILLIAMS

You didn't always feel that way?

ADAMS

No. No. You know that.

ONE FROM TEN LEAVES NAUGHT

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