

ended by Captain Isiah Robinson. Tribute was paid to this memorable occasion on December 12, 1939 when a plague was presented to the fort on behalf of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The American people cherish the close ties of friendship and understanding which link the United States and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The ceremony commemorating the exchange of salutes on November 16, 1776 is a fitting and graphic illustration of the long friendship of our two nations.

Sincerely,"

May I again express my pleasure at being able to participate in this event. I hope that as many of you as possible will visit my ship in order that I may reciprocate your heartwarming hospitality.

Thank you very much.

ST. MARTIN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday November 11, the French and Dutch parts of the island celebrated St. Martin's Day jointly.

At 9:30 a.m. the Lt. Governor of the Netherlands Windward Islands Mr. J.J. Beaujon and the Maire of Marigot Dr. H. Petit and other Dutch and French dignitaries met at the Monument at the frontier in Colebay, where speeches were made by the Lt. Governor, J.J. Beaujon and the Maire Dr. H. Petit.

Among the dignitaries attending the ceremony were: The Prefet of Guadeloupe, the President of the General Council of Guadeloupe, the acting Governor of the Netherlands Antilles, The Lt. Governor of Aruba and the Lt. Governor of Curacao.

After the ceremony a toast was given at the home of the Lt. Governor in Philipsburg - followed by a lunch at the St. John's Ranch for invited guests. Festivities for the general public were also held at the St. John's Ranch.

RED WINE, RED FACE

WASHINGTON:- For a brief moment Monday night, President Kennedy was simply John F. Kennedy, slightly embarrassed male.

A flick of the presidential wrist accidentally toppled a glass and splattered the ivory satin gown of Mrs. Luis Munoz Marin with the fine red wine of France.

The presidential face reddened perceptibly. Presidential appologies flowed. Mrs. Munoz laughed and the state dinner for Governor Munoz went merrily on.

The gown and stain are not destined for Puerto Rico's historic archives, however. A prudent Housewife as well as a White House guest of honor, Puerto Rico's First Lady sent the dress to the Cleaners the next day.

STATEN ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR

JULY 1962, is the date set for the next Staten Elections in the Netherlands Antilles. And the people are determined to send home the DP/PPA gang.