

than suggested by the Executive Council. This motion was accepted and the above-stated amounts for each island approved without discussion.

At this point Deputy Vincent Lopes reminded the Chairman Mr. J.J. Beaujon, that he Deputy Lopes during a meeting of the Executive Council held at St. Eustatius over which Mr. Beaujon presided, had requested Mr. Beaujon to consult the sections St. Maarten and Saba and endeavour to obtain their consent to increase the amount of fl. 390,000.— allotted to Statia by fl. 5000.—. Mr. Lopes then asked the Chairman Mr. Beaujon if this request had been complied with. Mr. Beaujon realizing that the ruse applied by Mr. Woodley in an attempt to administer a "cheap" Wathey-political stunt had failed. Made a long speech which was neither here nor there. In fact to us it was nothing by a repetition of meaningless words. But Deputy Lopes was not satisfied with this sort of thing he wanted to have a definite answer. So finally Mr. Beaujon was pinned down to answer either "yes" or "no. But again Mr. Beaujon tried to evade by telling Mr. Lopes: "your question is answered in the affirmative." We truly believe that everyone who was present at this meeting understands the meaning of the word "affirmative" but just in case "affirmative" means in plain english "yes". So it at last came to light that the extra fl. 5,000.— which was granted Statia is not an effort of Mr. Woodley but an effort of the energetic Mr. Vincent Lopes, Deputy and Island-councillor of St. Eustatius.

Mr. Woodley did not get anything for Statia, if he got anything it was for Woodley.

WAS IT DONE FOR A RIDE IN D-1 WOODLEY???

Evil tongues are always spinning tales. And many are the tales spun around the Woodley conversion to the Dead Party.

Some say that after the election he will be appointed Acting-Lt. Governor of the Windward Islands; some tell a little story of a little loan to the amount of fl. 7,000.— and many more.

But what we did see with our own eyes was Mr. Woodley comfortably seated in D-1, he was swollen up like a "pouter-pigeon" from pride for having the honour to be seated in the Lt. Governor's car. It is a great pity for Woodley that June 4th. is so close by.

WHO WILL BACK DOWN FROM WHO????

Mr. Clive Peterson, who just a short

time ago resigned as member of the Island Council of Curacao and at the same time announced that on account of his health he had withdrawn completely from active politics, surprised everyone by issuing a pamphlet provided with a photograph of himself plus his signature, in which he urged his Windward Island friends to vote for the Dead Party.

This was a surprise because if Mr. Peterson had really wished his Windward Islands friends to support the D(ead) P(arty) then in spite of his bad health he would have maintained his seat in the Island Council and not announce his withdrawal from active politics. No one would have been a bit wiser. It has, however, come to our knowledge exactly why Mr. Clive Peterson has taken this attitude.

For years Mr. Peterson has been Market-meester (Chief of the market) at Curacao and could never succeed in forcing his political friends to promote him to a better post. Now with the sinking of the D(ead) P(arty) ship, Clive took this opportunity to withdraw from active politics. The D.F.-brass visited him and tried their best to make him change his mind, but he was too obstinate, so they asked him what about a pamphlet which was already prepared (any Windward Islander can see that the English used in this pamphlet springs from the pen of a native of Curacao, in fact papia nta-english). Clive still kept his knee stiff and started to bargain for a job at Public Works as Hoofd-commies. The brass succumbed and promised him this job and he blessed the pamphlet.

The condition laid down by Clive, however, is that his appointment must be a fact before June 4th., or else. It now remains to be seen who will back down from who; Whether Clive will be appointed Hoofd-commies at Public Works and praise the D(ead) P(arty) or whether the D.F.-brass has again fooled him which will raise his anger and put him again in active-politics campaigning with blood in his eyes against his former masters.

Curacao, the 13th. of April '62

Great was the shock of a multitude of listeners gathered last night, the 12th. of April 1962, at Oer Asile in Curacao where a meeting of the Radical Party was being held when Mr. Jamil Isa, brother of the Minister of Justice, stood up and denounced the Democrat government titling them as supporters of corruption when he stated facts that caused a wave of just indignation to pass through the multitude.

Many were the cases he stated. One in particular how the Democrat owner of a