

little girls. The Lt. Governor then introduced them to the Reception Committee which was lined-up in front of the terminal building - H. R. H. Princess Irene and H. R. H. Princess Margriet stopped for a moment where the "Jungle Tigers" steel-band was playing and then got into the waiting cars which brought them to Philipsburg.

Arriving at Philipsburg the Princesses walked through a "Guard-of-honour" (formed by the Methodist Boys' Brigade, the Boy Scouts and Junior members of the O. B. I. A. and P. M. I. A.) which was lined-up in front of the Court-house and took their places on the balcony of the Court-house where they were cheered by hundreds of school-children and grown-ups who had gathered in front of the Court-house - The school-children under the direction of Mr. van der Heuvel, Principal of the Oranje-school, sang first the National Anthem and then two other songs - H. R. H. Princess Irene thanked the school-children for their fine singing and promised them a free day from school (to be announced by the Lt. Governor later) The Princesses followed by the Acting Governor, the Prime Minister, the Lt. Governor and the rest of the group the left the Court-house and walked up the Front-street to the Governor's Mansion. (We are unable to inform our reader of what took place in the Lt. Governor's Mansion, because only invitees could enter, and the *W. I. S. Opinion* (the only newspaper in the Windward Islands) was not invited.)

After about 45 minutes at the Governor's home, the Princesses followed by the group left for the Little Bay Hotel where lunch was served.

At 5 p.m. they toured the island, during which time H. R. H. Princess Irene visited the P. M. I. A. and H. R. H. Princess Margriet visited the O. B. I. A. (Two benevolent societies located on the Back-street in Philipsburg). And at 7:30 p.m. a "Public" reception was given at the Passangrahan which lasted for one hour.

On Thursday the Princesses spent the day in Saba and on Friday the spent the day in St. Eustatius, in both cases they left here in the morning hours and returned in the afternoon by H. M. S. "Van Buijck".

To-day they will spend the day in privacy at the Little Bay Hotel and tomorrow they will attend the Methodist Church services in Philipsburg starting at 8:30 a.m. the remainder of the day will be spent in privacy and on Monday morning they will leave by K. L. M. for Curacao.

EDITORIAL

Word reached us that due to the publication in the newspapers of the report of the Auditors (Algemene Rekenkamer) on the way government funds were spent in the Windward Islands during 1961 a great lot of criticism was heard especially in Curacao.

People and government officials of all parties openly gave their opinion that drastic changes must occur in the Windward Islands. All voiced their disgust over the obvious destruction and waste of the taxpayers' money. Those who are acquainted with the Dutch language should make sure and read the *Amigo di Curacao* of the 11th. of July 1962 and the *Beurs-en Nieuwsberichten* of the 5th. of July 1962. To give our readers an idea of the contents of that report we have made a free translation of a few paragraphs of that report. The *Gloria of Saba* forms as usual the biggest and clearest demonstration of abuse of governments funds. Here are some of the comments.

"During our visit we (the members of the Auditing Board) noted that on the 2nd. of February 1962 a decision was taken by the Executive Council of Saba. The Administrator was empowered to pay f271.84 (this is an additional amount, Ed.) towards the repairs of the *Gloria*, which boat went ashore on the Fort Bay at Saba in calm weather on the 13th. of September 1960, 9 days after the hurricane Donna caused damage at St. Maarten.

As reason was given:

The total amount of the expenditures were	f. 7.271,84
The Central Government contributed	" 5.000,--
The Hurricane Relief Fund (Donna Fonds)	" 2.000,--
The difference was	f. 271,84

This amount has been temporarily booked to post 508 "Unforeseen" expenditures of the island Budget of the Windward Islands, division Saba of 1962. In the aforementioned was not included the amount of f. 3.027,59 for labour; neither were the telephone and telegram charges, passages and board included. Also a bill was paid at St. Maarten for "overtime" and this was not included either.

The Auditing Board is forced to express its astonishment concerning this sort of affairs, namely that after two months