

the Netherlands Antilles or will be forwarded gratis by the Lieutenant Governor of the Windward Islands, St. Maarten.

In order that effort can be given to the rights of all persons in the registration of all real estate in aforementioned islands, application on or before the 31st of December 1962, is of major importance to those entitled.

The Administrator of Finance
In the Netherlands Antilles."

We have received many letters from our readers abroad asking for further information on said notice, because of these letters we had an interview with the gentleman in charge of the Land registry office here, and again as a public service we are publishing the information which was given to us:

We were told by this gentleman that the main purpose of the forms mentioned in the above notice is to determine persons who have claim to land but who for one or the other reason do not have the proper documents or deeds of ownership, and then to assist such persons if they are the rightful owners to obtain the proper documents or deeds of ownership. He went on to explain that: Before 1870 when one bought land he received a "Scabinale Acte" this was a deed of ownership which was drawn up by the members of the Court of Justice of the island on which the land was situated. After 1870 this was changed, and when one bought land; he received a "Bill of Sale" which had to be drawn up by the buyer and the seller in the presence of a Notary Public - However before becoming the legal owner, the buyer has to have the "Bill of Sale" inscribed in the registers of the Conservator of Mortgages. He further gave as an example: If some one bought a piece of land before the year 1870, and had a "Scabinale Acte" for said land, and sold the land to someone else after 1870, but only gave the buyer a receipt on a stamped paper - The last buyer according to law is not the owner of the land in question, even though he may have some claim to it.

According to the gentleman in charge of the Land registry office, after the forms have been turned in at his office a Committee will be formed to study the forms and make recommendation to the Court of Justice, in order that the Judge may pass sentence as to who are the owners of lands where the ownership is doubtful or questionable. And the

sentence past by the Judge will then be considered as a "Bill of Sale" of legal deed of ownership.

HOTEL PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND

For sometime there have been talks about the construction of two or three large hotels in the Lowlands Area - At one time there were two Groups the "Miller-group" and the Goodman-Tannenbaum-group. Each of these groups at the time expressed the desire to construct a 100-room hotel which when completed would cost around \$2,000,000, and they both applied to the Federal Government for a Mortgage loan of \$750,000.-- to which the Federal Government agreed in principle.

Since then however the "Miller-group" for reasons unknown, has withdrawn and the "Goodman-Tannenbaum-group" has decided build a 200-room hotel instead of a 100-room hotel, in the area of Mullet Pond Bay which when completed will cost about \$3,000,000.-- and has applied to the Federal Government for a mortgage loan of \$1,500,000. The remainder of the money will be financed by private capital. The Central Commission of the States of the Netherlands Antilles approved this mortgage loan on June 29, 1962.

It is hoped that construction of this hotel will soon be started.

-We were informed that the Antillian Hotel Company has plans to build a 100-room hotel at the foot of Fort Amsterdam which is close to the Little Bay Hotel - The Little Bay Hotel which was officially opened in 1955 and whose first guest was H.M. Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, is the most modern and up-to-date hotel on the island and rates among the very best tourist resorts in the entire Caribbean - The Little Bay Hotel Corporation, which owns and operates the Little Bay Hotel, is owned by the Antillian Hotel Company.

-The Island Investment Corporation are now working on plans to construct a hotel at "Break-water".

-For a long time nothing has been heard about the Cupecoy Bay Hotel and Home site Inc. - This company was supposed to build a hotel (Bungalow type) at Cupecoy Bay, and had even