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#### ANOTHER WEEKLY FOR ST. MAARTEN

Words have reached us that the Wathey-gang will soon have a weekly newspaper published here.

According to our information Chester Wathey, Claude Wathey and E. Jonckheer held a conference at the Little Bay Hotel on Saturday last, July 21, which lasted for several hours - It was at this meeting that the group decided to publish a weekly newspaper here. The new paper will be printed in Curacao, at the Jonckheers' printery, and distributed in the Windward Islands - It is scheduled to appear for the first time next month.

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#### ONLY CASTRO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS OF BETRAYAL

By

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Washington, July 12:- Although the Communist hand over Cuba is ever more undisguised, the Marxist leader persists in crediting his power to the handful of young idealists who first took up arms against Batista with him on July 26, 1953. Now, for the fourth time, the Castro dictatorship will celebrate its triumph under the guise of the movement of July 26. If this year's programme follows the pattern of the previous three it will be another big show of the sort that only a dictatorship can put on.

Besides the marching battalions of regimented workers, farmers, women, and youth, and the militia and the military, the total drum and trumpet power of the musicians of the island will be mobilized to sound the fanfares. All those left over will form up on the streets and plazas. "The people" to cheer and express jubilation for the watching television cameras and G-2 agents.

Speeches will be presented by a number

of the regime's chief functionaries, and among those who will "make use of the word" will be the supreme leader himself Fidel Castro. Since his last appearance on the platform on the 26th July Castro has made several speeches of general interest, especially the discourse of last December 2 on the popular university radio programme, in which he declared himself: "I am a Marxist-Leninist and I will be a Marxist-Leninist to the last day of my life."

In the same speech he conceded that his followers in the Sierra Maestra were fighting for freedom and democracy, not for communism.

Since this revealing, although not surprising, disclosure, the Castro press in Cuba has put itself to some trouble to "clarify" the apparent deception. Castro himself has left it to the official apologists to explain away the transformation of the movement of the 26th July into an outright Marxist-Leninist state - the very opposite of the freedom and democratic state for which the young barbudos fought.

Obviously Castro was wearing the uniform of the 26th July but his beard was that of Marx and Lenin.

Typical of the apologists efforts to exchange the beard of the Bolshevik for that of the Cuban patriot of 1956 is the "Aclaraciones" column of the Havana Communist newspaper 'HOY' of June 22. Attacking "Trotskyite newspaper" and "imperialist" propaganda agencies for questioning Castro's double dealing HOY says:

"The United Marxist-Leninist party arises, as we have explained, by a process of natural fusion of the revolutionary organizations... Fidel Castro operated as a Marxist-Leninist before being able to express himself as such... his enormous intellectual capacity, his intelligence, his political genius, his honesty, have enabled him to assimilate, by means of studies which did not begin yesterday the essence and the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism."

This declaration does not quite explain everything. Are we to believe that it has taken Fidel Castro all these years to learn the fundamentals of communism? Is communism then so complicated, in contrast to the simple and eternal ideals of free-