

THE WINDWARD ISLANDS OPINION

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wide, has a draught of 27 feet and a speed of 19 knots. She has a crew of 450 and there were 382 passengers aboard.

The firm S.E.L. Maduro & Sons Windward Islands Ltd. is the agent of the Swedish American Line and Mr. Paul Peterson, Manager of this firm with the able assistance of Mr. Alfred G. De Windt, Traffic Manager of S.E.L. Maduro & Sons of Curacao did a good job of handling the ship's business here.

All stores were opened (on French and Dutch part of the island) in order to

LUX sweet soap, yours truly
facilitate the tourists aboard the ship.

And according to information from reliable sources, quite a lot of money was spent here that day. Stores, hotels, and taxi-drivers all did well. Some hotel and other business people told our reporter that it was the most business a cruise ship had ever brought to the island.

DANCOW: 1 Lbs makes 3 Ltr of Milk

On the other hand the tourists were all very much impressed with the natural beauty of the island and the kind and friendly disposition of the people. Our reporter spoke with many of the tourists and even with some members of the crew, and they all had the same story to tell... "St. Maarten is a little paradise". One tourist remarked: "I have not seen a single beggar, the people are all smiling so happily it makes me feel at home, and welcome, and I can spend money without feeling guilty. When I visit an island or a country where the people are living in poverty it makes me feel a kind of guilty to spend money buying luxuries or drinks, but here it is different."

SURF = EXTRA MILD TO YOUR HANDS

The fact that this was the first port the ship had stopped after leaving New York was partly responsible for the heavy spending.

From a reliable source we learned that the Skipper, Capt. Per-Eric Sjolín, has said, that this was the first time that he had been to St. Maarten, but it surly would not be the last.

Walter Capelli, Shore Trip Manager and Public Relations Officer, with whom our reporter had a long discussion, and who impressed us as one who knows his job, said among other things, that it had been a long time since he had seen so many passengers so favourably impressed with an island at which the ship had stopped. "The island is not only beautiful and its people kind and friendly, but it is also so clean," he said.

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We have followed with great interest