

the improvements made on the government's offices here during the past months - These offices; starting with the Governor's office and ending with the Police Station, have all been renovated and remodeled (in some cases they have also been air-conditioned). These improvements have certainly improved working conditions for the employees who work at these offices.

The only exceptions however, are the Post Office and the Receiver's Office, both located on the first floor of the Court-house building. These two offices are the same today as they were twenty years ago.

When we consider how hard the employees of these two offices (especially the Post Office) work, and the wonderful job they do of serving the public. We are forced to ask the Authorities. "Why hasn't something been done to improve these offices and thereby the working conditions of a group of government employees who really do a good job?"

It is a public secret in our community that the employees of the Post Office, in an effort to make sure that mails are distributed as soon as possible, often work several extra hours, (without overtime pay) assorting and distributing mails.

It is our opinion that these offices should also be renovated (on the inside) and air-conditioned. We therefore make a strong appeal to the Authorities to do something about improving the interior of these offices soon.

PLEASE DO NOT SPOIL THE GOOD NAME OF
ST. MAARTEN.

A great majority of the tourists who visited the island aboard the M.V. Gripsholm on Sunday were satisfied and favourably impressed. There have however been one or two unfavourable reports, which caused a little dissatisfaction. These reports were all against taxi-drivers who tried to take advantage of the situation.

We were told of a taxi-driver who charged a tourist \$5.-- I.S. for a trip to Little Bay Hotel (the fare is Fls. 1.50 or \$0.80 U.S.) - This in our opinion is a burning shame and should never happen again.

We know that the St. Maarten Tourist

43 beans in every cup ... N E S C A F E

Bureau is doing a great deal to en-

courage and promote tourism on this island and it would be a terrible thing to allow one or two greedy taxi-drivers to spoil things not only for themselves, but for the whole island. Because of this we would like to suggest that a special leaflet, containing the taxi fares and maybe a short message from the Tourist Bureau be made and be distributed (on the wharf) to tourists from aboard future cruise ships.

To the greedy taxi-drivers would like to say: PLEASE CHARGE THE CORRECT FARES AT ALL TIMES * PLEASE DO NOT SPOIL THE GOOD NAME OF ST. MAARTEN.

LIGHTS AT MIDDLE REGION, DEFIANCE AND
UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER

On Saturday last the lights went on at Middle Region, Defiance and a section of Upper Prince's Quarter.

A group of invited guests among whom were: Lt. Governor, J.J. Beaujon, Representative of the Windward Islands in the Staten (Legislative Council) of the Netherlands Antilles, A. Claude Wathey, Deputy and Mrs. J.P. Conner, Deputy Milton Peters, Director of the G.E.S.M. (St. Maarten Electric Company) and Mrs. Gevers, Acting Lt. Governor and Islandcouncil member Chas. Vlaun, Dr. Levendag, Government Physician, Head of the Tourist Bureau, Clem Labega, Immigration Officer E. Meyers, Hotel operator, Sam Hazel, Islandcouncil member L.B. Scott, gathered at Defiance for the purpose of witnessing the lights go on at Middle Region, Defiance and Upper Prince's Quarter.

Mr. Gevers, Director of the G.E.S.M. after welcoming those present in well chosen words called upon His Honour the Lt. Governor J.J. Beaujon to "throw" the switch which would supply the above mentioned section of the island with electricity. Lt. Governor, J.J. Beaujon, after making a short address (address on page 6) turned on the switch which illuminated Middle Region,

Defiance and Upper Prince's Quarter - After the lights were switched on, Deputy Julian Conner addressed those present (Address on page 6) and at the end of his speech Deputy Conner invited the guests to his home to drink a toast on the occasion.
