

Address By Lt. Governor J.J. Beaujon on Saturday October 26, 1963, At The Ceremony Of The Electrification Of Middle Region, Defiance and Upper Prince's Quarter.

Mr. Gevers, the Executive Council and Island Council of St. Maarten, Representative in the Legislature of the Netherlands Antilles, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would say that it is more than traditional that I say welcome to you here again at a moment, a few moments before, again I have the honour to switch on lights, in a very large part of the island. I think that this will be the fourth time that we have come together for a ceremony like this.

First I count the day we started the lights in town then we went to Simposnbay, and then we went to Goddet's Head and today we stand here. This part of the island includes Middle Region, Defiance and goes down to Upper Prince's Quarter. And as far as the Executive Council has decided, in cooperation with the G.E.S.M. (St. Maarten Electric Company)

by Christmas-eve we hope to see you again down at the road. For then we will put Sucker Garden in ligjt. That same afternoon we have to make a lot of travels, - or maybe even before that, because, also the bottom of Cul-de-Sac must have lights; that day. Yes, Mr. Gevers. And also the eight poles of Cole Bay must have lights that day.

So there will be a lot of work going on for those men who have worked very hard already these weeks. I would like to thank the management of the G.E.S.M. and also the hard workers who worked together with this management to achieve

this light today for us here, in this district of the island. You can be sure that we are watching your steps and your lines very carefully, and we are happy every time you make an invitation for us to switch on lights in some part of the island. It is not a luxury, but a necessity for everyone who lives on this island to have the benefit of electric current. We hope that they will use a lot of this current not only for you of the electric company to have a higher income, but also so that the Government will have less guaranty to pay.

It is a great pleasure anyhow to light here today. I thank everyone who have assisted in making it possible. Here we go! (At this point the lights were switched on.)

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Lt. Governor, members of the Island Council, Manager and Director of the G.E.S.M., Ladies and Gentleman, last but not least our dynamic Representative, in the Legislative Council of Curacao, who makes all

things possible in St. Maarten. You cannot imagine what a pleasure it is for me tonight, to have current in this part of the country. Needless to say, I am happy for myself; but, it is not only for myself, because remember I left the current and came to the country to live, but I am very happy for all those people who have lived here all their lives, and who have to continue to live here. The people who, couldn't move to current or move from current. We are very happy that we have been able to bring them current tonight and for the rest of the future.

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