field of St. Eustatius who read a history of his native island. He went back to the years 1636, the time of the Golden Rock and Zeelandia, as the island was then called. He elaborated on the time when the island was at its pike of properity (1767) - at which time the inhabitants of Statia numbered 25,000.

Islandcouncil member W.C. Anslijn who read a history of Saba, started by congratulating the Board of the N.W.I.W.A. He expressed the hope that the unity among Windward Islanders and the interest in the Windward Islands as desplayed at the celebration, may continue to live in the hearts of all Windward Islanders in the future. He ended his talk about Saba with a poem about the the islands composed by himself. His talk was followed by a pr ogram by Sabans, which was highlighted by a display of Saban needlework by Mrs. C. Leverock.

The last speaker was Mr. Leslie Lejuez, who spoke on the history of St. Maarten, this was followed by some songs and dance typical of the island. The 75 year-old Mr. George Richardson recited a poem with much style an d vigor and was rewarded with loud and long applauds from the large crowd. The St. Maarten program was closed by Duke Spanky (with Claude Peterson as leader) who sang "Too old to dream" and "Old Virginia" - The large crowd was very pleased with the fine singing of Duke and Spanky, who by special request of Mr. Whitfield sang a third song, "You are my sunshine".

In conclusion all three Deputies from the Windward Islands as well as the Delegates of the P.M.I.A., O.B.I.A. and the Editor of the Windward Islands' Opinion, spoke. (See speech of Deputy Julian Conner of St. Maarten on page 4)

The celebration was rounded off with an evening of dancing, with music supplied by the popular "Caribbean Ambassadors".

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WHY?? WHY ?? WHEN ??

Why must hard working men be transported like cattle on the back of open dump-trucks and pick-ups?

Why must working men be allowed to lose their lives foolishly for the lack of proper means of transportation?

When will the Authorities wake up to the fact that it is their responsibility to protect the working man and his family?

On Tuesday last another worker, Jeremiah Joseph White, was thrown from the back of an open dump-truck (without any seating accomodations whatsoever) and died on the spot; while being transported from his work. This accident took place on the French part of the island, but we can all remember; that not too long ago a government worker, Norris Williams, of the Dutch part of the island was also thrown from the back of an open dump-truck (without any seating accomodations) while being transported from his work. He also died shortly after the accident.

We said then and we are saying again that workers should not be transported in open dump-trucks or pick-ups without

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