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steelband, the "Sharpshooters" from Philipsburg and the "Rebels" from Nevis. At midnight it was announced that Miss Irma Abdul Hamid, had been elected "Festival Queen 1963" by popular votes, the first runner-up was Miss Elvia Cox of French Quarter and second runner-up was Miss Irene Lake of Philipsburg.

On Sunday November 10, at 6 p.m. the calypso contest (calypso tent) was held at the "Festival Village". The Mighty Viking of Sucker Garden, was crowned "King Calypso 1963" and his rendition of "Exceptional" also won for him the title of "King of Road March 1963", Lord Protector, of Philipsburg, Fats Domino of Philipsburg and Lord Esso of Grand Case were 3rd., 4th. and 5th. respectively. At the end of the Calypso contest Miss Irma Abdul Hamid was crowned "Festival Queen 1963".

On Monday November 11, at 1:20 p.m. a parade led by the "Festival Queen" and "Prince Teen Age Crush" I, (W. "Boedie" de Weever) in a convertible was started at the foot of Fort William (The Fort Hill) and ended at the "Festival Village" via the Frontstreet, "Head-of-the-town" and the Backstreet - The parade lasted 3 hours and 20 minutes

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and five different costumed troupes took part in it.

Prizes were awarded to the following troupes: "Feast of the Aster" of Philipsburg, with Miss Myrtle Friday as Queen, 1st. Prize, "Young and Strong" of Philipsburg, 2nd. Prize, "Lost Comanches" 3rd. Prize, "The Clowns" 4th. Prize and "The Bats" of French Quarter 5th. Prize.

The entire island enjoyed the "festival" and many persons who had not taken part in it, regreted and decided that they will take part next year.

The "Festival Committee" worked very hard and their labour was not in vain because people are still talking how nice the Festival was. The Windward Islands Opinion congratulate the organizers and hopes that they will endeavour to make the Festival an annual event.

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## ST. MAARTEN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

The "St. Maarten Festival" Nov. 8 - 11, was a great success. The "St. Maarten Festival" was organized by a group of young people under the able leadership of Mr. Arnold Scott, President, other members of the group were A. Milton, Vice President, K. Wilson, Secretary, J. Lynch Treasurer and H. Scott, F. Samson, C. Griffith and Mrs. M. Richardson, members.

The Festival was opened at the "Festival Village", at Cul-de-Sac on Friday evening with Steelband competition and hundreds of people from all sections of the island turned out for the occasion. The prizes were won by: the "Sharpshooters" of Philipsburg, 1st. Prize, the "Rebels" from Nevis, 2nd. Prize and the "Invaders" from Marigot 3rd. Prize. Due to heavy rainfall, "Calypso tent" which had been scheduled for the same evening had to be postponed until Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. The 'Martians' entertained the crowd with football from Space at the "Festival Village" and from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. a well attended costume Ball was held at the St. John's Ranch at Cul-de-Sac; an estimated 300 persons attended this dance and music was supplied by two