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SCHOOL CHILDREN ENJOY SINT NICHOLAS'S

ARRIVAL

On Wednesday morning, December 4, the school children of the Dutch Part of the island (from 1st. to 6th. grades of all schools) witnessed the arrival of Sint Nicholas at the wharf in Philipsburg with much enthusiasm and excitement.

At 8:15 a.m. the children from the various schools started gathering in front of the wharf in Philipsburg, they were accompanied by their teachers. A little later the Philipsburg Community

Band under the able leadership of its musical director, Mr. John Ch. Lamonie arrived and took its place in front of the school children.

All the children were holding small flags; those of the Public schools were holding Dutch or Antillian flags and those of the Roman Catholic schools had the yellow and white flag of the Church.

At about 8:50 a.m. a motor-boat was spotted off Point Blanche, and Mr. Lobo, a teacher of the Orange-school and the organizer of the affair, informed the children that Sint Nicholas along with his partner "Piet" was aboard the motor-boat on their way to visit them, Mr. Lobo in a convincing manner explained that Sint Nicholas and Piet had come from a far off land aboard a very large ship, but, because of the size of the wharf they were forced to transfer to the small motor-boat - As the motor-boat neared the shore, the children accompanied by the Community Band started singing "Sint Nicholas".

As the boat pulled up to the wharf, and Sint Nicholas and "Piet" disembarked they were greeted by over 800 children with cheers and waving flags.

Lt. Governor J.J. Beaujon, welcomed Sint Nicholas and Piet on the wharf and escorted them to a convertible, generously contributed by "Boedie" de Weever for the purpose.

From the car Piet started distributing candies to the teachers for the children of their classes, and when this was done; they drove around the town in the convertible, driven by Mr. Lobo.

This was the first time that a Sint Nicholas celebration had been organized here for all the children, and it surely did one's heart good to see how it was enjoyed by them.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Lobo, the organizer, to thank all who assisted in making it a success and at the same time express the hope that it will become an annual affair.

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