

METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL

BAZAAR

THE METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR WILL BE HELD AT THE BRICKBUILDING A T PHILIPSBURG ON DEC. 13 & 14, 1963.

OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE LT. GOVERNOR, MR. J.J. BEAUJON, AT 2:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY DEC. 13, 1963.

ADMISSION: Dec. 13, Fls. 1.25  
Dec. 14, Fls. 0.50

Ste el Band" our sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of St. Maarten for their kind hospitality extended to us during our recent visit.

We were indeed touched by their friendliness and by the warm welcome we received wherever we went. We certainly had a wonderful time.

Particularly we wish to say a special word of thanks to the members of the "Festival Committee" who we think did a splendid job in organizing the Festival and to encourage them to continue this commendable effect.

We look forward to retaliate this kindness in the not too distant future.

Yours Sincerely,  
Calvin A. Howell

150 YEARS OF OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

By A. Illidge

One hundred and fifty years of our National Independence - For many years the Nation looked forward for an heir to the House of Orange. Then on the 30th. of April 1909, the news flashed around the world. An heir was born to the House of Orange. And it seemed that all nature had paid tribute to her birth, indicating she was born to be the greatest democratic Queen on earth.

In 1952 Parliament approved constitutional amendment, making the Netherlands the first country to enact provisions for yielding authority to Supranational organizations.

A 1954 Charter revision gave Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles one time colonies, complete internal autonomy. And so today, we share in the joy and honour in celebrating our 150 years of

National Independence. To-day (Nov. 30, 1963) we commemorate the Duke of Alva, the self styled beggers of the sea, who initiated our great struggle for independence; soon to be led by that great hero, William The Silence. Side by side with that heroic banner adopted as the flag in our celebration today. The red, white and blue, of the United Netherlands, which has remain, that of Holland unto today.

The present celebration recalls the day 300 years when Holland, Little Holland, 12,850 square miles, undaunted by the Arm Forces of he mighty oppressor, sought expansion on the distance seas, when love of Liberty, of thought and art embend her citizens, as well as those of other nations, who dwelt on her shores, with ideas of free government, free thought, free speech, and free education. Today we remember how these principles were carried to the virgin soil of America. Not only by Hollanders, but to a much greater extent by English men. English men who came from those countries, where those bands of Dutch had immigrated years before; English men who had a fefuge from Religious persecution. Those noble Pilgrim Fathers who after having lived with us the 12 years of our truce with Spain, embued with the ideals Holland was standing for, sailed to the New World to carry out those ideals. Also like Willian Pen in latter years, whose mother was Dutch who spoke the Dutch language, and whose form of government was entirely nodeled on that of Holland.

Ladies and gentlemen, and fellow citizens, in speaking of the greatness of Holland today, we cannot forget Peter Stuyvesant, the fourth and most famous of the Dutch Governor General, of Holland who was appointed in 1647. He lost a leg in the Lutch service on this very island of St. Maarten. It is fitting to remember him today. The free democratic Lowlander has not lost his enthusiasm, that enthusiasm is no longer founded upon defence against oppression, but rather, upon gratitude. Every night, minded Hollander feels toward the line of princely leaders who created and perpetuated our independence. It finds its higher expression in the veneration of every Hollander and every citizen of the Netherlands Antilles, for that fair and august Democrat of the House of Orange, who now reigns our us.  
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