

THE WINDWARD ISLANDS' OPINION

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EDITORIALSHappy New Year

As we start another year it is fitting that we take some time out to say; Thanks to our readers for the support and cooperation which you have given us in the past - To wish you all a Happy New Year and to reassure you that with the help of the Almighty we shall continue to report the news as it happens irrespective of persons.

During the past year the Island ( Dutch part) has seen much improvement:

- (a) Work on the new terminal building at the Juliana Airport was started and should be completed in the next month or so.
- (b) Dial telephones have been installed in Philipsburg,
- (c) Work on the deep-water pier at Point Blanche has progressed well and this important project should be completed sometime in March 1964.
- (d) Every district of the island has been supplied with electricity.

(e) A Commercial Bank (the second on the island) and other business firms have been established.

The abovementioned are but a few of the many general improvements - For the individual, however, it has been a different story.

For some it has been a good year; during which many of their dreams have been realized and for others it has been a bad year, during which they have encountered set-backs, disappointments and hardships.

But, for all; those who had a good year as well as those who had a bad one; 1963 is now history, and what has been written on its pages cannot be changed -

Let us therefore look ahead, with renewed Strength, with firm Faith in God and with full Confidence in ourselves - Let us make the resolution NOW to do our part, however small that part may be, to make St. Maarten and the world a better place to live in.

The Windward Islands' Opinion once again wishes all a Happy and Prosperous New Year - Thanks you for the support given in 1963 - And solicit your continued support and cooperation during 1964.

New Bridge Needed At "Breakwater"

The bridge at "Breakwater" leading to the Little Bay Hotel is in a deplorable condition, and has been so for the past months - In August 1963, we were informed by the Authorities that a new bridge would soon be built to replace the old one - This news was published and everyone was glad that something would be done about this hazardous condition.

But alas, four months have past and nothing has been done about this bridge. And it is now in a worst condition than it has ever been.

We realize that the Authorities may be busy with other things - But, is it not true that much is being done to encourage tourism? And is it not also true that this bridge leads to the largest tourist hotel on the island?

Considering the above facts, it is our opinion that it is of the utmost importance that a new bridge be built at "Breakwater" - We are therefore appealing to the Authorities to have a new bridge built at "Breakwater" as soon as possible.

STOP IT NOW!

In an Editorial of Saturday October 5, 1963, entitled: "FISH SHOULD BE SOLD IN THE FISH MARKET" we called the attention of the Authorities to the bad habit adopted by the fishermen, of selling their fish on the ground at the "head" of "APOTH WILSTEEG" better known as the "Fish Alley".

We were then given the assurance by the Authorities that efforts would be