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According to the new traffic law motorists will enter Philipsburg via the Backstreet and leave via the Frontstreet and cars (tourists) coming from the new pier would have to pass down the Frontstreet.

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#### D.C. MATHEW ON VISIT

Mr. D.C. Mathew member of the Staten of the Netherlands Antilles arrived here on an official visit by K.L.M. on Tuesday, January 7, he was accompanied by his wife.

This may be Mr. Mathew's last rrip to the Windward Islands as a member of the Staten, since it is expected that he will resign from the Staten sometime in the near future to become a Deputy of Aruba.

We welcome Mr. Mathew and wish both he and his wife an enjoyable stay.

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#### PHILIPSBURG UTILITIES CO. TO OPEN SERVICE

##### DEPARTMENT.

According to information from a reliable source the Philipsburg Utilities Co., will soon open a Service Department at it's store in Philipsburg.

The new Service Department which is a real need in the community, will repair and service radios, televisions, and all other electrical appliances.

The emphasis, however will be on the repairing and servicing of all Philips products and special testing and other equipment for this purpose have already been ordered.

If all goes according to plans the new Department should be opened around the middle of next month.

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#### FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

##### President Johnson To Cut Defense Spending

Washington: President on Wednesday announced a surprise cut in Federal spending. He disclosed that he had slashed the new budget to 97.9 billion by trimming nuclear

weapon production, closing old defense plants and waring on fat and waste everywhere. The government still will be operating in the red, but the deficit will be slashed to half.

In his first State of The Union Message, President Johnson also told Congress that the budget he will submit Jaunary 21, will call for a 1 billion dollar anti-poverty program to give a fair chance to millions of Americans now dwelling on the outskirts of hope. The President also announced a heavy cut-back in the production of Atomic explosive and call on russia to do the same. He said it was no need to stockpile more such weapons than were needed, because to do so would only be provocative and wasteful. There are tens of thousands of nuclear weapons now in the U.S. stockpile. He said the budget for the 12 months starting July 1, would out the deficit by 50 %, from the current 10 billion to 4.9 billion.

In the legislative field the President renewed his appeal for such Kennedy-Johnson programs as the 11 billion dollar tax cut, to keep the country moving he said, and a civil right bill to ban all racial discrimination as far as the Federal Law will run.

He drew one of the most vigorous round of applauds from the lawmakers and from spectators when he appealed for prompt passage of the civil rihgt program.

Said Johnson: "If Americans of all races can stand side by side in Berlin, in South Vietnam and if they can die side by side in Berlin and South Vietnam and if they can die side by side in Korea, surely", he said: "They can work and eat and travel side by side in their own home country." But his most enthusiastic response came when laying down a ten point program to make the world safe. He said: "We shall niether act as aggressors nor tolerate acts of aggression, we intend to bury no one and we do not intend to be buried," said President Johnson. Congressional Democrats hailed the President's budgetary plan, but Southern Democrats disassociated themselves from his civil rights appeal.

-NEW YORK: Former President Truman said on Thursday that President Johnson probably would retaliate against Great Britian for its sale of busses to Cuba.

Truman said that the deal disclosed only on Wednesday did not indicate the attitude