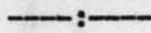
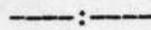


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TO BE
"To be, or not to be; that is the question:
Whether 't is nobler in the mind to suffer
the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

or: to take arms against a sea of troubles and
by opposing end them?

To die: to sleep:
or: to S L E E P : perchance to DREAM: ay:
There's the rub;.....

THERE'S THE RESPECT THAT MAKES CALAMITY OF
SO LONG LIFE. (Hamlet: Act III, Scene I)

"Grant me serenity to accept things I cannot
change
Courage to change things I can and
Wisdom to know the difference"

(Kwame Nkrumah, in "I speak of Freedom" -
pg 61)

The curious and alert minds are most probably acquainted with the objective of these two brief quotations. Oh, no, we are not about to compile an anthology of noted quotations. We have read about the "Midnight court session at Saba". Historical, indeed, because of its originality, its novelty. Unsettling when viewed from a different angle. We perceive then the semi-justification on behalf of the public in general. We quite agree with the statement: "It should never happen that the 'individual interest' is placed above the 'general interest'." Quite right!

We are, however, also aware of "proprietary rights," and we are convinced that law protects the individual. After all we are supposed to be living in a democratic region, not in one of perverse communism.

The Dutch and Belgium Constitutional Law protects the individual in fundamental law against the whims of the authority through constitutional provisions. So it is that expropriation can only take place after the person has been assured of indemnification.

We have read the verdict which as a judgement is above reproach. But what happens to the agreement Mr. Johnson had with his government? What steps are being taken so that Mr.