SPECIAL NOTICE

LAST DATE FOR XMAS TREE ORDERS

DECEMBER 18th.

AT

RISDON'S COLD STORAGE

40 or 50 persons ranging from 10 to 50 years of age were out on the pier trying their hand at fishing - Some of the fishers were able to take home some fine jacks which they caught.

-Efforts are now being made to organize a Sport-Union which will promote and encourage all branches of sports on the island.

FIRST THREE STORY BUILDING ON ISLAND

The first three stroy building ever to be erected on the island will soon be completed. This building is located on the Frontstreet in Philipsburg and the owner is Mr. Pierre L. Hodge a natice of Grand Case, French St. Martin, who has recently returned home after completing 25 years of service with the Lago Oil & Transport Co. Ltd. at Aruba.

Mr. Hodge started at the bottom of the ladder (Process Helper "C") at Lago and during 25 years he was able to work his way to the top - when he retired, earlier this year he was a Dock Foreman (Receiving & Shipping)

Mr. Hodge who is better known among his friends as "Manno" told our reporter: "It took me 25 years to earn this money with which I am building this house, and believe me, I am very happy to be able to build here on the Dutch part of the island, because after-all, I made this money in a Dutch country and what is even more, all my children, with the exception of the first one were born in Aruba and I have been able to bring them up from the money I have made there, for this I a most grateful."

Work on the building which has a floor measurement of 36-feet x 24-feet started on July 15, 1963 and Mr. Hodge, who is carpenter by trade, is in charge of the construction which is not only a credit to its owners, but to the island as well - The ground floor will be used as a business place, the rooms on the second floor (3-rooms with private bath) will be air-conditioned, furnished and rented to vacationists , the third floor will be the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hodge and their six children.

The opinion congratulates Mr. Hodge of his accomplishment and wishes himself and his wife many happy and useful years of retirement.

SPEECH AT THE MONUMENT BY THE SOUS PREFECT OF ST. MARTIN, MR. S. THIRIOUX ON NOV. 11, 1963.

It is the custom each year to gather around the Monument of Friendship and give a general view of what has been done during that year, and the perspectives of the year to come.

My it be permitted for me to break this tradition, not to speak either of budget or money or cubic meters of concrete nor of kilometers of electric wire or telephone lines.

No, on this day of St. Martin 1963, I do not want to present you a material balance. When we put up a construction, when we lay out a road, when we throw a line, we do not add material to material, metal to metal, we only wish to give a shelter to the homeless to join a citizen to the entire group of other citizens. To bring happiness to family circles.

All our projects, all our realizations are made for and by man, and for the St. Martiner. The ancestor of 1648 had already learned the lesson of solidarity. This ancestor, our ancestor, realized the union of two people on his territory, whatever their nature might have been, their belongings or their beliefs.

In the year of grace 1948 simple courage did not exist, while at Westphalta the Europe of the monarchies merely stammered an international language, and were closing their doors only with regret to the middleages. St. Martin is thus a country of liberty and friendship, an example of common interest unique in the caribbean. What a beauful example! - The St. Martiner live happily, inhabitants of a beauful island, in a privileged climate, he had found in commerce the things and the animals which gave him an easy source of profit, he breathes freely between