

The blue skies and the sea at his leisure.

Without applying to them his philosophy of existence has brought neighbouring people to him, and all of this contact has not destroyed the harmonious equilibrium.

But, look, all of a sudden the wave of the 20th. century has gripped St. Martin, look now suddenly this wave has attracted wealth, the taste of organization, the horror of carelessness, she accompanied herself from the regulation of collectivity, she removes the frontiers, she shrinks the continents, abolishes the seas, and bring the people to a common level. Look, suddenly St. Martin is four hours away from New York, and soon it will be three. Look suddenly St. Martin is nine hours away from Paris, and soon it will be eight hours..... Look suddenly America and Europe are at our doors, and the first one buys part of the island, the second one is preparing to do the same.

Are we conscious of these facts, if yes, does one have to retreat in front of these people like the worker of the former days, who destroyed his machine? Does one have to give up himself as a hater of foreigners? We reject reject all of this! This brutal reaction is the denial of progress. Many would like to destroy the electric bulbs and return to the candle, throw the gasbottle in the sea and blow again in the fire-place. In front of progress our reaction must be vigilance. We have to get up out of our rockingchairs and look at our doors finding again the ardour of our fathers to exploit the island penetrating the roads and chasing away the harmful who may it be. We have to make ourselves the labourers of this progress and promote it in order to remain master. From passive we become active. From being in debt we become ambitious from being discovered people we become explorers. All St. Martiners possess these virtues so why not exhibit them? Progress solicits the pride, the courage and the vigilance You have all these virtues. Right here, swear before your ancestors to remain worthy to them and you, born in the twentieth century stay worthy of them.

Keep high heart St. Martiners, the task is new and immense. It is up to you!

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B L U E B A N D - HOLLAND'S BEST

Address By Mr. N.C. Wathey Over P.J. D. 2 (The Voice of St. Maarten) at 8.45 p.m. Nov. 26, 1963.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight I want to make a brief announcement regarding the change of operation of this station which will go into effect on December 1st. Possibly many of our listeners have already heard of the new arrangement but in interest of those who do not know here is an account of the planned change.

For quite some time already Rev. Mayer has been leasing the daytime hours transmission during which time religious, cultural and educational material was broadcast. Public response to his programs was most encouraging not only here on this island but also on many of the surrounding islands. This is evidenced by the fact that each week he receives a volume of fan mail from listeners here as well as from the other islands. He has also able to attract for broadcast over this station taped programs fo internationally know orators.

After nearly 19 months of broadcasting from the studios here at Fort Amsterdam I am confronted with the reality that in order to make the station self-supporting I would have to make some changes in the operation. It proved to be insufficiently justified - seen from an economical point of view - to lease the station during the daytime hours and run it as a regular commercial broadcast station during the hours of 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The financial proceeds of the nighttime transmission were inadequate to cover the operational cost involved. It was left to my decision whether to discontinue the lease on the daytime transmission or to discontinue the night operation. My decision has gone in favour of the former.

I know that to a great number of our listeners this will be a big disappointment for I am aware that many persons enjoyed our evening programs. I want to assure you that the discontinuation is only of temporary nature for I have serious plans - in collaboration with some professional radio people - to build a new station which will be the regular type of commercial station. Just how soon this will be I