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A scrupulous person who speaks the truth at all times irrespective to the consequence it may have is not only courageous but virtuous as well.

The practice of this virtue for a general good ought to be applauded by honest and dedicated men; not scorned at, not reduced to the dastard measure of one's puny ambition, one's ego-centricity.

It wants to appear in our small community that we are contaminated with the germ of malicious intolerance towards those who are endeavouring to establish a general good.

We are crippled with a chronic inferiority complex and therefore are inclined to shun groups or go as far as to curtail any activity sponsored by a group. We have the ridiculous myopic comprehension of this little beautiful island being incapable of producing anything of consequent value. This live sore started throbbing again during the show at St. John's Ranch Monday 24, 1964. The behaviour of many present was humiliating; a juvenile delinquent would have paid more attention to what must be called a fine show. Apart from the acrobatics. Mr. John L. a fine creative personality offered in his calypsoes much more than just the ordinary. Calypsoes such as "Ode to Kennedy" and "March to Washington" were indeed compelling in their poetic expression. The pain was aggravated when Mr. John L could no longer surpress his astonishment at the terrible lack of patriotism; he started a wonderful calypso hailing the geographical beauty and splendour of St. Maarten. The dramatic nuance of aforementioned calypsoes could not be savoured, but was rudely interrupted by vandalistic noise from some individuals who were standing in the back.

We younger generation must pause here to question ourselves - the tales of our parents still ringing in our ears: How far have we gone since our forefathers. Oh no, this is not the lament of senile utopists. We are one of you trying to retrace our steps so that we may find a path together which will take us to a unified body representing: Dignity - selfrespect - tolerance of - and communal progress.

We speak not to disprove of anything at all which has been promoted so far; we must of course commend those who have honestly and dedicatedly been responsible for whatever general good brought about.

Let us, however, not rest complacent for we are still to reach the Heart of the matter.