



# New Year 1968

Message from His Excellency Sir Fred Phillips, C.V.O., Governor of St. Christopher Nevis Anguilla for THE DEMOCRAT

ONCE MORE it is my privilege to send a New Year Message through the medium of "The Democrat".

When I sent a similar message last year I referred to the great responsibilities which would devolve upon the citizens of this State under our new constitutional status. I need hardly say in this message that in the year which is about to dawn upon us, it will be the special duty of every citizen to do all in his power to restore the previous good name of this State. Indeed, I suggest that our main objective must be to strive to become more mature in all facets of our national life. On the intellectual side, our State cannot prosper unless we develop a love and appreciation for learning and an eagerness to pursue education as a lifelong commitment. Then, while we can take pride and feel a sense of satisfaction in our more durable achievements, what is required is a greater endeavour to become still more effective citizens, citizens anxious to accept responsibilities so that an increasingly rich contribution can be made to the life of the community. In 1968, I feel sure that it will be more important than ever that we look to the human resources of brain and brawn in our midst to help us to live together optimistically in harmony and as individuals who believe in and wish to further the solidarity of the State. It is only in this way that the people of the land will each make a praiseworthy contribution to the ideals of Statehood by which I believe the country can find her true destiny in the social and spiritual no less than the economic sphere.

As we approach the threshold of 1968, my wife and I most sincerely trust that the year will prove less difficult than was the year which is coming to a close. I think we can confidently expect that greater happiness and prosperity will be our lot. Above all, may the Almighty guide our feet into the way of peace.

## S.S. Gripsholm brings 461 tourists

The S. S. Gripsholm arrived in the Basseterre roadstead on Friday morning last bringing 461 tourists. The Gripsholm of the Swedish American Line is about midday on Friday. This is the Gripsholm, second visit. The first was on December 15 last when it brought 353 tourists. Her last port was St. Lucia and she sailed for St. Thomas

## Death of Fr. Joseph Duerloo

"We also are on our way to the promised land. At times the nights are dark and long. Then the light (Christ) must enlighten us in order to find our path.

May you walk in this light shining out for us from the gospel."

These are the words of one of the Christmas messages of Father Duerloo. In these few words Father unwittingly summed up his whole career

as a priest and left a testament to his dear parishioners of St. Kitts.

His was the life of a dedicated man, a zealous priest and a true friend. More than half of his life was spent in the West Indies. Father arrived as a young priest in Dominica soon after Father Alphonse had died after a fatal motor-accident. After a few months he was appointed priest in charge of the Goodwill district.

A few years later he was called to Antigua to replace the ailing Father Roelands. For three periods he was Dean of the Roseau Cathedral.

Antigua will recall him as the zealous priest who guarded and directed his flock during the difficult years of the second World War.

But it is St. Kitts—maybe more than in any other Island—which will venerate his memory as an outstanding priest and dedicated man. When he came the second time to St. Kitts, he knew that he could not work as before, he knew that he had to be careful with his unsteady health. The many years of hardwork in the vineyard of the Lord had taken their toll. He was Dean of Basseterre, St. Kitts from 1948 till 1953 and again from 1964 till he died.

For six years he was Vice-

Provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers and for several years Vicar-General of the Diocese.

Wherever Father Duerloo passed he left an imprint of his organizing talent. Dominica will remember him as the Dean who saw to it that five districts in the mountain could have mass every Sunday, as the Parish Priest of Goodwill who transformed a small congregation into one of the most flourishing parishes of the Island, as a preacher who enhanced with his beautiful sermons so many impressive services.

It was a demanding task for a man whose heart was tired and weary, but not for the priest whose whole life had been to forget about self and to serve others. The people got the message. Their hearts were filled with joy, filled with hope in a renewed faith. But the Lord decided that his Priest had fulfilled his task. The master had decided to call his servant to render an account of his stewardship. And the servant was ready. He had presented during his life the Saviour to the people entrusted to his care. He had shown them the road towards the heavenly kingdom. Now he would lead his flock to the King and the King was ready to place the crown of glory upon the head of his priest while saying: "well done faithful servant, enter into the Kingdom of heaven."

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## PAMORAMA

The Pamites will begin their activities in the New Year with a repeat performance of their Talent Show

at

PAM Headquarters, on 4th January, 1968

Commencing at 6 p.m.

Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢

Admission by Ticket

