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CEREMONIAL CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEW STATUTE OF THE KINGDOM
Between the Netherlands, Surinam and the Dutch Antilles.

Date of Event:
15-12-'54

Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard went to the Knights-hall at the Hague by Golden Coach, for the second time this year. With the same ceremonies which take place on the 3rd Tuesday of September, (the traditional opening of the parliament) the ceremonial consolidation of the statute, in which is fastened down that the Netherlands, Surinam and the Dutch Antilles are equal partners of the Dutch Kingdom, from now on, was realised.

Herewith, the Dutch people redeems a promise, done by Queen-Mother Wilhelmina, 12 years ago on December 7th 1942, at London.

When the procession entered the Binnenhof (Innercourt), it was some minutes past three. The army-staff had placed there a group of Surinam soldiers, serving the Dutch Army.

The guard-of-honour in front of the Knights-hall was mounted by the Mariners wearing their gala-uniforms.

The prime-ministers of the three parts of the Kingdom declared, that their countries had accepted the statute voluntary.

The Dutch premier said a.o.:

"Forward-looking politics demand the advancement of the development of colonial rule in the direction of independence. In regard to Surinam and the Dutch Antilles, it has found a fortunate realisation".

Mr. Currie, Minister-President of Surinam, ended his speech to the Queen as follows:

"The Statute will have its incompleteness - as each work of man. May however be given to us and to those who will come after us, the wisdom to hand it in the spirit that has guided the realisation, in order that it, may be for the benefit of the whole Kingdom, under the lead of the House of Orange, to which the people of Surinam is also devoted."

The Prime-Minister of the Dutch Antilles, Mr. Jonckheer in his speech honoured the Netherlands:



"The consolidation of the Statute means the ~~renewed~~ crowning of a political development, which the Netherlands have accomplished in both countries. Herewith the Netherlands take their place in the advanced guard of people, which act conform the high principles of love of liberty and right".

After this speech the Secretary-General Mr. van der Peyl, read the Certificate of Consolidation:

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"We, Juliana, by the Grace of God Queen of the Netherlands, etc. etc., consolidate the new legal order as this is included in the Statute for the Kingdom of the Netherlands."

Following this, H.M. left the throne and signed, herewith giving her royal assent to this new legal order of the Kingdom.

Mrs. Tellegen, director of the Cabinet of the Queen, assisted Her Majesty.

After that the Queen had taken her place, the certificate, that is framed in triplo was signed by Prime Minister Dr. Drees; when Mr. Currie of Surinam and Mr. Jonckheer of the Dutch Antilles, had also signed the certificate, H.M. Queen Juliana held a speech to the representatives of the three parts of the Kingdom, at the end of this historical ceremony: "The Netherlands, Surinam and the Dutch Antilles, may call themselves happy that a long evolution is crowned now in the consolidation of the Statute."

This is the result of the development that led to the definit elevation of the colonial relations.

The Netherlands with both, Surinam and the Antilles, feel united in a two-jointed unit, with each country individually.

May be worth the blessing of God our new cooperation."

