

Symposium
The geo-political and economic
role of the Netherlands Antilles
as seen by Venezuela,
the Netherlands and the U.S.A.

Curaçao 13 - 14 december 1985

Studyproject **"NOS FUTURO"**



University of the Netherlands Antilles

WELCOME

It is for me a major pleasure to direct a few words of welcome to all participants in this symposium on the geo-political and economic role of the Netherlands Antilles.

The University of the Netherlands Antilles has an important role in the political and economic life of our country. We should through serious academic work serve as a catalyst for economic as well as social progress.

It is therefore with feeling of great anticipation that we look forward to the very distinguished speakers and members of the panel who will exchange valuable knowledge during these two days.

Venezuela, the Netherlands and the U.S.A. have traditionally played a very important role in our economic, cultural and social life and it is thus understandable that at such a crucial point in our history that we will reach out and appeal for understanding of our problems.

We have in recent years experienced serious economic and social difficulties. Solving these problems will be far from easy as most of them find their origin in foreign developments that we cannot control. It is imperative though that our guests from abroad that are assembled at the U.N.A. for this symposium will reach a consensus with us on fundamental issues regarding our future.

It takes very often the catalyst to bring resources together and provide a spark that will set in motion the process of effective problemsolving on a national level.

We at the University of the Netherlands Antilles with the project of "NOS FUTURO" will continue to bring together these talents and provide the necessary sparks to set our country in a forward motion again.

I wish you all a happy and fruitful symposium.



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Alex Reinders
President of the University
of the Netherlands Antilles

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NOS FUTURO

Our future; these very meaningful words hold within them the aspirations and hopes of two hundred and fifty thousand citizens of this nation. In our future we would all like to enjoy the ultimate fulfillment of our dreams and hopes.

However, it is equally true that dreams have a way of coming true only for those who work very intelligently, very creatively, very consistently and very hard on their future. And this is exactly what we at the University of the Netherlands Antilles believe in and are working towards through a special study project called NOS FUTURO.

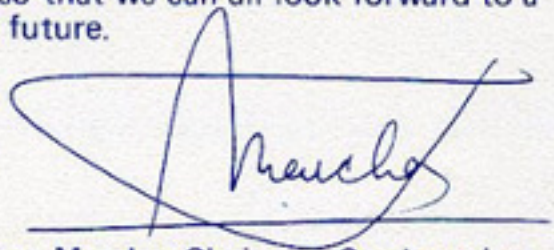
President John F. Kennedy has been quoted as saying: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country". We are inspired by these words.

The project NOS FUTURO symbolizes what we as the U.N.A. can do for our country being an integral part of this society.

We will stimulate the production of a large number of papers covering a substantial diversity of vital subjects on practically all sectors and areas of our community. This project has started since september 1985 and the area investigated are for example: Public Finance, Technology and Science for Development, Tourism, Labor, Productivity in Government and Private Sector, Offshore, Our Identity, the Political System, Privatising, Public Transportation, etc. Obviously a very wide and interesting task.

The research efforts will be accompanied and sustained by a number of symposiums, workshops and lectures where local and foreign specialists will work shoulder to shoulder to produce the large number of recommendations which will appear in a publication by the middle of 1986.

These practical and realistic recommendations have to be positively received and implemented by our policy makers, so that we can all look forward to a more promising future.



Valdemar Marcha, Chairman Studyproject
"NOS FUTURO"



SYMPOSIUM

December 13 and 14, 1985

**THE GEO-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE
OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AS SEEN
BY VENEZUELA, THE NETHERLANDS AND
THE U.S.A.**

CHAIRMAN

Dr. Valdemar Marcha

MODERATOR

Mr. Charles Gomes Casseres

SPEAKERS & PANELLISTS

Prof. Dr. Isidro Morales Paúl

Drs. Frank de Grave

Dr. Willem Vermeend

Prof. Dr. Ray Cline

Mr. Ronchi Isa

Mr. Juancho Evertsz

Mr. Miguel Pourier

Ir. Don Martina

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Valdemar F. Marcha

1975 Doctor of Engineering Science.

1976 - 1983: Vice President Marketing, ALM - Antillean Airlines.

1983 - present: Vice President Finance, ALM, Antillean Airlines.

1973 - 1975: New York Institute of Technology, Academy of Aeronautics. Adjunct member of the faculty responsible for teaching courses in Management Science to students in the Department of Industrial Technology and Business Administration.

1976 - present: University of the Netherlands Antilles, Lecturer in Management Science.

Mr. Charles Gomes Casseres

Member of the Advisory Council of the Government of the Netherlands Antilles.

Governor of the Development Bank of the Netherlands Antilles.

Assistant Managing Director of the Maduro & Curiel's Bank Group.

Former President of Taskforce for Development Planning and Member of the Mixed Committee that produced the study "Outline for an Integral Planning Policy for the Eighties".

Former Vice-President of the Social & Economic Council.

Former Delegate for the Netherlands Antilles to the Economic Council for Latin America (ECLA) of the United Nations.

Former President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Curaçao.

Author of various articles on the economy and history of Curaçao.



Prof. Dr. Isidro Morales Paúl

1959: Associate legal consultant in the Justice Ministry.

1959: General secretary to the government of the Federal District of Caracas.

1964 - 1966: Director general of the Ministry of Communications.

1965: Acting Minister of Communications.

1966: Advisor to the General Comptroller's Office of Venezuela.

1971: Legal advisor to the Central Personnel Office of the Presidency under contract.

1974 - 1975: Legal advisor to the Foreign Trade Institute.

1975: Ambassador and chief of the delegation to the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg on the delimitation of marine and submarine areas.

1977: Ambassador and chief of the delimitation delegation to the United States and the Dominican Republic.

1977 - 1980: Ambassador and chief of the delimitation delegation to Trinidad and Tobago.

1977 - 1980: Special ambassador and member of Venezuela's delegation to the III United Nations Law of the Sea Conference.

1977: Member of the commission to study financial retribution to former oil concessions.

1980: Co-judge in the political administrative chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice.

1980: First vice president of the Supreme Electoral Council.

Graduate professor of international economic law and international sea law, Central University (UCV).

1973: Director of the United Nations' office for Training and Research training course on Latin American international law.

1984 - 1985: Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Morales has published some 17 works and lectured extensively. He has received a national prize for his book "International Economic Law".

Drs. Frank de Grave

1975 - 1976: Member of the University Council at Groningen State University.

1976 - 1977: Member of the Executive Committee of the Legal Faculty of Groningen University.

1977 - 1980: Member Central Committee JOVD (Independent Liberal Youth Organisation), as International Secretary, as Chairman of the National Committee.

1977 - 1979: Member of the Committee of the Political Youth Contract Group and the Dutch Platform for International Youth Work.

1977 - 1981: Collaborator of the VVD Group (Liberals) in the provincial state of Drente, as from september 1982 member of the Municipal Council of Amsterdam.

Member of Parliament of the Dutch Liberal Party (VVD).

Dr. Willem Vermeend

Since June 1984 member of the dutch parliament for the "Partij van de Arbeid". He is also a member of the parliamentary committee for Finance, Economic Affairs, Justice and Antillean Affairs. He is additionally a member of the national directorate of the "Partij van de Arbeid".

Before being elected to the parliament, he was a lecturer in Fiscal Law and Public Finance at the University of Leiden.

Dr. Vermeend was in the period 1979 - 1984 also vice-chairman of the Antillean Taxcommittee installed by the Minister of General Affairs and the Minister of Finance of the Netherlands Antilles.

Dr. Vermeend is the author of a large number of books and financial publications. He is also a columnist for the "Volkskrant".



Prof. Dr. Ray Cline

Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Adjunct Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Retired from U.S. Government after thirty-one years service including Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency (1962 - 1966) and Director Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State (1969 - 1973).

He has written books on U.S. Strategy and Foreign Policy, Notably World Power Trend (1980), Terrorism: Soviet Connection (1984), and Terrorism as Covert Warfare (1985), author of an article on the Netherlands Antilles, 1985, called "Trouble in Paradise: managing an emergency in the Dutch Caribbean".

Mr. Ramez Jorge Isa

He obtained his lawyer's diploma in 1944 and has practiced law for forty years through december 1984.

He has been for a great many years a member of the Island Council of Curaçao and the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

From march 1956 through august 1959 he was president of our parliament.

As Minister of Justice from august 1959 until july 1969 he has authored many important pieces of legislation.

Mr. Isa was Prime Minister twice: from february 1971 through june 1971 and from november 1972 through december 1973.

Mr. Juan Miguel Gregorio Evertsz

He is since 1946 active in politics and social activities. He is co-founder of the N.V.P. -U.

For a great number of years (15) he was a member of the Island Council of Curaçao. From 1955 to 1960 he was Commissioner of Finance and Housing.

In 1969 he was elected to the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

Mr. Evertsz was from december 1973 through september 1977 Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles.

Mr. Miguel Archangel Pourier

He graduated from the Fiscal Academy in the Netherlands with a major in fiscal law.

In 1973 he was appointed as Director of the Tax Office of the Netherlands Antilles.

From 1973 through the middle of 1979 he served his country as the Minister of Economic Development.

On July 30, 1979 Mr. Pourier was installed as Prime Minister of the interim cabinet.

In March 1980 he was appointed as the President of the ABN Trust and in February 1983 Director General of the ABN Bank.

Ir. Dominico Felipe Martina

He studied and graduated in engineering in Holland, Trinidad and the U.S.A.

He was a member of the Island Council of Curaçao from July 1971 through November 1979 and Commissioner from July 1975 through June 1977.

From September 1977 through March 1979 and July 1979 through November 1979 he was a member of the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

Mr. Martina was Director of the Department of Labor and Social Affairs.

In November 1979 he was installed as Prime Minister through September 1984. He was also Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs from September 1981 through November 1982.



PROGRAM

Friday, december 13

- 20.00 Opening and introduction by Dr. Valdemar Marcha, Chairman Projectstudy "NOS FUTURO".
- 20.10 Welcome words by Mr. Drs. Alex Reinders, President of the University of the Netherlands Antilles.
- 20.20 Opening address by Mrs. Maria Liberia Peters, Prime-Minister of the Netherlands Antilles.
- 20.35 Introduction of the guestspeaker from Venezuela.
- 20.40 Prof. Dr. Isidro Morales Paúl
- Subject:** The Foreign Policy of Venezuela towards the Caribbean Region and the Netherlands Antilles in particular.
- 21.25 Break
- 21.45 Panel & discussion
Introduction of Moderator and Panellists
Moderator: Mr. Charles Gomes Casseres
- 21.50 Comments by panellists Mr. Ronchi Isa, Mr. Juancho Evertsz, Mr. Miguel Pourier and Ir. Don Martina.
- 22.35 Questions from participants
- 23.00 Adjournment
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Saturday, december 14

- 9.30 Continuation
- 9.35 Introduction of the guestspeakers from the Netherlands
- 9.40 Drs. Frank de Grave
- Subject:** The policy of the Government of the Netherlands concerning the future of the Netherlands Antilles.
- 10.15 Dr. Willem Vermeend
- Subject:** The viewpoints of the dutch opposition parties concerning the future of the Netherlands Antilles.
- 10.50 Break
- 11.10 Panel & discussion - Moderator Mr. Charles Gomes Casseres
Comments by panellists: Mr. Ronchi Isa, Mr. Juancho Evertsz, Mr. Miguel Pourier and Ir. Don Martina.
- 11.45 Questions from participants
- 12.25 Adjournment
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Continuation
- 14.35 Introduction of the guestspeaker from the U.S.A.
- 14.40 Prof. Dr. Ray Cline
- Subject:** The U.S. Foreign Policy towards the Caribbean and the Netherlands Antilles in particular.
- 15.30 Break
- 15.55 Panel & discussion: Moderator Mr. Charles Gomes Casseres
Comments by panellists: Mr. Ronchi Isa, Mr. Juancho Evertsz, Mr. Miguel Pourier and Ir. Don Martina.
- 16.40 Questions from participants
- 17.00 Closure by the Chairman Dr. Valdemar Marcha
- 17.15 Meeting with the press
- 17.15 Cocktail Party on Patio U.N.A.



LOCATION

Aula of the University of the Netherlands Antilles,
Jan Noorduijnweg 111, Curaçao N.A.

REGISTRATION

Attendance fee Fl. 35,- per person (including lunch
and coffee breaks and proceedings of the sympo-
sium).

For students the attendance fee is Fl. 17,50.

Registration forms are obtainable from Mrs. Hor-
tance Matroos, UNA, telephone (599-9) 84422 ex-
tension 143. Hotel reservations are also obtainable
on request.

Deadline for registration is december 11, at 5
p.m.

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Datum November 4, 1985.
Uw kenmerk
Ons kenmerk
Onderwerp Symposium "NOS FUTURO"

Dear Sir/Madam,

The University of the Netherlands Antilles is organizing on december 13 and 14, 1985 a symposium on the geo-political and economic future of the Netherlands Antilles.

With the increasingly more difficult economic and social situation in our country we feel that it is imperative that the countries on which we are very dependent (Venezuela, the Netherlands and the U.S.A.) are better understood by our community.

To this end we have invited some very prominent speakers from these three countries with which the Netherlands Antilles have very close ties. We hope to gain more insight into the mutual interests which have historically sustained this relationship by also including a panel of four recent prime-ministers.

We look forward to your participation and are including the program for this event.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Valdemar Marcha
Chairman Studyproject
"NOS FUTURO"

REGISTRATION FORM

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Attendance fee including lunch on saturday : 20 U.S.\$ or
NAF. 35,-
For students of the U.N.A. the fee is : 10 U.S.\$ or NAF. 17,50

Payments should be made to one of the following accounts of
the U.N.A.

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Registration is restricted to a maximum of 250 participants.
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