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Willemstad, capital of the island of Curacao, gives a great welcome to crown Princess Beatrix when she arrived, at the start of her visit to the Dutch West Indies. It was a National holiday in the Island and everywhere along the route to Fort Amsterdam the smiling Princess won the hearts of the people who will one day be her subjects.

The Princess brought a message to the people from her mother, Queen Juliana, wishing the islanders continued prosperity. Well over 70,000 people live on Curacao, the largest island of the Dutch Antilles, which altogether cover more than 400 square miles; total population nearly 200,000. At the Autonomy Monument the Princess laid a wreath. Two years ago Queen Juliana unveiled the monument. It commemorates the granting to the people by the Dutch government of complete autonomy in domestic affairs, a wise concession calculated to ensure their continued loyalty to Holland. Everybody complimented Princess Beatrix upon her unaffected and friendly manner...