Deputy Prime Minister William hold early elections, NA leader/PHILIPSBURG—All three National Alliance (NA) ministers and Minister Romeo Pantophlet have signed letters of resignation and will hand them in to Governor Eugene Holiday as soon as a decision will be made. The unions and their membership want the payment to be indexed to salaries as had been done in the past. The unions in their joint correspondence say that they are willing to enter into discussions on the future COLA payment, but will not compromise on the 2011 and 2012 payments. Signature to the letters are representatives of the Windward Islands Teachers Union (WITU), ABVO St. Maarten union, Windward Islands Civil Servants Union/Private Sector Union (WICSU/PSU) and NABP union. The letter to Wescot-Williams and government was drafted on Friday morning following a GOA (Organized Consultative Body) meeting with Wescot-Williams on Thursday. The content of the letter was discussed with WITU members during a meeting on page 37 of this newspaper.

Marlin outlined the situation so far in St. Maarten to Plasterk and told him the situation in St. Maarten was “becoming tense and explosive. … I have never sat in a meeting with that many police officers present. This is not like St. Maarten. And before matters get out of hands, he is calling on the authorities to act before it is too late.”

Marlin said, “The people need to be given an opportunity to speak out in new elections, the people need to give a new mandate as to whom they want to run this new government was drafted on Friday. The letter to Wescot-Williams and government was drafted on Friday morning following a GOA (Organized Consultative Body) meeting with Wescot-Williams on Thursday. The content of the letter was discussed with WITU members during a meeting on page 37 of this newspaper. Van Rijn describes what he called an ideal way to solve the current crisis in government. Based on Article 22(2) of the St. Maarten Constitution, the three National Alliance Ministers and Minister Pantophlet have to resign as they no longer enjoy the confidence of the majority in Parliament. There can be absolutely no discussion about the compelling nature of this rule. Members of Parliament (MP) Romain Laville, a Willemstad Independent Member of Parliament (MP) Romain Laville, a

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