



PRESIDENT CARTER'S SON JACK AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW JUDY

... arrive on St. Thomas aboard Antilles Airboats Saturday.

(Daily News Photo - Angela Esannason)

## Visiting Carters 'Having Good Time'

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President Carter's son whirled the quadrille dancer around the patio bathed with an almost full Virgin Islands moon and the music of the scratch band.

As Jack Carter said about 10 hours later in a Saturday press conference, he was learning something of the "island frame of mind."

Besides learning what it is likely not to be able to get into a car and drive 300 miles in any direction, the 32-year-old resident of Calhoun, Ga., said he discovered some of the territory's special problems.

President Carter's cut of a \$20

million grant from his budget was, "not peculiar to y'all. Everybody loses programs. The president has other things to think about. My father knows the problems here and your unique location," said Carter, the President's oldest and least politically active son.

Carter said he had no solutions for the "knotty" problems besetting the Virgin Islands. Asked whether the President would be committed to curing those problems, Judy Carter replied, it is important to "know what's going on so we don't step on everybody's toes about it."

Carter said his two-day trip to the Virgin Islands was not a the President was "aware that

we're here," the trip has not been we're here, the trip has not been discussed with his father before.

"I don't want to imply that we came down here just to find out what all the problems are here. We came primarily to have a good time and so far, we've done a good job," he said.

The visit to the territory, at the request of Brit Bryant, chairman of the territorial Democratic committee, helped raise funds for the organization at a Friday night dinner at the Hotel on the Cay, but was not planned as a political event, Carter said.

During the \$25- and \$100-a-plate dinner for which the Carters had arrived only hours before, Carter

said nothing about his father's 1980 bid for re-election, and instead told jokes with the Republicans bearing the brunt.

The informal buffet dinner was capped by an exhibition of quadrille dancing and the Jamsie and the Happy Seven band.

Saturday morning, the couple flew to Buck Island and snorkled a segment of the underwater trail in what Carter later said was his favorite part of the trip so far.

After a brief meeting with members of the press at 12:30 Saturday, the Carters flew to St. Thomas where they were scheduled to attend another fund-raising dinner at Bluebeard's Castle Saturday Night.