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Angry Crowd Attack Lee; Webster Returns

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ

ANGUILLA (AP) — Violence flared briefly yesterday as scores of Anguillian immigrants returned to join an accelerating protest against British occupation of their homeland.

At least one policeman was hurt in a melee with angry crowds that virtually took over the headquarters of the new British civil administration on this tiny Caribbean island.

British Commissioner Tony Lee was mauled, but not hurt, and his car damaged by a crowd of about 300 people when he drove up to his offices at the administration building Saturday.

He was forced to drive away, but not before some of the men and women in the crowd reached into the car and struck him on the head

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RONALD WEBSTER, acting president of Anguilla, greets native Anguillians at the Harry S. Truman airport Saturday during a stop off enroute to the United Nations. However, the island leader had to change his plans and returned to Anguilla to help quell a disturbance there. (Daily News Photo)

Endorsements On Bove Sent To Pres., Congress

GOP State Finance Chairman Charles Senf explained Saturday that Virgin Islands endorsements for the appointment of Peter A. Bove as governor of the Territory had been hand carried to New York and delivered personally to Richard Nixon a week after the November election.

Senf was referring to a report by a St. Thomas newspaper, which said that an endorsement of Peter Bove for V.I. governor by Ariel Melchior, Jr. last November did not reach either the Senate Interior Committee or the White House.

"I personally flew to St. Croix with the statements and letters," Senf said, "and gave them to Richard J. Buck who took them to the then President-elect in New York."

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Meteorological Phenomenon Seen

By IVAN DAVID

Reports of "a great ball" coming out of the horizon like an "atomic bomb" and exploding like a "giant mushroom cloud" was confirmed Friday by Staff Captain

Belegris of the cruise ship Stella Maris II from Greece, on tour in the Caribbean.

The Captain said, "it was like nothing I've seen in my 42 years on this earth."

When asked about the possibility of some sort of nuclear test, the staff captain replied, "No, I am sure it was not a bomb; but a phenomenon — a miracle of

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Bill Returned To Senate; Said Unnecessary

Acting Governor Cyril E. King Friday returned to the Legislature unsigned Bill No. 3988. "To authorize the committee on health and welfare to conduct an investigation into and a review of the public assistance program with

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Former Gov. Praised By Sen. Jackson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Gov. Ralph Paiewonsky of the Virgin Islands was credited Friday with the "very substantial economic, social and political progress" achieved in the islands over the past eight years. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, a Democrat from the State of Washington, also suggested that the accomplishments of the Paiewonsky government might

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Moves To Save Face In 'Bay Of Piglets' Attack

ANGUILLA (AP) — Royal engineers are on their way to Anguilla to replace Britain's sunburned Red Devils and try to save face for the Union Jack.

The defense ministry announced Friday night an advance party of engineers would arrive Saturday to decide what projects might best serve the tiny Caribbean island's 6,000 inhabitants and perhaps quell the mockery raised by Britain's "Bay

of Piglets" invasion there Wednesday.

Improvement of the partially-paved airstrip and installation of a telephone system will begin when a reinforced troop of about 100 engineers arrive

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Great Britain Replies To Charges

Great Britain yesterday answered the charges of using force against the island of Anguilla, but refraining from using such force against the "illegal regime in Rhodesia."

In a telegram to the British

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5-Day Confab Opens

St. Croix Bureau CHRISTIANSTED — Ten members of the U.S. Congress and 10 members of Britain's Parliament are attending a five-day anglo-American parliamentary

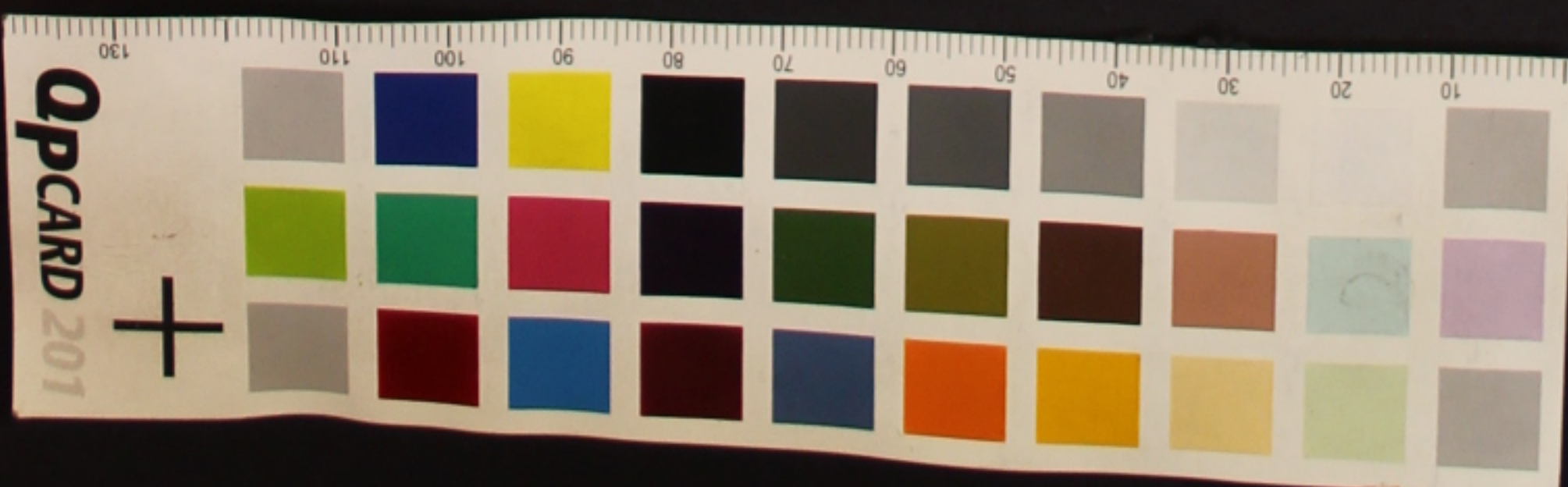
conference on Africa in St. Croix. The sessions are closed to the press, and no reports are being released.

Major subjects on the agenda are the Nigeria-Biafra war, Rhodesia, Zambia, Portugese

Africa and South Africa.

Other subjects are aid and trade, political and military trends in Africa, and public opinion in the United States and the United Kingdom.

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ETHEL McCULLY STANDS by abandoned truck at the edge of dump with placard. "The Dumplings" who carried placards to the Cruz Bay dump last week Sunday timed their ceremony to coincide with the dedication of the Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library in St. Thomas "as a tribute to all that our former governor did NOT do for St. John." (Daily News Photo)

St. Johnians Dedicate Dump At Cruz Bay

CRUZ BAY — With placards reading — "1961-1969 — PAIEWONSKY PARK and PLAYGROUND —???", a group of St. John homeowners dedicated the Cruz Bay dump last Sunday "as a tribute to all that former governor did NOT do for St. John." With these words, Albert Sewer, St. John civic leader, drove down the stakes of the placards in the dump.

Young children who live in the Enighed Pond area romped across dump land which "might have been a park and playground by this time if our former governor had taken more interest in the needs of St. John," John Erickson commented.

"There is one event, however, that we can really celebrate today," Erickson told The Daily News, "and that is the end to open burning at the dump!"

Following a visit to St. John on Friday, March 7, Acting Governor Cyril King gave orders that open burning at the Cruz Bay Dump be discontinued. Garbage is presently

being burned at Coral Bay until the new incinerator for the Susannaberg site is installed. The cement slab for the incinerator was poured following King's visit. Actual installation of the incinerator, according to PWD Commissioner Huston, should begin "by the end of April."

The homeowners group released balloons at the dump to celebrate relief from smoke that has harassed residents, students and church-goers every day — including Sundays — in the past. As the balloons rose, Albert Sewer pointed out, "It looks like Cyril King could do more for St. John in a few days' time than Paiewonsky could do in 8 years."

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Eyewitness Gives Account Of Invasion

"I woke up to the sound of Navy helicopters at 6 a.m.," William H. Siebenrock, Jr., St. Thomas resident, told The Daily News this week. He had gone to Anguilla as a tourist and an observer on the day before the British invasion of the tiny breakaway republic.

The helicopters dropped leaflets assuring the people of Anguilla that their purpose is to "end intimidation so that you can live in peace and express your opinions without fear."

"It is not our purpose to force you to return to an administration you do not want," the leaflets proclaimed in bold-face type.

"Exactly at 6:07 a.m., I saw a Royal Navy 424 land and the Red Devils regiment were at the corner by the High School. Barrels of the B.A.R. guns were on tripods, similar to the U.S. automatic rifle M16.

"A taxicab driver took me to a hill above Road Harbor at 7:30,



WILLIAM SIEBENROCK

where I saw a Royal Navy ship exactly the size of an American destroyer." Siebenrock said. "We were riding over to look at the south side when the Red Devils stopped our taxi and searched it, near the west end of the airport. We could see about 15 others in the bushes. They searched our car and let us go."

Later, he recounted that he was picked up and, because he was an American, he was taken to a radio position for about 20 minutes, until about 8:10.

"They radioed my name and said that they had had orders to check all American nationals," he said. "They gave me my passport back, and while I was there, a large four-motor Royal Airforce plane dropped two jeeps and some other supplies on the airport runway. I noticed that all the Red Berets had bandoliers for weapons."

At 8:25 a.m. the taxi driver let Siebenrock off at the "main intersection," and again he was called for a check by radio.

"There were two men on the

roof-top of Lake's store, a B.A.R. tripod in a firing position," he said. "One had a small weapon with a collapsible stock, in the U.S. it would be a .45, and a soldier with a Browning automatic rifle."

At 8:37 a.m. a large two-engine prop plane circled very low, with an XS605 marked on the side. He said he didn't see it land, but later found it had unladen jeeps, trailers and supplies.

"At this point I walked by the (See EYEWITNESS, Page 14)

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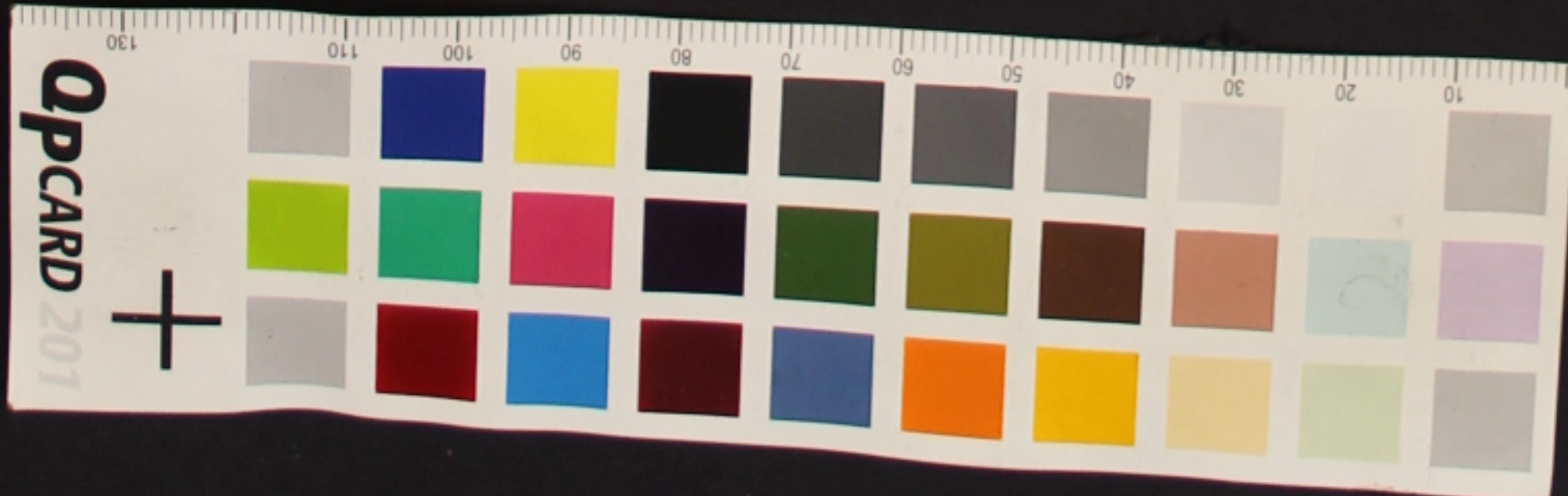
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will remain open every evening from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Drinks and pizza along with Bruce's piano stylings.

P.S. Watch for the new opening of the outside.



Bove

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"The endorsement written by Melchior, Jr. Nov. 15, 1968, was one of many that was forwarded to the then President-elect and Republican members of the House and Senate Interior committees on Nov. 16, 1968," Senf added.

Copies of the endorsements were delivered to Maurice Stans, who is now Secretary of Commerce, Sen. Everett Dirksen

(R., Ill.) Sen. Gordon Allott (R., Colo.) Sen. Winston Prouty (R., Vt.) Sen. George Aiken (R., Vt.), Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton (R., Md.), Rep. John P. Saylor (R., Penn.) Sen. Hugh Scott (R., Penn.), Interior Secretary to be Walter J. Hickel, and many others.

In addition, copies were taken by hand to Washington by Sen. Horace Callwood, of the V.I. Legislature and delivered personally last Monday to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.). Endorsements were given to all Republican members of the House and Senate insular affairs committees.

London

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within a week or so, the ministry said.

The frigate Rothesay, used to land the British invasion force Wednesday morning, was to depart during the day followed later by the two companies of Red Devil paratroopers who came ashore to reassert the crown's authority over the Anguillans.

Events on the island indicated Britain plans to maintain her majesty's grip on Anguilla.

Secessionist acting president Ronald Webster was barred from his office in the island's administration building. British Commissioner Anthony Lee moved his papers and headquarters into the building and said he would govern the island with the aid of an advisory board of Anguillans, for several years if necessary.

The British expeditionary force brought some bitter statements throughout England and in foreign countries.

The British government had hoped that Webster would agree immediately to work with Lee.

However, things have developed in a different way and Webster said in a message to London that he refused to negotiate until the British troops leave — along with Lee.

"We are studying Mr. Webster's message," said the foreign office spokesman. "Until a complete study has been finished we can't say whether it will be answered."

The whole affair has given the conservative opponents of Prime Minister Harold Wilson a rich and unexpected political dividend.

"The intrepid and little Harold, conqueror of Anguilla!" exclaimed Sir Edwin Leather sarcastically at a conservative party meeting in Scarborough.

In London there were references to the invasion as "The Bay of Piglets." And Conservative M.P. Nigel Birch said to Michael Stewart: "Will you convey to the Prime Minister the congratulations of the House on at last taking on somebody of his own size?"

Crowd

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and shoulders.

A woman demonstrator told reporters that she was bitten on the arm by the British commissioner when she reached into the car.

Only a handful of policemen were on hand at the time, but they made no effort to get rough with the crowd. The London Bobbies on duty here are unarmed.

No troops were called in, and commissioner Lee said later the British "do not intend to use force in this situation for now."

Meanwhile, Ronald Webster, the acting president of Anguilla, decided Saturday to return to his native island to "calm the people."

Webster, who arrived in the morning on St. Thomas en route to New York, made a change in plans when he received a special couriered report that his fellow islanders had attacked the island's new administrator.

In an interview at the Harry S. Truman airport, Webster said that he must return to "calm the people."

The demonstrators, mostly women and children, sat down in the doorway of the building and blocked a British magistrate from entering.

Police moved in and a few scuffles broke out.

The demonstration started about 7:30 a.m. and lasted about 45 minutes.

Considerably more unrest and excitement was in evidence on the tiny island Saturday than at any time since the British invaded on Wednesday.

In St. Thomas Webster also disclosed that the United Nations is sending a nine-man team to Anguilla, but he declined to say when the group may arrive on the tiny Caribbean island.

"I requested," he said, "and I was told last night in St. Martin by telephone they would come."

Webster left Anguilla late Friday and then traveled to St. Thomas via St. Martin, a Dutch island, and by St. Croix, a part of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

He was en route to the United Nations to put Anguilla's problem before the international body when he heard the news of the problem in Anguilla. He then made immediate plans to return.

Bill

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respect to adequacy of grants and assistance, and for other purposes."

In a letter of transmittal to the president of the Legislature, King said "legislation on the subject matter, to the extent that it involves executive sanction, is neither necessary nor appropriate."

He further noted that executive approval is not needed to authorize a legislative committee to undertake an investigation into a matter which the Legislature deems to be the subject of its legitimate concern.

"Thus, the proposed bill," he said, "only creates a gratuitous issue as to executive intrusion on legislative prerogative."

SPEND THE DAY AT MAGENS BAY

Confab

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The U.S. Congressmen belong to an African study group from both Houses and both parties. The group meets regularly in Washington with African leaders.

Co-chairman of this fifth conference are Representative John Culver, an Iowa Democrat; and MP Colin Jackson, a Labor Party member.

The conference is sponsored by the school of advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, directed by Professor Vernon McKay, and financed by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation.

In the U.S. delegation are Senator Frank Moss, a Utah Democrat, and Congressmen John Brademans, an Indiana Democrat; John Conyers and Charles Diggs, both Democrats from Michigan; Donald Frazer, a Minnesota Democrat; William Maillard, Republican of California; Bradford Morse, a Massachusetts Republican; Charles Mosher, a Republican from Ohio; and Benjamin Rosenthal, a New York Democrat.

In the British delegation are five conservatives and five labor members of parliament, who all are visiting the U.S. Virgin Islands for the first time.

There are several consultants including Lady Jackson, the famed writer Barbara Ward; Malcom McDonald, son of the late British Prime Minister Ramsey McDonald; the British special representative in Africa since 1965 Charles Longbottom; Dennis Grennan of the Aerial Foundation in London; Wayne Frederick, of the Ford Foundation, and Frank Ferrari of the African-American Institute.

Representing Johns Hopkins are Professor Vernon McKay, Robert Lystad and Dean Francis Wilcox.

As of Friday, none of the delegates who arrived at the Estate Carlton Hotel Thursday night had a chance to get a tan, but several of the 19 wives in the group got noticeable burns.

Godfrey

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mobile biological laboratory at the Base Camp and observation of the aquanauts via closed circuit television from the support barge anchored near the habitat.

Following the tour, Godfrey went snorkeling at Little Lameshur Bay, a part of the Virgin Islands National Park, before returning to St. Thomas.

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Meteorological

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nature." He went on to say "the glow was not red, but yellow. It started out from a bright yellow ball and expanded like an arch, covering the entire horizon for miles and then died out after about two minutes."

Staff captain Belegris was a very fortunate man for he along with the captain of the ship, a steward, and the pilot at the time were the only confirmed viewers. "When I saw the great light, I was bewildered; I couldn't move for about a minute — then I ran to the intercom to notify the passengers and the crew. But, when they arrived, it was gone."

He added "In the beginning I thought it was a missile or bomb; maybe from Cape Canaveral (Kennedy), Florida, since it was in that general direction, but the possibility was gone when I noticed the manner in which the glow became brighter. It was definitely not an eclipse; the sun was in the other direction about 20°."

The possibility of it being a blaze or an explosion coming from Anguilla was expounded on and eliminated because Anguilla was much closer than the phenomenon.

One employee (steward) said it was a "yellow glow" also, that "expanded and contracted above the horizon and disappeared by

Missing

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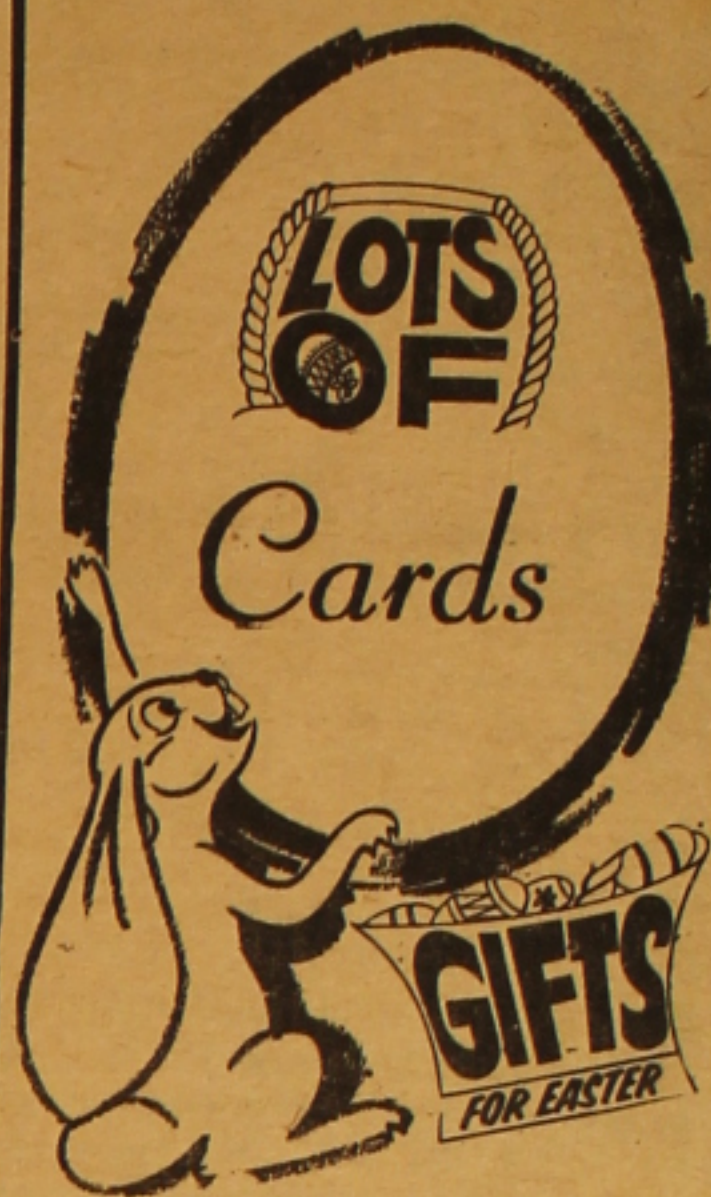
discovered among company papers.

The mystery of Thompson's disappearance was heightened by the unsolved murder in August, 1967, of his sister, Mrs. Katherine Thompson Wood, a socialite, near Centerville, Del. Mrs. Wood's estate was valued for probate purposes at more than \$50,000.

Thompson had assets of more than one million dollars in Pennsylvania alone, testimony in Philadelphia orphans court disclosed in March, 1968.

At the same time it was disclosed his company had an annual export and retail business of more than one million dollars a year.

getting smaller and smaller. The occurrence of this "phenomenon" was about one hour after sunset. If anyone in the Virgin Islands has seen this "phenomenon", and would like to report your observation, please notify the Daily News.



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