

Protest

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According to Government House, Farrington's transfer "for the good of the government." There was no other comment except that the move was initiated by [unclear].

Also transferred were the [unclear] manager of the [unclear] Department of Conservation, [unclear] Francis, who will be [unclear] the Department of Finance, and Rufus Graham, formerly business manager of the Department of Commerce, who has been sent to Public Works.

A spokesman for Government House said that to his knowledge, "the Conservation Department had not asked for Farrington."

The Department of Public Works has been under heavy fire from the Acting Governor, since he assumed the chief executive post in mid-February, especially because of a two million dollar budget deficit.

The Public Works employees who were at Government House were told that King would not return from attending the funeral for the late President Eisenhower until later in the day. They were told that an appointment with a spokesman for the group would be arranged with King.

Plan

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Joseph Aubain, members for St. Thomas Joseph Jerz and Gerard Christian, members for St. Croix; Charles Turnbull, acting commissioner of Education and Mrs. Esonia M. Hassell, executive secretary to the board.

Visitors included Raymond Moorhead, president of the St. Croix American Federation of Teachers; Don Smith and Malcolm Jackson, director and assistant director of the educational office of Public Information Services; Dr. Rehenia Gabriel, director of pupil personnel services, Department of Education; Raphael Wheatley, educational director of school plants and other physical facilities, and Wilfrid James, deputy commissioner of Education, St. Croix.

On the agenda was a scholarship proposal for the Virgin Islands. Because of the increasing cost of recruiting teachers from off-island, the board is thinking in terms of a "crash" program for teacher training in addition to the proposed increased program already instituted at the College of the Virgin Islands.

Members were urged to attend the 1969 annual convention of the National School Boards Association, April 12-15, in order to avail themselves of the consensus of thinking in education to be offered by leading educators in the workshops and clinics.

The next regular meeting will be next Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas offices, 18-B Palm Passage.

SPEND THE DAY AT MAGE'S BAY

Webster

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representative at the United Nations, Lord Caradon, and the Anguilla Council.

He said Lee will remain on the island as commissioner, but the British government will recognize the local council elected last year. Lee had been planning to govern Anguilla with a board of appointed advisers.

Several hundred British marines, paratroopers and police invaded the island March 19 to restore British authority. The island's 6,000 inhabitants offered no armed resistance, but protest demonstrations have been held almost daily.

The British government, smarting from widespread criticism of its mini-invasion, dispatched Lord Caradon to negotiate settlement of the dispute, which began in 1967 when Anguilla withdrew from a federation with the islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Anguillan leaders charged that they were discriminated against in the federation, but Britain contended that "disreputable characters" from abroad were having a bad influence on the island leadership.

Aquanauts

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Mahnken; Edward Clifton and John Van Derwalker.

In addition to the Department of Interior, other participants in the project, which has already set a saturation dive longevity record, are the Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency. The General Electric Company built the habitat.

When the aquanauts surface in a little more than two weeks, Navy divers will take over for two weeks, using the same underwater site to test new techniques for undersea construction. The new devices include an underwater Laser beam for surveying, and a "jetted anchor," which is intended to hold more weight at less cost than any other type of anchor ever developed.

Interior

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Allott, the senior senator from Colorado who is a ranking Republican.

The Senate Interior Committee voted to recommend confirmation of Loesch by the entire Senate and that action is expected Wednesday.

Now that the assistant secretary has been confirmed and a new director of the Office of Territories has been sworn in, it is expected that the House Interior Committee will reschedule its hearings on Virgin Islands affairs. The hearings were cancelled last month because President Nixon had not completed these appointments.

Action is still being awaited on confirmation of Peter Bove as governor of the Virgin Islands. No action was taken by the Senate Interior Committee yesterday reportedly because chairman Henry Jackson is out of town. A committee spokesman refused to indicate whether or not the FBI report has been completed.

Brochure

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detailing what kind of changes, if any, can be made to structures within the area.

According to the Planning Board, nothing can be changed with regard to outward appearance, of any building within the zone, without planning board approval.

The provisions of the law do not apply to "ordinary maintenance and repair," but only to changes in design, materials, color and outward appearance.

The board has made applications available to prospective alterers, but has also advised that before making application the Planning Board should be consulted.

Unless and until the board approves an outside change within the zone, no building permit can be issued by the Department of Public Works under the provisions of the law.

Washington

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on the face of it. Yet Americans here insist the Vietnamese could take over this huge establishment and, at least in part, staff it.

The United States Army headquarters at Long Binh, 20 miles from Saigon, is a city in itself stretching away as far as the eye can see. The personnel there is put at 40,000, and it may be closer to 50,000. The installations at Cam Ranh Bay are equally impressive. The airfield at Bien Hoa outranks Chicago's O'Hare, with 860,000 landings and take-offs a year.

The military telephone book is as thick as that of a small American city, and most listings are for switchboards with multiple extensions. The military runs a passenger air line, Air America, with operations throughout the area and offices in several Asian capitals. In PX centers the Army runs a huge merchandising operation for the 550,000 troops on the ground.

The stress from Washington at the moment is on the training of the Vietnamese army. Undoubtedly progress has been made during the past year. But, if the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) is to become an independent force, there is a long way to go and the appropriations for this purpose being proposed in Washington are woefully inadequate.

Presumably the ARVN would take over the hundreds of helicopters essential to the American operation. That would mean a problem of maintenance that occasionally gets beyond the hard-pressed force of American technicians. At present 200 Vietnamese are in the United States being trained in maintenance. That is a small beginning.

American advisers, civilians for the most part, many of them retired military, are at every level of Vietnamese life. They are, in many instances, dedicated men serving in difficult and often dangerous posts. There are also time servers whose advice seems at best a superfluity. Almost everyone with whom this reporter talked agreed that reducing their number selectively would contribute both to efficiency and economy.

Military progress, with the air striking power once directed against the north now concentrated in the south and on

Meet Postponed

The regular monthly meeting of the Independent Democrats has been postponed for tonight. The meeting has been rescheduled for next Wednesday at the club's headquarters on Hospital Gate north of the Apollo Theater.

the Ho Chi Minh Trail, yes. Progress in the tough task of pacification with new techniques, yes. But the challenge, in the view of one of the most knowledgeable men, Gerald C. Hickey, who has spent eight years in Vietnam with the Rand Corporation, is for a government that can reach an accommodation with the multiple factions so long at odds.

According to Hickey, that accommodation in any meaningful sense has not yet begun. Until it is achieved, a peace settlement is an illusion to be dispelled sooner or later — sooner rather than later — by a Communist take-over.

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