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Solons Asked To Revise Provisions Of Measure

St. John Sewage Plan Said 'Not Adequate'

The present plan for a sewage disposal plant for Cruz Bay is "not adequate," Acting Gov. Cyril E. King said this week, in explaining his veto of a Public Works plan for St. John.

The Senate during the regular session had passed an appropriation of \$57,000 for a "sewage treatment" plant on St. John.

What is needed is a "total plan" for Cruz Bay, the acting governor said.

Meanwhile, work is continuing on the incinerator for St. John, which will eliminate further dumping of garbage and debris in Enighed Pond.

Recently, however, the problem of sewage disposal and pollution of the harbor has become a serious problem in Cruz Bay, and property owners have expressed considerable concern at the present faulty system.



LIKE THE GOLDEN OLD DAYS - Two elderly ladies are shown as they sell native foods during the Carnival Food Fair at the Market Square Tuesday. Displayed and sold at the annual affair are native foods, candies, vegetables, shell work and other native items, which are getting increasing harder to obtain.

(Daily News Photo)

In vetoing a bill calling for the appointment of District Court Commissioners Acting Gov. Cyril E. King stated that he was in sympathy with the objectives and purposes of the bill, but asked the solons to consider and revise "certain provisions."

Noting that the bill provides that a "judge of the District Court" may appoint an attorney at law as commissioner of the court, King said that it would be preferable if the power to appoint had been given to the judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands or the senior judge if there is more than one.

Also, he recommended that the lawyer be one "duly licensed to practice law in the Virgin Islands."

"Otherwise, we might find ourselves in a position with a judge or judges from the mainland appoint commissioners having little contact

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Tektite Habitat May Be Sent To Gulf Of Mexico

By JIM STROTHMAN

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—A man-in-the-sea habitat now in the Virgin Islands may become an underwater research laboratory in the Gulf of Mexico near Panama

Enrollment In Parties

Persons who are already registered to vote in Virgin Islands elections and who want to change their enrollment to the Independent Citizens Movement can do so any day of the week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Supervisor of elections office, it was learned

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Webster Says He Welcomes Assistance

City, Fla.

If some \$1.5 million can be obtained from Federal agencies to relocate the facility, "We would hope this will be operational by September," said James S. Cullison, manager of the Department of Marine Science in

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SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Ronald Webster, the deposed self-styled president of Anguilla, said this week that Anguilla will welcome assistance from its Caribbean neighbors for a solution of its problems.

Webster also predicted in an

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Study Questions On Airport Lagoon Site

A study dealing with the marine and terrestrial support areas to the shoreline of the islands has recently been completed by the Graduate School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania.

Richard R. Ragan, who has collaborated with several other

scholars on the report said that the experts had identified the natural ecological patterns responsible for 99 per cent of the beach material.

"It is this renewability of beach material that concerns us with

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Death Penalty For Sirhan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury in Los Angeles has ordered death for Sirhan Sirhan in the slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. Sirhan was convicted last week of the assassination. And the same jury yesterday handed down its verdict on the penalty.

The jury had begun deliberations of Sirhan's fate on Monday. It had deliberated a total of about 12 hours before returning its penalty verdict yesterday.

Unless the judge in the case intervenes or Sirhan wins a reversal in some other fashion he faces

death in California's gas chamber for the murder of Senator Kennedy.

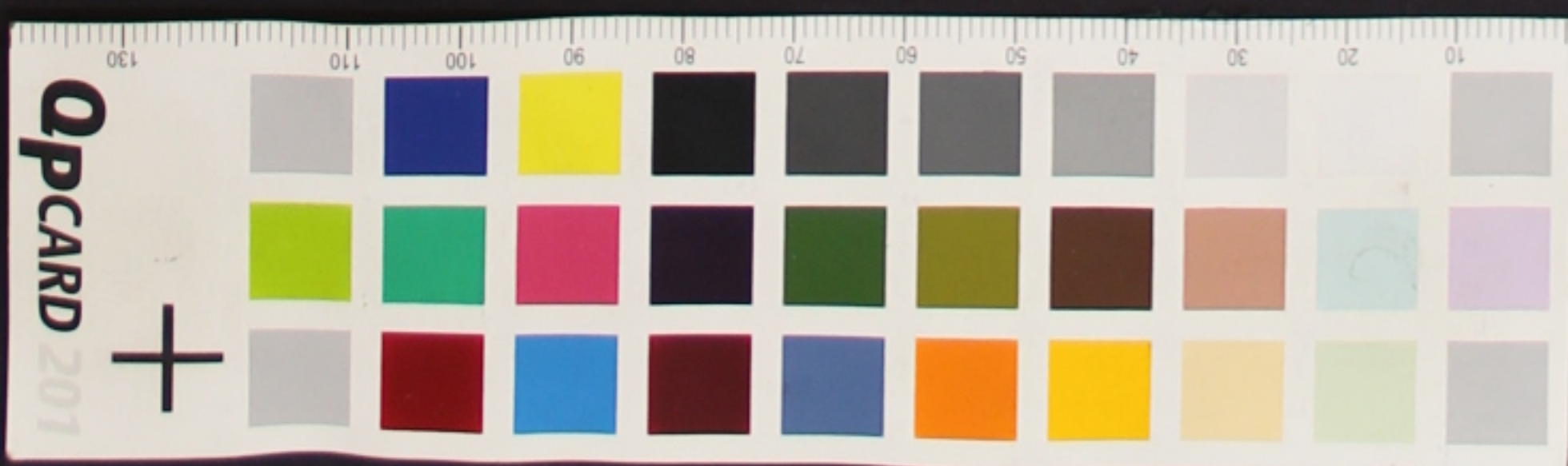
Sirhan -- a 25-year-old Jordania Arab -- betrayed no emotion as the jury's penalty verdict was an-

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Senior Citizens Haven't Been Forgotten

The senior citizens of St. Thomas have not been forgotten in this carnival season of merriment

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Webster

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airport interview that British troops who landed in Anguilla on March 19 will be leaving soon, possibly a few days.

Asked if he thought British troops would be out by the end of the year, Webster said, "Oh, yes, maybe in a matter of a few days."

He said this was an "indication... from the British." At another point in the interview, Webster said the troops "will be leaving there soon."

Webster was accompanied at the San Juan airport by Jeremiah Gumbs of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, who has been active in the Anguillan cause. Webster said he was en route to Washington to deliver a lecture at Howard University.

Asked about London's holding of a conference of Caribbean governments to consider a solution to Anguilla's problems, Webster said "we are appealing to them to assist us."

"What happens in Anguilla should be a Caribbean problem... it has nothing to do with London," he said.

Webster said he does not think Anguilla will be an independent republic, but said it should be "independent within the British Commonwealth."

Solons

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with the Virgin Islands," he said.

He pointed out also that a definite tenure should be fixed; otherwise, the lawyer would fill the appointment at the pleasure of the judge."

King said he favored the appointment of only one District Commissioner at an attractive salary and a provision for travel expenses. The commissioner should not engage in private practice, the acting governor stipulated.

Bench warrants, warrants of arrest and search warrants should be in the power of the commissioner, King said.

King said that he was concerned that the commissioner would have authority to issue writs of arrest in civil actions.

According to the Organic Act, "No persons shall be imprisoned or shall suffer forced labor for debt," King said.

He said that the provision was objectionable.

Penalty

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nounced.

The jury of seven men and five women by their ordering the death penalty, turned down a defense plea that Sirhan's sentence be limited to life imprisonment.

Formal sentence is to be pronounced about three weeks from now. At that time Superior Court Judge Herbert Walker is empowered to reduce the penalty to life imprisonment.

But this is considered unlikely.

If you expect to be popular, you can't do just as you please.

SPEND THE DAY AT MAGENS BAY

EXPERIMENT BACKFIRES

Cloud-Seeding Test Fails, Rain Decreases About 20 Per Cent

By WILLIAM J. PERKINSON
WASHINGTON (NANA) — A cloud-seeding experiment designed to increase "local" summer rainfall in Arkansas and Missouri some five to 10 per cent actually decreased rainfall about 20 per cent over a 100,000 square mile area, according to a report being studied here.

The disclosure was made by three scientists connected with the department of statistics at the University of California at Berkeley.

A report on their findings appears in a recent issue of Science, an authoritative weekly publication of the American Association For The Advancement Of Science (AAAS).

The weather modification experiment was called Whitetop. It was carried out over a four-year

period from 1960-64, according to Jerzy Neyman, Elizabeth Scott and Jerome A. Smith.

In their analysis of what they called "one of the largest" cloud-seeding experiments ever carried out in the United States, the three said that the decrease in rain associated with the Whitetop experiment was apparent at distances of 150 miles from where

the cloud-seeding took place.

The three statisticians also note that another large "local" cloud-seeding experiment, in Switzerland, produced an increase in rainfall in areas more than 100 miles away from the spots where the seeding took place.

The Swiss experiment was called Grossversuch III.

After analyzing 30 experiments, the Berkeley trio reported:

industrial court decision awarding their union an 18 per cent wage-increase spread over three years.

The strike crippled the nations bus service.

Board Chairman E. B. Annisette, a lawyer, said the strike constituted willful breach of contract and vowed to take all necessary legal steps to preserve services.

The wage increase award against the deficit ridden corporation is spread over three years — 6 per cent from January last year, 7 per cent this year and 5 per cent in 1970.

Trinidad Bus Workers In Brief Strike

PORT OF SPAIN (AP) — More than 2,000 bus workers of the state-owned public transport corporation staged a lightning strike Monday in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

They protest against the terms of a Trinidad and Tobago

Dominican Officials In Visit

Two Dominican Republic officials are scheduled to arrive here today to confer with the acting governor on the island's tourist industry.

Scheduled to arrive at 8:30 this morning were Rafael Bonilla Iybar, general consul for the Dominican Republic in San Juan, P.R., and Angel Miolan, director of tourism for the Dominican Republic.

The visiting officials will meet with Acting Governor Cyril E. King and Commerce Commissioner Dr. Albert J. Prendergast.

Study

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regard to a recent decision to locate the new jetport within the Mangrove Lagoon area," Ragan wrote. "From our initial studies this decision would either directly or indirectly affect the critical members of the marine environment responsible for sand production."

The maximum potential of destruction is the loss of sand beaches throughout the island, the report stated.

"Needless to say, this would have considerable impact on the tourist dollar," Ragan noted.

He said that his report would give scientific support to conservation interests as well as awakening economic interests to the realization that their concerns are also a part of the marine ecology of St. Thomas.

Ragan stated that the report was of "paramount importance" to the future of the U.S. territories.

The experts discovered a "set of delicate ecological relationships which have vast natural and economic implications on the islands and, indeed, through the entire Caribbean."

Citizens

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and frolick.

A project — the Senior Citizens Recreation Program — financed by a federal grant and under the direction of the Bureau of Community Recreation and Sports, is building a reviewing stand at the Market Square for senior citizens 55 and over who are members of the program.

The purpose of the stand is to provide a comfortable area for the senior citizens "to sit and view the parade on both days of Carnival and also be a part of Carnival," a spokesman for the bureau said.

"For the past three weeks," the spokesman added, "the senior citizens of the program have been busy making their carnival hats and decorations for the reviewing stand."

They also have decided to wear corsages which they made, as a form of identification. The corsages were made during their arts and crafts classes.

Enrollment

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this week. According to Mrs. Henrita Todman, persons, who are already registered and wish to enroll in a political party or change their enrollment, can do so during the normal working hours at the supervisor's office.

The registration periods, which are announced by the Board of Elections are aimed at persons who have not registered to vote, although persons can also enroll or change enrollment during those periods.

In the last registration period recently at the supervisor's office, two persons registered and enrolled in the Independent Citizens Movement, one in the Democratic Party and one as an independent. No one registered in the other recognized political party — Republican Party.

At that time also nine persons changed their party affiliation from Democrat to I.C.M.

"Two excellently performed, large cloud-seeding experiments — Grossversuch III and Whitetop — indicate strongly not only that cloud-seeding can affect rain, but also that its effect can spread over very large areas by increasing rain as in Grossversuch III or by decreasing it as in Whitetop."

But, they caution: "The conditions in which increases or decreases due to seeding occur are largely unknown, which makes it questionable whether weather modification technology exists as such."

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