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WEATHER
Fair with scattered showers. Winds easterly 10 to 15 MPH. Yesterday's high 85, low 72.

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Br. Troops Arrive In Antigua; Board Ships

ST. JOHNS, Antigua (AP) — Britain made a show of military muscle yesterday in its long dispute with rebellious Anguilla. A company of Red Devil paratroopers, about 150 strong, boarded three British frigates at this island, 70 miles from Anguilla.

The paratroopers flew in yesterday morning sail from English rain and fog to a landing under a sunny sky in 90-degree temperature on Antigua, where the frigates *Rothsay*, *Rhyl* and *Minerva* were waiting. The little flotilla made no immediate move to

In London, British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said the military buildup — reported also to include 40 Scotland Yard policemen — was only precautionary. (See LONDON, Page 8)

Appeared Headed For Certain Confirmation

News Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Peter Bove, former U.S. comptroller of the Virgin Islands, appears headed for certain confirmation as governor of the Virgin Islands by the Senate this week.

His principal sponsor, Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), told The Daily News that he expects Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), to move Thursday afternoon that the nomination be approved. The Senate Interior

Committee, which held hearings on the nomination yesterday morning, was expected to confirm Bove later in the day.

The hearings, which lasted about an hour, were spiced by frequent denunciations of columnist Drew Pearson, who wrote in yesterday's Washington Post that the Bove appointment (See CONFIRMATION, Page 8)

Bove Queried On Pearson Report

By GEORGE GEDDA
WASHINGTON (AP) — Discussion of a newspaper column which raised questions about the moral character of Virgin Islands governor-designate Peter Bove enlivened a Senate committee hearing yesterday.

The exchange between Bove and Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo.) took place as the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs inquired into Bove's qualifications for the post.

Allott asked Bove for comment on a column by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson in yesterday's Washington Post which brought up a Federal investigation 10 years ago into Bove's behavior while he served as Virgin Islands

comptroller. Pearson and Anderson said Bove was investigated by the Interior Department during the Eisenhower administration for allegedly making "improper advances" to girls in the comptroller's office. After the investigation, the columnists said, then-secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton wrote a letter to the father of one of the girls alleging that there had been "weaknesses in the management of the comptroller's office."

Bove told the Senate committee there wasn't "a bit of truth" to the allegations.

"I had to release those girls and this resulted in these scurrilous (See BOVE, Page 8)

Anguillans Living In V. I. Return

By The Associated Press

A group of Anguillans living in the Virgin Islands headed home by chartered airplane yesterday to help out in the face of a British invasion threat.

One returning Anguillian, who said he would fight if necessary, told a newsmen he was a "West Indian," and that "like all West Indians, I am willing to die for my principles."

A woman, also headed home, said she wanted to know (See ANGUILLA, Page 9)

Mis-Match Of Century

By ELOY AGUILAR
Anguilla, West Indies (AP) — It may be the mis-match of the century when and if it happens, but Anguillans are going through the motions of preparing themselves for a possible invasion

by Great Britain that would put a quick end to their claims to independence.

The Acting President of this 35-square mile island, Ronald Webster, said in an interview yesterday:

"The people of Anguilla have

contemplated the possibility of armed invasion for the past 21 months and have prepared themselves accordingly . . . but it is difficult for us to believe that England, as a world power of

(See CENTURY, Page 8)

London Newspapers Comment On Anguilla

LONDON (AP) — Extracts from yesterday's editorials:

THE GUARDIAN, LIBERAL:

"Sir Henry Morgan and his buccaneers would have been hard put to write a better scenario than the moves now afoot over the tiny island of Anguilla.

"The casting directors in the foreign office have now thrown the threat of paratroopers into a situation already brimful of rumors about the Mafia, Seventh Day Adventists, illegal gun running and the rest of it.

"The government must make it crystal clear before any invasion of Anguilla that the aim is to restore law and order on the island, and not to force the islanders to be reunited with St. Kitts against their will.

"A police action is indeed necessary now. But this

(See TROOPS, Page 9)

Community Band Leader Is Dead

David E. Monsanto, for many years leader of the St. Thomas Community Band, died suddenly Monday night at his home in Hospital Ground. He was 65.

Mr. Monsanto, veteran

vocational teacher at the Charlotte Amalie High School, died suddenly Monday night.

Very active in the Lutheran Church, Mr. Monsanto is survived by his wife, Viola, daughters Mrs. Dorris Benjamin and Mrs. Clarice (See DEATH, Page 8)

Community Mourns Death Of Monsanto

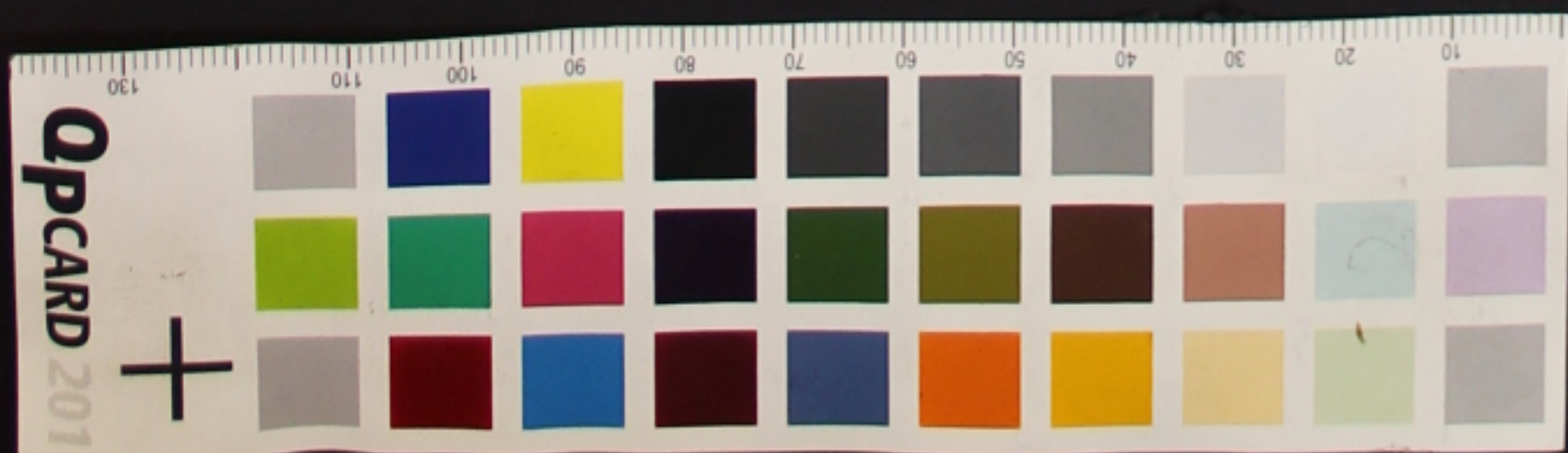
"Deep regret" over the loss of the islands of David Monsanto, community band leader of St. Thomas, was expressed yesterday by Acting Gov. Cyril E. King.

"I wish to express my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Monsanto and the children in their grief," the acting governor said. "David

(See LEADER, Page 4)



DAVID MONSANTO



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WORLD NEWS FINAL

U. S. STARTS BIG PUSH TO PROTECT SAIGON

SAIGON — More than 10,000 American troops have launched a massive counter-offensive centered 40 miles northwest of Saigon. The move is aimed at preventing any communist attack on the capital. Parts of three divisions and an armored regiment are involved. Reports indicate that as many as 7,500 North Vietnamese are in the area trying to move on Saigon. No significant ground action has been reported. During the night enemy gunners hit 25 allied towns and bases but casualties and damage were light. Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam Ellsworth Bunker will fly to Washington this weekend for talks with President Nixon. It will be their first meeting since Nixon took office.

SWEDES AID DESERTERS

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish National Labor Market Board is setting up a camp north of Stockholm for American army deserters. The camp is scheduled to open next week with facilities for about 25 persons at a time. Participation in the camp will be entirely voluntary. Free room and board as well as medical care, clothes and a small amount of pocket money will be available to deserters at the camp. Help will be offered with language studies and employment placement.

JAP STUDENTS RIOT

KYOTO, Japan — University students have gone on a rampage here. Officials report that helmeted students threw Molotov cocktails into a building at Ritsumeikan University. Desks, chairs and floors were scorched and students also set fire to cars parked on the campus. The disturbances came after college authorities denounced the violent activities of pro-Peking student demonstrators last Sunday.

PROPAGANDA WAR HOT

MOSCOW — Soviet newspapers are continuing a campaign of anti-Chinese propaganda. Reports in the press reveal that at least 12 Russian soldiers were killed in Saturday's border clash with Red China. Meanwhile, in Tokyo, a Peking news agency says millions of Chinese are combat-ready and determined to wipe out "Soviet Invaders."

SUEZ BATTLES FLARE

BEIRUT — A new artillery battle broke out along the Suez Canal yesterday. Reports from Egypt say the fighting engulfed half of the waterway. The battle broke a four day lull and came after warnings from Cairo that Egyptian troops have been ordered to strike at any Israeli concentrations on the east bank.

Leader

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Monsanto was a stirring influence on the musical life of St. Thomas and a man beloved by thousands through his many appearances at the head of the Community Band at Carnival time and on many other occasions, both festive and solemn.

He added that he was sure that "fellow Virgin Islanders share my deep regret over his passing."

The sentiments of the acting governor were echoed by Charles W. Turnbull, acting Commissioner of Education.

"I am profoundly shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of David Monsanto," Turnbull said. "The Virgin Islands have lost an unusually talented and dedicated civic leader, and countless students (past and present) have lost a teacher rare, a counselor trusted and a friend

sincere."

Turnbull said that Mr. Monsanto had been his teacher and later one of his "fellow-workers in the task of educating the young."

"Never was he to be found lacking in integrity, character, and devotion to duty," the acting commissioner declared. "The school system has lost an irreplaceable teacher, and the territory has lost a public servant of the highest calibre."

Turnbull extended his "deepest condolences" to Mrs. Monsanto and the entire family.

"May the realization that the people of the Virgin Islands were enriched by his life in ways immeasurable and everlasting be a source of never-ending comfort and joy to his family and friends," he said. "His greatest carvings were not done on wood or on stone, but in the hearts and minds of his fellow men."

The elevation of a man's head is his chief character reference.



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE THURGOOD Marshall is shown as he delivers the main address at Charter Day ceremonies at the College of the Virgin Islands Sunday. Other dignitaries are shown including Acting Governor Cyril E. King. (Daily News Photo)

Britian, Rhodesia, Anguilla

By COLIN FROST

LONDON (AP) — Five planeloads of British paratroopers and Scotland Yard police experts, a total of almost 200 men, were reported to have taken off in fog and rain for the Caribbean to deal with mutinous Anguilla.

The government shrouded the entire operation with secrecy.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson met for nearly two hours yesterday with his top generals and admirals along with civilian advisers.

The ministry of defense said that the frigate Rothesay has now arrived at Antigua, which is about 70 miles from troubled Anguilla, one of the three islands making up the St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla federation conceived by the British several years ago.

Anguilla wants to secede and has so voted.

The Rothesay joined two other British frigates, the Rhyl and Minerva, which provided the pattern for an air-sea approach in the classic pattern.

After some early leaks, the government clamped a secrecy lid on the operation. But there were indications that more than 140 men of the parachute regiment — the famous Red Devils — and the 40 policemen were en route over the Atlantic.

British correspondents on Anguilla said the island's self-proclaimed president, Ronald Webster, had assembled a 25-man army armed with ancient carbines and cannon left over from the Napoleonic wars.

The 6,000 Anguillans are an independent group descended from pirates, escaped slaves and Irish convicts. They began their rebellion in May 1967, after three months as a member of a federation with islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Anguillans charged they were getting a raw deal from Prime Minister Robert Bradshaw of St.

Kitts.

The crisis with London began last week when a foreign officer, under secretary, William Whitlock, visited the island and tried to talk the islanders back into the federation. They chased him off at gunpoint.

Whitlock on his return to London told a news conference the islanders were "completely dominated by a gangster-type element" from outside and "generally the feeling is throughout the Caribbean — I don't know if anyone has any proof — that they are somehow like the Mafia."

Whitlock said residents of other islands think that this element was to establish large gambling casinos on Anguilla.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson's

cabinet apparently agreed Saturday that it must act against the rebels. The decision laid the government open to charges of one policy toward the weak and another toward the strong, since Wilson has repeatedly ruled out force against the white rebels in Rhodesia.

But the Rhodesian government has a modern army and air force, and the White Rhodesians have lots of relatives and sympathizers in Britain.

The paratroopers reportedly were to be landed first on the island of Antigua and then landed on Anguilla by one of three Royal Navy ships in the area.

British correspondents on Anguilla said Webster flew Monday to the Dutch-French island of St.

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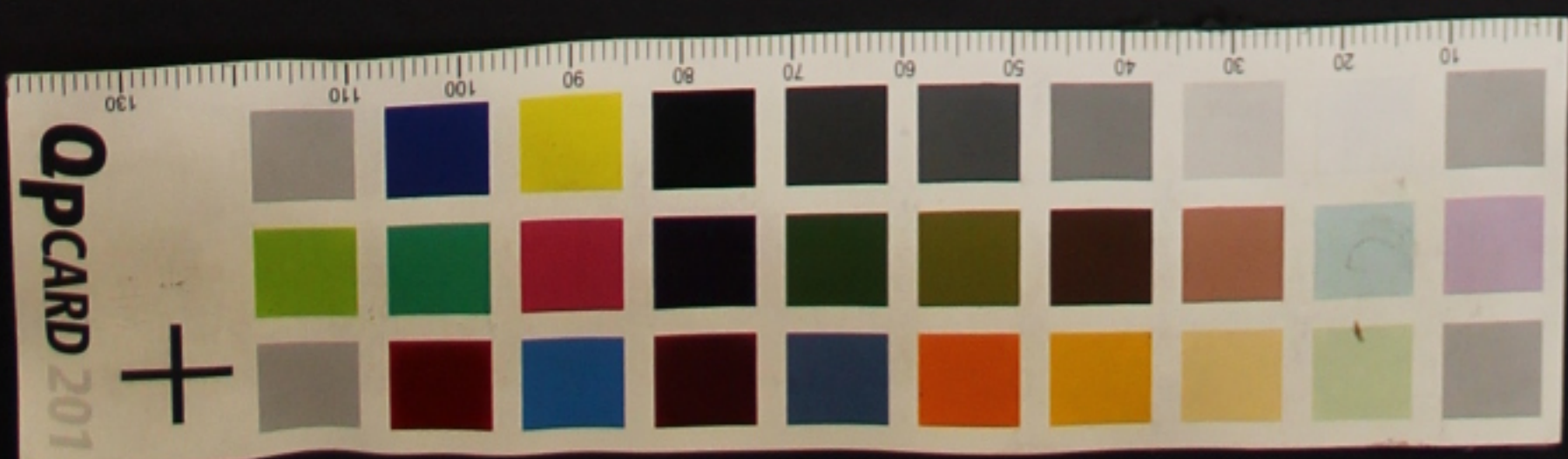
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SPEND THE DAY AT MAGENS BAY



Confirmation (Continued from Page 1)

"May slightly tarnish the Billy Graham morality he has been promoting in the White House."

Pearson went on to write: "His nominee for governor of the Virgin Islands, Peter Bove, was investigated by the Interior Department during the Eisenhower administration for allegedly making 'improper advances' to girls in his comptroller's office in the Virgin Islands..."

Bove denied any improper conduct. "I had to let three or four girls go," Bove said. "An Interior Department man came down and looked into their complaints. But there were no improper advances."

Pearson also charged: "There were complaints from Virgin Islands businessmen, too, that Bove doesn't pay his bills. He is alleged to have refused to pay \$39.75 bar bill at the Virgin Islands Hilton and an \$89 travel bill with Caribair Airlines."

"I don't owe one penny in Vermont or in the Virgin Islands," declared Bove, who ran unsuccessfully for governor of Vermont before he went to the Virgin Islands. He said the Caribair bill was a 'disputed charge'."

Bove's principal sponsor, Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), angrily told the committee that the Pearson article is "a damn lie," adding: "I knew something like this was coming."

Aiken also pointed out that Bove "doesn't even drink" with reference to the alleged unpaid bar bill at the hotel.

A committee member who declined to be quoted by name said that disgruntled Democrats had vowed to "get" Bove and used the allegation involving the island girls against him. Bove was said at the time to have been "too intent" on uncovering wrong-doing by island politicians.

Bove told the committee himself that there "is not a bit of truth in it (Pearson column)" and said that he had simply been required "to release those girls from work."

Backing up his comments was Tony Lausi, then director of the Office of Territories in the Interior Department and now a local realtor. Present at the hearing — but was not called to testify — Lausi said in 1959 he investigated the charges and "found them groundless."

He said further that the then Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton concurred in his findings and noted that Bove was "kept on" his job by Democratic Secretary Stewart Udall until last fall.

During his testimony, Bove made it quite clear that he would "go after" local residents who are not paying their taxes, saying that "we haven't even scratched the surface yet." He contended that he would like to set up a tax division separate from the Department of Finance and staff it with "competent people."

He implied, in a discussion of the alien problem in the islands, that he would soon lop some of the present employees off the government rolls, saying: "We have a tremendous load on the government payroll and that leaves jobs open in the economy."

He also came out for "equal

London (Continued from Page 1)

Without naming either Ronald Webster, Anguilla's chief executive, or Prime Minister Robert L. Bradshaw of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Federation from which the island declared its independence in 1967, Stewart indicated Britain wants changes made.

Stewart stressed that the object of British government policy now is "to install her majesty's commissioner in Anguilla with the task of working out a long-term solution" for the future of the island. The commissioner would, in effect, become the ruler of the island in the name of Queen Elizabeth the Second, rather than in the name of St. Kitts.

Stewart pledged that the people of Anguilla will not be forced to live under an unwanted regime.

Facing a barrage of questions in the House of Commons, Stewart described widely reported movements of British paratroopers and police as "precautionary moves" for any emergency. He did not say what emergency he foresees.

Stewart told questioners that Britain has constitutionally preserved powers to intervene in the internal affairs of the associated states of the Caribbean besides being responsible for their defense and their foreign policy.

Opposition Conservative leaders, referring to widespread British reports that a British invasion of Anguilla is imminent, asked Stewart if the government intends to use force against the Anguillians.

The Secretary advised them to wait for a full statement he plans to make later in the week. But he insisted that the military build up was only precautionary and added what he intended to be a reassurance to Anguillians.

"It is not part of our purpose to make Anguillians live under an administration they do not want."

The statement seemed meant to convince Anguillians they will not be forced to accept the domination of St. Kitts and that a workable settlement can be achieved only if they abandon rebellion.

treatment of aliens who are employed in the islands. He also testified on these other points:

— That he would look kindly to the annexation by the U.S. Virgin Islands of the British Islands because they are so close "they've been taken into our orbit."

— There is no statehood party in the Virgin Islands so he has no position on that subject.

— Senator Gordon Allott (R-Colo.), said he hopes that Bove "will do everything as governor to make the islands self-supporting and have not so many people on the payroll so that you may turn over to the new governor (in 1970) a more viable situation than at present."

— Allott also urged that the aliens, resident in the islands, should have "all the privileges of American citizens, including better housing and a chance for their children to go to school."

Sitting beside Bove as he testified, was majority conference leader Augustin Doward of the V.I. Senate, who praised him fulsomely in a two-page statement as one who "is very well qualified by reason of experience, character and proven ability."

Bove (Continued from Page 1)

accusations," Bove said. "Seaton later found out there wasn't a bit of truth to them."

Allott said he doesn't put "much credence" in the allegations himself and that he raised the subject only to give Bove the opportunity to reply publicly to the report.

None of the other senators present chose to pursue the point further, apparently having been satisfied with Bove's explanation.

Tony Lausi, the director of the territories during the Eisenhower administration, backed up Bove's testimony while talking with the reporters after the hearing.

"The investigation divulged absolutely nothing," Lausi said, adding that he had not seen the final report and was only relating what Seaton had told him. "You don't think we would have let him stay in the job all those years if there were any legitimacy to a charge like that?" Lausi asked.

Bove, 63, was appointed comptroller in 1957 and served until September of last year when he went to work for the Republican Party.

He was nominated for the governorship last Feb. 7 by President Nixon.

A native of Vermont and lawyer by profession, Bove rose rapidly in Republican Party politics in his home state but lost out in a bid for the Vermont governorship in 1950.

His long-time friend and political ally Sen. George Aiken (R-Vt.) testified in Bove's behalf at yesterday's hearing.

Aiken was the most influential ally Bove had in Congress during the search for a nominee for the post.

Vermont's other senator, Winston Prouty, also read a statement yesterday supporting Bove's candidacy as did Sen. Augustin Doward, leader of the Virgin Islands legislature.

Death (Continued from Page 1)

Roper; brothers Jose and Ernest, who lives on the mainland. He is also survived by six grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services have been set for Thursday 4 p.m. at the Lutheran Church. He will lie in state from 3 p.m. Burial will be at

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respected integrity, would proceed contrary to its own stated policy."

Yet, invasion probably is the only course open to Britain if it wants to bring this tiny self-declared republic back into the three-island associated state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.

Most of the 7,000 islanders seemed determined to resist any invasion, even though they had not yet heard that British troops are in nearby Antigua, possibly preparing for invasion at any moment.

Hopes for some sort of quick settlement with Great Britain collapsed last week when a British government official, William Whitlock, was asked to leave the island hours after he arrived.

Webster said Whitlock was disrespectful, ignoring the interim government of the island and "distributing pamphlets with a British proposal to the population without even giving a copy to the island authorities."

the Western Cemetery.

A draftsman and building consultant, by profession, Mr. Monsanto has been an instructor in vocational education with the Department of Education since 1944.

Mr. Monsanto was also a government appraiser, served on the property tax review board, was chairman of the Vocational Department at the Charlotte Amalie High School and served as secretary-treasurer of the American Vocational Association.

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"We are determined to fight," said Webster.

Many Anguillians echo their president's statement, although they privately express their fear of an invasion, which they know they could not repel.

They also cling to the hope that Britain will not invade.

"They did not invade Rhodesia, so why should they invade little Anguilla," one asked.

Explaining why Anguilla rejected the latest British offer Webster said: "It was inconsistent with the expressions of the people of Anguilla. Nothing new was offered except a commissioner with dictatorial powers and arbitrary rule in direct opposition to the freedoms guaranteed by the constitution of Anguilla."

Yet, Webster and most Anguillians still want to renew somehow their ties to the commonwealth and Britain.

Said Webster: "If London forces Bradshaw to renounce all claims against Anguilla, the Republic of Anguilla will proceed to establish the closest possible ties incorporating defense, trade and reciprocal agreements ordinarily enjoyed by nations of common heritage."

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TROPICAL MOTORS, Cheryl Harrigan... Miss Tropical Queen 1969. Pretty, talented and... hobbies include... counts," she says.

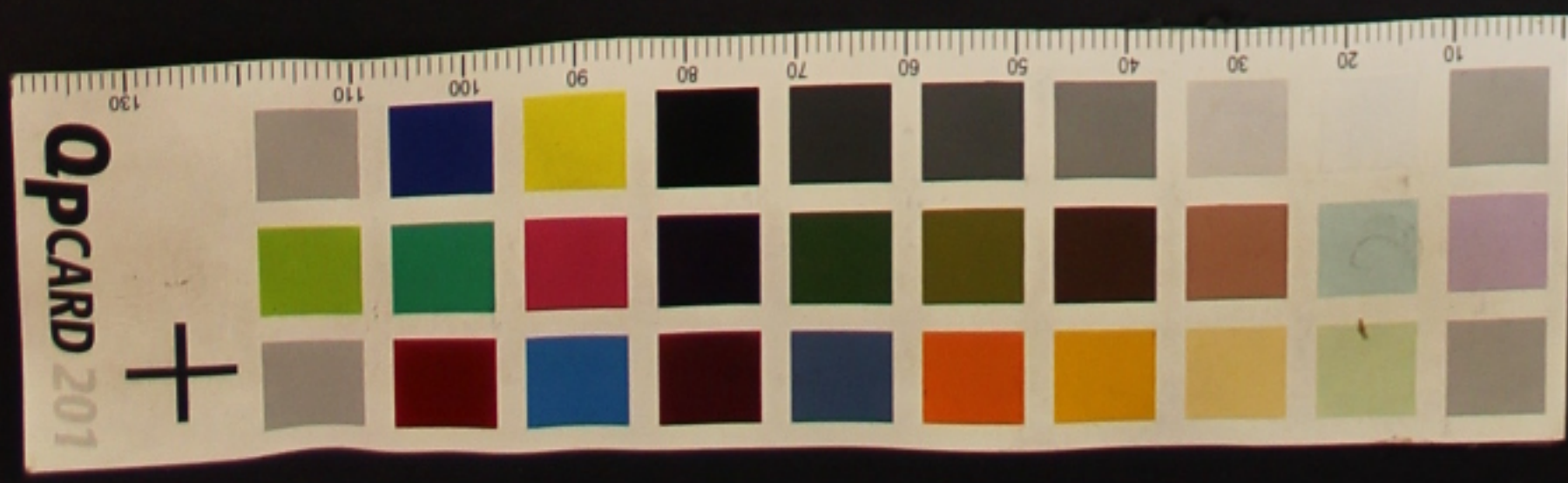
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MISS TROPICAL MOTORS, Cheryl Harrigan, is up front where it counts in the competition for Miss Carnival Queen 1969. Pretty, talented and brainy, Cheryl studies sociology, psychology and teaching techniques at C.V.I. and her hobbies include music and the arts. Does she think she has a chance: "Yes, if nervousness counts," she says.

Stock Market Closing

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York stock market closed yesterday with a moderate gain in active trading. Gains led losses by about 300 issues.

Sales totaled 11,210,000, compared with 9,150,000 yesterday.

The closing Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.35 at 907.38.

The New York Stock Exchange closing index showed the market up 14 cents.

The index was 55.22, up .16. Here are some representative stocks:

A-T and T 51 3/4 up 1/8

General Motors 80 down 1/4
Penn Central 55 3/4 up 3/4
Standard Oil of New Jersey 77 3/8 down 1/8

U.S. Steel 43 1/2 unchanged.
The Associated Press 60-stock average closed at 331.9 up 1.4.

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Steamship Companies Hike Rates

By The Associated Press

Two steamship companies have announced rate increases for their Puerto Rican service, and a third company, Lykes Lines, has requested permission to announce rate increases on short notice. The rate hikes reflect wage increases expected to be given under a proposed three-year contract now in negotiation.

Anguillans

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why the British feel they must invade the "land of a free people," and do not "go to Rhodesia."

There have been reports in St. Thomas of arms and ammunition being shipped to Anguilla.

Most Anguillans living in the Virgin Islands express support for acting Chief Executive Ronald Webster and oppose any attempt to return the island to the associated state of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla.

Britian

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Martin, six miles away, in a private plane with Jack Holcomb, a Florida businessman, and made several radio-telephone calls to the

United States. Anguilla has no communications of any kind with the outside world.

Daily Telegraph correspondent Ian Ball said he asked Webster whether his defense force would fight British forces and he replied: "I am prepared."

Troops

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should not exceed the literal sense of that term. Britain must restore law and order but must not impose a political settlement in defiance of the Anguillans themselves."

DAILY TELEPHONE,
CONSERVATIVE:

"By moving British forces toward the 35-mile-square island of Anguilla, Mr. Wilson lays himself open to a range of unpleasant reactions at home and abroad, from derision through disgust to outright fury. "What about Rhodesia?" will be the cry, and not only from the Afro-Asian bloc.

"Before succumbing to these easy and, for some, pleasurable emotions and reactions, it be as well to examine what alternative faced the government. Persuasion and conciliation between Anguilla and St. Kitts had been tried and failed.

"The Caribbean is a stormy

area, from Cuba right down to the Latin American mainland. The government's action is right, but will only be justified if it leads to new arrangements formally separating Anguilla from St. Kitts. The government's fault is that it did not recognize this earlier, before force became necessary."

DAILY MAIL,
CONSERVATIVE:

"Gunboat diplomacy has made an uproarious comeback. Such was the secrecy that the newspaper got to hear of the possible invasion at least 12 hours in advance.

"And why has Mr. Wilson even considered crushing the Anguillan claim for independence when he said it was folly to use force for the same purpose in Rhodesia?"

"Is it by any chance because the Anguillans are black and the ruling Rhodesians are white? But then why does he also support the black Nigerians in their war to stop the equally black Biafrans from breaking away?"

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