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# Eric Williams Deplores Invasion Of Anguilla

## Nisky Manse To Be Dedicated Here Sunday

The Old Nisky Manse will be dedicated on Sunday 4 p.m. Bishop-Elect Dr. Oliver Maynard of Frederiksted, will give the address and perform the dedication.

From 1829 to 1962 the Old Manse served as the residence for the Minister of Nisky. Also for a number of years a Theological Seminary was housed on the third floor. Fire destroyed the building on Dec. 12, 1967.

The new facilities now will be used for church office, meetings and Christian education.

An open house will follow the dedication on Sunday. The community is invited.



MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH "Red Devils" are shown here in Anguilla after more than 200 troops invaded the tiny Caribbean island Wednesday. Reportedly not a shot was fired when the British deposed the rebel island's chief, Ronald Webster. See page five for more photos. (Daily News Photo By C. Rogers)

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago said Wednesday night he deplored the fact that Britain used force on black Anguilla but refrained from doing so against white Rhodesia.

"If you can do this in tiny black Anguilla you can do it in white Rhodesia," Williams said in an interview.

"I am most unhappy about this. I am also very unhappy that the only area of British intervention is in the West Indies. If Britain could beat Hitler, it could beat Ian Smith. It could send paratroopers to Rhodesia and lock up Smith."

Williams stressed that the British had not consulted him in advance on the use of force. He said there had been full advance consultations by the British government on its intentions to send a high foreign office official, William Whitlock, with proposals to rebel Anguillan with proposals to rebel Anguillan (See WILLIAMS, Page 8)

## American Deported By British From Anguilla

By HAROLD J. LIDIN  
SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Florida businessman Jack N. Holcomb has been deported from Anguilla by British authorities on grounds that his presence there is "prejudicial to public order and safety."

## St. Croix To Establish CORE Branch

St. Croix Bureau  
CHRISTIANSTED — The Virgin Islands chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality will be established Tuesday evening at (See CORE, Page 2)

## Widening Of Estate Profit Road Ends

Grading and widening of the road in Estate Profit, St. Croix, has been completed and asphalt has been poured, Government House announced this week.

Acting Gov. Cyril E. King visited the project this week and conferred with St. Croix (See ROAD, Page 8)

## Troopers Manning Roads In Anguilla Operation

By MATT ALLEN  
ANGUILLA, West Indies (AP) — British troops broiled in the hot Caribbean sun and went through the mechanical motions of a military occupation yesterday following Wednesday's unopposed invasion of the tiny island of Anguilla.

"Doesn't this sun ever go down," complained one badly sunburned paratrooper manning a highway checkpoint. The 35-square-mile island has (See TROOPERS, Page 4)

# Ottley On Anguilla

A "sense of sympathy" from Virgin Islanders for the people of Anguilla was expressed with considerable feeling yesterday by Senate legislative floor leader Sen. Earle B. Ottley in a privileges-of-the-floor talk. The invasion of the tiny island by British Marines has "crushed

the aspirations of Anguillans for self government," the floor leader said.

Ottley spoke of Anguilla's right to self-determination, and added that "one country should not force its will upon another country."

The senator scorned the way

Great Britain "rushed to invade Anguilla and not Rhodesia, where crimes have been much greater than those of Anguilla."

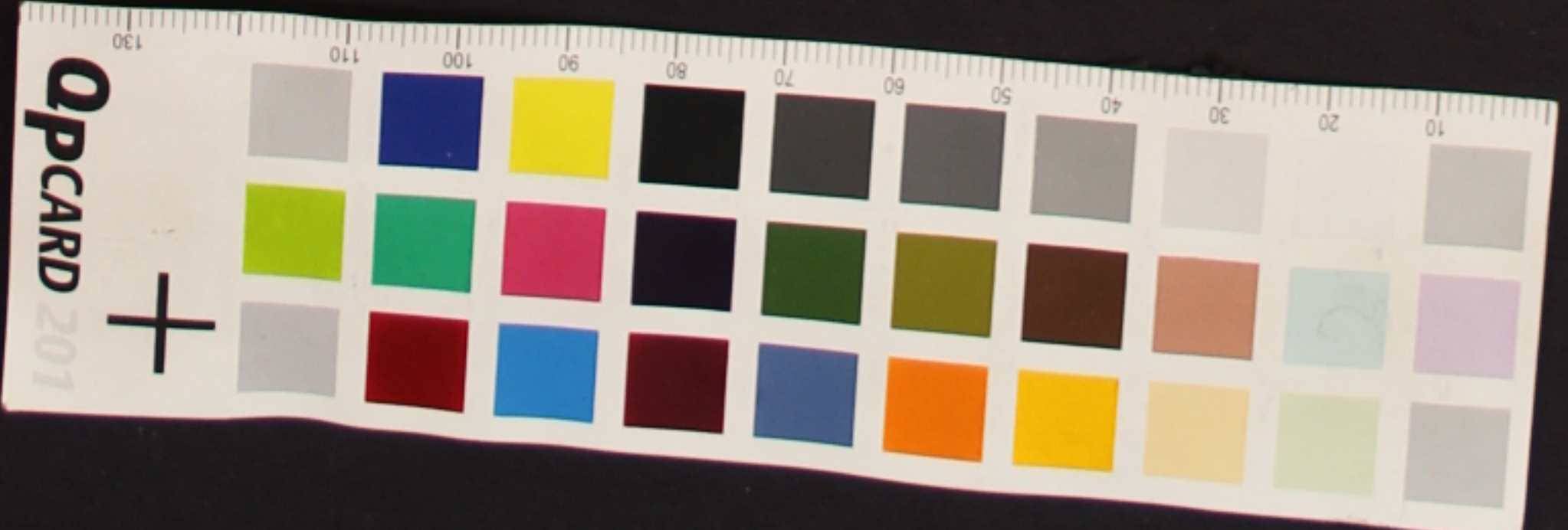
He noted the fact that the parent nation had "suddenly" become interested in Anguilla after several centuries of British rule. (See OTTLEY, Page 8)

## Altona Lagoon Project Said 'Inadequate'

The Altona Lagoon project is "inadequate" to meet the needs of the people of St. Croix, Acting Gov. Cyril E. King said this week.

King met with Property and Procurement Commissioner Mario Lewis and Conservation Commissioner Carl Tranum to discuss the project.

The acting governor asked that the plans be revised. (See LAGOON, Page 8)



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WORLD NEWS FINAL

AMERICAN VIET DEATH TOLL OVER 33,000

SAIGON -- Weekly casualty figures released in Saigon show 351 Americans died in the Vietnam war last week. That is 15 more than the previous week and pushes total U.S. dead in the war beyond the 33,000 mark. Some 1,401 Americans were wounded last week, about 300 less than during the previous week. South Vietnamese casualties were 325 dead and 1,156 wounded -- both figures slightly higher than the previous week. Enemy dead were estimated at 4,137. That raises the estimate of total enemy dead since the U.S. entered the war eight years ago to more than 465,000. If the current casualty rate continues, by the end of this month more Americans will have died in the Vietnam War than in the Korean war.

92 Die In Plane Crash

CAIRO -- The death toll in an airliner crash in Egypt is now put at 92. There are nine survivors. The United Arab Airlines plane was returning with Moslem pilgrims from a flight to Saudi Arabia when the airliner crashed at Aswan in Upper Egypt.

Russia Charges Red China

MOSCOW -- A Russian newspaper charged yesterday that Red China -- in a round-about-way -- has been selling war supplies to the U.S. for use in Vietnam. The Soviet report said the American seventh fleet bought the materials from Hong Kong firms secretly controlled by Peking. At the same time, both Russia and China kept up their propaganda attacks against each other.

Troopers

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few trees to offer any shade from the hot sun, and many in the British invading force were beginning to feel the discomfort of severe sunburns only a few hours after the dawn invasion. Temperatures were in the upper 80s.

Anguillans offered no resistance to the occupation, and allowed themselves only one major emotional outburst and that was when their acting president, Ronald Webster, called on British officers at their command headquarters Wednesday.

Webster had gone to arrange a meeting, which he said was scheduled for 10 a.m. local time yesterday. However, he said there could be no formal negotiations until the British troops are withdrawn. He sent a protest over the invasion to London Wednesday night.

A crowd of about 300 Anguillans raised Webster to their shoulders, shouted support and sang the Anguillan "Freedom Song," or national anthem, to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

For the most part, however, the 6,000 islanders simply stood in small groups and watched impassively as the British set up roadblocks and posted guards in so-called strategic places, such as the dirt and partially paved airport runway.

Anguillans had to stop at each major intersection to show identification. It was all done in a business-like manner.

Visible protests were few. One group of girls shouted at the paratroopers that "white is not good; we want a black leader for

black people."

At the demonstration for Webster, one man held a placard asking, "What have we done to bring this invasion?"

Webster told newsmen he had arranged a "peaceful demonstration" by the Anguillans for Thursday afternoon.

He said he had not asked British permission for the meeting, and did not plan to. The meeting was scheduled in front of the school house command headquarters of the British.

The British moved into the island's only high school. Desks and other furniture were moved outside.

There were no arrests, but one white American, identified as Jack Holcomb of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was put by British soldiers on a charter plane for St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Holcomb, who was a Florida real estate developer and law enforcement officer, apparently was regarded by the British as one of the undesirable persons influencing the Anguilla government.

The invasion followed complaints by the British that the U.S. underworld had gained influence in the island and might use it as a base for Caribbean operations. Webster has branded the report as "absurd."

Support for the British action came from the governments of some of Anguilla's Caribbean neighbors. John Crompton, premier of St. Lucia, said the action was in keeping with a decision of the Caribbean heads of government in Trinidad last month that "no outside elements cause any disturbance in Anguilla."

This was a reference to the British claim about underworld

(See TROOPERS, Page 8)

Advisory Committee Organized At CAHS

An Advisory Committee of interested citizens has been organized at the Charlotte Amalie High School. Concentrating principally on various aspects of Vocational Education, the group received an orientation from Wilburn Smith, Jr., director of Vocational and Technical Education at its organization meeting earlier this month. Assisting Smith in the task of indoctrinating the members of the Committee were Albert Ragster, supervisor of Vocational and Technical Education and Gerald

Ellick, vocational counsellor. An ambitious program was advanced for this committee.

Among the things suggested for its attention were the following:

- Assist in making a community survey to determine the need for the program.
  - Advise as to general training policies.
  - Advise on qualification of
- (See COMMITTEE, Pg. 9)

Senate Unit Awaits FBI Bove Report

STAR Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- The Senate Interior Committee Wednesday postponed until next week any action on Virgin Island Governor-designate Peter Bove. A committee source said the postponement came because the FBI had not yet completed its routine investigation of Bove's background.

Such investigation are made in connection with all high-level federal appointees.

"The committee will act promptly on the nomination as soon as it has all the information it needs," the source said.

Bove, 62, a former federal comptroller in the Virgin Islands, appeared before the interior committee on Tuesday.

It's expected that Bove will remain in Washington until the committee and the Senate take final action.

Seems like everyone drinks Scotch, when you're serving Chivas Regal.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority hereby invites proposals from cooking gas suppliers for the construction of gas tanks on the projects listed below. The gas tank on each project will supply gas to all of the apartments and buildings located on the project in accordance with provisions of the National Fire Code No. 54 "Gas Appliance and Gas Piping" of the National Fire Protection Association.

Housing Projects	Location	No. of Apartments
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Oswald Harris Court	St. Thomas, V.I.	300
H. H. Berg Homes	St. Thomas, V.I.	74
D. Hamilton Jackson Terrace	St. Croix, V.I.	110
Ludvig E. Harrigan Court	St. Croix, V.I.	70
Bassin Triangle	St. Croix, V.I.	26
Marley Homes	St. Croix, V.I.	94
Ralph de Chabert Place	St. Croix, V.I.	264
John F. Kennedy Terrace	St. Croix, V.I.	200

Site Plans of the projects can be obtained from the office of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority located at Oswald Harris Court in St. Thomas.

The Organization selected to construct the gas tank on a project or projects and to supply the gas on a permanent basis will do so at no cost to the Authority. The Supplier selected to furnish the gas will be the one which will furnish gas at a rate which is equal to or less than the lowest commercial rate being charged.

- All proposals should include the following:
- Size and number of tanks and their locations.
  - Barrier protection for tanks.
  - Whether tanks will be above or below ground.
  - Location of Lines.
  - Whether or not apartments will be metered.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the office of the Authority or by calling Mr. Harold A. Rolle at 774-2741.

Proposals must be submitted by April 30, 1969.

NEVILLE THOMAS  
Executive Director

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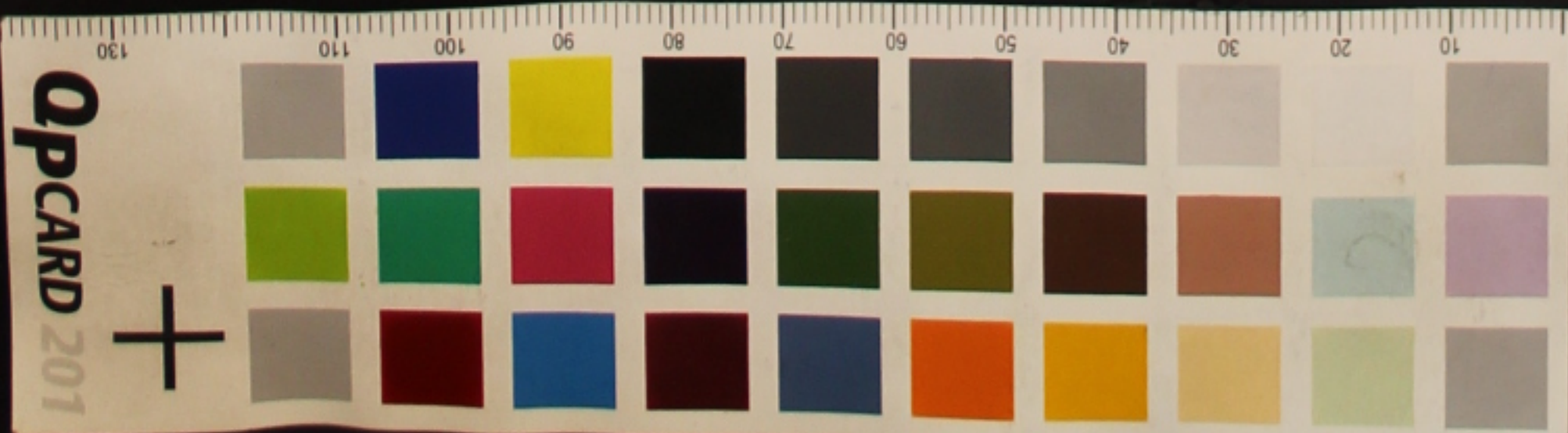
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MEDICARE IN THE V.I. was the topic under discussion in St. Thomas recently when the four representatives responsible for administering Social Security Title 18 (Medicare) activities got together. Left to right they are Lamont W. Williamson, assistant regional representative for health insurance from the Social Security administration office in Charlottesville, Va.; Irma Revilla, director, bureau of health insurance and medical assistance in the Department of Health, V.I. government; Gene Smith, officer in charge of Society Security for the V.I., and Glenn E. Margritz, manager of hospital and health insurance benefits department of Mutual of Omaha, which makes all medicare payments for the V.I.

(Daily News Photo)

### Washington

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"They want blood. Blood! That's what they want. if they can get somebody dying on camera that's great."

In-depth reporting of the political subtleties, the complexities of a highly complex situation, is sometimes sent and never used. From the side of officialdom that is the complaint — the distorted picture the

### Correspondence

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progress of these islands than the ordinary citizen.

I personally feel that Mr. Bove in his capacity of United States Comptroller for the Virgin Islands for eleven years, is in a position to take over the reins of government with almost complete knowledge and experience of its operations.

In his Federal post as "financial watchdog" for the United States government in the islands, I believe he has done an excellent job in trying to bring government spending into line. His audits on the various government departments were in detail and never without recommendations on how the operation of the departments could be improved.

I have had several occasions to talk with Mr. Bove in my capacity as a newsman, and each time I have been impressed with his interest in the islands, their problems and their future.

It is with this in mind that I personally endorse Mr. Peter Bove as the next governor of the Virgin Islands.

I am a member of the following organizations: St. Thomas Rotary; National Press Club; Inter-American Press Assn.; Sigma Delta Chi and V.I. Game Fishing Club.

Respectfully,  
Ariel Melchior, Jr.  
Editor

American public gets in terms of simple violence — the good guys and the bad guys, as in every TV Western.

This is, in effect, what Americans here from the highest level on down are saying about the present offensive. Checkmated by superior U.S.-South Vietnamese forces and superior firepower on the ground and from the air, the offensive is bound to fail militarily. Hanoi knows this just as Hanoi knows that success can be measured only by the results in American public opinion.

Yet the press corps, or a good share of it, excepting the loyalists as they might be called — those prepared to take the official line — remains skeptical. An American military report from Hue says five rockets were dropped on the city that suffered so heavily in the Tet offensive a year ago. But there were no casualties and no damage, the report says. How can this be if five shells exploded in the city slowly being rebuilt from last year's destruction?

In another incident the official

briefers reported only slight damage from a mortar attack on the Ninth Division base. A reporter on the spot claimed he had seen damage or destruction to at least 13 helicopters and had seen two gasoline storage areas set afire. This dispute went back and forth, and the briefers' report was upgraded.

If, in fact, the Communist goal is to enlarge the credibility gap both here and back home, they can play the game for quite some time by dropping a few shells in Saigon, Danang or Hue from day to day. Keeping the American casualty level high will also help. But, as Hanoi must also know, this could backfire in a greatly enlarged war that from every indication Hanoi does not want.

#### BLABBER MOUTH

Many an ambitious man will never become a wheel because all the spokes are in his mouth.

If it's true that miniskirts allow women to express themselves, some have little to say.

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## Britain Pulls A U.N. Walkout As Landing Issue Is Raised

New York Times News Service

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Britain walked out of a committee hearing Wednesday when the issue of troop landings on the Caribbean island of Anguilla was raised "as a matter of urgency" in the 24-member committee on colonialism.

John D.B. Shaw, the British representative, withdrew as soon as the committee, heeding requests from Mali, Syria and others, agreed to give another hearing to Jeremiah Gumbs, a petitioner speaking for Anguilla.

Gumbs, born in Anguilla but now Jersey resident, renewed his appeals made earlier this week that a fact-finding mission be sent to the Caribbean island

"so the world will know the true facts."

Asian and African committee members indicated at the end of the meeting that they planned to press for a U.N. visiting mission, although they acknowledged that Britain almost certainly would refuse entry to the mission.

Britain's position on Anguilla — last reiterated during debate on Monday — is that the Colonialism Committee has not jurisdiction to consider Anguilla or hear petitioners because the island is part of the Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla set up in 1967 as a self-governing entity.

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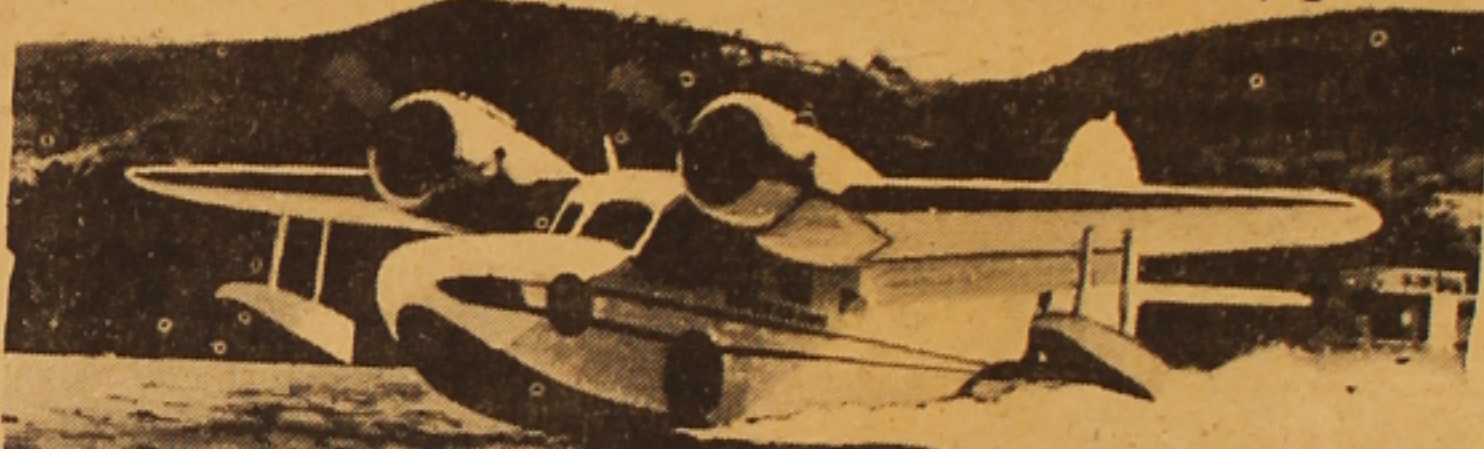
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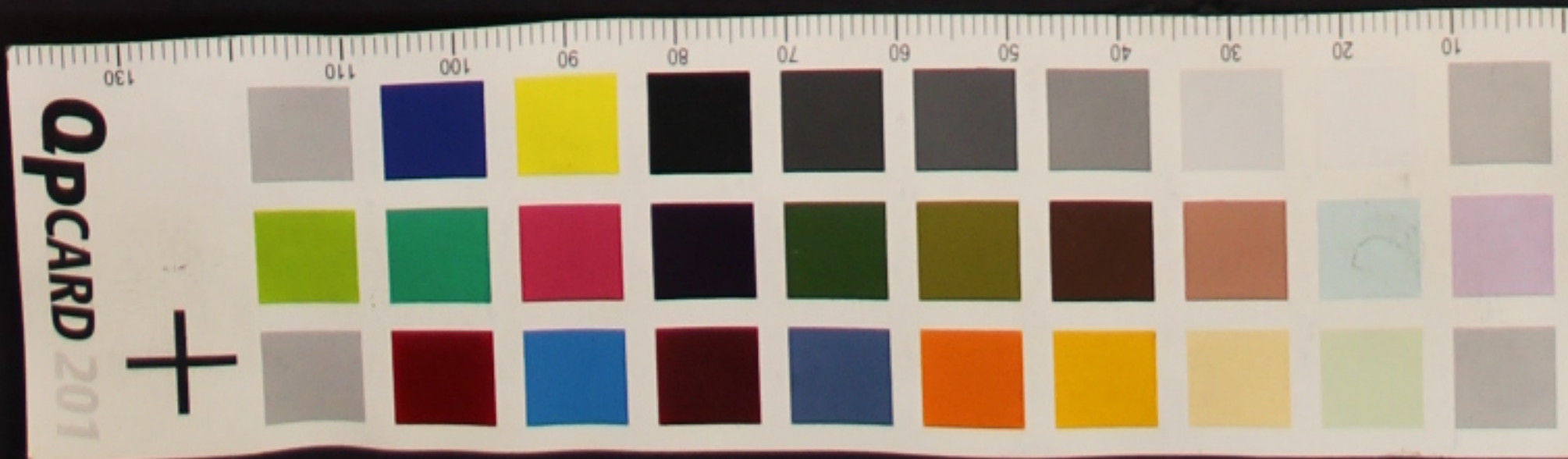
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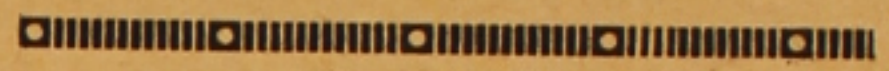
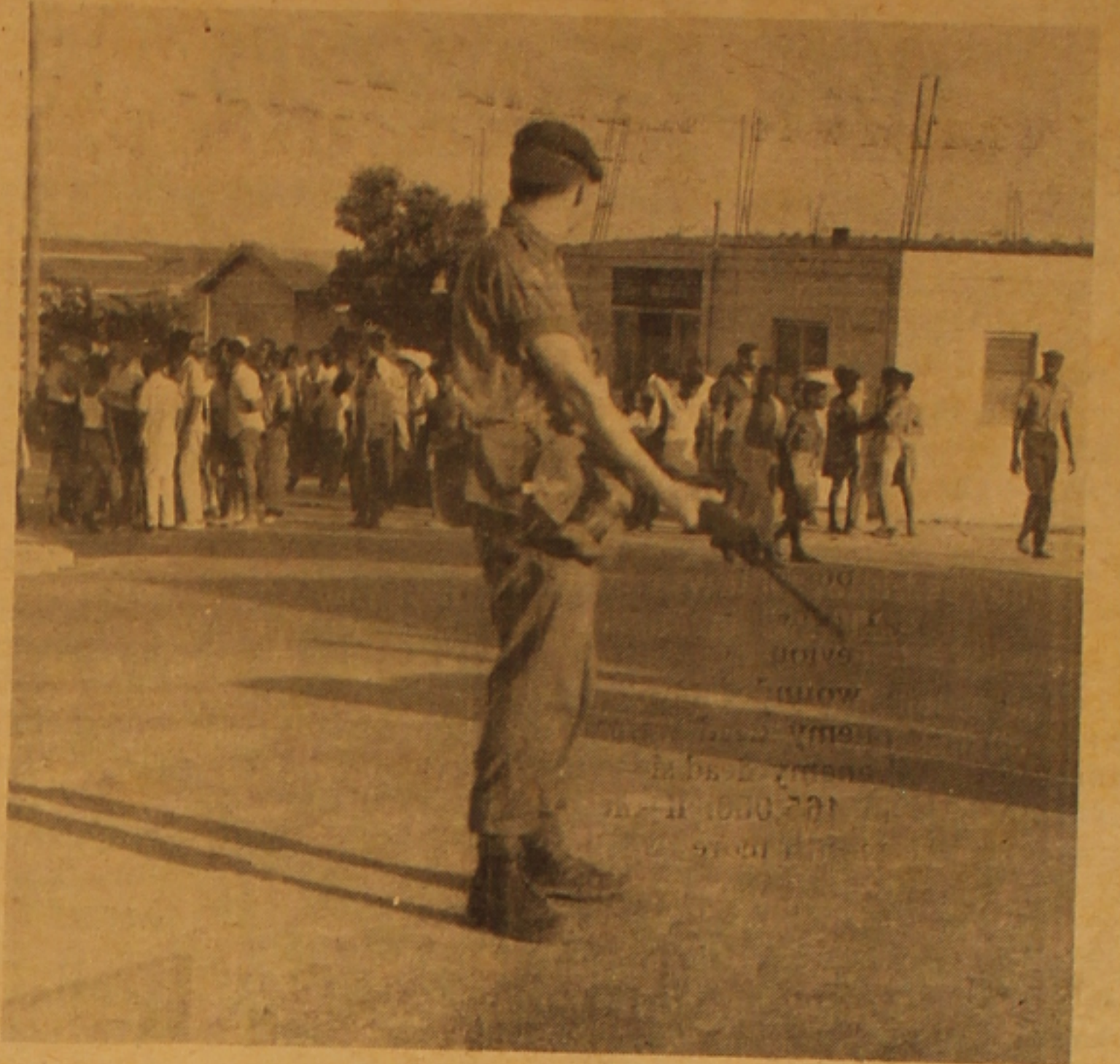
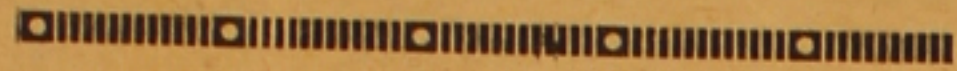
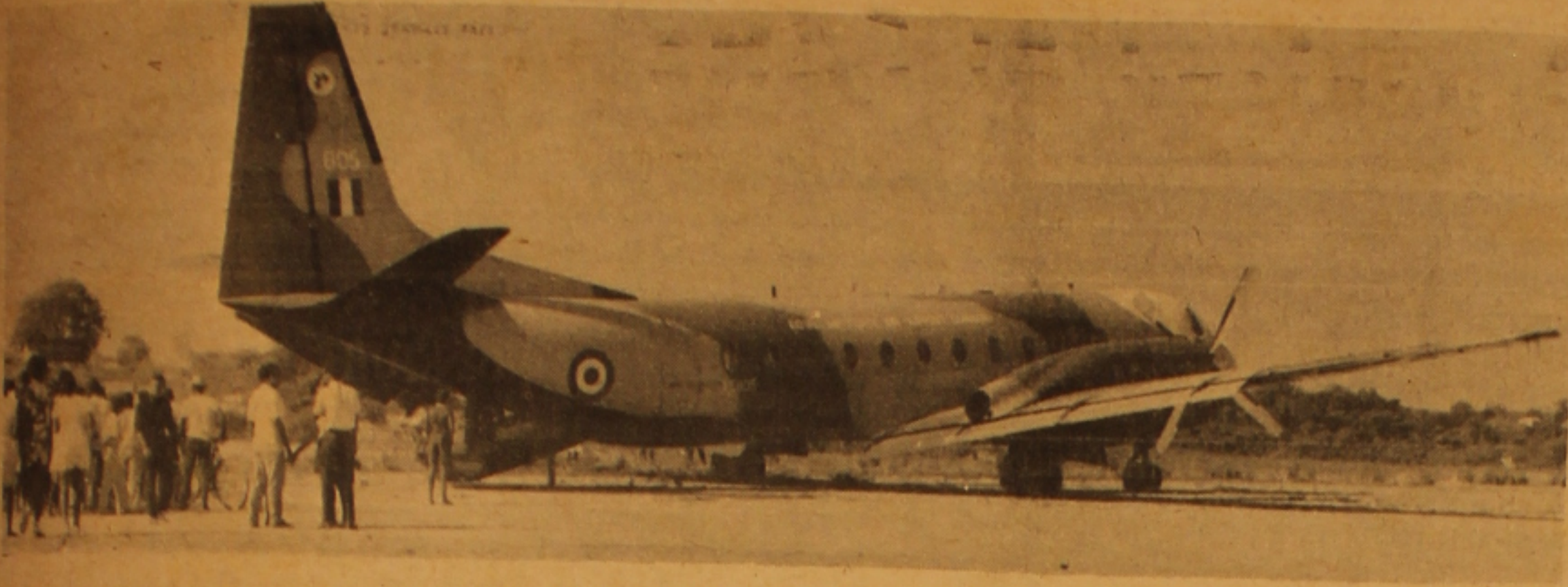
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THESE PHOTOS, taken in Anguilla Wednesday, show some of the activities that marked the invasion of the tiny Caribbean island by the British "Red Devils." A Hercules aircraft, used to carry troops and supplies, is shown almost encircled by bewildered Anguillans; three chutes lower a jeep that was parachuted from a British plane; below, some Red Devils disassemble rigging on the jeep. Other photos show armed British troopers keeping a close eye on the stunned residents. (Daily News Photo by C. Rogers)

