

Anguilla After British Occupation

By BRENDAN POWER
THE VALLEY, Anguilla (AP)—Wherever he goes on Anguilla today the visitor sees all the signs of an occupied country. The tiny unsurfaced airstrip has a Royal Air Force camp beside it. On the grounds of the former

government house, the Royal engineers have set up their camp, which after sunset is patrolled by armed sentries.

Throughout the island houses have been taken over and adapted as police stations. Land-Rovers and Army trucks throw up dust all day

long as they dash back and forth on the miles of dirt road.

To the casual observer it might look as though the British "lion" of occupation is indeed restraining the troublesome "mouse" that is Anguilla. But after a closer look, one would soon see there is very

little to restrain.

The easy going, God-fearing people of the breakaway island accept the presence of the British. They do not, however, accept them reluctantly — they welcome them. As a local taxi driver said, "We were glad when the troops

landed here, because it meant we didn't have to worry about St. Kitts any longer.

This fear, and hate, of St. Kitts comes is evident in every conversation with the Anguillans. Fifty-nine year old Charlie Gumbs (See ANGUILLA, Page 8)

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WEATHER
Mostly fair except for partly cloudy. Winds southwesterly 10 to 12 miles an hour with gusts in vicinity of showers. Yesterday's high 80, low 77.

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Evans Claims Times' Story 'Erroneous'

Motorist Killed In St. John

CRUZ BAY—What must be the first fatal traffic accident in St. John in quite sometime, was recorded Monday night when the driver of a car fell from his moving vehicle.

Twenty-five-year-old Clement King was returning to Cruz Bay from Coral Bay when his vehicle went out of control and reportedly slammed into the side of an embankment and overturned. According to Capt. Jens Jurgens of the police division here, King was thrown from the car and apparently hit his head on a rock nearby. He said that there was blood on the rock and King had a deep laceration to the back of his head.

King was pronounced dead by Dr. Salvatore Tabbaco of the Morris de Castro Clinic. The other three occupants of the vehicle (See MOTORIST, Page 8)



RETIRED BULLDOZERS make good homes for fishes — St. John members of the Conservation Society will meet this month to discuss plans for an auto reef to dispose of disabled cars, jeeps, trucks and bulldozers like the Public Works sample shown. (Daily News Photo)

WASHINGTON—Gov. Melvin H. Evans termed "erroneous, unfair and exaggerated" comments made this week in the New York Times on attitudes between the races in the Virgin Islands.

"Above all else the one thing the Virgin Islands has already prided itself on has been the racial harmony that has existed between whites and blacks," Evans said. "In the islands, where the

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population is multi-racial, and where the government is colorblind and also multi-racial, there has long been equal opportunity available in every area, including jobs, housing and education."

He said that the tensions now existing are "very recent" (See EVANS, Page 8)

Paiewonsky Replies To Times Reports Hearing On Teachers Advised Of 'Political Potential'

By The Associated Press
In his first statement concerning the New York Times story on the Virgin Islands former Governor Ralph Paiewonsky released to The Associated Press a copy of his telegram to the editor of the newspaper.

"As a former governor of the Virgin Islands but still a most concerned citizen of this island I am compelled to react to the outrageous and irresponsible story concerning us, bylined by a Martin

Waldren in the Sunday Times of Sept. 28, 1969."

"Most Virgin Islanders who have read the Times story recognize it as the same old political humbug that the V. I. Daily News, for the last 8 years, and the West End News, under its present management, have been trying, vainly, to peddle."

"Time and time again the same accusations, innuendos and (See REPLIES, Back Page)

A public hearing will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. in the Julius Sprauve School in Cruz Bay by the Planning Board for the purpose of hearing opinions on the applications for special exceptions at Chocolate Hole and in Cruz Bay.

Application has been made by Sacha Thebaud of St. Croix to (See HEARING, Back Page)

More than 200 members of the St. Thomas-St. John Teachers Association Monday agreed to become more active politically as a body during a meeting at the Charlotte Amalie High School auditorium.

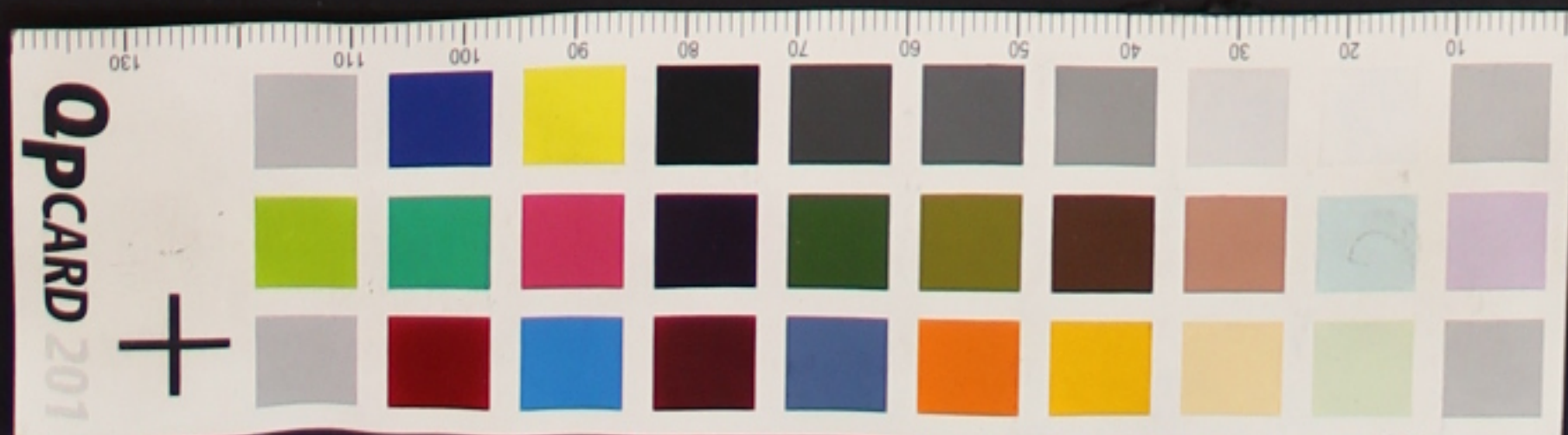
According to George Brickhouse, national director of field services for the American Federation of Teachers, "the teachers were advised of their political potential and they have agreed that they will become politically active as a unit."

He said the organization will "get behind the government agencies to do better jobs."

"They are going to support and reward their friends and destroy their enemies," he added.

Also attending the general membership meeting were John Converse, national representative of AFT; Hugo Dennis, president of the AFT local and Joe Trunk, administrative assistant to Dennis.

The Department of Education and the teachers are presently (See TEACHERS, Page 8)



Anguilla

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(a distant relative of Jeremiah Gumbs, who has spoken for Anguilla at the U.N., said, "I have been pushed around and told what to do by St. Kitts for a long time now, and I don't intend to accept that kind of treatment again. I love Anguilla and would rather die than go back to rule by St. Kitts, and I know a lot of other people feel the same way."

According to the British there will never be any need for a bloodshed. The Anguillans will not be forced to accept a constitution which they do not want. They have been saying this since the first day of the invasion when helicopters dropped leaflets which read, "it is not our purpose to force you to return to an administration you do not want."

Now they are going to remarkable lengths to prove it. They have withdrawn the paratroopers who, although they were well liked by the majority of the islanders, were purely a fighting force.

Lieutenant-Colonel Norrie Giles, commanding officer of the 'Red Devils' and senior British officer on the island, said in an interview his men were always the first troops to be sent to a trouble spot and consequently are seen by the public as nothing but tough, highly trained fighters.

This they are, he said, but they do not look for trouble.

In Anguilla after the initial excitement and tension caused by the invasion last March, his "boys" quickly settled down to routine patrolling and soon made friends with the local populace, especially the children.

They were withdrawn, Col. Giles said, because as a peace keeping force they were not longer required.

Giles remained on the island however as senior British officer and kept five of his 'Red Devils' with him as aides. Two of these have now left and the others will leave in about a month when Col. Giles hands over command of the troops on the island to royal engineer Colonel John Waymark.

There are about 100 Royal engineers on the breakaway island, working on construction projects. Most of their time is being taken up with road building - there are only 6 miles of surfaced road on the island now - but a number of specialists have been brought in to erect a 200-foot jetty at Sandy Ground. The jetty is for inter-island schooners and fishing boats which now are forced to unload cargo into lighters to be brought ashore.

The acting British commissioner, Richard "Dic" Posnett - secretary to Lord Caradon at the United Nations, said Britain has allocated a development budget of about \$200,000 U.S. for this year.

Some people feel this is a paltry sum in view of the past neglect of the tiny island, but Anguilla is still legally a part of the three island state headed by St. Kitts for which a budget has already been allocated.

Whether it will remain tied to St. Kitts has yet to be decided. But if Britain sticks by her promises it seems unlikely that the island will ever return to the fold of Premier

Robert Bradshaw.

The Anguillans are an extremely nationalistic people. There is no real town in Anguilla; all the houses are spread out because each family wants to own its own piece of land. It is this independence they are prepared to fight for if necessary. At first glance it is difficult to see where their money comes from. The standard of peasant housing is way above that of most Caribbean islands and yet there is virtually no industry. There are none of the wooden shacks which are so prominent in the other islands (including St. Kitts), almost every house is made of concrete.

The answer is that the Anguillans go off-island to work - mainly to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands - and send their money home. It is not uncommon to see a half-finished house apparently abandoned, the reason for this is that the owner has underestimated the cost and has gone off-island again to raise the rest of the money.

Of the "occupation forces" on Anguilla, probably the most popular are the 84 London policemen. These 'Bobbies' carry out normal civil law enforcement duties with the aid of five local lawmen. The previous police force comprised mainly of Kittitians who were sent home when Anguilla declared independence.

There is no crime wave as such for the 'Bobbies' to control. The owner of a local bar told me that when he closes up he never locks the door and always leaves a window open, even though the days takings are kept in an open drawer.

Another resident said he had built his house in 1938 and had never put a lock on the door. He also said he never uses a bank but keeps all his money in the house. "I have never had so much as a cent stolen from me," he said.

Even with this lack of crime the policemen have found plenty to keep them busy. It is the children who take up most of their time. Three young boys being "punished" for skipping school. They were carrying first aid parcels and books from police headquarters to Land-Rovers, and they were enjoying every minute of it.

There is no public electricity system on Anguilla, with the exception of one small generator which supplies an ice making plant, a few street lights, the doctors house and two churches. A few people have their own generators but the majority rely on kerosene for lighting and refrigeration. Cooking is done by gas which is imported in bottles.

There are no telephones nor telegraph facilities on the island, so contact with the outside world is virtually non-existent. The British have remedied this to a certain extent with their own equipment.

The Royal engineers have a direct radio link up with Bermuda and Antigua - where the Royal Air Force has set up a camp from which they send daily flights to the breakaway island. In emergency cases these facilities are available to civilians.

A recent example of this was when the 8-year-old daughter of Anguillan leader Ronald Webster was rushed to a hospital in Puerto Rico.

There are two radio networks.

Evans

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He said that the tensions now existing are "very recent and minor" and have resulted from strife generated on the mainland and "exported" to the islands.

"The overwhelming majority of Virgin Islands residents, both black and white, practice brotherhood in the everyday contacts with each other and with tourists," Evans declared. "This spirit of brotherhood has been the envy of the mainland and of other nations. The islands have earned their reputation as the showplace of democracy in the Caribbean."

He pointed out that the U.S. State department has sent dignitaries and officials from Africa and other nations to the islands to observe the harmonious way in which all races live together.

"I have only been governor of the islands since July 1 and was aware when I took office that I had inherited a number of problems," Evans asserted. "Increased tension generated by external influences was one. My administration has moved, and is moving quickly and effectively to deal with this."

He said that the crime rate has already shown a decrease because of the establishment of an aggressive patrol, especially in high risk areas, more police cars and more police officers visible around

One is for the use of foreign office staff on the island and the other for police use. All official vehicles are equipped with radio, and civil servants out of their office and policemen on the beat carry handsets through which they can contact any part of the island within seconds. The radio station which the islanders do make use of is "Radio Anguilla". This station started broadcasting from a warship only a few days after the invasion but soon moved ashore and now occupies the only air conditioned building on the 34 square miles of land that is Anguilla.

Manager of the 500-watt non-commercial station is British Information Officer Roy Dunlop who is assisted on the technical side by a foreign office radio engineer. All the announcers are Angillians, and according to the British commissioner the plan is eventually to turn the station over to the islanders. The station broadcasts 72 hours a week.

The political future is still uncertain and everything, it seems, hinges on the outcome of the Caribbean commission which is due to sit in December.

No names have yet been announced but the commission will comprise four members and a chairman. They are to be well known, and well respected, personalities from commonwealth countries, but will sit in a private capacity rather than as representatives of their governments.

A report from the commission is not expected to be published before March or April next year.

Teachers

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negotiating a new contract for the current school year extension of the deadline for the signing of a new contract expired yesterday.

Emphasizing that the policy of the AFT is "No Contract, No Work," Brickhouse said the teachers were convinced to allow the continuation of the negotiations on a day-by-day basis. He said they "will give the department one additional day as long as the negotiations are going okay."

He said that the negotiators were making progress and that there were indications that a settlement is being neared. He added that the teachers were told "it was a fairly decent contract."

the clock, and the use of scooter patrol for high mobility.

He said this had been established in only three months.

"Additionally," he noted, "attention has been given to help remove causes of youth unrest, such as provision for more recreational facilities."

He added that the rising crime rate is a national trend, and "we are proud that this is being reversed in the Virgin Islands."

"We welcome visitors and the press from the mainland to come and see for themselves the true picture of Virgin Islands life and hospitality," Evans said.

In Washington yesterday Rep. John Saylor (R., Penn.) top leader in the House Interior and Insular Affairs committee, said, "A clean-up job is badly needed in the islands, and I only hope that the new governor, Dr. Evans, is not finding his hands tied by hangers from the old Paiewonsky regime."

"If so," he added, "we should furnish him all the help he needs on this end to do the job."

Motorist

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escaped uninjured.

Residents of the island said that "this is the first traffic fatality on the island in a long time." One said it might be "the first ever."

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To Take Part In National Observance

Students, faculty, and other concerned people met Monday night at the College of the Virgin Islands to plan local participation in the national moratorium against the Vietnam war.

Oct. 15 has been designated as a day of nation-wide teaching and discussion to call attention to the seemingly endless continuation of the Vietnam war.

Students and faculty members are leaving classes to go into the community to organize Americans against the war.

Over 100 people gathered in the cafeteria at CVI to plan the activities for the moratorium. These activities will include a public discussion at the college, a march and rally in town, and wide-spread exchange of views on the war and the draft.

The committee is inviting the public to join them in suspending their normal activities to make Oct. 15 a day of unified opposition to the war.

A second organizational meeting will be held today.

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the new post of marketing... recently created in the... of the Virgin Islands... Co. here, will be filled... J. J. Roberts, formerly St... the district manager, William M... new president and general... announced yesterday... In his new post Roberts will... all requests for special... or special facilities... existing practitioners, leased... key systems and other types... service normally needed by... and major business... Roberts will be... Thomas S. Moncho, who joined... in the New York headquarters... at New York... Prior to that time Moncho... over 23 years with the... president

Market Su

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York stock market was a lower secondary for a fifth straight... Analysts generally say a lack of... rising pressure eroded prices... began higher yesterday... morning but closed about their... level of the day... The Dow Jones industrial... average declined 4.95, closing at... 111.64... The Associated Press 50-stock... average dropped 1.8, closing at... 36.1... The New York Stock Exchange... announced the average share of... common stock 13 cents in value... A total of 1,564 issues was... traded on the Big Board - an... increase volume of just over nine... million shares. And there were 274... new issues that passed... sales totaled 9,180,000... shares compared with 10,070,000... Monday. In all, 1,564 issues were... traded. Of these, 504 advanced... 140 declined and 240 remained... unchanged. There were five new... issues for the year. There were 139... The Associated Press 50-stock... average was 295.1, down 1.8; 30... issues 151.5, down 1.5 and 15... issues 122.4, down 1.1

