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**WEATHER**  
 Partly cloudy, widely scattered showers. Winds southeasterly 12-18 mp. with higher gusts. Temp. prediction 69 to 84. Yesterday's high 83.

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# Great Britain Invades Tiny Anguilla Island

## Bove Lauded For Stand On Alien Education

St. Croix Bureau  
 CHRISTIANSTED — Robert G. and Minnie I. Fuller, the Massachusetts couple who came to the Virgin Islands as Vista volunteers to set up an educational program for alien children and who assisted alien parents in establishing the Barrenspot School, yesterday lauded Peter A. Bove for his commitment to the education of alien children.

"We are very proud of Peter Bove for his forthright statement on the issue of the education of the alien child," the Fullers said. "His important announcement, coupled with his reputation for honesty and sincerity, has sent a wave of relief and gratitude throughout the alien community. No governor ever got off to a quicker start toward being a truly (See BOVE, Page 8)



ANGUILLANS GATHERED OUTSIDE the Caravan Hotel yesterday in the wake of a British invasion of their island home. A spokesman brought the group up to date on events taking place in Anguilla. At the airport also, scores of Anguillans milled around waiting for news from the island. (Daily News Photo)

By ELROY O. AGUILAR  
 ANGUILLA, West Indies (AP) — British paratroopers with red berets invaded Anguilla by ship and helicopter just at dawn yesterday. They met no resistance, and moved quickly to round up the local population.

Ronald Webster, acting island chief executive, appealed to the 7,000 islanders late Tuesday night to offer no resistance. "There's no use in shedding blood foolishly," he said in a statement after an emergency meeting with the ruling council. The island population yielded quietly and with some tears to the British. The paratroopers carried automatic weapons and invaded at several different points on the island.

The paratroopers searched each island resident for possible weapons and checked (See BRITAIN, Page 8)

## 'Fired' Govt. Employee Tells About Incident

St. Croix Bureau  
 CHRISTIANSTED — This is the tale of two political appointments. On Feb. 11, the day before his resignation took effect, Ralph M. Paiewonsky approved the appointment of Mrs. Eleanore

**Anguillan Stamps Sold For \$1,152**

By The Associated Press  
 When Anguilla declared its independence in 1967, it began issuing postage stamps, just like any other country. In London yesterday, a used set of 16 Anguillan stamps was sold at auction for \$1,152.

Phipps as deputy supervisor of elections in St. Croix. On Feb. 18 Mrs. Henrita Todman, supervisor of elections, notified Mrs. Phipps of the appointment from St. Thomas and, according to Mrs. Phipps, expressed "shock and surprise" because she had recommended Miss Lula Parris for the job.

Mrs. Phipps submitted her resignation to the Department of Public Safety, where she was (See EMPLOYEE, Page 8)

## Steps To Be Taken To Remedy Bid

"Steps will be taken to remedy the situation" respecting the licensing of government vehicles, Acting Governor Cyril E. King said this week.

King said he knows that Government House and the Government Secretary vehicles were inspected but that he was not aware that they and other government vehicles are not displaying the 1969 registration (See STEPS, Page 9)

## Communications, Gun Posts Set Up In Anguilla

By MATT ALLEN  
 ANGUILLA (AP) — British troops have fanned out all over the rebel island of Anguilla and have set up machine gun posts and a radio communications center at the island's dirt airstrip.

Red Beret paratroopers tried to find the leaders of the island's government but met with little immediate success. High on the list is the interim president, Ronald

Webster. Webster sent word to the Associated Press that he would make himself available as soon as he was assured that the British would negotiate with him. (See POSTS, Page 8)

## Report On PWD Deficit

The following report was released by Government House yesterday on the deficit in the Public Works Department:

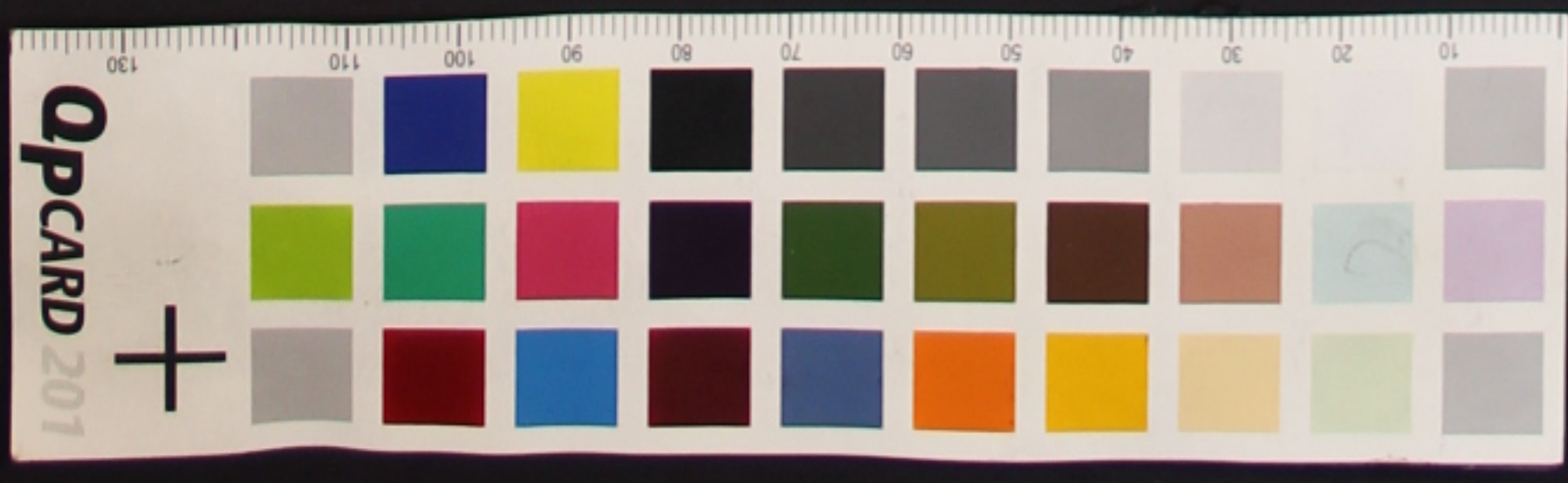
"As part of the continuing appraisal of all areas of the government by the officer of the governor, the Commissioner of Finance was asked to evaluate the fiscal 1969 budget of the Department of Public Works to determine (1) the total deficit involved (2) which areas within the department are carrying the largest part of the deficit and (3) the reasons why this deficit has occurred.

"His evaluation reveals that the (See REPORT, Page 4)

## Health Center Discussions Being Held

The new health center complexes have been under discussion at Government House this week, in conferences with Acting Gov. Cyril E. King, Dr. Roy A. Anduze, Commissioner of Health, and Emanuel A. Bertrand, deputy commissioner.

A preliminary confab was held early this week, preliminary to a (See HEALTH, Page 2)



# Anguillans Have Big Plans For Their Republic

The following report is by a correspondent of The New York Times who recently visited Anguilla and other islands in the Caribbean:

By HOMER BIGART

It is nearly two years since Anguilla, a low, scrubby island in the eastern Caribbean that is the world's tiniest republic, seceded from the newly formed associate state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anduilla, to which Britain had granted self-rule.

On July 12, 1967, to the pealing of church bells, the cheers of the island's 6,000 black citizens and occasional bleats from a large number of goats, Anguilla formally announced her independence.

Since then the Anguillans have been on guard against punitive action by the Kittitians, as the natives of St. Kitts, the administrative island of the shattered association, are called. Anguilla's leaders said they had thrown off the hated Kittitian yoke.

St. Kitts lies 70 miles to the south and has six times as many people as Anguilla, but Robert L. Bradshaw, the glowering, walrus-mustached Prime Minister, had failed to carry out threats to liquidate the rebellion.

Meanwhile, invasion fears have been replaced by other alarms. Anguilla remains in a week's stay. Anguilla remains limbo, unrecognized by any nation. Britain has cut off aid, recalled her representative and passed on to the Universal Postal Union in Zurich a request from St. Kitts that new Anguillian stamps not be honored in the international mails.

The stamp action could have serious consequences. Anguillians subsist meagerly on income from salt ponds and crayfish and by growing corn, beans and tomatoes in small arable plots tucked between the coral outcroppings. But many families rely almost totally on remittances sent by relatives who work on other islands or in New York or London.

Many Anguillans say they would have preferred to remain in the British Commonwealth under some arrangement that would bypass St. Kitts. But London, feeling bound by its approval of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Constitution, has given no encouragement to the secessionists.

Since December a markedly anti-British tone has been creeping into the utterances of the Acting President, Ronald Webster. In January he abruptly terminated an interim agreement with Britain under which Anguilla was supposed to accept the advice and guidance of a parliamentary mission. London reacted by withdrawing it. Anguillans then reaffirmed their reacted independence in a referendum, 1,739 to 4, and adopted a republican Constitution similar to that of the United States.

Last week a British envoy, William Whitlock, a parliamentary Under Secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, went to Anguilla to discuss the island's future. He was welcomed, but when it became apparent that his proposals were not acceptable, he was forced to leave.

Mr. Webster is a lean, intense, 43-year-old businessman, considered wealthy by local standards. Unopposed in the presidential election, scheduled for April 3, he will remain in power and try to form a cabinet that shares his faith that this impoverished speck of land can go it alone.

The difficulties are formidable. Anguilla has no telephones and no public electricity or water system, and only a few patches of paved road. There is no judiciary — President Webster says he plans to import a few judges from Puerto Rico, 150 miles to the west.

Fortunately the island is remarkably law-abiding. The Acting Magistrate, Thomas R. Lake, said there were only four persons in jail: one for murder — he has been languishing for 14 months — two for stealing lobster pots and one for the theft of a sheep.

Mr. Webster's increasingly strong references to British "tyranny" and "suppression" have disturbed other members of the seven-man interim council. They fear that the President, who has never been to high school, may have fallen under the glib spell of visiting Americans.

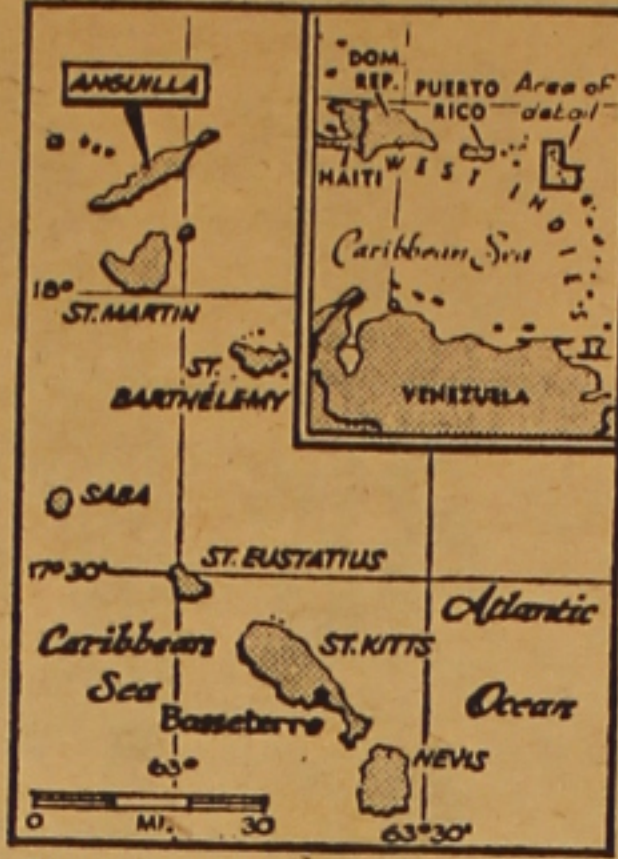
They are particularly troubled over Jack N. Holcomb, variously described by them as lawyer, police officer and developer, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and who, according to Councilman Emile Gumbs, claimed "inside information from the White House that the United States would recognize Anguilla within 10 days after the island's declaration of independence."

Mr. Gumbs, the manager of the island's salt ponds, said Mr. Holcomb came to the island last year and proposed starting a ready-mix cement business. "He wanted a complete monopoly and everything tax free for 25 years," Mr. Gumbs said. "It was a bad proposal, and there was so much opposition in the council that Holcomb withdrew it."

Mr. Gumbs, the manager of the island's salt ponds, saw Mr. Holcomb's land in framing the Constitution, which contains a guarantee against expropriation of foreign investments and prohibits the Government from competing with private enterprise except in public utilities, transportation, banking and radio and television.

In an interview Mr. Webster denied that Mr. Holcomb had exercised any sinister power over his administration.

"I asked him to explain the Constitution to members of the council, and he did," the President said. "People are trying



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to make him into a sinister influence. It's not true. He simply asked if he could practice law here." (He was allowed to do so.)

At their home in Sea Branch Lakes, a suburb of Fort Lauderdale, Mrs. Holcomb said last week that her husband had returned to Anguilla. She described him as an investment and real-estate broker and a former police commissioner of Sea Branch Lakes. He is not a licensed attorney in Florida, she added, but he has "an extensive law library."

President Webster said he had written a long statement attempting to clarify Anguilla for American readers. Entitled "A True Story of Anguilla," it details alleged British and Kittitian perfidies and maintains that the island has been deliberately retarded politically and economically.

The statement contained an attack on the newspaper The Anguillian Beacon for having printed "false" articles "engineered by a Britisher."

According to the editor and publisher, Atlin Harrigan, this was an unmistakable allusion to the Anglican rector, Canon Guy Carleton, a frequent contributor. The peppery middle-aged priest, about all that remains of the white British presence on Anguilla, provoked the presidential wrath by an incident in St. Mary's Church a few Sundays ago.

Anguilla had adopted symbols of sovereignty including a national flag — three dolphins sporting in a tight pinwheel arrangement, as though snapping at each other's flippers, on a white field above a blue panel — and a national anthem. The singing of the British anthem was actively discouraged.

Canon Carleton asked his congregation to turn to Hymn 707 and "say it as a prayer." Hymn 707 is "God Save the Queen."

## 'Suffered Under Tyranny'

President Webster was interviewed at his executive offices in a pastel-colored two-story concrete building atop Sandy Hill. The dazzling white beaches of Anguilla stretched below. Across the blue water rose the verdant humps of St. Martin (Dutch and French) and St. Barthélemy (French). Mount Misery and the hated Kittitian

shore were just over the southern horizon.

Mr. Webster, discussing his Government's precautions against a surprise invasion, said: "We have friends outside who will immediately come to assist us. They can come by frigate in 45 minutes."

He grinned when asked where the outside help was based and said, "Private and confidential."

"Private, confidential and nonexistent," a well-informed neutral source commented.

There is supposed to be a 250-man defense force patrolling the coast, but it was invisible. The President himself saw scant prospect of a sortie. "I can't envision anything rash by anyone," he said.

The President's statement said:

"For years we have suffered under the tyranny of Great Britain and the St. Kitts Federation, but today, thank God, we have become a nation, free from the bonds of enemies who think of us nothing more than slaves.

"We have a goal to reach by 1973 by the will of God and the people of Anguilla. We have on our scheme: roads, electricity, water, airport and harbor facilities and communications."

## Keeping Out the Crooks

Canon Carleton said he was "totally against" any return to the former status because "anything's better than being under Kitts," but he was still hopeful of a compromise that would lead to a return of British administration.

He said he was convinced of President Webster's personal integrity — "make no mistake, he's honest" — but felt that the island was not ready for complete independence.

On the other hand, the Rev. Freeman Goodge, a white Baptist minister formerly of Winter Haven, Fla., and a close friend of Mr. Webster, observed: "I think the island can make a go of it if they can keep the crooks off. He has more insight and perception than most people realize."

Riding back to Aunt Bea Gumbs' Rendezvous Bay Hotel, Charles Hosford, the cab driver, who had sat in on the President's interview, repeated his injunction that American gangsters would never be allowed to turn Anguilla into a casino. But he warned that British refusal to recognize the new republic might force an ominous turn.

"This place can just get desperate and welcome Communists," he said. "No Communists here now, but I can visualize it."

The halt in trade with St. Kitts has forced Anguilla to buy supplies from the United States Virgin Islands and from Puerto Rico, and this has meant a 10 per cent rise in the cost of living.

No one feels the pinch more than Acting Magistrate Lake, who, as welfare officer, must apportion \$103 a week among 100 destitute families.

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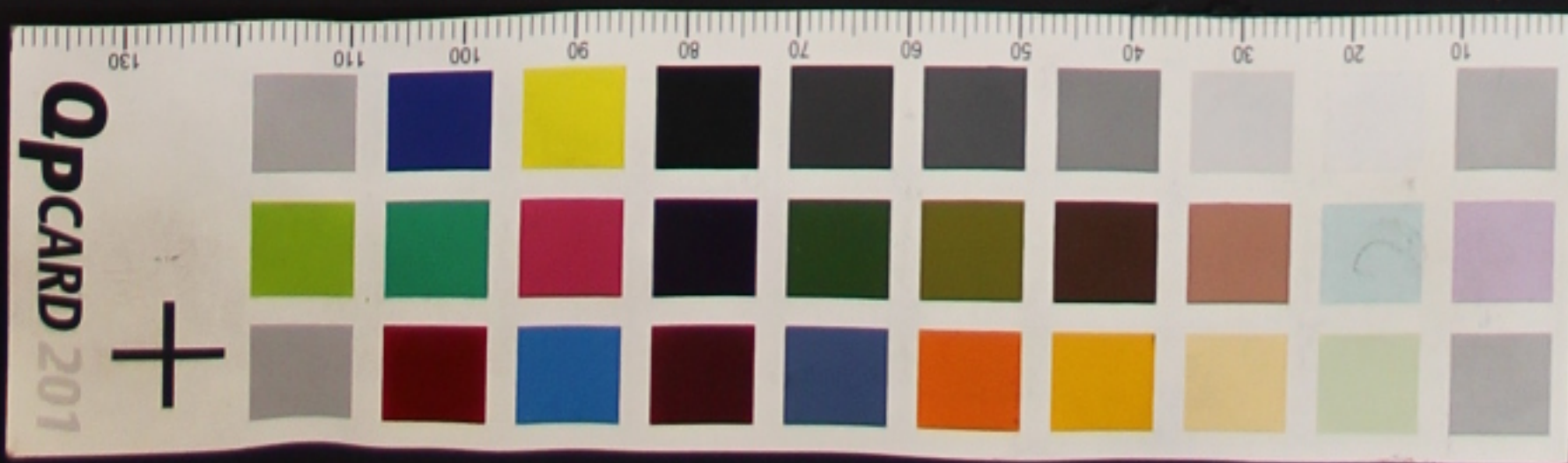
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## ASSOCIATED PRESS NATIONAL HEADLINES

### SOVIET NAVY OUTSTRIPS U.S. FLEET EVERY WAY

WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee says the U.S. no longer enjoys a clear-cut military and technological advantage of the Soviets in naval matters. And it calls for a well-balanced construction program to build up the U.S. fleet. The recommendation is included in a report released yesterday by the House Armed Services Subcommittee on seapower. The report says the average age of U.S. Navy ships is 17 and one-half years, and it adds that 58 per cent of the Navy's combat ships are at least 20 years old. In contrast, the report says less than one per cent of Soviet Navy ships are that old.

### SIRHAN BRANDED PARANOID

LOS ANGELES — A second defense psychologist resumed his testimony yesterday in the trial of Sirhan Sirhan. Dr. Orville Richardson already has described the young Arab immigrant as paranoid and not stable or reliable. Sirhan's attorneys admit he shot Senator Robert Kennedy. But they contend that Sirhan was not in full possession of his faculties at the time of the killing. Sirhan's 25th birthday was yesterday.

### COLLEGES ASK RIOT AID

WASHINGTON — The head of California's state college system says federal crime fighters could help in curbing campus disorders. And Theodore Meriam says this would be more helpful than cutting off funds to student ringleaders.

### JULY MOON LANDING?

HOUSTON — Space officials reportedly have decided that America's first attempt to land a man on the moon will be the Apollo Eleven mission planned for July. There had been speculation the attempt might be rescheduled for the Apollo Ten flight in May. But sources say officials believe it would be better to use Apollo Ten to collect more information about the moon.

### URGE NON-PROFIT SALE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Interior Secretary Hickel says he supports a law giving preference to non-profit public groups in the sale of federally-produced power. Hickel's comment is contained in a speech delivered yesterday to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

### \$ \$ FOR CITIES, NOT ABM

CHICAGO — The Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, James Farmer, said Tuesday that money earmarked for a controversial antiballistic missile system would "better be spent rebuilding our cities."

### ARMY COURT-MARSHAL ON

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Five young soldiers faced mutiny charges here yesterday. The defendants are among 27 servicemen who staged a sit-down at the Army stockade in San Francisco. Four other members of the group already have been tried and sentenced to hard labor and dishonorable discharges. However, the Pentagon has acted to reduce to two years the 15-year sentence given to one of the four convicted soldiers.

### Health

(Continued from Page 1)  
full briefing, scheduled at Government House on Friday.

Architects, hospital representatives and other government officials will meet with the acting governor at that time.

"Whatever decisions are made will be made after the Friday session," Edward Moran, special assistant to the acting governor told a press conference yesterday.

"As of now, it cannot be stated whether or not Mr. King approves of the present plans," Moran said.

King also met yesterday with property owners of land adjacent to the Crown Bay fill area, and

government officials to seek an "equitable solution" to a dispute which has been pending since 1962.

The dispute involves the rights of the owners to lease or purchase land adjacent to their property in the area.

Agreement was reached on the question. Owners are being issued conditional leases to adjacent property and would have the right to first refusal when a settlement is reached with the Federal government as to ownership of the Crown Bay fill area.

In other Government House business Moran said that King has announced that bids for paving the Centerline Road in St. Croix will be opened on Mar. 28.

### ON ANGUILLA

## Stewart Issues Statement

LONDON (AP) — Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, addressing a packed and attentive House of Commons later in the day, said the Anguilla operation "has proceeded peacefully, for which great credit is due to all those who took part in it."

### No Comment From State Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department declines to comment on the British military action against Anguilla.

Department news officer Robert McCloskey said: "We have no view to express on the current development."

But, he added: "We understand and sympathize with the long-range goals of the United Kingdom to create a peaceful and prosperous climate within which the associated states may develop."

In London, Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart had one promise for the Anguillans: They won't have to go back into the federation with St. Kitts and Nevis from which they broke away two years ago.

Stewart told the Commons, "independent commonwealth governments in the Caribbean were informed of our intention before action was taken and are in general agreement with our objectives."

Stewart said that in the absence of a lawful government of good order on Anguilla, Britain had the responsibility to insure internal stability.

He recalled that William Whitlock, a foreign office under secretary, had gone to Anguilla two weeks ago to negotiate a settlement and was forced off the island at gunpoint. It was after that incident that Britain decided to send in force to frighten the 6,000 islanders into abandoning their rebellion.

Stewart said the British commissioner installed on Anguilla yesterday, Anthony Lee, would now work to see that the island is well governed and developed and allow "a breathing space" for Anguillans to decide "where their real interests in future lie."

"It was necessary and right to send a force, by no means gigantic, which was sufficient to make sure the armed minority would not

have their way and that the people of Anguilla would come into their own," Stewart said.

Stewart recalled that Britain is responsible for both the defense and foreign relations of the Associated State of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, the island chain dominated by St. Kitts from which Anguilla has sought independence for the past two years.

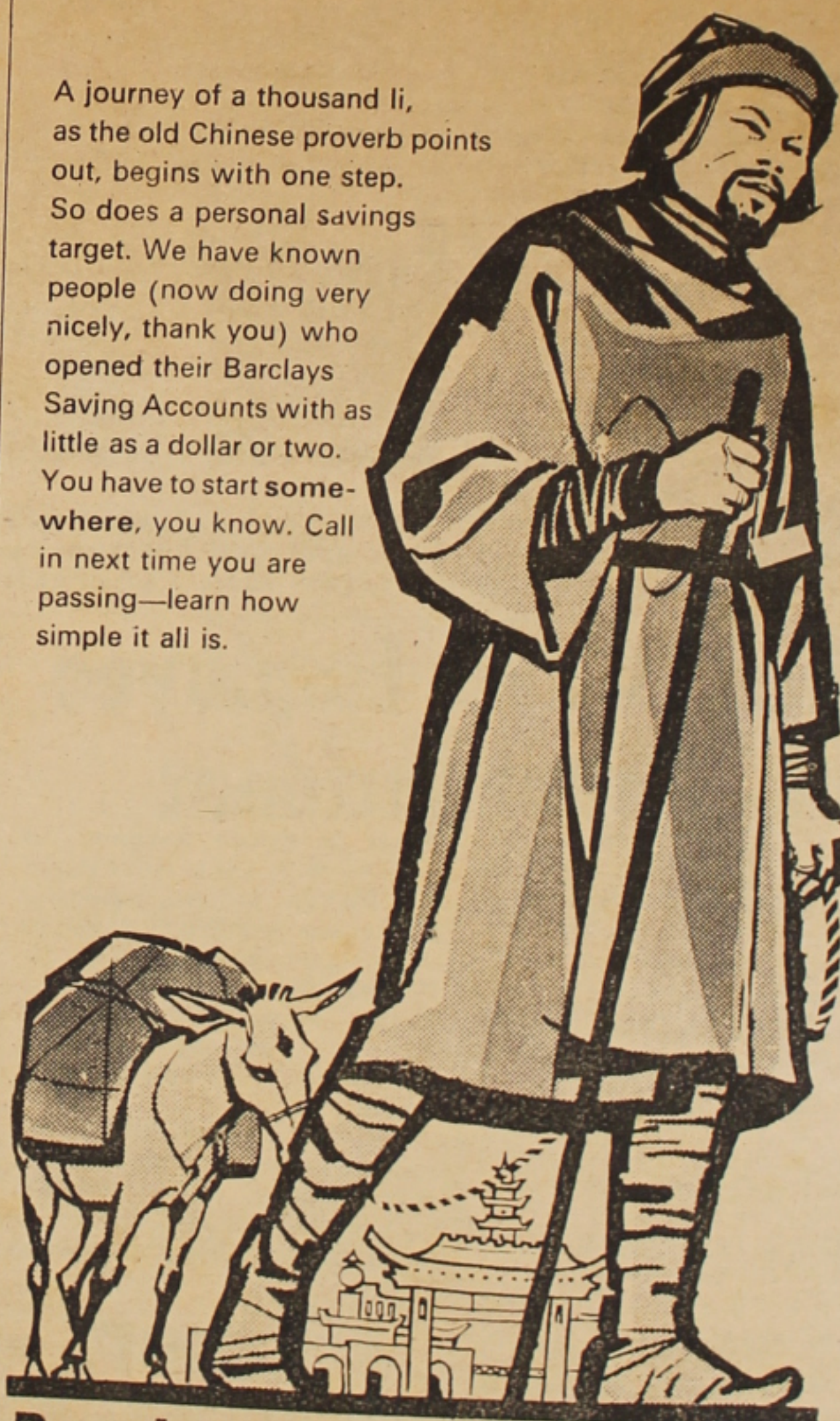
"It is not our purpose to see the Anguillans living under an administration they do not want," Stewart said in an apparent reference to St. Kitts.

But he added that in Anguilla "there was a danger that somewhat disreputable characters from outside the state and possessing arms were exercising influence on those who purported to be its government."

Under questioning from opposition MPS, Stewart refused to be more specific on the identity of the disreputable characters he said were influencing Anguilla's self-proclaimed president, Ronald Webster. Other British officials have charged that gangster elements with gambling interests have been trying to move into Anguilla.

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## Bryan Petitions Court

Virgin Islander Mario Bryan, who was admitted to practice before the Federal District Court in the District of Columbia in 1967 and is now a member in good standing of that Bar, is still meeting roadblocks in his repeated attempts to seek admission to the Virgin Islands Bar, according to a petition filed recently with the V.I. District Court.

The petitioner, who is a graduate of Harvard University, and who received his LL.B. degree from Columbia Law school, New York, took the V.I. examination in Oct. shortly after he had filed an application for admission to the V.I. Bar.

At the time he took the examination, Bryan was temporarily resident in Washington, D.C. because of his duties as an employee of the Peace Corps.

He said that the bar examining (See BRYAN, Page 4)

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