

# What does it feel like to be designer of our National Flag?

by Fr. ROBERT BUTTOLPH

That question has been put to me hundreds of times since Radio ZIZ announced that my design was chosen to be the flag of the new State of St. Kitts Nevis and Anguilla.

I find it almost impossible to give a clear cut answer to the question 'What does it feel like?' — it's rather like when people ask a cleric 'Why did you take Holy Orders?' One is usually tongue-tied for a suitable answer.

"Do you feel proud?" — Yes of course, I feel proud — I wouldn't be human if I didn't; but I hope any pride I feel will always be tempered with humility and understanding.

I felt proud when I walked round Basseterre on the

## Gift Atlases For Sandy Point

On Wednesday 15 March the Director of "Phillips Antillen" presented 90 Atlases to the Sandy Point High School. The Atlases were received by the Chief Inspector of Schools Mr. C. E. Mills on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Health and Welfare.

## Canadians hand over Pumping Station

The Canadian Engineering Contractors, engaged in the Water Development Project for St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla, on Wednesday, March 22, handed over to the Premier, Mr. R. L. Bradshaw, the new Booster Pumping Station and equipment at Bird Rock.

The handing-over was made by Mr. Rene Audy, a Director of the firm of Piette, Audy, Lepinay, Bertrand and Lemieux of Quebec, Canada.

Canadian aid to the project is at a cost of \$163,480 (E.C.C.). Local contribution, taken from C.D.&W. Funds is \$46,140. This includes local labour \$33,120; building materials \$3,420; Purchase of Land Rover \$9,600.

This project, it was said, completes the first stage of Water Development in the three islands at an estimated cost of \$376,000 (E.C.C.).

It involved the extending of a 6" water line, about 8,000 feet from Basseterre to a point high enough from

Saturday afternoon before Statehood Day, and saw the town gay with my flag and bunting in the lovely clear, cool colours I had chosen.

I felt proud when I saw the new flag raise its head and fly alongside the Union Jack.

I felt proud when I saw the Premier enter the House sporting a tie in the National Colours.

I felt proud when I saw the flag flying at Government House.

I feel proud when I see the flag flying on official State cars and only a few days ago I felt proud when I saw the flag flying bravely on the Airport Building to welcome the Prime Minister of Canada.

It may not be well known that I have been connected with the State, and especially St. Kitts for the past thirty seven years.

In 1929 the Revd. Fr. Spinks came to England, and visited the little Norfolk village where I lived, and spoke to our Sunday School about his parish and people in a far away island which rejoiced in the romantic name of St.

Kitts,

Our Sunday School "adopted" the parish of St. Thomas, Middle Island, and sent our Sunday School Collections to the children there.

Later it was decided to give a special present to the Parish, and at their request we bought for them a silver Ciborium (a vessel used to contain the Sacred Hosts at the altar) which I presented to the then Archbishop of the West Indies.

The money for this gift took a lot of collecting as we were a poor parish and poor children, and one of our main tasks was collecting acorns (seeds of the oak tree) to sell to the local farmers. These acorns were used to feed the pigs, and one halfpenny — one cent, was paid for a large basket which took perhaps a whole evening to fill.

If we could take two or



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three pence to Sunday School for the "St. Kitts box" we felt very happy.

Little did I think when I presented the gift to the Archbishop that one day I would see St. Kitts, and later give the people their National Flag to share with their sister islands.

The Ciborium is still in regular use, and in splendid

condition at the Middle Island Church, which speaks well for the people of that parish.

When the Competition result was announced, a friend rang me to congratulate me and then said, "You must of course expect some retaliation," but I am very happy to tell you all that I have not received one unpleasant letter or remark, but I have received many kind and nice letters and messages from many kind and nice people.

And so Statehood has come (not gone, as I heard a woman remark when she saw the decorations coming down), and with it may the "people go forward", led by the flag which it has been my humble privilege and honour to design, a flag which may long continue to guide a very brave, kind, and patient people, a people whom I have never really regretted coming to serve, and a people whom over the years I have found it impossible not to love.

## Widow remarries

Mrs. Ada Edmeade, former Proprietress of Hotel Royal, and widow of the late Mr. J. K. Edmeade of Basseterre, has re-married.

She was married on Saturday, March 4, to Mr. Garfield Gale, a retired Mechanic of Barbados. The marriage took place in Bridgetown.

The couple recently spent a few days here en route to St. Eustatius, where Mrs. Gale runs a guest house.

On Saturday night, March 18, Mr. and Mrs. Gale held a get-together at the home of the Sprott sisters at Cayon Street where a number of friends drank to their health.

## Off to New York

Miss Annie Beach of Dorset Village, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Beach has gone to New York where she plans to reside indefinitely.

She left Golden Rock Airport on Monday afternoon for Antigua and spent some days there before proceeding to New York yesterday (Friday).

Miss Beach was a clerk at the Labour Relations Office from January 1948, and from February 1957 she was in charge of the Estate Time Office.

Before going to the Labour Relations Office she worked at the firm of S. D. Malone which was situated in Liverpool Row.

## Government Notice

### SUPREME COURT OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS AND LEEWARD ISLANDS

Let all parties concerned please take notice that the life of the Supreme Court of the Windward Islands and Leeward Islands and correspondingly of the British Caribbean Court of Appeal has been extended to the 2nd April 1967.

Information has been received that the Honourable the Chief Justice will in due course, and after his arrival in Grenada authorise an announcement in connection with his order for the date of the commencement of a High Court and the Court of Appeal of the associated States of the West Indies.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March, 1967.

G. A. L. JAMES  
Registrar,

of the Supreme Court of the Windward Islands and Leeward Islands  
St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla Circuits

## Help Nerves Aid Glands Cinema Way

In Hollywood the Cinema Stars are under a nervous strain night and day. In prescribing for and treating famous actors and actresses, a California physician succeeded in combining 9 highly concentrated extracts to aid nature in steadying and strengthening the nerves, building rich red blood, stimulating energy and in augmenting gland nutrition, thus promoting restful sleep, vigour and vitality, and a happy life. Now this essential combination of extracts is being imported into this country and is obtainable at most chemist shops, under the name of Buroids. So successful is Buroids that it is offered under a guarantee of money back on return of empty package if it does not fix you up to your complete satisfaction. Ask your chemist for Buroids today. The guarantee protects you.

