

# Extracts from The Beacon (Anguilla)

Monday, March 31, 1969.

Letter to the seven Members of the 1968 Committee from Lord Caradon, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Anguilla, March 30th, 1969.

Before I return to New York I wish to express to each one of you my very sincere gratitude for the welcome you extended to me and for the patience and understanding which you have shown in our long and amicable discussions together. We set ourselves the aim of taking a first step in agreement, and I am happy that we have succeeded. I on my side came to offer friendship and co-operation. You have assured me that you respond in the same spirit. Neither you nor I believe that we can achieve a final settlement in a few days. We know that further consultations are essential, and we believe that Caribbean Governments will come forward to help in those consultations. But it is important to start right. That we have done, and we have done it together.

May I add this personal word? You have come through difficult and anxious and troublesome times. But I am convinced that from today there is a new bright prospect for the island. I know how strongly you feel your patriotic devotion to your island. I have no doubt that every one of you wishes to serve the interests of all the people of Anguilla to the utmost of your ability. I wish to say that I admire the qualities I have seen in you. I think that we trust each other, and I repeat my promise to come back in the future if you so wish. I should greatly like to help you.

CARADON.

## Radio Anguilla

On Tuesday 25th March, Radio Anguilla took the Airwaves to broadcast to the people of Anguilla. The transmitter situated on H.M.S. Minerva, can be heard on 545 Medium wave band, at 6.45 a.m. and p.m. every day, for one hour. In an interview with H.M. Commissioner Mr. Tony Lee, he said that efforts are being made to establish a permanent local Radio Station on the island. He hopes to recruit an Anguillan to manage its operation, he stated. Radio Anguilla plays a selection of music and brings the BBC news at 7.00 along with news and commentary about Anguilla.

Letter from the Government of Anguilla to Lord Caradon.

On behalf of the people of Anguilla we would like to

thank you for your visit, for the discussions we have had during the past several days, and for your promise to continue to work with Anguilla and to see this matter through.

1. We would like to confirm some things we told you but which you asked to be excluded from the Declaration we signed yesterday.

2. It is the position of the Anguilla Council that Anguilla be taken at an early date which will permit Britain and others to agree that this position is correct. We would like it understood that our full co-operation with Britain does not involve our acceptance of any right of the Government of St. Kitts-Nevis to exercise authority over the island of Anguilla.

For twenty-one months the Government of Anguilla has been conducting the affairs of this island. The institutions of self-government include not only the Council which is referred to in the Declaration but also the Treasury & Customs, The Police, The School System, Post Office, Hospital, Administration and so forth. We strongly request Britain not to ignore these institutions but rather supplement them and give them support and guidance.

3. We believe it inappropriate for Anguilla to be occupied by a British Parachute Regiment. You have, with us, expressed the hope that there will be an early withdrawal of this regiment. We have called on the people to return to their normal tasks. We would now like formally to request that Britain withdraw the Parachute Regiment without delay.

4. You have assured us that Her Majesty's Representative has not been personally responsible for British policies and actions to which we have objected, and have asked us to make a fresh start in working together. We accept your assurance. We are prepared to work with him in keeping with paragraphs 1 and

2 of yesterday's Declaration. Nevertheless, we trust that both Britain and he will keep in mind the misunderstandings which have arisen, and we reserve the right to address you further on this subject should the necessity arise.

5. We welcome the fact that you plan to visit St. Kitts. We ask you to report to that Government the true situation as you have found it exists on Anguilla.

6. We are relying on you to persuade the British Government to move forward by the appointment of a Royal Commission or by any other appropriate procedure involving the participation of representatives of Caribbean Governments which will lead to a prompt resolution of Anguilla's constitutional situation.

7. We shall rely on the British Government to continue to provide funds for the development of the island and to allow other Caribbean Governments to participate in the development of the island in whatever way they can.

8. We ask that steps be taken to continue the effectiveness of the Anguillan postage stamps now in use and to permit Anguilla to proceed with coinage and other projects now in progress.

9. Finally, we would like to emphasize again that Anguilla's reliance upon Britain's assurance that Anguilla will not be put under an Administration under which the people of Anguilla do not wish to live.

10. We again wish to thank you for your patience and guidance during our discussions. We invite you personally to return to Anguilla whenever you are able for a more extended visit.

Yours faithfully,

RONALD WEBSTER,

Chairman for the Council & Chief Executive.

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