



WHAT NEXT ?

THE SUDDEN collapse of the Government's prosecution of the famous Conspiracy Case, in which Dr. Herbert was the central figure and the prosecution's decision to tender no evidence in the fourth and fifth cases (in which Mr. Michael Powell and Dr. Herbert were the respective defendants), caught the whole community unprepared.

There has been an uneasy silence over the town of Basseterre which shows a sense of shock and unreality. The action of the prosecution seems so abnormal, when the recent actions and declarations of Government are studied.

Tension has risen again; people are asking "What next?"

The Government's attitude to the Courts has been openly hostile: the Chief Justice of the Associated States Supreme Court has had to use strong language, e.g. *unfair, unwarranted and contemptuous*, with regard to imputations made against the Court during the House of Assembly's debate on Minister Joseph France's resolution on Tuesday 14th November, 1967.

On that day the whole population, the uninformed excepted, hung their heads in shame. The question being asked was — How did Mr. Minister France allow himself to be *trapped*, or pressured, into moving what, from any point of view, was a vicious resolution?

This community must now give deep consideration to two other important matters. It is rumoured that Constable Bernell Brookes, who was subpoenaed by the defence in the recent Supreme Court trials, has been charged and tried by the Chief of Police for giving evidence in one trial. It is further reported that he was refused legal representation, and was eventually fined \$20 or \$30, with dismissal from the Police Force at a time not yet decided on.

If these reports are correct, the public must watch the situation keenly, for it is ridiculous and disgraceful in this day and age for a man to be punished in this barbarous fashion, because he has the decency to give truthful evidence when summoned by a Court Order. After all, we are not living in Hitler's Germany.

The public must also be concerned with the eventual fate of Lemuel Phillip, an Anguillian, who — it is reported — has been kept in isolation since he has been locked up some five or six months ago.

He was a witness for the prosecution in the preliminary hearing of the Conspiracy Case,

Bloodbath for St. Kitts?

"If any one were so out of his mind as to believe — whether it be the British Government, the American Government or any government anywhere — that they could come in here and remove this Government by any means — I believe that that is the time that we will have a serious bloodbath in this country," said Mr. Fitzroy Bryant, Minister of Education, Health and Welfare on Thursday, when lending his support to the resolution extending the State of Emergency.

Mr. Bryant noted that Mr. Jack Dear, Q.C., the President of the Barbados Bar Association had said that the Caribbean Governments should get together with the British Government

Nevis Island Council Elections Dec. 15

Local Council Elections will be held in Nevis on December 15, announced Mr. R. L. Bradshaw, Premier, at the meeting of the House of Assembly on Thursday.

This is the first time that such elections will be held in Nevis. Local Councils are provided for under the Constitution of St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla.

A resolution was passed approving the boundaries of Wards in that island defined by the Supervisor of Elections under the Local Government Act.

and take appropriate action. And that the President of the Trinidad Bar Association had said that joint Caribbean action should be taken against the St. Kitts Government.

The inference, he said, was clear: to monopolise Caribbean opinion in certain quarters "to do something against this Government." It was at this stage that he spoke about a bloodbath.

Moving the resolution, Mr. Bradshaw said that the island has been divided into six wards for the purposes of electing six local councillors, and certain recommendations had been made by the Supervisor of Elections. For these he sought approval.

He stressed that one of the main qualifications of any candidate for the election is, that the candidate must live in the ward and must be a registered voter in that ward.

Mr. Fred Parris, Member for Gingerland and its environs said he was not "very happy" about Ward One because a "small pocket of people" in that ward would be cut off from where they are socially connected, and would have to walk about three miles to get to the polls.

Mr. Eugene Walwyn, Member for Charlestown, Nevis and its environs said the placing of the polling booths on election day would take care of that and he could "see no reason" for changing the boundary line of the ward to which Mr. Parris referred.

Mr. J. N. France, Minister without Portfolio agreed with Mr. Walwyn.

They're ordered not to leave St. Kitts

An order under the Emergency Powers has been served on ex-detainees and on several of the persons acquitted of the conspiracy charge, prohibiting them from travelling out of the island of St. Kitts without permission of the Ministry of Home Affairs, during the State of Emergency.

They are also ordered not to visit Nevis or Anguilla.

The order is dated 29 November and signed by Premier R. L. Bradshaw as Minister of Home Affairs.

It states that the person on whom it is served is "sus-

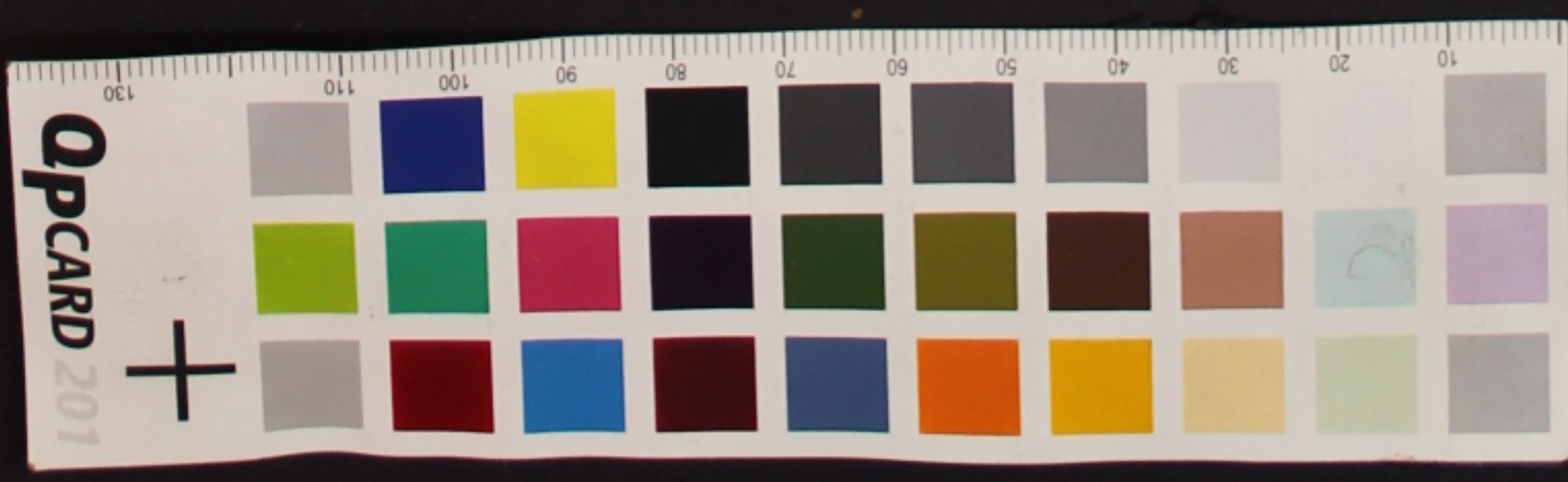
pected of having been concerned in acts prejudicial to Public Order in the State of Saint Christopher Nevis and Anguilla and it is reasonably justifiable for the preservation of the peace and the safety and welfare of the community to exercise control" over that person.

referred to above, but was not called during the Supreme Court hearing.

As far as is known, this man has not been charged with any offence, yet he is in close confinement in the Prison. Is this punishment for his refusal to give the evidence required of him in the Supreme Court, which refusal may have caused the collapse of the prosecution's case, he being the star witness?

And adds: "If you the said (person's name) should fail to observe the orders set out above any police officer in the Royal Saint Christopher Nevis and Anguilla Police Force may arrest you without warning and detain you at the Police Station, Basseterre, St. Christopher pending

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THE SHADOW OF ST. KITTS FALLS ACROSS US ALL

A COUPLE of weeks ago Mr. Paul Southwell, Deputy Premier of the Associated State of St. Kitts, wrote a long and rambling article in the Beacon attempting to explain what was going on in that country vis-a-vis the Criminal Courts there and the trials surrounding the alleged insurgents.

Mr. Southwell attempted to explain the law as he understands it, and to use his own words, "As it has percolated to us down from the United Kingdom." Mr. Southwell is not the only percolator to ramble down a road he did not understand.

Mr. Southwell is an associate of Robert L. Bradshaw — the lost leader. Some time ago, in this column, I wrote an article about this would-be emperor. I wanted people to see this man for what he is. It was said then that I was too hard on him. Today, events answer my critics. This political chaw-bacon can now be seen by all in his full colours. This neo-colonialist high way-man is about to put out the lights in St. Kitts.

If you believe that this is too serious an accusation to be levelled at this would-be Colossus then let us look at the facts that we have so far. Mr. Bradshaw has made certain accusations against some of the citizens of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. These accusations have up to now been supported by his Police, put forward in court by his Director of Public Prosecutions, by learned counsel engaged from Guyana, but apparently have not found favour with the ordinary people who form the Jury in St. Kitts.

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THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

By E. LAWSON BAYLEY

Extract from Barbados Sunday News, November 19, 1967

It is interesting to note that in both the cases which have been heard so far there was no failure to agree on a verdict. They all agreed that, in both cases, there was no evidence on which they could convict the accused persons. If the jurors were giving political decisions, why is it that not even one could find favour with Bradshaw's turn of mind? If Mr. Bradshaw was looking for a political answer then he probably got a nasty shock — not with an electric probe — even he would see that he may not be as popular as he thinks.

Throughout this whole affair there have been some "funny goings on." At the end of the first case the Hotel in which the Judge was staying was the scene of mob disorder.

During the trial policemen giving evidence changed rank. No case of undue influence this. Some of them changed others things too. Some of them changed their evidence. They admitted writing statements, not on what they saw, but what other interested parties wanted them to see. In some cases, it is only a question of when the stripes will come off.

If all this was not enough this would-bear-biter—Bradshaw—who later votes on a motion of no confidence in the administration of Public Justice, refused to provide any money to have the jury accommodated. No question of interfering with the course of justice here.

Interesting

Finally in desperation, this hoo-ha, using his legislature, abruptly tells the Judge he is not wanted there. He says he will elect a commission to investigate what has gone before. Mr. Bradshaw is technically right in asking a commission to investigate anything. However let be quite clear that, through the selection of commission members, R. L. B. can finally arrive in his seat of authority. He can be judge and jury in his own cause. So much for Southwell's lengthy ramble down the corridors of the Rule of Law.

In an earlier article I said then

that Bradshaw is alleged to have said here in this country that he would rather see Herbert dead than free. So far he has done quite well to restrict freedom. You will remember how long he was in jail without bail. You will remember that after being allowed bail earlier he was promptly re-arrested and remained in custody until the beginning of the sessions.

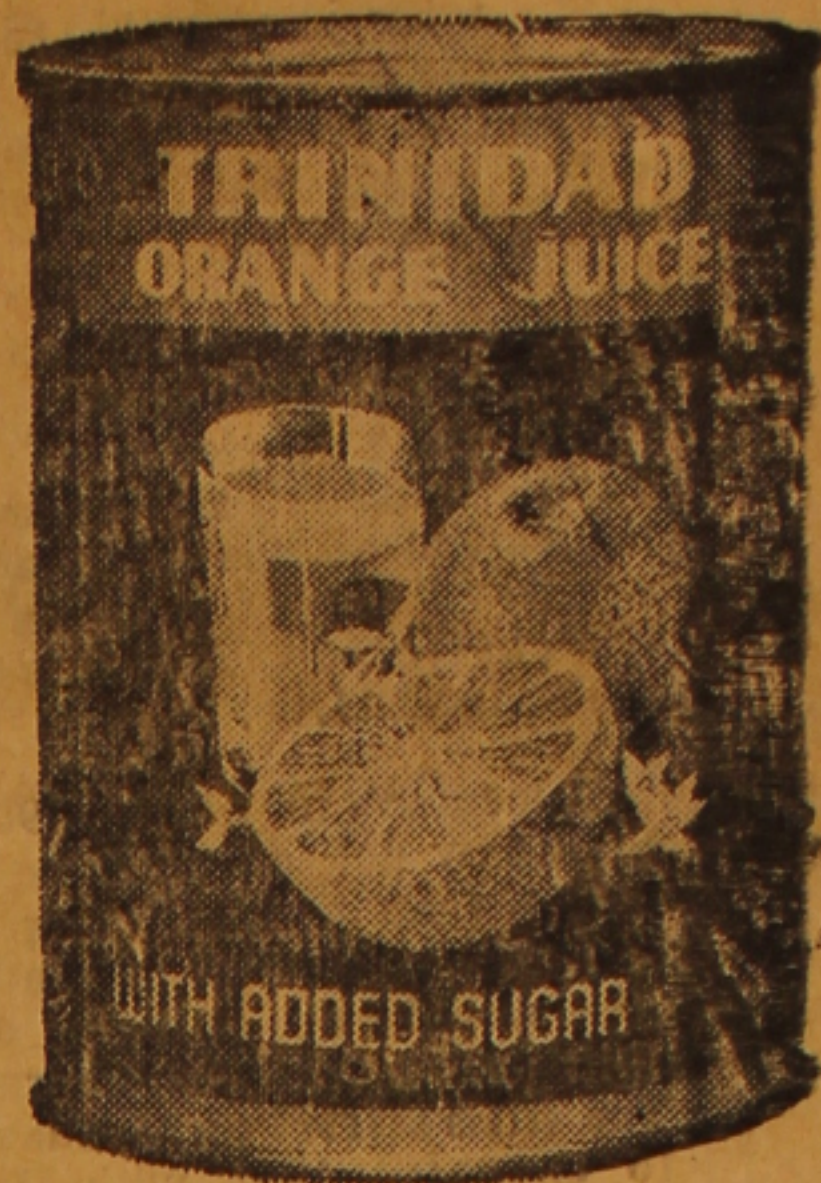
Vendetta

Continuing this vendetta against Herbert it is not surprising that with two acquittals Bradshaw panicked. The fear that Herbert might be set free and his cause vindicated sent Bradshaw rushing to the Legislature pushing his Minister without Portfolio ahead of him. Those of us who know the minister and who know the relationship between he and R. L. B. are not surprised at this.

I fear there is worse to come in St. Kitts. This small island with no pasture land for grazing cattle quickly found it convenient recently to produce electric cattle probes to use on people. An assault on people's central nervous system. When a troubled mind starts to explore the dark corridors of escape it is surprising how it develops. Any psychiatrist would probably tell you Mr. Bradshaw's position. It is no comfort to those who are affected by his behaviour to know the psychological reasons; it would be more comforting to know that he was not in a position of authority.

We will have to watch Mr. Bradshaw closely over the next few days. The deportations will continue. The Governor has gone to England for his knighthood. Appointed to act in his place is the Speaker of the Legislature, a political supporter of Mr. Bradshaw. Mr. Bradshaw's influence can even find more sway in the immediate future. There may be more arrests to come. For the people in St. Kitts I can say, "Naught for their desire. But that the clouds grow blacker yet and the seas are rising higher." Perhaps Mr. Southwell can help us!

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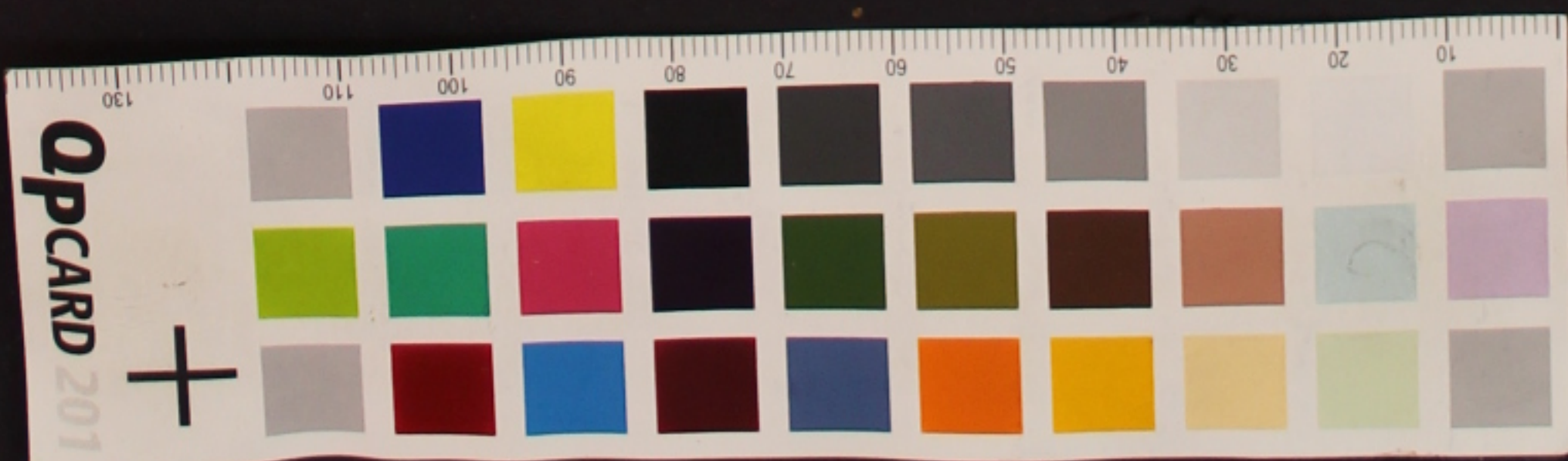
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	Week ending 25, 11. 67.		Total for year 1967	
	Amount Sold (lbs)	Surplus Spoilt (lbs)	Amount Sold (lbs)	Surplus Spoilt (lbs)
Bananas	150	10	16,642	677
Beans (String)	135	—	3,137	69
Beetroot	—	—	381	7
Cabbages	160	10	12,321	412
Carrots	60	—	5,870	369
Cauliflower	—	—	190	12
Christophenes	—	—	294	5
Corn	—	—	633	39
Cucumbers	—	—	912	54
Mangoes	—	—	330	—
Lettuce	—	—	231	32
Onions	—	—	90	—
Papaws	—	—	320	25
Pears	—	—	932	21
Peas (Blackeye)	—	—	60	—
Peas (Pigeon)	—	—	921	—
Egg Plant	30	—	99	25
Peppers (Sweet)	—	—	112	3
Pineapple	—	—	18	—
Potatoes (Irish)	—	—	1,448	48
Potatoes (Sweet)	—	—	604	37
Okra	5	—	12	—
Pumpkins	60	—	2,669	124
Yams	—	—	200	—
Radishes	—	—	62	47
Water Melon	—	—	60	—
Tomatoes	—	—	10,320	1,040
TOTAL (lbs)	600	20	58,871	3,096
Proceeds of Sale	\$123	—	\$11,228	—

Commission of Inquiry into June 10 incidents

Premier Bradshaw in a brief broadcast last Sunday night said that Government proposes to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the events of June 10 this year and matters related thereto, and to make recommendations. The commission will comprise of three persons whose names will be announced later.



Extracts from THE BEACON of Saturday, November 25, 1967
an Independent Anguillian News-sheet, published
Weekly. Editor: Atlin Harrigan

EDITORIAL: I have before me a copy of *The Labour Spokesman* of November 18. In it there is an article by "Patriot" in which he says "The people of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla, have always been known to be a happy and friendly people living in peace and harmony with each other". He attributes the breakdown of that relationship to the formation of the People's Action Movement, two years ago.

I grew up hearing my father say that we were being called "Bobbie Johnies" by the Kittitians, that Anguillians travelling from Anguilla to St. Kitts by boat were searched like foreigners by the customs officers, while Nevisians come and go as they like.

Over a decade ago the present Premier of St. Kitts promised to turn Anguilla into a desert, and let us suck salt because we were in opposition to the Labour Government. For years and years we had been neglected. Superficially we might have appeared to be a happy people, but the pot of our grievances was boiling up all that time.

The pot would have boiled over whether PAM had been there or not. The thought of being forever a colony of St. Kitts who had neglected us for so long, with the parent hand of Britain being withdrawn with the coming of Statehood caused us to overboil.

Something had to be done to save our island, we were not politicians, and anyhow, with only one seat in a legislature of ten, politics would not have taken us far. We may not have been politicians, but we had a very high literacy rate of 70%.

Around the time of the London Conference I was writing articles to *The Democrat*, and I even attacked the P.A.M. for not being more help-

ful to Anguilla. The first time I met Dr. Herbert was after the last general elections. Mr. Ronald Webster, Mr. John Rogers and myself went to St. Kitts on January 28, 1967 and appealed to the P.A.M. for help to see that Anguilla got satisfactory local government, threatening to take Anguilla out of the State. Dr. Herbert called an immediate General Meeting of the Party, where he told them of Anguilla's determination to get out if not given proper Local Government. The following day we drew up a nine-point plan which was sent to the Chief Minister. His reply was that there were no proposals before his government.

Dr. Herbert repeatedly told us that he could never support the idea of Anguilla seceding from the Colony. Even today even though he was wrongfully imprisoned, then released, then imprisoned again, and is now on trial at St. Kitts, he would still like to see Anguilla remain in the State, because he always said that Anguilla holds the key to the development of the whole State, and he is a patriot. Dr. Herbert was the only man who could have kept Anguilla from seceding. If Mr. Bradshaw had accepted him as the nominated member of the opposition party, the Anguilla crisis might have been postponed, if not averted. Mr. Bradshaw would not accept Dr. Herbert as a member of the House, knowing that he would never be a "yes-man." In the face of all this, it is not true to say that PAM has caused the separation of Anguilla from St. Kitts.

MUSING ON FREEDOM: At the Assembly meeting on November 14, Mr. F. C. Bryant spoke of the demonstrations against the Chief Justice, and said "The people had a right to express their view; it is a very serious right; it is

part of their freedom."

But was not a bill passed in the same House of Assembly, taking away those rights from the people, by denying them permission to hold public meetings and to take part in demonstrations, unless with the consent of the police? And who is the head of the police? Mr. Bradshaw. Did he give permission for the demonstration against the Judge?

In the cause of freedom, Mr. Ronald Webster and I slept in the BUSH for 15 days. 40 police and 200 marines failed to find us. The Governor and Mr. Henry Hall were brought to make contact with us there in the BUSH. We endured this for the sake of freedom.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: We have been pressing for the appointment of such a commission for some time past, and we are glad to announce to the public, that this commission has now been appointed and consists of the following members: Messrs Alwyn Hodge, Allan Richardson, Lucas Wilson, Emile Gumbs, and Christopher Romney.

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THE BRITISH PRESS: Anguilla has been in the news recently in three important British newspapers. In the LONDON TIMES of November 7, their special correspondent recently in Anguilla reports that he attended a practice of the Anguilla Defence Force, and heard the ancient cannon firing, and would like to think that the boom could be heard 70 miles across the water in St. Kitts — the enemy. He reports Mr. Wallace Reynolds saying "We will take colonial status under Britain, or total independence, but St. Kitts — never." Also Mr. Collins Hodge, who said "What we really



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Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government Headquarters,
Basseterre, St. Kitts.
23rd November, 1967.

want is to hoist the Union Jack here." The settlement that the majority of the islanders would really like is to have a British Administrator or adviser as soon as possible, release of (Continued on page 12)

