

**THIS YEAR** the University of the West Indies held, for the first time in its history, three graduation ceremonies, one at each of its campuses, Cave Hill in Barbados, Mona in Jamaica and St. Augustine in Trinidad. At Mona honorary degrees were conferred on Sir Hugh Wooding of Trinidad and Tobago and on Sir Charles Campbell of Jamaica, H. R. H. the Princess Alice Countess of Athlone, Chancellor of the University, attended all three ceremonies and the graduates were presented to her.

The following address was given at Mona on February 18.

# Graduation Address

By Rt. Hon. Sir Hugh Wooding, P. C., C. B. E., Chief Justice of Trinidad & Tobago.

IT IS, I assure you, with consummate pride and pleasure that Sir Charles Campbell and I have accepted the distinction of being received this evening as honorary graduates. We are grateful for the honour and shall esteem it always. We rejoice that it is our University that has conferred it on us. I say "our University" advisedly. In a very intimate sense, we belong to it and we identify ourselves with it. Before it crystallised into an idea we shared in its concept. We were present at its foundation. We were here again when you, Madam, were installed as its first and only Chancellor. We have seen it grow from prisoners' huts to Halls of Residence, from a recruitment of 30 freshmen to an undergraduate population exceeding 3,000, from one campus for which we were sometimes apologetic to three of which we are often proud, from a single Faculty in an associate University College to several in an independent burgeoning University.

We have thus participated in its conception, witnessed its birth, attended its baptism, been anxious until it was weaned, watched over its youth and rejoiced in its maturing. We have passed with it from Hope to Expectation. And because, Madam Chancellor, you from the beginning have so graciously granted us the privilege of regarding you as essentially one of ourselves, also as I look upon the platform and the great assemblage here before us, I think I can sum up this occasion as a coming together of West Indians, in a West Indian enclave, to witness the graduation of West Indians, and to confer and receive as West Indians honorary degrees of a university which we salute not as the University of Jamaica or the University of Barbados or the University of Trinidad and Tobago but as the University of the West Indies.

The degrees conferred on us this evening are

degrees in Law. To some this may appear incongruous since Law is not a discipline for which the University caters. At least, not yet. The explanation may be that in the tradition of scholars the degree is, I believe, pre-eminently a badge of learning and erudition. If that be so, we are most grateful for the credit but must frankly confess our insufficiency of merit. I trust, however, that we do have something of discipline of mind and heart which, in my thinking, is the essential purpose of all university scholarship. And trained in the law as I have been, I can think of no degree which I could esteem more highly than that which is now ours.

Madam Chancellor, you come to us from a country nurtured and grown in the law's traditions. Upwards of 750 years ago, two and a half centuries before Columbus discovered America and our seagirt islands, Britain proclaimed that charter of civil liberties which was so appropriately named the Magna Carta. True, it was a concession of rights and privileges to a feudal aristocracy who demanded them of their king but, like so many later declarations of a similar character, its application to conditions undreamed-of by its authors has made it the most important single document in the library on fundamental freedoms known to the world today.

It became the 'fons et origo' of many other charters, among the latest and certainly the most widely adopted being the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

And because the principles derived from Magna Carta were woven into the warp and woof of the common law of England, and because the common law of England was in the days of Empire transplanted so as to become the basic law of what is now the Commonwealth, we in the Caribbean have inherited its traditions, are possessed of its spirit and integrate its

pillars into the structure of our legal thinking.

I hope we shall continue to cherish and exemplify those principles as dearly and as consistently as they are in the country whence they came. So, because of the fervency of this hope as well as because of the degrees conferred, I have chosen as the subject of my address this evening: The Rule of Law in our West Indian Society.

Let me say at once that (Continued on Page 8)

## Anguilla for Anguillans

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ing and controlling coins and stamps, and issuing ship registrations.

To accomplish these goals, Prof. Fisher has suggested some type of associate membership within the United Nations; under such a plan, Anguilla would be able to turn to the U.N. for guidance, while the U.N. would perhaps require the island to seek its advice on some issues

before taking action.

Advising a microstate can sometimes raise difficulties, Prof. Fisher observed. Once an emergency message which really had to get to the island seemed stalled by the lack of telephones.

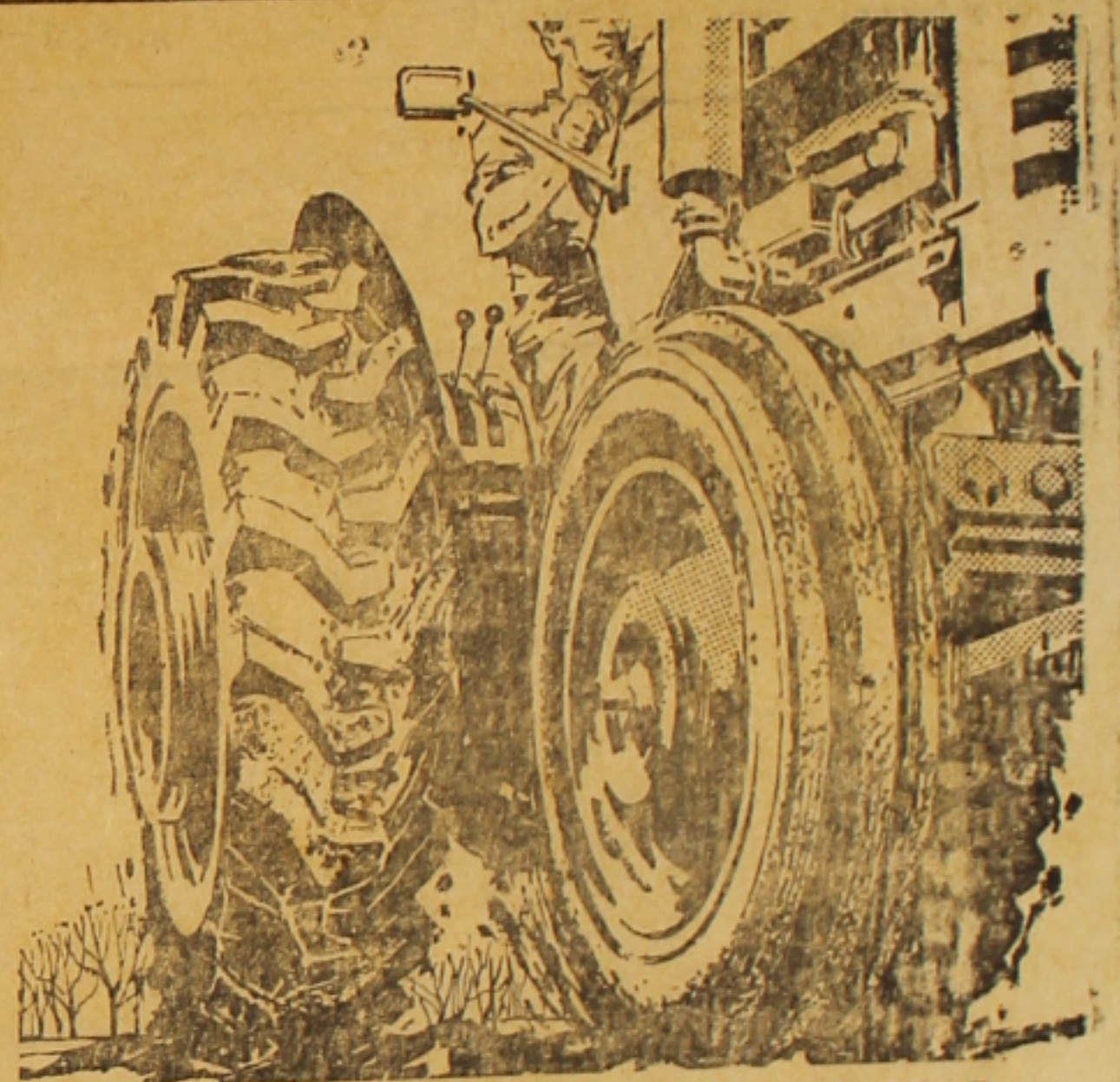
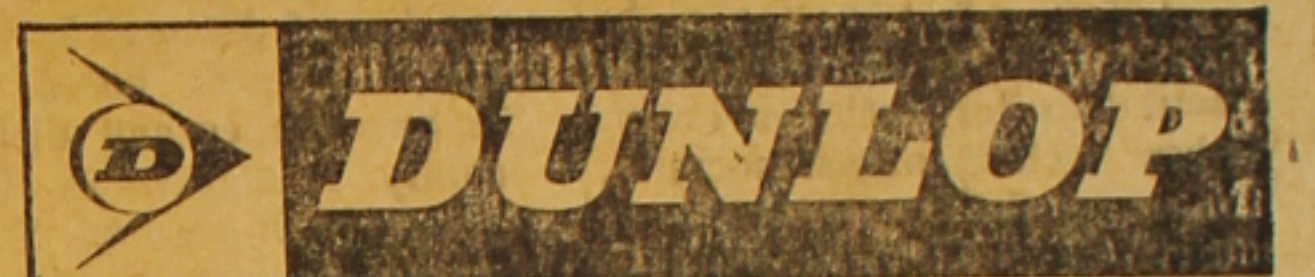
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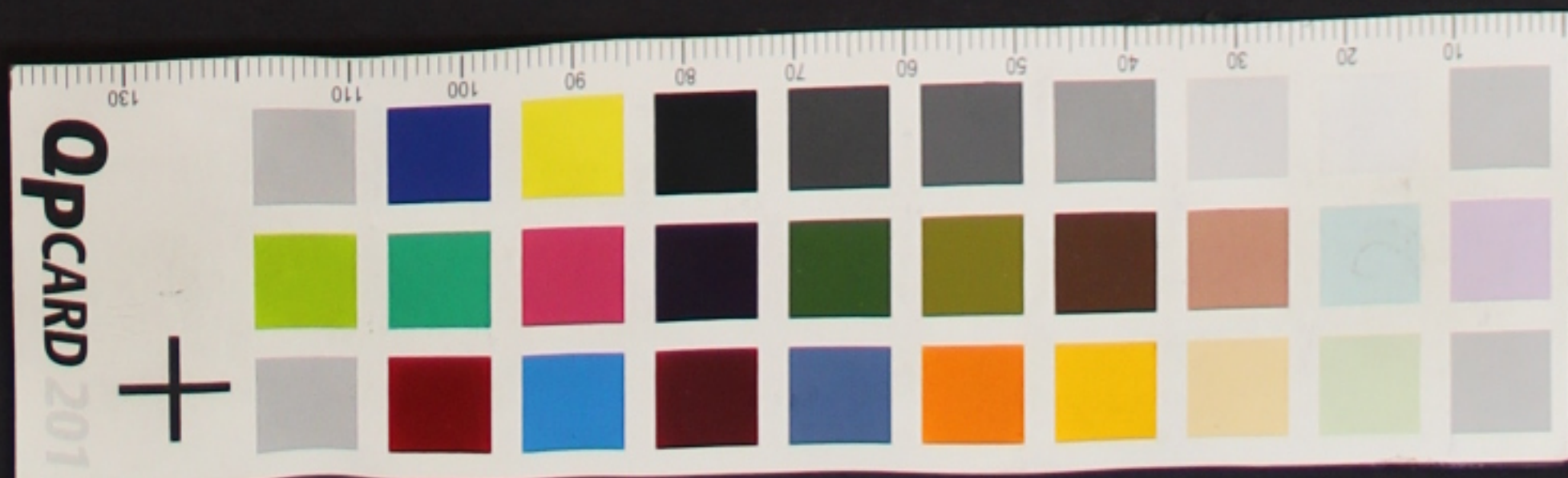
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These results are now felt in this State, as the cost of living has already been on the rise since devaluation.

One now awaits the release from the Department of Labour, which is the official yardstick as to the movement that has taken place in retail prices.

Suggestions have been made in this island and in other Caribbean territories as to the best means of offsetting the increase; these include a cost of living allowance to meet the present situation.

The principal suggestion however, and one that is far reaching, is the reduction of all imports from the hard currency areas where the purchasing power of our money, B.W.I. dollars, has been drastically cut.

In order to do this, it is necessary that we buy where we can get quality and quantity for our money, i.e. from the West Indies, Britain and from such other countries that have also devalued their currencies. Secondly, that we start *now* to grow in larger quantities all that we can produce locally.

Over the years there have been discussions, debates and even resolutions made by Government to increase the output of locally grown vegetables, milk and meat, but up to now no marked change for the better has been made in this direction.

The result of this procrastination on the part of those concerned cannot be remedied overnight and so the effects of devaluation will be felt in this State for quite some time.

Nature, however, seems to realise our pressing needs and is in sympathy with us, thus during the current week we have been blessed with several showers of rain, affording us the long looked for opportunity for the planting of a larger acreage in food crops.

The old maxim "Heaven helps those who help themselves" should be uppermost in our minds at this time.

It is absolutely necessary for everyone to do his best to combat the increased expenditure with which he is faced, and at the same time help conserve much needed money within the State.

## Miss Lake admitted to the Bar

A gathering of relatives, friends and well-wishers assembled at the Basseterre Supreme Court last Thursday morning to witness the admittance to the Bar of the first Anguilla-born Barrister, Miss Bernice Lake.

Mr. Frank Heville, Barris-

ter-at-law, moved the motion of application for Miss Lake's admittance. He said that before Miss Lake took up Law she gained her B.A. Hons. from the U.W.I., and also worked in the diplomatic service of the W.I. Federation for a number of years.

She finally went to Britain and read Law at the University College London where she gained her L.L.B. degree.

Mr. Heville regretted the (Continued on page 12)



MISS B. LAKE

## Human Rights Year

Tomorrow, December 10, marks the opening of the International Year for Human Rights 1968.

Twenty years ago — on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement of all peoples and nations.

And in 1963 the General Assembly named 1968 as the International Year for Human Rights, in the conviction that an appropriate way of celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration was to devote a full year to a review of achievements in this field and, more important, to intensify national and international undertakings to make more such achievements possible.

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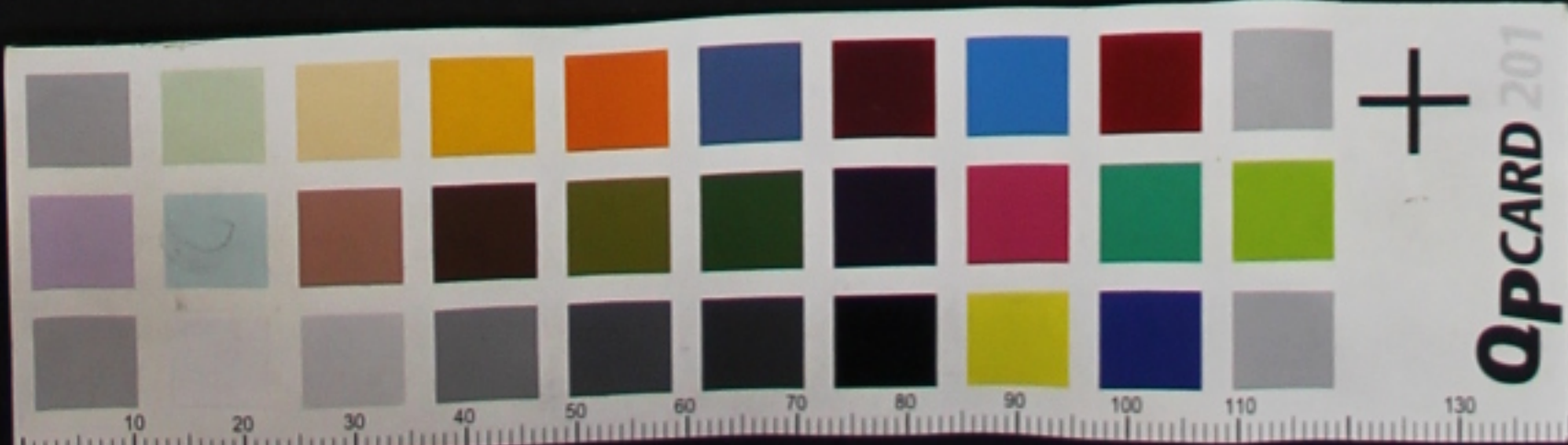
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Extracts from THE BEACON of Saturday, December 2, 1967  
 an Independent Anguillian News-sheet, published  
 Weekly. Editor: Atlin Harrigan

**EDITORIAL:** With the coming of the Delegation from the British Parliament, we feel that we are a stage further in the solution of our problem. We realise that in this settlement Britain must play a leading role. The whole world looks upon her to find a courageous solution. It is true that in the beginning the Revds. Leonard Carty and Martin Roberts went to England and asked the British Government to take action. But their reply was that Anguilla was an internal matter in the State of St. Kitts, and that they can do nothing. We must remember too, that Bradshaw also asked for armed support from Britain, and he too was refused for the same reason. This impasse led to the Barbados Conference. This is now generally admitted to have been a mistake, and would not have happened if Anguilla had been taken seriously. Nevertheless we gained the sympathy of the whole world, including Britain.

After six months of going it alone, in spite of the almost insuperable obstacles that have been placed in our way, we hope that we have convinced the world, or will convince the world when the details of our finances, published later in this number, are examined, that we have a viable economy. For this reason we have a strong case for an associated status with Britain, where we would be responsible for our internal affairs and Britain for our defence and external affairs. In this way we would be sure that all the "fast money boys" that are now "bugging our shoes" would be kept away.

We do however need a 'ministrative help, and if Britain cannot give us this, we are sure that the United Nations are only too willing to help, once our independent status has been recognised.

We realise that the

**Constitutional Problem** is the major obstacle to a settlement on the above lines; but it should not be an insuperable one. Mr. Bradshaw and his Government have declared that they have no confidence in the Judiciary, and have asserted that the West Indies Associated Court is not to their liking. In so doing the Government of St. Kitts have lost any sympathy that they had from the other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries. We hope that they too will side with Britain, so that something may be done for the innocent people of that State. The people of St. Kitts are living in terror of the gunmen that Mr. Bradshaw has armed. A monster has been brought to birth there that has now grown and is out of control.

If this monster is not tamed now, Kittitians will wake up to find that they are part of a Totalitarian State.

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**STAMPS:** Philatelists all over the world all know that a very limited supply of the current St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Stamps were overprinted with "Independent Anguilla".

On Monday November 27 all these stamps were withdrawn from circulation, and the balance destroyed, and a new issue of six stamps were put on sale. This is a Day to be remembered when the history of Anguilla is written. First day covers of the new issue are on sale for \$1.01 and there is still a stock of the overprinted airgraphs of 5 cents and 15 cents, which have already an enhanced value. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. John King, of Listers, the Stamp Dealers, who has seen all our philatelic efforts to a successful conclusion. He hopes that a further issue of the remaining stamps to make a complete set will be ready in the early

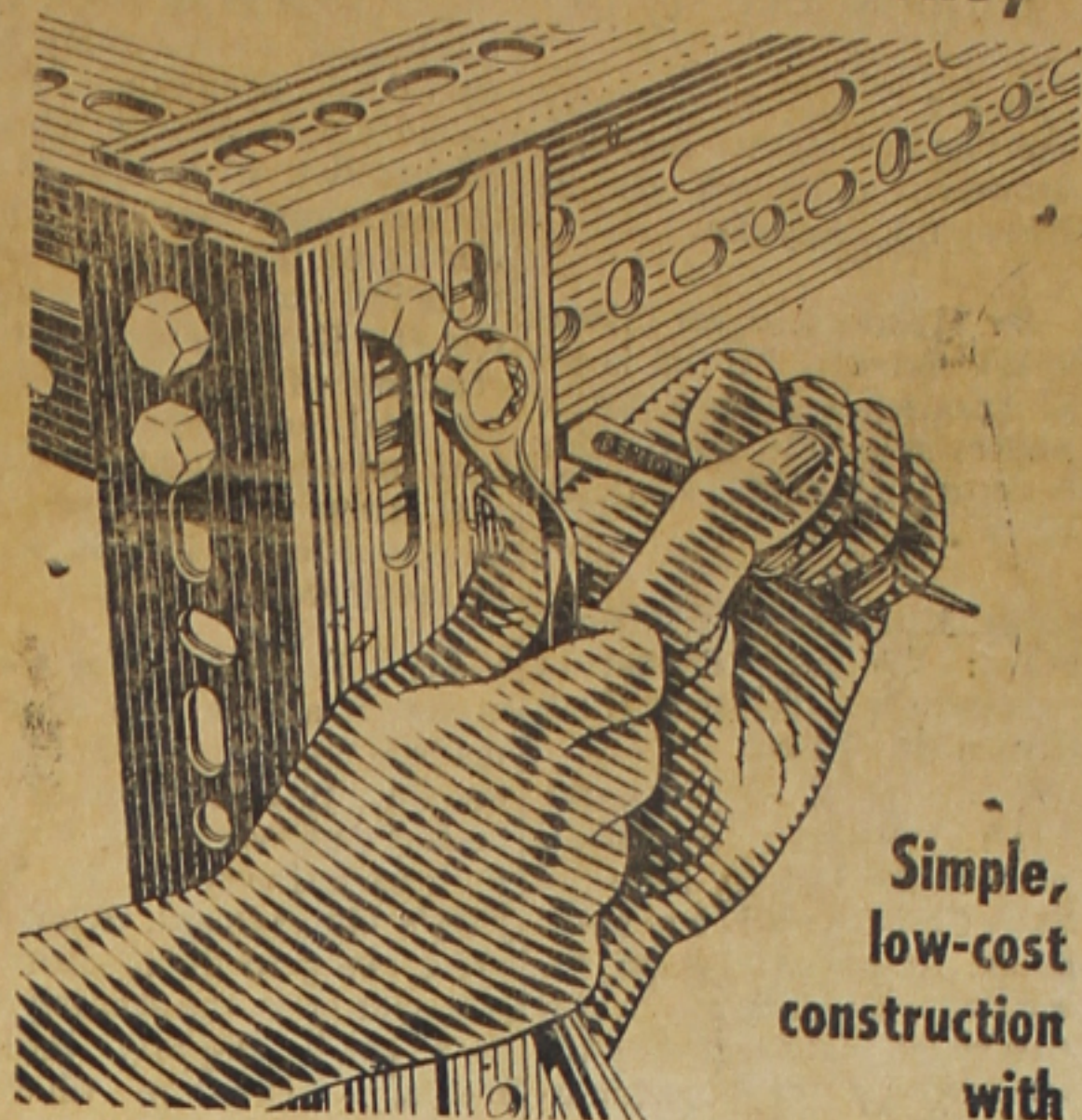
months, of 1968. The sale of the Overprint Stamps and the New Stamps are already bringing into Anguilla a considerable increase in income. Even when the peak demand has passed the sale of stamps should be a major item in our economy. All stamps sold have been sold at face value. But there is a considerable market for the used Independence stamps, which promise to have a high market value because of their scarcity. During the last few months, the Rector's Brother in Law, Mr. John Peppin of 57 Park Town, Oxford, has been receiving numbers of these stamps through the post, and should have some complete sets. These complete sets may sell at many hundreds of pounds each so with these and many smaller sets, a large sum of money may be raised.

All the proceeds from these sales will be paid over to the Anguillian cause. Any readers of this Beacon in England, and others, are asked to send the envelopes bearing these stamps to Mr. Peppin for the Anguillian cause. The whole process of issuing stamps, getting them accepted by the Universal Postal Union, and advertising them to the world is very complex. The Government of Anguilla decided that from the very beginning all should be above board. They resisted all temptations to sell sets of stamps on the quiet, and getting some quick money. If they had done so the future of Anguilla as a reputable stamp issuing country would have been ruined. It is because no one has attempted to use the stamps otherwise than in the genuine postal business, that the value of these stamps, and Anguilla's reputation is so high today.

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**THE TRIALS AT ST. KITTS:** Two of the defence lawyers visited Anguilla for a short time on

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the afternoon of Tuesday. They were Mr. Bernard St. John of Barbados, and Mr. Hudson-Phillip of Trinidad, who gave us details of the trial...

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**PUBLIC MEETING AT BURROWS PARK:** On the afternoon of Sunday 26th, the Chief Executive of Anguilla told a large crowd that he expected everyone to display a placard of his own choice on their cars, or outside their homes, when the British Parliamentary Delegation visited the island, so that they would get a definite visible impression of what Anguillians really wanted. He plainly told the crowd, that those who wished for reunion with St. Kitts, to fly the appropriate flag, and indicate their views on their poster. The Union Jack would fly side by side with the Anguillian Flag on all Government Buildings.

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**OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA:** We, the Anguillians resident in the United Kingdom, are very happy to be able to write to you through

the Beacon, our own island news sheet.

We congratulate all those who through effort and hard work, have made the issue of the Beacon possible. The situation in Anguilla is far more critical and serious than many of us realise. However, by our determination, and a united front, we can override the crisis.

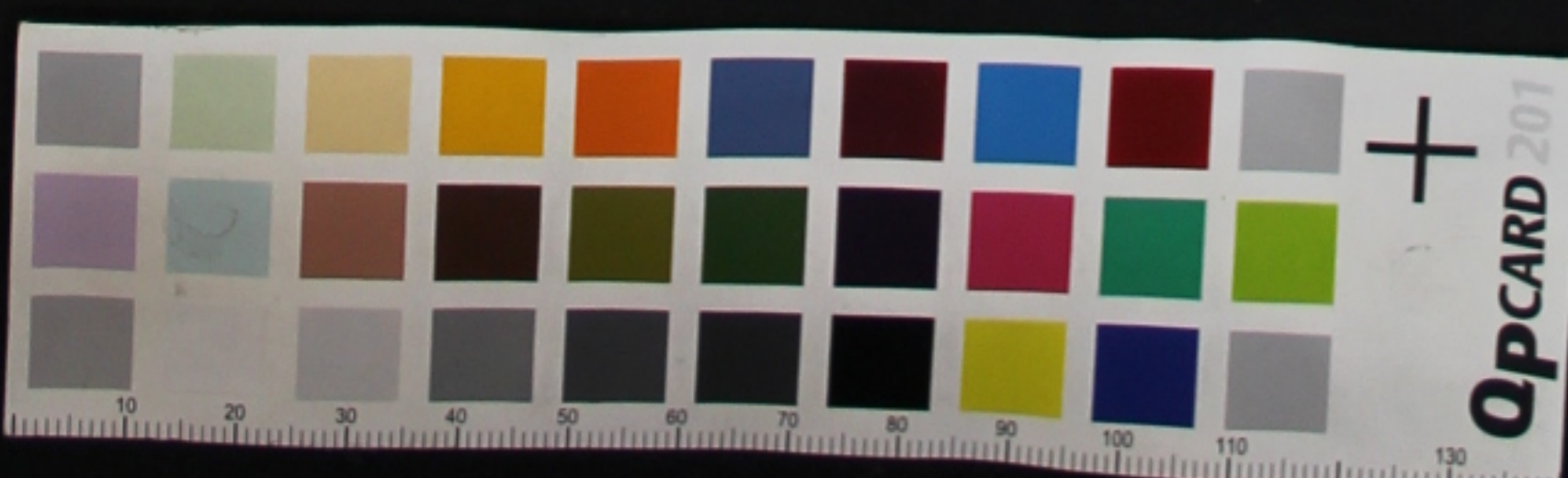
Many of you at home have been overtaken by fear, many are bewildered as to know where we are going from here, but however dark the road may be at the present time the future holds bright for us.

Many of us here in

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# Parliamentary Question: St. Kitts and Anguilla

LONDON, DEC. 6, 1967.

In the Commons yesterday, the Commonwealth Secretary answered questions on St. Kitts and Anguilla.

Sir John Rodgers (Sevenoaks) asked: "If he is yet in a position to make a further Statement on the relationship between Anguilla and St. Kitts?"

Mr. Neil Marten (Bambury) asked: "If he will make a statement on the latest situation in St. Kitts?"

Mr. Thomson: Anguilla is part of the Unitary State of St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla. Responsibility for the internal government of this Associated State, including the arrangements for the administration of its constituent parts, lies with the State authorities and not with Her Majesty's Government.

Sir John Rodgers: Is the Secretary of State aware that five men were acquitted on a trumped up charge of trying to overthrow the government, that Mr. Bradshaw

## Sdy. Pt. Customs burned flat

We understand that the Customs building at Pump Bay, Sandy Point was destroyed by fire on Thursday night.

## 120 new R. C. members

The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Basseterre received into its fold eighty-one new members on Sunday last.

The confirmation service which was very well attended commenced at 5 p.m. when thirty boys and fifty-one girls were confirmed by Bishop Arnold Boghaert who came in from Dominica for the occasion.

The following morning

## Home on Vacation

Among the arrivals at Golden Rock Airport on Sunday last was Mr. Eswick Lanns, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lanns of Portland.

Mr. Lanns is here on a short vacation to see his family and friends. He has been an employee of Barclays Bank D.C.O.,

rushed through an emergency meeting of the Assembly and passed a Resolution of no confidence in the island's administration of justice? Is he further aware that the Chief Justice of the Caribbean Association of States accused the St. Kitts Government of contempt of court, prejudging a fair trial, and impeaching the trial judge? Is it any wonder that Anguilla doesn't wish to be associated with St. Kitts at the moment?

Mr. Thomson: Yes I am aware of all the very serious matters the Honourable Member has just described. They do not however come within the responsibility of her Majesty's Government. What we are seeking to do to assist in this matter is the sending out of a small all-party Parliamentary delegation which I think owes something to the Honourable Member's encouragement and inspiration. The small delegation has now reached the Caribbean and the right thing to do at the moment is to give it a chance of getting down to work.

Mr. Marten: Nevertheless, as St. Kitts is an Associated State has the Government made a statement on this really disgusting treatment of the judges—a moral protest—to the Government of St. Kitts? When the mission returns will the Government consider the question of associating perhaps in some temporary way Anguilla with the Virgin Islands?

Mr. Thomson: I think the right thing to do is to allow the Parliamentary delegation to

get there and to see what it can do on the ground and then come back to report to the House.

Mr. Turtou: As a British subject was released by the order of the Government and then rearrested and deported surely the Right Honourable Gentle-

man has a responsibility? Could not the Parliamentary delegation going into Anguilla discuss with the Prime Minister of St. Kitts matters affecting this country and British subjects?

Mr. Thomson: I am sure the Right Honourable Gentleman can rely on the Parliamentary

delegation to discuss all these matters including matters which are causing concern in this country. In regard to the personal case of the gentleman who has just been mentioned I understand that he has started legal proceedings so it would be improper for me to comment on the merits of that.

## Miss Lake admitted to the Bar

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absence of Miss Lake's parents who, he said, should be quite proud of her. He then gave the court the assurance that Miss Lake would be a distinguished lady member who would adorn the Bar of this State.

The Resident Judge Mr. Dudley Glasgow congratulated Miss Lake on her academic achievements and welcomed her to the Bar. She was then sworn in by the Registrar Mr. Laroque James.

Miss Lake then rose and addressed the court. She said:

"May it please Your Lordship I would like to thank this Honourable Court for having admitted me as a practising barrister of the Supreme Court of the Associated States and this State in particular. I would like to thank Your Lordship specifically for the words of encouragement and advice so graciously spoken.

"I also thank Mr. Henville for moving the motion for my admission and for having spoken of me in such glowing terms which I hope my performance will merit.

"I am grateful to him for having presented me and undertaken the responsibility of vouching for me as a suitable person to be called to this Bar, but I am ever more grateful because he has given me the impression that he undertook with pleasure what I am certain could be a choice for a busy practitioner.

"My Lord as I stand before you today I regard my incipient legal career as the commencement of a voyage which at the outset must be well charted if success, the ultimate desired destination, will be arrived at. When I speak of success My Lord I do not mean a practice which carries with it sound financial benefits, but one which makes worthwhile and valuable contribution to the society in whatever way and to whatever extent my limited

abilities, hard work and opportunities offered may allow.

"To obtain success in these terms My Lord, I am mindful that I must throughout my career adhere to, and abide by, those principles and traditions of this court in particular, and of the legal profession in general which Your Lordship has enumerated to me and so nicely defined.

"I pledge before you this day that I will discharge with diligence and due care the dual obligations which fall upon me. Firstly, those obligations which members of the profession collectively owe to the public in general, and secondly, those responsibilities which I owe personally to such clients as may repose their confidence in me."

The court then adjourned sine die.

After the adjournment Miss Lake told our reporter that her immediate intentions were to look around for suitable chambers and commence her practice in the entire State.

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England have been constantly engaged in serious discussions at the Commonwealth Office. We have been in direct communication with Her Majesty, the Queen, the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition.

In the light of all this we have gained sympathy from the British Press, who strongly tried to put our case before the public. The fact that we are not alone should give us much courage.

We now have a Government of our own. Ordinary men indeed, but all Anguillans. Let us give them our moral support, and let every man know that his (or her) duty is to serve their country.

Conditions in Anguilla need not be underlined, as they are well known. If we are to enjoy a better social life, we must all work together and help each other. What ever differences there may have been in the past, we are faced with a national crisis, and we must all bear the cross of it. Let us therefore dwell together in unity, and pursue the things that make for peace, and build up a common life.

May God bless you all. Signed on behalf of the Anguilla Improvement Association (Slough), A.A. Lewis (Chairman).

★ ★ STOP PRESS NEWS:

The advance party of the Parliamentary Delegation have just this moment (4p.m. Friday) arrived by LIAT plane from Antigua. They were welcomed at the Airport by Mr. Ronald Webster, and other members of the Council, and by Mr. Greatorex the British Representative stationed at Trinidad, who is staying in Anguilla till the Deputation begins its work. The two members of Parliament will arrive on Monday. The whole party are being accommodated at the Rendezvous Hotel during their stay, but we hope they will explore the whole island, and that they and we will have happy memories of their visit.

