

# Anguillians seek PAM's support

A three-man delegation from Anguilla, came to St. Kitts last Sunday in an effort to enlist the solidarity of the People's Action Movement in assisting them and their fellow Anguillians in what they call their "struggle for survival." Anguilla's representative on the Legislative Council was ill in the Cunningham Hospital at the time.

The men represent over 1,800 Anguillians who have signed a Petition declaring that Anguilla will not go into Statehood unless the island is given an effective Island Council (Local Government) under the new constitution.

On Sunday afternoon at the General Convention of the People's Action Movement held at the Party Headquarters, Church Street, Basseterre, the men recounted their grievances and appealed for the support of the Party.

## PAM delegation

Afterwards the Convention of some 400 persons, unanimously authorised a 3-man delegation from the Movement (PAM) to go to Anguilla to discuss such grievances with the people of the Island and to take the necessary action.

The P.A.M. delegation — Dr. W. V. Herbert, Mr. Richard Caines and Mr. Michael Powell—flew to Anguilla on Tuesday morning.

The Anguilla delegation that came to St. Kitts, com-

prised Mr. Atlin Harrigan of Island Harbour, Mr. Rogers of Stoney Ground and Mr. Ronald Webster of Island Harbour.

It was said that the Local Government planned for Anguilla, is to have four elected seats and two of those seats are to be selected by the Government; that the Chief Minister can also state that if the Council does not do what he wants, it can be suspended or abolished.

Anguillians are asking that they be permitted to run their Island Council and that roads, water and electricity among other things, must be the concern of the Council.

## 'We've had enough'

Mr. Rogers, who put forward the "views and feelings of Anguillians," appealed to the Convention to try to understand Anguilla's problems, and to support them in their struggle.

"We Anguillians feel we have had enough," he began, "we can take no more." (And here he recalled the position in the island since 1958 when Anguilla first voted against the Labour Government.)

"Since then they have been seeking power to try to make Anguilla a desert," he said.

Today, on the verge of Statehood, Anguilla still has no electricity, no water supply, no proper roads. In 1948 there was one doctor, today there is still only one doctor

in an island with a population of over five thousand.

"Today, Anguillians' backs are sore like a child that a mother has been beating.

"We can take no more," he reiterated.

## 'Sick and tired'

"Anguillians are a proud and independent people," said Mr. Rogers. "We own 95% of our lands, we build our boats, we have what the world calls initiative, we can do things.

"But what happens here?"

"We can only do what 'Big Brother' says we can do.

"We are sick and tired of this."

Mr. Rogers went on to say that if Anguilla does not get a proper Island Council "to take an active part in planning and overseas investments in the island of Anguilla, then Anguillians must make a stand once and for all."

He said Anguillians have always been a reasonable people. They are not asking too much. They are making this stand "for survival, not for power."

"This Local Government", he declared, "must be what Anguilla wants, not what Mr. Bradshaw wants to give us.

"In other words we made it clear to Mr. Bradshaw that Anguilla belongs to Anguillians."

## Unity

He went on: "If we are to be a united people, the people of St. Kitts must want the people of Nevis and Anguilla, the people of Anguilla must want the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, and the people of Nevis must want the people of Anguilla and St. Kitts.

"This is the only way that we can be a people, when we want one another.

"Putting the words St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla on a

piece of paper — and the people are not a people — does not create unity."

Citing examples, as he put it, to show "how Anguilla has been left out in the cold," Mr. Rogers said:

(i) When the Queen visited the West Indies last year she went from Guyana down to St. Kitts, down to Tortola, up to the Bahamas and she did not visit Anguilla.

(ii) The registration of the vehicles in the territory, up to this day is CN (Christopher-Nevis) instead of CNA.

"As it is now, Anguilla is a third-rate island," he lamented. "We get the last of what is left over."

"All Anguillians are asking" he said, "is that you help us now, so that we can help ourselves later." If certain tax laws go into effect after Statehood and Anguilla is not protected, Anguilla cannot survive for another five years, Mr. Rogers said.

"If the people of St. Kitts and Nevis want Anguilla, then they got to help us," he implored. "Because unless you help us now, we are quite prepared to go it alone.

"We know it will be a hard struggle but we love our dear land too much ...

"We are looking to you for support. We are playing our last card, we can't afford to lose. We have lost too often."

## University of the West Indies

### St. Augustine

Applications are invited for the following posts:

i) Research Assistant, Cocoa Research Unity, Salary in the scale £1,000 — £1,200 per annum;

ii) Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer in Animal Physiology

Salary scales:—

Assistant Lecturer: £1,250 x 80 = £1,410 per annum;

Lecturer: £1,550 x 90 = £2,090 (Bar) x 90 — £2,630 per annum.

Closing date: March 7, 1967.

Details obtainable from: Resident Tutor, Basseterre

## Cost of rice increased

At the recent Rice Conference in Guyana it was agreed to pay an increase of \$1.07 per bag of Super Quality Rice and 90cts. per bag for 1st quality rice.

The last two increases of (25cts per bag and 40cts per bag respectively) have been absorbed by the trade, leaving

the retail price the same.

This new increase cannot, however, be absorbed in this way and it is therefore necessary to increase the approved retail price by 1 cent per lb. as from 28 January, 1967.

To this end, an Order has been made under the Distribution and Prices of Goods Ordinance, increasing the maximum wholesale prices per bag as follows:—

Super from \$31.08 to \$32.53  
1st Quality from \$27.92 to \$29.20

The maximum retail prices as from 28 January, 1967, will therefore, now be as follows:—

Super 20cts per lb.  
1st Quality 18cts per lb.  
2nd Quality 15cts per lb.

—Press release

## They discuss how Canada can best aid W. Indies

Castries, St. Lucia, Feb. 1, (CP)—Canadian officials met with representatives of twelve Caribbean countries on Tuesday to determine how Canada can best assist these developing countries.

In a message from Ottawa, Prime Minister Pearson said he hopes that Canada will have long lasting good rela-

tions with the West Indies.

Mr. John Compton, St. Lucia's Chief Minister, said aid for the Caribbean must be aimed at developing the islands so that they can develop their own resources.

## Statehood Bill approved in principle

London, Feb. 1, (CP)—The House of Commons approved in principle on Tuesday night a Bill to give six West Indies territories self-government and a new status of association with Britain, just short of independence.

The territories are

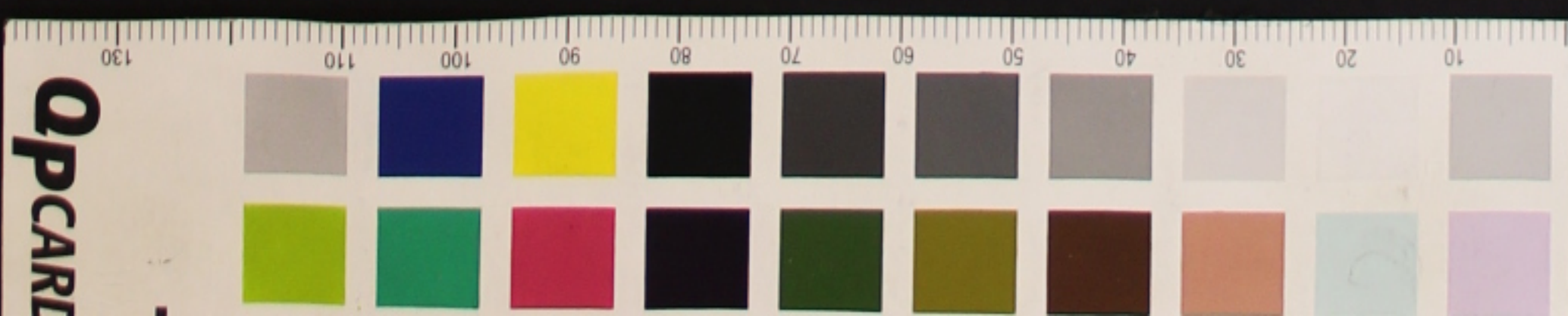
Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Christopher Nevis and Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

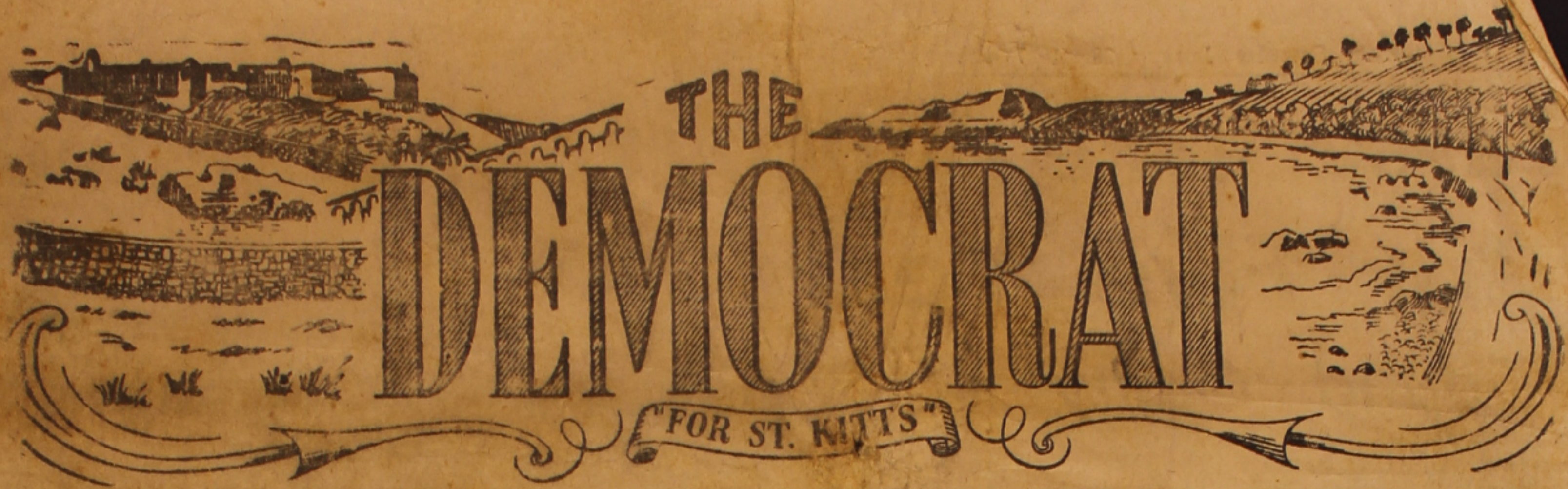
Mrs. Judith Hart, Minister of State for Commonwealth Affairs, said

the Bill tries to help the islands "move toward the degree of freedom for which they ask and at the same time continue to get the degree of protection for which they also ask."

## Extra Mural offices removed

The offices of the Extra-Mural Department, University of the West Indies, have been removed to the Court House, East Square Street, adjoining the Jurors' Room.





# Huge Increase in Ministers' Salaries

Bradshaw gets over \$15,000 p.a.

**A**T THIS TIME of our lowest economic ebb the Members of Government have voted themselves a tremendous increase of salaries.

A Committee was first set up to look into the question of increases and the public awaited discussion of the Committee's recommendations. This was not to be, for the report, apparently passed through the House without discussion and up to now no official release pertaining to the increases has been made.

Salaries and allowances of members now total \$84,360.00 per annum as against \$53,040 in 1966, an overall increase of \$31,320 or 37.12%. The Chief Minister's salary has been increased from \$660 per month to \$1,000, an increase of \$340 per month or 51.5 per cent.

There is also provision made for a Deputy Chief Minister, at a salary of \$960 per month.

We now publish the new salary scale and increased allowances, as well as the 1966 salaries and allowances. In addition to the salaries and allowances shown, Members of Council are entitled, under the Income Tax Ordinance, to an exemption of \$480 on their incomes.

We advise our readers to peruse the following with great care:—

### NEW SALARY SCALE:

	Basic Monthly Salary	Monthly Entertainment Allowance	Monthly Travelling Allowance	Annual Income
Chief Minister:	\$1,000.00	\$140.00	140.00	15,360.00
Deputy Chief Minister:	960.00	140.00	140.00	14,880.00
Ministers with portfolios:	720.00	80.00	120.00	11,040.00
Minister without portfolio:	600.00	—	120.00	8,640.00
Speaker:	300.00	60.00	90.00	5,400.00
Leader of Opposition in the House:	240.00	10.00	90.00	4,080.00
Other Members of Council:	200.00	—	90.00	3,480.00

### FORMER SALARY SCALE:

	Basic Monthly Salary	Monthly Entertainment Allowance	Monthly Travelling Allowance	Annual Income
Chief Minister:	\$660.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$10,800
Ministers with portfolios:	580.00	60.00	120.00	9,120
Minister without portfolio:	150.00	—	40.00	2,280
Other Members of Council:	120.00	—	40.00	1,920
Speaker:	200.00	50.00	—	3,000

## British delegation for Statehood Celebrations

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Minister of Overseas Development will lead a British delegation to attend ceremonies to be held at the inauguration of each of the West Indies Associated States, says a press release from Government House.

Mr. Bottomley will be accompanied by Mr. C. J. Hayes, Under Secretary for Ministry of Overseas Development; Mr. R. M. Sewell, Head of the West Indian Department of the Common-

## Celebrations

Overseas Development and Miss M. Fairlie, Assistant Private Secretary.

wealth Office; Mr. C. S. Roberts, British Government Representative-Designate; Mr. J. W. T. Cooper, Special Assistant for Press and Information for the Ministry of

The delegation will arrive in St. Christopher Nevis Anguilla on 26 February, Antigua 27 February, Dominica 28 February, St. Lucia 1 March and Grenada 2 March.

## Nevis Christmas Festival Queen



### It's a girl

Danielle, a cute 8lb 9oz baby girl at birth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Christian Devaux of Antigua on Wednesday, January 18, at the Cunningham Hospital here.

The baby's mother is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Skerritt, Proprietors of Skerritt's Drug Store. Mr. Devaux, a pilot with the Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Devaux of Castries, St. Lucia.

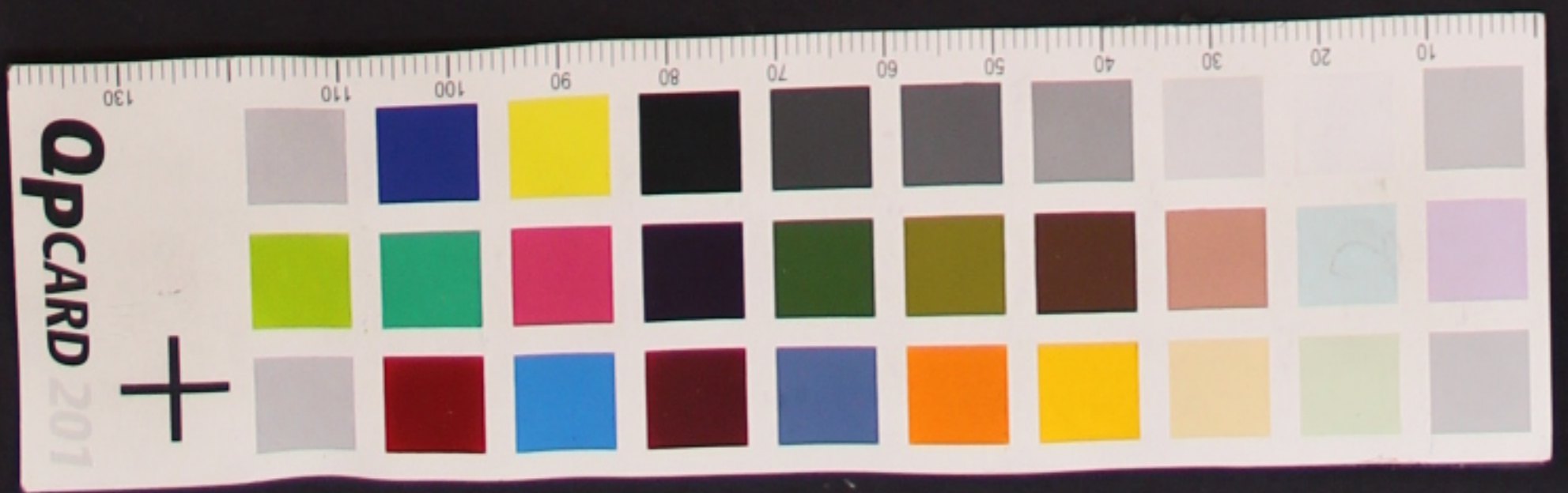
The Democrat joins in congratulating the proud parents and grand-parents (both here and in St. Lucia) on the happy event.

Pictured here in evening gown is Miss Gerda Perry who was crowned Queen of the Nevis Christmas Festival, held by the Nevis Jaycees on the night of December 29.

She was sponsored by Messrs. James A. Claxton & Sons of St. Kitts, and won from a field of first contestants.

The dress was made by Miss Sylvia Wilkin of College Street, St. Kitts.

Miss Perry is pictured in costume on page 9.



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## STATEHOOD and SALARIES

**D**ESPITE OUR editorial of last week and the tremendous reaction of the populace to the huge increase in Ministers' salaries we have not heard a word from the Government or *The Spokesman* about this matter. Instead all we can hear and read about is STATEHOOD.

It seems that an important constitutional step is again being used as a *lollipop* to divert the attention of the people from what is taking place, or in some instances — what is not taking place.

We want to hear about INDELCO, instead we hear only of STATEHOOD, and nothing about when work is to start on the \$96,000,000 Frigate Bay Project.

We want to hear about the Airfield Extension, but the same applies. And most important we want some statement from the Chief Minister as to why he needs over \$15,000 per annum of taxpayers' money to live on.

Meanwhile Police Record Certificates which we must have before we can obtain passports are no longer free of charge. We understand that these can now be obtained only on the payment of 50 cents. This is but a taste of things to come.

Most important is the fact that the Government has waited until now to indicate the feeble type of Local Government it has planned for Nevis and Anguilla.

All the demands of the people for adequate representation are drowned in talks of STATEHOOD and CELEBRATIONS.

After February 27 we will be left with the same islands, the same politicians — with fatter salaries of course, and the same undeveloped Frigate Bay.

We had better keep our eyes fixed on the goal ahead of us and not be diverted by the "Lollipop".



Road Bay, Anguilla

The anchor in the foreground (left) shows Anguilla's maritime ways

### PAM elects officers

At the General Convention of the People's Action Movement held last Sunday afternoon, Dr. W. V. Herbert, and Mr. Michael Powell were re-elected as President and Treasurer of the Party respectively.

Mr. Richard Caines who was acting as Secretary since Dr. K. A. Simmonds left for the Bahamas in November

was elected Secretary.

The new post of Vice President was created and Dr. Simmonds was elected to fill this post.

Elections were:

Dr. W. V. Herbert — President

Dr. K. A. Simmonds — Vice President

Mr. Richard Caines — Secretary

Mr. Colin Pereira — Assis-

tant Secretary

Mr. Michael Powell — Treasurer

Mr. Boysie Laplace — Assistant Treasurer.

*Executive Members, St. Kitts:* Mr. Ralph Gumbs, Mr. Vincent Sadio, Mr. Percy Liburd, Mr. St. Clair Dias, Mr. Shelton Warner, Mr. Hubert Proctor and Mr. Cecil Roberts.

*Nevis:* Mr. Fred Parris and Mr. Ivor Stevens.

*Anguilla:* Mr. Peter Adams and one other member.

It was unanimously agreed that the Convention will be held twice yearly — January and in June of each year.

### Start of 1967 Sugar Crop

Negotiations between the St. Christopher Sugar Producers' Association and the St. Kitts Nevis Trades & Labour Union have now been completed in respect of all matters necessary for the start of the 1967 crop. It has therefore been agreed that reaping operations will begin on Monday, 6 February; and it is expected that the Fac-

tory will commence grinding on Tuesday, 7 February 1967.

Wages for 1967 will be paid in accordance with the agreement reached last year which provides for the following wage increases:—

In 1966 — a 4 increase on 1965 rates,

In 1967 — a 1% increase on 1965 rates

In 1968 — a 1% increase on 1967 rates.

Both organisations hope that harmony will prevail throughout the reaping season and the entire crop will be satisfactorily harvested and fully processed.

### Holiday next Thursday

Thursday, 9 February has been proclaimed a public holiday throughout the territory to mark the commencement of the cricket match Barbados vs the Leeward Islands, at Warner Park.

### Guest Speaker

Mr. John Osborne, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council of Montserrat, was guest speaker at the General Convention of the People's Action Movement last Sunday afternoon.

