



SPOTLIGHT

Anguilla : July 11, 1967

WHAT?

There are plenty of rumours around  
As to who the winner will be  
Some now place bets on Mr. A  
Others give odds on Mr. D.  
They say it might be a rank outsider  
This we believe was said in fun  
But we know Messrs H, S & I  
Are only too eager to run.

QUESTIONS

IS IT TRUE?

1. That Bryant has only gone to the U.S.A. to brainwash the Peace Corps?
2. That while Bradshaw, Southwell and Bryant travel to the bigger countries, Glasford is only permitted to go as far as Nevis.
3. That CHIEFIE was so uncomfortable and jittery at the celebrations in St. Thomas, he could not decide whether to stand or to sit?
4. That while other visitors moved around freely, Bradshaw was at all times surrounded by special guards?
5. That the Spokesman cannot deny the fact that the Government is now a sugar government?
6. That the Government is waiting to see the successful landing of men on the moon before it begins work in full at Frigate Bay?

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Cake Sale

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The general public are invited to support this effort. It is understood that there will be prices to suit your pockets.

Yesterday, (Friday July 11), completed two years since the Anguillians voted overwhelmingly in a referendum for independence from the three-island State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. Many people must have been reminded of the dramatic and heroic events in the early days of the island's revolution.

Like the interior of a volcano, it had been boiling for a long time. Suddenly, it erupted on a heedless government 70 miles away on May 30, 1967, just about six weeks prior to the referendum. That was when the dauntless islanders had thrown out the St. Kitts policemen and determined "to build a better Anguilla", and had taken over the island. It was an unprecedented event in the history of the British Caribbean.

As the internal troubles of the broken State flared up and attracted world-wide attention, the Bradshaw Administration became active. Several of its voices echoed and re-echoed almost everywhere and a war of propaganda was waged against the Anguillians.

"A handful of so-called whites from the East End is controlling the majority in the island at gunpoint. Violence and intimidation. The rebellion is because the State's Government is black. Rhodesia and Anguilla are alike." Later, it was "gangsters and mafia in the island; so use force."

Despite the gross diplomatic inexactitudes, the Anguillians remained nonchalant and were determined to tell the world the truth. A referendum on July 11, 1967, by a secret and foreign-supervised ballot showed that 97% or 1,813 of the voters wanted independence from St. Kitts and a mere five were against. This was most admirable.

Of the 6,000 people, 4,000 were under 21 at the time. Satisfied, the Council declared the island independent.

Embarrassed by the failure of its tactics and the unbearable exposure, the Bradshaw Administration contended that the referendum was held at gunpoint. But the Anguillians had democratically demonstrated their long sought desire. A day later, Mr. Peter Adams, the then President of the Council, sent a cable to Mrs. Judith Hart then Minister of State at the Commonwealth Relations Office in London. In part it read: Overwhelming referendum confirms absolute and final independence from St. Kitts."

In time, having failed to obtain military force to subdue Anguilla, the Bradshaw Administration sought to bring the Anguillians to their knee by the imposition of sanctions. Mails, savings, pensions and all trade were affected thereby. But the independent-minded Islanders had their independence engraved on silver coins. A year later, 32,000 platinum, gold and silver pieces commemorated the First Anniversary of Independence. On one side, each piece bore an effigy of Mr. Ronald Webster, who had taken over from Mr. Adams. The other side, a replica of the island's flag.

The highly successful referendum of July 11, 1967, was an island-wide effort to emancipate 6,000 people from a burdensome yoke. Under it, they had experienced neglect, poverty and want. It was a natural right for them to act as they did having been confronted by so many ills.

Was Avoidable

Everything that happened in Anguilla from the start of the revolution to the invasion of the island last

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There its hidden things are clear;  
There the work of life is tried,  
By a juster judge than here.

Missed by his wife Glenneth & kids Patrick, Stewart, Lorenza.

PREACHERS at the Antioch Baptist Church, Infirmary Road. Sunday: July 13th, 11 a.m. — The President of the St. Kitts Baptist Union; 7.30 p.m. — Deacon U. Pennie.

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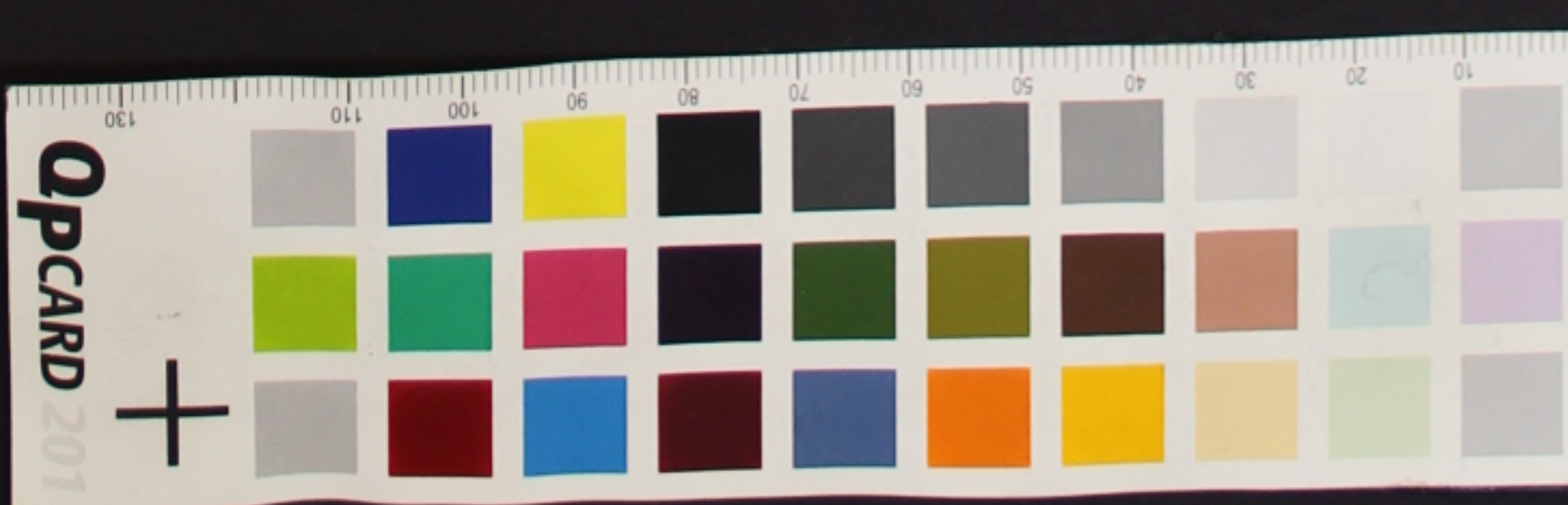
(I. P. Nisbett)  
Secretary

Central Housing & Planning Authority  
10th July, 1969.

March 19 by British troops, was avoidable. But the Bradshaw Administration refused to see the problem in its true light and seemed to have adopted a pragmatic attitude which only worsened the situation. An ear to genuine requests and advices and a little understanding would have availed much but the threat of force

was predominant.

The people of Anguilla, now under British rule, are still independent of St. Kitts and everybody is fully convinced that the Bradshaw era in that island is over — if there was ever one at all. What is more, is that the British Government has said that the Anguillians would not be returned to his administration. If this is only a matter of deceit — and perhaps nobody thinks so — then, an explosive situation is bound to repeat itself.



# Kittitian obtains B.A. Degree

Miss Tshia Butler, a native of St. Kitts recently graduated from the Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts, U.S.A. with the B.A. Degree.

At Kindergarten age, she received her rudimentary training at the Basseterre Girls' High School. She was taken by her parents to the United States where she won the Brooklyn Academic Scholarship, and later was sent by her parents to the Atlantic Union College.

Heartiest congratulations to Miss Butler on her success.

Miss Butler is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Butler and granddaughter of Jehjeh Ali Abdullah (formerly W.J.E. Butler). She is now residing in the United States of America and is very well known to many of us here in St. Kitts.

## Appel to return to U.S.

Mr. Thomas ("Tom") Appel, a United States Peace Corps Volunteer leaves St. Kitts on August 1 to return home after a two-year assignment here.

Mr. Appel will be accompanied by his wife Mrs. Lindley Appel (née Harris) a teacher at the Sandy Point Junior School, and their infant

son. For the past year he has been engaged in Teacher-Training at the old Cunningham Hospital building. Before then he taught for one year at the Sandy Point High School.

He is keenly interested in Adult Education but while here was unable to hold Adult Classes. He has however, acquired appropriate material, and use has been made of it at the Basseterre Senior School for those students who are unable to read.

"I did not feel frustrated being in St. Kitts any more than at home", he told the DEMOCRAT.

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## Here on Holiday

Here on holiday for approximately one month, are Mr. Vincent Osborne, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilton C. Osborne, and his wife Verna with their teen-age daughters Wendy and Jean.

They arrived last week Friday from Kelowna in British Columbia, Canada, where they reside and are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flem-

ing of Greenlands. Mrs. Osborne is Mrs. Fleming's younger sister.

Mr. Osborne who worked in the Agricultural Department here before leaving for Canada in 1954, is Soil Chemist for the Soil Survey Division of the British Columbia Department of Agriculture. He qualified at the University of British Columbia and has been working on the staff of the Agricultural Department since 1960.

Mrs. Osborne is a Home Economics Teacher at the Senior High School in Winfield which is fifteen miles from Kelowna. She first taught at the Junior High School in Kelowna, then was dietician at S'ill Waters Nursing Home for aged folk.

Their daughters attend the Kelowna Senior High School.

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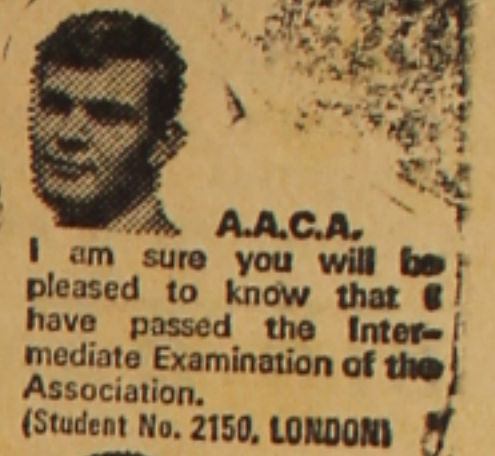
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## Boo Bradshaw in St. Thomas Under Heavy Police Guard

(AP)—The Premier of the Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis and Anguilla, Robert Bradshaw, and was protected against possible violence by more than a dozen plainclothes Virgin Islands policemen and several Federal officers.

denied yesterday ever having said that England will bring break-away Anguilla back into the state.

Bradshaw, in St. Thomas for the inauguration of Governor Melvin Evans, refused to acknowledge statements he had allegedly made several months ago in St. Thomas.

The tall moustached Premier was accompanied to St. Thomas by his chief of police Wade,

and was protected against possible violence by more than a dozen plainclothes Virgin Islands policemen and several Federal officers.

Riding in a closed car, the Premier was booed by crowds along the inaugural parade route. When his car arrived at the site of the ceremonies, he was escorted by a "wedge" of plainclothes officers to the bandstand.

Bradshaw told The Associated Press that the

status of Anguilla at this time is "as you know it." He said that "time and events will decide the future," of the break-away island's connections with the Associated State.

Anguilla seceded from Britain in May 1967. Bradshaw has sworn that he will have the island returned and declared a few months ago that he had "been assured that Her Majesty's government will place them where they belong —"with me"

