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A Taste Of Anguilla's Neglect

LARGE MOUNDS of earth and sand have been removed from several streets in Basseterre and in other parts of the island following the flooding of roads three weeks ago by rushing water from the mountains. All that is now left is a considerable amount of dust which is a constant source of annoyance to many. Pedestrians experiencing the worst of it, are obliged to protect their nostrils and eyes with handkerchiefs or turn away from the fine particles of earth which take to the air especially because of passing vehicles.

It was certainly no surprise therefore to see that in Basseterre this week the Fire Brigade furnished hoses and that the Public Works Department supplied men in a joint effort to wash the sandy dust from off the Bay Road and Liverpool Row with water from the sea.

When one sees the great amount of dust rising in the air in some areas, one cannot but call to mind the notorious situation which for many years has been plaguing the people of Anguilla. Their rocky dirt roads most of which are now being surfaced with British Government funds could not be freed from loose layers of dust by washing them off.

The bad roads as well as several other ills would have continued indefinitely with very little signs of redress if the Anguillians had not shown in no uncertain terms that they were completely dissatisfied with the decadent conditions in their island regardless of what embarrassment their move might have caused the Government in St. Kitts. As Bradshaw and other members of his regime drive through Basseterre and are confronted with the blinding dust, they ought to reflect on Anguilla and taste a small sample of the dissatisfaction which the Anguillians had been tolerating for so long as a result of the gross neglect of their island.

Tony Ross Gains M. Eng.

MR. ANTHONY (TONY) ROSS, son of Mr. Esbon Ross of Taylors Range, Basseterre, graduated with the degree of Master in Civil Engineering at Halifax Technical College in Nova Scotia, Canada, on May 6.

Three days later he was married to the form-

IN TRINIDAD 55 CHARGED WITH TREASON

Port of Spain, Trinidad, May 20 — The Trinidad and Tobago Government today secured a majority vote in Parliament for the State of Emergency here to be extended for six months.

The State of Emergency was declared on April 21 to curb weeks of Black Power demonstrations, some of which were accompanied by arson, window smashing and violence.

Since then several persons have been detained — including nine black power advocates who have been charged with sedition — and 55 officers and men with treason following an army mutiny.

— Reuters

Degree

from Antigua and the U.S.A.

er Miss Sharon Dianne Browne of Halifax.

Tony's father and his three sisters Charmaine, Shelly and Hazel went to Canada to attend the graduation and wedding ceremonies. In attendance also, were other relatives

Tony last visited here in May 1968 with his B.A. in Civil Engineering. Later, he returned to Canada to pursue studies leading to a Master's Degree.

He is now working with a firm of consultants at the Canadian Plant and Process Engineering Limited.

Dr. Herbert For Defence in Antigua

Some 40 Civil Servants in Antigua have been charged by the Government of that island for striking in contravention of the Trade Disputes (Arbitration and Settlement) Ordinance 1967.

Donald Halstead, the Deputy Opposition Leader and leading trade unionist is also charged. The case against him is for counselling workmen to strike in breach of the above-mentioned ordinance.

The Antigua Government has declared a number of departments to be essential services and has issued criminal proceedings against the strikers.

Barrister at-law Dr. W. V. Herbert went to Antigua on Tuesday last to advise on the defence of the accused persons and to represent Halstead.

The cases were adjourned until next Tuesday.

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