

241 Sign Contracts For Homes

Two hundred and forty-one families in St. Thomas and a larger number in St. Croix have been issued contracts for homes which they will purchase from the Government of the Virgin Islands. In St. Thomas, they include:

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 Janito & Phyllis Benjamin

Leopold King, Sr. & Elmira King
 Daisy E. Rogers
 Ina Matthias
 Leonile & Douglas Schneider
 Luella & Egbert Stuart
 Jaime & Lorna Perez
 Viola Peters
 Justina & Norman Mala
 Enid & Walter Williams
 Doris Warner

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"In a court of fowls, the cockroach never wins his case."

—African Proverb

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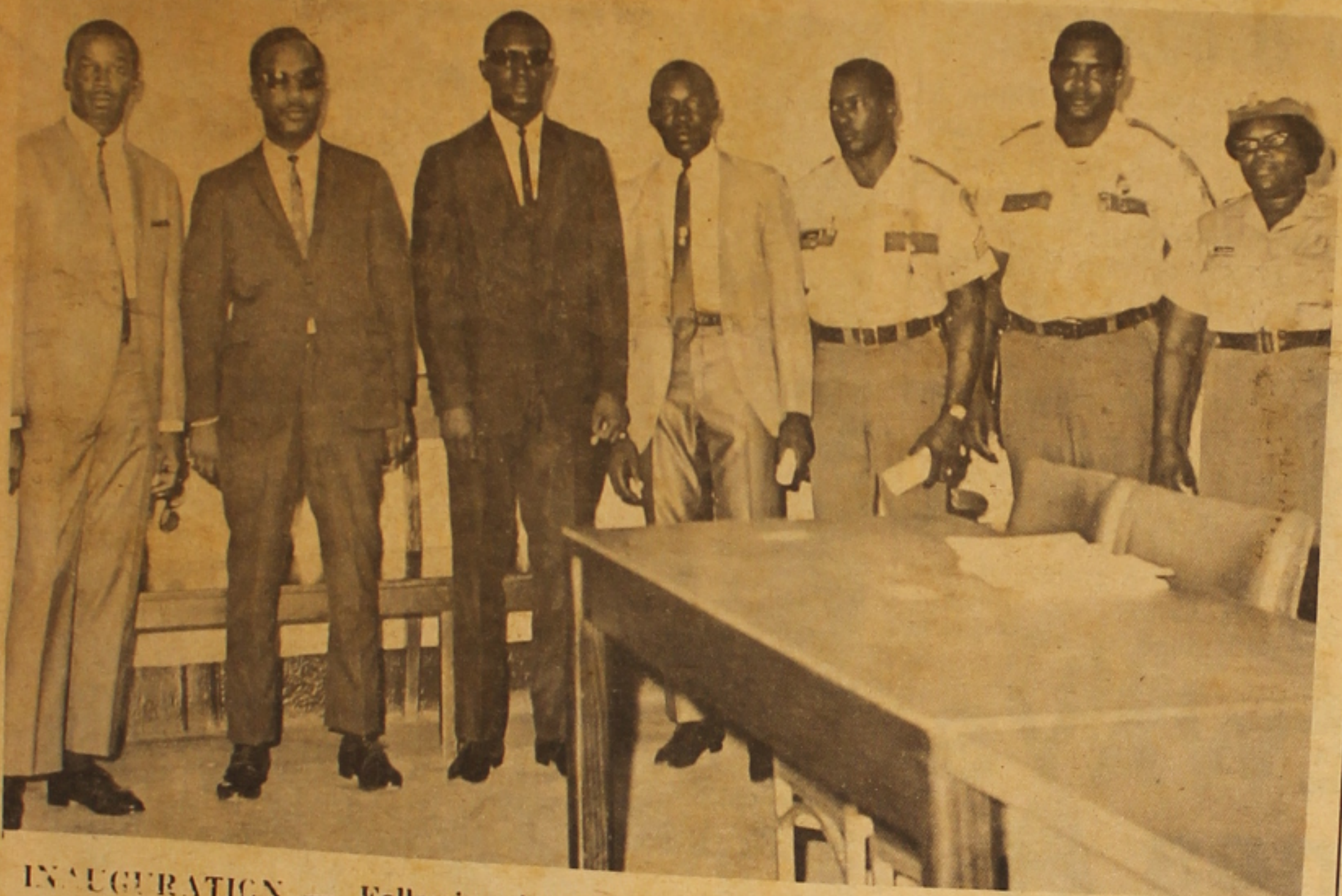
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"The one-eyed man thanks God only when he sees a man who is totally blind."

—African Proverb

200 VACANCIES IN HOSPITALS



INAUGURATION — Following inaugural ceremonies in the Municipal Court Saturday, our lensman was on hand to shoot the newly-elected officers: L to R—Ptlm. Roy Hodge, vice president; Ptlm. Norman Anderson, Jr., secretary; Cpl. Heraldo Talamon, treasurer; Det. Milton Frett, president. Board of Directors members—Sgt. Roy Hendricks, Cpl. Lawrence Hodge and Ptlm. Travis David. (C King photo)

The Department of Health has two hundred vacancies on its staff in St. Thomas and St. Croix. The positions were authorized for the current fiscal year but could not be filled for several reasons.

Dr. Roy A. Anduze, Commissioner of Health, disclosed that although salaries for nurses and other hospital positions were increased, the cities which compete against the Virgin Islands for these professionals also increased their salaries. An effort is being made to attract personnel to the hospitals in St. Croix and St. Thomas by offering salaries above the entrance

levels, it was said.

One of the problems facing the hospitals is increasing cost of services and the increasing number of persons receiving free care. It was estimated that the government loses several hundred thousand dollars a year due to inability to collect bills from patients, mainly visitors, who disappear shortly after they receive the services.

Alton Adams Says Airlines Should Underwrite Pre-Clearance

Alton Adams, Jr., executive director of the Virgin Islands Port Authority, has voiced "serious concern" about the cost to his agency of providing pre-clearance for the airlines which operate between the islands and mainland ports.

In a report to the Board of Port Commissioners, Adams declared:

"The revenues collected by U.S. Customs are deposited in a trust fund from

which the administration and overhead costs deducted before the net is transferred to the Virgin Islands government.

"From these revenues, a certain amount is deposited (Continued on page 8)

Dinner to Honor Maduro, DeLugo

The Federation of Mainland Virgin Islanders will honor John L. Maduro, president of the Virgin Islands Legislature, and Ron de Lugo, V.I. Representative in Washington,

D.C., with a dinner at the Americana Hotel, 7th Avenue and 52nd St. New York City, on Friday, June 20. Tickets for the function, which is expected to attract (Continued on page 15)

British Isles May Become Anguilla II

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands (UPI) — A British Virgin Island politician warned his fellow islanders may end up in the same position as Anguilla.

In a radio address on the territory's only station, Stanford Connor said, "we are walking up the same roads", as Anguilla.

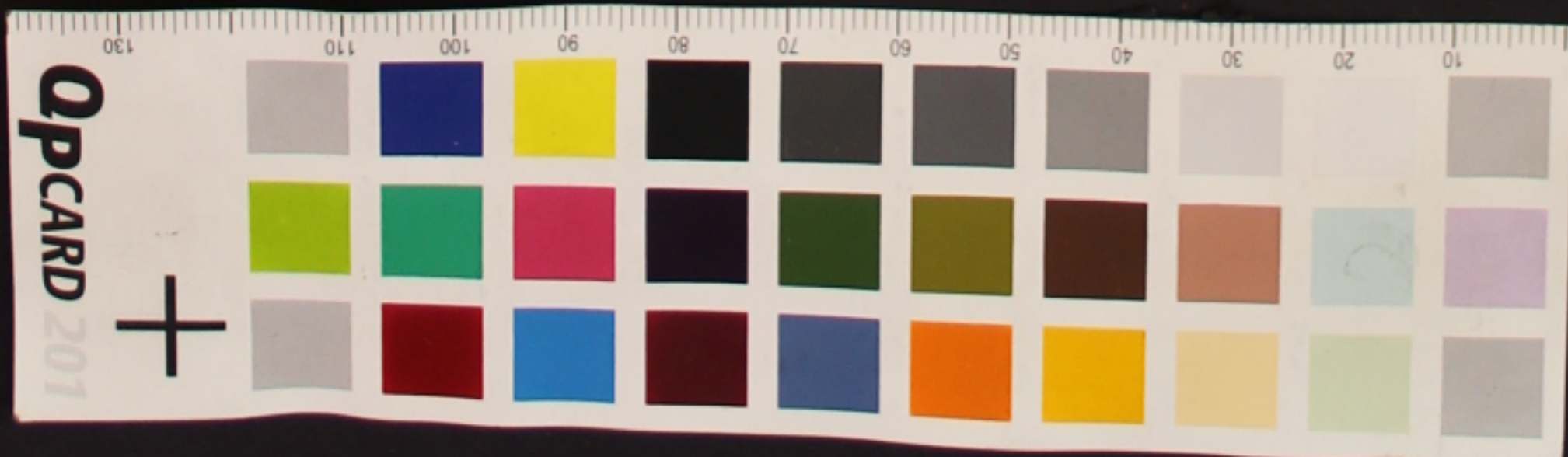
"All people in the Caribbean of African descent must now know we are not very safe from British invasion", Connor said.

He compared the British invasion of Anguilla with the Rhodesian situation, saying, "when her kith and kin de-

fied her in Rhodesia, the mighty British lion ventured only a timid meow".

Connor, a dissident member of the Ruling United Party who recently lost a bid for election to the Legislative Council, complained that Britain's policy in the Caribbean was to provide as little education as possible, so her own countrymen could hold all the high positions in government and business.

The British Virgin Islands, although no longer called a colony, are governed by a partially-elected Legislative Council and a British-appointed administrator.



NEWS OF THE CARIBBEAN

'UK Can't Legally Free Anguilla'

THE VALLEY, Anguilla, (UPI) — A Harvard University Professor who has been serving as legal advisor to Anguilla President Ronald Webster said Friday Britain does not have the legal authority to free Anguilla from the hated St. Kitts Central Government.

Roger Fisher, who flew here Friday from Boston, criticized Britain for withdrawing Commissioner Anthony Lee from Anguilla last January.

"If Britain had not made the mistake of ordering Lee off the island in January, the situation would not have de-

teriorated to this point," Fisher said. He was referring to Britain's withdrawal of Lee at the end of a one-year interim agreement during which Lee served as advisor to Webster's Ruling Council. Webster had asked that Lee be allowed to stay.

Of the British charge of gangsterism on Anguilla, Fisher said, "I'm not happy with the role played by one American, but you don't send 200 troops to kick one man off the island."

He said he thought the British allegations were "exaggerated."

Despite the difficult legal problems involved in Anguilla's status, Fisher said he was sure there would be "some kind of modus vivendi

in the next three days." The final solution to the problem, he said, would take much longer.

He pointed out that under

the 1967 constitution of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Associated States, Britain has no legal right to break up

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Burnham Turns Down Proposal on Rebel Isle

GEORGETOWN, March 28 (AP) — Prime Minister Forbes Burnham has declined a proposal put forward by Jamaica's Prime Minister, Hugh Shearer, that representatives of independent commonwealth Caribbean countries should visit Anguilla for talks with Anguilla Leader Ronald Webster and British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Lord Caradon, who visits the island today.

Burnham is believed to have urged instead early discussions at purely regional level, not involving representatives of the British Government, for the purpose of resolving apparent differences between West Indian governments on the recent events in Anguilla.

To this end Burnham has suggested informal talks between representatives of all West Indian Governments, including the government of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and of other Associated States who will be in Grenada for

the opening of CARIFTA Expo 61 on April 5.

In his communications with Shearer and other Caribbean Heads of Government, Burnham is understood

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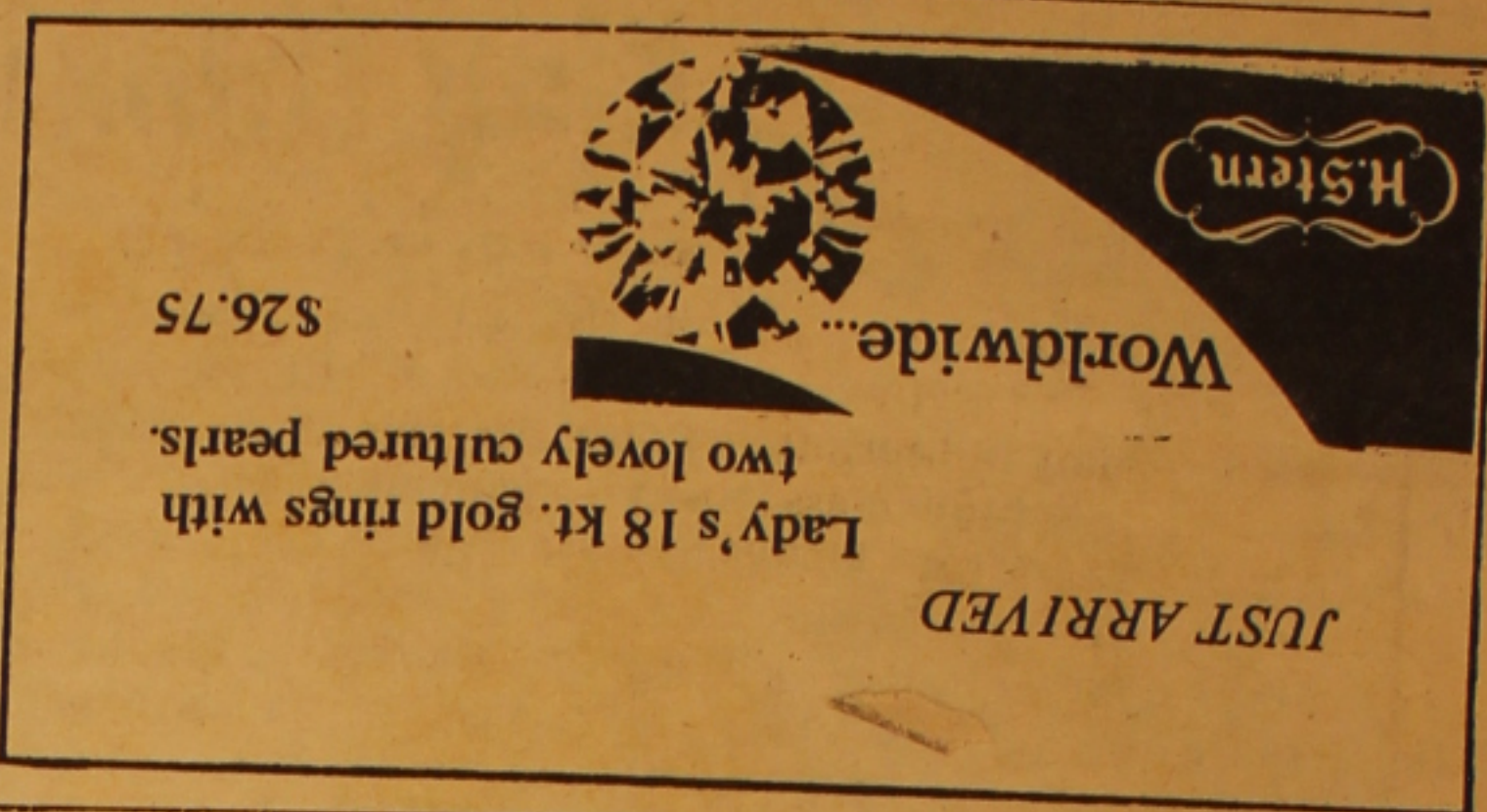
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Today in History

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By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, March 31, the 90th day of 1969. There are 275 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY
On this date in 1854, the first treaty between the United States and Japan was signed, opening two Japanese ports to trade with the outside world.

ON THIS DATE—
In 1732, composer Joseph Hayden was born in Austria.
In 1889, the Eiffel Tower was opened in Paris.
In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands after purchasing them from Denmark.
In 1931, Managua, Nicaragua was destroyed by an earthquake.
Also in 1931, Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne was killed in an airplane crash in Kansas.
In 1949, Newfoundland became Canada's 10th province following a plebiscite the summer before.

Ten Years Ago — Mexico ordered the expulsion of two Soviet Embassy attaches, charging they had been involved in a national railroad strike.

Five Years Ago — An army revolt broke out in Brazil against the Government of President Joao Goulart.

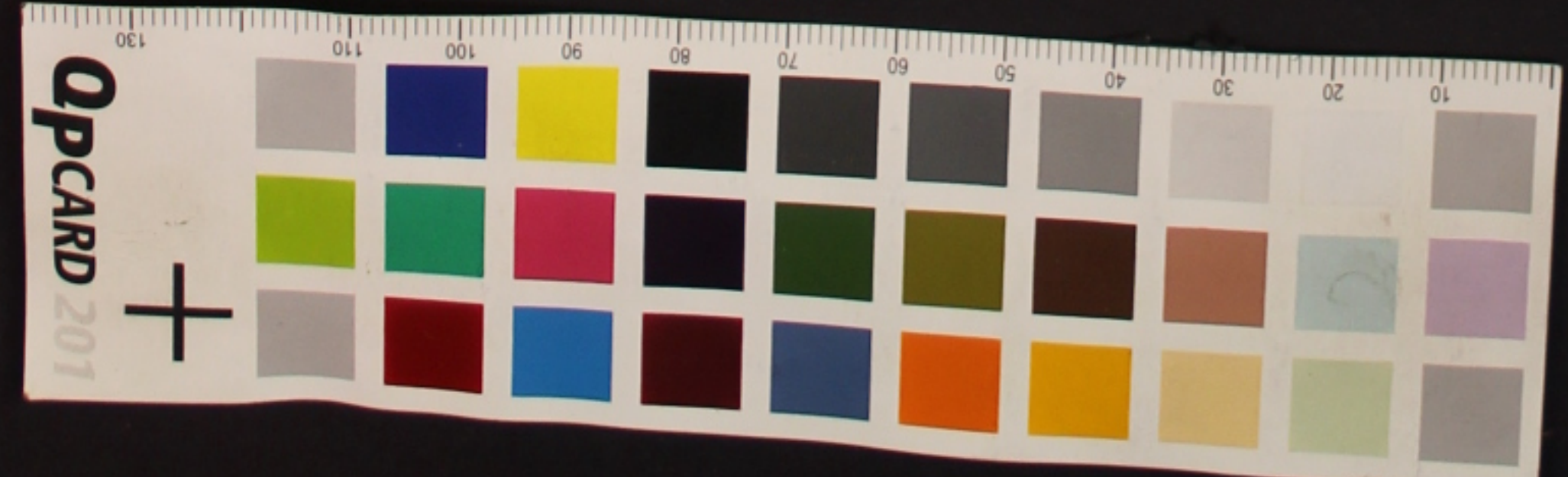
One Year Ago — President Johnson announced: "I shall not seek and I will not accept the nomination of my party as President."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:
Former High Commissioner for Germany John J. McCloy is 74 years old. Entertainer Henry Morgan is 54.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY:
Do as we say, and not as we do. —Giovanni Boccaccio, Italian writer, 1313-1375.

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Governor.
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time.
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King Speaks to LW Voters

In a speech before the annual meeting of the Provisional League of Women Voters on Tuesday night, Acting Governor Cyril King stressed the importance of the League's nonpartisanship in a community where, he said, we would all be better off if it were not for our emphasis on partisan politics.

Mr. King felt that since the League has been able to retain

its nonpartisanship because of its emphasis on issues, rather than on personalities, it will be in a position to challenge the thinking of our community and to provide our citizens with the kind of understanding of Virgin Islands problems that will enable us to make intelligent decisions at the polls in November of 1970.

For after that election, Mr. King said, we will not be able to point to Washington for what may or may not be the situation in these islands.

Mr. King also cited the historical timeliness of the establishment of a local chapter of the League of Women Voters, insofar as the LWV grew out of the women's suffrage movement in the United States 50 years ago, and the Virgin Islands has just successfully completed its own suffrage movement, which will culminate in the 1970 elections.

In her annual report before the local provisional League membership, President Marilyn Zucker voiced the hope that our local chapter would attain full League status by the next annual meeting in the spring of 1970, in order to have time to establish an effective Voters Service campaign, aimed at educating the residents of our islands on the issues, the candidates, and voting procedures for the November elections.

Anguillans Watch UK Moves With Curiosity

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ

ANGUILLA (AP) — The military occupation of Anguilla has brought a ripple of division to the placid world of a people who live without television, comic strips, telephones, movies, supermarkets or mini-skirts and horses. Since the British forces arrived in mid-month, many Anguillans have become addicted to airplane and soldier-watching.

Never in the islands 360 years of recorded history had there been such comings and goings of people and machines.

Out among the lobster traps great gray steel warships sway gently in the swells.

Giant four motored transports weighing 50 tons, with a capacity that can carry 92 fully armed soldiers or 25,000 pounds of equipment, swoop in and out of a dusty airstrip meant for light planes. Their roar sends chickens scurrying for cover and makes goats pause in their ruminating for a nervous look.

The transports make the roundtrip from London in about 24 hours. Among the watchers at the airport are people who have never been to the far side of their 15-mile island because its too far, or they just don't care for that part of their homeland.

Anguillans have been watching neither in fear nor anger, but mostly with detached curiosity and some irritation.

How will the occupation affect Anguillans and their homeland?

Anguillans live in relative isolation by choice. Exposure to modern refinements is virtually next door. Busy Puerto Rico is 75 minutes away by air. Even closer are the tourist jammed U.S. Virgin Islands.

For those who want a change of pace in their lives, or are seeking better living opportunities than the meager ones at home, getting out of Anguilla is simple.

Some 20,000 Anguillans—three times the island's population—live away from their homeland. An estimated 70 per cent of those who stay at home derive their support from relatives abroad.

Many of the home folks are former immigrants who built a nest egg and returned to Anguilla to retire. The homing instinct is not waned.

Clarence Hodge, 31 works as a mason in nearby St. Thomas. He sends half his 100 weekly salary to his mother to support his three children. His wife also works. Every six months he comes home.

"I'll be coming home to stay someday," he says. "Why I cannot say, except that its home; I wouldn't trade Anguilla for any other island in the world. I hope to die here.

Hodge took leave from his job to come home to defend it, he says, against the British. The British have installed a new government that ended Anguilla's short-lived pretensions as an independent republic.

Anguilla is the ugly duckling among Caribbean islands, reknown for lush tropical vegetation, soaring blue-green mountains and exotic resorts.

The land is flat, dry, dusty and backward. It has no electric or water supply systems. Wells and infrequent rainfall trapped in concrete cisterns provide water for all purposes.

The dry earth yields tomatoes, pomegranates, mangos, bananas and pawpaw, in small non-commercial quantities. The scrawny corn looks like it has been roasted on the stalk. A long drought caused Anguillans to kill their cattle herds. Not many cows are left. Except for fish, fresh vegetables and some fruits, most food is imported.

Still there's something vaguely attractive about Anguilla. The crackly dry atmosphere has a luminosity that makes neighboring islands appear a short swim away. If the sun scorches in the open, trade winds blow cool and sweet in the shade. The beaches are excellent and the fishing, especially lobster, many say is unsurpassable.

Anguilla has no slums, no beggars, no malnutrition or unemployment problem and none of the grinding poverty that blights the image of neighboring islands better endowed by nature and geography, like Puerto Rico.

Every Anguillan owns the land and home in which he lives. For this reason, says Lewis Haskins of Worcester Mass., who has lived here nine years, "Anguillans are a proud people. They'll stand up to anybody.

"They are a gentle warm-hearted people" says Mrs. Charles F. May of Bennetsville, S.C. "We've had a lesson in humility here" Mrs. May's husband is a doctor who volunteered for three weeks duty here as part of a Methodist Church aid program.

Anguilla's utopian potential has inspired some sociologists and economists who see virtue in smallness. They would like to see Anguilla nursed slowly toward greater self sufficiency without massive doses of outside help.

Most Anguillans seem content as they are. But a political storm has darkened their skies and the little island that few knew about three years ago may never be the same again.



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