

Anguilla Gives U.K. Ultimatum

Anguilla has announced it is cutting all ties with Britain, but a spokesman for the British Foreign Office answers: "So what?" He said: "They have told us they will cut off their ties with us, but they really don't have any ties."

According to a dispatch from London, a source close to the Foreign Ministry said that Anguilla really wants to become a British colony again. "But we can't get a new colony when we're try-

ing everything possible to get rid of the colonies we have."

Anguilla broke away from the island federation of St.

Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla nearly two years ago. It charged that it was dominated by the St. Kitts government headed by Robert

Bradshaw, and that it was neglected by the Bradshaw government. With about 6,000 people, it has a serious unemployment problem, with

many of its able-bodied men finding jobs in the American Virgin Islands.

When Anguilla declared its independence, the British government sent Anthony Lee, a Foreign Service officer to the area to try to patch up the dispute. This interim period expires on January 8. Ronald Webster, Anguilla's Premier, says he will not agree to an extension. He said that Anguilla will never return to St. Kitts

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ST. THOMAS GEARS FOR INVASION



A Touch Of Christmas: Students of the seventh and eighth grades of the Catholic Grammar School on St. Thomas, rehearse for their Christmas pageant which will be presented at the school and on local television. The children were trained by Sister Ramona, of the Convent of the Sisters of Charity.

\$42.7 M Expected From Jetport In Twenty Years

Total net revenues for a new jetport for St. Thomas will amount to \$42.7 million in 20 years and \$54.7m. in 25 years. The funds would be available for retirement of revenue bonds which would fund the construction of the airport.

George S. Jenkins, Executive Vice President of J.

E. Greiner Company Inc., consulting engineers of Tampa, Florida, in a letter to Alton Adams Jr, Executive Director V.I. Airport and Industrial Resources Agency, said that the figures were a conservative estimate.

The consultants report that there are still many factors that need refinement, but

these are expected to come about as negotiations with various users of the jetport are worked out in conjunction with final planning on the exact facilities to be constructed.

Immediate commencement of a formulative policy program to be utilized in the administration of the new airport is recommended and "legislative considerations bearing upon policies to be used" should be resolved, say the engineers.

In order to reconcile policy and administrative changes under which the new airport is to be operated, the engineers have recommended that confabs should be held with major airport users before a decision is made.

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In a letter asking for suggestions from Gottlieb, Larry F. O'Briens, Chairman of the DNC, hailed the "magnificent and courageous campaign" waged by Vice President

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St. Thomas is bracing itself for the biggest tourist invasion in history. This week the tourist traffic will be relatively light, but next week the island will feel the brunt of the Christmas exodus from the mainland.

Call For Closer Cooperation

The St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce has issued a call to Jaycees in the Virgin Islands for closer cooperation on issues which may determine the future of the islands and its people.

The appeal was made on Saturday night by Maurice Mostyn-Brown the Chamber's president, at an installation banquet for Junior Chamber officers held at the New Indies House Hotel.

Brown also urged the new members and officers of the organization to use their qualities of leadership and

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2 V.I. Back-Ups For Aquanauts

Two Virgin Islanders have been named back-up aquanauts for Operation Tektite.

Named in Philadelphia today where the undersea habitat was unveiled were Ian Koblick, a noted local diver and employee of the Caribbean Research Institute of the College of the Virgin Islands, and Gary Davis, a ranger with the National Park Service on St. John.

Four aquanauts will spend a total of 60 days in the habitat under 50 feet of water in Lameshur Bay, St. John from mid-February to

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Seven ships are due in St. Thomas on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. They have combined capacity of 4,150 passengers.

The ships expected on Dec. 24 include the Argentina, with 550 passengers, the Queen Anna Maria, 750, Sagafjord, 450, Frederica C., 650, Empress of Canada, 650; Leonardo da Vince, 850; and the Izarra, 250.

There is one boat due on Christmas Day, the Boheme, with 500 passengers, but the

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Plane Mishap

SAN JUAN (AP) — A Pan American Airways 727 jet was forced to return at 9:20 a.m. Sunday morning to Isla Verde International Airport shortly after take off.

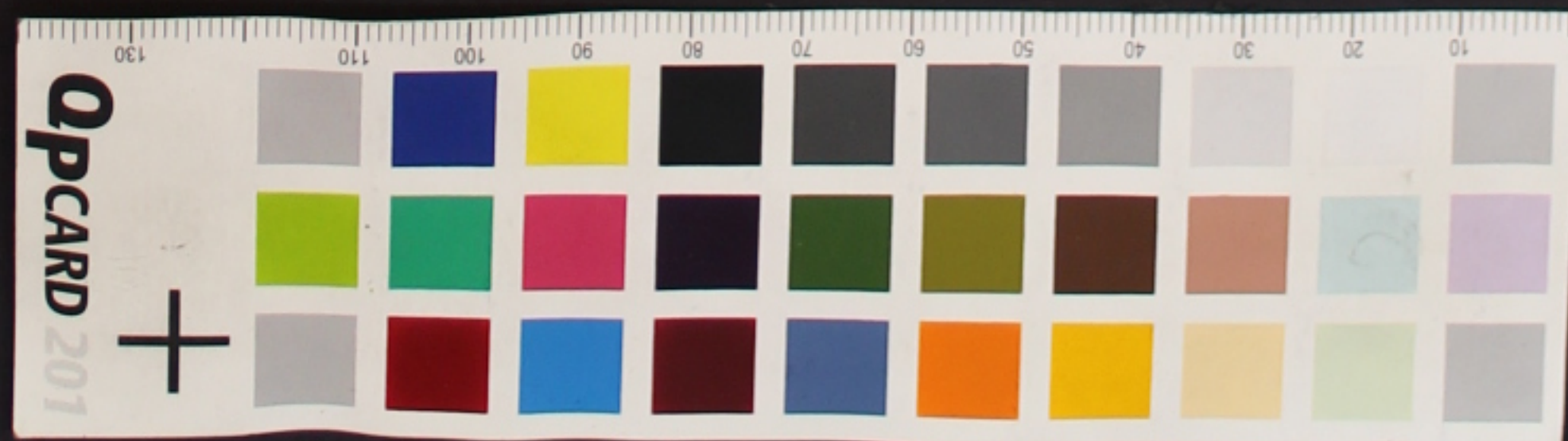
A spokesman for the airline said the starboard engine of flight 432—bound for Santo Domingo, Haiti and Jamaica — developed mechanical difficulties

The Isla Verde control tower said the plane returned with one engine on fire. The 727 is a medium-range three-motor jet aircraft.

Road Block

The Traffic Bureau of the Department of Public Safety advises the public that on Thursday, December 19, 1968, Store Gronne Gade (near Mr. Ariel Melchior, Sr.'s home) will be closed to traffic so that a salt water line can be tapped.

This will effect motorists going into and coming out of the Long Path area. The Department of Public Safety will try to keep traffic moving in this area as much as possible.



PUC, Vitelco Talks End

ST. THOMAS (AP) — Public Utilities Commission hearings on the operation of the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation ended Friday afternoon, following a week of sessions at Government House on St. Thomas.

Testimony during the week included statements on the status of certain projects in the design and construction stages, the quality of service and the problems connected with handling applications for telephone service.

VITELCO general manager William Tresselt told the Associated Press that he feels that the PUC consultants — as he puts it—“now have a better understanding of our problems and expansion of service to additional subscribers.”

Tresselt said that Vitelco personnel testified at the hearings on “what we believe to be a realistic story of our projects and improvements of service.”

Tresselt added that — in his words — “we now understand better the commission’s point of view and believe that the commission understands better our problems and our efforts to provide a much improved, expanded service.”

TWO V. I. BACK-UPS (Continued from page 1) mid-April.

The operation is being sponsored by the office of Naval Research NASA, and the Interior Department.

ANGUILLA

(Continued from page 1) and Nevis, and that if Britain does not come up with a satisfactory solution by January 8 “we shall have no alternative but to make a declaration of independence.

McCarthy Had Doubts

BOSTON, (AP) — Senator Eugene McCarthy says he never believed he could win the Democratic Presidential nomination. And he thinks the late Senator Robert Kennedy could have defeated him for the nomination if he had stayed out of the primary fights.

The Minnesota Democrat made the comments in a copyrighted interview with the “Boston Globe. And he disclosed that he offered his delegates to Senator Edward Kennedy the night before Vice - President Humphrey won the nomination.

CALL FOR CLOSER

(Continued from page 1) guidance in the struggle to rehabilitate the island’s delinquent children.

Observing that this was one of the areas most neglected by local civic groups, he suggested the Jaycees work alongside other organizations to sponsor community centers and other worthwhile ventures which would help to take the young people off the streets and channel their talents and energies into worthwhile projects.

“The success of any organization is leadership,” Mestyn Brown told the gathering. “The success of the Jaycees now lies in your hands. Use your authority well by thinking positively, not negatively.”

The Chamber head warned the newcomers that their task would not be an easy one. He said: “You will be faced with many frustrations and difficulties, but your example of fine leadership you will attract others and inspire your fellow members.”

Brown stressed to the new officers that theirs was a



15 CHILDREN UNINJURED—This house, in ruins in Opelousas, La., was moved 25 feet off its foundation by tornadic winds, but 15 children inside came through uninjured.

ERRATUM

The Police Athletic League will conduct the lighting of their Christmas tree on Friday, December 20th, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. on the lawn of Ft. Christian. The program consists of singing of carols, a few remarks by the members of PAL, Dr. Otis L. Felix, and Det. Chief Robert Wilson

Last week this newspaper said that the function was set for Friday, Dec. 15th. This was an error.

selling job and he exhorted them to guide their members, set up projects in which they could become involved, give them goals to achieve and generally build up enthusiasm which would in turn develop the Jaycees into a vibrant viable outfit.”

ST. THOMAS GEARS

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The Caribia, with 700 passengers is due to arrive on Dec. 26.

Nine vessels with 6,655 passengers are leaving New York on Friday for Caribbean cruises. Another 3,000 are leaving on Saturday.

APOLLO THEATER

TUESDAY, DEC. 17 At: 8:45 P.M.

“FEW DOLLARS FOR DJANGO”

In Color ANTHONY STEFFEN THURSDAY & FRIDAY DEC. 19 & 20

“MATCHLESS” AND “WOUNDS OF HUNGER”

DEMO REFORMS URGED (Continued from page 1)

Hubert H. Humphrey in the recent Presidential election.

O'Brien said that the substantial majority position retained by the Democratic Party in the Congress, speaks well for the future of the organization. This factor, he said, “provides a truly solid foundation upon which the Democratic Party can build.”

In confronting the challenges ahead, O'Brien stated, he expects the Democratic National Committee to play an increasingly important role.

A member of the DNC, Gottlieb proposed that meetings be held twice each year instead of once. He also urged that the membership of the DNC be divided into four regional groupings.

The regional groups, Gottlieb said, should also hold semi-annual meetings and invite the Democratic State Chairmen and the Presidents of the State Young Democrats to participate in these meetings.

Gottlieb also urged the DNC to recommend a change in the Party rules whereby national committeemen and national committeewomen are seated and permitted to cast their votes at the Convention held in the year in which they were elected.

Under the present rules, national committee members are seated at the close of the convention and granted voting privileges at the next succeeding convention.

Gottlieb said that amendments adopted at the 1963 Convention which abolished the unit rule and require delegates to local conventions and party caucuses to be chosen in the year in which the National Convention is held will serve to revitalize the Democratic Party.

National Committeewoman Annie de Chabert also represents the V. I. on the DNC.

DON'T BE A LITTER BUG!



THE WIDOW'S MITE—Police in Hollywood, Fla., painstakingly count the cash found in the small home of Mrs. Mary MacMahon, 67-year-old widow found dead. The cash amounts to \$242,283. And there were stocks and jewels worth more than a million cached about the house.

Center THEATER

TUES. & WED., DECEMBER 17 & 18 At: 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.

“WAIT UNTIL DARK”

Starring:

ANTHONY PERKINS — ALAN ARKIN

EFRAM ZIMBALIST, JR.

Admission: Stadium Seats \$1.50

Orchestra Seats 1.00

Children under 12 yrs. of age pay only 50c.

at the 4:30 p.m. Shows.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DEC. 19 & 20 At: 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.

“THE QUEENS”

Starring:

CLAUDIA CARDINALE — CAPUCINE

Admission: Stadium Seats \$1.00

Orchestra Seats75

