

Bove Hits Pearson 'Smear Job'

Governor-designate Peter Bove has rejected as "damning lies" published charges by Washington columnist Drew Pearson that he made improper advances to office girls and refused to pay legitimate personal bills during his tenure as government comptroller for the Virgin Islands.

Pearson charged that Bove's misconduct caused former Interior Secretary Fred Seaton to order an investigation. He said the In-

terior investigation was demanded by Alton Adams, Sr. of St. Thomas, whose daughter, Gwendolyn, had been one of the complainants.

Bove according to Pearson, also refused to pay a \$39.75 bar bill at the Virgin Isle Hilton and an \$89 travel bill owed to Caribair.

The Governor-designate told a Home Journal reporter in Washington that the disputed bill at the Hilton has been settled. He said also

that for the past 18 months he has been attempting to meet with Caribair official Felix Esquerdo to settle their claim.

"I've never been able to meet with him," Bove declared. "But Caribair is in- (Continued on page 8)

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"A partner in the business will not put an obstacle to it."

—African Proverb

UK PARATROOPERS MOVING IN

Anguilla Braces for Planned Invasion

Five planeloads of British paratroopers and Scotland Yard Police experts are now in Antigua preparing to join three British warships in an air-sea approach on mutinous Anguilla.

Informed sources in the Caribbean stated Tuesday that the planned invasion, set for some time Tuesday night, was aimed at restoring law and order on the island and not to force the islanders to be reunited with St. Kitts against their will.

British Intelligence Forces are reported to have

men of the parachute regiment — the famous Red Devils — and 40 policemen were en route over the Atlantic.

Early Tuesday, UPI reported that two British frigates were standing by in Antigua anticipating the arrival of the British troops.

The two warships and the troops are being positioned in Antigua for a possible invasion of the rebel island of Anguilla.

The Frigate HMS Minerva has been cruising the waters between Antigua (Continued on page 8)



DAVID MONSANTO

Community Band Master Dies

David Monsanto, well-known St. Thomas musician and vocational teacher at the Charlotte Amalie High School, died Monday night. He was 65.

A tireless and energetic man, Monsanto served as (Continued on page 8)

Bove's OK Is Assured

Peter Bove, the man nominated by President Nixon to be the next governor of the Virgin Islands, breezed through his confirmation hearings before the Senate Interior Committee with flying colors Tuesday and it appears that he may win approval by the full Senate by week's end.

He told the Committee:

*Its logical for the British Virgin Islands to be annexed to their U.S. cousins.

*The alien problem presents his greatest challenge.

*He favors creation of a separate tax department.

*The islands' economy should not be slowed down; we are on our way to self-sufficiency.

*Anti-Bove charges published by columnist Drew Pearson (see above story) are wholly false.

Bove's nomination was fully supported by Senators Augustin Doward and Horace Callwood who represented the V.I. Legislature.

The question of the Pearson charges were not pursued by any of the committee members.

Earlier reports said the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, is expected to review favorably (Continued on page 8)

Hickel Denies He Plans Trip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Interior Secretary Walter J. Hickel denied Monday reports he had plans for an immediate trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

A spokesman for Hickel said he did not know where the reports for such a trip originated, but that he had checked them and no such trip was planned in the immediate future.

Reports of the purported trip came from Puerto Rico's Governor Luis A. Ferre during his visit to Washington last month.

During his trip to attend the National Governors conference, Ferre met with top Nixon administration officials, among them Hickel.

It was after a brief talk with Hickel that Ferre said the Interior Secretary had a definite trip to the Virgin Islands in the works and that he would try to expand that to include Puerto Rico in his itinerary.

Ferre also said that Hickel would be making his trip in two or three weeks.

Hickel's office denied such a trip was contemplated then or now.

Venezuela Authorities Claim Sabotage

Venezuelan authorities are talking of sabotage in yesterday's plane disaster at Maracaibo.

The crash killed more than 150 persons aboard the plane and on the ground.

An official of the Interior Ministry told a Caracas newspaper today there is "real evidence" of sabotage.

The exact death toll is still uncertain. All aboard the Venezuelan airlines DC 9 were killed when the burning plane struck a working suburb off Maracaibo at lunch time. However, officials are not sure whether the plane carried 85 or 87 persons.

At least 67 persons died in the suburb of Ziruma some crashed to death as they sat down to the noon-day meal.

In either case, the crash is the worst in the history of commercial aviation. In addition to the dead, it left at least 125 persons injured

witnesses say the jet was on fire as it took off from Grand de Oro Airport. By the time it rose to 300 feet, the witnesses say the flames were spreading and it was a ball of fire when it struck the crowded suburb.

At least 47 of those aboard were North Americans. Ten of the victims were returning home for a sales conference held in Caracas by the Clark Equipment Company of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Banks Increase Interest Rates

It is going to cost more to borrow money. This is the prediction from high government sources following Monday's hike in bank interest (Continued on page 8)



RONALD WEBSTER

earlier made a good survey of the layout of the land where they intend to drop the paratroops in their attempt to restore law and order "without possible bloodshed."

Informed sources said that the striking force was strong enough to take over Anguilla in a matter of hours but reports from Anguilla say that Ronald Webster has mustered an army of 250 men to repel the attack.

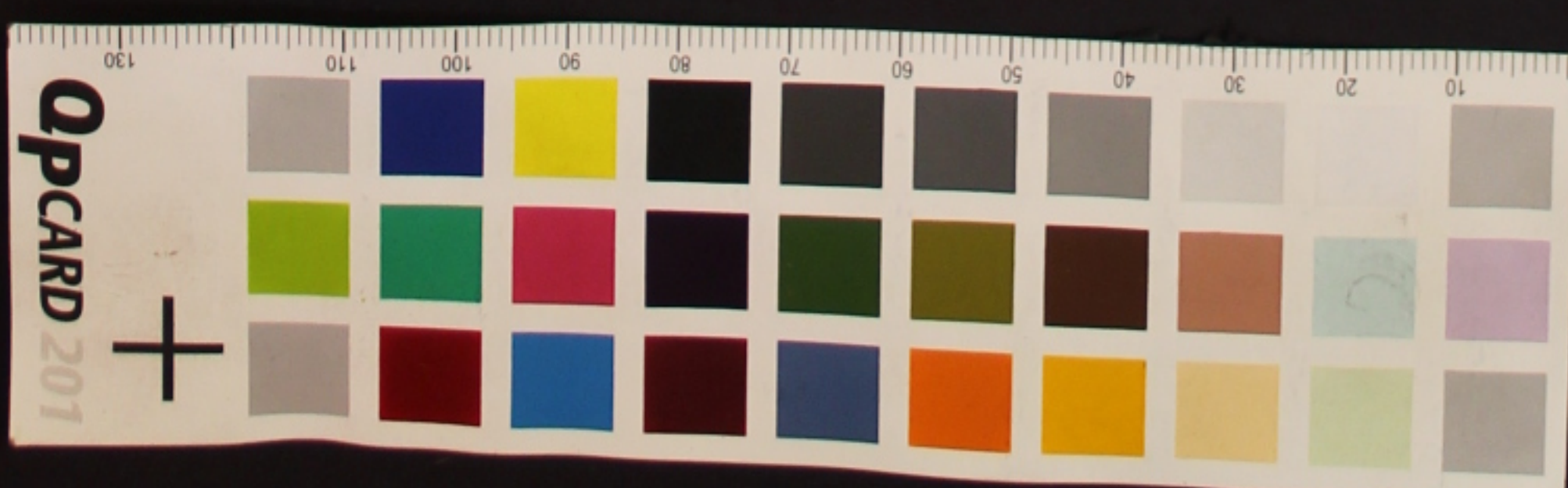
After some early leaks, the Government clamped a secrecy lid on the operation. But there were indications that more than 200

V.I. Law Faces Court Challenge

(UPI) — The constitutionality of a law passed by the Virgin Islands Legislature last month, will be challenged in the V.I. District Court in St. Thomas next week.

The law enforces a minimum price on all alcoholic beverages, except those distilled in the Virgin Islands, and beer. It forbids sale-incentive, give-aways or special sales, except for going-out-of-business sales.

The test case was filed by Norman's on the Waterfront.



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SHOWDOWN IN ANGUILLA

REPORTS CONTINUE to circulate that London government intends to invade the tiny Caribbean island of Anguilla and restore it to the rule of St. Kitts and Nevis from which it broke away some time ago. Denied recognition by any country and its request for admission into the British Commonwealth spurned by Britain, Anguilla declared itself a republic recently and took steps to elect its officials next month.

For all these months since St. Kitts' officials were chased from Anguilla, Britain steadfastly refused to become involved, insisting that the St. Kitts-Anguilla controversy was an internal matter over which it had no jurisdiction. That did not prevent them from trying to resolve the dispute, and an observer was stationed in Anguilla for a while. But no progress was made as Anguillans swore that under no circumstances would they return to St. Kitts' rule.

Anguillans believe they played into Britain's hands a few days ago when a representative of the British government was chased out of Anguilla. This was probably too much of a humiliation for the great British Empire to take from an isle of 6,000 people. The Anguilla leaders said that the British envoy insulted them. The British representative charged, in turn, that Anguilla was under the domination of Mafia-type gunmen and painted a picture of gangsterism. These charges were hotly denied by Anguilla which accused Britain of inventing them for the purpose of justifying an invasion.

Anguilla has received considerable sympathy for its courageous stand. It has focused world attention on its problems, and regardless

BEHIND THE SCENES

With JOHN CARTY

There is an old Virgin Islands saying that goes something like this, "Power in the hands of fools is like children playing with sharp edged tools." The abortive dictatorship of His Excellency Cyril I is eloquent testimony of the truth contained in this old adage.

Immediately upon his coronation, His Excellency Cyril I installed as chief cook and bottle washer one Edward Moran. Moran in 1966 served as public relations consultant for the Democratic Party, a job for which he was handsomely compensated by the party faithful.

After the election he was hired by Senator Alexander Farrelly as a high-priced consultant to the Reapportionment Commission. At the Democratic Party convention last year, when Senator Kenneth Alexander announced his retirement from the Leg-

islature, Moran felt that he should have been nominated to succeed Alexander.

When the Democratic Party nominated Senator Luis Hestres instead, Moran planted a story in the local news media that the Democratic Party would lose the so-called "white vote" because a continental wasn't nominated to replace Ken Alexander.

Subsequently, Moran joined the Daily News Party as a candidate and Campaign Manager and presided over its ignominious defeat at the polls. For his efforts Moran was rewarded with Louis Shulterbrandt's job as Executive Assistant to Cyril I, King of the Virgin Islands.

Moran is a slick one, however. He knows that His Excellency Cyril I craves publicity, and Moran has done a fantastic snow job on the King.

Everyday he inflates the King's already gigantic

of the outcome of this showdown with Britain the primitive conditions on the island, for which Britain must bear full responsibility, can no longer be ignored. We hope that a settlement may be reached without bloodshed.

Scouts Need Help

The 1969 campaign to raise \$48,200 for 1969 Scout operations has realized only \$20,527.48.

Scouting prevents and deters juvenile delinquency.

You can help to prevent the Virgin Islands from becoming a crime ridden jungle as in many parts of the country.

The boys who are active in Scouting are not apt to get

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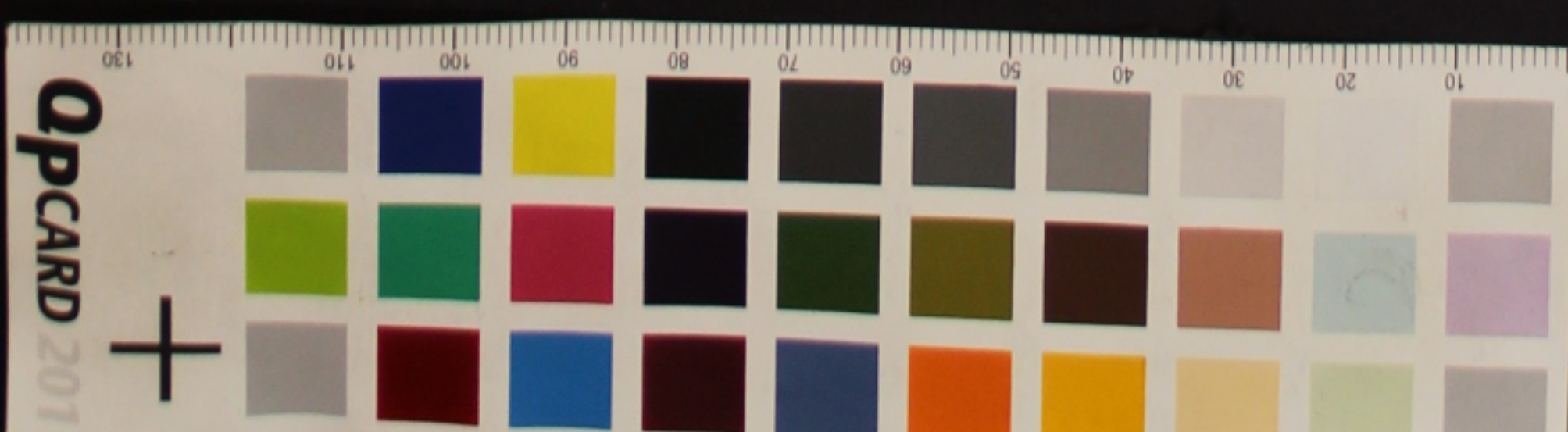
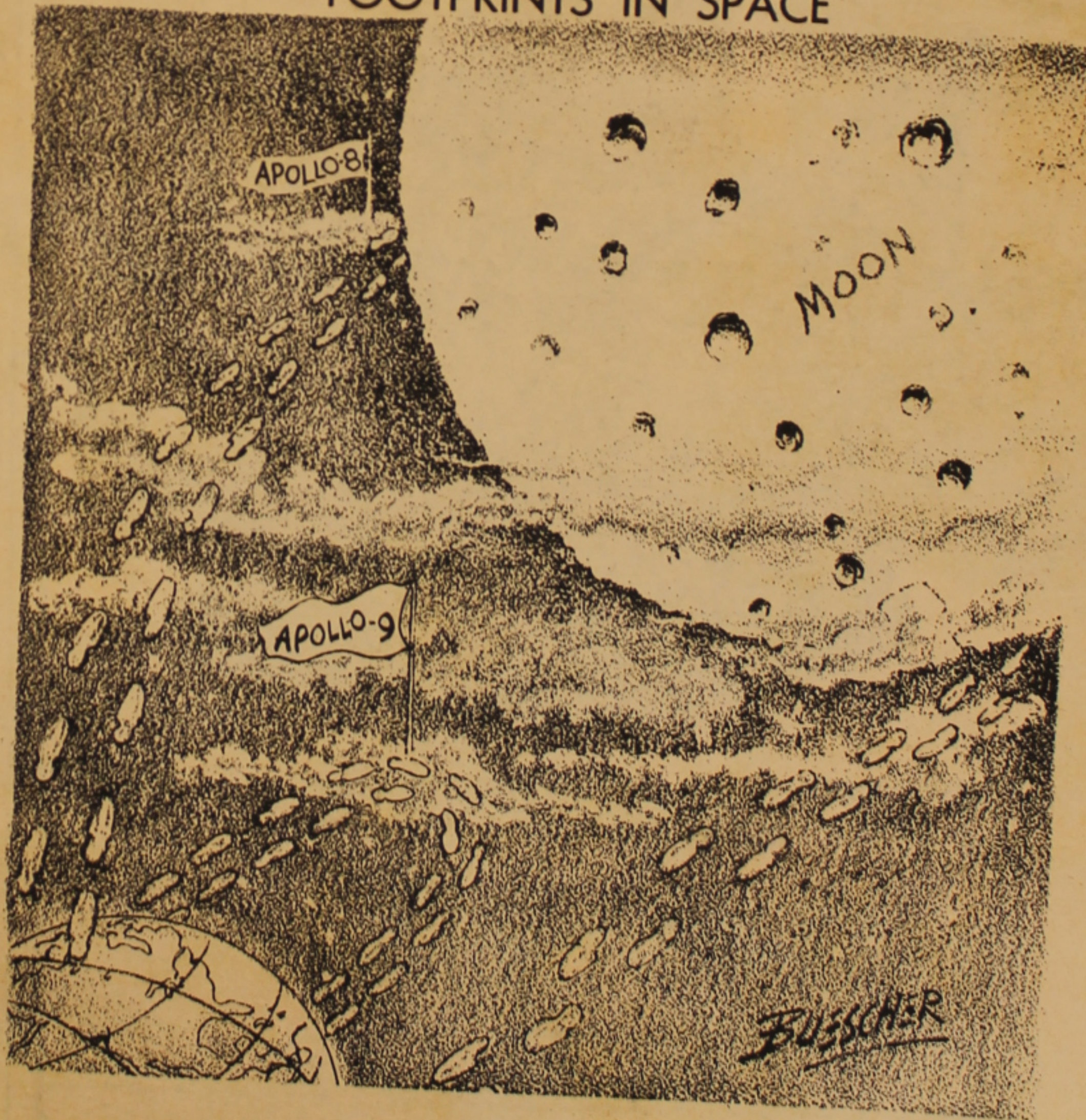
ego with tales of his greatness. He has advised the King to fire longtime Government employees indiscriminately, to intimidate and coerce members of the cabinet, and to appoint to high government posts individuals of questionable character and reputation.

A notable exception is Bertie Nelthropp who replaced John Moore as Assistant Commissioner of Public Works.

While in the process of transforming Cyril I from a likeable if ineffectual political hack into a primitive, revengeful Czar, Moran has been feathering his own nest by secretly negotiating with Republican leaders here and in Washington for the Government Secretary's job for himself.

Cyril, Leona and Bullee will soon find out that Moran's campaign theme, "Moran's the Man" wasn't an idle threat.

FOOTPRINTS IN SPACE



Observers Say There'll Be Plenty Bloodshed in Anguilla

ST. THOMAS, V.I. (UPI) — If the British invade Anguilla there will be plenty of bloodshed, according to informed observers here.

These observers believe that British forces would be able to defeat the Anguillians in short order but that there will be a lot of killing.

They (the Anguillians), are determined that no one will come in without there being a stiff fight, said Addie Ottley, station manager of WSTA here who visited Anguilla last

weekend.

Ever since Anguilla declared itself independent of the British Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Anguillians have been preparing for a possible invasion.

"They will fight but it will be a slaughter," said Ottley, who described Anguillians as being quiet but annoyed that the British would attempt the invasion.

Ottley said he investigated British charges that Anguilla had been taken over by Mafia type gangsters. He said he could find nobody new on the island who was involved in Anguilla's leadership.

"The people think it is a shame that the British should try to go in on that pretext," Ottley said.

Last Friday the Anguilla government asked the four remaining white British subjects to leave the islands until the crisis had ended.

It was learned today that all four had been given \$500 in temporary dislocation funds by Webster. Ottley said acting Anguilla President Ronald Webster promised them they would be welcomed back when the crisis was over.

Among those who left was an Anglican clergyman, Rev. Guy Carlton, who is now believed to be in Antigua.

Anguilla has a population of about 6,000 persons. Most observers believe that they could mount a force of up to 1,500 fighting men. They are believed to have few arms but they may have had increased shipments of rifles in recent weeks.

BOVE HITS

(Continued from page 1) debted to me for a "lost cargo" claim which I submitted to them long ago."

Bove made it clear he felt the timing of the Pearson column indicates it's a "smear job." He said he thought similar charges were published in the Daily News some 10 years ago.

However, Bove emphasized that the initial charges were investigated thoroughly by the Department of the Interior and dismissed for lack of substantiation.

It is believed that the charges against Bove were fed to Pearson by local residents who supported Acting Governor Cyril King for appointment to the governorship.

to be filed for 24 hours when the full Senate is in session before a vote can be taken on it.

The Senate is expected to meet Thursday.

U.K. PARATROOPERS

(Continued from page 1) and Anguilla since British Government official William Whitlock was forced off the island last week. The second and third ships, the *Rothesay* and the *Rhyl*, arrived in Antigua Monday.

The Anglican minister of Anguilla, the Rev. Guy Carleton, having been asked to leave by Ronald Webster, arrived in Antigua and sought a meeting with Tony Lee, former Representative of Britain in Anguilla, upon his arrival.

He showed reporters a letter he received from Webster asking him to depart and in which Webster compared the Anguillians to the Israelites, saying: "We have been scattered to the four winds of the earth by a lack of opportunity and employment."

British correspondents on Anguilla said the island's self-proclaimed president, Ronald Webster, had assembled a 200-man army armed with ancient carbines and cannon left over from the Napoleonic wars.

The 6,000 Anguillians began their rebellion in May 1967, after three months as a member of a federation with the islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Anguillians charged they were getting a raw deal from Prime Minister Robert Bradshaw of St. Kitts.

Meanwhile the AP reports that U.S. government officials said today they had no explanation of what the British meant by charging that the self-appointed regime of President Ronald Webster on Anguilla was captive of "American gangster elements."

"The British certainly did not tell us," one American official said.

He said the U.S. State Department learned from news service reports about British plans to "invade" the island.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Cabinet apparent-

APOLLO THEATER

WEDNESDAY CLOSED

THURS. and FRIDAY MARCH 20 & 21 AT: 5 & 8:45 P.M.

"SEVEN GUNS FOR THE MacGREGORS" ROBERT WOOD AND "KING OF THE WILD STALLION"

SCOUTS NEED HELP

(Continued from page 5) into mischief. Help the local Scout council to keep the boys busy with program that your contribution will buy for 1969 which is an investment in tomorrow.

Give generously to V.I. Council, B.S.A., P.O. Box 2175, St. Thomas, V.I. 00801.

BANKS INCREASE

(Continued from page 1) rates. The sources say the the Federal Reserve Board may counter by raising the discount rate.

A large gap in the two rates would allow private banks to borrow heavily from the government and re-loan the money to business firms at a big profit.

Both increases should allow inflation by making credit more expensive.

The move is expected to be detrimental to small borrowers."

ly agreed Saturday that it must act against the rebels. The decision laid the government open to charges of one policy toward the weak and another toward the strong, since Wilson has repeatedly ruled out force against the white rebels of Rhodesia.

But the Rhodesian government has a modern army and air force, and the white Rhodesians have lots of relatives and sympathizers in Britain.

The paratroops reportedly were to be landed first on the island of Antigua and then landed on Anguilla by one of three Royal Navy ships in the area.

British correspondents on Anguilla said Webster flew Monday to the Dutch-French island of St. Martin, six miles away, in a private plane with Jack Holcomb, a Florida businessman, and made several radio-telephone calls to the

COMMUNITY BAND

(Continued from page 1) leader of the St. Thomas Community Band for many years. Word of his passing saddened the entire community.

Acting Governor King recalled that he was a "stirring influence on the musical life of St. Thomas and a man beloved by thousands through his many appearances at the head of the Community Band at carnival time and on many other occasions, both festive and solemn."

Charles Turnbull, Acting Commissioner of Education stated that the islands have lost an unusually talented and dedicated civic leader and countless students (past and present) have lost a teacher rare, a counselor trusted and a friend sincere."

Continuing further, Turnbull declared:

"Never was he to be found lacking in integrity, character and devotion to duty. The school system has lost an irreplaceable teacher and the territory has lost a public servant of the highest caliber.

"May the realization that the people of the Virgin Islands were enriched by his life in ways immeasurable and everlasting because his greatest carvings were not done on wood or on stone but in the hearts and minds of the young be a source of never-ending comfort and joy to his family and friends."

Monsanto is survived by his widow, Viola, and two daughters.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time Tuesday.

United States. Anguilla has no communications of any kind with the outside world.

Daily Telegraph correspondent Ian Ball said he asked Webster whether his defense force would fight British forces and he replied: "I am prepared."

Center THEATER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
At: 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.
"ROSEMARY'S BABY"
(In Color)

Starring: MIA FARROW

Admission: Stadium Seats	\$1.50
Orchestra Seats	1.00

Children under 12 yrs. of age pay 50c.
at the 4:30 p.m. Shows.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MARCH 20 & 21
At: 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.
"STAY AWAY JOE"
(In Color)

Starring: ELVIS PRESLEY

Admission: Stadium Seats	\$1.00
Orchestra Seats75

Bill Not Directed At Calypso-Hestres

(AP) — St. Thomas Senator Louis Hestres said Monday that the bill he is sponsoring on obscenity has been "misunderstood by the public media, the press in particular."

Hestres said the bill is not directed at calypso music, and that under the present code the section referring to the singing or speaking of obscene songs or ballads over the radio or television or in public places is exactly the same as the section of the newly introduced bill.

The first term senator said that as far as calypso is concerned, "it's just how you interpret it."

"The songs," he said, "have double meaning."

Hestres said "any decent citizen should be the judge, of what is or is not obscene."

The bill has been referred to the committee on the judiciary for study.

BOVE'S OK

(Continued from page 1) the appointment of Bove.

A Committee spokesman said Monday: "I know of no move among the Senators on the Committee to give Bove a hard time. As far as I know his questioning will be pretty routine."

The spokesman explained Bove's hearing was only one of four before the committee.

"But because of the need to have him return to the Virgin Islands we will try and expedite matters in his case," the spokesman said.

The hearing will be followed by an executive session of the Committee to consider whether to recommend the confirmation of Bove's appointment to the full Senate or not. A favorable recommendation is expected.

Senate regulations make it mandatory for the Committee's recommendation

