

UK Under Fire by African Leaders

UNITED NATIONS Mar. 18 (UPI) — African members of the U.N. charged Tuesday Britain's dispatch of troops to suppress the pocket rebellion in the Caribbean island of Anguilla was the "most despicable form of racism."

They argued that Britain, acting under a "kith and kin" policy had refused to intervene in Rhodesia when settlers rebelled there more than three years ago but was willing to assert its might against the 6,000 Anguillan inhabitants, most of

them of Negro descent. A visiting delegation of British members of Parliament met members of the U.N. decolonization committee

Tuesday and was subjected to a line of questioning which concentrated on the parallel between Anguilla and Rhodesia. One member of the

committee described Britain's action in the Caribbean as "disgusting." Zambian Ambassador Vernon J. Mwaanga told newsmen the

military expedition from London was the "most despicable form of racism." He hinted that the move would be exploited for all its propaganda value when the
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"If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building, or do you change the nail?"
—African Proverb

U.K. TROOPS IN PEACEFUL TAKE-OVER ON ANGUILLA, BUT....

WHERE IS RONALD WEBSTER?

Worst Day in Island's History Says Hector

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (UPI) — Calling Tuesday the worst day in Antigua's history, the island's Opposition Leader set a public meeting Tuesday night to protest Britain's use of the island as a base to launch an invasion on Anguilla.

Leonard Hector, Leader of the Progressive Labor Movement, protested to Premier Vere Bird. "I saw today with my own eyes the head of a black Caribbean government give the British permission to intervene with bayonets and ultra modern weapons against the poor

suffering people in the sister island of Anguilla."

Hector charged that Bird has "betrayed black men the world over by proving you believe disputes between blacks can only be settled by British bayonets."

He called for Bird's immediate resignation to prevent "further disgrace on the government."

"There's no day in Antigua history worse than this," Hector said.

In his note to Bird, the Opposition leader said, "remember, you yourself stood against British Fuseliers to win Antigua's freedom."

Although the public meeting was originally scheduled to observe the one-year an-



MR. TONY LEE

niversary of Antigua's own internal problems that led to a state of emergency, Hector indicated that the British troops poised here to invade Anguilla would be the main topic.

And while Britain reportedly was trying to pacify the island of Anguilla
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Lee Takes Over After Triumphant March

Ronald Webster and other members of the rebel Anguilla Government cannot be found. Reports reaching here from Anguilla state that British paratroopers landed in Anguilla early Wednesday morning, rounded up the island's 6,000 inhabitants and conducted a thorough search for weapons and checked identifications in what was described as "a businesslike fashion." The Anguillan residents were then released and warned to remain near their homes.

Speculation surrounding Webster's disappearance was that he might have gone to nearby St. Maarten in search of help to ward off the attack.

A Dutch frigate, the Oeven Provencion, from Curacao, stood by off St. Maarten during the peaceful takeover of the Anguilla government by the British, but there was no indication that the frigate
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MR. RONALD WEBSTER

Confirmation of Bove Due Thurs.

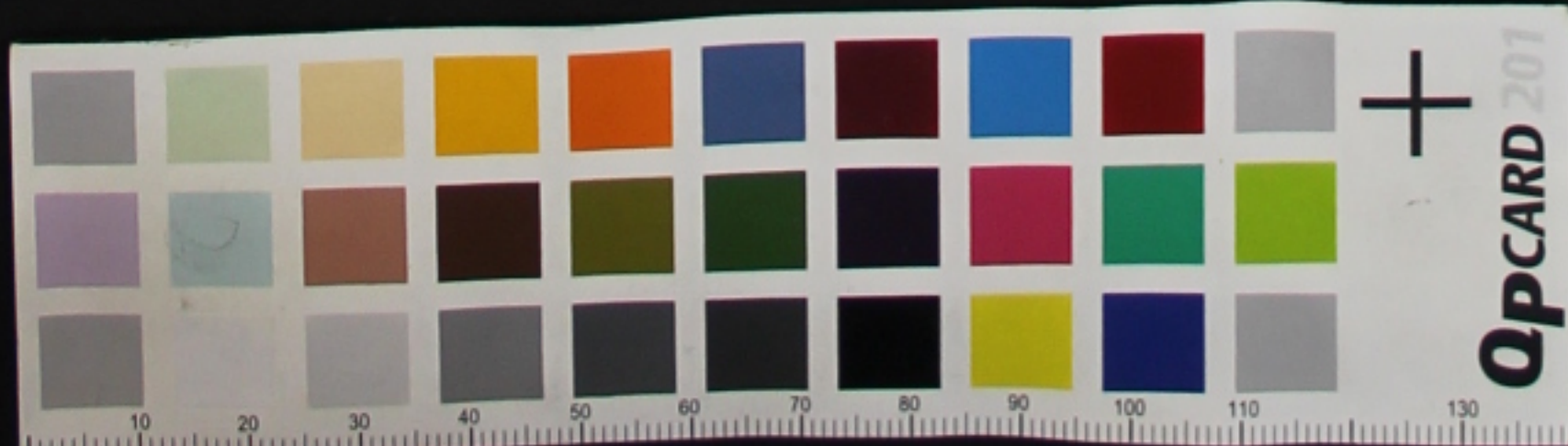
The Senate Interior Committee was expected to approve the nomination of Peter Bove as Governor of the Virgin Islands Wednesday afternoon. Confirmation by the full Senate should come Thursday afternoon upon motion by Sen. George Aiken of Vermont.

Bove has been under intense pressure for the past several days as subtle and not so subtle attempts have been made to derill his nomination. These attempts were culminated Tuesday with publication of an attack on his moral character by columnist Drew Pearson.

The Governor-designate was described yesterday by a reporter for this newspaper as being "pretty shook"
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More than 300 Anguillans (above) assemble at the Caravan Hotel to discuss the invasion of their homeland by British troops Wednesday (K.C.)



Funeral Rites For Monsanto

All Legionnaires are notified that the funeral services of David Monsanto, former member of the Community Band, will take place at the Lutheran Church, Thursday, March 20th at 3:30 p.m. The American Legion will participate as pall bearers, and all Legionnaires should make plans to attend.

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Peter Bove, appearing before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Tuesday said the innuendos about him made in a national syndicated column were not true.

Senators at the Committee hearing to confirm Bove's appointment gave him a chance to defend himself publicly of the charges.

Bove told the Senate hearing he felt the off shore workers, who provide half the working force of the islands and 25 per cent of its population, should be made first class citizens.

"We should get them better housing — see that their children go to school," Bove said. "They should have all the privileges American citizens have."

He also told Senators he would like to create a tax department for the Virgin Islands.

Bove, 62, retired last year as Comptroller of the Virgin Islands after a tenure of 11 years. He is expected to serve as Governor of the Islands until 1971. The post becomes elective in 1970.

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can be made through the Good Hope School Office (Telephone 772-0022). Tickets should be picked up and paid for by April 18.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
Division of St. Thomas-St. John
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF ANTONIO BIRDSONG AND
KIM BELINDA BIRDSONG TO ANTONIO
MONSANTO AND KIM BELINDA MONSANTO-
MISC. NO. 4-1969
CHANGE OF NAME —
Chapter 7 Title 16
Virgin Islands Code
NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that all persons interested are required to appear on the 4th day of April, 1969, at the District Court House, in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, at 10 A.M. of that day to show cause, if they have any, why the change of names of Antonio Birdsong and Kim Belinda Birdsong to Antonio Monsanto and Kim Belinda Monsanto, should not be granted.

Dated: The 3rd day of March, 1969
LEO PENHA
Clerk of the District Court

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was cooperating with the British troops in their maneuver. It seemed only to be a precautionary move by the Dutch.

Three helicopters dropped the British troops on Anguilla and distributed pamphlets over the island saying: "Our purpose is to end intimidation so that you can live in peace and express your opinions without fear. It is not to force you to return to an administration you do not want."

The three British frigates patrolled the waters around Anguilla and an Airforce jet, flying 200 feet above the water and circling the tiny island, kept watch while the 'Red Devil' paratroopers controlled the airport.

Stewart Roberts, the British representative to Antigua, said the invasion was "a peaceful landing to install the British Commissioner to the island. That was the mission of the expedition."

British officials said there was no opposition to the invasion of about 210 "Red Devil" paratroops and Royal Marines. They

WORST DAY

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Wednesday, the presence of her troops in Antigua had just the opposite effect.

The Antigua government faced serious trouble as a result of permitting Britain to use the island as a jumping off point for its Anguilla invasion.

A mass protest meeting was scheduled for Thursday day night by the Opposition, Progressive Labor Movement (PLM) and the Afro-Caribbean Organization.

The two groups planned to demand the resignation of Premier Vere Bird who they claimed "betrayed the people of a sister island and black men the world over."

left Tuesday night aboard two frigates from St. John's.

Roberts said the troops landed on the island to see that Anthony Lee, the former British representative who left in January, was reinstated.

"When the other British representative, William Whitlock, was forced to leave last week, it was evident that the people who were opposed to Commonwealth rule were a very small majority," Roberts said.

He said the landing of the troops was "not a war-like invasion — it was peaceful."

The landing was made by groups of the No. 2 Parachute Brigade and a Royal Marine detachment.

British officials had said Tuesday they would move against Anguilla within 48 hours unless Acting President Ronald Webster and the 6,000 residents abandoned their declaration of independence.

Residents of the island appeared calm. Some had said they would fight if the troops landed.

Webster, asked Tuesday what he planned to do to meet an invasion, said, "We cannot say what will be the immediate response. If parachutists are dropped, we don't know what will happen."

He later appealed to the islanders to offer no resistance. "There's no use shedding blood foolishly," he told an emergency meeting of the ruling Council.

The British Government issued a statement Wednesday morning warning private air carriers that it will not be responsible for the safety of planes flying over or attempting to land in Anguilla.

"Her Majesty's government has announced that as of 10:30 a.m. the safety of civilian aircraft flying over or attempting to land at Anguilla cannot be guaranteed," the statement said.

Informed sources in Lon-

APOLLO THEATER

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"

don said Britain still hoped to offer some form of self-government to the tiny island as a step toward meeting its demand for complete independence from the three-island Commonwealth confederation of St. Kitts-Nevis and Anguilla.

Webster said the British were trumping up false charges of U.S. gangster influence on the island to cover their real motives. He said it was in retaliation for ousting British peace emissary William Whitlock from the island last week.

"We are colored and he is white and they are not going to let us get away with it," Webster said.

Meanwhile, Anguillians living in St. Thomas rushed to Harry Truman Airport early Wednesday in search of air transport in an effort to be with their families despite Britain's warning of safety precautions, and her 10:30 deadline.

The Anguillians said that they would fly to St. Maarten and row across 10 miles of water to their homeland, but any attempt at landing after 10:30 Wednesday ended in a thorough search of individuals by Marines and paratroopers.

Other Anguillians who remained on St. Thomas scheduled a meeting for 12:30 Wednesday to discuss the occupation of their homeland by British troops. Tony Lee, one time popular British Representative on Anguilla, has been installed as Commissioner of the island.

Ousted from Anguilla with U.K. Under-Secretary William Whitlock by Ronald Webster last week, he marched in behind the paratroopers, Marines and Scotland Yard men who landed on the island from

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Rhodesian question is discussed next before U.N. bodies.

Like Rhodesia, which alienated many of the African members of the Commonwealth, the issue of Anguilla is likely to spark a similar alienation among the British Commonwealth members in the Caribbean, such as Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

A petitioner before the Committee on Decolonization who claims to represent the independent regime of Anguilla, said on Monday it was unthinkable in 1969 that Britain could send troops to intervene in the Caribbean situation.

Jeremiah Gumbs told the committee a dispatch of troops to the area would be like sending "gorillas into an orphanage."

Gumbs, who remained in touch with the committee's chairman, Mahmoud Mestiri of Tunisia, said his committee was expected to act on the situation despite British protests that Anguilla—one of half a dozen Caribbean islands which were given associate statehood with Britain two years ago—should not fall under the committee's competence any more.

The committee overruled the British objection by a vote of 16 to two—only U.S. joined Britain in its position—with three abstentions.

Gumbs urged the committee to send a fact-finding mission to Anguilla and to make it possible for the self-proclaimed island state to exist for the next three to five years "under the watchful eyes of the United Nations."

Whatever action the Decolonization Committee decides to take may come too late for the little island.

British frigates.

British officials said Wednesday that the troops would remain on Anguilla for an indefinite period to maintain law and order.

Center THEATER

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
At: 1:45, 5 & 8:45 P.M.
"THE VENGEANCE OF SHE"
And
"ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO"
Admission: Stadium Seats \$1.00
Orchestra Seats75
10:30 a.m.—(STAY AWAY JOE)
Admission 50c.

