

Bove's Confirmation Is Delayed

(AP) — Confirmation of Virgin Islands Governor-designate Peter Bove was stalled Wednesday in a Senate committee.

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs met in closed session at 2 p.m. and was expected to take up the Bove appointment.

But it delayed action after learning that the

Committee's check on Bove had not yet been obtained,

a Committee aide said.

He said the Committee

would delay action on the appointment until after

completion of the check.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were in the Virgin Islands and Vermont this week making the check required by the Senate committee.

The Senate is expected to complete action on the nomination next week permitting Mr. Bove to assume the governorship shortly thereafter.

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ANGUILLA DEMONSTRATES



ANGUILLANS living on St. Thomas await transport planes to fly to Anguilla to take part in Wednesday's demonstration.—(K.C.)

Webster Dispatches Protest To Stewart

THE VALLEY, Anguilla March 19 (UPI) — Anguillans staged a peaceful, wet-eyed demonstration against the British invaders Wednesday while acting President Ronald Webster advised Britain he would not accept under any circumstances Anthony Lee as commissioner of this rebel state.

Webster told reporters late this afternoon he had dispatched the protest to Michael Stewart, British Secretary of Foreign Affairs. He also revealed another peaceful demonstration against the British would be held tomorrow.

Lee arrived here Wednesday morning on the heels of heavily armed paratroopers and Royal Marines. He carried a message saying he had been empowered by her majesty's government to restore law and order to the island and take over as chief administrator.

Anguillans offered no resistance and not a shot was fired but from the events later today it appeared that life would not be a bed of roses for the occupying force.

The immediate confrontation

between Webster and Lee could bring about a sharp deterioration of relations between the Anguillans and the British.

The demonstration this afternoon was held on the high school grounds where some of the occupation forces have established temporary headquarters.

Webster was in reasonably

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Tony Lee Sworn In As Commissioner

ST. JOHN'S Antigua (UPI) — Anthony Lee, former senior British Government official on breakaway Anguilla, Wednesday night was sworn in as Her Majesty's first resident commissioner there, it was announced here.

Lee, 45, had the oath administered to him by senior West Indies naval officer Commodore Martin Lucy on board the frigate "Minerva."

Tony Rushford, legal counsellor of the British Foreign

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Troops Detain Three Americans

THE VALLEY, Anguilla March 19 (UPI) — Jack N. Holcomb, a Fort Lauderdale,

Fla. businessman and real estate developer, was ordered deported from this tiny rebel Caribbean island today by invading British authorities.

Holcomb, a close friend of acting Anguilla President Ronald Webster, told a reporter shortly after 4 p.m. that he had been ordered to leave and that he was going to his house to pack his clothes.

Webster said Tuesday he considered Holcomb a highly honorable man and he was pleased to appoint him as the first person licensed to practice law in Anguilla under the rebel state's new constitution.

Reports from Florida indicated that Holcomb was not a lawyer but that he had studied law privately.

Webster said Holcomb had originally made some business

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Junior Backs Bove For Gov.?

Daily News publisher Ariel Melchior has labored long and hard for several

By ROY GOTTLIEB
Political Analyst

months to de-rail former Comptroller Peter Bove's march towards Government House and advance the can-

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\$10,000 Voted for Carnival

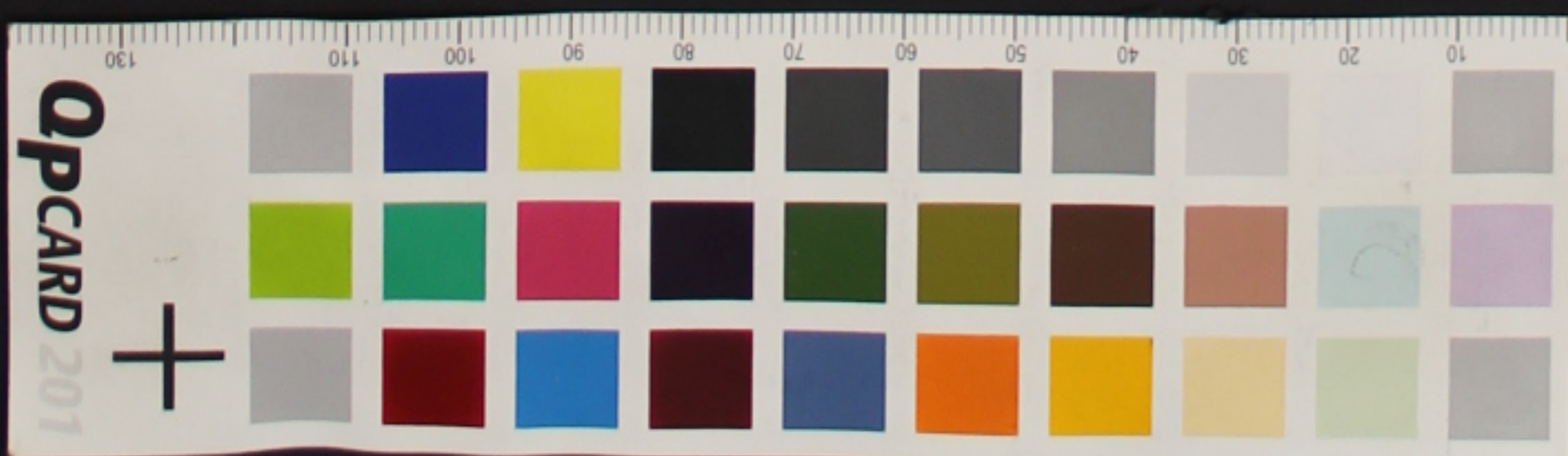
The Virgin Islands Legislature Wednesday appropriated the sum of \$10,000 to assist in financing the St. Thomas Carnival this year. It was specified that \$5,000 of the sum would

be used for children's activities.

The Legislature also appropriated \$21,984 as a local matching fund or a summer head start program.



ANGUILLANS try to purchase tickets to St. Maarten in their bid to go to their island home Wednesday.—(K.C.)



Background to Anguilla Invasion

By EDWARD R. LEADER
(From San Juan Star)

While Anguilla makes headlines, with reports of a pending invasion by British, the situation in St. Kitts is still an unhappy and potentially explosive one. The St. Kitts government, has become one of the most unpopular governments in the Caribbean.

Gone is the state of emergency which lasted a year, under which the government decided it could even dispose of bodies without inquests, order deportations, and curtail free speech and assembly. At that time, the St. Kitts government was compared in the press with that of Cuba, Haiti and even Nazi Germany. The period ended with "freedom trials" and the acquittal of all opposition party members who were imprisoned during that period after the Caribbean Bar Associations closed ranks to come to their defense.

But, angry rantings and threats of bloodshed continue.

The St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labor Union, whose leaders form the government headed by Premier Robert L. Bradshaw, and which actively campaigned against British authority with black-coffin processions, torchlight parades and "noise-ins" (a system whereby thousands of supporters use every known implement capable of causing a din: pots, pans, bits of steel, oil drums etc. now finds itself challenged by a new party called the People's Action Movement (PAM) and headed by Dr. William V. Herbert.

The Labor Party, in power for

about 20 years, had its first real challenge during the 1966 election, when PAM, charging general malaise and bunglings by the Labor government, began winning popular appeal among voters by promising them a change. Among other things, it pointed out that the government could not function properly, as its ministers wer government officials and representatives of a labor union at the same time.

Just when political pundits were predicting that the Labor party would be defeated by PAM, Labor promised voters that it would bring development to the island, to the tune of \$96 million. Labor won the election by polling 44 per cent of the votes cast, whereas PAM polled 39 per cent. According to reports over 45 per cent of the

registered voters did not vote.

The \$96 million scheme, which was known as INDELCO, never materialized, and the opposition was quick to point out that it was an election hoax. The scheme is now a dead issue.

In Feb. 1967 St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla was upgraded from colonial status to an associated state. No referendum was held. Anguilla was unhappy with its part of the bargain, after hundreds of years of British neglect and little else but threats and abuse under the Bradshaw regime, decided to take matters into its own hands after it was not granted a greater say in its own affairs.

Prior to associated status, it was Nevis that had threatened to secede from the trio of islands, but after winning his seat the

politician who headed this movement became affiliated with the St. Kitts Labor Party. Just how strong the secessionist movement still is in Nevis can only be ascertained after elections in 1971. One incident which has caused the greatest degree of public outrage and icy contempt for the Bradshaw regime is the way the government has treated a Nevisian teacher, Victor Jones,

who is headmaster of Basseterre High School.

Jones, who holds a master's degree in education from Puerto Rico's Inter American University, was dismissed without pension after 30 years in the civil service because he gave permission to the Christmas Festivities Committee to hold a motorcade on the school grounds on Dec. 19, 1968 and pageant Jan. 1, 1969. Jones, as

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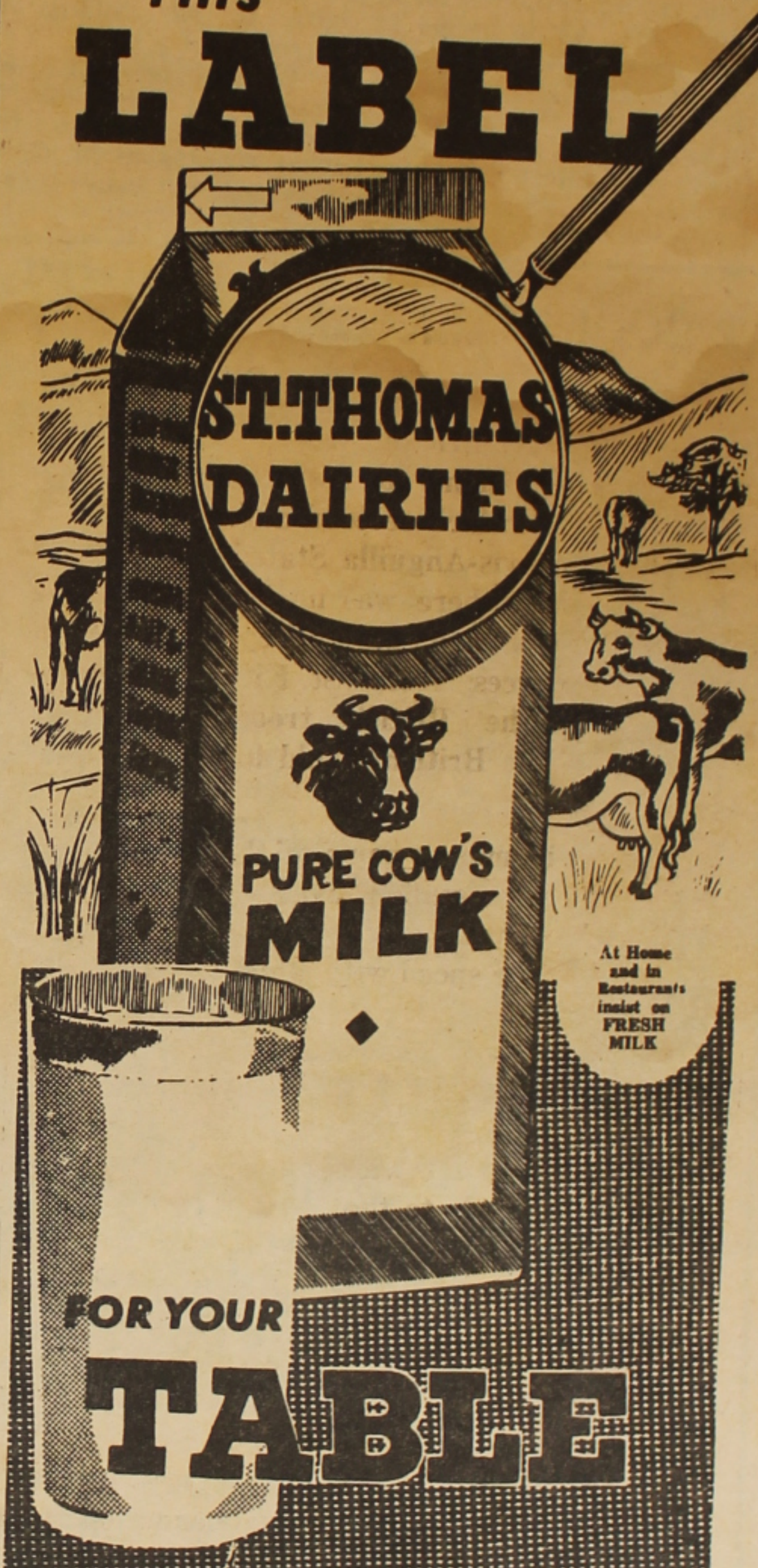
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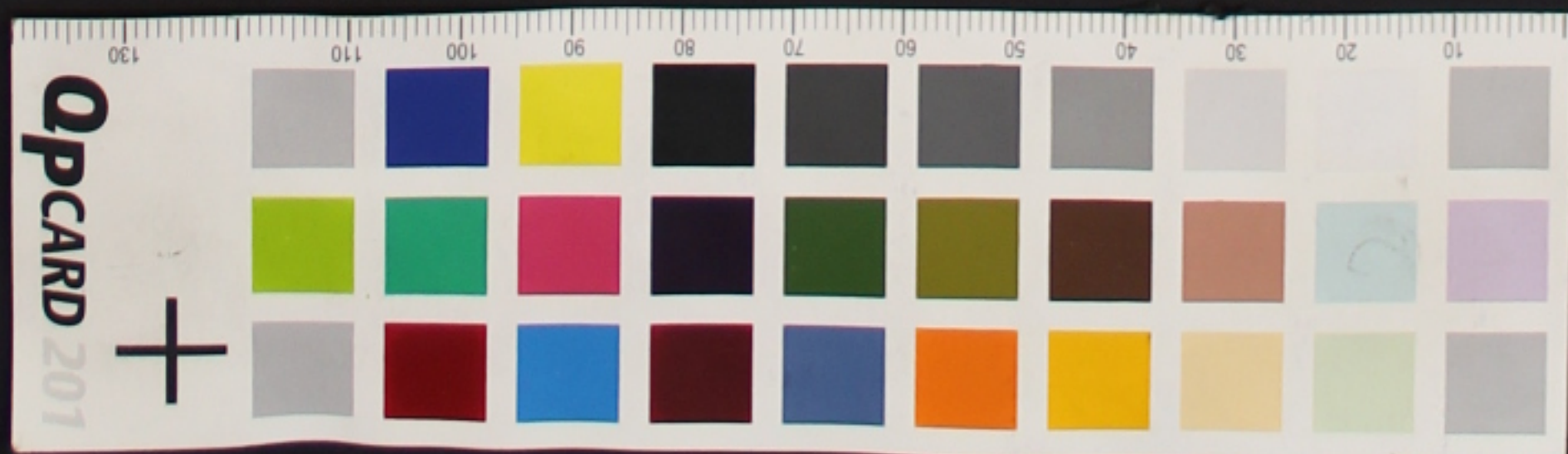
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TRAGEDY IN ANGUILLA

FEARS OF ANGUILLANS were realized Wednesday when British troops occupied the tiny Caribbean island to restore British rule over the colony which seceded a year ago from the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla State.

Fortunately, there was no bloodshed. The Anguillans who had been preparing for an invasion by forces from St. Kitts, put up no resistance to the British troops. Anguillan resistance to the British would have been foolhardy.

Leaders in many parts of the world have condemned the Anguillan invasion as tyrannical and much less than courageous. One could not help compare the speed with which Britain acted Wednesday to restore Anguilla to British rule with its action against Rhodesia. The British lion has put its tail between its legs in the confrontation with Rhodesia. The fact that the Rhodesian rebels are white and the Anguillans are black has led to the charge that British policy has been motivated by racism. Britain cannot justify cracking down on little Anguilla while permitting Rhodesia to get away with the same "offense" without even a pat on the wrist.

Anguillans apparently do not mind a form of government in association with Great Britain. In fact, they made such a recommendation some time ago, but received no response from London. Britain has pledged that it would not use force to compel Anguilla to return to St. Kitts.

In the long run, the people of Anguilla must be permitted to enjoy some form of self-government, and we are confident that the world-wide spotlight which is being played on that long

Bradshaw Announces Magistrate for Anguilla

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (UPI) — Despite promises by Britain that it would not force occupied Anguilla back into the hated St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla federation, the first move to reincorporate the rebel island was made just hours after British troops took over.

St. Kitts Premier Robert Bradshaw announced Wednesday a magistrate for Anguilla, who was chosen by the Federation's Public Service Commission, took office along with the new British Commissioner Anthony Lee.

The appointment of a magistrate by the central St. Kitts government hit at one of Anguilla's most sensitive grievances.

One of the major reasons the island rebelled against the federation government almost two years ago was because it could not choose a magistrate from among its own people. That was also a major stumbling block in the prolonged negotiations to try to get Anguilla to voluntarily rejoin the Federation.

Bradshaw, in a brief public statement, identified

the appointed magistrate as R. L. E. Dreschfield. He did not say where Dreschfield was from nor how long he would serve, but did say

he had been chosen by the St. Kitts central government.

He said Dreschfield accompanied Lee when he followed the occupying British paratroopers into Anguilla earlier Wednesday.

Bradshaw, who had remained unbending in his demands that Anguilla return to the Federation throughout the two-year dispute, said, as a result of the British occupation, "lawful authority is being exercised in Anguilla for the first time since February 1967."

Bradshaw indicated that his own defense force and police would not be involved in the occupation.

Anguilla's original revolution involved merely placing the 17 St. Kitts policemen stationed on the island in a small boat and sending them home.

Moscow Press Charges UK With Gunboat Tactics

MOSCOW (UPI) — The landing of British troops on Anguilla brought predictable cries in the Soviet press of "gunboat diplomacy again."

Tass reported from London, Britain "now has resorted to the positions of strength policy to strait-jacket the government of Anguilla."

From New York Tass said "facts do not bear out" British assertions a gangster group had seized power on the island.

It said "Britain has resumed its traditional gunboat diplomacy" and reported Anguilla has sent Representative Jeremiah Gumbs to the United Nations "with a petition fully exposing the colonialist nature of the British move."

Mission Renewal

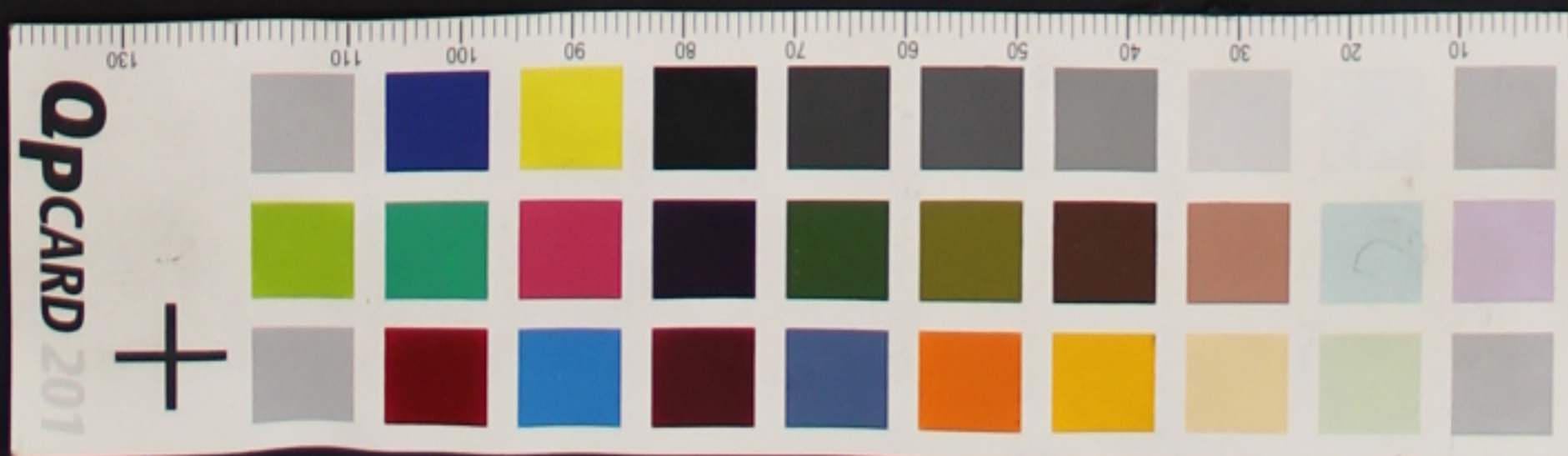
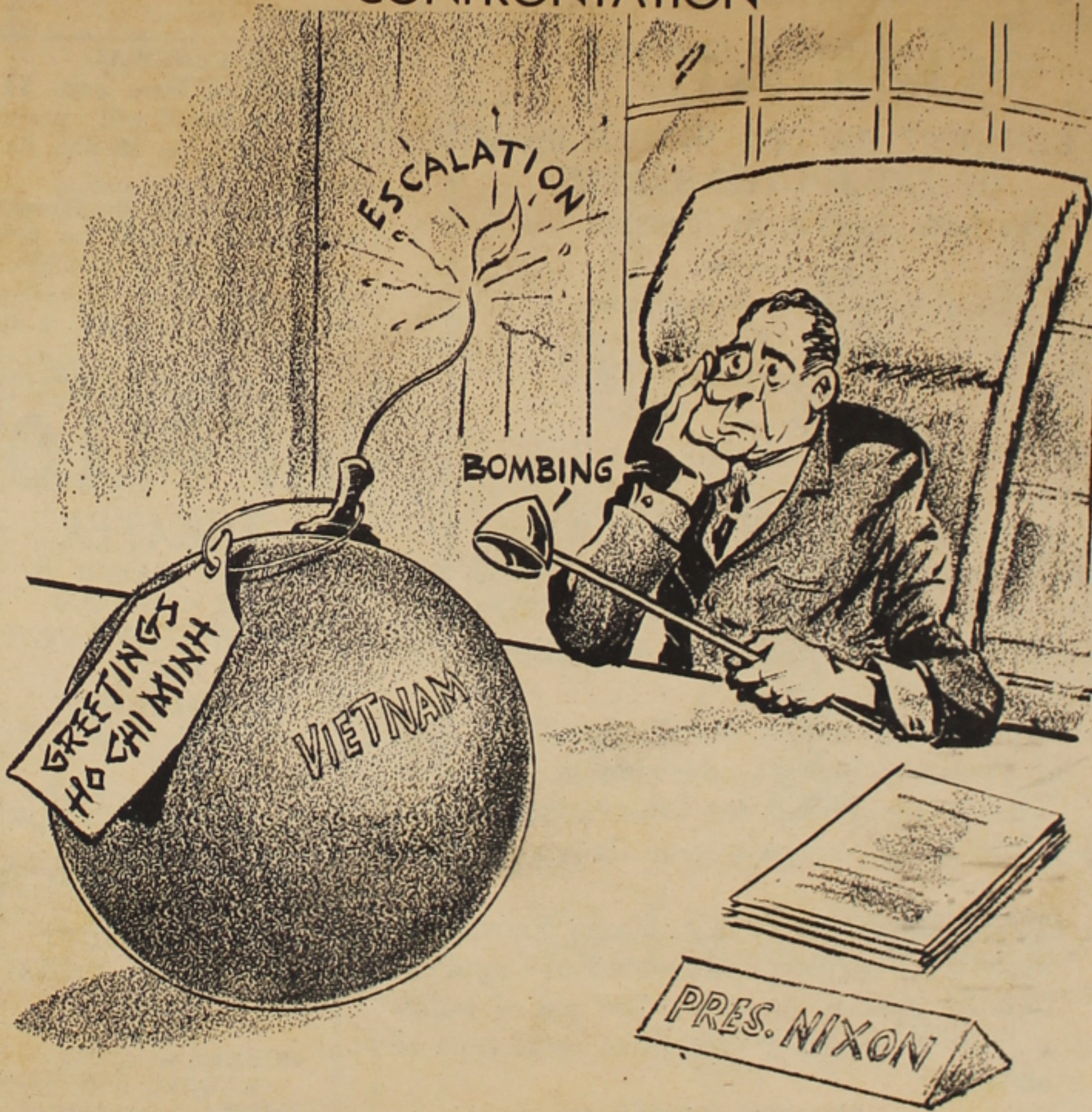
As Christians begin to observe the more solemn part of the Lenten Season known as Passion-tide, a Mission Renewal will be conducted at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral.

Rev. Father James Daniel Breen, C.S.S.R. a Redemptorist Missionary from Lancaster, Pa., who has been a missionary for a number of

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neglected island will impel Britain to spend enough money to provide a decent livelihood for the people of Anguilla.

CONFRONTATION



ANGUILLANS
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good spirits as evening approached on this island of 6,000 which has no public electricity or telephones. He complained to newsmen about the soldiers who were armed with automatic weapons and sub machine guns.

"Some of them are carrying their guns and drinking beer and whiskey," Webster complained. "That is not a good combination in the tropics."

The British invasion force, which seemed like more than the announced 200 plus, was busy digging fox holes, establishing machine gun positions and building roadblocks through most of the day.

Correspondents and Anguillans alike were genuinely amazed at the amount of supplies and equipment the British troops brought in including heavy trucks, jeeps and ammunition.

"They could have invaded Rhodesia with all this," quipped one Anguillan.

Webster asked one paratrooper how much ammunition he was carrying and the soldier told Webster to count

it himself.

Webster said later the soldier must have had at least 100 pounds.

Correspondents asked the British if any persons had been arrested. One spokesman said he could not give an official reply but that he did not believe anyone had been detained.

Earlier today, two UPI representatives held an exclusive interview with Webster in a secluded spot on the eastern side of the island. Webster said he was "happy" over the British invasion but not happy with the British.

Asked if he saw any similarity between the invasion of Anguilla and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, he said "this is identically the same, they have done a beastly thing sending these armed men to our peaceful island."

Webster warned that if the British did not honor the constitution which had been adopted by the islanders in an almost unanimous vote, the British would have great difficulty. He said it was important that the British negotiate their position and not merely dictate terms.

TROOPS DETAIN
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propositions to him regarding the development of Anguilla but that they were subsequently retracted.

Three Americans—including a Baptist missionary and his family—were arrested and held for several hours by British Authorities Wednesday. One of the men, Florida real estate developer Jack Holcomb, was ordered deported from the country.

The Baptist missionary, Freeman Goodge, was arrested at his home on the eastern end of the island by a well-armed squad of paratroopers. His wife was out shopping at the time and she was picked up later by three armed paratroopers. They were held four hours.

Holcomb was seen at the British command post set up in a school just after he was given an order to depart. Obviously bitter, he declined comment saying, "I have just been given a deport order and have to go home and pack."

He said he had been living on the island "on and off" for nine months.

Holcomb is one of the mysterious figures said to be hovering around Anguillan acting President Ronald Webster that prompted Wednesday invasion by Britain. The British say they moved into the 35 square mile island to restore law and order and rid the island of its so-called "Mafia-like" elements.

MISSION RENEWAL
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years in Brazil will preach and conduct the Mission Renewal.

It will begin on Monday evening March 24th at 8:00 p.m. and continue throughout the week until Saturday, March 29th. The public is invited.

TONY LEE
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and Commonwealth Office, witnessed Lee's ceremony with Kerr. Five uniformed London

metropolitan police arrived on the frigate one of them, Andrew Way, was sworn in as new

Anguilla police chief. Oliver Dreschfield, 60, retired

Uganda attorney general, was to be in Anguilla tomorrow where

he would take up the position of first magistrate.

The Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
Virgin Islands
March 19, 1969

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON

VIRGIN ISLANDS COOPERATIVE MARKETS PROGRAM PROPOSAL

The Committee on Commerce of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands is presently studying ways and means to provide income opportunities to unemployed and unemployable men and women. It has been suggested that cooperative markets be reestablished for the sale of local arts and crafts. For the purpose of gathering additional information on the subject of cooperative markets and to receive other suggestions for the market of home-produced products, public hearings will be held on:

Tuesday, March 25, 1969, at

The Senate Building, St. Thomas—
2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 2, 1969, at

Government House, St. Croix—
8:00 P.M.

Testimony, statements and representations will be received from all interested persons, organizations or associations concerning the subject of these hearings.

Persons desiring to be heard by the Legislature on this subject are requested to contact the office of the Executive Secretary of the Legislature in St. Thomas (774-1587), and the Assistant Executive Secretary (773-2424) in St. Croix.

LOUIS P. HESTRES

Chairman

Committee on Commerce

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DATED: March 12, 1969.

ALPHONSO A. CHRISTIAN
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Public Works Department

March 17, 1969

NOTICE

THE BOARD OF ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING APPEALS WILL CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING APPEALS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1969, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Appeal submitted by R. C. Spenceley, Inc. of Planning Board's decision to approve U.S.O.'s application for construction of facilities at 73 Kronprindsens Gade and QTR.

Appeal submitted by Mr. Mario Reovan of Planning Board's disapproval of application for special exception for use of building for commercial activities and type of structure.

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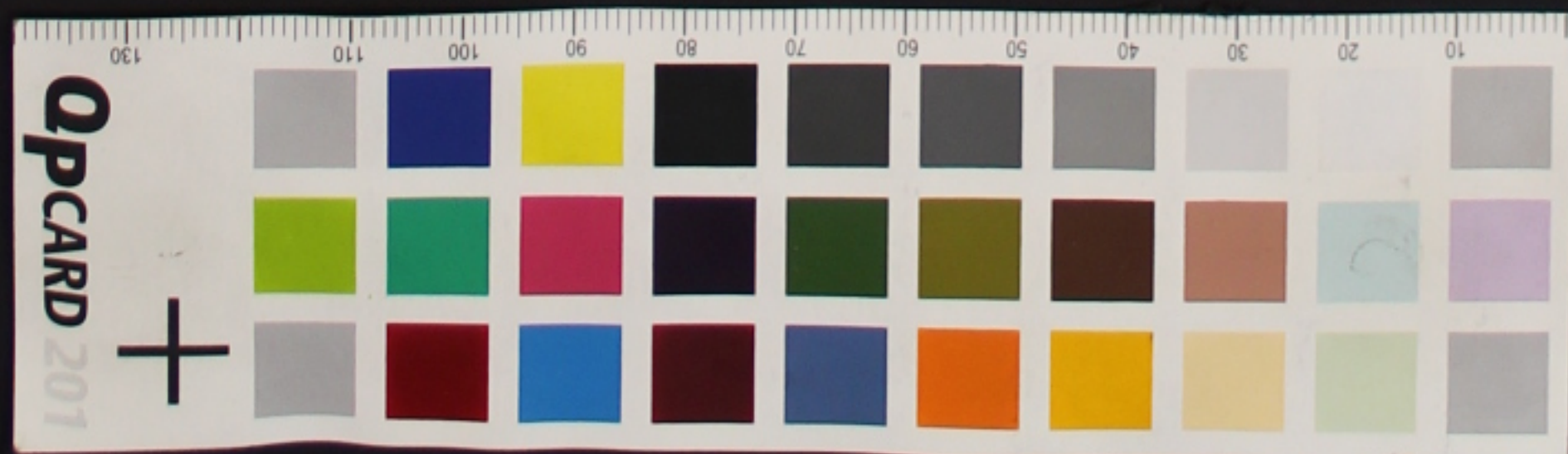
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St. Kitts Turmoil Affects Anguilla Situation

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headmaster was authorized to grant permission to use the school grounds.

The motorcade was held, but on Jan. 1, several hundred persons, including troupes, steel bands and the parade of beauty queens with Miss St. Kitts 1968-1969 and her runners up, found the gates to the grounds closed.

According to reports, a group of policemen guarded the entrance. Eyewitnesses claimed they saw tear-gas canisters and army jeeps on a nearby street with rifles and automatic weapons. The government overruled Jones' authority at the last moment by a show of power.

The action was a political one, since William V. Herbert, M.B.E., chairman of the Christmas Festivities Committee, is the father of the leader of the opposition party, and the Labor

Party had organized its own version of Christmas festivities, had deined the use of the public park to Herbert, and then used the park to stage functions organized by Labor.

The government's overruling of Jones' action, then forcing him to take a leave of absence, together with its move to dismiss him from his post triggered, an islandwide strike by the St. Kitts Teachers Association, and student demonstrations in his support. The government reportedly threatened to fire all of the striking teachers and a stalemate resulted, with the St. Kitts Civil Service Association blasting the government for its handling of the Jones case and its using the government-owned radio for "the official public dressing given to a matter which should remain within the service." The government does not allow equal radio time to anyone it accuses.

The two-week teachers strike ended in a truce between government and the St. Kitts Teachers Association. Once the teachers returned to their posts however, Jones was "tried" and dismissed. There have been other incidents this year which have also incensed the people of St. Kitts, such as the Reynolds incident, and the arrest of Miss Vivienne Fieulleateau, editor of the Democrat, which publishes articles critical of the government. She was charged with public mischief.

Shortly before the Reynolds incident, the government reportedly bought the property which was then used as the headquarters of PAM, for \$130,000. Local evaluators place the real value at \$60,000 and the purchase was seen as an attempt to stifle the opposition party. PAM has since bought property for use as its headquarters.

Following the purchase, the Reynolds incident occurred which John J. Reynolds tells in his own words in a signed statement filed at the Basseterre Police Station and corroborated by eyewitnesses. John J. Reynolds states:-

"I am a retired police officer and live at Irish Town, Bay Road. I am an executive member of the People's Action Movement. I know an Army private by name, Mason of Saddles Village.

"On Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1969, sometime between 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., I went to PAM Headquarters, walking from Blakeney Hotel way. I had two keys in my hand. As I opened the gate and was going in the yard, I heard some folks who were at Masses House in Church Street looking over the gallery facing the same street, clap their hands. I looked up to see what they were clapping their hands for, and as I turned around my head to go inside the yard I saw an automatic gun at my left breast and Army Pvt. Mason hold same and saying, "Lock back that gate or I will shoot you."

I was frightened. About two minutes afterwards I asked him, "What is the matter?" He

replied, 'If you go inside that gate I will shoot you dead.' I told him, "I am going to the bar for a 100 watt bulb I had left there and you can come along with me."

"He replied, 'If you go inside I am going to shoot you dead.' The people who were on the gallery at Masses House shouted and said, 'Shoot him.' He then said to me, 'Lock back that gate.' I told him. 'I am not locking it back.'

"He said, 'If you don't lock it back I am going to shoot you dead.' I told him, 'When you are ready to shoot me dead you can do it. Christ died at 33 years and I am 59 years; Doctor Herbert still has tenancy for this place and no notice to quit has been given to him.' He insisted that I must lock the gate or he will shoot me dead, and I insisted that I would not lock back the gate.

"All this time he had the gun pointed to my left breast. I told him, 'If you suspected sabotage I would permit you to search me and I am sure you will not find anything on me that can do any harm. Both of us can go to the bar and take up the bulb.'

"He said, 'I am not searching you.' As I attempted to put my

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West Indians Alarmed at Britain's Move

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hands to turn out my pockets, he said, 'if you dare to put your hands in your pockets I will shoot you dead.' I therefore did not put my hands in my pocket.

"Policeman in uniform who had a walkie talkie set came and spoke to Army Pvt. Mason. I heard him say to Pvt. Mason, 'We are here on duty and we haven't got any order to shoot anybody.' Mason pushed him aside with the gun and pointed it at him. Later I learned the name of this uniformed policeman is P.C. Nolan.

"Mason then drew back about four feet from me and pointed

the gun at me and said, 'Move from the gate or I will shoot you.' I told him, 'I am not moving.' He said, 'We are the government and you cannot do us anything; Mr. Bradshaw told us to shoot to kill, shoot dead.'

"I told him, 'I'm not moving as neither my presence nor my behavior is causing a breach of the peace.' He said, 'I have one round in the breach and my finger is on the trigger; if you don't move I am going to shoot you dead.' I told him, 'I am not moving.' Army Sgt. Wigley came and spoke to him saying, 'When you are going to shoot, don't miss, shoot dead' and he left and returned later with a revolver.

Shortly after St. Wigley left another sentry was brought and posted.

"There was a gathering of Labor members at Masses House and most of them came into Church Street. Samuel Queenley, who is the foreman of the Telephone Department in St. Kitts, was standing in front of the crowd and about six feet from me and shouted to the Army Pvt. Mason and said, 'Shoot the man; you don't hear he isn't moving and you have orders to shoot dead; if you don't shoot him I am going to report you to the Premier tomorrow.' He repeated these sayings many times.

"Shortly afterwards Mr. Lee Moore drove up in his car; he came out and many Labor supporters went up to him.

"A woman by the name of Mrs. Margaret Moses came to where Pvt. Mason was and said, 'Shoot the man, you don't hear he isn't moving; Mr. Bradshaw told you all to kill. If I had the gun I would have shot him already and left.' Mr. Lee Moore then came to where the Army private was. I heard him say to him, 'Shoot the man; don't you hear he says he is not moving.' At this time Army Pvt. Mason was trembling when he said, 'Move from the gate or I will shoot you dead.' I again told

him, 'I am not moving.'

"Mr. Lee Moore then said to him, 'Don't be in a hurry to shoot yet. Mr. Lee Moore turned around and said to the people, 'All of you who belong to us come on this side.' (meaning the west side of the street by Masses House as he was pointing in this direction).

"Most of them obeyed his instruction and went. I still stood up where I was standing. Mr. Bysie Laplace came and told me to move from the gate. The Army Private Mason pointed his gun on him and told him if he did not move he would shoot him. Mr Laplace left from near the gate from where I was and went away. He returned shortly afterwards and spoke to me.

"About 9 p.m. Sgt. Major Errol Maynard came and removed the two sentries. He called me; I went to him, and he said to me, 'I am sorry for the embarrassment caused by the sentries; they were carrying out wrong instructions. You can go in the yard.'

"The gate was opened by Mr. Cecil Roberts after I had given him the key I went inside, got the bulb and went to the Basseterre Police Station where I made a report to Police Sgt. Elcock. I left the Basseterre Police station and went home.

"I should like before I close this statement to mention that Mr. Cecil Roberts told Mr. Lee Moore that he heard him telling Pvt. Mason not to be in a hurry to shoot yet. Mr. Moore made a reply but I did not understand; an argument between them followed.

"As a result of this incident I suffered from shock and had to consult a doctor who prescribed for me and ordered me to rest for at least three days.

John J. Reynolds
10 January 1969.

Lee Moore is Bradshaw's public relations man, and both the Army and the Police fall under Bradshaw's ministry.

Many West Indians are alarmed that Britain is apparently moving to use force on Anguilla. It is felt that the situation can still be handled through diplomatic channels, and if blood is spilled on Anguilla, a violent backlash could erupt throughout the British Commonwealth. What appears necessary is an entire overhaul of the political association of the British Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. A lot has happened since the last general elections, and a referendum along with new elections would do much to remedy the situation.

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