

BVI Charges Ex-Cop With Murder

Tortola police have arrested a former British Virgin Islands police sergeant in connection with the shotgun slaying, April 30, of Joseph Bryan of Tortola. The cops nabbed the suspected murderer, Kenneth Jackson, shortly after his return from a St. Thomas trip.

Jackson, a native of Antigua, now resident on Virgin Gorda, resigned from the force three years ago. He is married to a British Virgin Islander.

Tortola police revealed that the slain man had been

shot through the chest while at his Virgin Gorda Valley home. He died instantly. Ballistic experts identified the bullet, which was later found in Bryan's home, as coming from a .22 calibre

rifle. May 6, Robinson O'Neal, also of Virgin Gorda, reported to police that a similar weapon had been stolen from his home while he was away on business in Antigua. The

murder weapon has not been found. But O'Neal's children are reported to have told police that shortly before the murder Jackson had been inquiring of them
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Plane Crash Lands At Lindberg Bay

Three men miraculously escaped death yesterday when a single-engine Cherokee 180 aircraft crash landed into the sea at Lindberg Bay Beach yesterday.

The plane disappeared in approximately 100 ft of water within three minutes after it touched down on the sea, according to observers but the men were saved by the quick action of a rescue party.

On board were the pilot
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COP SHOOTS ANGUILLAN

Andrew Rogers, a 35-year-old electrician from Anguilla, is recuperating in Knud-Hansen Memorial Hospital from a bullet wound in the leg after he was shot by a policeman.

Hospital sources yesterday described his condition as satisfactory. The incident occurred at Hospital Ground on Sunday night in the heat of a "free-for-all" between several men.

Patrolman Edmond Turnbull was dispatched to intervene in the brawl after reports of the disturbance reached the police headquarters.

But in attempting to break up the brawl, the officer found himself right in the center of the aggressive storm.

Turnbull who has been on the force more than a year, said that although he identified himself as a police officer, Rogers attacked him by pounding him on the head.

And despite three warning shots, Turnbull added, Rogers continued to attack him with a stone. That was when the lawman reverted to his service revolver, according to police reports.

The Anguillan was wounded a little above the right knee where the shot went through his leg.

On his discharge from hospital, Rogers faces three charges — assault, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.



Nineteen-year-old Bevan Hodge, pilot of the ill-fated Cherokee which crash-landed and sank at Lindberg Bay yesterday (left), dabs at a face wound after he and two passengers were rescued. Also walking towards the airport ambulance is David Harrigan (center). See page 8 for another on-the-spot shot.

Bids Soon on CD Center at Fort

Bids will be requested soon for construction work to modify the basement at Fort Christian, for an emergency operating center for the local Civil Defense, Director Leon A. Mawson announced Monday.

The approximate \$40,000 cost of this project will come from Federal and local funds. Fifty per cent of this cost has already been contributed by the Department of the Army, Office of Civil Defense.

The local 50 percent share was approved by the Seventh Legislature about one year ago in an appropriation bill later signed by Gov. Ralph M. Paiwowsky.

Rocky Vs Dick At GOP Meeting

Members of the St. Croix branch of the Republican Party will get an opportunity to register their feelings about the two principal contenders for the Republican Presidential nomination when they meet at St. Mary's Hall, Christiansted next Tuesday.

Attorney Ronald Tohkin, branch president, announced that there will be "an informal secret ballot for the people's choice — Nixon or Rockefeller — for the Presidential nomination of the Republican Party."

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Cites Beach Loss; Would Sue VI Govt.

Property owners adjacent to the Crown Bay area are seeking permission to file suit against the Virgin Islands government.

Their attorney, Thomas D. Ireland of the firm of Maas, Ireland and Bruno, have written to members of the Legislature charging that sewerage disposal has created health problems.

He stated:

"Prior to the filling of the Crown Bay area the owners facing what is now fill enjoyed the privileges of owning beach frontage, which is one of the most valuable property rights in the Virgin Islands. Without any sort of condemnation action or consultation with
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Adina Mc Alpin 'Mother of Year'

Mrs. Adina McAlpin, a Christiansted housewife, was elected "Mother of the Year" Sunday by the members of the Christiansted Family Movement. She has been married to Henrique McAlpin, an official of the Public Works Department, for the past 32 years.

The McAlpins have seven children — two sons and five daughters — ranging in ages from 14 to 31.

Dr. Richards Raps Union Leaders

Education Commissioner Dr. Arthur Richards, has denied charges made by the local Teacher Federation that his department has given the teachers a run-around and refused to negotiate a contract.

In an islands-wide TV-radio broadcast Friday, Richards declared:

"The team of the Department of Education has never engaged in delaying tactics.

Charging the union officials with misleading the public

on the issue, Richards continued:

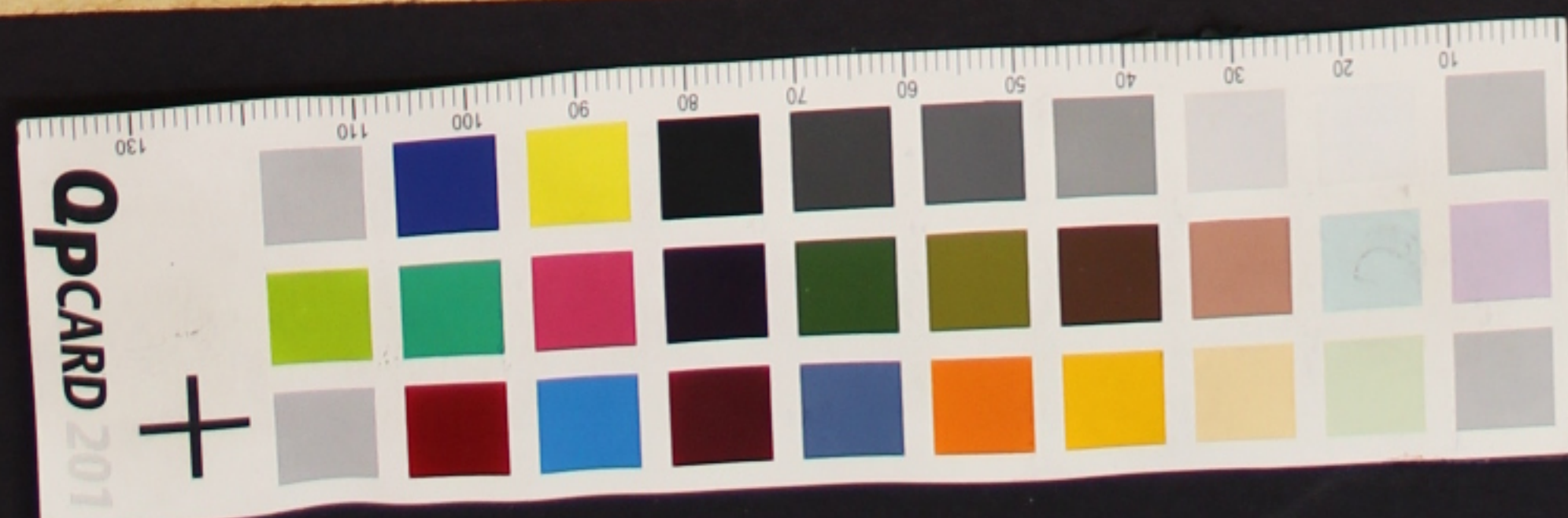
"Let there be no misunderstanding, teachers do now have a valid and binding contract with the Government of the Virgin Islands until the end of the current

school year. We have not broken, nor do we intend to break that contract.

"It would be unfortunate," he said, "if the teachers should break their contract now and imperil the future in college, of the many grow

young men and women who look forward to graduation this June."

The Commissioner charge that although his office and the union agreed that details of the negotiations



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Richards disclosed that at the request of the first American Federation of Teachers, representative Gorge Brickhouse, his department agreed to participate in the development of a joint recommendation to be presented to the personnel division and then to the Legislature.

"However," he continued, "the current AFT representative, Mr. Joseph Cascella, has stated to the Department, as well as to the people, that he is requiring the Department to change the pension law, perhaps by magic.

The Commissioner said that the union has persuaded the teachers to submit an ultimatum to the government effective this Wednesday despite the fact that there is a contract for the present school year, and the negotiations deal with a contract for the next school year.

"The union knows, too, that separate pensions for teachers cannot be developed and legislated by the time the strike deadline comes into effect," he said. "It knows, too, that if there is a negotiated contract, it must, of necessity, be minus all the demands in this category. This is what the union calls: 'the run around.'"

"It is my opinion," the Commissioner said, "that he rejected it so that he could constantly cry that we will not negotiate. I hope when the teachers see on page one

of a local newspaper that the Department has met with the union, and then read on page two of the same paper that the Department refuses to even sit down and talk, they will begin to ask themselves some questions, because it does not appear to me that they could be misled in this manner."

"Our willingness to negotiate reflects the broad concern that this administration has shown for teachers, the well-being of the children and the advancement of the educational system," he continued.

Richards told his audience that ever since the responsibilities of government were placed in the hands of Ralph Paiewonsky seven years ago, teachers' salaries have been constantly upgraded. He noted that when Paiewonsky took office a teacher with a Bachelor's degree received only \$4,000 a year, while one with a Master's degree earned only \$4,800 a year.

"By 1966, however, a teacher with a Bachelor's degree was earning \$5,400 a year, and \$6,300 a was allotted for the Master's. The new pay schedule, as originally presented to the Legislature, proposed salaries of \$6,200 for the Bachelor's degree, an increase of \$800, and \$7,000 for the Master's," Richards said.

"This plan," he continued, "compares favorably with the greater number of salary schedules in the nation, and provides teacher compensation that is almost double that of nearby Puerto Rico.

Continuing, he said: "The legislative and executive branches of the government have constantly given great priority to matters concern-

BEACH LOSS...

(Continued from page 1) these property owners, the beach was eliminated by filling a portion of that bay and what was a peaceful and private property has now become a public thoroughfare and a lover's lane without beach frontage.

One of the basic premises of our law is that property will not be taken by the government without compensation to the owner.

"These owners not only have valuable property rights taken without compensation, but face an equality, if not more serious problem."

Sewage disposal and waste from V.I. Distillers is now being emptied into Crown Bay within a few feet of their property creating unbearable and unhealthy odors, serious health problems and eliminating completely the value of the property for rental purposes, causing considerable demerit in value and income losses.

"The sewage problem creates an actionable nuisance, but since this type of legal action is a tort, the consent of the government is required before such suit can be instituted."

ROCKY VS. DICK...

(Continued from page 1) Commissioner Charles Gronoveldt will be on hand to give a general talk on crime in the V.I.

The meeting will get underway promptly at 8 p.m.

ed with the education of our children. Measures proposed by the Department have always received careful consideration, and, whenever possible, funds for their im-

MURDER

(Continued from page 1) where their father kept his rifle. The accused man has been held without bail in Tortola.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

(Continued from page 5) to equal education, employment, public facilities, the sacrosanct, secret vote, social security, workmen's unemployment insurance, and public housing; to mention just a few.

The unbiased enforcement of the law, is the basis upon which our society will sink or swim; but that law must protect us all.

The permissive attitude displayed by some politicians and police on the mainland about enforcement of the laws protecting property and persons was in effect the suspension of the same principle of protection under law of all our citizens.

I fear we are in troubled waters. Its the God-given civil duty of each and every one of us, to set a good example for each other; to do no act of violence against one another. Rather, we should actually promote good relations among our fellowmen, regardless of color, creed, or national origin.

We are all members of the human race. Spiritually, if we feel the demon of hate welling up in our soul, stamp it out of your mind, and ask the help of the Divine Being within us all.

Let us live each day as if it was our last day. Let us be good neighbors, one to another.

Lawrence A. Creque.

plementation have been forthcoming.

PLANE CRASH LANDS

(Continued from page 1) Bevan Hodge, 19, his brother Ivor Hodge, 22, and David Harrigan, 27, all of Anguilla.

The aircraft was on a return flight from Anguilla when the incident occurred, horrifying a number of bystanders on the beach who saw the aircraft plunging into the depths.

The pilot who received his license two months ago from Burnside Ott Aviation training school in Miami, said he left Anguilla at 3 p.m. on the hour-long flight and had just received the all clear from the tower to land.

"Landing conditions were perfect, I had already closed my flight plan and rechecked the controls for the fourth time when the engine started to buck and lose altitude. I was five miles south of the airport and ditched it as best I could," the calmly composed pilot related.

Hodge has logged 235 flying hours to date.

Within minutes, life guards Leo Mahoney, James Julian, and Alton A. Adams Jr., Executive Director of the V.I. Airport & Industrial Agency, and the maintenance supervisor Timmy Phills pulled the men from the water and rushed them to hospital.

One eye-witness, Paula Brooks of Property and Procurement, raised an alarm after seeing the plane descending "fast."

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aggression directed against peoples unable to resist. He then placed himself ahead of any presidential candidate in imagination and concept of policy when he said: "We must do our part to protect world security by maintaining whatever strength is necessary to meet our commitments to the U.N. Charter and the regional treaties to which we are signatory, but we are also obligated to concentrate on the arts of peace. Through affirmative action to meet human needs, we can build security and peace."

This was his premise. The Vice President then moved for bridges to be built to mainland China. He said, "Surely one of the most exciting and enriching experiences to which we can look forward is a building of peaceful bridges to the people of mainland China. I believe the power of the free idea will in time infiltrate mainland China... as it has infiltrated, and is infiltrating, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe."



Timothy Phipps (left), maintenance supervisor at the airport, shows part of the wing which snapped from the impact of the emergency landing. Alton Adams Jr., replaces his shoe after he was soaked while assisting in rescue operations. There were no fatalities, although the three men suffered slight injuries.

