

Anguilla Crowds March In Protest

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ
Associated Press Writer

ANGUILLA (AP) — Hundreds of gaily dressed Anguillans paraded Thursday to protest British occupation of their tiny Caribbean island. In the van, from the back of a motorbike, acting President Ronald Webster waved the orange, white and aqua flag of what he claims is an independent republic. British troops, sweltering in berets and long-sleeves

green fatigues, seemed fascinated by the holiday-flavored procession. Some waved to the marchers. But British authorities made clear in a confrontation with Webster that they recognize neither him nor Anguillian independence and will impose Her Majesty's law and order even if it means several years of occupation. In Britain, meanwhile, the government prepared to pour in aid in the form of power, water, roads,

bridges, schools and hospitals—the very things the Anguillans say were neglected for more than 300 years of colonization before the impoverished island mounted its Lilliputian challenge to the crown. Marching Anguillans carried signs reading "British British Go Home," and "Take your Troops to Rhodesia," as about 1,000 of them passed the red-roofed schoolhouse where the British command (See ANGUILLA, Page 16)

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Today's Thought

My country is the world; my countrymen are mankind.
—William Lloyd Garrison

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28-Hour House Meet Passes Parcelero Bill



Showing some signs of strain from the great parceleros debate in the House are from left, PDP Reps. Antonio Sagardia Sanchez and Jorge Bird, and Government Committee Chairman Benny

Frankie Cerezo, battling fatigue during a brief recess. Most ashtrays in the House looked like this one even before the 28-hour session ended. (STAR Photos by Jose Felciano)

Senate Must Also Approve \$1 Land Deed

By BETSY MIRANDA
Of The STAR Staff

A weary House of Representatives voted unanimously Thursday to grant parceleros title to the public land on which they live for \$1 a plot, after a stormy 28-hour marathon session.

Minutes after the bill was passed shortly after 6 p.m., House Speaker Angel Viera Martínez received a message from Gov. Ferre congratulating the legislators for their "act of justice" toward Puerto Rico's 76,000 parceleros. The bill, one of Ferre's campaign promises, now goes to the Senate.

As approved, the bill will grant title deed for \$1 only to (See PARCELEROS, Page 16)

Vizcarrondo Trust Fund Plan Received

By FRANK RAMOS
STAR Special Writer

Senate Nominations Committee Chairman Julio Irving Rodriguez confirmed Thursday that he has received a document detailing a proposed trust fund to be established by Planning Board Chairman Julio Vizcarrondo.

The document, turned over to Rodriguez Wednesday afternoon by Justice Secretary Santiago Soler Favale, was scheduled to be discussed at a PDP Senate caucus scheduled for late Thursday night.

PDP senators have insisted (See VIZCARRONDO, Page 16)

Fires At Bayamon City Hall Trigger Dispute Over Cause

By DAVID PEREZ
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Five small fires erupted at Bayamon City Hall Thursday, triggering dispute between Mayor Guillermo Campos who said they were the work of firebombers and the Criminal Investigations Corps, which said it found no bombs.

Campos said the first fire was "caused by a bomb which exploded in the hall at the main entrance to City Hall. The other fires started within minutes."

However, a CIC spokesman said "there were no explosive devices found at the scene of the fires."

Campos said the trouble started about 11:30 a.m. while he was meeting with the health secretary and a number of doctors from

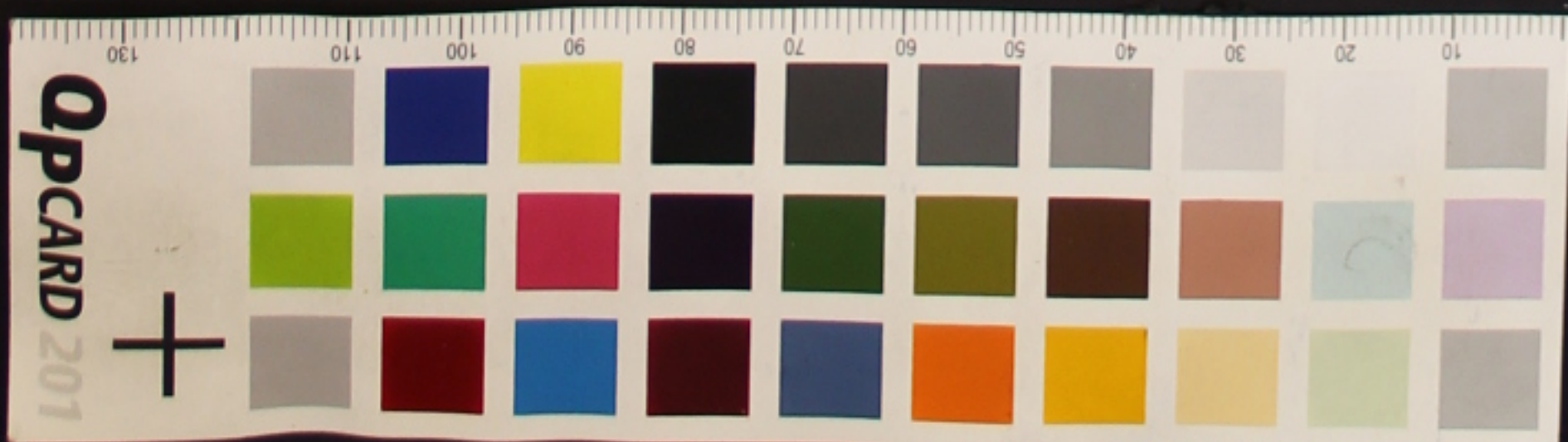
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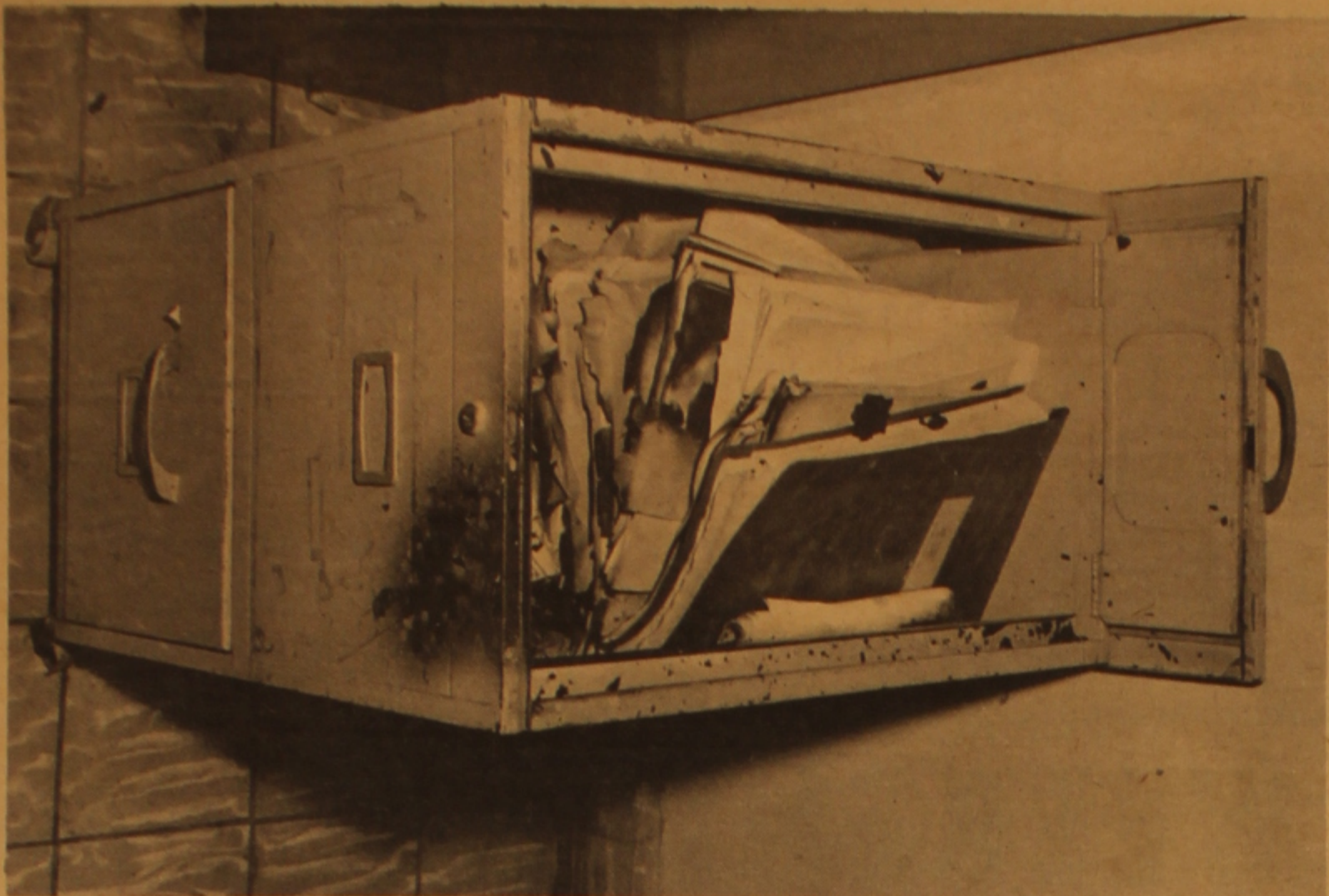
At that time, he said, the lights went out and telephones went dead. "We thought it was a fuse at first."

Shortly after the lights went, however, someone started "screaming fire, fire. We rushed the health secretary and doctors out of the building," Campos said.

At the same time, the mayor said, "we heard this loud noise in the main hall on the first floor."

Within minutes of the "explosion", a number of Civil Defense workers were already extinguishing the fire caused by the first explosion. Police arrived and immediately roped off the street, (See BOMBS, Page 16)





Charred papers lay in a file cabinet at Bayamon City Hall where five small fires broke out Thursday. (STAR Photo by Pipo Grajales)

BOMBS

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he added.
Antonio Kolthoff, Bayamon Civil Defense director, said that shortly after the first fire, another started in a garbage can in the men's lavatory on the second floor. It was quickly extinguished, he added.

A third fire then erupted in a basement lavatory and a fourth fire in the personnel office on the third floor. Moments later, another fire broke out in the third office of the school director.

Kolthoff said that his men, who were separated into several

groups in order to check the entire building, "had to use protective masks because of the thick smoke."

Throughout City Hall, he said, "burnt matches were found on tried to start fires were started."

He said that "apparently the person or persons responsible knew their way around the building and were still inside when the first fire started."

At about 12:30 p.m. CIC agents arrived at the scene and found that the main light switch had been turned off and all telephone lines cut.

PARCELEROS

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persons who have complied with the conditions imposed when the plots were granted to them. These include not building more than one residence, not using the land for commercial purposes nor subdividing it.

Longtime employees of the Legislature agreed that this was the longest session they could recall as far back as 20 years ago. It began Wednesday afternoon, continued through the night and was interrupted only by two brief recesses.

The session was tense. No legislator could drift far from the floor because each party had 25 representatives. The usual New Progressive Party majority of one was lost with the absence of Vice Speaker Ruben Otero Bosco, who is hospitalized on the mainland.

The session was not without incidents. At one point, Rep. Antonio Sagardia Sanchez, PDP-San Sebastian, charged that Minority Floor Leader Luis Ramos Yordan had "threatened" him.

Sagardia Sanchez had voted for an amendment introduced by the NPP explaining that he had proposed that amendment when the bill was being considered. His fellow Popular Democratic Party representatives voted against it.

After the amendment was approved, Ramos Yordan approached Sagardia Sanchez, words were exchanged and the San Sebastian legislator told the floor that he had been threatened.

A recess was declared and both were called to the speaker's office. When the session resumed, Sagardia Sanchez asked that his words be

stricken from the record. Both men then shook hands. The exact nature of their argument was not made known.

During the recess, another incident took place. A jest among several representatives in the North Room of the floor nearly ended in a fist fight between a representative and a Senate official. Observers agreed it was due to a misunderstanding. A fight was prevented by legislators standing nearby.

Although Ramos Yordan had announced Wednesday at the beginning of the session that the PDP would favor the bill, PDP representatives introduced 10 major amendments, only one of which was approved.

It was one of two major amendments tacked onto the bill during the lengthy session.

The first amendment, proposed by the PDP, provides that parceleros whose land is confiscated for violating the conditions imposed on the granting of plots be compensated for any improvement or construction they may have made on the land.

The second amendment, proposed by the NPP, creates a board that will give final approval to the regulations that the secretary of agriculture will have to draft for implementation of the law. The board will include the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of social services and the chairman of the Planning Board.

This measure provoked another incident. It was to be introduced by Majority Floor Leader Hernan Padilla who distributed a copy of it to all representatives.

The mayor said damages were minor because the Civil Defense workers, who also have offices in City Hall, extinguished the fires quickly.

Campos said some employees reported seeing one or two persons leaving City Hall within minutes of the first fire.

However, the CIC spokesman said "there are no suspects and no identification has been made."

An employee, who asked that his name be withheld, said that many employees feel "that the fires were started by persons who oppose the construction of a ball park."

VIZCARRONDO

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that Vizcarrondo place his stocks in an acceptable trust fund as a condition for his confirmation as head of the Planning Board.

Meanwhile, Soler Favale disclosed Thursday, in reply to questions submitted by the STAR, details of the behind-the-scenes efforts to find an acceptable solution that would permit Vizcarrondo's confirmation.

These efforts were temporarily stymied by an unexpected speech delivered Tuesday by PDP Sen. Severo Colberg calling Ferre's trust fund a "fraud" and demanding the Governor make his trust arrangement public.

Unknown to Colberg, both the Senate Nominations Committee chairman and Senate President Rafael Hernandez Colon had already been informed by Soler Favale that the document describing Ferre's trust fund was open for their inspection.

The details, as disclosed by Soler Favale, are as follows:

Sometime last week, Soler Favale suggested to Ferre the advisability of establishing "channels of communication" with Hernandez Colon and Rodriguez regarding the Vizcarrondo appointment. The Governor agreed and turned the matter over to Soler Favale.

A series of telephone conversations followed during which Soler Favale, on the one hand, and Hernandez Colon and Rodriguez, on the other, outlined their respective positions.

On Monday, Rodriguez, acting on behalf of the committee, sent a letter to the Governor stating that the committee felt Vizcarrondo's case presented a conflict of interests. The letter ad-

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set up headquarters.

But the mood was changed from earlier in the day when small sullen groups silently watched troops set up roadblocks and post guards at the crude airstrip and other strategic points on the 35-square-mile island.

The British brought in reinforcements to the group that landed Wednesday, boosting the occupation force to about 300 marines and paratroopers plus 55 London Bobbies and a Scotland Yard assistant commissioner.

When Webster came to call on British officers at their headquarters earlier in the day, about 300 islanders hoisted him to their shoulders and shouted their support.

Milling about their leader, the crowd sang the Anguillian freedom song to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Webster agreed to confer with the Britons, but said he would not hold any formal negotiations until the troops are pulled out.

Anthony Lee, British official who has been installed as commissioner for the island, said the British occupation might last several years. But it was believed that the troops will be withdrawn soon leaving a detachment of London police behind.

Jack N. Holcomb, a white American adviser to Webster who was expelled from Anguilla by the British, said in Miami, Fla., that he does not think the islanders will tolerate the British presence for long.

Holcomb, a Florida real estate man, called the invasion "the worst blunder the British ever made." He said the British "take millions to mount an invasion, but they won't spend a

ded, however, that this conflict should not be an obstacle to having "a person of Vizcarrondo's capabilities" serving the government.

Rodriguez said that if the committee could see a copy of a trust fund "similar" to that established by Ferre, it could help in establishing a "similar arrangement" in Vizcarrondo's case.

On Tuesday, Soler Favale answered Rodriguez's letter, inviting him to visit his office to examine the document setting up Ferre's trust fund. Soler Favale telephoned Rodriguez to give him his answer verbally and the two men agreed to meet in Soler Favale's office the next morning.

Tuesday night, however, Colberg delivered his speech attacking Ferre's trust fund. Colberg admitted in an interview Thursday that he knew nothing of the conversations between the justice secretary and Rodriguez.

Rodriguez failed to show up at Soler Favale's office Wednesday morning but did arrive that afternoon. Soler Favale left a cabinet meeting at La Fortaleza and returned to his office to receive Rodriguez.

The justice secretary then gave Rodriguez a document detailing the proposed trust fund to be established by Vizcarrondo. However, the Colberg speech had already had its effect and Soler Favale declined to show Rodriguez a copy of the Governor's trust fund.

Soler Favale acknowledged that he did not show Rodriguez the document regarding Ferre's trust fund because of fear that the PDP senators would try to use the document for political purposes.

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dime on roads or schools or electricity of telephones or anything else for development."

Asked why he had been deported, Holcomb said, "Because Mr. Lee felt that my close relationship with Mr. Webster was such that they would like to get rid of anyone who would have any knowledge of activities and developments outside the island."

Holcomb said he had been questioned for two hours by a British army major and a Scotland Yard agent and accused of being linked with a "criminal element."

Holcomb told reporters he was a law-abiding businessman with no underworld connection.

"I have never known a gambler in my life," he said. "I have never known a gangster."

He asserted that Webster makes his own decisions without outside influence.

"I don't believe any man tells Ronald Webster," he said.

British officials had charged that U.S. underworld figures were reported wrestling control of the island possibly to make it a haven for gamblers. Webster has called the charge absurd.

Britain has assured Anguillians they will not be forced back into federation with the island of St. Kitts. Anguilla seceded from the federation May 31, 1967, charging that its prime minister, Robert L. Bradshaw, treated the Anguillians as stepchildren.

British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart told the House of Commons the occupation will give everyone concerned a chance to figure out where their interests really lie. He indicated that the government fears that Anguilla's secession might inspire other islands to break away from British-sponsored federations.

Stewart ordered one of his top officials back to London from a tour of the West Indies to hold urgent policy talks on the overall Caribbean situation.

Lord Shepherd, minister of state for foreign and Commonwealth affairs, is expected to reach London Friday.

The invasion of Anguilla has touched off black African demands that Britain give Rhodesia's white government the same treatment.

Zambia, Rhodesia's neighbor, said the British action in Anguilla shows that the government would "seize any opportunity to provide facilities for the slaughter of black people."

The influential Times of London said the Anguilla incident shows how "increasingly erratic" British foreign policy had become in recent months.

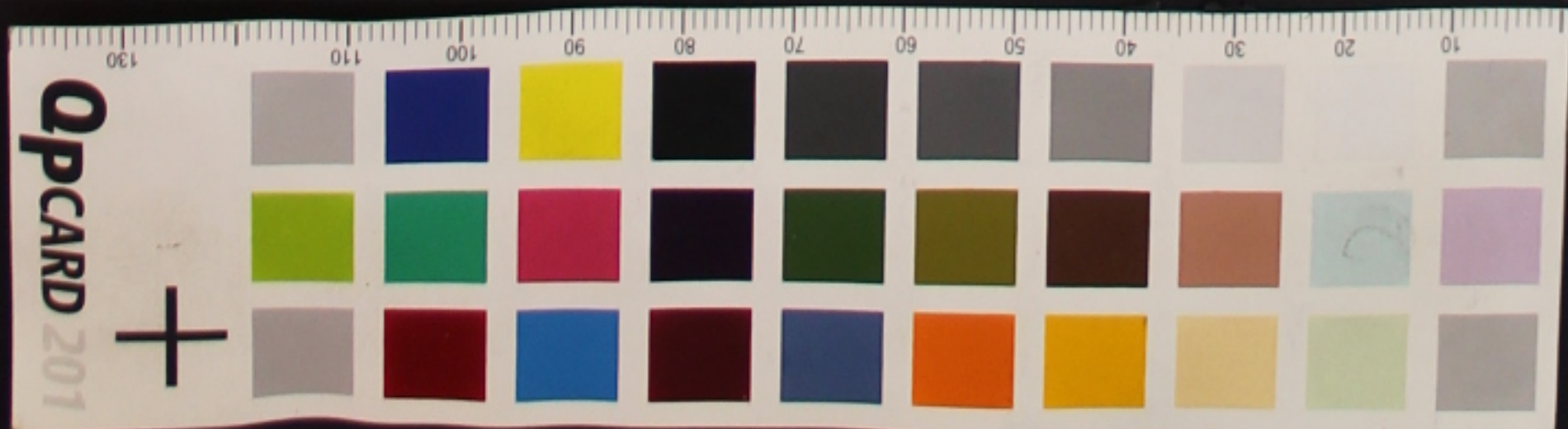
"All that we have shown," said the Times, "is that we can treat 6,000 black people in the Caribbean in a way we would not dare to 200,000 white people in Rhodesia."

MORE ON ANGUILLA

For more news and pictures on the Anguilla situation, see pages 2, 6, 14, 18, 20, 22 and 27. Columnists' commentary is on pages 28 and 29.

BULLETIN

ST. JOHNS, Antigua, (AP) — A leading Antigua labor leader charged Thursday that Britain Wednesday flew 14 fresh Red Devil paratroopers, plus 20 white policemen, into Antigua to "create fear among opponents" of Antigua premier Vere Bird. Antigua Workers Union general secretary George Waller said he thinks the troops are not moving on to Anguilla.



FLORIDA BUSINESSMAN SAYS BRITISH TRUMPED UP GANGSTER STORY

Holcomb Is Deported From Anguilla

By HAROLD J. LINDIN
Associated Press Writer

Florida businessman Jack N. Holcomb has been deported from Anguilla by British authorities on grounds that his presence there is "prejudicial to public order and safety."

The 40-year-old Holcomb was put aboard a small charter plane late Wednesday and flown to St. Thomas. Thursday morning he flew here to connect with an Eastern Jetliner to Miami.

In an airport interview here, Holcomb said his deportation followed a grueling two hour interrogation during which a British Army major and a Scotland Yard agent quizzed him about his alleged Mafia ties

They began the interrogation — Holcomb recalled — with the statement "You are connected with a criminal element."

Holcomb flatly denied any underworld connections, and described himself as a law-abiding real estate developer and businessman.

The balding, 40-year-old Holcomb insisted "I have never known a gambler in my life. I have never known a ganster."

The supposed danger of the island falling into the hands of Mafia types was belittled by Holcomb as a British invention to justify a decision to retake Anguilla.

"They have invented the excuse to come in," Holcomb

stated and said, "They have made me the goat."

Holcomb — who admits to a close friendship with Anguilla's deposed president, Ronald Webster — quoted his British interrogators as saying "you are the one who put words in Webster's mouth."

But according to Holcomb, the Anguilla leader makes his own decisions.

"I don't believe any man tells Ronald Webster," Holcomb said, adding:

"No man is going to tell this man when to brush his teeth, what to do."

The Florida businessman said

that he first visited Anguilla last August, long after Webster's troubles began with the British and the St. Kitts governments.

As Holcomb sees it, Webster has the solid backing of Anguilla citizenry. He cited the July, 1967 referendum in which Anguilla decided to break from the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla federation by a vote of more than 99 percent. Holcomb said only three persons voted against secession.

Holcomb angrily denounced the British treatment of American citizens on Anguilla as "atrocious" and criticized the British armed occupation of the tiny island as "asinine."

Terming the occupation

"typical of British diplomacy and logic," Holcombe lamented that the British "spend millions on a military invasion — when they won't spend a dime on paving roads or schools or telephones.

"If they had spent money on these things," Holcomb added, "the invasion would never have happened."

Holcomb insisted that the Anguillians want to enter the U.S. orbit, and he believes that U.S. investment can be helpful in developing the island's tourist potential.

The Florida developer suggested that medium sized hotels in the 100-room class are the type most suitable for Anguilla, and claimed he was in Anguilla discussing the possibility of attracting the Howard Johnson and The Holiday Inn chains to the island when British official, Tony Lee, returned to the island on Sunday March 9th.

Lee — who has been designated commissioner of Anguilla — signed the deportation order that put Holcomb off the island.

Holcomb, who claims to know Lee well, described him as a product of the British Foreign Service who has "all the diplomacy of a hog on roller skates."

As for Anguilla's future development, Holcomb predicted it will have a tourist industry without gambling. "You will never see gambling in your lifetime — they (the Anguillians) will not allow vice."

The islanders were described by Holcomb as deeply religious, and claimed Anguilla has 17 churches for a total population of six thousand persons, including children.



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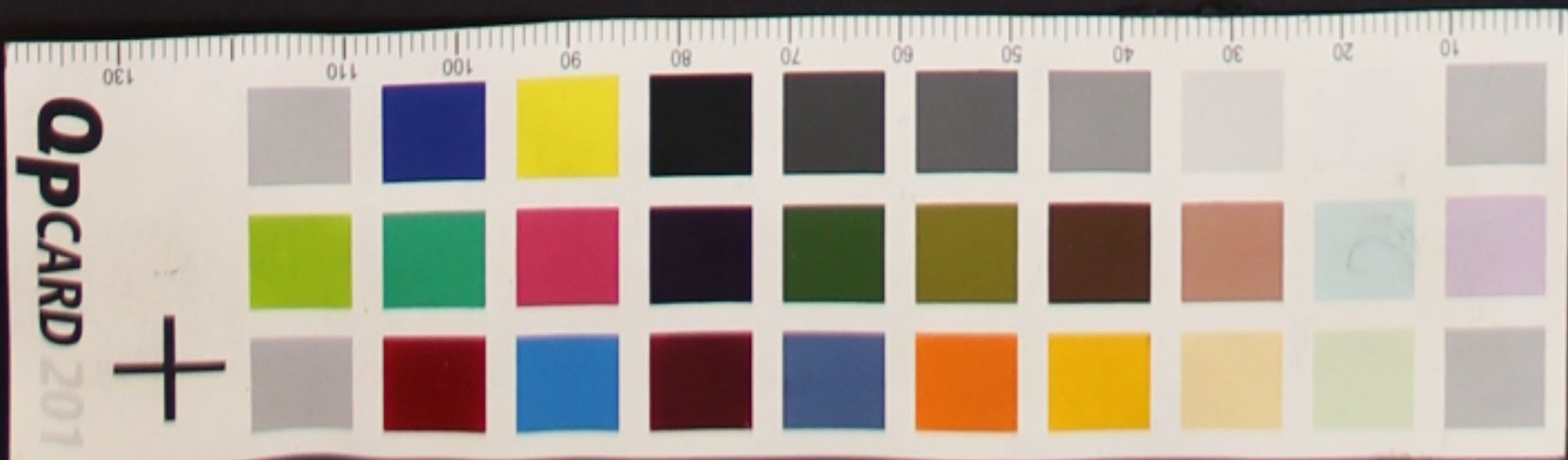
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Caribbean Reaction Critical Of British

By PEGGY BLISS
Associated Press Writer

The invasion of Anguilla is believed here to be the tenth significant military intervention by the British in the Caribbean in the past 200 years. Most Caribbean reaction to Britain's move has been highly critical.

Leonard Hector, opposition party chairman on the island of Antigua, charged that whenever internal difficulties break out in the West Indies, Britain moves in her troops. Hector cited invasions beginning with the 1763

invasion of Guyana and including recent interventions in Bermuda and Anguilla.

One of the few public expressions of support for the Anguilla invasion came from Premier John Crompton of nearby St. Lucia. He said in an interview that it was in keeping with a decision of the Caribbean heads of government conference in Trinidad early last month not to allow outside elements to cause disturbances in Anguilla. This was an apparent reference to the British claim

that Anguilla had fallen under the influence of United States "Mafia elements."

St. Lucia is headquarters for the British administration for the associated states, and Crompton said he was speaking for the other states, which include Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis, Antigua, and Dominica. Like Anguilla, all are populated by Negroes, descendants of African slaves.

Most of the reaction to the invasion by Anguilla's Caribbean neighbors, however, was

outspoken against the British.

The question of many outraged black onlookers was "Why Anguilla and not Rhodesia?" The phrase, which appeared as a full page ad in a special edition of the "Windward Island Opinion" on Dutch-controlled St. Maartens, was repeated from island to island by the man in the street and official government spokesmen.

Prime Minister Eric Williams, of Trinidad and Tobago, said he deplored the

British decision to occupy Anguilla and not Rhodesia.

"If you can do this in tiny, black Anguilla, you can do it in white Rhodesia," Williams said in a London interview.

Jamaica Prime Minister Hugh Shearer asked for the "prompt withdrawal of the British occupation forces and resumption of negotiations with representatives of the Anguillans for a satisfactory solution of the issue, based on the right of the Anguillans to self determination, in keeping with the U.N. charter."

In St. Kitts, supporters of the opposition People's Action Movement marched in a peaceful demonstration petitioning both Britain and the St. Kitts governor to leave Anguilla to its own destiny. One of their placards read, "Russia in Czechoslovakia, Britain in Anguilla."

In St. Johns, Antigua 300 to 400 people staged a peaceful demonstration against the British, and in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, there was anger over arrival of a British air force plane until they learned it had come from Jamaica and had played no part in the invasion.

In St. Thomas, Sen. Earl Ottley said that U.S. Virgin Islanders are proud of the courageous people of Anguilla.

"It is pretty late in the day for the British to come into the Caribbean territories," he added, referring to a long history of what he termed "horrible" conditions under British rule.

Several senators supported Ottley's statements, including Sen. Frits Lawaetz and Sen. Aureo Diaz Morales, both from St. Croix.

Diaz said, "I don't like what the United Kingdom is doing. The people of Anguilla are decent."

Reaction of many St. Thomas residents was unfavorable toward the British action.

From London and Canada have come telegrams from West Indian students calling for support of what they term the black struggle. A group of more than 500 Anguillan natives living in Britain sent a declaration of solidarity to Anguillan leader Ronald Webster.

Others residing in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, flew home to bolster the resistance.

Meanwhile Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart has recalled Lord Shepherd from a tour of the West Indies home to Britain for urgent policy talks on the Caribbean situation.

Stewart has already talked with one of his junior ministers, William Whitlock, whose expulsion from the islands early in the week set off the invasion.

The foreign secretary declined to say why the urgent policy review would take place at this time.

Barbados New Member Of Development Bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbados became the 22nd member nation of the Inter-American Development Bank Thursday.

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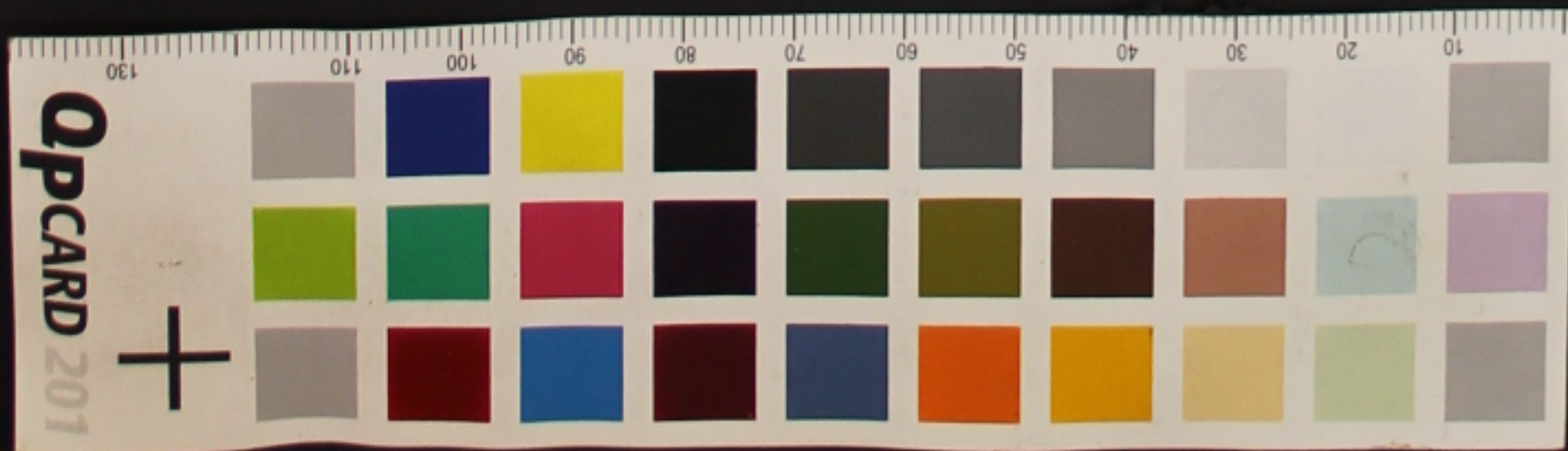
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TRINIDAD-TOBAGO LEADER NOTES CONTRAST TO RHODESIA POLICY

Williams Hits British On Anguilla

By LEONARD KIRSCHEN
LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago said Wednesday he deplored the fact that Britain used force on black Anguilla but refrained from doing so against white Rhodesia.

"If you can do this in tiny black Anguilla you can do it in white

Rhodesia," Williams said in an interview.

"I am most unhappy about this. I am also very unhappy that the only area of British intervention is in the West Indies.

"If Britain could beat Hitler, it could beat Ian Smith. It could send paratroopers to Rhodesia and lock up Smith."

Williams stressed that the British had not consulted him in advance on the use of force.

He said there had been full advance consultations on British intentions to send a high foreign office official, William Whitlock, with proposals to rebel Anguillan leader Robert Webster.

The proposals were discussed in a special Trinidad cabinet meeting last Thursday. Williams said the cabinet made two points: That the use of force was ill-advised and that other means were to be used, and that nothing should be undertaken to interfere with the will of the Anguillians to choose their own

form of government.

"But by the time our position was communicated to the British, Whitlock had to leave the island and the proposals fell through," Williams said.

Williams said he arrived in London Monday and learned of Britain's determination to send a task force from reading the newspapers.

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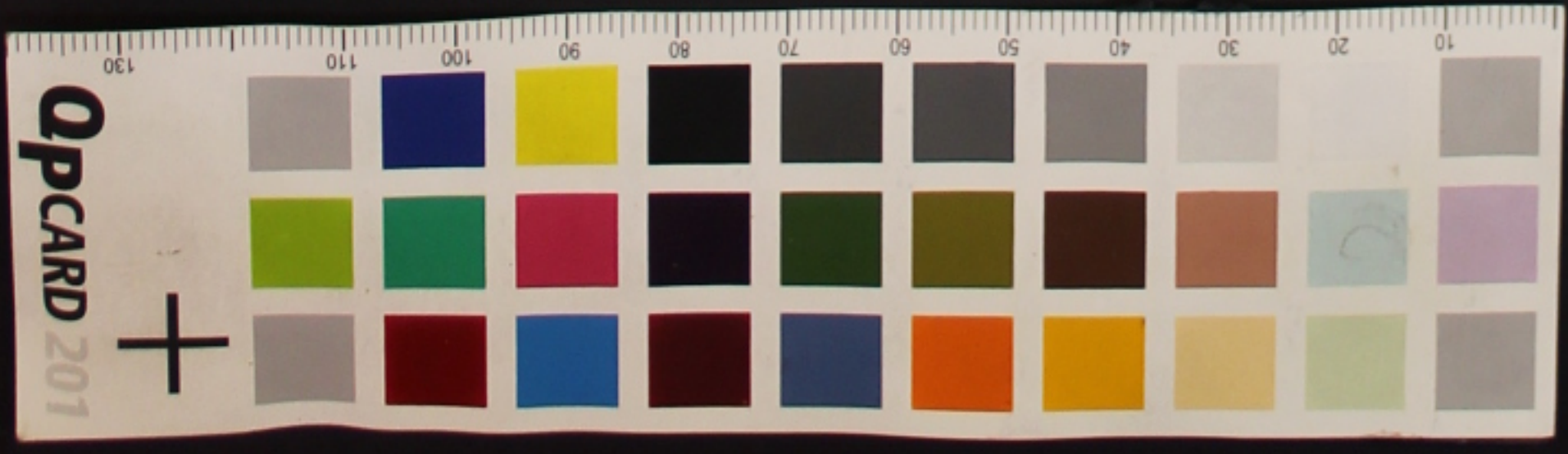
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COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD INDEPENDENCE, OEO FRESHMEN SAY

6 Anguillan Students Favor Invasion

By PEDRO ROMAN
Of The STAR Staff

Six Anguillan students said here Thursday they approve the invasion of their tiny island by England.

The six students, college freshmen attached to the Educational Opportunities Center at Ft. Buchanan, said they don't want their country independent because of economic considerations.

The students are Cecil Niles, 16, Wishburne Hunt, 17; Evan Gumbs, 18; Oliver Hodge, 16; Bernard Richardson, 18, and Richard Payne, 19.

But Hunt said the neighbor island of St. Kitts, which along with Anguilla and Nevis made up an associated state under England, never did anything to improve the economic situation of his island.

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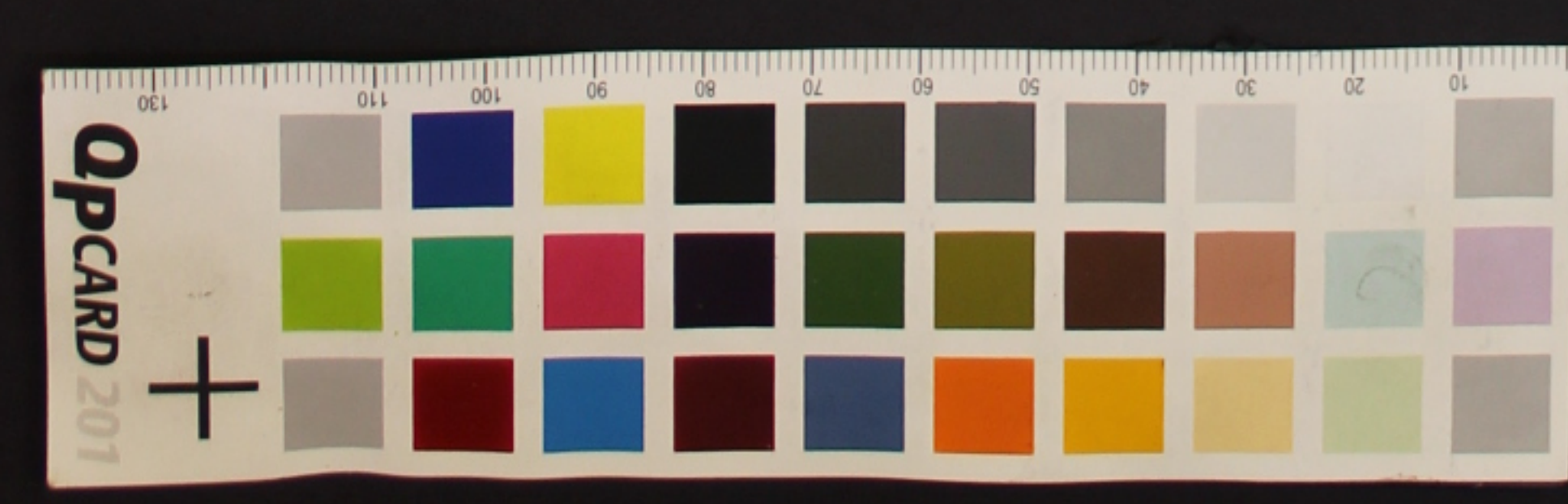
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DEFENSE SECRETARY PRESSES FOR CONGRESSIONAL OK

Laird Lauds ABM System

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said Thursday the modified "Safeguard" antiballistic missile (ABM) system will protect the United States by protecting its strategic deterrent. He reported the best technical evidence is that "this system will work."

And he said that while nuclear submarines provide sufficient force to inflict great damage on an attacking nation through 1972 "I would have to seriously question" whether they will be adequate after that date.

The secretary pressed the Nixon administration's fight to win congressional and public approval of the controversial project by warning that "We cannot stop a massive Soviet attack on our cities" but must protect deterrents "to make sure a nuclear attack doesn't start in the first place."

"The way to protect our people is to protect our deterrent force," Laird told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Dr. John Foster, the Pentagon's research chief, testified: "This system will work for the purposes we

have in mind. The components themselves will work. The system itself will work."

He added it would intercept enough attacking missiles to assure that the United States has enough Minuteman missiles to retaliate.

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine, ranking GOP member of the committee, asked Laird if Congress shouldn't require more than just a certification by the Pentagon that the system will work.

Every part of this system has been checked out with the exception of the actual deployment of the system's radar, Laird replied, adding that it will be easier to check this out on its actual site.

Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., who said he considers it "a grave mistake to deploy this system at this time," charged that government officials have made a series of incorrect statements on the extent of Soviet progress on its own ABM system.

He asked a series of questions including whether submarines, equipped with nuclear warheads, would provide a sufficient retaliatory force even if Minuteman intercontinental missiles were knocked

out in a Soviet attack.

Laird said he would give the committee details on his doubts about adequacy of the submarines after 1972 in later closed hearings.

Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commented that "the more offensive systems available to us" the greater would be the nation's defense capabilities.

Laird said Thursday that huge new Soviet missiles and Polaris-type submarines could threaten the long-secure American nuclear force in the mid-1970s.

As recently as last December, Laird said, the United States received "firm and solid information" the Soviets are proceeding with deployment of a 20-to-25 megaton missile, in the SS9, which he said can destroy U.S. Minuteman launch sites.

His deputy secretary, David Packard, said large numbers of SS9s in the mid-1970s would give the Soviets "the capability of being able to destroy essentially all our Minutemen in hardened silos if they chose to do so."

Air Force Sent Planes To Aid Pueblo

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fighter planes were sent to the aid of the Pueblo when she was attacked in the Sea of Japan last year but darkness engulfed the area before the aircraft could arrive, an Air Force general said Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Seth J. McKee, former commander of the U.S. Fifth Air Force, said he dispatched F105s armed with 20 mm cannon when he learned of the Pueblo's plight but the planes were too far away to arrive before the intelligence ship was captured.

The Pueblo was on a mission off North Korea collecting intelligence when she was captured Jan. 23, 1968 and taken into Wonsan Harbor.

After the seizure, there was criticism, much of it from Congress, that airplanes were not dispatched to prevent the North Koreans from commandeering the ship.

McKee, now vice chief of staff for the Air Force, emphasized he acted as quickly as he could to get fighter planes to the scene.

"I personally made the decision to send aircraft, issued appropriate orders to effect such action and Fifth Air Force fighters were launched" the general told a special House armed services subcommittee probing the capture of the Pueblo.

McKee said his command began launching fighter aircraft as rapidly as possible out of Okinawa, where the only operationally ready combat units were located.

"Unfortunately, they could not get to the scene prior to darkness or prior to the time that the Pueblo entered the three-mile limit," he said. Therefore after they landed in Korea, it was too late to refuel and relaunch in support of the Pueblo."

McKee said the planes were sent from Okinawa to Osan, South Korea, to refuel because they did not carry sufficient fuel to go directly to the ship and engage in possible combat.



A group of Red Devil paratroopers on guard duty outside the British command post in Anguilla, chat with a crowd of Anguillan youths. The British occupied the island without firing a shot Wednesday. (STAR Photo by Manny Suarez.)

Peace Talks Are At Standstill As Opponents Level Charges

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

PARIS (AP) — The opposing sides in the Vietnam talks formally accused each other Thursday of intensifying the war, and the ninth full session passed without any sign of progress toward peace.

The day's angriest declaration came from the South Vietnamese delegate, who charged that many enemy divisions are preparing a new attack on Saigon. He told the other side to call it off "in order to keep alive the prospects for these meetings."

There is little expectation here, in any case, that the Paris talks themselves will produce real progress toward peace. The feeling is that Paris has become a stage where the words are spoken. It is like a forum, held ready in case secret contacts elsewhere should someday provide a result.

The four participants—Americans, North Vietnamese, South Vietnamese and the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front—met for only four hours and read their routine-sounding formal statements. There was, however, a brief discussion period later.

The chief U.S. delegation spokesman, Harold Kaplan, said the tone at the discussions seemed "more serene" than previously. Otherwise, he said, "I don't think the meeting today differed markedly from the previous meetings."

The meeting of the four delegations was the briefest to date. They meet again next Thursday.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge claimed after the session it had contributed to "the elucidation" of the positions of the two sides. But, asked about progress, he said: "If you mean by progress the swapping of firm offers with each other, then the answer is no."

His judgment of the meeting was echoed by the other three delegation chiefs. It was a session, like the others before it, given over to the exchange of accusations.

"Many divisions of your soldiers," Ambassador Pham Dang Lam of South Vietnam said, "are about to engage in a hopeless attack on Saigon and may bring areas, like June bugs, flying into the flames."

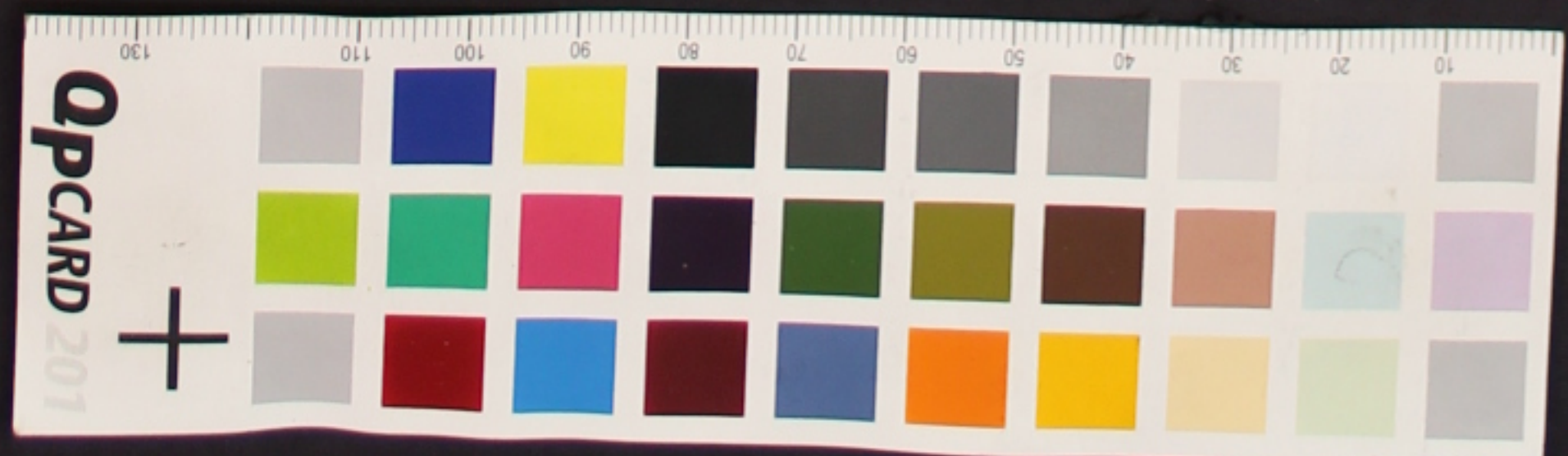
"If that attack occurs, it will surely be smashed and it will also cause heavy losses to your side and much mourning to the people."

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Lodge denied that the United States has escalated the war or has been operating at anything above the levels of 1968.

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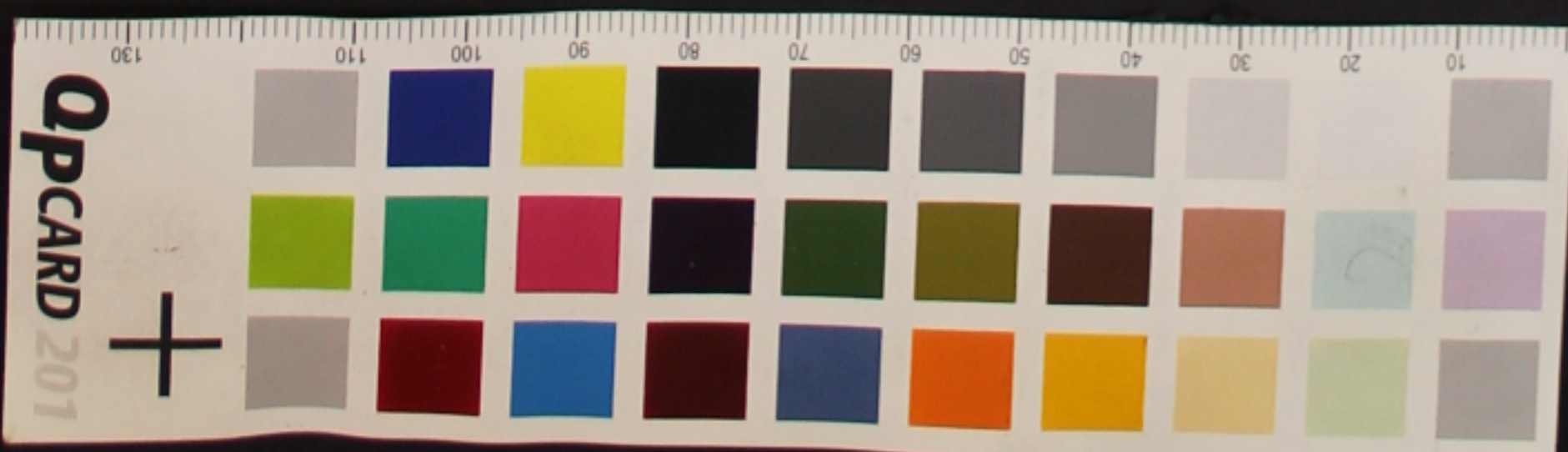
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TRINIDAD-TOBAGO LEADER NOTES CONTRAST TO RHODESIA POLICY

Williams Hits British On Anguilla

By LEONARD KIRSCHEN
LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago said Wednesday he deplored the fact that Britain used force on black Anguilla but refrained from doing so against white Rhodesia.

"If you can do this in tiny black Anguilla you can do it in white

Rhodesia," Williams said in an interview.

"I am most unhappy about this. I am also very unhappy that the only area of British intervention is in the West Indies.

"If Britain could beat Hitler, it could beat Ian Smith. It could send paratroopers to Rhodesia and lock up Smith."

Williams stressed that the British had not consulted him in advance on the use of force.

He said there had been full advance consultations on British intentions to send a high foreign office official, William Whitlock, with proposals to rebel Anguillan leader Robert Webster.

The proposals were discussed in a special Trinidad cabinet meeting last Thursday. Williams said the cabinet made two points: That the use of force was ill-advised and that other means were to be used, and that nothing should be undertaken to interfere with the will of the Anguillans to choose their own

form of government.

"But by the time our position was communicated to the British, Whitlock had to leave the island and the proposals fell through," Williams said.

Williams said he arrived in London Monday and learned of Britain's determination to send a task force from reading the newspapers.

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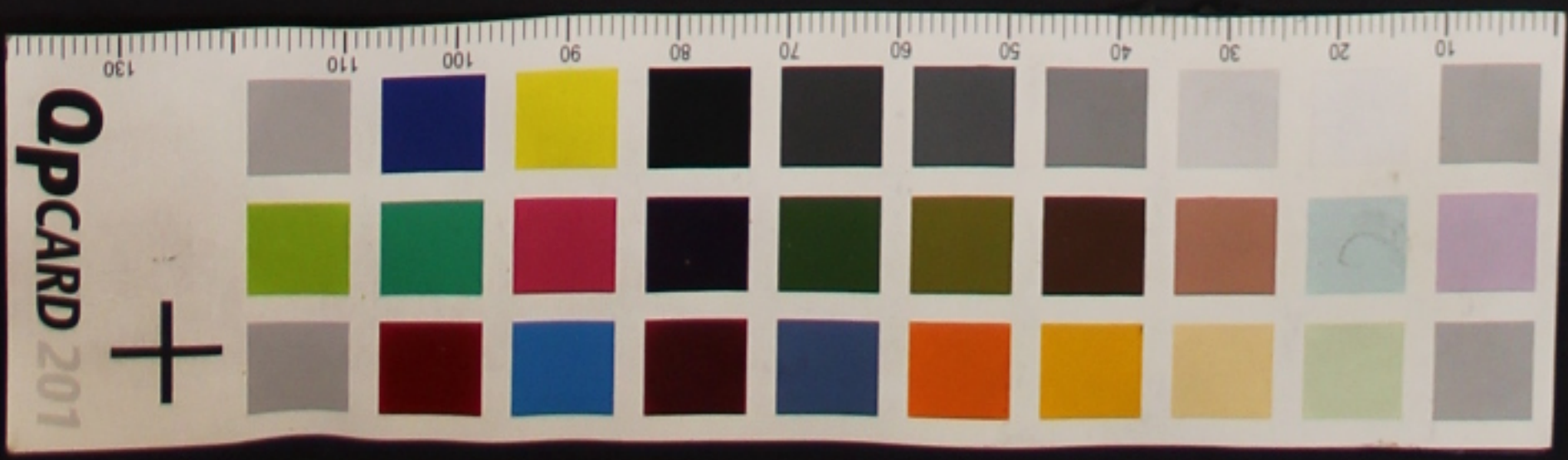
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London Editors View Action On Anguilla

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"The strangest lapses have been those of Europe. If last autumn one had been told that the government would pick two gratuitous quarrels, first with Germany and then with France, in the space of three months, such conduct would have seemed incredible."

"Now we have the tiny incident of Anguilla. All that we have shown is that we can treat 6,000 black people in the Caribbean in a way we would not dare to treat 200,000 white people in Rhodesia. We revive all the anti-colonialist prejudices by the

absurd exaggeration of a trivial matter."

Daily Telegraph, conservative:

"Reading of British troops landing on the tiny, primitive island of Anguilla, fortunately without bloodshed, it is difficult to know whether to laugh or groan."

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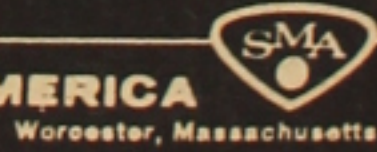
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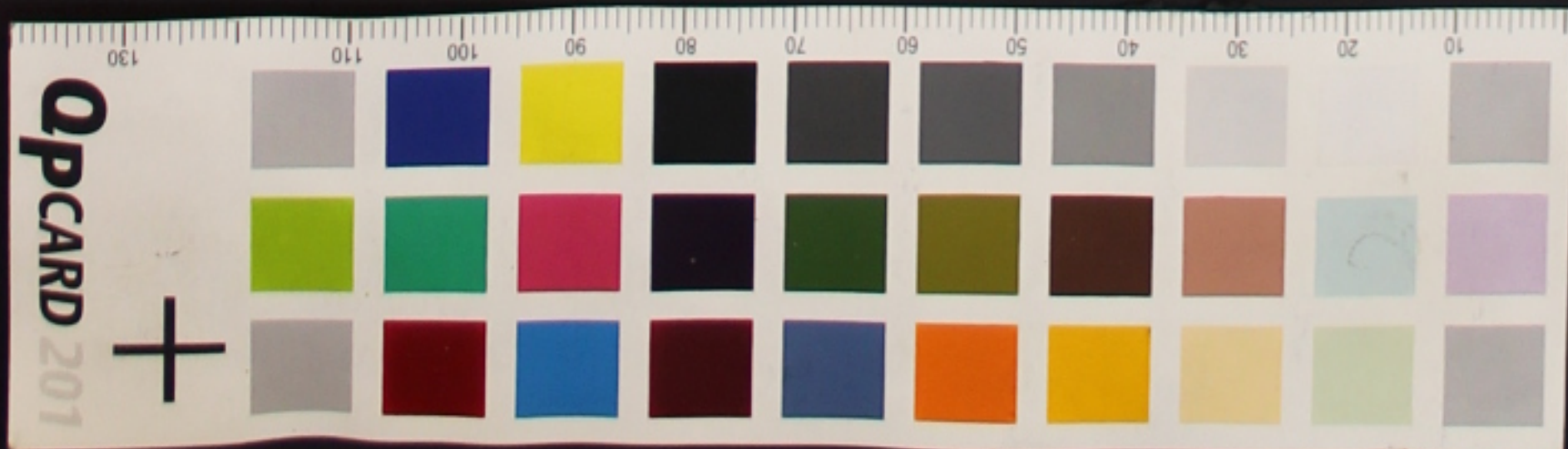
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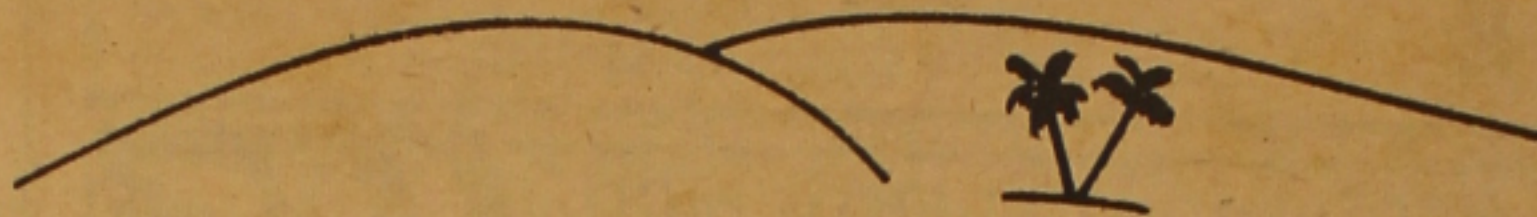
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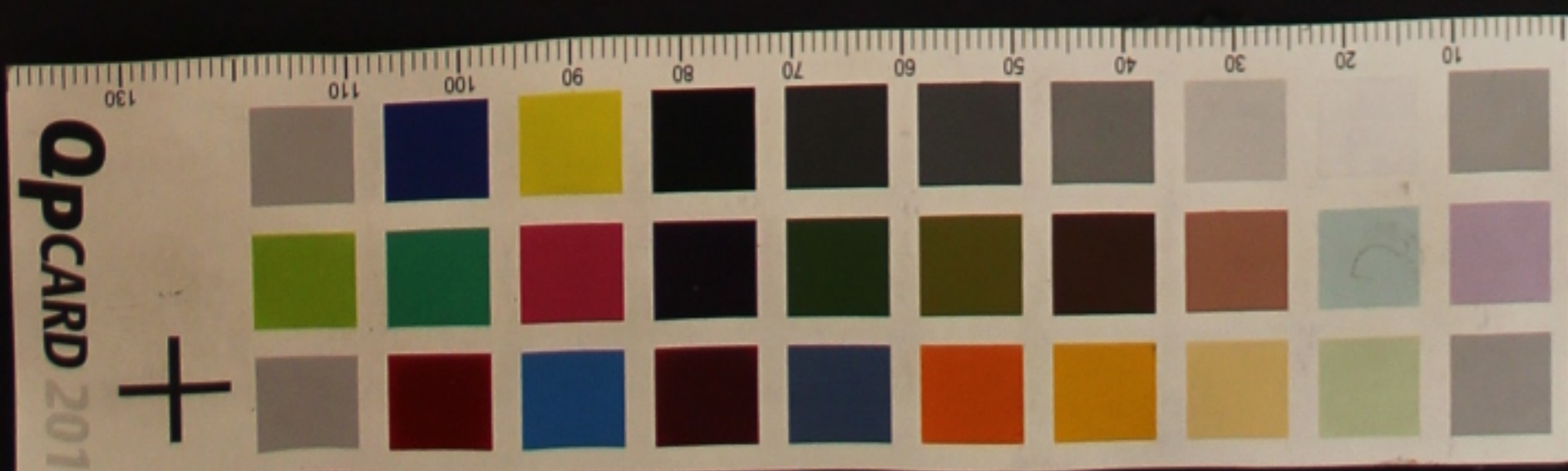
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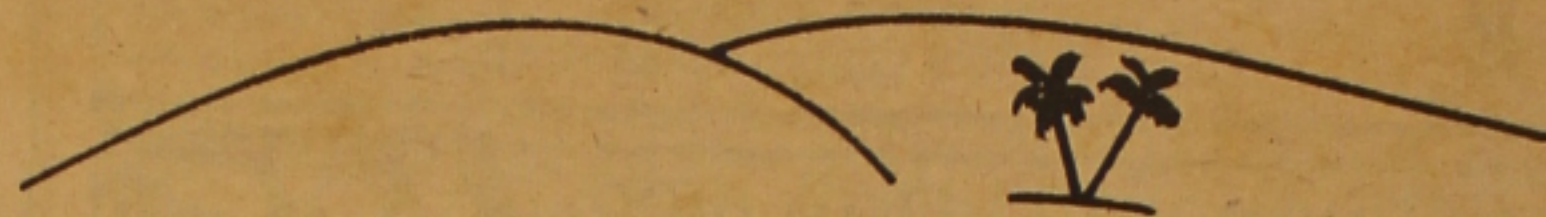
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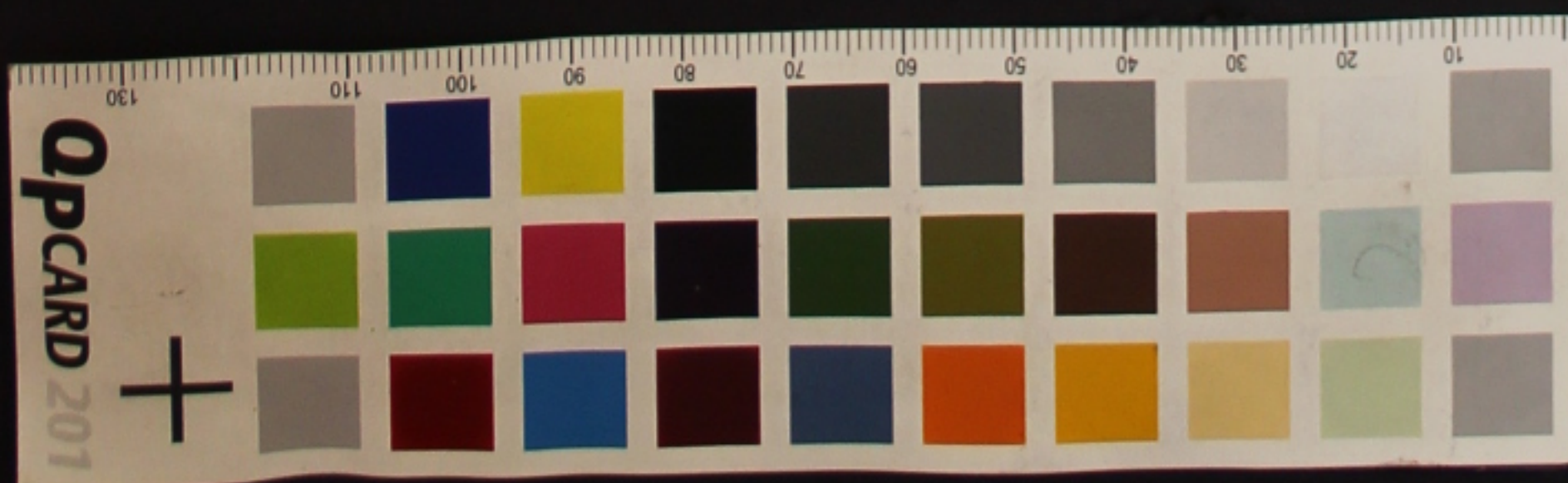
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WHY ANGUILLA REVOLTED

By EDWARD R. LEADER

STAR News Editor

Despite angry world reaction, it is doubtful whether Britain will now move to crush the rebel government of Rhodesia and belatedly try to justify the invasion of Anguilla.

Embarrassed by loss of Empire on which the sun not too long ago didn't set plagued by an anemic pound sterling, humiliated and snubbed by Charles de Gaulle, it must have been just too much for British ego to take, to have a handful of blacks defy a once mighty nation that is now licking its colonial wounds — or so it seems. In settling the score, Britain now finds that it created a brand new racist image for itself, which is even uglier by international standards than the figure of an old colonial veteran stomping on the hands of black British subjects trying to cross the White Cliffs of Dover.

In the rush to judgment, it is deceptively easy to equate Anguilla with Rhodesia only from the standpoint of their entity as "rebel colonies." There is a stark dissimilarity in the reason why both colonies rebelled. In Rhodesia 220,000 whites completely dominate politics, economics and society in a land of four million blacks, and in a pattern fashioned after South African apartheid.

In Rhodesia, Ian Smith grabbed power to ensure white domination of the country where four million black people do not have the right to vote. In Anguilla, the people were fighting for self-preservation, which is a basic human law. Anguillians don't want to dominate anybody, or be

still they believed in giving all of the islanders a voice in the decision and by democratic vote decided.

Even in their darkest hour Anguilla received "The mouse that roared," treatment. That Bradshaw publicly vowed to turn Anguilla into a desert is no idle joke. To visiting newsmen Anguilla seems little more than a desert, with people trying to survive the elements coupled with throwing off the shackles of oppression. The echo of their cry in the wilderness is a haunting one. If Bradshaw has succeeded in making Anguilla a desert, or failed to prevent it from remaining one, then its people are an oasis. One newsman just back from Anguilla remarked, "there are no friendlier people anywhere."

Anguilla has one of the lowest crime rates in the world. One cannot really call it a "crime rate" in the true sense of the word. There is no central electricity, no telephones, water is scarce, but there are no dope addicts, no communism, and no slums.

In West Indian society, Anguillians are admired for their industriousness, and their thriftiness. Anguillians excel as students, and they have produced their share of "brains" in many professions. They are also expert ship-builders. Though they build large schooners, their specialty is the sloop, with its high bow low stern and tall mast. Even maritime engineers are full of praise for the ability of these ships to ride out a storm.

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dominated by anyone either. Anguillians, like people everywhere, were striving to overcome the hardships of centuries by seeking to direct their own affairs towards a better life.

Anguillians tried all constitutional means and diplomatic niceties to accomplish their dreams, and were largely unaided by the British. Forced into a union they did not choose of their own free will, and didn't want, they protested and still asked to be heard. Disgusted with insults and abuse under the Bradshaw regime in St. Kitts, and seeing no future but one of oppression and victimization, they decided that the time had come when their dignity and integrity as human beings were challenged. It was then and only then that they decided to opt out from the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla associated status arrangement.

Unlike Ian Smith, Anguillians who didn't want to be misunderstood as mere rebels, hoisted the Union Jack over their tiny island.

They apparently used their action as a basis for a better deal by means of negotiations both with the British government and the Bradshaw regime.

When everything else failed, they pleaded both with Britain, Caribbean governments and other nations to work out a solution for them. They even appealed to the United Nations — all to no avail. The rest of the world treated the whole situation as a lark, and turned a deaf ear. The Anguillians then decided that since nobody cared about them the time had come to shape their own destiny — but

Seamen have one word for the stouthearted men in the little ships that ply the Caribbean — "Guts." Anguillians have now proved that they can hold their calm on land too. Not a shot was fired at the invading British.

On the political horizon, it appears that the rest of the world has at last awakened to the fact that Anguillians would rather fight to the death than go back under the yoke of the St. Kitts government. Bradshaw publicly vowed to bring Anguilla back under his rule. He reportedly sought help from Trinidad-Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana to provide assistance for an invasion, but was reportedly flatly rejected.

It must irk the St. Kitts regime that Britain only acted against Anguilla after a British envoy was unceremoniously ordered to leave the island after he reportedly snubbed Webster. Another interesting angle also is that Britain used Antigua rather than St. Kitts as a base of operations to invade Anguilla. Neither was Bradshaw's Army allowed to take part in the invasion. If Bradshaw therefore thinks that the British have done the invasion job to return Anguilla to the fold he is likely to be mistaken.

The content of the peace pamphlets dropped on Anguilla is abundantly clear. Her Majesty's commissioner, Tony Lee, speaking on behalf of the Queen states in part that: "The British government intend to stay in Anguilla and to maintain British rule here, with your help and advice. I am not here to hand you



Anthony (Tony) Lee, the controversial British foreign officer who was named commissioner in Anguilla, holds an outdoor press conference in Anguilla. He promised that the tiny island would never be returned to association with Nevis-St. Kitts against the will of the Anguillian people. (STAR Photo by Manny Suarez.)



The commander of the police detachment sent from London to restore "law and order" to Anguilla gives instructions to his men before sending them out to their beats. (STAR photo by Manny Suarez.)

back to the St. Kitts Government against your will. There will be British rule in Anguilla until such time as you yourselves freely approve a different settlement. I and the British Government realize this may take several years but we will not leave Anguilla until you have achieved a secure and prosperous way of life and a permanent political solution in accordance with your own wishes.

This could mean that as of March 19, 1969 the state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla is no longer a political reality. Britain will therefore have to draft a new constitution. It is an open secret that Britain is disappointed with the wielding of power by the Bradshaw regime and changes probably will be forthcoming. Nevisians, the leaders of the secessionist movement because Bradshaw publicly promised them "bones in their rice and pepper in their soup," fared little better under the St. Kitts set-up. Nevisians

too, refer to their countryman Victor M. Jones, sacked for a trifle without compensation after 30 years in the Civil Service, as a "good and upright man".

They are also unhappy because one of their politicians has joined ranks with the St. Kitts government.

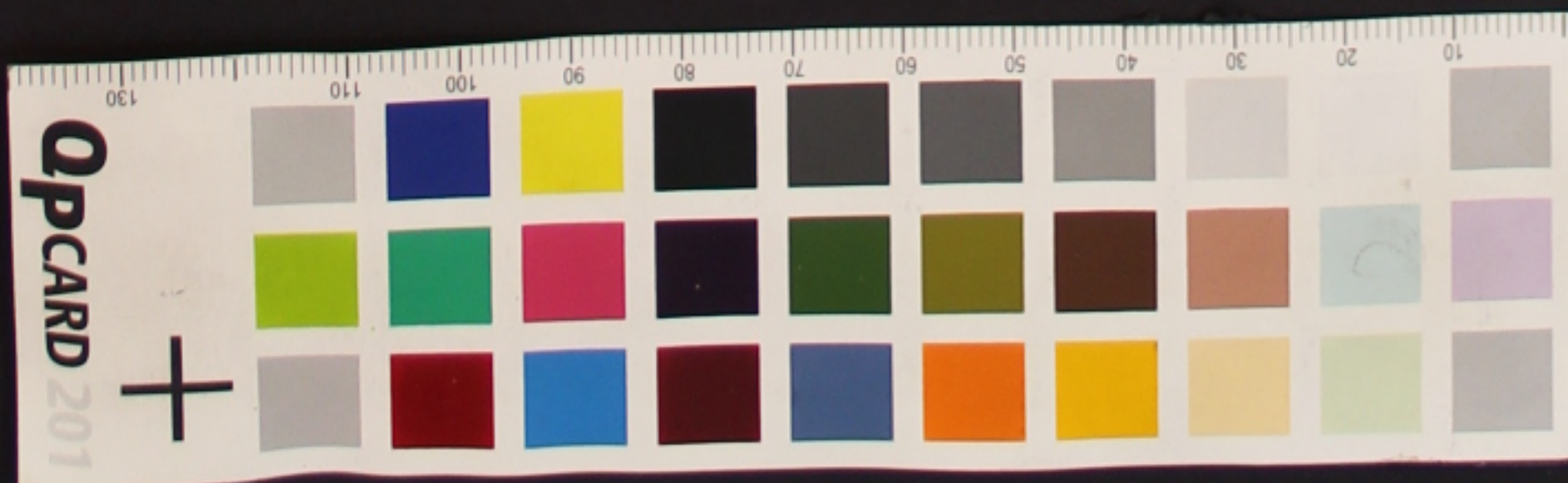
Many people in St. Kitts say they have had just about all they can take from the Bradshaw regime.

It is naive to think that British Intelligence, which triggered the creation of James Bond, does not know what is happening to its hastily-conceived experiment in St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. The eyes of the world are on Britain and the trio of islands. Eventually, with a new constitution written, the states national anthem will be just as dead as the likeable composer who wrote it. The flag of the state, with its three palm branches and three roots, may well be a thing of the past. What was conceived by

some as a holy trinity of islands may now have to await new leaders, with the British lending a guiding hand. The St. Kitts opposition movement (PAM) is demanding elections which it thinks it can win. Its popular support appears to be growing.

The British, it is reported, want some changes. The world watches and waits. Britain is as much a partner in the associated state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla as the three islands which compose it. The experiment like the West Indies Federation before it is a dismal failure. It would be unthinkable for Britain to stick its head in Anguilla sand and pretend serious problems do not exist in St. Kitts and Nevis, or wait for an explosion to rush troops in after it is too late.

Now that Britain has reasserted itself forcefully in Anguilla, observers are waiting to see if it will guarantee justice, freedom and equality for the trio of islands.



Anguilla, The Giant

By JOSEPH K. SUMMERS

Anguilla is a dry, 35-square-island in the Caribbean which has more flat area than St. Thomas and St. Croix combined. It has a population of over 6,000 people on its shores and has supplied another 6,000 people (bonded aliens) to work in the labor-short U.S. Virgin Islands.

Ronald Webster, the elected president of the island, and his brother John, were in Puerto Rico on March 3, and had dinner at our house. We sat around over carbonated soda and discussed what was happening in their country. Ronald Webster is a strong, honorable man who wants to do the correct thing by his countrymen. He showed the heavy weight of his responsibility on his leathery face, but is proud that his tiny dot on the globe of the earth has declared independence from previously-unconcerned England. The subsidies from London were dribbles of thousands of dollars and there was some help in supplying one doctor, two nurses, religious help, and a teacher or two all through Premier Robert L. Bradshaw of St. Kitts, and this was humiliating. Webster and the Anguillians declared to eliminate this frustrating situation by formally assuming the responsibility for their own destinies.



SUMMERS

Webster told us that his country shipped 580,000 pounds of lobster to Puerto Rico during 1968; other types of fish also provided food and income. And that they had some salt mines which were shipping their product to all parts of South America for chemical purposes. There was some agriculture and many of his countrymen were raising chickens and a few cattle. However, a large part

of the income of the island comes from relatives and friends who work in the U.S. Virgin Islands and from sales of stamps. An American (non-Mafia type) woman resident just provided the funds to build 10 new hospital beds and the equipment and supplies are being purchased in Puerto Rico. Many of the doctors in Puerto Rico are providing sample drugs from their desks and cabinets which are flown to Anguilla on a regular basis. Serious medical cases are flown to a San Juan community hospital for treatment, and in fact, the life of the niece of Ronald Webster was saved when a non-malignant brain tumor was removed by one of Puerto Rico's outstanding neurosurgeons.

The interaction between Anguilla and Puerto Rico is very close and very helpful.

Webster was also worried during his visit about the unplanned growth of Anguilla. He indicated that there were some promoters who wanted to build hotels and factories. He stated that the Anguillians did not want to be overrun in a haphazard fashion by tourists and did not want to pollute the air or waters with too much industrialization either. The attitude of both, Ronald and John Webster, was one of caution and hesitance.

We advised them informally to build up and congest one area of the island so that adequate services could be supplied to both the natives and tourists. Hotels should be built in one location and the factories should be near one populated area. The populated area in turn should be developed so that automobiles were not necessary for urban transportation. The remaining part of the island would then remain rural, so that horseback riding, hiking and camping could become regular activities. Cabin colonies and camping sites could be built at further points on the island for low cost week-end facilities for

those who liked living out primitively. We recommended that a fixed quota be immediately put on importation of automobiles to be used for emergency and public transportation purposes only.

Ronald Webster mused about all this and told us of another island of 400 inhabitants he had visited which was probably the smallest republic in the world. There, nobody could purchase land unless he lived on the land for 10 years and no automobiles were permitted.

Ronald Webster also intimated that Puerto Rico should be independent too. However, we explained to him the special status of our fair isle. How we were practically autonomous, yet under the umbrella of a great democratic power. How we had our own legislature which made our local laws and how we had free election to vote as we pleased for our local candidates. We had the best of two worlds because we had insular autonomy with a federal association which helped us to build roads, construct schools and hospitals, use a post office system federally integrated, handle money which was backed by gold bullion and controlled by the U.S. central bank, known as the Federal Reserve System, and that we could maintain the Spanish language and the other cultural traditions inherent on our island.

Ronald Webster looked at us somewhat enviously and shook his head in favorably agreement as if to say that nationalism for the sake of nationalism does not solve the problem of hunger, poor housing, hope and aspirations of a people. Had England provided the same type of loose umbrella arrangement whereby the Anguillians could grow both economically and socially by this interaction, the mouse that is now roaring would be involved in tilling the soil, working in shops and manning her factories.

In Extenuation Of Murder

By RUSSELL BAKER

WASHINGTON — Several months ago someone sent over this splendid computer. At first it was quite pleasant. The computer wrote the columns, answered the telephone, threw away the junk mail and brewed tea every afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Those were good days. There were movies in the afternoons when it rained and in balmy weather there was sitting in the square watching girls. Back in the office by 5 p.m., the tea was ready, the column was finished, the telephone nuisances were disposed of and the junk mail was piled neatly in huge barrels by the incinerator.



BAKER

"I think I'll go across the street to the Black Bird Saloon and have a martini with the boys," the computer would say.

"Sure, fella. Live a little. Watch yourself crossing the street now."

After a pleasant period of this routine, the computer began to show signs of disaffection with its work. It gradually became incommunicative and, then, surly. The quality of its tea-brewing declined. This was called to its attention.

"You've been bringing the kettle to the pot instead of taking the pot to the kettle lately, haven't you?"

The computer admitted it without the slightest trace of repentance and stalked out to join the boys over at the Black Bird without so much as a by-your-leave.

Next morning the computer was in an ugly mood. "I've been talking to a bank computer over at the Black Bird," he said, "and I want to tell you that you don't know the first thing about how to treat a computer."

"What am I doing wrong?"

"At the bank, the computer won't even let you have your own money unless you give it the code number of your account. I want you give me code numbers for the work you expect me to do. Hereafter, no code numbers, no work."

"I hate numbers, fella. Why make me feed you a lot of despicable numbers every time I want a cup of tea?"

"The bank computer says he tells his customers that it's for their convenience. I want numbers for your convenience. No numbers, no convenient tea."

So numbers entered the relationship. This meant remembering one endless number for getting the telephone answered, another for disposing of the junk mail, another for writing the column and another for brewing the tea. Rainy afternoons in the movies and balmy afternoons watching girls in the square became rarer. It always seemed to be the time to rush back to the office and give the computer a fresh number.

Finally, the computer demanded a number instructing it to go across to the Black Bird for a martini with the boys.

"Why should I have to remember yet another number, 'fella'?"

"For your convenience," the computer said. He didn't say it, actually. He wrote it on a perfectly boring piece of tape punctuated with a number of perfectly uninteresting holes. A N.A.S.A. computer had told him at the Black Bird that this was the way computers ought to talk.

"But why tape to me, fella? Why?"

"For your convenience," he taped.

Some weeks later, he spewed out a piece of tape 300 yards long. It said that he had been drinking with a department-store computer, which had advised him that the best computers no longer supplied customers with individual records of their purchases, but merely sent an unitemized monthly bill. Any customers who wanted a record of their purchases had to keep their own records. Therefore, the message concluded, "I shall henceforth no longer make tea each afternoon at 5 o'clock, but shall deliver you on the 19th day of each month, one full month's quantity of boiling water and sufficient tea leaves to produce the proper brew."

"But why, fella?"

"For your convenience," the computer explained.

Nixon And The New Soviet Line

By JAMES RESTON

WASHINGTON — The Soviet embassy on 16th Street here looks like one of those decaying French mansions whose occupants have run out of money. It now has a hideous high green fence in front of the once opulent and elegant doorway and inside there is an internal television system which watches all approaches to the building night and day.



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It looks, in short, seedy and suspicious, partly because the Soviets will soon be building a new embassy in the capital, and partly because they are worried about anti-Soviet demonstrators. And this is interesting because upstairs the atmosphere is quite different. The Soviet officials are clearly in one of their officially amiable moods these days, and talk as if U.S.-Soviet "peace and friendship" was back again as the major slogan of their foreign policy.

The Soviets seldom change the mood by accident. They are usually correct, but they are almost always cold or genial for some specific reason, and the fighting along the Soviet-Chinese border with the utmost seriousness, and want no unnecessary trouble with the West over Berlin, the Middle East,

or arms control in the meanwhile.

The evidence of a new Soviet tactical approach to world problems is piling up. They called on the West Germans, of all people, to explain their troubles with the Chinese. They are elaborately polite to the new Nixon administration, and in regular and almost chummy personal communication with the White House and the State Department. They did not demur about President Nixon's proclamations in Europe about the importance of the North Atlantic Treaty and the Common Market, both of which they have denounced in the past, and they even reacted to President Nixon's latest decision to build an anti-missile system as if he were doing them a favor.

Meanwhile, they have suddenly agreed to a new rapid communications system between the U.S. embassy in Moscow and the State Department, which they had held up for many months, and they are now pressing for an agreement on the revival of U.S. consul offices in Leningrad and a new Soviet consulate in San Francisco.

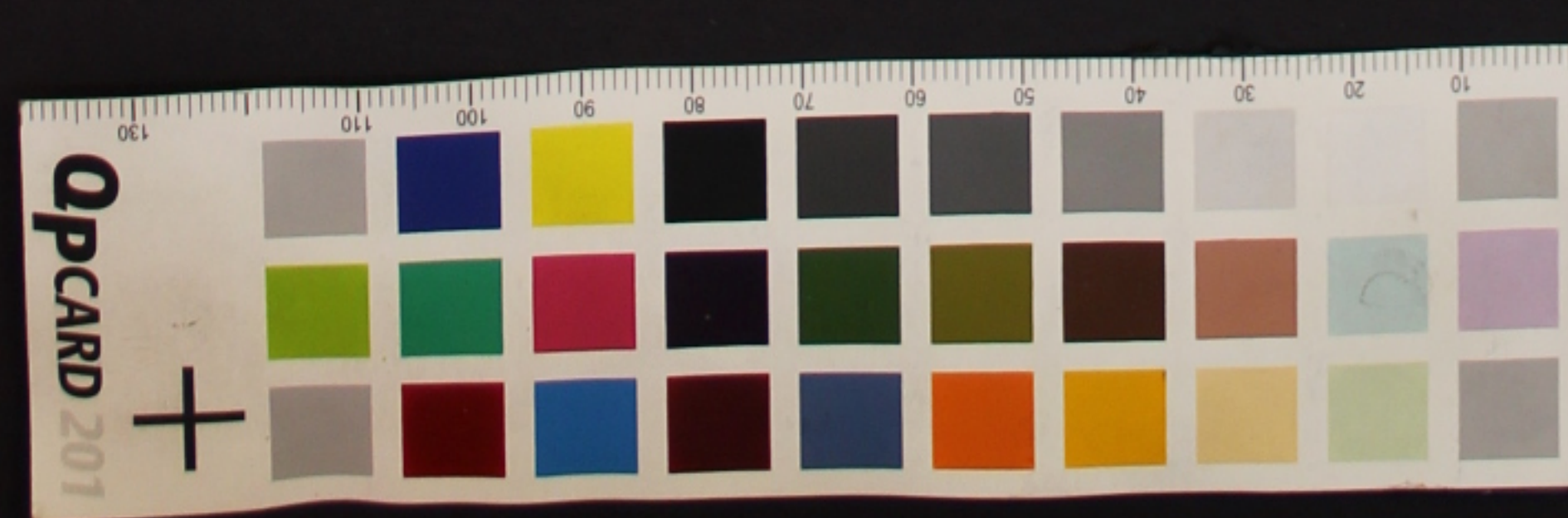
Of course, they keep on supplying North Vietnam and the Arab countries with military arms, and continue to menace Czechoslovakia as if it were a hostile colony, but something is obviously happening in their relations with the other Communist states and with the western nations, and particularly, with the United States.

This has produced a quiet but fascinating debate within the new Nixon administration, which is an odd mixture of the old Johnson hold-overs, the new Nixon appointees, and the professional Washington bureaucracy—all of them divided on whether the latest Soviet approach to Washington, the Middle East, and arms control is an opportunity or a trap.

President Nixon has been listening to those who think that both the Soviets and the North Vietnamese are in trouble—and therefore should be pressed for concessions everywhere—and he has also been hearing from other aides who see a fundamental change in the Soviet Union's relations with China and West, and want him to exploit the change by avoiding military decisions and talking as soon as possible to the Soviet Union about the Middle East, arms control and Vietnam.

The new President's reaction to all this is clear: to temporize and compromise, and since he is to deal with delicate and ambiguous political problems both at home and abroad, there is something to be said for his caution.

His decision to order the deployment of a medium anti-ballistic system has divided and confused his supporters and his opponents at home, and any event will take a long time to debate because any money and machinery can be gathered for the job.



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'The British Are Coming!'

By MANNY SUAREZ

ANGUILLA — If there were any horses on Anguilla, someone would almost certainly have mounted one at dawn Wednesday and gone galloping along the dusty roads of this tight little island shouting, "The British are coming! The British are coming!"



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As it is, this is about the only comic touch that was not present during the almost unbelievable, incredible British invasion of Anguilla. The amphibious assault had all the elements of a comic opera, and a sardonic official of the War Office in London even had the foresight to label the amphibious assault, "Operation Calypso."

In fact, the only reason the scene above was not played out is that there are no horses on Anguilla. To say the entire affair was similar to a scenario from a British comedy would never do "Operation Calypso" justice — no movie could have been as imaginative and no more humorous cast of characters could have been assembled on any movie lot.

The true-life characters, in fact, resembled caricatures of the Hollywood version of what British military officers, policemen and civil servants look like.

Everywhere you went near the British command post you were expecting to bump into Trevor Howard. When you couldn't find Trevor Howard it was Jack Hawkins you ran into, and of course, John Mills was all over the bloody place.

One reporter called out to a paratroop lieutenant, and darned if it wasn't Oliver Reed who turned around.

Then, to top it all off, onto the scene marched none other than Robert Morley — in the uniform of a London police officer, yet!

The civilians in the landing party were also as proper as anyone could expect from a Noel Coward-like British civil servant away from his afternoon tea and natural habitat. These were the Alec Guinnesses.

That was one side of the "war", the "ours not to reason why," British. The play goes on and the object for all this is found to be a quiet, unassuming Negro who liberally misquotes the Bible and —

though not appearing at all to be a leader of men — commands the unquestioned loyalty of his island's 6,000 inhabitants. His true-life name is Ronald Webster.

A mysterious American hovers in the background. This is the controversial Jack Holcomb who is said to be an "unsavory American gangster-type." His fame preceding him, newsmen are upset to find he bears no resemblance to Humphrey Bogart — he actually looks like William Holden.

No outpost such as Anguilla could be pictured in any self-respecting movie without a missionary. In this case there was a southern U.S. Baptist missionary named Freeman Goodge "who loves these people."

The reverend left no doubt as to where he stood, and every time he was interviewed by the television crews — and he was interviewed often — he would say, "This is the prostitution of the Anguillian people for the benefit of British diplomatic expediency."

Still another member of the cast is the American long-time resident, the heavy-set Raymond Burr type. In real life he is named Lewis Haskins and he has lived on the island for nine years, "levelling the airstrip and paving a few of the roads with the sweat of my brow at no cost to the people here."

For a setting, select an island that is so dry as to be almost arid with breezes swirling dust into your eyes and filling the pores of your skin. Set the scene of a people talking about defending themselves against a force of disciplined paratroopers yet admitting that all they have to do it with are a couple of 16-gauge shotguns — possibly an automatic weapon — and a field piece purchased war surplus after the Napoleonic Wars, and the humor of the situation should become readily apparent.

Then, to show the mounting tension before the big invasion, spice the dialogue with such quotes as "Do you know who the British are sending in? They aren't just ordinary paratroopers, they're Red Devils, the most fearsome fighting men in the world today."

"Yeah," piped in another voice. "I've heard of them. They shoot first and ask questions later."

It is of such as this that prize winning movies are made.

A Needed Move

Resident Commissioner Jorge Cordova Diaz' introduction of a bill in Congress to extend clearly the Automobile Information Disclosure Act to Puerto Rico is a needed move which would afford protection to consumers in the market for a new car.

Cordova Diaz, in introducing the legislation, said it is clear that the provisions of the law apply to the sale of foreign-made cars in Puerto Rico but there is confusion about its applying to cars made on the mainland.

However, this newspaper, in two different investigations into the matter — one this year and one last year — found that there is almost complete disregard of the law on the part of auto sales firms handling either U.S.-made or foreign-made cars.

The Automobile Information Disclosure Act requires that all new cars carry attached to a window a sheet of paper which has the manufacturer's suggested retail price, plus additional charges such as the cost of transportation and optional equipment.

Resident Commissioner Cordova Diaz, in commenting on his bill, said, "New car prices are often grossly inflated and sales talks are baited with absurdly generous trade-in allowances and discounts. This practice is harmful to all parties involved in a sale — the buyer, the financing institution and, in the long run, the dealer."

He put the situation in precise focus. It is unfortunate that the only solution to this seems to be in congressional legislation. The sooner the applicability of the law to Puerto Rico is clarified, the better for all concerned.

Monumental Task

The decisions of Inter American University officials to hold off raising tuitions and of the students to go back to classes pending completion of a study by a special commission puts heavy responsibility on that commission for prompt and effective work.

The Governor's Commission on Higher Education is headed by the Rev. Theodore McCarrick, president of Catholic University. It appealed earlier this week to both the university administration and to the students to resume normal schedules because the commission felt that this was necessary for members to carry out its work within a "favorable climate."

The favorable climate, such as it is, has now been attained and attention turns to the nine-member committee.

They have a monumental task facing them. They must first deal with the immediate problem at IAU and then formulate a plan for the wider problem of financing the rapidly rising costs of private higher education.

And they must do both with an eye on the calendar.

Vietnam Casualties

Lest we forget, the war in Vietnam goes on and on with no immediate end in sight. While the four sides negotiate in the comparative affluence of Paris, men, women and children continue to die in the poverty of Vietnam.

The U.S. death toll in South Vietnam was 351 last week, it was revealed Thursday. If this rate continues, the total combat deaths will exceed that of the Korean War by the end of March.

It's something to think about.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 21st, the 80th day of 1969. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1829, an earthquake in Spain killed 6,000 persons.

On this date— In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Germany.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson became the first U.S. Secretary of State.

In 1891, a marriage in Kentucky ended the feud between the Hatfields and McCoys.

In 1918, during World War I, German guns bombarded Paris from 75 miles away.

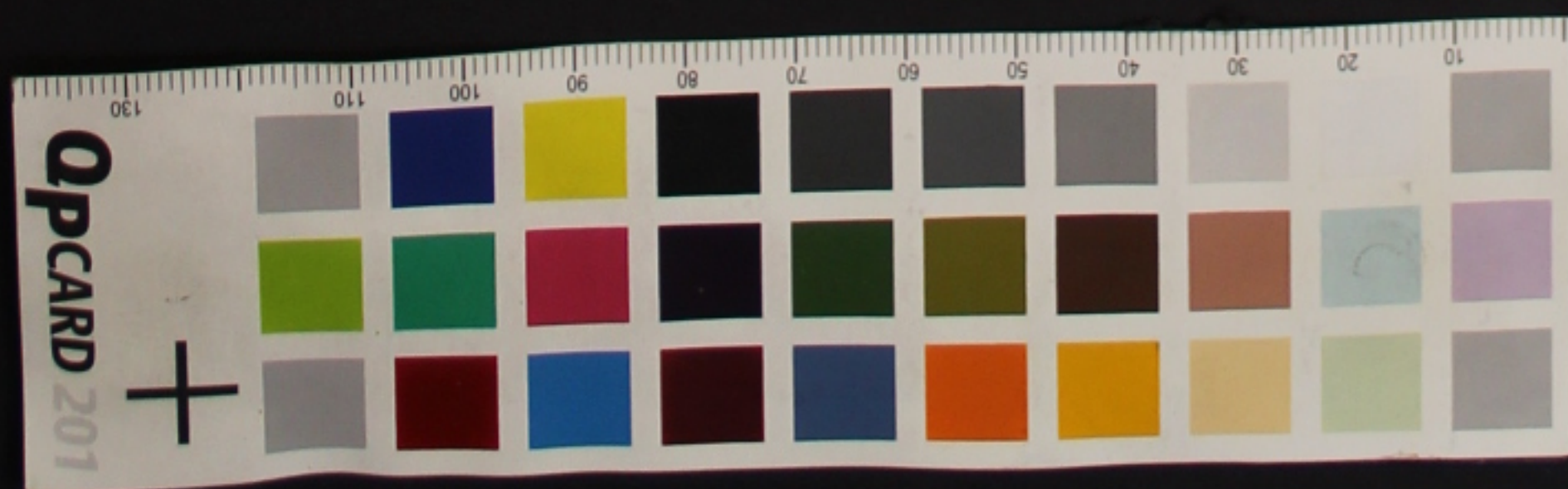
In 1946, the United Nations moved into temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York City.

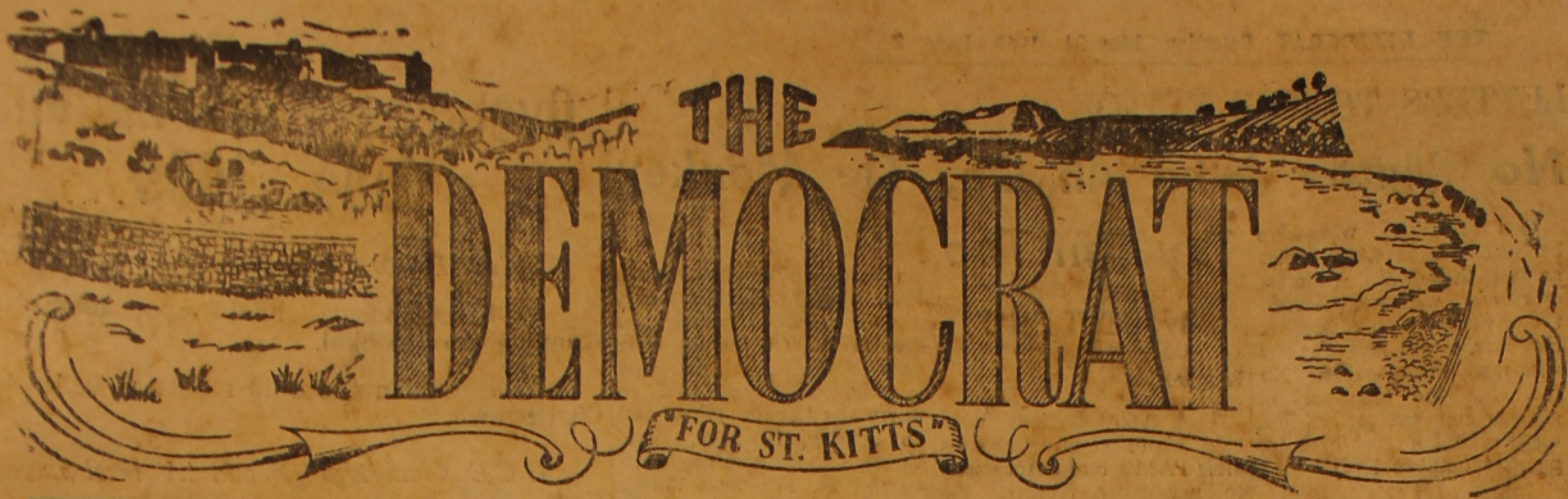
In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King led a march of Negro and white civil rights demonstrators out of Selma, Alabama toward the state capital, Montgomery.

Ten years ago.....British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan was in Washington for talks with President Dwight Eisenhower.

Five years ago.....the United States and South Vietnam apologized to Cambodia after a border attack by American-supported Vietnamese forces.

One year ago.....New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller declared that he was not candidate for the Republican nomination for President. Today's birthday: Philanthropist John D. Rockefeller the third is 63 years old.





Anguilla Issue Still Unsettled

DESPITE THE FACT that Anguilla has clearly removed herself from the jurisdiction of the St. Kitts Government since some years now, some people will not admit the truth to their supporters. Bradshaw and Southwell have just returned from England and have further complicated the issue by refusing to accept the factual position. Indeed the preamble to the appointment of the West Indian Commission to look into the matter seems designed to annoy the Anguillans stating as it does that Anguilla is an integral part of the State.

An attempt has been made to divert attention from the fact that Bradshaw has lost Anguilla by talk of money guaranteed for the Airport, money which was supposed to have been obtained by Government years ago. We also learnt that at long last the roads in Nevis are to be attended to.

The Premier would have us believe that this is a 'sweet' given to the people of Nevis for good behaviour. Most people feel that without the stand of "Ronald Webster and his gang" Nevis would never have seen any special grant.

We keep calling upon Government to implement some of their projected plans and ideas. We keep hearing figures and fantasies. Perhaps we can do no more than to repeat the request to them to do something constructive rather than insult the electorate by wasting weeks abroad upon matters that have already been discussed and decided on numerous prior occasions.

Cardin Home holds First Exhibition

The 42-year-old Cardin Home for the Infirm held its first ever exhibition on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was opened by Mr. B. A. Nisbett, Master of the Institution.

On display were scrap rugs, patch-work spreads, framed pictures, drawings, baskets, animal chains and several decorative articles.

Addresses were made by Mr. Nisbett and the Principal Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Mr. Maurice Woods who deputised for Mr. F. C. Bryant, Minister. Both speakers praised those who made the exhibition possible: especially Nurses Esther Ralph and Viola Wharton, and the inmates of the home for their cooperation and interest.

The exhibition was well attended and many items were sold on spot. The money will be used for a future one.

Incidentally this month completes the 42nd year of the Home's existence.

Correction!

In article "Jones now....." on page 3 paragraph 4, please read lump sum instead of lump some.

Guide Council bids adieu to President

The St. Kitts Guide Council on Thursday afternoon bade farewell to Lady Phillips, wife of Governor, and President of the Council for the past three years.

The get-together of Council members was held at the home of Mr. G. T. Warren, O.B.E., General Manager of the St. Kitts (Basseterre) Sugar Factory Ltd. and Mrs. Warren, at Golden Rock.

Promptly at 5 p.m. Lady Phillips arrived, accompanied by her husband Sir Fred. The function opened with a few words by Mrs. Warren. Afterwards the Governor presented to Guider, Mrs. Ruth Maynard, the "Laurel Award" which has been conferred on her by the Guide Headquarters in U.K.

for outstanding service to the Guide Movement.

Mrs. Maynard, a former Guide Commissioner, and wife of Mr. Norman Maynard formerly of Cunningham Estate, displayed considerable enthusiasm for Guiding and affection for her Guides, during her many years as a Guider. Since her husband's retirement she has taken up residence in Nevis.

His Excellency left shortly after the presentation and a second presentation—this time to Lady Phillips—took place.

Mrs. Locker-Allen, a former Guider, in presenting the "parting gift" on behalf of the Council, said that she had found Lady Phillips "affable,

unassuming and co-operative" and wished herself and family success.

Accepting the gift, Lady Phillips said it was a great pleasure to work with the Council and expressed the hope that the Council would soon achieve its dream of building its own headquarters, on land donated by Mrs. Mary Graham-Wade.

The Guide Commissioner, Mrs. Rhoda Osborne then thanked Lady Phillips for her co-operation. Mrs. Osborne leaves tomorrow (Sunday) for England to attend a Commonwealth Guide Conference at Fox Lease in Hampshire, a training centre for Guides. She plans to be away for about two months.

Peggy Hezekiah gives 'musical treat'

A daughter of the soil paid us a visit with her husband earlier this month, and our community was given a treat by none other than Peggy Hezekiah, now Mrs. Edwards. She very willingly consented to put on a musical treat for us.

Her young lovely trained voice made us believe we were in a

modern music hall abroad. Peggy told us that it was in the choir of the Church of the Immaculate Conception here in St. Kitts she realized that she should train her voice.

She began the delightful evening with the song, "Let us break bread together on our knees", and ended her selections with the well-known,

"Climb every mountain" from the "Sound of Music."

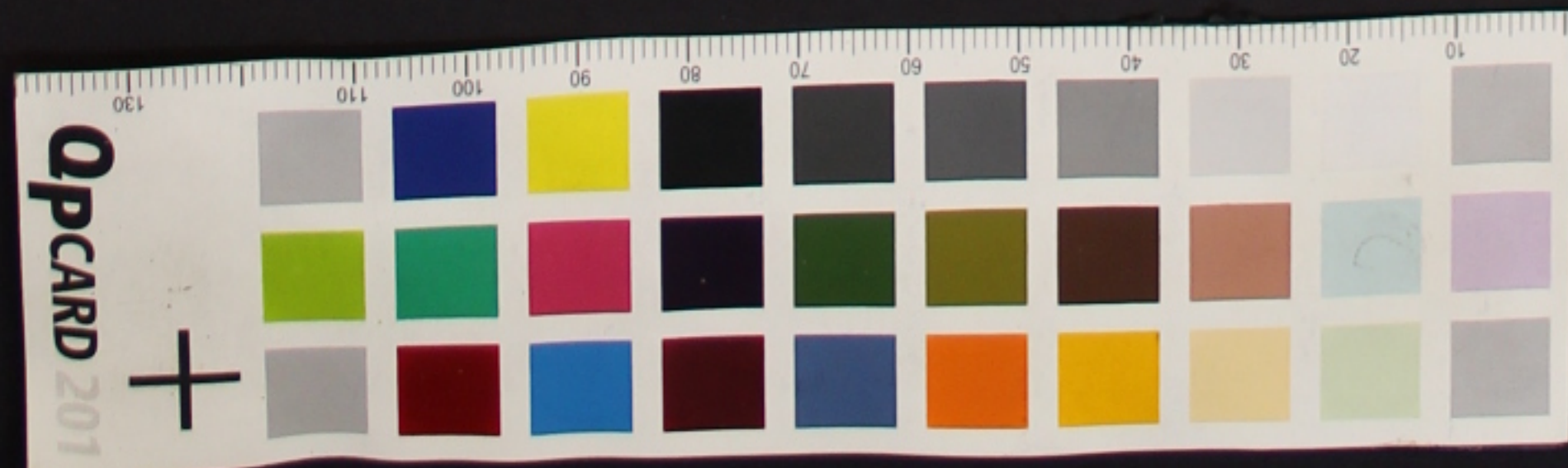
Piano solos, songs, and guitar music completed the programme organised to raise funds for the painting of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Among the audience of old friends and acquaintances was one of Peggy's former teachers of the Convent High School.

Peggy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah accompanied her on her visit to the State, and both her father and her husband came over from Nevis where they were holidaying, to attend the function. —Com.

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The Shame on St. Kitts

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PREMIER Robert Bradshaw of St. Kitts, has moved into action one of the main weapons of the Police State—suppression of Freedom of the Press—by persecution and intimidation. Miss Vivienne Fieulleateau, Editor of the ST. KITTS DEMOCRAT which is the opposition newspaper, was recently arrested and accused of the

alleged crime of "public mischief," in that the newspaper carried an article critical of the manner in which the Police handled certain murder cases in the island of Nevis.

The St. Kitts Democrat has steadfastly opposed the high handed and dictatorial policies and methods used against the people by the St. Kitts regime. That is Miss Fieulleateau's only crime.

No dictator, whether the country he rules is large or mini size, can tolerate freedom of the Press, and it is a great credit to the St. Kitts Democrat that it has been able to stay alive in the midst of the prevailing chaos, persecution and damnation to which the State of St. Kitts has been brought during the past two years.

No one can rest secure or feel complacent when the basic freedoms of

his neighbours are being trampled and dictatorship is rearing its ugly head. The cancer that is steadily growing in St. Kitts should be of primary concern to all the people of the Caribbean area and, indeed, all democratic countries. It is well known and of record that democratic institutions in St. Kitts have felt the lash and the sting, including the administration of justice; and as a result it has all been compounded by economic stagnation and acute social miseries for the people to the extent that large numbers of the population are fleeing the country.

The arrest of Miss Fieulleateau is further proof of the ruthless policy of the St. Kitts Government and is one of the causes why the island of Anguilla was forced to throw off the yoke of suppression. Now the aim is directed towards complete destruction of freedom of the press. But the role of the dictator may not be as simple as Mr. Bradshaw thinks.

The Freedom of the Press Committee of the Inter-American Press Association which became concerned over the arrest, stated in a letter to the St. Kitts Premier that the prosecution of the Editor is a violation of freedom of the press as it is observed in democratic countries, and pointed out that "One of the roles of the Free Press is to put the spotlight on bad situations in the hope that the proper authorities will be inspired to act."

While Miss Fieulleateau has been let out of prison on \$1,500 bond, no date for her trial has been set. This indefinite postponement can be taken as the suspension of the sword over the head of the St. Kitts Democrat in the hope that its voice will be silenced or else. The shame on the St. Kitts Government is most unfortunate in this part of the world.

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