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## FARRINGTON FIRED, CHARGED WITH 'DECEPTIVE PRACTICES'

The former business office administrator of the Department of Public Works, William Farrington, has been fired. This was announced yesterday afternoon by Government House in St. Thomas, reports Associated Press.

Two weeks ago, Acting Governor Cyril E. King ordered Farrington transferred to the Department of Conservation "for the good of the government."

Farrington's transfer set off a protest by 25 employees in the business office, who walked off their jobs, and also from members of the Virgin Islands Senate, who have already held one public hearing and had another scheduled for last night.

In addition to Farrington's transfer, James Francis of the Conservation Department was transferred in order to make room for Farrington and Rufus Graham of the Department of Commerce was sent to Public Works to replace Farrington.

Last week, on orders from Government House, the commissioners of the four departments involved stayed away from the hearing. Following this, all four were served with papers ordering their appearance at Monday's hearing. In addition to the commissioners, King's special assistant, Edward Moran was also ordered to appear.

In the letter notifying him of his dismissal "without prejudice," the reasons for his firing were set forth. Number one on the list was Farrington's alleged inability to discharge effectively his duties.

### Woman Becomes Victim No. Five

The score on road fatalities in St. Croix since the start of 1969 rose to five on Saturday night when Miriam Griffith, in her sixties, a resident of Estate Two Williams, was killed immediately when struck by a car while she was crossing the road in the area, following a visit to a friend's home.

The vehicle was driven by Cypriani Phillips, who is said to be employed by the Department of Finance. The case is under investigation.

Also singled out was his alleged failure to provide information requested and "essential" for the preparation of a deficiency budget for this year and the unauthorized addition of personnel to the department.

He was also charged with "deliberately deceptive practices in the issuing of documents under the presumed signature and without the knowledge of the Commissioner of Public Works."

In the letter, which is over the signature of Department Commissioner James Huston, Farrington was advised that he has ten days in which to appeal the firing, to the Government Employees Service Commission.

The final paragraph of the letter states that the firing "supercedes the contemplated personnel action, of which you have been previously advised, whereby you would have been transferred to the Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs."

In a television speech Sunday (Continued on page 12)

### McBean Funeral Attended By 2000

The body of Edward (Eddie) McBean was laid to rest in the Frederiksted Cemetery on Sunday following service at St. Paul's Church. The funeral was attended by almost 2,000 persons. It included marching contingents of World War II veterans, U. S. Army Reserve, Boy Scouts, American Legion, firemen, police and hundreds of other persons.

The casket was carried to the cemetery on a fire engine. Pallbearers were made up of members of the Virgin Islands Fire Division.

McBean died at the Veteran Hospital in Puerto Rico following over three months of illness.

He is survived by his wife, mother and children.

### St. Croix Short \$10,000 In Drive

Water Island still leads all other islands of the Virgin Islands in reaching the money goal for supporting the Boy Scout Program of the Boy Scouts of America for 1969.

St. Thomas needs \$4,800 to reach its goal, St. John needs \$700, and St. Croix needs \$10,000.

Water Islands, under the leadership of Walter Phillips, has exceeded its \$1,000 goal by over \$400.

The Virgin Islands goal is \$48,200.

### New Wage Scale To Be Effective On Publication

Wage Order No. 1 of 1969, promulgated by the Virgin Islands Wage Board and approved by Acting Cyril E. King on April 9, will not become effective until published in the Virgin Islands Registry, according to Melville M. Stevens, Commissioner of Labor.

Under applicable law, the Wage Board, which was appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of recommending wages by industries in the Virgin Islands.

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### Asks End Of 'Mouse That Roared' Situation

NEW YORK (AP)—Premier Robert Bradshaw of St. Kitts-Nevis says it is time that the "mouse that roared" situation in Anguilla be put to an end.

The Anguillan secession, Bradshaw said, "would also spell disaster for the entire Caribbean area," arguing that small countries becoming smaller cannot survive the realities of 20th century world political and economic affairs.

"It is inevitable that Anguilla will be dependent upon someone—be it Great Britain, the United States, the Mafia or St. Kitts-Nevis," Bradshaw said in New York after a Washington conference with British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart.

The premier also said the entry of British troops brought great relief to the vast majority of Anguillans.

Before the mini British invasion, Bradshaw said, Anguilla was (Continued on page 12)

### EXTRA BANK HRS.

The Virgin Islands Bankers Association announced yesterday that all banks in the territory will be open from four to six P.M. on April 24, in addition to the regular banking day. This schedule has been arranged in view of the following day, a Friday, being an official government holiday—the Spring Carnival in St. Thomas.

### ST. CROIX PHONE SERVICE RESTORED AFTER BULLDOZER TEARS UP CABLE

(AP)—The Virgin Islands Telephone Company said full service was scheduled to be restored yesterday in St. Croix following a widespread telephone outage after a bulldozer hit a 300-pair underground cable.

The bulldozer was clearing a site for a new condominium in the Golden Rock section of St. Croix. It destroyed a 20-foot section of the cable, knocking out telephones in the

Peter's Rest, Beeston Hill, Diamond Ruby, Sion Farm and Peppertree area. Also affected were the Hess Oil and Harvey Alumina complexes.

Five splicing crews worked for 28 hours testing and splicing the 2,400 wires in the cable.

By early Saturday, emergency lines had been restored to both the police and fire departments, and most of the (Continued on page 12)

### All's Quiet On Anguillan Front

ANGUILLA (AP)—There was very little activity in Anguilla yesterday. Demonstrations announced for early morning did not take place.

Court opened at the administration building, with three cases scheduled for the day. None of the defendants appeared, and so Magistrate Roderick Donaldson agreed to issue summons for the three who are out on bail.

The barbed wire barricades which had been erected Fri-

day, in front of the entrance to the court, had been removed. And the usual crowd of Anguillans which could be found in the area ever since the arrival of the British on March 19, was nowhere in sight.

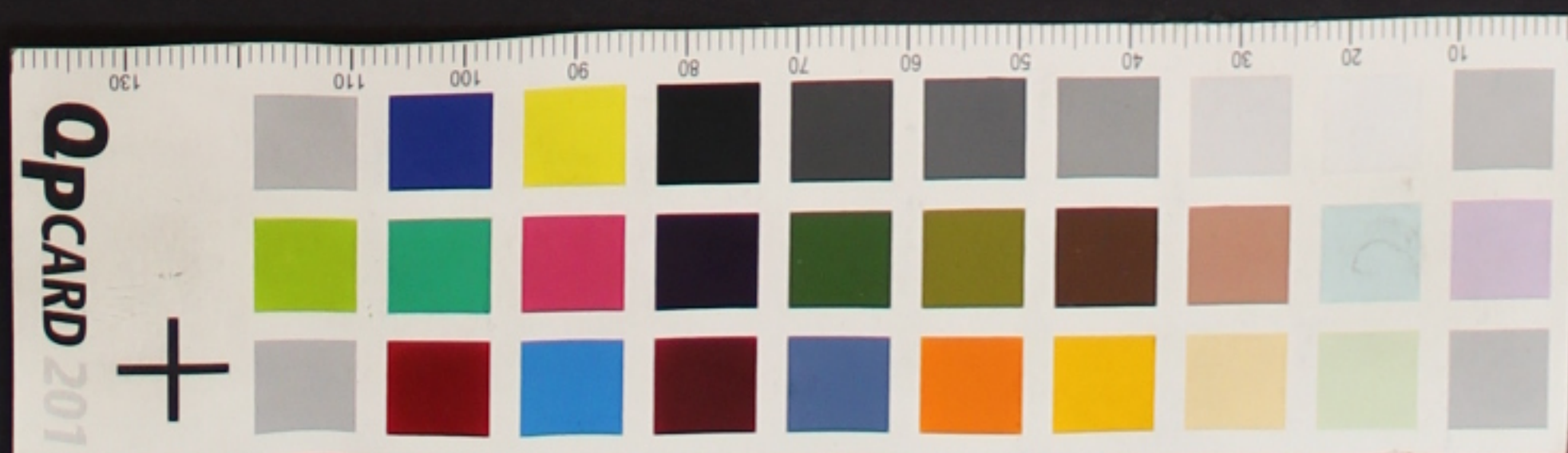
In any group in Anguilla yesterday, there were more reporters than either Anguillans or British troops or police.

During the morning, approximately twenty paratroop-

ers were flown into Anguilla from Antigua. Their arrival caused no outbreak of violence at the airport.

Some of Anguillans predict there should be no demonstrations until, at least after the referendum tentatively scheduled for Thursday. Islanders will be asked at that time to vote yes or no on the question: Do you think the British should leave?

The proposed plebiscite is (Continued on page 12)





## Anguilla Freedom Is Not Practical Newspaper Says

LONDON (AP) — The Times yesterday said on Anguilla: "Britain has indicated and should reiterate, that Anguilla's future will be settled fairly in consultation with the Caribbean countries involved. Total independence — in the sense of separation from all neighbors — would not offer Anguilla any worthy or secure future. Probably it would not be truly independent for long in any case. On the other hand there is a future for Anguilla either in a wider Caribbean association or some status yet to be worked out. In the meantime Mr. Webster and backers will no doubt make the task of Britain's representatives a thankless one. The government can help by making its directions and appointments clear beyond doubt."

## DOCKERS STRIKE CAUSES A DELAY IN ST. JOE FETE

The annual St. Joseph's Bazaar is suffering from the longshoremen's strike. The prizes did not make the right boat connections thus the bazaar dates are changed to May 2, 3 and 4.

The bazaar is under the direction of Frank Catanch and Joe Christian.

The door prizes include television sets, gold watches, radios and many other gifts. The grand prize is a 1969 Ford Fairlane 500. Chances are \$1 and available every week end at Pueblo lot.

## College Official Guest Speaker

The Jewish Community of St. Croix will meet tonight at 8 at the home of Sidney Lee. The guest speaker of the evening will be Dr. E. J. Fredericks, Director of the College of the V. I. St. Croix Center.

Dr. Fredericks, who has been in St. Croix since last September is a retired Army colonel and spent several years with the U. S. Dept. of Defense and the State Dept. His topic of discussion will be "The Development of the St. Croix College Center."

## Correspondence

April 12, 1969

Dear Editor:

In the Saturday, April 12, issue of The AVIS there appeared on the front page an article suggesting the installation of a drag race strip. The article stated that Raymond A. Moorhead submitted a plan for this to Gus Doward, Chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Being a member of the Virgin Islands Commission on Youth, I attended a hearing at Government House approximately one year ago chaired by Mr. Doward. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss recreational facilities available in the V. I. Student representatives of all St. Croix high schools were present. One of the students suggested that the government install a drag race strip. Gus Doward seemed to be amused. Now that Mr. Moorhead, a prominent adult member of our community, has made a similar proposal, perhaps he will take it seriously.

Sincerely,  
Steve Edlen.

## LOCAL CRICKET

Rivals C. C. gained an outright victory over Central at Harvey Alumina recreation grounds on Sunday. Scores were Rivals 77, Merish scoring 31 not out and 139 for 5 declared. Good contributions coming from Daris 55, and Smith 35. Central replied with 46 and 45.

Meanwhile at Grove Place, also on Sunday, a fine all-round performance by Gomes of Middlesex helped his team to gain first innings points against Cullen Lindsay. Scores in the match were Cullen Lindsay 102. W. Lyne scoring 31. Gomes 7 for 17. Middlesex replying with 141. Good knocks coming from Gomes 46, and Watkin 35.

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## VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY

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April 11, 1969

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virgin Islands Port Authority, pursuant to Section 505 paragraph 12 of Act No. 2375 of the Virgin Islands Legislature will conduct Public Hearings on Wednesday, April 30th, 1969 at 8:00 P.M. at the Legislature Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and Thursday, May 1st, 1969 at 8:00 P.M. at Christiansted Junior High School, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to receive comments, testimony and other representations relating to the adjustments of rates, fees and other charges for the use of facilities owned and operated and for services rendered by the Virgin Islands Port Authority at Virgin Islands Air and Marine Ports.

All interested persons, organizations, businesses and associations are asked to present written and/or oral testimony. Those persons, businesses, organizations and associations are asked to notify the office of the Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority, Telephone 774-1921 St. Thomas and 773-1012 St. Croix of intentions to present written and/or oral testimony, however, any requests to present testimony at the Public Hearing will be accepted.

Copies of proposed rates, fees and other charges are available upon request at the Office of the Executive Director, Harry S. Truman Airport, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Office of the Airport Manager, Alexander Hamilton Airport, St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Office of the Assistant Executive Director, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and the Harbor Master's Office, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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Executive Director

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## Hope School.

The lobster bake is part of an informal evening that begins with cocktails at 6:30 P.M. Music and entertainment will be provided by the Estate Carlton Hotel, according to Willi Bachman, manager. Dancing in the main dining room will follow the dinner. Jackets and tie are required for dancing.

Please make reservations through the Good Hope School office or by telephoning 772-0022. The price is \$15 per ticket, of which \$7.50 is a charitable contribution for income tax purposes.

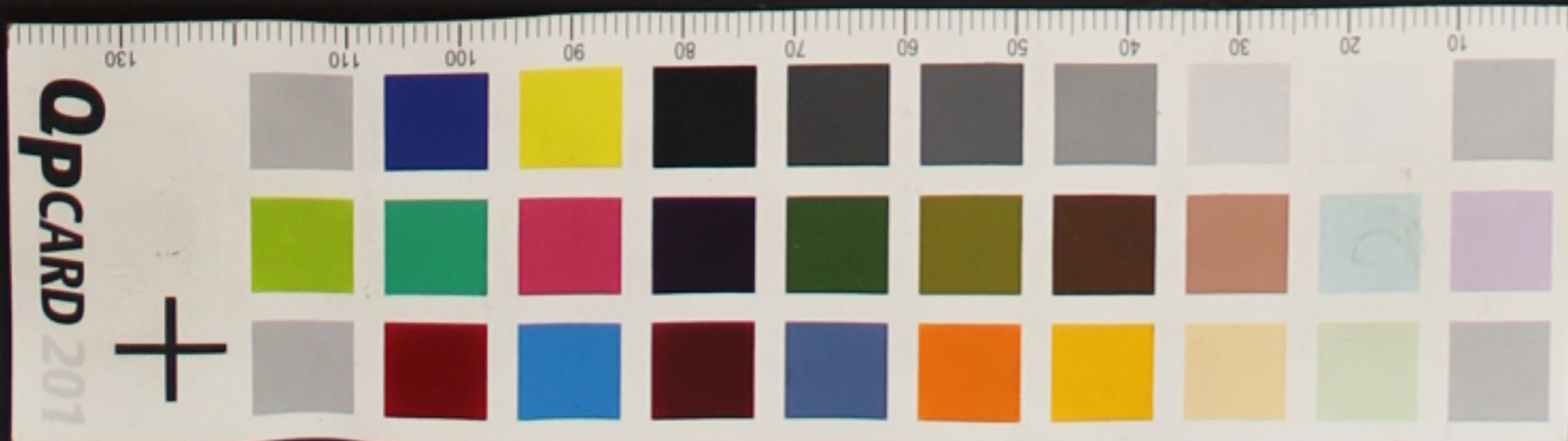


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- 6:55 Bulletin Board
- 7:00 News
- 7:05 Coffee Club
- 7:24 Democratic Journal
- 7:30 Morning News Round Up
- 8:00 Earl Nightingale
- 8:05 Coffee Club
- 8:30 New Headlines
- 8:31 Sports Report
- 8:40 Coffee Club
- 8:45 Coffee Club Cont.
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Rick with Record
- 9:30 Coffee with the Preacher (Wednesday only)
- 9:45 Rick with Records Cont.
- 10:05 Mary - Go - Round Show
- 11:05 Lee Carle Show A.M.
- 12:00 PM WBNB News
- 12:20 Bill Gray's Show until 2 P.M.
- 2:05 Carles Corner P.M.
- 4:07 Carles Corner P.M. Cont.
- 5:05 Bill Gray's Show
- 5:10 Bill Gray's Show Cont.
- 6:00 Bill Gray's Show Cont. - Pop Up Show No. 2 on Saturday
- 6:30 Bill Gray's Show Cont.
- 7:00 Mon. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. - Special Programs
- 7:30 Bill Gray's Show Cont.
- 8:05 Concert Hall Tuesday & Thursday, Encore-Monday & Wednesday
- 9:05 (Same as Above) "Pop Up" - Friday
- 11:05 Station Sign Off

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CHRISTIANSTED JURISDICTION ESTATE OF PATRICK SIMMONDS WILLIAMS, DECEASED PROBATE No. 23-1968**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wilfred Williams, Administrator of the Estate, has filed his final account herein and that a hearing thereon will be held before the District Court at Government House, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on April 25, 1969, at 10:00 a.m. Objections thereto must be filed before that date.

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**ALL'S QUIET . . .**

planned by supporters of Anguillan leader Ronald Webster, who was ousted as Acting President by the British occupation forces. The British government does not recognize the plebiscite.

Meanwhile, a British official in Anguilla said there are no plans to deport any of the thirteen Americans now living on the island.

On Sunday, crowds gathered at the home of Lewis Haskings, an American who operates a small parts factory, to prevent the British from carrying their alleged plan to deport him.

It is believed that reports of Haskings intended deportation got started when Angillians spotted several truckloads of British troops heading in the direction of Haskings home. The troops, however, were checking out reports that a small cache of gun parts had been found buried in the sand near Haskings' home.

The gun parts had been found earlier by an Anguillan, Dr. Felix Spector, a former Philadelphia osteopath who went into hiding after a crowd of Anguillians saved him from deportation last week, has left the island for the French section of St. Martin. He departed from Anguilla by boat, after one day of hiding.

Early yesterday, a Scotland Yard Inspector flew to St. Thomas from Anguilla. He told Associated Press he had come "to visit friends," but it is known that several persons suspected of beating a police officer last week in Anguilla are living in St. Thomas.

**ST. CROIX PHONE . . .**

rest of the affected areas were back in service by Sunday.

St. Croix Vitelco Manager, R. D. Roberts, said full service was scheduled to be restored sometime yesterday.

On St. Thomas, residents of the Contant, Sub Base and Bourne Field areas came close to losing their telephone and electrical power on Saturday.

A bulldozer on a trailer struck an overhead cable which caused a utility pole to split. Only the supports for the pole kept it from being knocked down.

The pole carries high tension lines and the cables for 2,100 telephones in the area, plus the distribution lines for the cable television system in St. Thomas.

As of late yesterday afternoon, utility crews were still working to transfer lines on a new pole.



**BUCCANEER HOTEL** resident tennis professional Andrew Briant (left) hosted two of the sport's stars last week. Bill Bowrey (top step), number one amateur player from Australia, and U. S. sixth-ranked Ron Holmberg pose with Briant following an exhibition match in St. Croix. V. I. Amateur champion Vic Ebbesen of St. Thomas also played in the tennis exhibition.

**FARRINGTON FIRED . . .**

day evening, Senate President John L. Maduro spoke of some of what he called the "contradictions" in the Acting Governor's address to the public last week. Among other things, the Senate President referred to the statement by King that the transfer was due to a Finance Department report on Farrington, which allegedly stated that he was not doing his job properly.

Maduro asked why, if this was the case, King had transferred him to another department at the same rate of pay.

Maduro said he was very concerned about the security of classified employees in the department if "this sort of action be taken without regard for the merit system."

King's action earlier, in transferring the three men, and the subsequent issuance of letters to the 25 protesting Public Works employees, ordering them to either return to work or face disciplinary action, brought the Virgin Islands Labor Union into the picture.

The union's affiliate, the Government Employees Association, which is the recognized bargaining agent for the department employees, had called for King to temporarily hold off on his transfer order and let the situation be ironed out over the conference table.

**ESTATE OF C. WILLIAM GREGORY**

Probate No. 8-1968  
District Court, St. Croix

Notice is hereby given that the Executor herein has filed a Final Account, and Hearing thereon has been set for 10:00 A.M., April 25, 1969, District Court, Christiansted, St. Croix. Any objections must be filed or served in writing upon the Executor before such date.

V.I. TITLE & TRUST CO.,  
Executor  
46 King Street  
Christiansted, St. Croix  
Young, Isherwood, Gibbs & Carney  
Attorneys for the Estate

**Narcotic Talks Tonight And Wed.**

This week the New England Drug Education Team will present seminars on narcotics for the school and adult community. Lectures for school children are being conducted at various schools during the morning hours while adult sessions will be held in the Christiansted Junior High School auditorium at 8 tonight and at the St. Gerard's hall in Frederiksted tomorrow.

Speakers on the team will include George Burke, District Attorney of Norfolk County, Mass., and his assistant, Peter Carr, a former F.B.I. undercover agent; Jimmy Logan and Gloria Murder, two former addicts and Damion McDougall.

The lectures are sponsored by the St. Croix Drug Education Association, a citizens action group.

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**NEW WAGE . . .**

The law calls for numerous steps to be taken, including public hearings, and recommendations submitted to the Governor and finally publication in the Virgin Islands Registry.

According to Commissioner Stevens, all the steps have been taken except the final one, the publication in the Virgin Islands Registry whereupon these wages will become effective on the date published in the Registry.

The Board which is a continuing body is made up of the following members: Wirt McClintic Mitchell, chairman; Elwyn Fairweather, vice-chairman; Addelita Cancryn, E. Leonard Brewer, Victor Gilbert, Felix Francis and Roy Gottlieb. Under the Act, the Commissioner of Labor is an ex-officio member and secretary of the Board.

**ASKS END . . .**

ruled by "vigilante operations." "It is time that we return to our serious business — work for the economic development of our country," the premier stated.

"It is time that this mouse that roared situation be put to an end. With the help of Great Britain and the good will of our sister states, we hope to succeed."

The islands of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla had been federated, associated with the United Kingdom, in 1967 until the recent secession of Anguilla.

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