

Anguilla Invasion A Legal Action, Bradshaw Claims

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Bradshaw of the Associated West Indies State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla flew into London yesterday for talks on the future of the breakaway island of Anguilla.

On arrival Bradshaw vigorously defended the British invasion of the island and called its self-styled president Ronald Webster, "a rebel who had shot himself to power and ousted the island's elected representative."

Bradshaw told newsmen: "Cynics in Britain and enemies of the present government have given the government here at Westminster a terrible time because it finally discharged its legal obligations with respect to the defense and external affairs of Anguilla."

Bradshaw said that since Anguilla with 6,000 inhabitants had been taken out of the association in mid-1967, there had been arson, killings and other serious trouble on the island. He had to call on Britain to intervene and as a result the situation had been stabilized and should eventually return to normal.

Bradshaw spoke at the start of a two-day visit during which he will have talks with Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart. The discussions will center round matters examined by the two men in Washington last month when Stewart was in the United States for the NATO ministerial meeting.

Informed sources said Stewart would try to win Bradshaw's agreement to the eventual detachment of Anguilla from the semi-independent federation he leads. The British government has already pledged that the Anguillians will not be forced back into partnership with St. Kitts against their wishes.

Bradshaw, however, is determined to preserve the territorial integrity of his federation, and Stewart and his ministers may find it difficult to win his agreement.


After talks lasting an hour, Bradshaw and Stewart had a working luncheon at Admiralty House. Also attending were Paul Southwell, Bradshaw's Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance; George Taylor, Commissioner for the East Caribbean, and Arnold Smith, head of the Commonwealth Secretariat who is scheduled to visit the Caribbean region shortly.

Sources said Stewart put the case to Bradshaw for setting up a Caribbean Council.

This council would assume responsibilities for the political development of certain territories such as Anguilla and allow Britain to disengage itself from embarrassing commitments like the invasion of Anguilla.

Plans for such a council have already been submitted to Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana. It is hoped that Canada might agree to join it.

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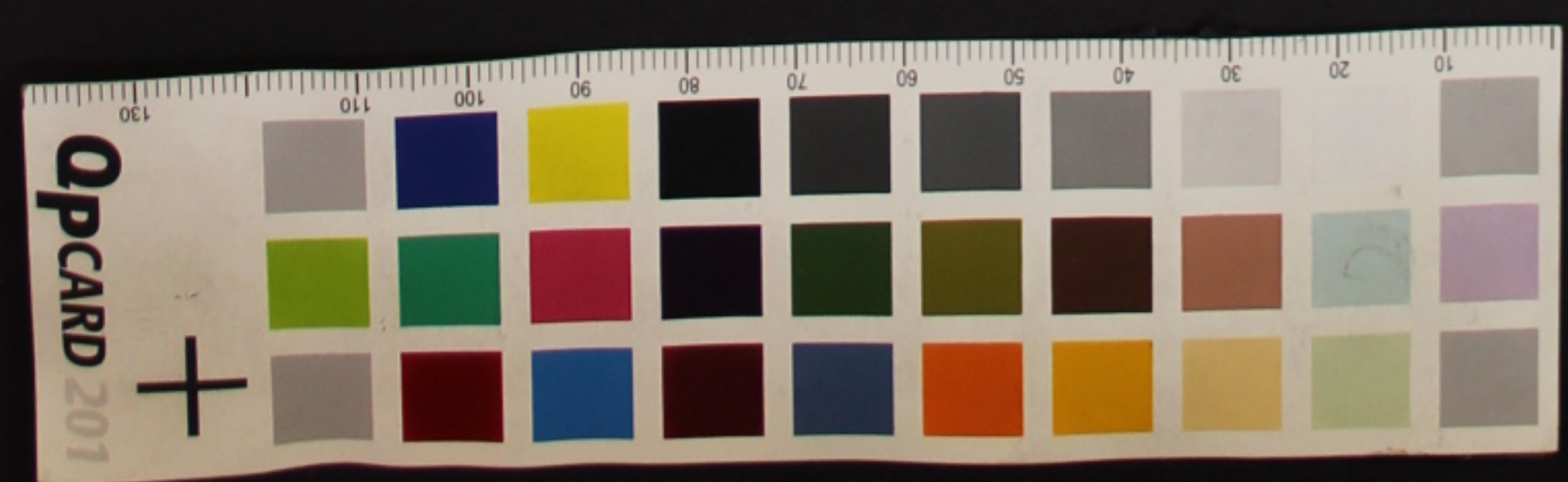


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TRINIDAD STUDIES BRITISH PROPOSAL AIMED AT SETTling ANGUILLA PROBLEM

PORT OF SPAIN (AP) — The government of Trinidad and Tobago is studying a British government proposal for setting up a commission of inquiry comprising independent Commonwealth Caribbean countries in a final effort to resolve the Anguillian problem.

But in an interview here Tuesday, Anguilla leader Ronald Webster declined to disclose his reaction to this proposal for at least another 48 hours.

"I have my own proposal to make," Webster said.

Webster, who flew into Trinidad Monday, added that he was awaiting the outcome of talks between the British government and St. Kitts Premier Robert Bradshaw. However, Webster indicated his intention to propose a

new constitutional arrangement for Anguilla for which he would need the aid of the independent Commonwealth Caribbean countries.

Britain's proposal was made in discussions in London with the High Commissioners of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Guyana and Barbados. An informed source said Britain is now saving Anguilla is a Caribbean problem.

In a wide ranging interview with The Associated Press, Webster said he hoped independent Caribbean Commonwealth states "will assist us in getting the British troops out and finding a formula for the problem."

"British Troops and policemen in the island had searched in vain for gangsters and weapons and had found

neither," he said.

"Anguillans consider the British troops aliens and want them to go," Webster declared passionately. "The people of Anguilla want to be free and would never go back to the St. Kitts government," he said, adding that they could survive with technical assistance from Caribbean governments and by developing tourism.

Webster plans to leave for Barbados today.

KINGSTON (AP) — It was reliably reported here that the Jamaica government has declared it is willing to join a commission to undertake responsibility for a settlement of the Anguillian situation.

Senior Citizens Topic Of Talks

In keeping with the designation of May as Senior Citizens Month, Mrs. Gloria M. King and Mrs. Lois A. Cane-gata, Executive Secretary and Community Organization Worker, respectively, of the V. I. Commission On Aging, will address the Program Committee of the St. Croix Office of Public Health Services, at its general staff meetings on May 16 at 2 P.M. in Room 10 at Orange Grove, Christiansted.

"News of Our Senior Citizens" is the topic and will highlight local activities and programs of Commission of Aging.

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6:30-6:32	Headlines
7:00-7:05	News & Weather
7:05-9:00	Music for Dining
9:00-10:30	St. Croix Symphonette
10:30-10:50	Music from the Lighthouse

Re-dedication Service Sunday

The Bright Hour Circle organization of Frederiksted will celebrate its twenty-fourth anniversary on Sunday, Mother's Day. A re-dedication service will be held at the Holy Cross Church at Upper Love, led by the Rev. Gibson. The time will be 10 A.M. Cars will leave the home of Mrs. Christian at 9 A.M.

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St. Thomas

Friday, May 16, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Court at Fort Christian.

St. Croix

Saturday, May 17, 1969 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ball Room, Government House, Christiansted.

St. John

Saturday, May 17, 1969 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Court Room, Cruz Bay.

All interested persons and the General Public are urged to attend these hearings and to express their views on the subject in question.

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