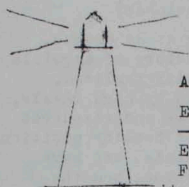


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THE BEACON

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EDITORIAL. A Word to Anguillans.

For the first time in the history of Anguilla, we have found it possible to publish a newspaper, THE BEACON, whereby the people of Anguilla, and the world outside Anguilla can learn what is happening on the island, and whereby they can voice their opinions.

This was done at first through that outstanding weekly paper, the "St Kitts Democrat". Though now we have succeeded from St Kitts, we shall always support that Paper, and the Party behind it. We will always be grateful to the "Democrat" for its courageous efforts in opening the eyes of the public to the dangers of a Dictatorial Government that was cutting away the roots of our freedom.

I have chosen the name THE BEACON, because all the big ships passing to the north of Anguilla, are grateful to Anguilla for her beacon at Sombrero to guide them to their destination. So too, many people all over the world are grateful to Anguilla for the stand she has made for freedom and democracy. Like the BEACON may this paper be a help to guide Anguillans to pick out the good from the bad, so that they may have nothing less than the best.

To achieve this, you must all do your best for your Island. It is true that you voted overwhelmingly in your Referendum to secede from St Kitts, but that was only a beginning. Every one of you must support the cause in every way you can. Some of you are watching the beaches, others contributing voluntary labour, others serving as members of your Council, some have so far not found a way to help. We have managed to keep going for the last four months by the generosity of our friends overseas, we will have to keep going till our status is recognised. I appeal to everyone of you to do your part and contribute generously to the new scheme of Voluntary Contribution, and not to depend only on the generosity of others.

ATLIN HARRIGAN

EDUCATION BOARD FORMED. At a recent meeting of the Council it was decided to create an Educational Board, to handle such matters as Employment of Teachers, Salaries, Vacations, Increments, Bonuses, Retirements, etc. The board is comprised of Miss Albena Lake, Mr Calvin Hodge, Mr Peter Adams, Mr Ashton Gumbs, Mr Walter Hodge and Canon Carleton.

Congratulations to the Teaching staffs in managing to open all the schools on the advertised day. Thanks also to St Mary's Vestry for the use of the St Mary's Church to house an overflow from the Valley Boys school

GOVERNMENT NOTICES To sustain a steady income to the Government, the Council feels that all Anguillans should now participate in contributing financially to the upkeep of the new Government. This is a responsibility that Freedom imposes, a duty that every Anguillian should gladly assume. Contributions envelopes with complete instructions will be given out to every family. At the end of the month they will be collected by a member of the Council

To help build up the Anguillian economy, the Council passed a bill imposing \$1.00 embarkation tax on all persons leaving the Island.

Duties on Beer and Malt were reduced from \$1.68 per gallon to \$1.00

Change of Government has disrupted the normal payment of last years house, land and income taxes. The public is hereby notified that all taxpayers who have not paid these taxes, shall do so not later than November 1967, and not in December as was the former practice

Anguillans are reminded that there is a Building Board in existence, and all plans for new buildings should be submitted to the board before work is begun.

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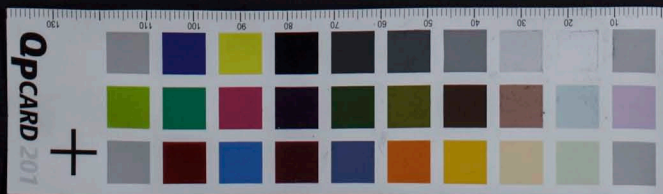
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NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of the Girl Guides Association will be held on Thursday October 5th at 4.30 pm at Gilfox. (W.Lake. Commissioner)

VISITOR. Mr Arthur Finger and his charming wife are staying at Rendezvous.

He is a member of the San Francisco Group. When the history of Anguilla comes to be written, the part played by this Group will be fully realised.

They are a group of professional and business men, inspired by high ideals, who hearing of the needs of Anguilla, have thrown in their time and resources to help Anguilla. Without their help, we would never be in the healthy position we are to-day. They have inspired us with their altruistic ideals, and have been instrumental in focussing the attention of the United States, and the whole world on the cause of Anguilla. They were responsible for introducing the Anguilla Liberty Dollar, amongst many other things.

The Fingers live in San Francisco where they have four teen-agers at school. Mr Finger was a distinguished fighter pilot in both World War II, and in Korea. He is a Television executive in the West Coast City. They have much enjoyed our beaches, besides helping us very much in the Island Business.

They hope to return to Anguilla later with their children, and we are sure that they will recommend Anguilla to their friends.

Anguillans will have a chance of meeting Mr and Mrs Finger on Sunday October 1st. They will be present at the 7.15 am service at St Mary's Church and hope to make a tape-recording of the entire service, and subsequently to broadcast it in the United States. We hope that they will take back to San Francisco the heartfelt thanks of all Anguillans.

GANGSTER RULE IN ANGUILLA. Our detractors have said this of us. We would like to invite them to visit Anguilla, and see conditions as they are.

They could see the island Council meeting on Monday and Thursday Evenings at 8.0pm, opening their meeting with Prayer. Seven devoted men, all unskilled in the art of government, nobly bearing a burden that has been thrust upon them. They make no arbitrary decisions; they are guided by a simple

eleven point Constitution, devised by their Lawyer, Dr Fisher of Harvard.

Let them visit the magistrates court, held every Thursday morning. Mr Peter Adams, a Justice of the Peace presides, and deals with the cases that come up before him. Occasionally the prison cells may be occupied for a few days.

Let them see the small band of uniformed policemen on duty, with never a gun between them. Let them go to the Airport, where Anguillans foregather every morning when the planes come in and out. They will see the Anguillian Flag proudly flying; they will see the customs officers on duty, stamping passports, examining luggage. Let them go to the various harbours in the afternoon and see the sloops coming in, and the customs officers examining their manifests.

Let them go down to those harbours and beaches by night, and see the loyal Anguillans on patrol, against any possible invasion.

MEDICAL Dr Hyde has been notified that a large shipment of antibiotics is on its way to Anguilla, given by Dr Luis Soreno, from Canada who recently gave the electro-cardiograph machine to the hospital. Dr Soreno hopes to visit Anguilla in October, as he is connected with the firm in Vancouver who plan to establish a powerful Radio Station here in Anguilla.

WELL SPOKEN SHEARER Jamaica's Prime Minister, Mr Hugh Shearer stated to-day in London that "if he were in Bradshaw's shoes, he would most certainly recognise the Referendum of the people of Anguilla, and take prompt action to disconnect Anguilla from its associated State!"

From the very outset, Jamaica has been sympathetic to the Anguillian cause. The people of Anguilla owe a great deal to Mr Shearer, and his government, for extending us a helping hand at this crucial time. If this paper reaches Jamaica, thank you, Hugh Shearer.

A MESSAGE TO BRITAIN.

Anguilla never wanted independence, it would have remained forever under the direct administration of Britain. Instead it was forced to become in fact a colony of St Kitts. If this paper reaches Britain, may it tell their people, that all Anguilla asks for is that here secession from St Kitts be recognised, and that at least an administrator be appointed by Britain to run the affairs of this island, and to end the present deadlock

