

# THE BEACON

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## EDITORIAL

In the last issue of the BEACON, notice was given of the formation of the Anguillian Democratic Party, which would contest all five seats in the forthcoming election.

Many Anguillians were very unhappy about this, as it would cause a division on the island between those who belonged, and those who did not belong to the party.

It is a sign of greatness in our Government, that having made a mistake in policy they are not afraid to admit it, and we are glad to announce that the Government has agreed to disband the Democratic Party, and not to put forward any official candidates, in the hopes that there will be rival candidates in all the districts, and that all will be free to choose the best man for the job.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 16th** On this day we will be remembering all those who having been unlawfully detained in the St Kitts' prison, and having subsequently been charged with various offences, will be coming up for trial. These men were arrested, not for the reasons stated by Mr Bradshaw, but because Anguillians, having decided to break from St Kitts, had done so on May 30th. Mr Bradshaw finding that he could not recapture Anguilla by force, decided to hold on to the folk in St Kitts whom the Anguillians love so well. So the masquerade was arranged. When these men were arrested, it was hoped that they might be used as a basis of bargaining to force Anguilla to return to the State. But what he did not realise was that these men, like others in Anguilla were prepared to go to prison for the cause of freedom. There they are now confidently awaiting the course of justice.

**MAY THE THIRTIETH** Anguillians were not prepared to allow the police, conspiring with certain Quizlings, to shoot up the homes of Anguillians, so they asked the police to leave the island. It is well known that the police had given out guns to certain people, and had accompanied them to the homes of Messrs Rey, Atkin Rogers, and John Rogers. Fortunately at the latter's house, two men, with rifles were seen in time, so his house was spared from attack. What happened to the guns that were given out to those people? Are they even now planning another move? Our security forces will go on looking for these weapons as they may still be on the island.

**ELECTIONS** The party system has been dropped. Government will not enter any official candidates. It is hoped that two or more candidates will stand for each of the five seats. All will stand as Independents, with no party label. Each candidate in his pre-election meetings will let the people know where he stands, and what line he proposes to adopt if elected. On election day, the voters will be able to vote for the best man, and so we will have a council elected by the people composed of "all the talents". Nomination day is October 17th. All Nominations duly proposed and seconded, accompanied by a deposit of \$150 must be in the hands of the Returning Officer on that day. This deposit will be returned if the candidate obtains  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the votes cast in his district. The purpose of the deposit is to discourage frivolous candidates. Candidates need not reside in the district for which they are standing.

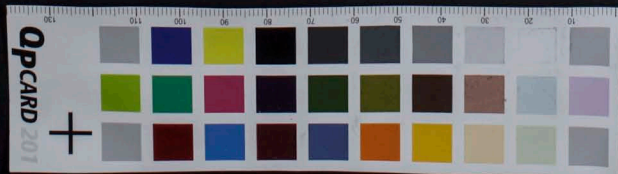
### ANGUILLIANS IN ST THOMAS & ST CROIX

Mr Ronald Webster accompanied by Messrs Wallace Rey and Atlin Harrigan addressed a large gathering on October 10th at the Bamboushay Night Club. Mr John Rogers, a member of the Council who was in St Thomas also spoke. The purpose of the meeting was to give up to date news of Anguilla, to obtain the views of Anguillians there, and to revive the fund raising drive that had somewhat lost its impetus after the Barbados Conference. It was partly on the advice of the Anguillians there, that the decision was made to drop the Party System. A further meeting was held at St Croix which was a real success, and over \$100 US was collected on the spot, in addition to a gift of \$50 BIWI.

### MONEY

How have we managed to pay salaries and keep going over the last four months?

Almost entirely from the gifts of Anguillians in St Thomas, and of a very few on this island. There is hope that other money will soon be available, but at the present we need every dollar we can get in order to survive. Anguillians on the island have not yet begun to help. It is proposed that Pledge cards be sent to all adults in the near future, promising so much each month while the emergency lasts. These Pledge cards will be collected and a set of envelopes issued for a monthly donation. Please ensure that this is a success.



GOVERNMENT NOTICES The Government has passed a resolution giving all goods imported from St Kitts the preferential rating of duties accorded to all British Commonwealth countries. Since May 30th, the date of the secession from St Kitts, the merchants of Anguilla have had all their goods frozen at St Kitts, and have had to pay duty there, even though their goods were being transported on Anguillan vessels.

The Anguillan Government have given these merchants four months notice to have their goods re-routed, and after that will treat all goods coming from St Kitts as liable to duty here. If anyone still has goods at St Kitts, and brings them here after paying duty there, he can bring the matter to the Treasurer of the Council, Mr Walter Hodge.

The Government are greatly dissatisfied by the failure of boats landing at Blowing Point, to comply with customs regulations. All goods landed there must pass through the customs as they do at the Forest and Sandy Ground. Vehicles must not be parked on the prohibited part of the pier.

The Government informs the public that letters whether stamped or unstamped must not be sent out of the island by hand, but through the normal postal channels. Letters posted before 9.0am will reach St Thomas by 10.30 that day.

COURT NEWS. Anguillans are not angels, and though we have been free from serious crime since our independence, there are the inevitable lesser offences. Thursday October 12th was a busy day in Court, with Mr Peter Adams, J.P. presiding as acting Magistrate.

Hyacinth Carty of Deep Waters, was found guilty of wounding Arrison Fleming of the same address. She was sent to prison for six days.

Oliver Gumbs was fined \$25 for assaulting Police Constable Darwin Bryan, and also was fined \$5, for indecent language. Mr Gumbs did not appear in court.

In the case of Mr Hugh Lake versus Cathleen Hodge, Mr Lake was found guilty, and fined \$20 for assault, and a further \$10 for using indecent language.

MORE HELP FOR ANGUILLA A letter written by the only two Englishmen on the island, the Rector and Dr Hyde was published in the London Times on September 27th.

In it they asked the British Government to re-route the Anguillan mail, so that it will not continue to fall into the hands of the St Kitts Government: to authorise the Anguillan Bank to make payment to those Anguillans whose money had been impounded in the St Kitts Treasury, and to debit the sum to the St Kitts Government: and to give help to the Hospital and Schools either in money or by sending voluntary workers. They also asserted that Anguillans are still loyal to the Crown, and that their declaration of secession from St Kitts was made in order to remain as a State directly under the British Crown. They asked Britain not to send a Frigate to Anguilla, but to recognise her independence.

We hear that within a few days of the publication of this letter we have received an offer from OXFAM of very substantial assistance for the Hospital, and hopes of further help in other directions.

When the full text of this letter reaches the Caribbean, we ask that the "Friend of Anguillans" will not feel moved to answer it in the "Spokesman", nor call this also "dirty money" nor continue to maintain that "expatriates are interfering in matters beyond their sphere"

THIS WEEKS TEXT Book of Proverbs. Chapter Six. Verses sixteen to nineteen. (Contributed)

MORE ON THE ELECTIONS. As we go to press we hear definite news of the names of two more candidates, one for the West End, another for S/ Hill, so that there will be a contest for those seats. Remember that Nomination day is on Tuesday 17th.

We hope that other candidates will put up in each of the other districts, and that we will have an exciting election. Remember, that each man is going to be elected on his merits, and it is hoped that all will stand as Independants.

Time is short, and we hope that all candidates will arrange their own meetings to make themselves known in their constituency. (Police permission is not required in Anguilla). Please may we repeat that you must make sure that your name is on the Voters' roll. If it wasnt here in the past, no one can put it on except yourself. So if you have recently reached the age of 21, or have recently returned to the island, or were not on because you carried a foreign passport, get a form NOW from Government Office and fill it in and so ensure that you have a vote when the time comes.

QUOTATION "The secret of happiness is freedom. And the secret of freedom is courage. We are surrounded by truth all the time. Greatness comes of being able to see it." Contributed by Stephen J Fleming St Thomas.

