

THE BEACON

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EDITORIAL. With the return home of Collins Hodge, freed, every true Anguillian rejoices, and feels a change in the heavy atmosphere which has hung over our little island during the last few months. Earnest Lawyers from St Kitts and other Caribbean countries are diligently employing legal procedure, well learned from British jurisprudence. Before this onslaught, false implications and lies are withering away. God is still in his Heaven. We must all pray for our other boys' early return after this arduous ordeal.

In our rejoicing, however, there lingers in the minds of thinking Anguillians a feeling of shame, shame that we have ever been associated with St Kitts' Government as it stands to-day; a system so deteriorated, that a police state has resulted. We hear that even the members of the court who are trying to administer justice, themselves are being attacked.

That Government is one of hate, which uses its laws as weapons to castigate, muzzle and punish any hapless individual brave enough to stand up against the system. No tactics seem too low for them to employ. Shocking statements of alleged bribery coupled with coercion are coming to light. Can that Government deny these gun-point antics in the face of the statements allegedly made by the courageous Clarence Rogers? It is beneath the dignity of Dr Herbert, even to be confronted with such 'purchased evidence'; more than this, it is an insult to the Court.

The St Kitts trials raise many questions. Is it not now clear to all why Anguilla cut herself loose from such a cancerous system? Were not the "sinister forces" involved those of St Kitts, rather than those coming from outside? Can England now, in the light of this situation ask us to go back under such rule?

Did we really rebel? Or did the St Kitts Government weakened by ailing political conditions lose its wavering grip on us, and slip back into its quagmire of corruption, (with just a little local help)?

Let us learn our lesson from what is happening at St Kitts. To succeed, we must be a Government of Love and mutual Respect; not a Government of Hate. We must be for something, not against everything. We must be ever watchful lest any party, group or individual use the laws of our Council as a weapon to further personal ambitions.

Of this we already have had enough! Let our Government be for the welfare of all Anguillians, because they have willed it so.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW COUNCIL'S DUTIES. The following people, inside or outside the Council are responsible for the following duties. Mr Ronald Webster, Executive and Foreign Affairs. Mr Jerry Gumbs, Liaison for Anguillian Government in the U.S.A.

Mr Cambell Fleming, Health, Education & Welfare, while Mr Peter Adams, J.P. acts as co-ordinator of Schools. Mr Wallace Rey, Public Works and Communications. Mr Hugo Rey, Building and Town Planning, assisted by Messrs John Hodge & Lumsford Richardson. Mr John Rogers, Trade & Tourism. (A tourist trade board comprised of Messrs Collins Hodge, Walter Hodge, Atlin Harrigan, will assist Mr Rogers). Mr Walter Hodge will sit in with the Council to give them the benefit of his financial and other experience.

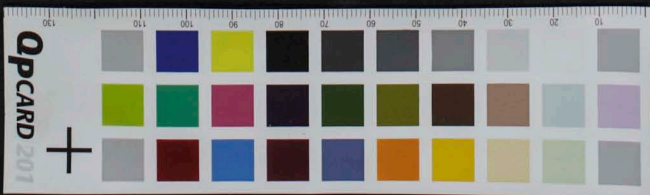
GOVERNMENT NOTICES. Pilots and Agents of all Aircraft, please note:- As from Nov: 1st 1967, all aircraft landing at the air-port after 5.0pm, or landing on Sundays or Public Holidays, will pay overtime fees, to the amount of \$15.00

Speed Limit Many cases of reckless driving have been noticed recently. The Public is hereby informed that the maximum speed on tarmac road is now 30.mph. Drivers failing to observe this will be prosecuted..

Smuggling. The Government are aware that goods are being brought into the island by plane and by sloop, before or after the normal customs hours of duties, also that stock is being exported without passing through customs. Government will take severe action against owners of planes or sloops that offend in this way.

Attendance of oculist The public are informed that Mr De Freitas will visit the island on Saturday Nov.11th. His clinic will be at the New Administration Building in the Valley.

Visit of Dentist The Government are making arrangements for a qualified Dentist to visit Anguilla. Further details will be given in a subsequent issue.



SELF HELP. We are running the affairs of the island without any Colonial Office Grant. While alternative sources of income may eventually be available, for the present we are dependent on our revenue from customs etc, and contributions from our friends in St Thomas and St Croix to keep going. Any development plans are out of the question until we can secure further income. The next few months especially will be critical for our finances. We need immediately about \$15000 more each month, just to balance our budget. The only possible additional source of income is from the people of Anguilla themselves. In this connection we denounce as traitors to Anguilla those who are evading paying customs, as mentioned in Government Notices. Every Anguillian is now being asked to join in a SELF HELP SCHEME. Pledge cards promising to give a realistic sum each month while the emergency lasts, are being distributed. So far we have begun from the East, and the official Agents who are distributing the pledge cards are: Miss Jeanna Carty, Miss Jocelyn Lake, Mr Louvain Webster for the East end, Mr Kenneth Rogers for the Farrington, Mr Walter Richardson for the Valley & George Hill, Mr Mac Brooks for North Hill. These same people after collecting your pledge cards, will then issue with a set of monthly envelopes, and will then come round again about the twentieth of the month to collect the month's envelope. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the west of the island. Your help is absolutely vital at the present time. We are told that a very prominent business-man put 55 cents into his envelope. This is no time for joking.

ANGUILLA'S FIRST LAWYER. Congratulations to Miss Bernice Lake B.A. L.L.B. daughter of Mr and Mrs G E Lake of Tanglewood who has successfully passed her Law Finals.

FUNERAL. The very large attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs Beatrice Hodge of the Valley who died at the age of 83, and was buried on October 30th shewed the great respect in which she was held by Anguillians. R.T.P.

WELL DONE, GOVERNMENT. The Grader which was laid up in the bad old days of the St Kitts regime for want of tyres and tubes, is now back on the road again. Mr Irving Carty, popularly known as "Uncle" is back at the wheel again for the time being.

This is only one of the many pieces of equipment which has been placed back in operation, since the new Government took over. In this connection can not some one find out what exactly is missing in the equipment of the New Refrigerating Plant, and get that to work also?

IN LIGHTER VEIN. Riddle. Instant evidence bought and sold
for use in trials, I am told.
Only danger, I would say
What could happen at (Angryllian)

Thought for the Week (see last paragraph of editorial)
First step toward a hate Government? Prohibited Alien stamp.

CORRESPONDENCE. Extracts from letter from Eyston Hunte, of Washington. to the Editor "Congratulations to the Beacon....We Anguillians studying here at Harvard University view this venture as a most valuable tool in advancing the cause of Anguilla's determination for self expression, and zeal for international recognition. We wish the Beacon well in your struggle for self determination"

MR RONALD WEBSTER'S SPEECH, continued from last issue.

"Anguilla's responsibilities are not easy ones, but by the help of Almighty God, we will master everything, and we are going to do things to please you.

I call upon you to be calm, and shew a little more confidence in your leaders at this point. You will see what they can do in the near future. I am looking to each one here in this gathering, to do his or her part. Anguilla is yours now. Anguilla will belong to your children in the future. Do not ask what Anguilla can do for you, but shew what you can do for Anguilla. As we are on the road to success we may go our ways in peace, and think nothing but good. May the Lord bless our hearts real good, and strengthen our minds to go forward. I thank you.

FINAL WARNING During the last two weeks, beach patrols have had occasion to fire upon three boats, coming too close to the shore at night without lights. It must be remembered that we are at war with Bradshaw (as he said). Any craft without lights afford the keen beach patrols of Anguilla an excellent opportunity to check their automatic equipment with tracers. In all three instances, a few short bursts did the trick.

REDEDICATION. There was a very full attendance at all churches on Sunday October 29th.

This must not be just a "flash in the pan" Christians were encouraged by seeing so many of their fellows in church together. They were warned of the evils of mistrust and suspicion and lack of charity. They are asked to come again in their crowds at least for the next two sundays. If we are spiritually alert, we will be better able to tackle the problems that lie ahead.

