



# THE BEACON

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**EDITORIAL.** With the coming of the Delegation from the British Parliament, we feel that we are a stage further in the solution of our problem. We realise that in this settlement Britain must play a leading role. The whole world looks upon her to find a courageous solution. It is true that in the beginning the Revds Leonard Carty and Martin Roberts went to England and asked the British Government to take action. But their reply was that Anguilla was an internal matter in the State of St Kitts, and that they could do nothing. We must remember too, that Mr Bradshaw also asked for armed support from Britain, and he too was refused for the same reason. This impasse led to the Barbados Conference. This is now generally admitted to have been a mistake, and would not have happened if Anguilla had been taken seriously. Nevertheless we gained the sympathy of the whole world, including Britain. After Six months of going it alone, in spite of the almost insuperable obstacles that have been placed in our way, we hope that we have convinced the world, or will convince the world when the details of our finances, published later in this number, are examined, that we have a viable economy. For this reason we have a strong case for an associated status with Britain, where we would be responsible for our internal affairs, and Britain for our defence and external affairs. In this way we would be sure that all the "fast money boys" that are now "bugging our shoes" would be kept away. We do however need administrative help, and if Britain can not give us this, we are sure that the United Nations are only too willing to help, once our independent status has been recognised.

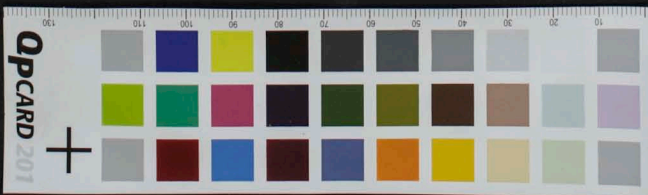
We realise that the Constitutional Problem is the major obstacle to a settlement on the above lines; but it should not be an insuperable one. Mr Bradshaw and his Government have declared that they have no confidence in the Judiciary, and have asserted that the West Indies Associated Court is not to their liking. In so doing the Government of St Kitts have lost any sympathy that they had from the other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries. We hope that they too will side with Britain so that something may be done for the innocent people of that State. The people of St Kitts are living in terror of the gunmen that Mr Bradshaw has armed. A monster has been brought to birth there that has now grown and is out of control.

If this monster is not tamed now, Kittitians will wake up to find that they are part of a Totalitarian State.

**STAMPS** Philatelists all over the world all know that a very limited supply of the current St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Stamps were overprinted with "Independent Anguilla"

On Monday November 27th all these stamps were withdrawn from circulation, and the balance destroyed, and a new issue of six stamps were put on sale. This is a day to be remembered when the history of Anguilla is written. First day covers of the new issue are on sale for \$1.04 and there is still a stock of the overprinted Argraphs of 5 cents and 15 cents, which have already an enhanced value. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr John King, of Listers, the Stamp Dealers, who has seen all our philatelic efforts to a successful conclusion. He hopes that a further issue of the remaining stamps to make a complete set will be ready in the early months of 1968. The Sale of the Overprinted Stamps and the New Stamps are already bringing into Anguilla a considerable increase in income. Even when the peak demand has passed the sale of stamps should be a major item in our economy. All stamps sold have been sold at face value. But there is a considerable market for the used Independence stamps, which promise to have a high market value because of their scarcity. During the last few months, the Rector's Brother in Law, Mr John Peppin of 57 Park-Town, Oxford has been receiving numbers of these stamps through the post, and should have some complete sets. These complete sets may sell at many hundreds of pounds each, so with these and many smaller sets, a large sum of money may be raised.

All the proceeds from these sales will be paid over to the Anguillian cause. Any readers of this Beacon in England, and others, are asked to send the envelopes bearing these stamps to Mr Peppin for the Anguillian cause. The whole process of issuing stamps, getting them accepted by the Universal Postal Union, and advertising them to the world is very complex. The Government of Anguilla decided that from the very beginning all should be above board. They resisted all temptations to sell sets of stamps on the quiet, and getting some quick money. If they had done so the future of Anguilla as a reputable stamp issuing country would have been ruined. It is because no one has attempted to use the stamps otherwise than in the genuine postal business, that the value of these stamps, and Anguilla's reputation is so high to-day.



THE TRIALS AT ST KITTS Two of the defence lawyers visited Anguilla for a short time on the afternoon of Tuesday. They were Mr Bernard St John of Barbados, and Mr Hutson Phillip of Trinidad, who gave us details of the trial. The Jury Acquitted all seven of the accused, among them, Dr Herbert the leader of the P.A.M, and Todville Harrigan of Anguilla. Todville and Mitchel Harrigan together with Churchill Smith all of Anguilla were among the five acquitted of other charges earlier in the month.

We gather that they are now on a charge of stealing police property at Anguilla on May 30th. We gather that this case will be heard at the ordinary Magistrate's court.

PUBLIC MEETING AT BURROWS PARK. On the afternoon of Sunday 26th, the Chief Executive of Anguilla told a large crowd that he expected everyone to display a placard of his own choice on their cars, or outside their homes, when the British Parliamentary Delegation visited the island, so that they would get a definite visible impression of what Anguillians really wanted. He plainly told the crowd, that those who wished for reunion with St Kitts, to fly the appropriate flag, and indicate their views on their poster. The Union Jack would fly side by side with the Anguillian Flag on all Government Buildings.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES All persons born on Dutch Territories, and now living in Anguilla should bring their passports or birth certificates to the office of the Chief Executive not later than Tuesday December 5th.

Despite warning that no boats may approach Anguilla at night, and that no suspicious boats are to come near our shores, it became necessary for the Defence Force to fire warning shots on two occasions recently. As long as we are threatened with invasion from St Kitts, we have to take every precaution, and now give notice to all shipping, that they must not approach Anguilla after dark. This is a final warning.

ADVERTISEMENTS. There will be a Grand Dance at the "Bamboushay", Island Harbour on Saturday night December 2nd. Admission will be \$1.00 per person. Music will be played by the Hideaway Band. Your host Eager Harrigan.

For Sale One Trumpet in very good condition, apply to Wishburne Hunte, of Island Harbour (The Editor suggests that those who are fond of blowing their own trumpet may be interested)

CANTATA. To be given by the Church of St Andrew Island Harbour on Thursday Dec 7th at 7.0pm with admission at 50cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. Starting from November 30th, the public is informed that All Government Offices will be open all day on Thursdays, but on Saturdays, they will be open from 8.0am to 12.00 only

#### OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA

We, the Anguillians resident in the United Kingdom, are very happy to be able to write to you through the BEACON our own island weekly news-sheet.

We congratulate all those, who through effort and hard work, has made the issue of the Beacon possible. The situation in Anguilla is far more critical and serious than many of us realise. However, by our determination, and a united front, we can override the crisis.

Many of you at home have been overtaken by fear, many are bewildered as to know where we are going from here, but however dark the road may be at the present time, the future holds bright for us.

Many of us here in England have been constantly engaged in serious discussions at the Commonwealth Office. We have been in direct communication with Her Majesty the Queen, The Prime Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition.

In the light of all this we have gained sympathy from the British Press, who strongly tried to put our case before the public. The fact that we are not alone should give us much courage.

We now have a Government of our own. Ordinary men indeed, but all Anguillians. Let us give them our moral support, and let every man know that his (or her) duty is to serve their country.

Conditions in Anguilla need not be underlined, as they are well known. If we are to enjoy a better social life, we must all work together and help each other. Whatever differences there may have been in the past, we are faced with a national crisis, and we must all bear the cross of it. Let us therefore dwell together in unity, and pursue the things that make for peace, and build up a common life.

May God bless you all.

Signed on behalf of the Anguilla Improvement Association (Slough)  
A A Lewis (Chairman)

STOP PRESS NEWS. The advance party of the Parliamentary Delegation have just this moment (4pm Friday) arrived by LIAT plane from Antigua. They were welcomed at the Air Port by Mr Ronald Webster, and other members of the Council, and by Mr Greateorex the British Representative stationed at Trinidad, who is staying in Anguilla till the Deputation begins its work. The two members of Parliament will arrive on Monday. The whole party are being accomodated at the Rendezvous Hotel, during their stay, but we hope they will explore the whole island, and that they and we will have happy memories of their visit.

