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The Editor of the BEACON wishes all its readers a very happy New Year

**EDITORIAL** The year 1967 has been the most eventful in the history of Anguilla. The year started in January with growing protests at the proposed Statehood, and the cold reception given to Mr Peter Johnston who came to advise on Local Government.

February saw the last attempts by St Kitts Government to persuade us to accept Statehood. Feb:4th saw the incident of the Queens' Show, and the first attempt of the police to use force. Feb 15th saw the arrival of the Frigate Salisbury to land armed police and marines, and its departure a few hours later to the strains of "God save the Queen". On Feb: 18th Mr Hall from the Commonwealth Office arrived, and on the 26th Mr Bottomley, M.P in a last desperate effort to sell Statehood to us.

Feb:27th was Statehood Day, when all pretence of celebration having been abandoned, the Statehood Flag was raised surreptitiously at dawn at Landsome in the presence of the Warden in his pyjamas and a handful of police. March, April and May saw on March 8th the burning of Government House and the flight of Warden Byrom. This was followed by the intermittent harassing of the police force at night, culminating in the attack on Lloyd's Hotel during the night of May 27th, and the flight of the acting Warden Hughes on the next day. On May 29th, a public meeting at the park demanded that the police should leave Anguilla, which they did with great eagerness the next day. The airport was then closed to northbound traffic, and the Statehood flag was hauled down. In St Kitts and Nevis a State of Emergency was declared.

June began with the formation of a Peace Keeping Committee of fifteen, the sending of a deputation to St Kitts demanding Secession, and adjusting ourselves to the new conditions, and preparing for possible invasion.

July will always be memorable for the referendum and the overwhelming vote in favour of secession and the establishment of an interim Government, on July 11th. This month saw the arrival of the San Francisco Group with their altruistic offers of help, and the ineffective Conference at Barbados from 26th to 11st. August saw the new island Council of seven getting down to work and the coming of Professor Fisher to advise us. In September we issued our overprinted stamps, and on the 27th the first number of the BEACON appeared, October, the 25th was the day of the first election,

when all candidates were returned unopposed, and at the end of the month Mr Frank McDonald came to advise and help the new Council.

November saw a world Press very much in favour of Anguilla's cause, and first the rumours of a Parliamentary Delegation, and then the preparations for its coming.

December saw the Parliamentary Delegation at work in Anguilla, and on 11th All the Anguillians accepted their recommendations for a temporary settlement, and then settled down with relief to prepare for Christmas. We rejoice that 1967 has been brought to such a successful conclusion, and would not care to face again its troubles and anxieties. We have taken a step forward, several steps forward, which we will NEVER retrace. 1968 lies before us, and we must hope to see a consolidation of our position, and plan to go forward with the labours of a united Anguilla in the development of our Island.

WE REGRET that we are not yet able to publish the full text of the Temporary Settlement signed by the Anguillian Government, and the Government in St Kitts, as we have not received it back in its final form from Her Majesty's Government.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES.** Building Board All who propose to build new houses or places of business, must make known their intentions to the Building Board, and submit to them detailed plans. All buildings under construction must have cleared the Board, and must display a large placard at the site itself shewing the Board's approval. The Board consists of Medical Officer (Chairman) Sanitary Officer, Head of the P.W.D and the Treasurer.

Fire arms All Firearms must be licensed as from Jan:1st. Any individual found with an unlicensed firearm after Jan:15th will be fined and/or have the Firearm confiscated.

Motor Vehicles. All owners of Motor Vehicles must come to the Valley Police Station to license their Vehicles on or after January 2nd 1967. Hours of licensing from 9.0am to 3.0pm.

Liquor License Take notice that it is my intention to apply to the Magistrate District D, Anguilla on Jan 2nd 1968 for a Liquor License in respect of my Business place at Blowing Point Anguilla. (signed) Ruth Goodnow.





