

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

The year 1967 has been the most eventful in the history of Anguilla. ED TOOR TAL. 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 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 Covernment, 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 HEACON appeared, October. The 25th was the day of the First Rection. of the HEACON appeared, October. The 25th was the day of the First Bleasion, 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 Anguillans 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 our position, and plan to go forward with the labours of a united Anguilla in the development of our Island.

WE RECRET that we are not yet able to publish the full text of the Temporary Settlement signed by the Anguillan 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. <u>Building Board</u>all who propose to build new houses or places of business, must make known their intentions to the Building Board, and submit to them business, must make known their intentions to the Building Board, and submit to t 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 The Board con-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 Distrcit D, Anguilla on Jan 2nd 1968 for a Liquor License in respect of my Business Blace at Blowing Point Anguilla. (signed) Ruth Goodnow.



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Caribbean Institute and Study Centre for Latin America, was founded in C.I.S.C.L.A Inter American University's San German campus to study peoples and nations of the Caribbean. Six students under the Leadership of the Acting Chairman of the Political Science Department, William J Brisk, accompanied Acting Chairman of the Political Science Department, William 3 Srisk, accompanied by his wife, are living at the Forest for three weeks. They hope to gain a first-hard knowledge of the conditions and prospects for Anguilla's new political status, and will make several economic and social surveys. The results of this field research will be presented to the University Community in late February. At that time CISCLA will invite several of Anguilla's leaders to IAU's San German campus, and they will be asked to comment on the students' work, and to speak formally and informally to the students, faculty members and representatives of the Press. Many of our readfers will have seen this team in action and will have noticed their cosmopolitan composition. There is Mr Brisk himself whose name illustrates his energy and drive, and his charming mexican wife. Chee Peck Kiat aged 26 from Malaysia who plays Badminton in his spare time: Eduardo Gonzalez Trigos aged 21 from Mexico, a expert on chess: Edith Pieters of Guyans, an educationalist and musician, recently president of usiness and Professional Women's club in Georgetown: Charles Sheldon of Georgia USA aged 26, with a fine scholastic record and literary leanings: Victor Tirado Lugo of Puerto Rico aged 29, with a service in US Air-force, and Post Office, who has become of Peerto nico aged 29, with a service in 60 km letter, and to be of the ceson a student and graduate after these careers: Finally Douglas Wheatley from Tortola studying philosophy and religion. He is an expert in the art of defense, Karate, We hope that they will take away happy memories of Anguilla; and leave behind some

copies of the results of their survey.

DEATH Mr Arthur Mercer aged 75,a Canadian War Pensioner, who had been in Anguilla for the last three months, making jewelry of sea shells, was found dead in bed on in his house at the Forest. He was buried the same day in St Mary's churchyard, and his relations have been informed by cable.

ADVERGISEMENT Tropic Gas for sale in 1001b bottles, delivered to your door, apply to Kenneth Harrigan, Captain of M.V Oceanic, at Island Harbour

to Kenneth Harrigan, Captain of M.V Oceanic, at Island Harbour Camora Hotel at South Hill, now open to receive guests. Hota and Cold running water, and good cuisine. Proprietor Camile Connor.

A BUSY TIME AT THE AIRPORT. The Police report that a grand total of 230 passengers arrived to spend Christmas at Anguilla, between December 21st and 25th.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE. All residents in the Island Harbour area are invited to attend a service of Fellowship and Dedication at 11.30pm at St Andrew's Church.on Sun: 31st.

CALYPSO. We were hearing about Statehood-The people of Island Harbour knew it wasn't So they argued with the police -- because they wouldn't decide to make peace. The people of Island Harbour was in a mess--with this damn sargent they call Gomez Gomez made himself a total dis-grace--you will know him by the mole he has in his face

So before it became too late -- I want to tell you about the magistrate. When he saw a small coffin appear in his yard-he bowed his head and prayed to his God Afterwards he fot so mad he sent away his wife and all he had. And what was his desire? -- was to light the Government House afire. You should see how he was running -- if you had laughed it wasn't even funny Up and down the street like a coot -- all night in his pyjama suit. He went up in the Station -- Gomez asked him What was the occasion.

So while he was in the Station -- they had a little conversation After a little while of sorrow -- they decided to investigate it thorough And he while in the Station -- asked for his passage and reservation.

So now our Chief Executive -- decided that the police must leave He went down with his band of men--and put the police inside the van. He carried some on the airport -- and some he sent in Emile's boat.

the Anguillans are free--perhaps happier than you or me. The Kittitians and Nevisians are in a Police State--But if you want to hear it, let Bradshaw will never get back in here. So the People of Anguilla have nothing to fear

We turned in our guns at Sandy Ground But there at the Station no police were around ODE TO ROBERT. In the door stood a chicken, as proud as could be Other than that- there was no occupancy. So we took our guns home to await his police Oiled up and ready, but holding our peace.

> Who plucked Cock Robert? He did it himself. Why does he crow? -his tattered ego.



