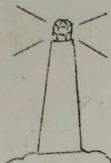


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# THE BEACON

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**EDITORIAL.** Now we have obtained our interim settlement, and the holiday season is over, we must all realise fully that the fate of Anguilla lies now in our hands.

Either, we are to grow into a stable, responsible and mature State, capable of running our own affairs; or else we will degenerate into a feeble, squabbling, irresponsible people and forfeit that faith and trust which so many people in the world, (let alone the British Government) have placed upon us. Have the events of the last two weeks shown that we are moving in the right direction?

Independence must be justified by maturity: independence demands responsibility. During this interim period, we are being watched and tested by those who have faith in us, and even more closely by those who have scoffed at us.

We are going to be judged as to how we take over the responsible task of governing ourselves. We shall be judged by our ability to work together, our ability to face a crisis with calm and reasonable decisions; our ability to treat one another with justice and fair play; our ability to learn from our own mistakes, and to forgive the mistakes of others; our ability to listen to new ideas, and to judge them fairly and without prejudice; our ability to do the undramatic yet vitally important tasks like road building, agriculture, teaching and nursing; our ability to turn words into action.

**WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS?** More than 100 Anguillians petitioned the Colonial Office in favour of Crown Colony Government, and against being ruled by St Kitts. Petitioners claimed that Anguillian trade had been curtailed, and that duties had become exorbitant under the St Kitts regime... "The interests of Anguilla, its resources and capabilities of development, are not understood by the legislative body in St Kitts, who are utter strangers to us, ignorant of our community, careless of our wants, and therefore unequal to discharge the important duties of legislation for us. This legislative dependence on St Kitts can in no sense be called a legislative union, and has operated, and continues to operate most injuriously against us, and is mutually disliked"

**Question** Can you fit this into the happenings of 1967? Was it Jan: or March?  
Turn to the end of this issue to find the answer.

**GOOD NEWS** Mr Frank McDonald brought back good news after a visit to Barbados this week. First, that we can expect the full text of the interim arrangement early next week, when H M C reply to the two letters sent by the Governments of Anguilla and St Kitts respectively, which we hope the BEACON will publish in full. Second, that as soon as the terms of the Agreement are made public, the British Development Team will come to Anguilla, and begin work on Roads, Agriculture and Airport for which money has been granted. Apart from the great improvements that these projects will make to the island, there will be plenty of work for labourers and others, and more money will come into circulation.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES.** Vehicles may no be parked within 30 feet of crossroads. This applies particularly to the Cross Roads at the Mahogany Tree.

The Public are reminded that all vehicles must have current insurance policies before they are licensed for the year. The re-registration of vehicles with the new "A" numbering, replacing the old "C.N" affects the validity of the insurance and we were glad to welcome Mr Dickenson of Walwyns, who advised us on the matter, and has left instructions with Mr J N Gumbs who will advise you.

**PRICE REDUCTIONS ?** The Editorial in last week's BEACON stressed the need of wholesale buying and of a quick turn-over in selling to reduce the Cost of Living here. We are glad to say that the Government have already taken some action in this matter, and have started negotiations with Wholesale firms in Tortola, St Thomas, Antigua and Barbados. This week, Mr Ronald Webster and Mr Frank McDonald had a conference with Mr Peter Haycraft of Road Town Tortola Wholesale Importers, who came to Anguilla specially to discuss his firm's prices, and the prospects of our immediately buying wholesale from that island, especially in regard to food-stuffs.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Sir, You have seen that the Post-Box which was on my building was removed on January 6th. It was removed from my charge by the present Government of Anguilla, without any notice whatsoever. After having been put there by a respectable Magistrate, Mr Maloney in May 1951. On Jan 6th 1967, two men in a truck with a Postal Official came up and removed it, at the same time handing me a letter to the effect that the Box was being removed from my care. After 16 years, 7 months, and 6 days of work with the Post Office, I think I deserved proper notice of Government intentions. I wish the present Government and its staff well. Caroline Fleming. (East End)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR UNITY AMONG CHRISTIANS Each year more and more Christians are concerned about the evil of a divided church, and the consequent weakness of its witness. Each year from Jan:18th to 25th they pray and work for unity. This weakness affects us in Anguilla. The Anglicans,Methodists and Roman Catholics in Anguilla ask their own members and invite other Christians to observe this week and to attend these services:- Thursday Jan 18th at 7.0pm at the Road Methodist Church (Preacher Revd Roy Whyte) Sunday Jan 21st at St Mary's at 7.30am and at 7.0pm (Preacher Revd Fr Romeo) Thursday Jan 25th at St Gerard's RC Church, at 7.0pm (Preacher Canon Carleton)

THE BOYS IN ST KITTS. It is the hope of Anguilla and St Kitts that some permanent solution to our differences may be found. Whatever Mr Bradshaw's hopes may be, he can not expect us to have talks with him, so long as he holds Todville and Michael Harrigan, Churchill Smith and Lemuel Phillips in St Kitts, against their will. It is utter nonsense for him to try and charge them with stealing the police rifles in Anguilla. For that matter we suggest that he also charge them with stealing twelve Bull-dozers, which the PWD foreman left behind him when he left Anguilla. So do one better than that, Mr Bradshaw, and do not hold our boys to ransom.

HOSPITAL NEWS. During the past few weeks medical supplies have arrived from Dr K A Simmonds of Nassau, Dr Luciano Serrano of Vancouver, G D Searle and Co of Chicago, and from the Rotary Club at St Thomas. A few vials of penicillin and streptomycin arrived from St Kitts as 'urgently needed medical supplies', but these were only on loan and will be returned later this week. Gwendolyn Hughes of South Hill has recently commenced work as Staff Nurse / Midwife, replacing Nurse Adams in this capacity. An Oxygen Tent which had been held up in St Kitts for 5 months arrived last week. This was a gift from a local benefactor. The day after its arrival it was put to use. The patient was a new-born infant just 3 hours old. The baby was suffering from respiratory distress, and has since been discharged. The Hospital has also been promised an incubator for premature babies, but this has been held up in St Kitts since July 1967.

THE ISLAND COUNCIL. The council has been entrusted by all in Anguilla to govern the Island on our behalf. They should always have the encouragement of feeling that whatever decisions they make, they have the support of the people they represent. At present Anguillians do not know what matters are under discussion, let alone what decisions are reached. Such a situation gives rise to a spate of rumours, mostly quite without foundation, which breeds suspicion and mistrust. The Council is conducting our business, and it is in their interest and ours that we should know their problems. In future editions of the BEACON we hope to publish extracts from the Minute Book of the Council so that we will all know (and we hope approve) of what is being planned, and so be able to co-operate fully in getting it done.

ADVERTISEMENTS Grand Dance at Tropical Flower on Sat Jan 13th.

Music by the Hideaway Band.

Stamps. (Repeat) I will pay \$1.00 US for the names and addresses of each person to whom you sent a letter bearing the Overprinted Independent Anguillan Stamps. If I buy the envelope I will send you an additional \$5, besides paying \$5 for the envelope. Write to Bahamas Stamps Box 333 Uleta Florida 33164 USA.

Eye Trouble? Dr De Frietas will hold a clinic in the Administration Buildings on Saturday Jan: 20th.

MORE FOR THE ALPHABET. We have received a complete Alphabet from Lucia Richardson of East End School. It would take 3/4 page to print it all, so wait till we get a press, meanwhile, revise some of the lines. We print one as a sample.

Z is for Zeal, for which all should endeavour,  
To build and promote a New Anguilla.

- A stands for Adams, His seat he wont sit in: On thursdays he deals with Original Sin.
- B for the Beacon, and Atlin does sire it: canonically printed, Anguillians desire it.
- C stands for Clayton, Anguilla's life line: leaves Anguilla at eight, in St Thomas by nine
- D stands for Doctor, not Jekyll but Hyde: in vain did ZIZ call him, he stayed on our side
- E is for Emile of sea-faring stock: his heart's on the Warspite; Salt keeps him in dock
- F is for Fleming, the Medico's Eye: The Campbell is coming; No food on the sly.
- G are the Gumbs. One is Joseph Nathaniel: His Den's the Casino; In church he's a Daniel.
- H is for Haskins, the Father and Sons: Dad runs the Business; the Boys held the guns.
- I is our Island, at last we are free: Its future depends upon you and on me.
- J is for Jerry, named after the Prophet: if profit's his motive, he gets plenty of it.
- K for Kittitian, no longer our foe: As Friend he is welcome; as Boss he must go.
- L's Albert Lake. If his price makes you quail; there's Edward next door with his "coffins for sale"

Answer to Question The Date. August 23rd 1873. From the Public Records of the Colonial Office 71 /192.

