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EDITORIAL. One gets tired of hearing the leaders of the Labour Government in St Kitts repeating over and over again that they have been constitutionally elected, and will stay in power until the people vote otherwise. This same Government declared a State of Emergency on May 30th, last year, because Anguilla had rebelled, deciding that they wanted separation from St Kitts and packed the police force back to their masters.

That State of Emergency lasted one full year in St Kitts, and because they have a mouthpiece and Radio Station, they say that the State of Emergency still exists in Anguilla. The people in St Kitts who sympathised with Anguilla's aspirations were imprisoned, abused, deported and silenced during that year.

That Government has the power to do these things, whether they are right or wrong, until the Court decides otherwise, and this is a fair example of the behaviour of that Government for the past year.

The State of Emergency was declared because of the happenings in Anguilla, and the people of Anguilla had the sympathy of the majority of the people in St Kitts, who are themselves fed-up with their government because they have failed to rule democratically. Surely the Bradshaw Government should hold a General Election, to see if they are really still wanted by the people of St Kitts and Nevis, or not. If they really think they have the support of the majority, let them take a vote of confidence. If they win it, they will be able to show to the world that they are still a truly representative government, and not a mockery of democracy.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

Last year we had no local news medium on the island. To-day we are proud that Anguilla can boast of two News-papers, One, the BEACON established a year ago, and now the Observer only a week old. The Beacon gives you value for your money. But Anguilla has a tendency always to repeat what some one else is already doing. Witness the Rum-shops at every corner. We do not deny that Anguilla can support two newspapers (and some think that a third may also appear). Two Banks, and the desire in certain quarters for a third. Two Air-lines, and now a third. All the Taxis in competition with each other. It would be nice for someone to embark on something NEW. What about Radio-Communications, or a Lobster Processing plant, as suggested elsewhere in this paper, or some really new Industry? Let us branch out in new directions.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

In order to reduce accidents on our roads, and to ensure the safety of people and property, the Government of Anguilla has ordered 1. That ducts be put in the road going from the Valley High School up to the Girls' School, and across to the Boys' School.

2. That both walls on either side of the road at the bend by Miss Iris Hodge's house, on the road to the Hospital be moved and placed so that that bend may then be straightened to prevent accidents.

3. That the Right of Way at the Mahogany Tree in the Quarter be changed to North and South instead of East to West. This will take effect as soon as the "Cat's Eyes" can be placed at the East and West sides of the road. Traffic approaching from the East or West will have to stop and proceed with caution.

Signed, Campbell Fleming.
Secretary to the Council.

The Government of Anguilla has decided to develop the Government owned lands at Coritot. These lands will be cut up into lots, and sold for residential and business purposes. The Government intends to make known its prospectus for development, as soon as a survey has been made.

Signed Campbell Fleming.
Secretary to the Council.

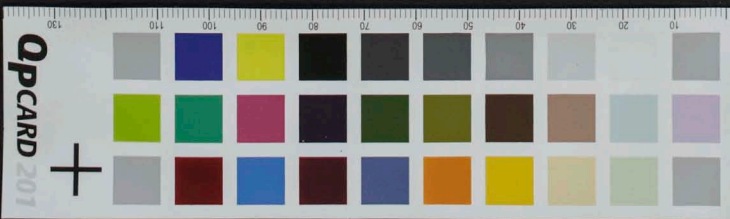
THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Anguilla is famous for catching and exporting her lobsters. They are sent to Puerto Rico and to the Virgin Islands. We are told that an average of 3,000 lbs of live lobsters are shipped weekly by Beach-craft to Puerto Rico, and by smaller aircraft to the Virgin Islands.

The cost per lb F.O.B Airport Anguilla is 71¢ U.S. and the fishermen have been told that this price is too high. In years gone by there was always trouble in selling lobsters because the buyers price fluctuated from one week to the next, which caused disagreements, and made the fishermen look for different traders.

For a long time past the man doing the business is Sixto Dias of Puerto Rico. He claims that he is paying too high a price in Anguilla, and further suggests that the lobsters could be obtained at other islands for half the cost. Considering the distance of these other islands to go to them for Lobsters, compared with Anguilla, he agrees that more money should be paid, but not that much.

The fishermen agreed to drop one cent for one week, but Sixto Dias claimed that he could only take the lobsters at a further reduced rate. So the lobsters are still lodged in the crates in the sea. The fishermen feel that their lobsters being of such a size and quality, it wont be long before Sixto or some one else comes flying in for them. *low!*
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Article by Sid Moody in Associated Press. (continued)

Bradshaw also began clapping his opposition in jail including one James Milnes-Gaskell, a well-born Englishman who operated a resort hotel upon Nevis, and was engaged to the secretary of Edward Heath, no less than the head of the British Conservative Party. The British Lion which invented both Habeas Corpus and the Statehood Act which pledged itself to stay out of St Kitts' internal affairs, gnawed its tail in frustration. Or, as one observer put it "washed its hands of the matter, out-Pontius-ing Pilate". Anguillans, on the other hand, put their *old reputation* for smuggling to use by running guns into the island. "Yes, there are weapons on the island" said one Anguillan coyly. "I cant imagine how they got there". The island even resurrected some old cannon that had been lying around since the wars of Napoleon, and tested one out with a pound of dynamite, but it blew it to smithereens. Further attempts proved that a quarter pound charge, and a barrell full of old nails and bolts and scrap metal produced a most satisfactory broadside. The Anguillans mounted the cannon on trucks, and thus added motorised artillery to their growing arsenal.

After spurning a peace proposal, The Anguillans decided that they would bring independence to the vote. The ballots had a picture of a Hat for independence, and a Shoe for a return to the fold. The Hats won 1813 - 5. A seven-man Council was then named, and an election was scheduled, which was later dispensed with because no opponents were prepared to run. So the little island stood tight, ready to rally to arms at a peal from the new bell of St Mary's Church which had recently arrived, just in time for the revolt.

To help finance independence, the Anguillans began issuing their own stamps, designed by a London Firm. An initial series prerevolutionary stamps, overprinted with "Independent Anguilla", now bring up to \$5000 a set from collectors.

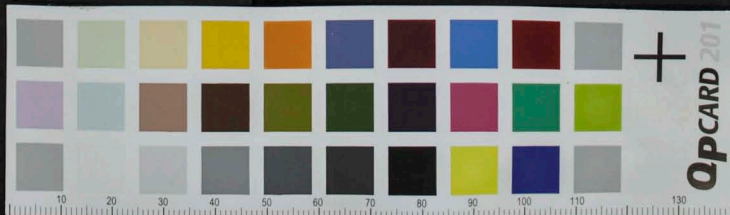
Roger Fisher, a Harvard law professor, came down and typed up a Constitution, and Anguilla began to look around for someone to become dependent on, including the United States. Washington referred the request to London, which finally worked out an "Interim Agreement" last-a year "more or less", to see how things worked out.

It was all very Gilbert and Sullivanly- except to the Anguillans. To them St Kitts is nothing more than a hazy blue blob on the horizon that you can just see on a clear day. Bradshaw to them is something else. After losing an election on Anguilla ten years ago, Bradshaw told the islanders that he would "put bones in your rice, pepper in your soup....and make Anguilla a desert".

That he has not, and that three centuries of generally conceded British inattention have not- is due to the Anguillans themselves. The world press having first learned that there was an Anguilla, and then making its way there, described the island and its people as desprately poor. Well! Yes, and No.

True, there is no electricity, but neither is there any welfare. Anguillans take care of their own. No one hungers. There are no slums.

True, there are no phones since 1960 when Hurricane Donna blew down the old battery-operated system. The poles still stand unwired. "Maybe Bradshaw is waiting until they sprout limbs before he puts back again the wires" said an Anguillan, whom I shall call Hector. (Even though they are miles away, the "Breadfruit Boys" command a healthy respect, and so some of the islanders prefer to remain anonymous.) In St Kitts there is electricity and street lights" said Hector. Here at night you cant



ADVERTISEMENTS.

Albert's Dept. Anguilla.

Offer special prices on various items such as:- Combs, Sewing-threads, Enamel and Steel Kitchen Sinks, Wash Basins, All sorts of Toilet Sets, Stainless Steel Sets, Fish-Pot wire, China Ware sets, Italian Beach-Wood Furniture, Mens' Terylene Suitings, Chrome 4 & 6 piece Dining-room sets, Modern Aluminium Shutters, Electric wire, Fry's Cocoa, Ovaltine, Vegetable Soups, Quaker Oats, Pigeon Peas, Pet Milk, Plastic Pipes & Fittings, Vinyl Tiles, Mosaic Tiles, Philips Radio, Colourcrete, Laxative Tablets, Writing Pads, Exercise Books, Slates & Pencils, Painting Pencils, Black-lead Pencils. Also a wide range of mens' and Boys's working Pants. Available at big reduced Prices.

FLY VALLEY AIR SERVICE.

Your most dependable Air-Taxi, Based in Anguilla. Which joins Anguilla to the other Caribbean Islands. Daily Flights (except Sundays) to St Thomas, & St Martin. Lv Anguilla 7.45.am for St Thomas, Lv St Thomas. 9.30 am for Anguilla. Leave Anguilla 10.30am for St Martin. Also accept charter flights to any Island of the Caribbean.

Dr Defrietas. The Eye Specialist will be in attendance at the Valley Administration Bdg to-day Saturday 28th.

THE CAMORA HOTEL.

When you visit Anguilla, come and stay at the Camora Hotel, at South Hill, where the hospitality is good. Hot & Cold Water. Free Transportation to the Beach twice a week. Your Host. Camille Connor.

Your money is safe and ready when you want it. Two good reasons for opening a savings account now at the BANK of AMERICA, now in Anguilla to serve your every banking need. We take a personal interest in our clients. If you are sending money to, or receiving money from the V.I. let us handle the transaction for you. Come in soon and learn about these services.

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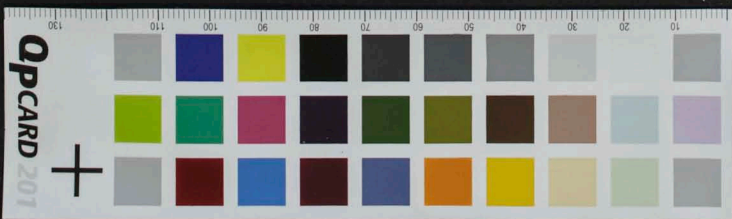
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ANGLICAN CHURCH. Sunday Sept 29th Michaelmas.

St Mary's 9.0am Preacher is Revd Fr Murray of St Kitts.
St Augustine's 7.15 am.
St Andrew's. 7.15 am (Fr Murray)

GALAXY MONTH END SALE (Conts)
Cotton Prints selling out at 65¢ per yd. Dacron & Cotton Material also at 65¢ per yd. 10% discount on Ladies', Gents' and Childrens' Shoes. Ladies' Dresses cut 20%. Special Discount on Carpenter, Mason & Labourers' Tools. Copper Bottom Paint, Oil & Concrete Paint. Good Quality Water Faint as low as \$6.50 per gallon. We carry gift items for every occasion. See us to-day for your shopping needs. Remember there is always a SALE at the GALAXY

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see you hand in front of your face". Albert Lake once asked permission to string a wire from his generator to a building he owned across the road. St Kitts said, No. Only their government could distribute power. Such neglect maddens the Anguillians whose water systems are brackish wells, old pumps, and a few dribbling spigots. Dr Jeffrey Hyde, whose allowances from St Kitts to send patients to their new hospital there was \$100 a year, enough for the air-fare for one and two-third's patients--one way.

When these funds and his allocations for drugs and supplies were all held up after the "Fracas", Dr Hyde had to make do with a \$10,000 fund raised by the Rotary Club at St Thomas, pray that he did not have any emergency, and wonder when St Kitts would unsuspend his salary.

Anguilla's only commerce are a few stores, a salt extraction plant that employs about thirty, a small lobster fleet, that exports about \$200,000 about a ton of shell-fish a week via a plane from Puerto Rico, and a little machine and electronics plant owned by Lewis Haskins, a venture some Massachusetts-Yankee, who has become the island's defence industry, repairing everything from Anguilla's prehistoric trucks, to the water pump. In pre-revolution days it might take weeks getting any new parts from St Kitts. "Without Mr Haskins", we would be finished, said Hector. Anguilla also exports man-power. Almost all the island's able-bodied men leave after they get through school, to work in their Anguillian settlements in the Virgin Islands, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and at Slough in England. The money they send back to their parents and wives-- one estimate puts it at \$1,000 a day-- keeps the island going.

But it is the dream of every self-exiled Anguillian eventually to return home, build up a home, soak up the sun, and enough land to be able to pass on some to his children. Which they do. It is an island of landowners. The homes they build are not Caribbean shanties, but they are solid concrete houses, with inside plumbing that cost up to \$20,000 and are owned outright. Mortgage is a foreign word in Anguilla. Whenever an Anguillian saves up enough, he returns to his island and he then works on his house till his savings run out, and he goes off the island again. As a result the island looks like a tropical urban renewal project, in various stages of completion. So the Anguillian is a man of property who looks with some disdain at Kittitians who work in the cane fields, just as their slave ancestors did before them. Anguillians built Anguilla" said John Webster, head of the island's 230 man defence force. "By Jove", said one Englishman visitor after the "Fracas". "It is a middle-class revolution". And so it is. The island had a Mental Health Association and a Shakespearian Society long before it had ever heard of a Steel Band.

Their revolution is a match for anything the Bard ever wrote, including the caste of characters it has attracted to the island. It includes anthropologists, sociologists, and every other -ologist, who come and measure blood-lines, map out power-lines, and then go home and start to write papers about their findings. There was an Oriental in kilts who wanted to start a free-love colony; a man who offered to solve all the island's problems, in exchange for being named Economics Minister. An agent for a U.S. Doctor who wanted to operate a machine which he claims can cure all diseases, away from the veto of the American Medical Society. A chap in England, weary of supporting his free-loading brother law, packed him off to Anguilla, who packed him off in return.

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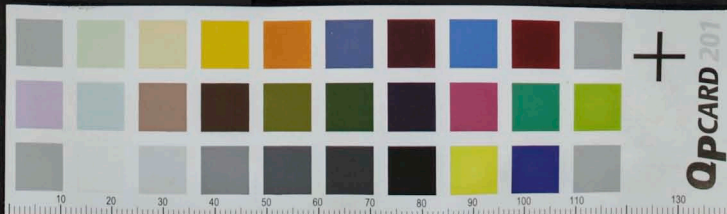
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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS. The students who left last week for the Educational Opportunities Centre in Puerto Rico all had a pleasant flight down on Liat. They stopped over at St Thomas, and had their passports fixed for one year with the immigration authorities. They arrived in San Juan and went to the Centre where they were all made welcome. They found the other students friendly and helped them out with some hints in Spanish now and again. Mr Ortiz one of the senior members of the staff was also very helpful, and has made arrangements whereby each student will also be given \$33.00 each month as pocket money. According to the programme, classes started on Monday 23rd and all will have extensive teaching in Spanish until November. Then they are due to sit the College Board Entrance Examination. These who are successful will then enter the University in January. The students wish to use the BEACON to thank those at the Centre for the great opportunity they have been given, and also thank Mr Webster and all others who have made this venture possible. They were also all very touched by the wonderful send-off from Anguilla given to them by their parents and friends, and wish to say that they are fine.

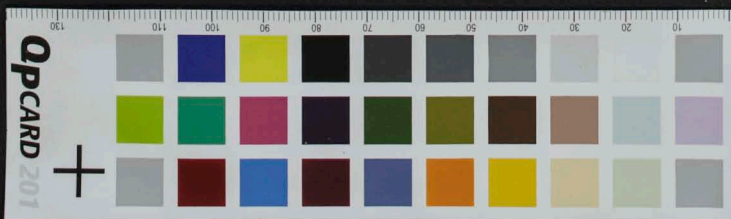
Wishburne Hunte, One of the Students

Anguilla needs educated and trained men to run the island, especially to develop agriculture and Fisheries. We should make the most of our natural resources. Forestry is perhaps our greatest need. If we had more trees, we could have more rainfall, retain the limited water resources in the soil, moderate the climate tremendously, and provide beauty for the young and shade for the old. We need a forest reserve on the island. At present Anguilla is hot and dry. Too many trees have been cut down. I wish that the Government would do something about this now. The temperature is too high for plants to grow without irrigation. Trees help to improve water supplies, improve the condition of the soil by adding humus, and the temperature would be decreased. Mr Thierstein is doing a good job. The wind can be used to draw up water, but there is not so much water available, and the most important thing we can do now is to conserve all water supplies.

Fruit Trees such as Mango and Citrus would be ideal for Anguilla, also other tropical drought resisting trees could be planted. I hope to take courses in tropical forestry from the University, as I am sure we must re-forest Anguilla, or else agriculture will be impossible. If we try to draw up too much water, we will spoil the good supply by breaking through the water table, and pulling up the salt water. This can be proved from the many salt wells we have on the island. I am dogmatic in repeating that the reforestation of our island is the priority of all development. Tourists want to sit in the shade of trees, and eat the fruits from them.

Joseph R Payne, Another of the Students

The San Francisco Group. We have received news of some of our friends who came to our aid in our greatest need. Mr and Mrs Art Finger have moved to Vancouver. B.C. where he does a daily morning Radio-show, and is the local correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. They hope to hear from friends in Anguilla, and they await with eagerness the arrival of the Beacon each week. Their address is 4470 Glen Canyon Drive. North Vancouver. B.C. Canada. We also hear that Howard Gossage has been gravely ill, suffering from Leukemia but is now improving under medication.



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Lobster Industry (continued) What we really need in this island is a Lobster processing plant, from which the tails can be exported to the bigger markets in North America, where the prices are much better for tails. This would not only mean a better price, but further work for the men and women of Anguilla. Contributed by a Fisherman.

DENTAL ASSISTANT. Mr John Webster, D.C.S has notified us that Miss Patricia Connor of South Hill has been selected to be trained as dental assistant. This training will be given by J.T. Nicholson, Director of Dental Services at Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Miss Connor is the successful one of nine persons interviewed by Dr Nicholson on August 27th, when he visited Anguilla.

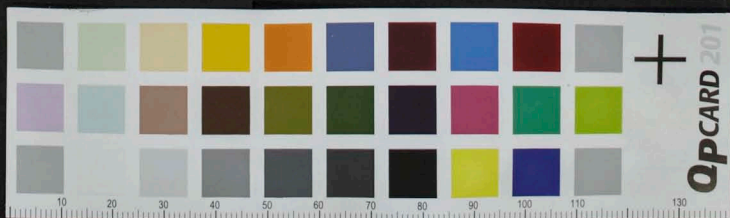
According to Mr Webster, as soon as arrangements have been made with the Immigration authorities in St Thomas, Miss Connor will proceed to Puerto Rico by the 6th of October. She will remain at Aibonito for two weeks training, and she will return with Dr Nicholson for dental clinic in Anguilla on October 21st and 22nd. She will then go back to Aibonito for a further period of six weeks' training, after which she hopes to return here and take her part in the dental work that has been planned for the island. Mr Webster added that the training course is sponsored by the Plumsock Foundation of Massachusetts.

WINGS OF ANGUILLA.

This is the proposed name for the new Air-Taxi that expects to start operating in these islands. On Tuesday last, the Aztec 5-seater arrived in Anguilla from St Thomas, piloted by Mr Beavan Hodge of Anguilla. Mr Louis Saumell, Mario Saenz of Miami, and Hamlet Harrigan of Anguilla were also on board.

Mr Saumell who is the owner of the plane and a friend of Mr Hodge, said that they were looking for opportunities for operating out of St Thomas to Anguilla and the other islands in the area. He said that another pilot would be coming from Miami to work with Mr Hodge, and if business were good, he would put another plane into operation. Mr Hodge got his license at Burnside Aviation, Miami, and said that he would name the air-taxi, "The Wings of Anguilla", and would do two flights to Anguilla daily, one in the morning, and the other in the afternoon. The fares would be the same as charged by the other lines now working. This will give us three lines operating on Anguilla, which is also served by the Windward Island Airways. We hope that as soon as the extension to the airport is completed, LIAT will commence operations again.

A (Shaggy) Dog story. The Rector had climbed a steep ladder to see the work on the first floor of the new building at the Farrington. The Workmen were amazed to see his dog Bwana up on top also. They would not believe that he could have climbed the ladder, till witnesses on the ground said they has seen it.



You and Sports. (contributed by Ralph Hodge.)

Everything else in Anguilla is going well, but Sports seem to have a broken back. Let us get moving, sports' fans. Here are my proposals. CRICKET. Primary school competitions should be started between all schools. Teachers, get down to this. Local Cricket Clubs should start practising again now. An Anguillian Cricket Tournament should be arranged to give each club a target to aim at. All former cricket lovers should get together over this, and so ensure better cricket in the future. For further cricket information contact Ashley Carty.

FOOTBALL. Persons interested in this field of sport are notified that a Football club is being formed, admission fee \$1. For further information contact Walwyn Hodge of Stoney Ground. TABLE TENNIS, contact Valentine Banks.

VOLLEY BALL. Schools, what can you do about this?. Any information required, please contact Hugo Carty. Delay causes danger, so let us get started at once. More from the world of Sports next week.

NOTICE. T.R.Lake presents the Harrigan Family in a fine Religious programme on Sunday October 6th. 1968 in the Community Centre at 4.00pm. Admission \$ 1.00.....

DEATHS. Lucille Edwards, Sandy Ground Sept 22nd aged 56.

Cressida Gumbs, North Hill. September 25th aged 8.

BIRTHS. To Mr & Mrs Hulia Carty. S. Valley....a boy.

To Mr & Mrs Eugene Fleming, Island Harbour.....a boy.

To Mr & Mrs Ashton Richardson. West Enda boy.

MAN ABOUT TOWN. You know something, boys? If John Jones had some property in a certain area, he too would claim it as a beautiful spot for development. I would too, if I thought I could get away with it.... The Anguilla Hotel Association is a good idea, a move in the right direction, with the right management it can go places.

