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EDITORIAL.

This is a good time to draw up a Balance Sheet of our position. Having been independent for seventeen months, and having shown that we are viable without having had outside assistance, we can put on the credit side.

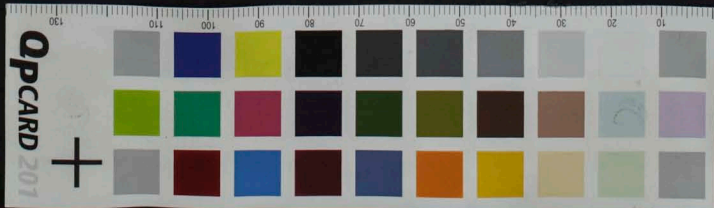
1. We made a good showing at the London Conference, and undoubtedly came out on top there.
2. We have the Press generally on our side, which though quiet at present, would rally to our aid if needed.
3. We have the sympathy of most of the larger Caribbean Commonwealth Countries, who could if they acted together, put great pressure on Mr Bradshaw.
4. We have a united and determined people who will accept nothing less than a complete break with St Kitts.
5. We have Her Majesty's Government wanting to see a settlement, but unwilling to act unconstitutionally.
6. We have the ear of the United Nations.
7. We have the United States anxious for a permanent settlement.

On the debit side There is the Figure of Mr Bradshaw, quite determined not to let Anguilla go, even though (as he told Mr Alva Clarke) the people of St Kitts and Nevis agreed to her secession.

We have still nine weeks of the interim period to run. Let us make the most of this, and go as far as possible in following the good advice we have received.

Mr Webster has been asked to state the difficulties involved in this interim period. Most of these have been mentioned elsewhere in this paper. We know that Mr Hudson Phillips will be coming here in the first part of November and will assist the Council to draft a formal request to Her Majesty's Government that these shall be remedied immediately. If our request is reasonable, then there is hope that H.M.G and the other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries will exert pressure on Mr Bradshaw to grant them.

An extension to the Interim Period, or a New Interim Period can only be given at the combined request of the parties concerned. It can not be forced upon Anguilla. So let us play our hand carefully over the next nine weeks. First wait for Mr Philipps to confer with the Council as to the legal aspect, then let them draft the letter to Her Majesty's Government, then let us sit down and WAIT. We are in a strong position, even if a defensive one. Let us not speak or act foolishly in the few weeks that remain. If we are guided by our Balance sheet above, we can afford to wait and keep quiet, and let some one else take the next step.



Statement issued by Mr Ronald Webster at end of London Talks.

The talks between the St Kitts Government, H.M.G. and Anguilla ended yesterday in a regrettable deadlock.

The Anguilla delegation headed by myself came to London with definite instructions to press for the agreement of St Kitts and H.M.G. for a complete separation of Anguilla from St Kitts Nevis. At a public meeting in Anguilla, prior to the departure of the delegation to London, popular sentiment ran high, and indicated the political impossibility of anyone being able to convince the people of Anguilla to reunite with St Kitts. This is a fact of life in Anguilla now.

The delegation came with this firm directive. Possibilities of alternative arrangements were also discussed prior to the departure of the delegation from Anguilla. These were:-

1. Direct association with the United Kingdom OR
2. In the last desperate alternative, Crown Colony Government-anything to escape the clutches of Premier Bradshaw.

As the talks developed, the following possibilities were none the less discussed. a. Confederation with St Kitts

b. Federation with St Kitts.

c. Enhanced local Government powers.

The Anguilla delegation, in spite of its firm instructions not to agree to even the most formal of associations with St Kitts, considered favourably the possibility of a loose federal association with St Kitts. The question of enhanced local government powers was not accepted, but the delegation conceded that the existing local government machinery could be used as a legal instrument to achieve a devolution of power to Anguilla, without doing too much violence to the existing constitutional forms. Both of these suggestions were rejected summarily by Premier Bradshaw.

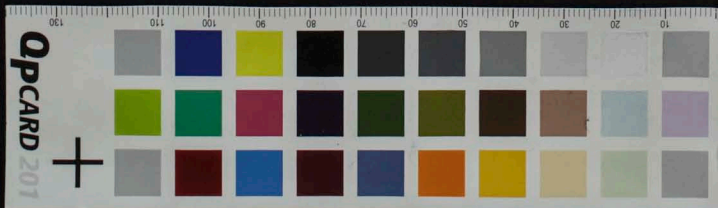
The question of the extension of the present interim arrangements was then discussed. The delegation thanked H M G for having made available the services of Mr Lee since January who had acted in an advisory capacity to the Council. The delegation pointed out certain benefits of this interim arrangement.

1. Anguilla was able for the first time in her history, to show a favourable balance on its revenue and expenditure account.

2. Elections had been held under the supervision of the S.B.O, and a Council of 7 had been elected. It was pointed out that certain frustrations continue to exist. These were:-

- i. The continued retention by Premier Bradshaw of almost BWI \$ 400,000, in savings of Anguillians in the St Kitts Post Office Savings Bank.
- ii. The withholding of pensions and gratuities of retired civil servants resident in Anguilla.
- iii. The impossibility of legally effecting transfers to title of land as this necessitated registration of deeds in St Kitts.

The delegation felt that although in principle there was no objection to the extension of the interim agreements, it would



be easier to sell the idea in Anguilla if the moneys were released, pensions paid, and some arrangements made for the registration of deeds and documents.

Premier Bradshaw maintained that he was willing to pay over the moneys held in the savings account, but refused to give an undertaking that the S B O could be used as an intermediary for the actual payment of moneys. He refused to give any indication that it would not be necessary for the Anguillans to travel 70 miles across seas in order to collect savings which in some cases were quite small.

He denied any knowledge of the withholding of pensions and gratuities, and rejected outright that any arrangement could be made with respect to the registration of deeds and other documents.

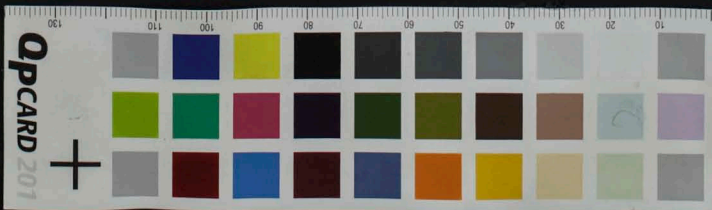
Discussion also took place with respect to the appointment of a magistrate for Anguilla. At the present time there is, appointed by the Council, a lay magistrate, who has effectively adjudicated upon petty crime; fines have been imposed and paid; prison sentences meted out and served. However, the delegation appreciated the wisdom of legalising the position of the magistrate. To this end it was prepared to concede that a magistrate for Anguilla be appointed by the Public Service Commission in St Kitts, provided that the appointment was after consultation with the Council of Anguilla.

The delegation pointed out the practical difficulties of an appointment being made to which the Anguillian people as a whole were opposed. Premier Bradshaw insisted that there could not be any consultation about the appointment, therefore no agreement could be reached as to the manner of the appointment.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

Sir. What is the next move? Independence?

We are willing to accept direct association with Britain: We are willing to accept colonial status with Britain. If Britain can not see eye to eye with us. I will say 'To Hell with Britain, Bradshaw, and further fragmentation'. They lack all sense of consideration. To prolong interim means only further stagnation. They don't want fragmentation: We don't want stagnation: We are quite capable of becoming a nation. What has Anguilla gained by interim? What will she gain by an extension? What will happen at the end can happen now. Anguilla will have no alternative but to go independent. Act now. A delay will be detrimental to Anguilla. Interim means playing for time. Who is playing for time? Put the independence issue to a referendum. The people will vote "yes". Set a date for independence, say May 30th, meanwhile let the people have a chance to make their own flag, anthem, coat of arms. This should be done as a competition. Get rid of the Fictitious Flag, and Coat of Arms. Who made them? Who accepted them? But more important, set about creating a Constitution, not a just two pages. Let this be done by a group of constitutional lawyers, not by one man. We have no time to waste. Move to independence NOW. Anguillan. (Name supplied)



Sir. A word of advice from England. Anguilla can not afford to run three banks. I call upon Anguillans to support the two existing banks, and to have nothing to do with a third. Whoever the parties may be who want a new bank, let them try and help their country in another way, and get the country on its feet first, or maybe they are wanting to overthrow our present government, which will cause much concern to us Anguillans here in England. No, keep behind Ronald Webster and all will be well. P Gumbs Rusholme Manchester.
(This letter has been shortened. Ed)

Sir, Congratulations to Mr Ronald Webster. Ever since the time that we the people of Anguilla have called upon you, Mr Webster, to defend us, we have been pleased with the good job you are doing. The way you represented us at the London Talks has thrilled us. We need more people like you. Men who can not be bought or sold: Men as true to duty as the needle is to the pole. We know why you are good at the job: because you always look to God for guidance. I will always remember your words as you left for London, 'I go in the name of the Lord' Keep on this course because 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people'
Clive C Smith Charlotte Amalie, S Thomas

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

The rate of import duty in Anguilla on the following Liquors have been lowered, and are now fixed at
\$7.25 per Gallon on Whiskey.
\$7.00 per Gallon on Brandy and Gin.

29.Oct.1968

W Hodge. C R O.

Persons intending to import Brown Sugar from any source whatever are required to obtain an import license from the Treasury,

29.Oct 1968.

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ST KITTS GOVERNMENT HANGS ON TO \$ 360,484.76 OF ANGUILLANS

Earlier in the year Mr Lee managed to get \$ 6,900.00 paid out under the counter, but since then St Kitts have refused to part with any of the Anguillans Savings. The Leggers have now been photographed and will be given to Mr Lee to take to St Kitts, asking the St Kitts Government to authorise payment by a Bank in Anguilla. As interest will have already accumulated for 1966 & 1967 & 1968, a sum of over \$400,000 should be available. we do not think that Mr Bradshaw will be able to be further obstructive in this matter, unless he is prepared to ignore world opinion on a matter on which he has not now got a leg to stand on.

WATER

We know that the water level is getting low in the wells, but for nearly two months residents and water rate payers on road from Admin Bldgs. to Mahogany Tree have had no water. Why?

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MAMMOTH MEETING IN PARK.

At very short notice, a crowd estimated at 2,000 assembled on Sunday afternoon to listen to Mr Webster. This means that almost one third of the whole island were gathered to the best attended meeting in the history of Anguilla. Mr Webster received a great ovation from the people, and in his turn gave a very racy account of the conference in London. He had a story to tell, and he enjoyed telling it, and the people enjoyed hearing it, and his asides describing the attitudes and evasions of his opponent went down well. Mr Webster admitted that the talks were tough, he was grateful for the presence of Leonard Carty, and had managed to keep within the mandate the people had given him before he left Anguilla. Mr Bradshaw had not been cooperative in any way, and had even been obstructive by refusing to attend sessions of the meeting. While Mr Webster ably supported by Mr Hudson Philipps his lawyer, were ready to explore any avenue, Mr Bradshaw would not move outside the area of Local Government for Anguilla within the Constitution, which as far as Anguillians are concerned is 'Dead Duck!' As for the future, Mr Philipps would be coming soon to advise us on the next step, and for the present Mr Webster assured us that he had good authority for saying that we had won another round, and were all set for final victory.

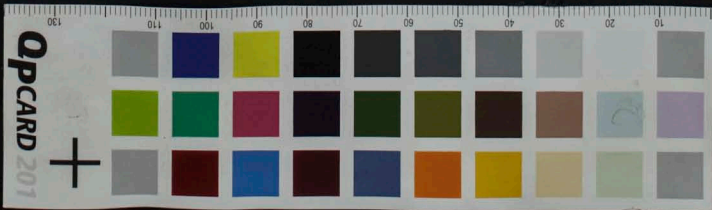
Earlier in the day a LIAT Bonanza plane flew over Island Harbour during Church Service, and certain members of the Council abandoned their devotions and hurried to the airport. Others less piously engaged also repaired to the Airport, and by 8.30 in the morning a large procession of cars, headed by Motor Cycle Outriders in pairs escorted Mr Webster back to his home and family. Men and women and children came out of their houses to wave and cheer.

ST MARY'S BELFRY.

Many people were disappointed that the new Bell's sound did not carry at all well, hardly better than the old cracked one.

The Advice of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry who cast the bell has been sought. They reply "The Trouble is due to two things, the first being that the bell is hung below the level of the principle sound openings, and the second is that there is a big void beneath the bell which traps the sound, and it is partly soaked up by the wood floor" They recommend the construction of a metal frame to raise the bell another three feet, and then the pouring of a concrete floor immediately below the bell so that the sound has no alternative but to travel outwards. The necessary girders are being ordered, and Mr Clarke of Emtage Construction Ltd has agreed to see to the construction of the frame and the raising of the bell.

As soon as this is done, the outside of the Belfry will be completed, the middle section plastered and whitened, the bottom section retaining the natural stone.



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Connor, Hotel Camora, Anguilla, W.I

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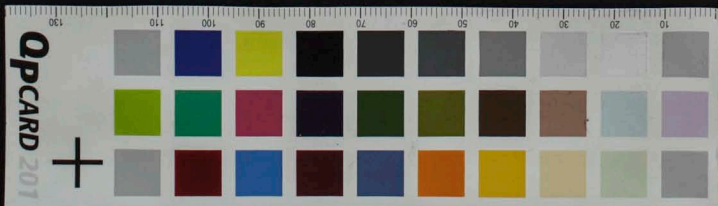
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To Whom it may concern.

Anyone found trespassing on the property of Viola Hoftzyer at South Hill beyond my notice, will be prosecuted.

Available at ALBERT'S DEPT. Vaseline,white, in 100lb drums at \$38. each. Quaker Oats in tins at \$ 22. per case. Vegetable Soup at \$17. a case. also Modern Aluminium Shutters

CHURCH NOTICES. For Sunday November 3rd (1st in month) Anglican. St Mary's 7.15 & 5.30 St Augustine's 9.Oam St Andrew. 8.Oam (Eddie Vanterpool) Roman Catholic 8.Oam approx.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that Mr Bradshaw told a Press Conference that he has agreed to extend the Interim Period,and to send a Magistrate to Anguilla. The Government wishes to make it clear that no such agreement has been approved by Anguilla,and that the Council would not agree to any such extension unless the wishes of the people of Anguilla are accepted by all parties. From Office of Chief Executive.

All House owners in Anguilla are reminded that the "Electricity Consumer Questionnaire Form" must be filled in and returned no later than Monday Nov. 4th Director of Civil Service.

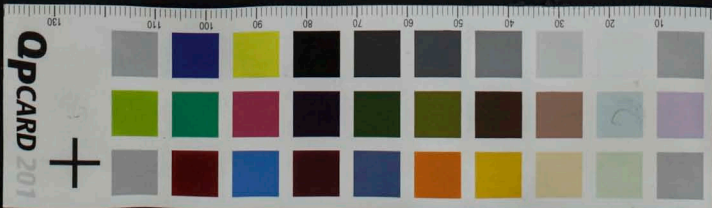
Mr Lee returned to Anguilla on Tuesday October 29th after attending the London Conference. Mrs Lee is not returning.

STAMPS WANTED. Postal Material of the West Indies. Stamps.Old Envelopes.Collections.Accumulations. USED postal items of all sorts,needed by compilers of Postal History of the Islands Book. Will pay cash for any suitable material. Contact Mr Heyer or Durnin at the Rendezvous Hotel on November 7th or 8th.

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WANTED. One qualified Truck Driver at ALBERT'S DEPT.

TROPICAL FLOWER. there will be a SHING DING on Saturday Night,November 2nd. Music for listening and for Dancing, also games. D.Hodge



CHOOSING ASSISTANTS by Christopher Romney.

Diverse though the areas of leadership may be, there are certain basic principles generally necessary. The Leader must be sincere in his beliefs about his business and his place in it. He must have the force of character necessary to inspire others to follow him with confidence. Thoughtful men choose persons to work with them, and particularly men who will be close to them, for special qualities. Their assistants should be different from them, capable of doing things the leader can not do for himself. No leader in Government business or any other sphere of activity will surround himself with 'rubber stamps'. The leaders job is to get work done by other people, and the good they do is reflected on him. He senses the readiness of an assistant for further development, and sets the stage so that the efforts of his subordinates are used to the full in pursuance of his purpose. Having delegated work, the leader must trust his assistants, and back them up. The more dynamic the leader, the more he needs patience to control his irritability when projects are delayed. He must be receptive of ideas of improvement. As key man in the organization he must be a creative listener, smoothing ruthlessly all empty excuses, and brushing away all time wasting talk, but getting at the meat of what his people have to say.

Next week. 'Policies and Information)

B I R T H S. M A R R I A G E S. D E A T H S.

Births To Mr and Mrs James Morton of South Hill, a daughter on October 25th.

To Mr and Mrs Ernest Brooks of South Valley, a daughter on October 29th.

To Mr and Mrs Alphaeus Hodge of Stony Ground a son on October 29th.

Deaths. Alice Richardson of West End aged 99 years on Oct 26.

"She had twelve sons and three daughters, and over 150 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren" R.I.P

NOTICES

INDEPENDENT ANGUILLA MEDALS ON SALE. Silver Coins (not of legal tender) commemorating Anguilla declaration of Independence are on sale in many banks in Europe and other parts of the world.

Struck by Compass-Holland of Amsterdam, they have on one side the head of Mr Ronald Webster, and on the reverse the Three Dolphins. Cost is \$ 12.50 US or \$25. BWI. 100 of them are on sale at Mr J.N.Gumbs. Mr Webster promised us further information about them at a later date.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL NURSES cordially invite you to their dance at the Community Centre on November 29th. Dress semi-formal. In aid of Xmas Tree Fund.

WHY ?

A packet of Corn Flakes made by Kellog Co costs 95 cents at Stores near the Mahogany Tree. The same size packet (8.oz) is on sale at a Store near Island Harbour for 68¢ made by the same company, but with printing in Spanish.

