Saturday December 28th. 1968.

An Independent Anguillan Newspaper Published Weekly. Editor Atlin Harrigan. Price 10¢ EDITORIAL. Third Attack on the Beacon, and its Editor. We can well remember the 1st, attack the Beacon survived on Dec. 18th, when the members of the Council openly attacked the Editor in a public meeting on the Park, because of a statement in the Beacon of Dec. 16th which stated:"If Mr. Bradshaw and his Government agree to the proposals then there is a good chance of Anguilla, St. Kitts and Nevis working together within the frame work of the State for the good of the State." All this has long been gone but Anguillans have since learned that it was a Fact. Then on Feb. 14 th. another public meeting was held to attack the Beacon, beacuse the Editor suggested in the Editorial of Jan. 27th. that it was necessary to have elections. Here again we survived this vicious attack. Since then the Council itself decided that elections was necessary. This was done and the Editor was elected to the Council. But since then we have been occasionally attacked by a few individuals but on the other hand, we have been highly praised by many others, including the Chief Executive who has admitted his thankfulness to the Beacon which has helped him to steer the ship back on to course at times when it was headed off. Once again the public was asked to the park to hear yet another attack being launched on the Beacon, this time byonly two of the seven members of the Council, Wallace Rey and the Chief Executive who insinuated that the Editor was being used as a stooge in preventing Anguilla from attaining what the people wanted (referring to the last two editorials.). One cannot tell how these two gentlemen arrived at such a conclusion; because the people who were on the park agreed with Mr. Hazell that all Anguilla wanted was secession from St. Kitts only and not from England. And this is all that the Beacon has been saying, and it says so with the firm support of the majority of the Anguillans- - so it is not a question of what the Beacon or anybody else wants for Anguilla. This is why we said that any attempt to take Anguilla out of the Commomwealth would have to be ratified by a referendum which is Democratic procedure. However Mr. Webster stated that it was no joke when he said he would declare UDI from Britain early next year, but at the end of his speech

he said he did not mean he was taking Anguilla out of the Commonwealth, and so at the close of the meeting the people were still dubious as to what he

intended doing when interim expires.

For sometime an element existed in Anguilla that attempts to destroy anything that does not coincide with their cabalistic views. These persons are only looking for personal financial gain and don't give two hoots about the individuals and will use dirty methods to achieve their aims., if and when Anguilla declares her Independence from Brirain. We may well enter an era of economic stagnation controlled by these persons. Then the freedom that we are fighting for will once again be lost. It is about time the Council got together and decide the best means of achieving what they want for Anguilla, and don't gamble on "taking chances." It is nonmense to worry about outsiders learning about our mishaps. We are only human beings like everybody else and anybody is liable to make mistakes. Our policy is not to publish our good and hide our faults. The BEACON has always been instrumental in reporting both our good and our faults and this has caused many people to appreciate the sincerity of all Anguillans.



WALL-BLAKE AIRPORT. During the Christmas Season, plenty air traffic was expected at the airport, which was so ably conducted by individual pilots. with no severe mishaps. However, on Christmas Eve at about 12.30 p.m. a twin beach-craft of the BOR AIR CO, touched down, and as it taxied to the terminal building the plane suddenly stood on its nose, which got damaged, so that the entire weight of the plane rested on its propellers and cowlings of the motors. The pilots J. Munoz and L. Nigaglini kicked of the exit door, grabbed fire extinguishers and were poised to fire in case fire had occured.

The aircraft remained in that vertical position until it could be righted again, and was then towed off the runway and traffic continued to come through. In lighter view the pilots had a down to earth glimpse of Wall-Blake.

Over the holiday period passengers began arriving to Anguilla to spend the holiday with their relatives and friends. The local airlines were kept busy bringing in passengers, and so early at morning time that early risers remarked on seeing the planes navigation and landing lights, that the morning star had just gone by.

A D.C.3 was also brought in from St. Thomas with passengers.

Extract of flights and passengers.

20 Dec. 10 flights 43 pass.

21 Dec. 24 flights 108 pass.

22 Dec. 9 flights 37 pass.

23 Dec. 24 flights 110 pass.

24 Dec. 30 flights 122 pass. 25 Dec. 8 flights 30 pass.

A total of 450 passengers arrived by air to Anguilla over the period, and about a further 250 arrived from St. Martin by motor launches.

To all residents and visitors to Anguilla is extended a Prosperous New Year.

MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Christmas lights on the park-Lots of sports- plenty to eat and drink-Fun-fun everywhere, get lost in the crowd, forget politics, Dance to the rhythm of Anguilla's finest bands, The Valentinos Combo, The Fabulous Swingers, Soul tempters. This was the attitude of most Anguillians who came home for the Christmas Season, to have a ball. Among them were Hamlet Harrigan who returned from Fort Jackson, S.C. for an 11 day visit. Wren Hunte also came in from Newark State College for a few days. Also here for the season are Professor Roger Fisher and his family - The Brooks of Mass, and their family who spent Christmas with us last year. Frank McDonald and his small brother and sister. Dr. Hyde and his family who are on holiday over in St. Martin, came in for a day last week, and hope to spend some time with us next week.

TO ALL SPORTS READERS -

We regret that we are not able to carry the sporty event this week, but it is hoped that we will have a full report next week.

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MEETING ON PARK. In spite of threatening rain, a good crowd collected in the B Park on Sunday afternoon last to hear the speeches. Mr. Webster planned to ask each member of the Council to speak. First came Mr. Collins Hodge. He spoke of the miracle that occured when Isreal got free from Egypt, appealed to Britain to "let the people go", and appealed to people not to discount the possibility of another miracle.Mr. Kenneth Hazell spoke calmly and well. He reminded his listeners of the part he played over 10 years ago to get self government written into the constitution of the State, though he realised that with a vote of only one amongst ten Anguilla could never expect to get a fair hearing from St. Kitts. He went on to say that Mr. Webster had been chosen by a Council who had been elected by the people, and wanted to act constitutionally, and disliked dictatorial methods as much Anguillans did. He then made quite seperate the two problems, and thought that while all were agreed that they wanted to be completely seperate from St. Kitts; in-dependence from Britain quite another matter. "We would never be so crazy," he said, "to declare independence from every one. We want to manage our own affairs but we are not silly enough to say that we dont want help." He advised us to take the advice of Mr. Hudson Philipps our lawyer, not to sever ties with Britain now, to take our time, and not rush blindly into anything.

Mr. Atlin Harrigan got down to the point at once. The Interim period was ending, no one had given any active recognition of Anguilla's secession from St. Kitts. Any recognition that would help Anguilla must start from Britain, and other countries would soon follow her lead. He said he advised Anguillams to sit tight and wait, and this especially in view of the meeting of the Heads of the Commonwealth countries to be held in January next year, when

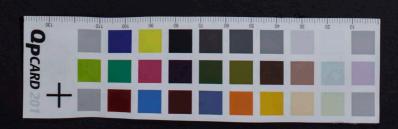
the Anguilla affair would certainly be discussed.

Mr. Wallace Rey then spoke, he seemed disconcerted, and not his normal self perhaps he sehsed that he had not got the support of the crowd. He started by emphasising that the Council was solid on the matter of freedom for Anguilla,, and quote "none of us would like to be away from Britain". His His two main arguments seemed to be; it is nonsense to say we can't live apart from Britain, till we have tried, and every young man has to break away from his parents to get married. The second one was that the one prerequisite for independence was financial viability as we have managed to pay our way for 18 months, we will be able to do so in the future.

(Comment) Mr. Rey could hardly have produced two arguments more against U.D.I. A man does not leave his father and mother to be independent, but to link up with a girl. Who is Anguilla going to link up with? We have only been viable because a very large part of our income comes from sale of stamps. If we declare ourselves independent from Britain, our stamps could be stopped the next day, and where should we be?"He made serious accusation that "some people were bribing hhe members of the Council not to think of Independence". but did not say who had been bribed or by whom or with what. He then made an attack on the Beacon, but this was nothing new, and concluded by saying that there were only three possible courses, either to go back to St. Kitta which no one wanted, or to extend the interim period, which was just as unpopular, or to declare independence from Britain.

(Comment) If we were on dry land there might only be three roads, but on the sea there is a great variety of courses, so it does not follow that U D I is the only alternative.

Mr. Emile Gumbs and John Hodge, Council members did not speak.
Mr. Ronald Webster was the final speaker. He accused foreigners of coming
in Anguilla and using them as tools to get their own ends. Cont'd page eight.



Organizing a Bental Service for Anguilla. Dental disease is the most widespread of all diseases in the island of Anguilla. Some people have heart troubles, some arthritis, some tuberculosis but almost all have dental disease in one form or another. Good dental health is the key to good health in general because all the food you eat must first pass through the mouth. If the food is chewed by diseased teeth then it is virually all contaminated with bacteria even before it is swallowed. Dental disease occasionally is painful and causes suffering but because some people get accustomed to this type of suffering it goes neglected. It is so common that it seldom brings community concern as does a patient suffering from a disease such as cancer. The treatment of disease in the oral cavity consists of three basic parts. The first part is the diagnosis of the disease. This is to discover what teeth are effected, are the gums also infected, and what are the causes of the problem. The second part consists of treatment by a dentist to repair the damage done by the disease or to remove its causes. The third part of the treatment is to administer prevention so that the disease will not come back again, or in the case of some, so that it will not occur. Anguilla at the present time has no full time dentist. Dentistry in most nations of the world is now a very specialized health service and very few dentists are qualified to treat all the phases of the disease. This may seem ridiculous to some of you reading this who now have a toothache and would just like to be rid of the tooth and the ache. But if one upper tooth is extracted you have immediately lost the functional use of the lower tooth also. Both the upper tooth and the lower tooth must work together in each part of the mouth to chew food effectively. Think again and it might be better to have some treatment that would get rid of the pain and the disease. After all--if you get a pain in the arm it is usually better to go to a doctor to have some treatment then it would be to cut off the arm. A painful tooth can be treated, repaired and serve again as a good tooth. We are presently in the first phase of dental treatment in Anguilla. Since there is not a full time dentist in the island we must make use of a person to discover and record the various types of dental disease. This person is Miss Patricia Connor. She has now for several months been studying the forms of dental diseases and the best methods of diagnosis. A tooth can be quickly filled on the top and still be decayed on the side. The cavity on the side goes unnoticed because there was no careful examination and no x-ray. This type of cavity is usually only found on x-ray. We know that teeth can be carefully and successfully treated with fillings only if all the decay areas are discovered. For this reason all patients expecting to have their teeth treated and saved from dental disease must have x-rays made at the Valley Dental Clinic. This clinic has now been equiped with a modern x-ray unit as a gift of the Plumsock Fund. When the dentist comes to work he can look at the record and at the x-ray and begin to do the best work immediately. This will save much time. It will also save expense to the patient since the patient will be assured he will not be spending money to fill a tooth that later will be extracted.

(Cont'd from page 8) and Bradshaw do not know the wishes of Anguillans as yet. H.M.G. well knows that the St. Kitts Gov't. ran the island to suit themselves and not to the people of Anguilla The gospel truth is that we don't know nothing about our own affairs, all that we know is when they cover 50 feet of road with dirt (page 5 cont'd)

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THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF ANGUILLA: AN ADEQUATE REASON TO SUBSTAUTION OF PROPOSED UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE! By George c. Hodge, Sarbados, formally of East End Anguilla.

Few Caribbean countries boasts the high quality tourist potential which little Anguilla enjoys. Numerous, fabulous beaches with fish-abundant, pounding Atlantic and serene waters, fun-loving populace traditionally self-sacrificing to strangers are some of the rare assets which indelibly mark Anguilla's future economic developement to have its roots embedded in the prospective tourist industry. But to develope the tourist industry, Anguilla must first to improve its infrastructure to accomodate the tourists. The construction of island-wide paved roads, the extension of the airport, the installation of electricity and island-wide running water are some of the major necessities. To prove such infrastructural amenities there must be capital. One way of getting the necessary capital is through "Operation Bootstrap" which proved to be successful in nearby Puerto Rico. Private savings can mobilised to finance this initial phase of economic developement. In the micro-state of Anguilla, the infrastructural needs are not so great. Local savings, on the other hand, are fairly enormous since remittances from abroad is the major source of income. Concerted effort on the part of the populace would float possibly through the medium of the local Bank-branches - most of the capital initially required. Government could make good the residue. Once the infrastructure is completed, revenue would increase rapidly and the government would be able to repay loans in the near future. The privat sector would do the rest in gearing the economy towards tourism. More and bigger hotels would be built to cater to the increasing number of tourists. Subsidiary industries would expand or develope to provide the commodities and services the hotel sector would demand. The fishing industry would supply the fish and lobster the livestock industry the meat, the cash crop industry the vegetables; stores would supply duty free items and so on. In a word, the development of the tourist would spark the "take-off" into economic growth. The island as a whole would be transformed by tourism. It would stretch its pseudo-fingers into all sectors of the economy, and nourish them until they, too, have developed. Agriculture, architecture, ship-building and shipping, livestock rearing would all enjoy a new lease of life. A developing economy attracts foriegn investors. These, wishing to capitalise on low-wage labour and a variety of skills acquired from abroad, may erect light industries to cater to markets abroad. But as employment opportunities increase, the populace would enjoy a higher standard of living and so a local market for a wide range of commodities would develope. Imports would decrease while exports increase causing more money to circulate in the economy and more money saved. Government revenue would increase proportionately with developement. Government would then be able to further develope the infrastructure. The vicious circle of poverty would give way the happy circle of progress. When all is done, Anguilla, it is envisaged, would look like a tourist liner: small, harmonized, beautiful, self-satisfying and proud.

you will hear somebody say that the money is finished in the iron chest. But praise be to God we have our own Council that run the island to please the people, and not themselves,. Sometime ago Mr. Webster said he would run the island to please the people, he did not want fame, just want his people free as other people are in the world. (A determined Anguillan)

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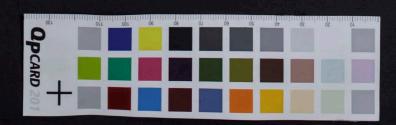
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PRESS RELEASE From the Government of Anguilla.

The statement of Robert Bradshaw, Premier of St.Kitts-Nevis as printed in the Dec. 22nd issue of the SUNDAY JOURNAL and DAILY NEWS, both of St.Thomas reported (50) fifty cases of Tuberculosis of the lungs is very eroneous. Why doesn't Robert Bradshaw tell these reporters where he got his information from. The truth is that as a result of widespread skin test made in cor nection with Anguilla's Mobile Clinic Public Health Campaign, exactly (44) fortyfour persons were given lung x-rays by Dr.Felix Spector and his staff in Cottage Hospital Anguilla. All the lung x-ray films were sent to St. Thoma where they were examined by Fedeico Dottin M.D.; a well known and highly regarded Radiologist. As a result of his reading of these 44 x-ray films, only ONE case of advanced T.B.was found, ONE showing signs of milder infection and ONE a former resident of St. Thomas who was treated and cured there. The results of these x-ray films can be verified by calling Dr. Dottin at his office 774-5292 St. Thomas. The TWO known cases of T.B. in Anguilla (pop. of 6000) are being treated by Dr. Spector and registered nurses according to standard medical practice, and all persoms exposed to infection are receiving the standard treatments regularly prescribed. Anguilla, as is common knowledge is currently in the process of gaining political freedom from what Anguillans consider the neglect, injustice, and tyrany of premier Robert Bradshaw. Most people feel that, with the new maternity wing of the Hospital about to be opened, a dental Clinic which during this year was built and put into operation, where there was none before, and the new Mobile Clinic complete with the most modern facilities, which is now being used as a dentistry campaign in the schools, the public Health Service in Anguilla has never been up to the present standard. Under the Bradshaw Regime a government Dentist was sent to Anguilla once per year for TWO WEEKS, He would visit the schools and roughly handle the children who were forced to be scared of him. Thank God we have human beings as dentists visiting anguilla now. It seems that Premier Bradshaw selected these TWO cases of T.B. in Anguilla, And blew them up into an epedemic for political advantages. It would be a very good thing for him to tell the world over his radio ZIZ, along with the press, when last did he put on an all out public Health Campaign for the detection and prevention of sickness such as T.B. among his people in St. Kitts. Wouldn't it be a good idea to let them know how healthy they are? Mr. Bradshaw states that there has been no licenced Doctor in Anguilla since May 30th.'67 . It is quite plain that he will put out false information about the doctor situation in Anguilla because of the political situation, and with the hope that it will keep out tourists from Anguilla. Anguilla seceeded from St. Kitts on May 30th '67. Dr. Hyde was the licenced Dr. in Anguilla at that time; He left Anguilla on April 8th '68. Almost one year after secession. Anguilla had no permanent Dr. until the first week in june '68 when Dr. A.T.Haas a licenced and well known Dr. came in as our Dr; and one week after Dr. Haas came to Anguilla, Dr. Felix Spector who is a licenced Osteapath, and who has worked in U.S.A. for 25 years as a practising medical officer came to Anguilla to assist Dr. Haas. Dr. Haas left Anguilla in August 1968, and Dr. Spector has remained on the island until the present time as our doct or. During the period April to June '68 which was departure of Dr. Hyde to arrival of Dr. Haas, A licenced Br. from Marigot, St. Martin, Dr. VIctor Gibbs Visited Anguilla 3 times per week. So again Mr. Bradshaw's statement is proved incorrect. R. Webster (Chief Executive)



MEETING ON PARK (ont'd from page3).

He was not a Dictator, but would not stand for that. He emphasised that for 18 months we had been fighting a political battle, and that he has been sent by Anguilla to the London Conference to get a political victory. He went on to attack the Beacon, because of the editorials of the last two weeks, that they had been influenced by outsiders who were trying to get us back to Bradshaw.

He told us that he was working on two principles, to solve the problem by peaceful means, and with the full support of his colleagues, and that they had all agreed that the Interim Period could not be extended. He misquoted the Beacon by saying that perhaps "the threatened declaration of U.D.I. was only a joke, (if the word "joke" had been used his remarks would have been justified, but actually the word "Bluff" had been used, which was intended as a real compliment to Mr. Webster's political skill). He said that the time would come later for political parties, for the Anguillans should try and be united. As the leader of Anguilla, he said that he considered he had been given a very special trust, and that he would use his judgement constructively. The Setup of the Government was very simple, and we needed the advice of the best brains to get us out of our difficulties, and we should listen to the advice of others before we reached a decision. As a leader he felt bound to respect the opinions of the people who put him in the position of leader. He was not getting any personal gain out of it.

Speaking of the Interim period, he considered that we were moving ahead last year, and that we had stopped moving during the interim period. The Interim Period had brought us advantaged as well as disadvantaged, the new school even though it still lay on the ground, and the partly constructed air-port were examples. But he regarded this assistance as bribes from Britain to keep us quiet. We would no longer live on "Pie Crust Promises" Britain was not to be given up entirely, and anyhow the help she could give us was limited. Brutain had bribed us in the past but from now on

"we won't bite at everything"

He referred to recent discussions in the United Nations, who had said that Anguilla ought to have a very special status, that they could not go back to St/ Kitts, and had proved themselves worthy of a special status Referring to outside investment, he said that we could not exist without it, but must be sure that any such investment must benefit the whole

island and not just a few people.

In conclusion he said that Anguilla would reaffirm the stand they had already made. "I do not say that we will make a new Declaration, but we will reaffirm the stand we made at the Referendum"! He had not overlooked the meeting of the Heads of the Commonwealth on January 7th. but was sure that they were going to help us in every respect. He exhorted Anguillans not to be bribed, and to beware of wolves that came in sheeps' clothing, and wished us all a merry Christmas. And so Anguillans went to their homes with much food for thought.

Dear Editor. We in Anguilla are always hearing the B.B.C. commenting on the Faulkland Islands about their wish to be under Argentina, also Gibralter under Spain, but nothing about Anguilla. We maybe a flock of sheep to be forced back to the butcher to be slaughtered. We now call to H.M.G. to advise Mr. Bradshaw to send his top advisers to get the wishes of the Anguillans for it seems to us as if the British Gov't(cont'd on page 4)

