

EDITORIAL, Two years ago, Statehood was being forced upon us. It was all done in a rush, and no one explained to us what it was going to involve. Mr. Adams went to London and signed a paper and Anguilla legally became part of the Associated State. When Anguillans woke up and realised what had happened, they protested, and under the glorious leadership of Mr.Ronald Webster, began to get free from St. Kitts. Now the same sort of thing seem to be happening, again, London seem to know and St. Kitts seem/to know that Anguilla is going to declare her independence from Britain. Are we again being rushed into something, as in Statehood? Are there not better means of getting recognition of our separation from St.Kitts, than using the same methods tha got us mixed up with Statehood? On July 11th last year, we held a referendum for the people to decide if they wanted separation from St. Kitts and they unanimously agreed. They would no doubt vote the same way today. Any decision to take Anguilla out of the Commonwealth, should be agreed upon by the Council and then put to the people in a referendum. The Editor of the BEACON is not afraid to take on the responsibilities of Independence, but we must be convinced that all other means to achieve our goal are exhausted, and the responsibilities of being an Independent Country must be realised and told to the people before such a step is taken. We feel, as do other mations that these responsibilities to resolve this dispute are H.M.G's, and we are mad with H.M.G. for the way she handled the situation, and feel that more should have been done, we can imagine that if and when H.M.G. does act, she wants the backing of the other Commonwealth Countries. We know how these Countries feel about us. These same leaders will be meeting in London on the 7th Jan. and this will give H.M.G. a chance to get their support in whatever action she decides to take. We think we should wait for the report of this conference, we have no reason to panic at this stage, A letter in last week's issu written by "Worried Anguillan" is right about the fact, but wrong in the conclusion drawn from them. There is no doubt that rumours are widespread in the press, that Anguilla is going to declare her independence from Britain, also it is true that certain people are actively campaigning for this. How a rumour of a declaration of Independence got about, we do not know, it may have been a reporter's misunderstanding of Mr. Ronald Webster, in an intervie or it may be a big bluff on Mr. Webster's part to try and force Britain's hand. We know a vast majority of Anguillans are pro-British. We have no quarrel with Britain, even though we are disappointed with her for not taking a stronger with St.Kitts. As we said before, any declaration of Independence from Britain, is a serious matter, with a lot of complications, and should be looked into seriously, and the people should be told what to expect in such an event.

NOTICE: FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. Notice is hereby given that Kitttians will not be allowed to enter Anguilla over the holiday period.

All inconveniences to our Kittitian friends are regretted, but this action is taken in the best interest of Anguilla.



ANGUILLA'S LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO SELF DETERMINATION. (By An Anguillan)

The great Nations of the World-U.S.A., France, U.S.S.R., Venezuela among others, have striven from colonialism or oppression to developed and International prominence, because their peoples objected to former domination by alien or foreign powers. This was done through the most undemocratic ways one can think of, and has brought into the English Language the word (to all freedom loving people of this modern era) which is most hated-ILLEGALITY

Be this as it may, that urge or desire to be free, is human, and therefore, where this determination is upper-most, be the country large or small, this desire continues to make itself known. Anguilla is no exception to the rule as the events of the last eighteen months have shown.

Anguilla, the Pearl of the Caribbean has been obscured for hundreds of years. No small wonder that fellow West Indians, did not know about Anguilla and less so the Ministers of Her Majesty's Gov't at Whitehall.

This has been the state of affairs prior to that memorable day, May30th 1968, when the world was brought face to face with a problem, which has since then baffled even the great legislators of the world's most advanced Democratic Institution at Whitehall- Anguilla's LEGITIMATE claim to Self-determination. For once the British Parliament have learnt by experience-the truly great educator- that Constitutions are drawn up for people and NOT people for constitutions. Many of the world's leading politicians past and present, emerged from obscurity to prominence, leaving their names indelibly engraven on the page of history. Anguillans and their God-fearing leader, Mr. Ronald Webster have begun a chapter in history, which, given our legitimate chance, will, with the help of the Omniponent, leave the pages of history equally indelibly engraven.

Anguilla's determination can be verified in the Atlantic Charter, drawn up at Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, August 9th through 11th, 1941, Here, two of world's leading figures, the late President, Franklyn Delano Roosevelt and the late, the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, drew up the United Nations Charter, the foundation of the World's highest International Organisation. Here is part of the text of this document which verifies Anguilla's legitimate claim to self-determination, and I quote: Paragraphs 3 and 8. "We" at the beginning of each paragraph stands for President Roosevelt, speaking for the U.S.A. and Mr.Churchill speaking for Great Britian. (3) We believe that all PEOPLES have the RIGHT to choose the form of Gov-

ernment under which they shall live.

(8)We believe that both because it is right and because it is common-sense all nations must learn to settle their disputes by agreement and not by force, and that countries which build up great armaments to threaten other countries must be disarmed.

We the people of Anguilla do hereby , by the will of the Almighty God ask the Governments of the United States of America and Great Britian to honour the commitment of their illustrious dead, in making it clear to all tyrants, including the imfamous Bradshaw to free Anguillans, the beloved children of God. If this is not done peacebly, be it known to the Central Government of St. Kitts-Nevis, Her Majesty's Government and the World, that a new and dangerous conflagration will flare up endangering the peace of the world, because, we Anguillans will, so help us God, defend our island home, whatever the cost may be. Let me end by exhorting fellow Anguillas to pray fervently to God their maker, to be ready to defend their God-given freedoms,worship,expression and liberty-fearing none other but God Almighty our only Mediator and Advocate.

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My fellow citizens, the war is not over nor is the battle won. This is the time to t every man, woman and child must determine their own future. It is not the consciousness of men which determines their consciousness. Knowledge is the beginning of freedom and unity is its foundation. Let us remain united to protect and lead the land we love, let us build a prosperous future not only for ourselves but for the generations that follow. We shall fight to defend our beaches, our land and our freedom. The time has come for us to recover from the anaesthetic of retrogression and oppression Let us drink from the oasis the waters of unity, after having passed through the hot sun and burning sands of tyranny and trepidation. The voiœ of the people, their aims, their desires and their suggestions must be given special attention. The greatest enemy is here in Anguilla. I see the affliction of an innocent people; I see a people being robbed for others to live in splendour and luxury. The government should be much concerned about the social, economical, educational and political desires of the people. Why should the Government give the shopkeeper the active opportunity to victimize his fellow creatures? Tourists can't afford to live comfortably with the present prices. I admonish the Government to look at our need and put the Check and Balance system into operation. This has been going on too long and must be stopped NOW. What is the ordinary man doing about it? Do something constructively that will help to ameliorate the standard of living. It is no use sitting back and lamenting, Were the people of Anguilla created to suffer? Already two classes are developing - the rich and the poor. This is very serious indeed, With the Russian Revolution trouble began when irregularities in the food supply led to street disorders in the Capital City. The Causes of the French Revolution are similar. Why not make alcohol a luxury rather than food and clothing? When the Governments of every nation endeavour to limit the rise of prices and lower the cost of living, they realise that there is a conception of a just price which stands above that evolved from the blind caprice of the law of Supply and Demand and that the higher law ought to prevail. These high prices affects the individuals education. Should the Government call a meeting of all shop owners and discuss this urgent matter or should they sit back and let injustice continue? If the prices are not lowered the labourer should have an increase in wages to meet the demands. It is a cry, a desire, a thirst, a necessity. Some will die while others live. Richard Payne.

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other British Caribbean Countries. St.Kitts lacks the forces necessary
to subdue the Anguillans, and Britain has been reluctant to provide them
because of the lack of support from Jamaica, Barbados, Trinida and Guyana.
If Britain also refuses to yeild to Anguilla, the British Representative
Mr.Lee will be asked to leave in January, Mr.Webster said, adding "We
have plans which we are prepared to execute if the deadline is not met".
He would not reveal the plans, but left open the possibility that Anguilla
might revert to going a republic, perhaps linking up with other islands.

New York Times News Service.

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LETTER TO BRADSHAW (By A Born Anguillan)

With reference to your recent letter to Mr. Ronald Webster, Chief Excutive Of Anguilla, you mentioned that Anguilla needs a qualified Warden who

should be backed by a qualified police force.

Without doubt your memory may be somewhat weak after using it so much in devising plans to trap us in this nice little tight island, so I take this opportunity to give you a refresher course. Please try to recall the following facts: 1You well remember that for decades the only Warden for Anguilla was a medical doctor whose duty it was to attend to the needs of over 4000 people (perhaps a few people popped off into eternity on that account) 2. An agriculturist once performed the additional duties of a Warden, 3. At another time the duties of a Warden were carried on by a probation officer.4. Just before your interim period the duties of a Warden were performed by a post master. Having considered the above mentioned facts, it is quite clear that our probation officer is adequately qualified to perform the duties of a Warden. With regards to the Police Force, the majority of the staff already served in the so-called state, and had training in the Regional Training Centre of Barbados. Coupling these facts old Bartimeus would see that we are well privileged in having a qualified Warden ably supported by a qualified Police Force. Last, but not least, every man, woman, boy and girl here is a volunteer. You can see it plainly in their faces. Of course all bible prophecies must be fulfilled, and it has been proved beyond all doubt that the prestilence that walketh in darkness has been fulfilled in you. You are the prestilence that walketh in darkness, Mr. Bradshaw, but God has told us not to be affraid of IT, so in His might, praise His Holy name, We are brave as lions, and are determined to resist any foe.

AIRPORT PARTY AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

This was to mark the completion of the laying of the first piece of tarmac airstripin Anguilla. (The drainage pipes have recently arrived from Barbados by the"Ruth" and it is hoped that they will be put into position without delay). Almost the whole of the work force engaged on the work at the Airport and a few other invited guests, attended the party which was a very happy occasion and went off with great good humour. A notable absentee was Nick Brandes who was the first of the V.S.O!s engineers to be engaged on the project. Maxwell Vanterpool brought along his record player and with a good selection of various kinds, the party went with a swing. Food and cakes were provided by Mrs. Marelle Gumbs and Mrs. Lynn Morling. Towards the close of the proceedings in a short speech Mr. Lee paid tribute to the highly satisfactory way in which everyone engaged on the project, had successfully completed it. There had been a great many difficulties over the supply of materials and break-downs of machinery, but these had all been overcome. He was sure that this was only a beginning and that further extensions would come in the future.

ANGUILLAM AGED 33 GIVES BIATH TO TRIPLETS. Triplets were born to Mr.& Mrs. St. Claire Carty of South Valley on Dec 16th. The three boys arrived at 2.45, 3.40 and 4.20 respectively. Unfortunately all three of them died. The last one lived for five hours and the other two lived for two days each before they died at 10am. and 3.0 pm. respectively on Dec 18th.

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CHRISTOPHER ROMNEY WRITES:

In the Beacon For oct. 19th. 68. Leaders have standards, the 12th leadership secret was stop trouble before it starts. Dont trip on what may seem a mere nothing. A seemingly trival point can develop into tremendous trifle 1. Complaint. A-worker brings in a complaint to his leader, the matter seem too small for him to give his full attention it becomes an unsatisfied grie ance 2. Grievances. The worker tells it to the man on the right. We tells it to the left. It becomes a grudge, 3. Grudges. Each time it is told it sprea in the minds around the shop. A grudge fastened in a mind grows to hate. 4. Hate. Nourished, breeds its own desire for revenge. 5. Revenge. brews. Matters develop rapidly into a desire to get even with the leader. The leader is now in for real trouble. 6. Trouble. Accidents happen. Machines go idle. Production drops off. Trouble breeds trouble. Don't slight that first seemingly unimportant Trifle, Nothing is too small to be ignored A small stone in a man's shoe can cripple him for life. A small complaint wrongly handled can sometimes lead to a serious grievance. Watch out for small matters. Don't let them grow into tremendous trifles.

BIBLE QUIZZ Cont'd from page 6.

- (10) Children who mocked Elisha. 2. Kings 2:24 (11) Benhadad. 2. Kings 8:15
- (12) Eleazar. 1. Maccabees 6:46 (13) Accusers of Daniel. Daniel 6:24

(14) The Old Prophet.1. Kings 13:24.

As an example of renewed interest in the British press on the subject of Anguilla, we publish a recent article in the London Times by Henry Giniger "No 19nger completely independent, but still independent minded, the 6000 inhabitants of the 35 square mile island of Abguilla have just issued a virtual ultimatum to Britain. This may be of little concern in London, but a visitor to Anguilla finds the same strong feelings that existed more than a year and a half ago, when the island rebelled against the domination of St.Kitts and declared itself a republic. This upsurge of nationalism which aroused much sympathy and interest the world, has subsided to a point where the Union Jack is flying alongside the Anguilla Flag, and the official letterheads speak merely of the "Government of Anguilla." It is a De Fac a Government formed by a Council of seven led by the island's leading businessman, Mr. Ronald Webster, who was once "President of Anguilla", but has now down-graded himself to Cjief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Council. Britain has refused to give formal recognition to this government or to disturb the constitutional arrangements under which the Associated State of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla was formed. However, unable to presuade the Anguillans to accept the authority of the unpopular St.Kitts' Government, led by Mr. Robert Bradshaw the Prime Minister, Britain bought time by declaring an interim period beginning last January. The interim period ends on January 8th. Last month when he went to London Mr. Webster said it would not be renewed unless Britain made what would be in effect a start toward recognizing Anguilla as a separate entity. In the name of the Council he asked that by Dec: 15th a judicial system should be instituted with the appointment of a magistrate who would also serveas a registrar for various legal acts. The Anguillans demanded that certain of their funds held in the Banks at St. Kitts and blocked by the St.Kitts' Government since the revolt, should be released and payment of salaries and pensions be resumed. The demands were made

formally in a letter dated November 7th, copies of which were sent to Cont'd on page 3.



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CHRISTMAS

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our friends at home and abroad, from: Atlin, Mona Jess and Lisa.

John and Barbara King wish all thier John and Barbara King wish all thier Mr. Vernon Fleming, writer of friends in Anguilla a Happy Christmas Candidly Speaking wishes everybody. and a prosperous and peaceful New

I would like through the medium of this paper to reach my fellow Anguillans to extend to them Greetings for the Season, from across the seas, and sincerely hope that the Season of Christmas would bring a New Year of peace, Joy, and Contentment to our shores.

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BIBLE

Denis g. Richardson.

Elmira Proctor, wish to thank Dr. Spector and the staff of the Cottage Hospital for their kind treatment during her recent illness.

GRAND REGATTA at Crocus Bay on Thursday Dec. 26th, commencing at 11.00am This regatta is cancelled from Lover Point to Crocus Bay as advertised in last weeks Beacon. Prizes are as follows:

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Lots of other intertainment.

Christmas Programme at the Methodist Church at Blowing Point on Dec. 22nd at 7.00pm"PEACE TO THE WORLD". Also on Dec.29th a ChristmasPlay "GLORY OF BETHLEHEM" at 7.00pm. Adm. Adults \$1.00 . others 75¢

GREETINGS

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our subscribers, readers and friends, from: the staff of The BEACON.

a very pleasant Season and the best of everything for the coming New Year. A promise to you that I'll be much more regular with my opinions in 1989 and regrets the break in mywriting, caused by heavy business pressures. Seasons Greetings again.

Thanks to the members of the Anguilla Association in Slough Bucks, England for their generous gift of £16.00 to the poor for Christmas. T.R.Lake, Welfare Officer. The winner of the last Bible Quizz is Nelson Petty in St.Thomas, being the first opened with the most correct. 13 out of 14. The correct answers

to our bible quizz of Dec 7th are:- (1) Lot's wife. Genesis 19;26. (2) John Baptist. Mark 6:27. (3) Absalom. 2. Samuel 18:9 (4) Sisera. Judges 4:21 (5) Haman. Esther 7:8 (6) Herod. Acts 12:23

(7) Nebuchadnezzar's servants. Daniel 3:22 (8) Samson Judges 16:30 (9) Jezebel. 2.Kings 9:30 Cont'd on page 5.

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CHURCH SERVICES. Sunday December 22nd.

Anglican. St.Mary's. 9.15 & 5.30 St.Augustines 9.0 M.V.Hodge St.Andrew's 7.30

METHODIST as usual. Roman Catholic 8.0am approx.

HRISTMAS DAY

ANGLICAN St. Mary's Midnight mass 11.45 pm & 9.30 am St. Augustine's mass of the dawn 5.00 am. St. Andrew's mas of the day 7.30 am ROMAN CATHOLIC Midnight mass. 12.01 am Morning mass 8.00 am METHODIST The Road Church service 5.30 am. The Valley 5.30 a.m. West End 5.30 am Blowing Point 5.30.a.m.

RRAIGES: Ruby Carty age 24 and Calvin Gumbs 26 were Toined in matrimony on Dec. 18th at the Church of God of Prophecy at South Hill. The wedding was conducted by pastor David Rogers of Anguilla. It was his first may aige he conducted since he got his marraige licence a few monthsago. The seacon wishes the new couple many happy years of happiness.

DEATHS: Lillian Ruan of South Hill died on Dec. 16th at the age of 48.

Clara hughes of West End died on Dec. 16th at the age of 81. R.I.P.

BIRTHS: A girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. James Gumbs of East End on Dec 14th.

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A girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Richards of Blowing Point on Dec. 13th. A girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. John Fleming of Island Harbour on Dec. 9th. Three boys were born to Mr. & Mrs. St.Claire Carty of South Valley on Dec. 16th. All three died.

YOU AND SPORTS: Our West Indians in Australia. (By Ralph V.C.Hodge) 9th match Australian tour. W.I. versus Victorian Country x1 W.I. won by 7 wickets. Scores: Victorian Country xi 162, W.I. after taking the lead with only 3 wickets down went on to score 401 runs. Almost all the w.i. top lined barsmen were among the main run-getters.

As we go to press we see Mr. Emtage very busy dropping poles along the roadside in preparation for erection on which to run street lights. The poles and other equipment arrived on londay on the Ruth 16 from Barbados. The Ruth 16 by-passed all her other ports of call on her way from Barhados in an attempt to have all the cargo for the Electricity Dep't, offloaded in Anguilla in order to have street lights for Christmas. Mr. Emtage who was in Barbados rushed to Anguilla on the arrival of the Ruth to see what could be done at this late date. We will not have street lights for Christmas, but everyone must agree that Mr. Emtage under very difficult circumstances, tried his best to carry out his commitments.

We heard with delight, Night before last night, On a House of Assembly broadcast; Just because the Cap'n didn't c clean the brass Bradshaw called him an unpunctual... Poetry or prose?

If their seats are not resumed this year,
Anguilla's state of Emergency will be blown in the air;
The paper won't value much
Because the consequences are such:
The Emergency was always up there,
And could not effect us down here.

ADVERTISE AND GET RESULTS- IN THE BEACON.....

THINK" it may be a new experience. Armistice Day is when many countries signed a treaty never to fight again but they did.

A paradox is what adults tell when kids do it, it is called a big lie.

