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We have published in this issue, the letter that has been sent t Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Commonwealth affairs, and we ask all our readers to study it carefully. We would like to comment first that it was discussed at length by all members of the Council and a few other Anguillans. It was finally approved unanimously by the members of the Council and signed in the name of the Government of Anguilla by the Chief Executive. Very many Anguillans have been troubled by the uncertainties of the immediate future, and by rumours that all ties with Britain were going to be cut immediately, and were afraid of the consequences of such an action

at this time. They were also worried by the fact that the Council was not in full agreement.

We are glad to note that the Council has unanimously approved of this letter, and we can now face New Year with optimism. The signing of this letter by the Chief Executive gives us renewed confidence in his lead ership. To some it may seem that this letter does not go far enough and not fast enough, but the essence of good leadership is that the leader set a pace which the slowest can keep up with. We are sure that when Anguillans have read the letter they will be in whole hearted agreement with it, that it is a very wise document, which will not antagonise Her Majesty's Government nor the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries, but will convince them that Anguilla is guided by sound statesmanship. The one place where it will not be welcomed is in the Government in St.Kitts, who were only waiting for us to make a false step at this stage. "Fre it should be noted that it is a statement to Her Majesty's Government alone, and Mr. Bradshaw will probably see it for the first time when he reads it in the BEACON, and will tear his hair and twist his moustache and grind his teeth in rage Mr. Welsser remarked that during the interim period we had allowed our progress towards full independence to stop, but now that the interim period is ending we hope to start moving again. This letter marks a definite stag forward giving us freedom to make constructive approaches to other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries, without surrendering the very definite advantages which some links with Britain give us.

But this is only a stage in our journey. The time may come when we will have to take stronger line. If that time should come, we are sure that if we follow the same procedure as we have done this time, that is to get expert advice, and improve upon it by full discussion in the Council, we will have the full backing of all Anguillans. It may involve a number of stages, but each one will see us in a stronger position than before, till we ultimately attain our goal which is the recognition by the World

of our secession from St. Kitts.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

To the people of Anguilla, and whom it may concern. The agreed Interim Period with H.M.G. for the year 1968, will terminate on Jan.8th,1969, and of Jan.9th, 1969, Anguilla will reaffirm its position as of prior to Dec. 18th,1968, when the Interim Period was arranged. Anguilla will also Celebrate the 9th Jan. as a multic actiday. A letter with regards to this is sent to H.M.G. and published. The Executive, R.Mebster.



The following is the full text of a letter sent to Lord Chalfont, Minister of State for Commonwealth affairs, London, from the Government of Anguilla, on 30th December 1968.

Dear Mr. Minister,

Just over a year ago, on December 18th, 1967, the Council of Anguilla, joined by some leading citizens of the island, extended an invitation to Her Majesty's Government to designate a Senior British Official to remain on Anguilla for an Interim Period of approximately twelve months, which period might be shortened or lengthened by mutual agreement. No agreement to extend that Interim Period has been reached. The Interim Period covered by our exchange of letters has come to an end.

With the ending of the agreed Interim Period, Anguilla re-acquires the full independence and freedom of action which it had prior to our letter of December 18th, 1967. H.M.G. have long been aware of our view as to the status of Anguilla. On July 12th, 1967 Mr.Peter Adams, for the Government of Anguilla, cabled Mrs.Judith Hart, then the Minister of State of the Commonwealth Relations Office as follows:-

"Overwhelming referendum confirms absolute and final independence of Anguilla from St.Kitts.. This leaves no formal legal ties with crown. We wish to explore status of Associated State or other arrangement of freedom and local Self Government within Commonwealth."

This letter re-affirms that that is and remains our position as to the legal status of Anguilla.

Under H.M.G.'s view of the law, as we understand it, Anguilla was made a part of a single Associated State with St.Kitts and Nevis by act of Parliament and it must remain so, at least as a legal fiction, until the Bradshaw Government or some successor Government of St.Kitts-Nevis choose to confirm Anguilla's freedom. Under H.M.G.'s view this legal situation must continue without regard to mistakes of fact upon which the act of Parliament was based, without regard to the wishes of the people of Anguilla or their rights under International Law, and without regard to H.M.G.'s becoming convinced (as we believe they have) that as a practical matter Anguilla never will be placed back under the Government of St.Kitts-Nevis. Although Britain regards itself as having full authority not only over its own international affairs but also over the international affairs of Anguilla and over those of St.Kitts-Nevis, it regards itself as powerless under British law to recognise the new international status of Anguilla.

As much as Anguilla disagrees with H.M.G.'s position on these matters, we do understand it. After a year and a half of discussion it is unlikelythat further discussion alone will cause either H.M.G. or Anguilla to accept the other's view. The question is how best to proceed under these circumstances.

As a further step toward the preservation of peace in the area, toward the legal recognition of Anguilla's de facto status, and toward the ultimate resolution of this situation, we make the following statement of position, request, and invitation:-

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(cont'd from page 2) St.Kitts provided that there is no attempt by the people or Government of St.Kitts-Nevis directly or indirectly to use force against this island or its people.

- (2) Whatever H.M.G's technical position as to the legal situation may be, Anguilla has for more than a year and a half been operating as a political entity independent of St.Kitts-Nevis. For St.Kitts-Nevis now to attempt to alter that situation by force would constitute a threat to international peace. On April 8th, 1968, we called to the attention of the Minister of State of the Commonwealth Office certain information relating to military preparations by the Government of St.Kitts-Nevis and urgently requested "an assurance from H.M.G. that Britian will not permit the use of military force against Anguilla or its ships from any quarter, including St.Kitts." We now renew that request.
- (3) We again invite H.M.G. to designate a Senior British Official to remain on Anguilla, this time for an indeterminate period, it being under stood that this arrangement may be concluded by either H.M.G. or Anguilla upon reasonable notice and after an opportunity for discussion. The Senior British Official would continue to have access to Government papers and documents and be available to represent the interests of Her Majesty's Government. He will also be invited to attend Council Meetings to give advice to the Council, which advice the Council remains free to accept or reject. Anguilla will continue not to recognise the Senior British Official as having any administrative authority over the internal affairs of the island except such as he may be invited by the Anguilla Government to assume as was done last year when he was made Election Returning Officer. The view which H.M.G. or others take as to his status or authority is of no concern to us.
- (4) We welcome and invite a continued exercise by H.M.G., at leas for the time being, of a general responsibility for most of the external affairs and defence of Anguilla, including Passport matters, Consular affairs and routine relations with other Courses of the World.
- (5) On one matter, however, that of the clarification and recognition of Anguilla's Status, the situation is different. Here Britian takes the position that because of its relationship with St.Kitts-Nevis it is not free under British Law to work out with other States or to recognise for Anguilla any international Status other than that which would place Anguilla under St.Kitts, a status which almost every one agrees is out of the question In these circumstances Anguilla must and does reserve for itself the freedom to explore the matter of its international status directly with others who may not feel themselves irrevocably encumbered by a prior and mistaken act of the British Parliament, Further, on such matters as that of a Magistrate and technical and economic assistance, Anguilla must and does reserve for itself the freedom to accept or reject any aid from any source. On these matters Anguilla will, of course, seek the advice of the Senior British Official and keep him informed.

Despite the risk of disagreement on any of these points we are prepared to co-operate to the full extent possible and to proceed in accordance with all the terms of this letter. Where we are within an area of agreement let us work together. Where your reliance upon your view of British Law inevitably produces a conflict with our position based upon our view of both British and International Law, let us simply, for the time being, agree to disagree. Presumably, if enough other Governments recognise that Anguilla is independent of St.Kitts=Nevis Britian will be free, in (cont'd on page 4)



(cont'd from page 3) the conduct of its own external affairs, to reach a similar conclusion. At this time Anguilla and Britian might agree upon a new formal association unaffected by the Constitution of St.Kitts-Nevis.

Because of the keen public interest in the matters covered by this letter and the desirability of avoiding public misunderstanding, we have decided to make this letter public shortly after transmitting it to you. We trust that you have no objections.

We wish to thank you for your prior communications and to extend from Anguilla our best wishes for the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Ronald Webster, for the Government of Anguilla.

Methodist Church Services Sunday Jan. 5th. Annual Covenant Services at all four Churches. Let us all come together and renew our Covenant with God. Blowing Point 7.30 am, Valley 9.00am, Road Church 11.00 am, West End 4.00pm.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Liquor and Tobacco Licences are due and payable on MOnday January 6th, 1969.
W.Hodge. Treasurer.

M.D. (Surgeon) and Dr. Jack Shingler (Anaesthesiologist) both of whom came from the South Carolina Conference of United Methodist Church. Their visit is part of a program of the Organization set up by the Government and Dr. Michael Watson of South Carolina who paid a few days visit to the island early in November 1968. Their visit will serve to find out from the Government of Anguilla what kind of medical program they would want for the island and to make preparations to bring the hospital in Anguilla up to date, so that it can handle surgical operations better than it does at present. In this case Dr. Owens said they hope to carry out scheduled surgical cases that would be handled by qualified sugeons who would come to the island through Dr. Watson of South Carolina on consecutive visits. Dr. Shingler who brought along his wife, also a qualified nurse, is doing a check on all anaesthesia equipment and hopes to improve on it. Dr. Owens said that any doctor that comes from their Organization would be expected to work along with the medical officer on the island. He was also able to do some minor operations and one serious case for the few days he was here. They both hope to stay for two weeks. Other doctors will be coming but the exact date is not known. We wish Dr. Owens, Dr. Shingler and Mrs. Shingler a happy stay and a pleasant trip back home.

HOW LEADERS MUST COMBAT RUMOURS By Christopher Romney.

Rumour. a rumour is like a grapevine. (1) The kind of rumours - those who fear rumours, those who hope rumours, those who hate rumours. (2) Why do rumours spread...? 1. Rumours seem to answer important questions, 2.Rumours relieve spent up emotion . 3. Rumours furnish excuses for actions. 4.Rumours make the teller feel important. (3) The dangers of rumours 1. They can harm the individual about whom they are spread. 2. They can ruin people morale. 3. They can harm the community. 4. They can drive wedges between friendly groups in the coomunity, here and in the outside world. (4) How to combat rumours. 1. Get the facts. 2. wiegh them carefully. 3. Find out the source. 4. Be skeptical. 5. Spread the true story.

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Open letter to the Anguillans by Richard Payne.

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There are many reasons why people separate and form groups. Some are egoists, some join because they have the same interests, similar objectives fear of oppression by a more powerful group and like the people of Anguilla for freedom and democratic rights. The poignant cause of the ardent Anguilla revolution cannot be easily forgotten. We have been oppressed even before Columbus discovered the West Indies. The island was often raided by neighbouring islands, neglected because of her geographical factors as far as economic growth was concerned, kept poverty stricken by the Government of St. Kitts which proffessed theoretically and not practically democracy, and at the stage denied the rights that belong to every God created human being. The judicial is based on the constitution. However man was not made for constitutions but on the contrary the constitutions were made by man for man and can be adjusted to suit man. No laws are effective without the approval of the majority. Now in this perilous time, with our many dilemmas , I urge all Anguillans to use their thinking power. This is a very serious time and I admonish the youth especially to realize that we are the future leaders and what is done now will be our problems (in future) or our joys. Men like Mr.Ronald Webster and Mr.Atlin Harrigan can never be over -estimated, admired because of their coolness in dealing with great problems. They are respected because of their fervent desire for human rights which made them render their lives for such an honourable cause. In the rough storm of oppression they stood in the channel and held back the waves of hatred retrogression and death, while others stood on the shore in safety, peace and happiness. Men who faced the bitter winds that roared across the white sand beaches from the wild unruly seas. I sincerely hope that these men will use their heads as well as their hearts as they have done before. Before is not needed now. We must think.

AMGUILLA STATE OF EMERGENCY DIES MATURAL DEATH. On 30th May 1967, the Government of St. Kitts declared a six months state of emergency in the islands of St.Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, because Anguilla had seceded from what was formally the Stae of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. The state of emergency was since extended for six and seven months consecutively at the end of which time it was lifted in St.Kitts and Nevis and extended in Anguilla until the 31st Dec. 1968. Bradshaw the Premier of St. Kitts-Nevis vowed that he would bring Anguilla back to his fold by that time, one way or the other. The Anguillans have made it quite clear that they would not surrender to the rule of St.Kitts again, and have successfully run the island independent of St. Kitts since 30th May 1967. Since the Emergency has not been extended, we would assume that it died a Natural Death with Premier Bradshaw.

ROMALD MEBSTER'S PARK. As we drive around town we see a new sign erected on the Park which states "Ronald Webster's Park" founded Dec.22nd 1968. The Park was formaly named "Burrowes Park" founded in 1950. It was on the 30th May, 1968, the first anniversary of our independence from St. Kitts at a public meeting, that all Anguillans present, thought it would be better if the Park was named after one of our own patriots, and every one agreed that it should be named "Ronald Webster's Park" after our gallant leader. It was first suggested by Winston Harrigan.

The sigm was donated and erected by the Anguilla Construction Co. 

We have a statement by Dr. Boyd of St. Kitts, former Dental Dr. for Anguilla, in conjuction with a press release from the Government of Anguilla, in last week issue of The Beacon. Will print in full next week. Ed.



The Hon. Robert L. Bradshaw Memorial Committee, St.Kitts, West Indies. (contributed by a Kittitian)

We have the distinctive honour of being members of a select committee to raise five million dollars to place a statue of the Hon. Robert L. Bradshaw in Pall Mall Square.

This Committee was in quite a quandary about selecting the proper location for the statue. It was thought not wise to place it beside the statue of George Washington, who never told a lie; nor LLoyd George, who never told the truth, since Robert Bradshaw can never tell the difference.

After careful consideration we thought it wise to place it beside the statue of Christopher Columbus, the greatest socialist of them all in that he started out not knowing where he was going, and upon arrival did not know where he was, and on returning did not know where he had been, and did it all on borrowed money.

Five thousand years ago Moses said to the children of Israel "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels, and I will lead you to the Promised land." Nearly five thousand years later, Joseph N. France (Union Leader) said "lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, light a camel, this is the Promised Land." Now Robert Bradshaw is stealing your shovels kicking your asses, raising the price of camels, and taking over the Promised Land.

If you are one of the lucky few who has any money left after paying taxes we expect a generous contribution from you for this worthwhile project.

P.S. The following taken from an address by a Government Minister to expatriates:- "Go back to your shovels, haul your asses, camels are on the reserved list, and the land has been promised to Higgs and Hill for hotels."

The Following is a statement of money spent during the calender year 1968, through the British Development Division in Barbados, on Anguilla projects. Completion of first phase on the Airfield-(\$60,000.00), Purchase of Hospital equipment-(\$24,000.00), This includes equipment for the operating theatre. Completion of Cold Store and Ice Plant-(\$31,000.00). Purchase of School (14 class rooms) (\$110,000.00), This is for materials only and does not cover the cost of erection.Low Tention line. This accounts for part of the work being done in the Valley, (\$33,000.00). Work on the roads get off to a slow start and the total spent in December by the holiday season was in the region of \$4,000.00. This money is in Eastern Caribbean Curency. A.C.W.Lee. S.B.O.

CHURCH NEWS. (Anglican) Good Congregation marked the festivals of Christmas and the New Year. St.Mary's Church was lit by Neon Lighting which is in the process of being installed. The completion of the Belfry and its floodlighting will be taken in hand as soon as time permits. Collections for overseas missions on Missionary Sunday were:-St.Mary's \$245.60, St. Augustine's \$48.00, St.Andrew's \$28.40, making a total of \$322.00. Church Services Sunday January 5th. Mattins at all churches. St. Mary's 9.15 (Ashton Gumbs) St.Augustine's 9.15. St.Clair Vanterpool) St. Mary's Choir will give a Cantata at St. Mary's Choir will give a cantata at St. Mary's at 7.30 pm.

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Dr. Defreitas Eye Specialist, will be in attendance at the Valley Administration Building, on Jan. 18th. 1969.

Dr. Nicholson will be attending at the Dental Clinic The Valley, as of the 6th. Jan. 1969.

Grand Dance at the TROPICAL FLOWER, Friday night Jan. 3rd. 1969. Music by the Fabulous swingers. Adm. \$1.50.



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YOU AND SPORTS (By Ralph V.C. Hodge) CRICKST. On Saturday 28th Dec. the "slivy Cricket team defeated a Blowing Point X1 in a one sided affair. The scores, V.C.C. 181 for seven declared. Blowing Point X1 48 and 21. Main contributors for the Valley side were Ashley Carty 52 not out, A.R'dson 21, F.Woods 31, Jones Cropper 20 and Marsi Hodge 14. In Blowing Point's first innings W.Hodge scored 29, of which 18 were scored in sixes in one over, and S.R'dson 14 Not out. In 2nd. innings W.Hodge scored 10. On Sunday 29th Dec., A selected Anguilla X1 defeated a Saint Martin X1. The scores St. Martin 35. Anguilla 54 for six. St Martin won the toss and batted first on a very hard wicket. From the start they were in trouble being five wickets down for 1 run at one stage. Only Migel and Albert offered any resistance making 11 and 10 respectively. As soon as St. Martin's last wicket fell, rain poured down. Water covered certain spots around the pitch and it was thought that play had to be abandonned. A strong breeze and very hot sun soon got the pitch a bit dried out. Anguilla passed the St. Martin's total with only 3 wickets down but went on to bat out the day, loosing three more quick wickets. The score card reads

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Flanders c wkpr B, W. Hodge	0	L.R'dson run out	0
Seeto L.B.W. A.Carty	6	F. Woods B. Migel	11
Mario L.B.W. W. Hodge	0	R.Hodge not out	6
Patricio c Marsi B. A. Carty	5	J. Cropper B.Sandie	1
Bailey B. W.Hodge	0	A. Carty B. Sandie	0
Albert L.B.W. A.Carty	10	V. Banks Not out	10
Sandie Not out	1	M. Hodge, L. R'dson, C. Carty, did	not bat.
Migel L.B.W. A.R'dson	11		
August c wkpr B. A.R'dson	0		
Extras	3	Extras.	5
Total.	35	Total.	54 for 6
Bowling. C.Carty 6-4-6-0		Bowling. Mario 6-0-23-1	
W. Hodge 8-4-6-4		Migel 7-3-11-2	
A. Carty 4-0-15-3		Sandie 3-2-2-2-	
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CRICKET. 2 '. test won by Australia by an innings and 30 runs. Scores W.I. 200 and 280. Australia 510. In W.I. first innings RoyFedricks was the only batsman to go past 50 scoring a patient 76. Australia lost Red Path very early with his scores on 7 and team's score on 14, but another great Lawry-Chappel lartnership halted the W.I. from getting another wicket that day. They added 298, a record for the second wicket Australia v/s W.I. Chappel made 165 and Lawry 205. Doug Walters made 76 but the rest of the batting collapsed. In W.I. 2nd. innings Camacho again went early and Edwards came in as night watchman. In the fourth day Edwards offered much resistance before he was run out for 21. Sobers 67 Nurse 74 and Fedricks 47 were the main run getters. Johnny Gleason got 5 wickets for 61 runs. FOOTBALL. On boxing day a combined Anguilla team defeated the "Jolly Kickers" a group of Anguills who work in St. Themas 3-0. The first half was a dull one with no sals being scored. In the second half the home team were the aggressors and scored its three goals in a quick succession. Daniels scored 2 and Moona, man of the march the only scorers.

