

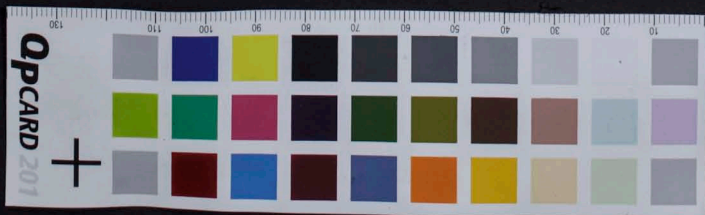
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EDITORIAL. We hear very much about the Unitary State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. This State can only be called a Unitary State if it was agreed by the three islands to work together in one union. It is no evidence that Anguillians ever agreed to form part of a Unitary State. As part of the Colony of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Anguilla was taken into an Associated statehood with St. Kitts and Nevis without consultation with the people of Anguilla. It all started back in the 18th century when the Law Making Body in England agreed that Anguilla should be administered from St. Kitts. Then they decided in 1824 to completely incorporate Anguilla under the St. Kitts Administration. However evidence is recorded in the colonial Office (17/19) that in 1873 Anguillians petitioned the Crown seeking Crown Colony rule and against being Governed by St. Kitts. So when we hear Bradshaw saying that Anguilla is part of a Unitary State and must remain so, it makes us wonder if the same Law Making Body that created the State, cannot again amend the same laws to dismantle it. Apart from looking at the situation from a legal point of view, why not look at it from a practical point. It is hoped that when the Anguilla-St. Kitts situation comes up for discussion at the London Prime Ministers' Conference, that the Prime Ministers and H.M.G. will place their decisions on the practical side. The situation is a sore to H.M.G., St. Kitts, Anguilla and all the other Caribbean Countries. If everyone keeps on looking at the legal point and forget that whatever the solution is, it has to work with all parties concerned. For instance, if it was decided that Anguilla should return to the rule of St. Kitts, one will have to consider if it will work. Will Bradshaw rule peaceably, will he as Premier visit Anguilla, will the Anguillians cooperate with him, will he rule by force? A good example is his last visit here in January 21-22nd, 1967 just before Statehood, when he tried to hold some public meetings on the island. Although he traveled from St. Kitts with special police and was heavily guarded during his stay, the Anguillians booed, jeered, and broke up his meetings. He was mad when he went back to St. Kitts. When the British Minister Authur Bottomly visited the island on Feb. 26th 1967, Mr. Bradshaw as top man of the islands could not venture to come with him, instead he sent Mr. Southwell. Since then, no member of the St. Kitts Government has ever visited Anguilla even before the 30th May when the island seceded from St. Kitts and Nevis. This will prove that if Anguilla was back under the St. Kitts Administration, no member of the Government would visit Anguilla without being accompanied by an army. Is this the kind of situation that H.M.G. and other Governments would like to see in the Caribbean? You can only have a Unitary State if the people are united. It is a recorded fact that the people of these islands were never united on the kind of administration they should have. As a people we want to live with other people of the world but we must have the right to govern ourselves. Any decision reached on this matter, will have to be considered if it is practicable. Bradshaw knows fully well that he cannot rule Anguilla without force. If this is what H.M.G. and other Governments would like to see happening in the Caribbean, they may as well carry on talking about legality or constitutions and forget about Human Rights and freedom from oppression.



QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

ADJOURNMENT (CHRISTMAS)

Motion made, and question proposed, that this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Peart.]

3.52pm.

Mr. Neil Marten (Banbury): I rise to oppose this motion on a fairly small geographical matter. Passing from Katmandu and Oban out to the Caribbean, I want to say a word about the Island of Anguilla, which has threatened to declare itself independent outside the Commonwealth on 8th January. I oppose this motion, because, before the House rises, perhaps next Monday, we should have an opportunity in this House to debate this important matter. As the House knows this is a small island, but none the less the principles involved are of grave concern to the other islands. It is an island of only 6,000 inhabitants—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Gentleman knows that he cannot debate now what he would wish to debate if we accede to his request and come back earlier, or stay later.

Mr. Marten: I realise that, Sir. I was explaining, for the benefit of those hon. Members who are unaware of the problem, that this island was given Associated Status in 1967 and that in June, 1967 it unofficially broke away from that associated status. Since then we have had a holding situation, thanks to the intervention of my Hon. Friend the Member for Surbiton (Mr. Fisher), the Hon. Member for Birmingham, Northfield (Mr. Chapman) as well as an official of the Commonwealth Office, who has been there acting as administrator.

In October of this year the leader of the island came here for talks with the Government, together with Mr. Bradshaw, Prime Minister of the island of St. Kitts. It was because of Mr. Bradshaw's behaviour that the island of Anguilla declared itself independent of St. Kitts. Those talks took place, but no agreement was reached, and the two leaders went back to their islands with the brief of trying to get together and work out an extension of the posting of this Commonwealth Office administrator. Unfortunately, these talks have broken down and we have heard through the press that Mr. Webster the leader of Anguilla has decided that on 8th January, that is the day when the term of office of this Commonwealth Office officially expires, he will declare independence not only of St. Kitts, but also of the Commonwealth.

It is wrong that we should rise before the House has had the opportunity to debate this matter. I would withdraw my objection to this if I could have an assurance from the leader of the House that a Minister from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will go out there post haste to talk this situation over with the two leaders before 8th January. If someone went there and made proposals to the islanders - perhaps they should come temporarily within the administration of the British Virgin Islands, or prolong the stay of Mr. Lee the administrator, or some special membership of the Commonwealth - a solution might be found and wiser counsels will prevail upon the leaders of the island not to declare independence.

I ^{will} willingly withdraw my opposition if I could have the assurance of the leader of the House that a Minister would go out there during the Christmas Recess, before 8th January, to deal with this question.

3.55 p.m.

Sir John Rogers (Sevenoaks) I would like to support (Cont'd on page 3)

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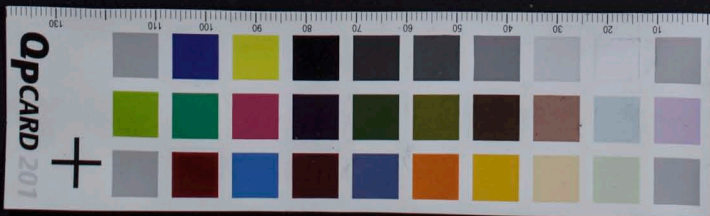
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my hon. Friend the Member for Banbury (Mr. Marten). Nothing could be more disastrous for those of us who have interest of Anguilla at heart than a U.D.I. on 8th January. I would urge the Government to look with favour at the suggestion that a Minister might be sent out before this date, either to prolong Mr. Lee's stay or put other proposals. If a Minister is not available, perhaps a deputation of hon. Members from both sides of the House could go out quickly and report to the Government.

6.31 p.m.

The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons (Mr. Fred Peart): The hon. Member for Banbury (Mr. Marten) referred to Anguilla. I am grateful for his courteous note. He asked whether we would send a Minister to Anguilla before 8th January. I cannot say that my right hon. Friend will respond by carrying out his request, but I will convey the hon. Gentleman's view to him. I recognise that, although this is a small island, it is important.

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VIEWS ON ANGUILLA SITUATION.

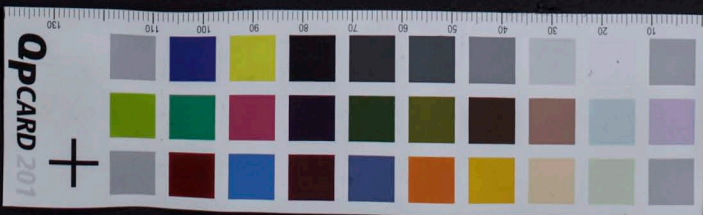
On Tuesday 7th, January, we were able to hear on the B.B.C.'s programme "London Calling the Caribbean" an interview with the Commonwealth Prime Ministers arriving in London, for the 28 Nation Commonwealth Conference. Among the questions asked to some of the Prime Ministers, were their views on the Anguilla situation. (It is understood that the Anguilla-St. Kitts problem will be discussed at the conference).

Mr. Hugh Shearer, Prime Minister of Jamaica said it was likely that the subject might come up in the discussions and will have to determine what position to take on it, arising out of the trend of the discussions.

Mr. Forbes Burnham, Prime Minister of Guyana, asked by Joe Saunders what he thought of the Anguilla situation, he said he hoped for a peaceful settlement between the Anguillans and the Government of St. Kitts, and that it is a way open, if there was a certain amount of autonomy given by the Government of St. Kitts, and if the Anguillans were willing to go along with such solutions.

Mr. Errol Barrow, Prime Minister of Barbados, when asked what was the Barbados attitude to the Anguilla problem, by Alva Clarke, he had this to say: "As a country which has recently become independent, our attitude is consistent with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and that is that we believe in the right of all people to self determination. The Anguillan question is slightly confused, by the thought that is a secession or attempted secession of people who are part of a Unitary State, and not a people who are part of a federation or Colonial Empire. At the same time, I cannot agree with the intention of the head of the Council of Anguilla, to make a Unilateral Declaration of Independence from the British Government and the Commonwealth as well, because so far as external affairs are concerned, they should not even as an integral part of the State of St. Kitts Nevis-Anguilla take any step constitutionally to change positions. (These are the foreign relations and regulation course) without the agreement by the British Government and anybody else concerned."

Dr. Eric Williams, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago was feeling ill and could not be interviewed.



STAMPS. To mark the termination of the Interim Agreement and the reaffirmation of Anguilla's independence from St. Kitts. The definitive series (rum drinking set) of 15 postage stamps has been overprinted "Independence January 1969". The overprinting has been limited to 15,000 complete sets. A supply of both large and small first day covers is available, and those interested may affix stamps of their choice to the covers. The Post Office opened on Thursday 9th January to service first day covers.

A new set of 4 attractive commemorative stamps depicting Anguilla's Salt Industry was placed on sale at the Post Office, on Thursday 4th January 1969. First day covers are available from the Valley Post Office @ \$1.25 each. John Lister Ltd. are indebted to Mr. Emile Gumbs and Mrs. Inez Gumbs for their assistance in the preparation of this set.

Anguillans will be interested to learn that their stamps are growing increasingly popular with collectors overseas. The demand for the Christmas Set was so great in London the complete supply was sold out within a few days.

Justice and Judgement in leadership. By Christopher Romney.

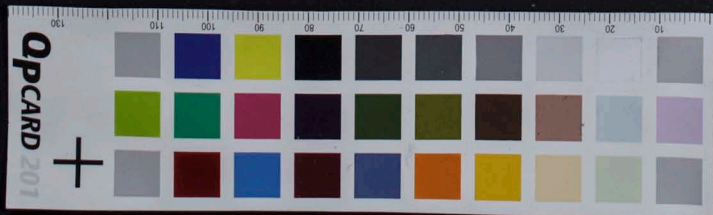
The man responsible for the work of others must be on guard to see that no one is wronged by injuries or deprived of benefits. A broad-minded executive will take a tip from Genghis Khan who rode with one of his Generals, defeated in battle, over the scene of action, asking him what had happened and pointing the mistake he had made. Executives waste little time finding faults, but spend much time making sure that in so far as their constructive review and forecast can help there shall be no future similar mistakes. At the same time they are not so generous as to for get to be just, for in pardoning offenders too much they might do wrong to non-offenders. "The willingness and the ability to exercise judgement in time of need, like the awareness of immediate situations, is unseparable from the concept of responsibility. Anyone can bet on a sure thing, but few are both capable of expert judgement and ready to run the risk of decision". To assist judgement, the responsible man calls upon experience. He will be required frequently to travel unmapped trails, and must lay his own course without aid of chart or compass, but wherever there are aids available, telling how other men fared in similar circumstances, he will use them. He must keep one eye on the lessons of experience, and the other on conditions as they exist around him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

After wishing you all the compliments, I will ask you please to allow me space to say these few words: To the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, we in Anguilla are ashamed of how your Premier addressed you for Christmas starting on Anguilla, saying that he read in paper from Trinidad that Anguilla will be a next Rhodesia, and nothing can be done about it. He went on saying what Whitlock said that Anguilla is still part of the State of St. Kitts-Nevis -Anguilla. He also talked about tar and the two generators he had for Anguilla, but all too late. We would like for you and Whitlock to know that Anguilla belongs to Anguillans and not to you. It was once, twice, three times or more by the majority of Anguillans young and old, at home as well as abroad, say that it is no return to St. Kitts. They prefer to die instead. there is no law in this world without peace. This goes for H.M.G. as well.

True Anguillan.

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POEM.

ANGUILLA - By V. Connor, Blowing Point.

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There lies an isle some sixty miles
North west of St.Kitts land,
Snake like in form, its name beguile
The beauty of her strand.
And isolated from her kin
Neglected she has always been.

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A flat and shrubby isle is she
with sun-scorched rocky soil,
A people famed for industry
and independent toil;
whose constant labour in the soil
Their scanty livelihood has won.

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Where'er the globe her wans have trod
their betterment to seek,
For home and loved ones they have plod
Return for them is sweet;
And old age when with them shall bide
We'll find their loved ones at their side.

An isle romantic, beauteous, bright
A wealth of natural charms:
With breezes blowing through the night
A coolness that alarms;
And never sands could whiter be
Than those that fringe her tranquil
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Her sunset one can ne'er forget
A race of light and cloud;
Whose multifarious colours see
On a brilliant shroud
And oh how bright and lovely then
A picture for an artists pen.

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Anguilla is a healthy place
All visitors must agree.
A tourist trade would help deface
Some of the poverty;
But, isolated from her kin
Neglected she has always been.

P.S. This poem was in my possession for over 20 years. Author is unknown.

On the 11th July 1967 the Anguilla Peace Keeping Committee held a referendum to ascertain Anguilla's independence from St.Kitts. The results were 1813 votes in favour of independence from St.Kitts and 5 against. The Chairman of the Peace Keeping Committee, Mr. Walter Hodge, issued the following statement.

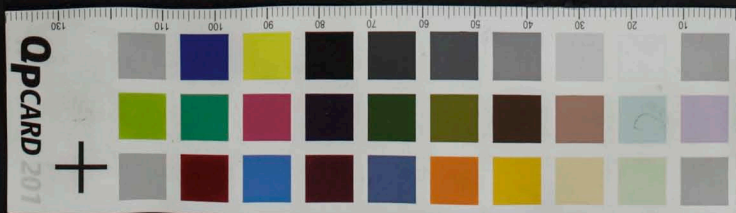
You Have heard the results of today's referendum. The people of Anguilla have spoken. The decision is overwhelming. The decision is final. Anguilla is now absolutely and conclusively independent from St.Kitts. Today's decision will never be undone. No Government could ever return this island to St.Kitts against the wishes of the people so clearly expressed. We call on the people of St.Kitts to accept this decision.

We ask them to recognize our equality and our independence. They may think that we have made a mistake. But we have a right to our independence, and we have decided. Having completely severed our legal ties to St.Kitts, there is now no legal arrangement with Britain. Legally, we are wholly independent and adrift. But we have ties with Britain that no legal independence can sever. The ties of history and tradition, the ties of common interest and common language hold us still.

Our first international task is to explore with Britain, legal arrangements that might be appropriate for the future. The history of the British empire and the Commonwealth gives us high hopes that we as others can enjoy both freedom and allegiance to the Crown. We humbly beg out Queen and the people of Britain to talk with us about sharing the future.

Although Anguilla is small, Anguilla is not alone. We have received much support. On behalf of the people of Anguilla I would like to thank those who have already given us financial and other assistance, -- assistance which is both deeply needed and deeply appreciated.

Today the people of Anguilla have confirmed the independence of Anguilla. Cont'd on page 6.



Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir, In your issue of Saturday, December 28th, you carry on page 7 a Press Release from the Government of Anguilla signed by Mr. Ronald Webster, Chief Executive, in which the following two statements occur. (a) "... 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." (b) "... a dental clinic which during this year was built and put into operation..."

As the Government Dentist concerned, I must correct the errors in these statements. Firstly, my contract with the Government of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla stipulated an annual visit of THREE (not two) weeks which I faithfully performed for 16 years from 1952 to 1966. Secondly, I am certain that if the Chief Executive were to make inquiries, he would find that by disposition and training I am not the type to "roughly handle" children. Admittedly, when one attends to over 1000 children in three weeks and does about 700 extractions, one is bound to encounter the difficult patient. We tried to learn from experience how to detect these before they created a scene and upset the other children. Thirdly, I would like to believe that the statement "Thank God, we have human beings as dentists visiting Anguilla now" was written in haste. In the 16 years that I visited Anguilla I found the people, adult and child alike, extremely friendly. That warm friendship I still cherish. Fourthly, I believe that dental clinic building referred to by the Chief Executive as being built this year was conceived in 1966 by Mrs. Ruth Goodenow from the U.S.A. and pushed to near completion by myself as the Warden's files will bear witness. In mid-1967 I was eagerly planning the installation of the equipment and looking forward to its being brought into use when events overtook us and my visits to your happy island were suspended.

Yours sincerely, Dr. D.E.W. Boyd, St. Kitts.

Statement by Walter Hodge, Cont'd from page 5.

It is hereby proclaimed that today, July 11th, 1967 shall be Independence Day for Anguilla. This is the day on which the people of the island shall henceforth regularly celebrate their freedom. Anguilla has today shown the world that a place does not have to be big to be free.

Extract from paper submitted by Miss Edith Pieters (Guyana) to CISCLA Conference at I.A.U. Puerto Rico. March 19th 1968.

Anguilla has shown by her desperate plea to Britain to remain a colony under the protection of that metropole, that she is not yet ready to sever the umbilical cord of Colonialism. Britain, on the other hand, by her haste to get rid of her colonies via Statehood even before she had succoured them long enough to be assured of a healthy birth, was prepared to induce a premature delivery. Preoccupied with her own problems; wooing new friendships in Europe, Britain could not afford to be too long pregnant with the burden of her former colonies. The infant has rejected the god-fatherhood of St. Kitts, however, even at the font of Statehood, and Britain is left holding the baby.

CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE. Thanks to Mr. Vanier Hodge, Anguillans can now procure a monthly copy of this Christian Literature, published in Jamaica. Mr. Hodge is the local representative.

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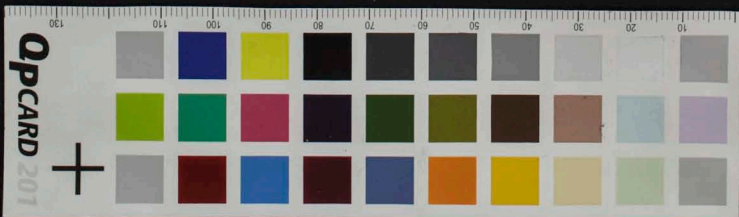
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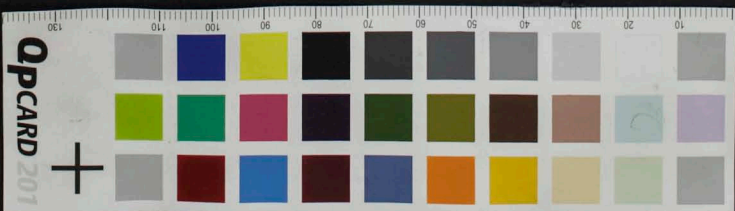
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Dr. Defreitas Eye Specialist, will be in attendance at the Valley Administration Building, on Jan 18th. 1969.



Departmental Notice. During 1968 I wrote to the Department of Agriculture in St. Croix requesting a dwarf variety of sorghum (guinea corn).

I am pleased to say that I have received a shipment of guinea corn and would be happy to give samples of this planting material to interested persons upon request.

On behalf of all farmers I would like through this medium to thank the Department of Agriculture in St. Croix for the generous gift.

R. Richardson, Agricultural Officer.

DEATHS. Three Anguillans over 80 passed away.

Frederica Baird of the Farrington, died on January 4th, at the age of 86. she is survived by 3 sons and 2 daughters, 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 1 sister and 1 brother.

Daniel Adams of the Forest died on January 7th, at the age of 88. He is survived by 1 son, Peter Adams, 2 daughters, Yoland Gumbs and Mary Owen, 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren 1 brother and 1 sister.

Caroline Ruan, of West End died on January 7th, at the age of 80.

Wilfred Webster, of Island Harbour died on January 8th, at the age of 61.

The BEACON tenders its profound sympathy to the bereaved families.

Church Notices for Sunday January 12th 1969.

ANGLICAN St. Mary's 9.0am and sung mass at 7.30 pm.

St. Augustines Mass at 7.15 am.

St. Andrew's Mass at 9.15 am.

The Anglican, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches are combining again this year to observe the week of prayer for Christian Unity, from January 18th to 25th. All Christians are invited to join, and to attend the following services.

Sunday January 19th at St. Mary's Church. Preacher, the Bishop of Antigua.

Tuesday January 21st at St. Augustine's Church East End. Preacher, Rev'd Roy Whyte. Wednesday January 22nd, at St. Gerard's R.C. Church.

Thursday January 23rd, at Blowing Point Church, Preacher, Rev'd R. Whyte.

Friday January 24th, at Road Methodist Church. Preacher, Canon Carleton.

All services will start at 7.15 p.m.

Under the rules and regulations of the De Facto Government of Anguilla Sept. 21st 1967, permission is hereby granted to Atlin Harrigan to publish a Newspaper for the island of Anguilla. (not St.Kitts) P.S. The Government of St.Kitts has forbid the sale, publishing and distribution of pamphlets, newspapers, in their state, without registration in St.Kitts. These are some of the reasons why Anguilla seceded in the first place. Everything that had to be done in Anguilla, had to be with permission from St.Kitts. That was before 30th May 1967 thank God. If the BEACON fails to get to our readers and friends in St.Kitts and Nevis, it won't be our fault, it will be part of the St.Kitts Government's policy. (Ed.)

A THOUGHT by V. Connor.

The man who works the hardest may not draw the highest pay. The one with deepest knowledge may not have the best to say. But the man who is most modest gets the last seat in the car, and the one who blows his bugle is the one whom people hear.

