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## EDITORIAL.

### TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION.

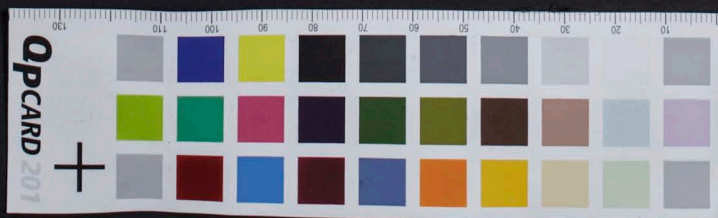
We must face the facts as they exist today, and plan our next course of action. The attempt by the St. Kitts Government to stir up internal trouble in Anguilla, and take as much advantage in gaining world opinion, because we have probably made a mistake in playing our cards with H.M.G. is well thought out. But we on the other hand admitting that a mistake has been made some where can again retain our image, and our aim, if we could work together and act when we are satisfied that the course taken is the best of the day. As this paper has always attempted to point out, when we find that we are up against a wall, which we cannot see beyond, it is best to explore other avenues, that would take us in the same direction, without losing ground. The last events have taken us back to where we were 30th. May 1967 but this does not lessen our right to self determination.

We are mystified over the events of the last few weeks and we are confused by the harsh way in which H.M.G. has reacted to our last letter to her, especially as the letter from Mr. Whitlock seems to be quite moderate. Its either that H.M.G. started taking a harder line and Bradshaw took it up in his broadcast, last week Friday, or Bradshaw started it at the suggestion of the Acting British Representative in St. Lucia, Mr. Desmond Kerr and H.M.G. decided to back him. We seem to have lost our hope in the Commonwealth Caribbean and this is no doubt the results of the way we handled the situation. A delegation from Anguilla should attempt to see representatives of the Caribbean nations and explain what has developed over the last weeks. We are now in the position where WE must make the next move.

### BRITISH SENIOR-OFFICIAL LEAVES.

When no agreement was reached to extend the Interim period, H.M.G. notified Mr. Ronald Webster that Mr. Tony Lee, the British Senior Official, would be withdrawn from Anguilla. So on Thursday 16th. a special L.I.A.T. Twin Otto arrived to take out Mrs. & Mrs. Lee and his team, along with the V.S.O. Mr. Morling, Engineer, his wife Lynn, Teacher, and Mr. Micheal Joyce, Teacher. The plane left at 2.45 pm. for Antigua, where Mr. Lee will be stationed. He will be visiting Anguilla occasionally representing H.M.G. on external affairs and defence. Many Anguillians gathered on the Airport to bid them farewell. Hundreds of children, and the staff of the Secondary School were there to see Mrs. Morling and Micheal Joyce off. By the number present shows the affection they had for them. Mr. Joyce promised he would return to Anguilla shortly to continue his contribution to the children of that School. A party was also held at Government building at Sandy Hill on Tuesday night, for Mr. & Mrs. Lee, and Mr. & Mrs. Morling, in appreciation of their services to Anguilla.

The two OXFAM nurses, Miss Miriam Hughes and Miss Lavinia DeSaigny left on Thursday 5.00 pm. via St. Marten for Antigua. We understand that strong pressure was put on OXFAM by H.M.G. to withdraw them. (cont on Page 2)



On their departure they stated that they will be returning before month end, to carry on their work on Anguilla. The other V.S.O. Mr. Owen, left earlier this week. It is understood that his duties in Anguilla had expired at that time. On behalf of all Anguillans we would like to thank them all for their contribution to Anguilla, and to extend a welcoming hand to them at any time.

#### NOW WE KNOW.

What the Caribbean Commonwealth Leaders thought of Anguilla's position, was made known by Mr. Alva Clarke on Wednesday afternoon, 14th Jan.

It was reported that the Prime Ministers of Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados, have supported H.M.G. on the stand she has taken, to withdraw the British Senior Official from Anguilla and restated that Anguilla is recognised as part of the state of St. Kitts-Nevis. It was no mention of Mr. Hugh Shearer, Prime Minister of Jamaica, in this report.

#### COMEDY CORNER:

On most news broadcasts from St. Kitts, listeners can tune in to comedy corner, for you can be sure that there will be some intelligence reports on Anguilla. Inaccurate though they are, they are silly enough to broadcast before getting the BEACON to learn the facts.... How can they expect the boys to serve in two armies.... Did his intelligence tell him of the Beechcraft we have sitting in Anguilla, being fitted by the boys? Meanwhile, "ignoramous" tells us that all residents of Basseterre are moving to the country... Bomb Scare,.... He cannot stand Demonstrations against him, so he has set up a commission of inquiry into the last one he had. Maybe Mr. Kerr should look into that one.... Since his people cannot read a news paper of their choice. We will have to set up "Radio Free West Indies" to beam the outside news to St. Kitts.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Anguillan Improvement Association here. We are desirous of contacting Miss Philippa Maxwell after reading about her voluntary contribution to the welfare of the island of Anguilla as a teacher. Our association has tried and is unable to obtain her address, so I thought the best bet would be to obtain it through you. We would like to establish a permanent link with her in recognition of her services to our island and its people.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, very truly yours,

Kenneth Gumbs (Chairman).

Editors Note. Miss Philippa Maxwell's address is as follows:  
95, Lofting Road, Islington, N.1., LONDON.

Government Notice: There will be a public meeting on the park on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19th, at 4.00 p.m. all are asked to attend.

( Chief Executive)

Letters to the Editor must be signed and address given. Pen names can be used on request. Ed.

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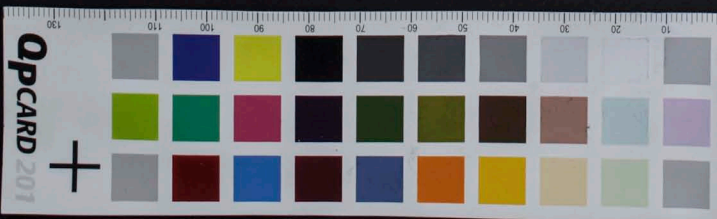
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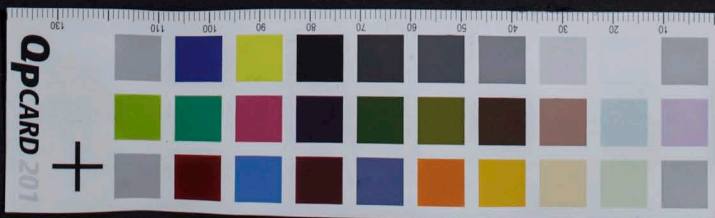


Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir, On the occasion of my leaving Anguilla I write these few lines to explain the reason of my going and also more importantly to acknowledge many sincere kindnesses and friendships made. My appointment to Anguilla goes back to the "Interim Agreement" which was itself the outcome of the visit of the two British Members of Parliament in December 1967. As a result of that agreement (which was scheduled to last for a year, but was capable of extension or reduction with the agreement of all concerned) I was posted to work in Anguilla. The agreement itself was an agreement of three parties namely the Anguilla Council, the St. Kitts Government, and Her Majesty's Government. This agreement came to a finish on 8th January 1969. (Twelve months from the day on which Her Majesty's Government gave their approval to it) when the time was up and no other agreement had been made to put in its place or to alter it or to extend it. My twelve months' service in Anguilla was under the direct aegis of the agreement, as also was the British Government aid and certain other matters. Thus when the agreement finished, the benefits that came from it finished too; and so for example the money for erecting the prefabricated School (the first contract for which could have been issued in December if the Council had wished) and the 90,000 (in round figures) dollars which were voted for spending on road surfacing once men and materials were available, have lapsed also. I need hardly add that these two matters are of deep personal regret to me but I am hopeful too that the situation will not be allowed to rest. It is easier to write on my second point since it concerns the bright memories of the past year in Anguilla and of many happy and contented months which my wife and I have spent in this beautiful island. We shall greatly miss friends made, kindnesses given and experiences shared. My assistant and friend Mr. Desmond Perkins who has been with me here since December 1st, 1967, shares these feelings too and asks me to include him in sending best wishes for the future.

With most sincere regards, Tony Lee.

Dear Mr. Editor, On Dec. 22nd, 1968 we can all recall attending a public meeting at the Park where the Council addressed a large gathering. Many of us who were present left the Park no wiser than when we went there. Some of us were misled instead. The members of the Council said; for sure Anguilla will not make a declaration of Independence at the end of the Interim Period but rather reaffirm her position as it was before Dec. 18th, 1967. The Interim Period was ended on Jan. 8th. of this year. Jan 9th. was a holiday and first day covers were on sale with Anguilla Independent overprinted Stamps. Let us recall that St. Kitts -Nevis-Anguilla Stamps were overprinted in 1967 as Independent. Can it be denied that Anguilla has for the second time cried Independence. Is it that this is done because we here in Anguilla cannot understand what the trick is? Let us not forget we turned down British Aid. An Independent man does not accept aid because he can afford to supply all his needs. Now that the Senior British Official and his colleagues are called out of Anguilla; Will Anguilla be recognised in the near future? I will like to know what will happen about our youth. Will the children have their exams this year or not. The youth are being slapped in the face, because if they were thought of realising that 1/3 of our pop. are now in the Schools, and there are many <sup>used</sup> not up to school age as yet; such drastic actions towards them would not be taken. I am therefore calling on our Council to let us know <sup>used</sup> exactly what is going on Now. What purpose has the last letter published in the Beacon served? (Con't on page 4)



What must we expect in the future? Let us not forget, that Statehood failed here because Anguillians were not Educated as to what it would bring with it; So please honour the people at this time. These are the people who have highly honoured you.

Thank you for cooperation, Sincerely yours,  
Hugo Rey.

How to get the most out of a Conference. By Christopher Romney.

1. Be there on time. 2. Attend regularly. 3. Take an active part from the start. 4. Discuss; don't argue. 5. Give the group the benefit of your experience and viewpoint. 6. Respect the opinions of others. 7. Avoid private conversation. 8. Express opinions briefly. 9. Don't get angry if others disagree with you, try to understand the others' point of view. 10. Be critical, analytical, and constructive but remember all decisions represent the collective thinking of the group. As a member of a conference group, you have a definite responsibility for making the conference a success. Remember that good discussion means participation. Speak up whenever you have an idea to contribute. If you don't understand where the discussion is heading or what its purpose is, you should say so. Be a good sport. Do not be annoyed at the person who does not agree with you. Try to understand his viewpoint. Through friendly discussion you can get an idea from the other man and give him one of your own. You both profit. You now have two ideas instead of one and you are that much better off.

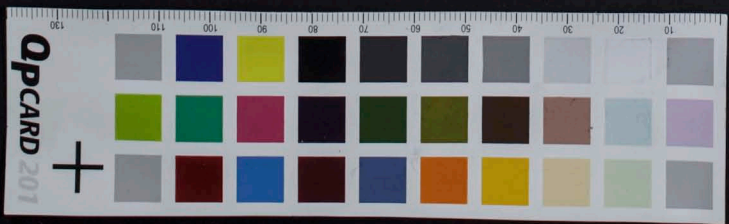
Letter to Mr. Ronald Webster from Mr. Whitlock.

"I have received your letter of December 31st, 1968. Its contents have been carefully studied here and the assurances which it contains of your intention of cooperating with Her Majesty's Government in the search for a solution are cordially welcomed. I have noted arguments you advanced regarding status of Anguilla, but must again refer you to the contents of my letter of July 11th, which sets out correct legal position. Nonetheless I appreciate the friendly way in which you have set out your views. I regret to have to inform you however that Her Majesty's Government are unable to agree to your request to continue to provide a Senior British Official to remain on Anguilla. As you say in your letter the period of the interim settlement under which Her Majesty's Government provided a Senior British Official - Mr. Lee - has now come to an end. No agreement to extend it having been reached, Mr. Lee's appointment as Senior British Official, Anguilla, is consequently terminated with it. Moreover the conditions laid down in your letter for his remaining on Anguilla are not acceptable to Her Majesty's Government. In the circumstances therefore Her Majesty's Government have decided with regret to withdraw Mr. Lee to Antigua. He will be transferred to the staff of the British Government Representative, Castries with effect from January 9th, 1969 and will be instructed to pay periodical visits to St. Kitts and Anguilla in order to enable Her Majesty's Government to discharge their responsibility for external affairs and defence of Associated State of St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla."

Reports from St. Kitts indicates that Bradshaw Government is again interfering with the schools, in St. Kitts. He has now promised to take stern action against anyone found on the premises. Some quarters feel that this is another excuse to kill the opposition party, as Bryant said that the trouble with the children is political. (Ignoramus Report).

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TRUE STORY (by Listener)

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Jef: Yer tink so Sam? Tru-tru-tru dat da wokin on Sam yer meen dat da so bad minded and silly?

Sam: Yes Jef da woud do eny ting fu money boy. Tek it ezy an look out fer de strike.

Jef: Wa ger hapon to de school dem Sam?

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A visitor to Anguilla in 1888.

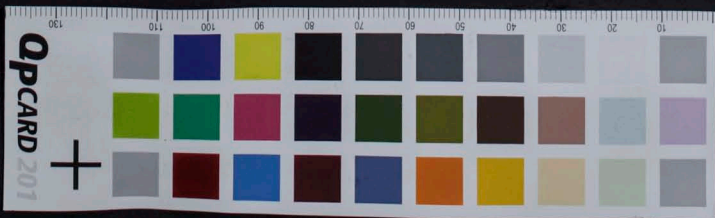
From the letters of The Rev'd William Bourchier, Chaplain of H.M.S.Comus.

"It is not every man's luck to visit Anguilla. Here is a population of 3200 (only about 100 of them are white) and yet they have not a single Doctor. Poor people you say, they must die very fast. Not at all, that is the last thing they do. The grave-yards are nearly empty, and they can show a woman of over a hundred whose memory of the days of slavery is keen. They have heard of fever, but that was in other islands. They have read of leprosy in the Bible. The yaws - well they ask you what on earth is that, and yet they have no Doctor. Han'et in his soliloquy complained of the laws delay, he wouldn't have done it if he had been in Anguilla. Denmark was not half so fine a place. Here no court of chancery takes more than a lifetime to give a decision and leaves the descendants of the litigants bankrupt. Here they have a worthy presiding Magistrate in Mr. Lake, whose hospitality to the fleet will not soon be forgotten, but they have no barrister, not one Poor people ; they have no degrading reports of trials to contaminate them, for there are hardly any. The year before last there was one for the theft of a goat. The annual court will be held again next month for the past year, and up to now there is not a single offence to be tried.

Certainly there is no local paper, printing-press, ice house club, hotel or drinking saloon. On the other hand there is a public building, the custom house, where you can buy stamps, those of St. Kitts, for Anguilla makes none, and there are cells underneath for criminals, for, as a grave digger said to me about his own department "things are very slack now," and no one thinks of committing a serious crime in Anguilla.

There are two varieties of religious beliefs here, the Church and the Wesleyans. The latter have only two local preachers, but the former a priest, the Rev'd C.A. Shepherd, whose church I had the pleasure of seeing crammed as full as it could hold.

The wall of the church yard is topped with cactuses, known in Antigua as Turks' heads, but here, called popes. There are hundreds of them round that wall, yet there is not a Roman Catholic on the island. (Con't on page 6)



CUSTOMS OFFICE AT BLOWING POINT BURNT.

Some time between the hours of Friday night of 10 Jan. and Saturday morning, the 10x20 wooden Gov't building used as Customs office at Blowing Point was burnt. Early fishermen at Blowing Point raised the alarm on Saturday morning. Two Out-board Motors and a suit case containing some clothing were destroyed in the fire. A man has been arrested in connection with the burning of the office. Immediately the residents of that area aquired Government permission and started rebuilding an office from Concrete block. People and merchants from all over the island contributed labour and materials and by the following day all four walls were up. Housewives in Blowing Point also took cooking for the men while they are working. Work is continuing voluntarily and men and women work up to late hours by Electricity supplied by Christopher Romney next door. It is expected that the new and modern 25x35 office will be finished in a few more weeks.

DEATHS:

Mr. Earnest Richardson of South Hill Died on Jan 12th. at the age of 60 years.

Mr. James Hodge of George Hill died on Jan 16th. at the age of 54 years. The Beacon Extends its deepest Sympathy.

BIRTHS.

Dec. 31st 1968 to Jan. 13th. 1969. Boys were born to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Niles, Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. James Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Ceciel Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rogers. Girls were born to Mr. & Mrs. George Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gumbs, And Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Harrigan.

A Visitor to Anguilla in 1888. (Con't from page 5)

Jacobs' well is there, on the way to the church, at least I cannot help thinking of it by that name, which I gave it when I saw the patient cattle under the care of many a dusky maiden, waiting her turn to draw water. Great Salt Lake City is there too without the disadvantage of any Mormonism. If you go to the Road, the second city, so to speak, of the island, you will see the lake, with the salt heap made from it, a pyramid about sixty feet across the base, and beside it the windmill by which it is crushed. Along the shore the mimic surf deposits snowy wreaths of foam, which blown away by the fresh breeze far up the bank in tiny fragments, would make one fancy that a goose has been plucked on the grass. But look close at it, and you will find it resplendent with the most prismatic tints, in which pink predominates. Further out in the lake is moored a little flotilla of over a dozen flat bottomed boats, used by the salt gatherers to store the salt crust in. This is an interesting industry, which I have seen carried out on the same general plan at Curacao, where they also have a large trade in phospate of lime, which exists in Anguilla too, and was once an industry of that island. The salt deposits itself when the sea water which is periodically let in, evaporates enough to be unable to contain its natural amount. A crop can be harvested once a year, except when some heavy rain dilutes the salt waters. To prevent this catastrophe dams are run all around the margin of the lake, keeping back the drainage from the land. Thinking at first that all the water was salt, I was quite surprised to see a donkey drinking an one side of the dam. But he knew what he was about; he would not drink on the other side infact he was no donkey. (Cont'd next week)

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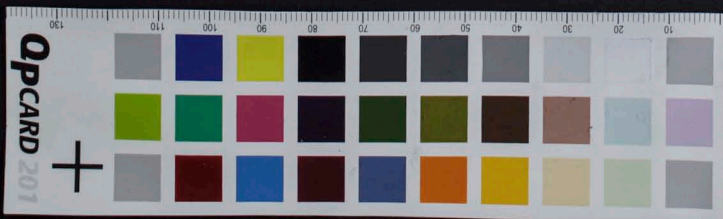
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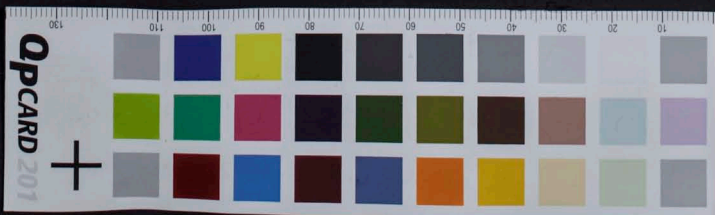
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You and Sports. By Ralph V.C. Hodge.

Cricket Local Scene. On Thursday 9th. Jan. the Valentinis Sports Club defeated a Rest XI. Scores Rest 77 Valentinos 101. For the Rest F.Woods scored 18 and Albert R'dson 15 but against some very accurate bowling the remainder of the side collapsed. Roland Hodge took 3wkts. for 18 runs and Ralph Hodge 5wkts for 18 runs. For Valentinos the main contributors were Roy Horsford 32 with five 4's and one magnificent 6. Ralph Hodge 17 V.Banks 16 and Roland Hodge 12. Leading bowlers for the Rest were A. Carty 3wkts A. R'dson 3wkts and F. Woods 2wkts.

MARIGOT ST. MARTEN.

An anguilla XI drew with a St. Marten XI, after St. Marten lead by 35 on first innings. Scores St. Marten 94 and 50 for 2, Anguilla 59 and 23 for 7. One remarkable innings of the match was played by R. Hodge scoring 2 runs in 50 min.

OUR WEST INDIANS IN AUSTRALIA

3rd. test won by Australia by 10 wkts. Scores W.I. 264 and 324, Australia 547 and 42 for 0 wkt. On the first day W.I. once again had to struggle for their runs and only Lloyd 50 and Sobers 49 played with any measure of confidence. At close of play that day W.I. scored 218 runs while in 8wkts. On the following morning a bold innings of 33 by Wes Hall made W.I. score look somewhat respectable at 264. Australia during the rest of the second day scored 280 for 4 Lawry 29 Stockpole 58 Chappel 33 Redpath 80 and Walters who struck 20 off Sobers in one over 69 not out. Shehan and Walters continued to plague the W.I. bowling attack until Shehan was out for 47 and soon after Walters for 118. Eric Freeman scored a terrific 76 with 3 spectacular 6's. Canolly and Gleason shared in a last wicket stand of 73 until Conolly was run out for 37 Gleason made 42 not out. In W.I. 2nd. innings of 101 by Butcher, 69 by Kanhai and 47 by Fredricks saved W.I. from complete disaster. Needing only 42 to win Australia got the runs without losing a wicket. Shehan 21 and Stockpole 21 not out. W.I. v/s Tasmania match Drawn scores W.I. 349 for 7 Dec. And 147 for 0 Tasmania 231 and 77 for 2. In W.I. 1st. innings Kanhai made 151 in 190 min and Carew scored 61. For Tasmania John Hampshire of Yorkshire scored 114 W.I. 2nd. innings Carew 74 not out Fredricks 70 not out. Just when W.I. were trying to force a win down came the rain with John Hampshire on 33 Not out. Australia has annoyed the same twelve players who won the last to play in fourth test starting on Jan. 24th.

CHURCH NOTICES.

The Anglican and Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches are combining again this year to observe the week of prayer for Christian Unity, and invite all Christians of good will to join with them. Public services will be:  
 Sunday Jan 19th. St. Mary's Church. Preacher Canon Carleton.  
 Tuesday Jan 21st. St. Augustine's Preacher Rev'd Roy Whyte.  
 Wednesday Jan 22nd. at St. Gerads R C Church Preacher Fr. Romeo Gaguonish.  
 Thursday Jan 23rd. at Blowing Point Church Preacher Rev'd R. Whyte.  
 Friday Jan 24th. at Road Methodist Church. Preacher Canon Carleton.  
 All services will start at 7.15 pm.

NOTICE.

Thanks to Mrs. Woods for the gift of \$325.00 E.C. on the Garb age Truck appeal. This is the second contribution to Anguilla by Mrs. Woods. These Gifts came from the holiday festivals on the Park. A good effort. Better luck next time. ( from Gov't of Anguilla)

