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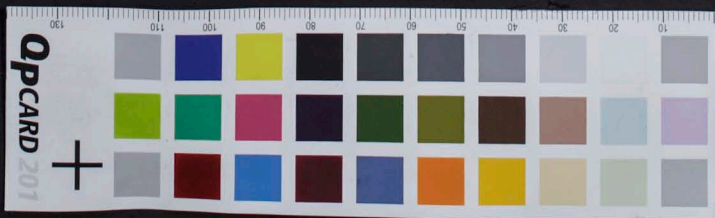
EDITORIAL

We have received news to the effect that Mr. William Whitlock, Junior Minister on the Office of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in London, will be coming to the West Indies to try and work out a solution to the St. Kitts-Anguilla problem. It is a pity that this announcement came after Anguillans had gone to the polls and voted to be independent of the Crown and Commonwealth.

Any talks that Mr. Whitlock can venture upon, would only serve a purpose, if he is prepared to start at a level where Anguilla's secession from St. Kitts is acknowledged. Although it is said that Mr. Whitlock will be visiting St. Kitts, no question is raised as a possible visit to Anguilla. In 1967 when Mr. Lord Shepherd came to Barbados to try a settlement to the dispute, he was invited to Anguilla, to see the island first hand for himself, and he refused. This is no doubt why H.M.G. has continually misunderstood the whole situation, which caused the failure of so many talks to bring about a workable solution. The whole dispute has gone on for too long now. It is about time H.M.G. sent in Top Level officials to see for themselves, and set the machinery in motion to amend the West Indies Act of 1967, as far as it applies to St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla in H.M.G.'s view. Give St. Kitts and Nevis people a chance to go to the polls and freely elect the Government of their choice under a separate constitution as Anguillans have done, and make arrangements with Anguilla whereby she can operate under her constitution without fear of invasion or take over, by any foreign body. Any such visit of top officials from London, to see first hand for themselves, would receive the same kind of reception that Mr. Arthur Bottomly did on 26th, Feb. 1967, or Mr. Henry Hall on his numerous visits prior to Statehood, when Anguillans joined in peaceful demonstration in protest against Statehood with St. Kitts. On the other hand, if Mr. Whitlock came and offered what we want, we can give such a happy reception as visiting ambassador from Britain, without compromising our independence.

LETTER FROM EDITOR.(ATLIN HARRIGAN.)

It is with regret that we comment on a letter which appeared in the W.I.O of St. Maarten, of February 6th. and again in the "Anguilla Observer" of February 13th. 1969. This letter purports to be written by Mr. Ronald Webster, Chief Executive of Anguilla. The text of the letter compares with the statement made by Mr. Webster on the park on Dec. 22nd. 1968, (reported in the Beacon on Dec. 28th. 1968). We can very well understand that when one speaks at a public meeting, he may be carried away by emotions and say anything "very understandable". People present will remember that instead of Mr. Webster verbally giving his speech, as a man of his calibre and energy, he is capable of doing anything. But when you are issuing a statement you should stop and make sure it is what you would like to say. Assuming that Mr. Webster was satisfied with his statement for release (and it would seem so, as the same thing is now released in this letter). Then we can say nothing else but this is a wilful attempt (Cont'd on page 3)



The following letter was sent to the Editor of THE TIMES LONDON on the 7th February 1969, by Canon Carleton, the Rector of Anguilla.

Dear Sir;

The gamut of the world's reaction to Anguilla's declaration of total independence, where it is noticed, will range from approval, through righteous indignation to ridicule. In view of Her Majesty's Government's declaration that the furthest concession they could make would be that Anguilla might be in a loose association with St. Kitts, the decision of Anguilla (to whom any connection with St. Kitts is intolerable) to take this latest step, was inevitable.

One of the objections that will be raised against Anguilla's independence will undoubtedly be the fear of Fragmentation. People will cite the danger of Nevis seceding from St. Kitts; Barbuda from Antigua; and Tobago from Trinidad. But the cases of these islands are different from Anguilla.

The leeward Islands are already fragmented by nature and history. The British Virgin Islands have been allowed to work out their own solution and have naturally gravitated towards the United States, and have already adopted the American currency. It is significant that the Anglican Diocese of Antigua which covered all the Leeward Islands, has in the last five years acquiesced in this situation, and agreed that the British Virgin Islands be transferred from the Antigua Diocese to the American Diocese of St. Thomas.

Anguilla with four foreign islands in the seventy miles that separate her from St. Kitts, should also be allowed to work out her own solution, and find a workable way of life. Far from encouraging fragmentation, the withdrawal of Anguilla would leave the Leewards as a very compact unit consisting of St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Barbuda and Montserrat. These islands could then grow together as one economic unit. They would be better off if they had not to bother what Anguilla was doing seventy miles away round the corner.

Anguilla's declaration of independence is a constructive solution to Caribbean problems, and merits the sympathy and even the active approval of the other Caribbean Commonwealth Countries, and relieves Britain of an embarrassing dilemma. If the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries would support Anguilla, and agree to keep a watching brief on her future development, and if Britain would reconsider the question of development aid, the future of this part of the Caribbean would be brighter.

Yours truly,

Canon C R G Carleton.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

"Election Notices"

On action taken by the Council on February 11th, 1969, the Government of Anguilla hereby set the following dates for "Nomination" and "Election" of the following officers, in pursuance of "Article 7 Section 3, and Article 5, Section 4 and 6" of the Constitution of Anguilla.

Nomination day for the Offices of the "Senior District Representatives" February 25th, 1969. Election day March 11th, 1969.

Nomination day for the "National Representatives", March 12th, 1969. Election day, March 25th, 1969.

Nomination day for the "President", February 21st, 1969. Election day, April 3rd, 1969.

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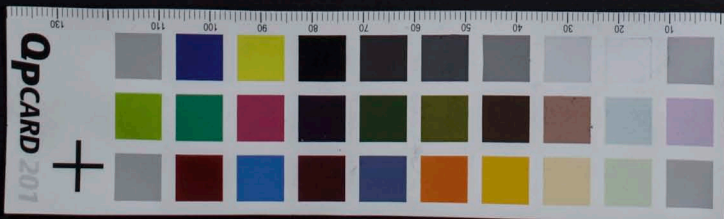
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DATE FOR ELECTIONS SET "Three Seperate Elections"

On Tuesday February 11th, 1969, the Anguilla Council in pursuance to Article 7, Section 3, and Article 6 Sections 4 and 6 of the constitution, has set the date for the election of the President and the Legislature. This will entail three different elections, as the legislature is divided into two classes. One known as the "Senior District Representative" and the "National Representatives". The election and the taking office of the President and the legislature, shall take place no later than 60 days after the adoption of the constitution.

The first election for the Senior District Representatives will take place on March 11th, 1969, nomination day will be on the 25th, Feb. 1969. Election for the National Representatives will take place on March 25th, 1969, nomination day will be on March 12th, 1969. The last Election will be that of the President, which will take place on April 3rd. 1969. Nomination day on Feb. 21st, 1969. Mr. Raphael Lake, acting Magistrate was also appointed "Supervisor of the Elections for Anguilla", Mr. Lake will have to arrange for new Electoral boundaries, and bring the Voting lists up to date as provided for in the new Constitution. Citizens reaching the age of 18, and domiciled in Anguilla for over one (1) year, though not in residence will be eligible to register and vote.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE-BARBADOS 17-19 Jan. 1969.

The Conference opened at 8.00 p.m. On the 17th. with a dinner at the Marine Hotel. His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Scott, His Lordship Bishop Evans, the acting Prime Minister Mr. Tudor and many other distinguished persons attended. The dinner was sponsored by the Manager of Berger Paints. The delegates present came from Jamaica, Anguilla, Antigua, Dominica St. Lucia, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, Surinam, the new World Bureau and Barbados. After the dinner the Delegates removed to the great hall where over 300 persons from all walks of life were present. The delegates then gave their greetings from their Associations alphabetically.

The following morning they were divided into four groups to discuss various things. Paper upon paper were brought to the groups to be discussed and the findings taken back to the Chairman Mr. Ash, the Chief Commissioner of Trinidad & Tobago. On Saturday evening they were at home to a Cocktail Party at Government House given by His Excellency the Governor General & Lady Scott. Later on the Delegates gave a dinner at a famous Restaurant for the retiring Chief Commissioner Mr. Ash. At 9.30 on Sunday morning the 19th. the last session started with a Scout Own in the Hall at the Marine Hotel. The Lesson was read by the Chief Commissioner of Anguilla, Prayers by Mr. Corbon of Barbados, and a talk by the Chief Commissioner of Jamaica.

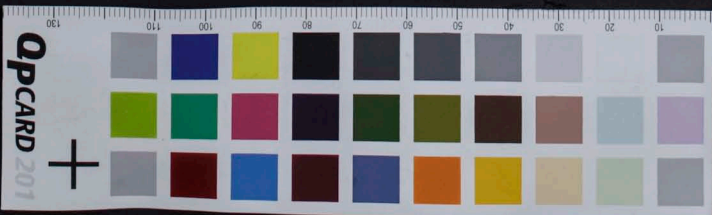
The Final decisions taken were :

1. A Handbook for the Caribbean-Scouts & Cubs.
2. Training for Scouters.
3. Finance.
4. Two more training Centres in the Caribbean.

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to whip up anti-feelings against the Beacon and its Editor, in the eyes of the public. We collaborate this with another public statement made by another member of the Council Mr. Wallace Rey, (reported in the Beacon of Feb 8th.) Will Mr. Webster level his reputation to that of Mr. Wallace Rey?

After saying all this, it is expected that people (Cont'd on page 8)



GOVERNMENT NOTICE
ATTACHMENT A

To a contract between the Government of Anguilla and Italcambio C.A.

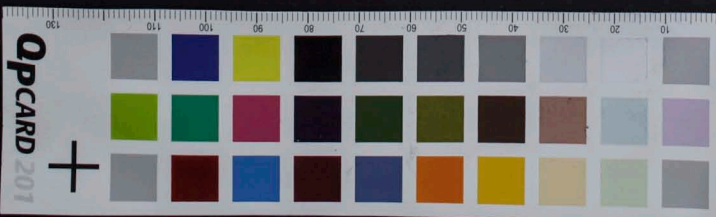
GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Action taken by the Council
at its meeting on December 30th, 1968

The Government of Anguilla, pursuant to its constitutional authority and by vote of the Council hereby authorizes the striking of special commemorative coins which shall be legal tender without limitation. The numbers of any such coins to be minted, the maximum amounts in which they shall be acceptable as legal tender, and the denominations, weight, fineness, inscription, dimension, design and other characteristics thereof shall be as prescribed in the following regulations, which shall be published in the Beacon and which, upon publication, shall enter into force and have the effect of law.:

REGULATIONS

1. Issuing authority: These regulations are issued by the Government of Anguilla pursuant to the authority vested in it.
2. Commemorative issue: The coins to be issued are for commemorating historic events of Anguilla, and in particular the first anniversary of its secession.
3. Design and inscription: This Commemorative Issue shall bear the following design and inscription:
(A) Face Side (Obverse)
The face side will bear one of the following designs:
 1. Map of Anguilla
 2. Celebration of Independence
 3. St. Mary's Church
 4. Methodist Church, West End
 5. Native Ship
 6. Mermaids
 7. Three Dolphin Flag
 8. Lobster
 (B) Reverse Side
It will bear the following details:
In the center, the arms of the Government. Under, at the bottom of the coat of arms, our motto: **STRENGTH and ENDURANCE.** Below, centered under the arms, the denomination of the coin is indicated as follows: The words "Anguilla Dollar" and the figure representing the face value of the coin.
4. Denominations, Dimensions and Weight:
This Commemorative Issue shall consist of the following denominations, dimensions, weight and number:
Series A, Gold 900/1000



5. Native Ship

6. Mermaids

7. Three Dolphin Flag

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4. Denominations, Dimensions and Weight:

This Commemorative Issue shall consist of the following denominations, dimensions, weight and number:

Series A, Gold 900/1000

Face Value Anguilla Dollars	Weight (in grams)		Diameter in Millimeters	Tolerance (on the weight per thousand)	Maximum NO. to be minted
	Gross	Net			
5 A. Dollars	2.46	2.22	14	25	400,000
10 A. Dollars	4.93	4.44	18	20	200,000
20 A. Dollars	9.87	8.88	23	15	100,000
100 A. Dollars	49.37	44.43	50	10	10,000

All gold coins in this Commemorative Issue shall be of a fineness of nine hundred (900) gold to one thousand (1000) silver, copper and other metals.

Series B, Silver 1000/1000

Face Value Anguilla Dollars	Weight (in grams)		Diameter in Millimeters	Tolerance (on the weight per thousand)	Maximum NO. to be minted
	Gross	Net			
one-half A. Dollar	3.57	3.14	18	25	2,000,000
one A. Dollar	7.14	6.28	23	25	1,000,000
two A. Dollars	14.28	12.56	30	25	500,000
four A. Dollars	28.57	25.12	40	25	250,000

All silver coins in this Commemorative Issue shall be pure one thousand to one thousand (1000/1000).

5. Gold coins of this Commemorative Issue of the denominations of one hundred (100) Anguilla Dollars shall be numbered as minted progressively from one (1) to ten thousand (10,000).

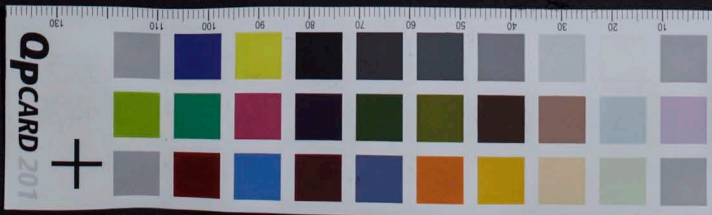
6. Legal tender: coins in this Commemorative Issue shall be legal tender in the settlement of all public or private debts in unlimited amounts.

7. The coins shall bear the actual minting year.

8. Effective date: These regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication in the Beacon.

Adopted by the Council.

 Campbell Fleming
 Secretary.



Extracts from the London Daily Telegraph 18th, 1969.

ANGUILLA SEEKS BRITISH AID TO SETTLE DISPUTE.

Anguilla, the Caribbean Island which broke away from the St. Kitts' Federation, is appealing to Britain to step in once more and help settle the dispute. "Professor Roger Fisher, a legal adviser to leaders of Anguilla's 6,000 population, protested in London yesterday against the British decision to withdraw a temporary administrator from the island, and to cut off aid prospects. Professor Fisher who has had talks with Mr. Whitlock, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has suggested that Anguilla be administered jointly by Britain and the local Council, pending agreements on statute. He added that the islanders, who fear invasion from St. Kitts, and not wished to break ties with Britain, but merely wished to get out of the Federation. They wished the British Administrator, Mr. Tony Lee to return there." Britain maintains contact with the Federal Premier, Mr. Robert Bradshaw, through an official representative in St. Kitts. At present Mr. Bradshaw is adamant that there should be no concessions. In the past two years, Britain has granted Anguilla £75,000 in Development Aid.

THE ANGUILLA OBSERVER BACK.

On February 13th. Anguillians were able to read the "Anguilla Observer" again. This weekly paper Edited and published by Mr. Clifford Rogers and printed on St. Maarten, was first published on Sept. 19th. 1968. According to Mr. Rogers, he had to leave the island through illness and cease publication on Oct. 17th. 1968. The Observer has now added Mr. Clive Smith as associate Editor, to its staff. It is expected that Mr. Smith, a Seventh Day Adventist like Mr. Rogers, will carry on publication in the absence of Mr. Rogers.

MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS.

On Oct. 26th. 1968, reported in this column of the Beacon, was the DEATH OF THE OBSERVER. It is now alive and well again, and with the energetic associate Editor, it is believed that it will improve and serve Anguilla with a purpose....The people who are gifted for RUMORS will now think twice what they say, or write as the constitution makes provision for courts that can handle cases for libel and slander....It is expected that Anguillians will make full use of the right to attend Council Meetings, as the Constitution makes it possible, except when it comes to security measures. We will now be able to see how our Councillors operate....

CHURCH NEWS.

The Ordination of the Rev'd Emerson Richardson to the Priesthood will take place on Sunday February 16th. at Antigua. He will return to Anguilla the same day, and say his first Mass in St. Mary's Church at 6.45 am on Monday morning, and not on Monday evening as previously announced.

Anglican Church Services. Sunday Feb. 16th.

St. Mary's 7.30 am

7.15pm

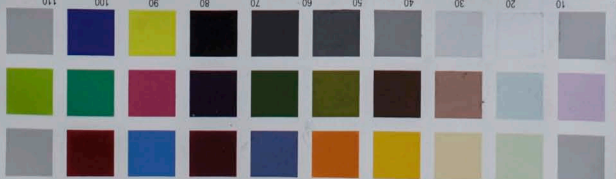
St Augustine's 9.15 am

St Andrew's 8.00am. (R.W.Fahie).

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NOTICE FROM THE SANITATION DEPT.

FOOD HANDLERS NOTICE.

The licensing of all food handling establishments in Anguilla will take
effect from February to March 1969. All owners and operators are hereby
advised to pay special attention to the following features. (1) Have premises
clean, in good repair and PAINTED. (2) Have proper containers with proper
fitting covers. (3) Have adequate washing facilities. (4) Have clean sur-
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THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA WORK FOR
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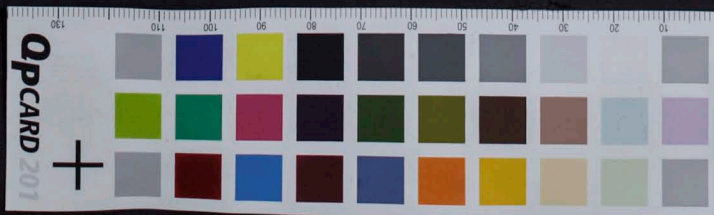
BANK OF AMERICA ANGUILLA.

Dr. Defreitas will be in attendance
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Letter From Editor (Cont'd from page 5)

will size the Editor (Atlin Harrigan) and Mr. Webster, as the two persons who started the revolution, now pulling apart. We may not shear each other's ideas, but that does not give any one the right to say one hand is working for the enemy. It happened so, that our views of handling the situation, did not colaborate with those of Mr. Webster. We felt that another course of action was available, and said so, Mr. Webster said not. We fell like like we had a right to our feelings, just as any one else having their's. Our aim we felt would have taken us to the same destiny (Independence) but invisaged it taking longer, but on a sound basis. Mr. Webster's course was the short way, Independence immediately. The people accepted it, and we all must now make the best of it.

We feel it our duty to remind them of the actions of one Mr. Bradshaw who has his reputation at its lowest ebb, by creating ni St. Kitts a "Lucky Ann", interfering with the Courts, Deporting people, revoking work permits including that of Canon Carleton though resident in Anguilla, prohibiting the Beacon from St. Kitts, Attacking the Democrat, the only Opposition paper in St. Kitts, Arresting the Editor of the Democrat, and suppressing the news over Radio Z.IZ. (EDITOR).

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLAPREAMBLE

We, the People of Anguilla, in order to secure to ourselves and our posterity, the enjoyment of all rights of God, Freedom, Justice, Life, Liberty and Property, and the pursiut of Happiness, do mutually bind ourselves, each to the other, and hereby ordain and establish this Constitution as the Supreme Law of the Land.

ARTICLE 1 NATIONAL TERRITORY:

The National Territory of the Republic of Anguilla is comprised of the Island of Anguilla, Dog Island, Scrub Island, Prickly Pear Cays, Sombrero Island, and the small Cays and Islands associated with them. This Territory and Government shall be known as the Republic of Anguilla.

ARTICLE 11 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS:

THE Fundamental Rights endowed by this Constitution to insure the People of Anguilla their God given heritage shall never be abridged and those rights shall remain inviolate forever.

Section 1 Personal Rights: All persons are equal before the law, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, pursuing happiness and obtaining safety.

Section 2. Political Rights: All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security and benefit of the citizens, and they have the right to alter or amend the same whenever the public good may require it. The paramount allegiance of every citizen is due to the Government of Anguilla.

Section 3 Jury Trial:

(a) The right to jury trial shall be secured to all, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, and shall remain inviolate forever.

(b) Trial by judge may be provided, by law, in civil cases where the total amount in controversy is less than five hundred

dollars; (TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

More articles by Christopher Romney next week.

