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EDITORIAL.

ANGUILLA STAMPS. We understand from a reliable source that a request from the Government in St. Kitts that the Anguillian stamps be declared invalid for postal use has been forwarded to the Universal Postal Union on Feb. 13 th. by the British Government for action. If the U.P.U. should take action the Anguillian stamps may not be able to be used for postage outside of Anguilla, though they could still be on sale for internal use, and for collector's benefit. The post master may have to revert to other means for sending Anguilla's mail out of the island, which we had to use in the month of July- September 1967.

This action which could be a serious blow to Anguilla is not unexpected, it has been surprising that such action was not taken earlier in the year. Members of the Government were aware of this danger, and perhaps a number of the voters in the last referendum realised this too, but realised that this was one of the prices to be paid, until our independence received recognition from the outside world?

Will other nations that endured the same fate that Anguilla is now going through, deny us recognition? We hear so much about "FREEDOM" that it is unbelievable that fellow human beings should treat us as subjected childre

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 6, 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.

February 13th. 1969.

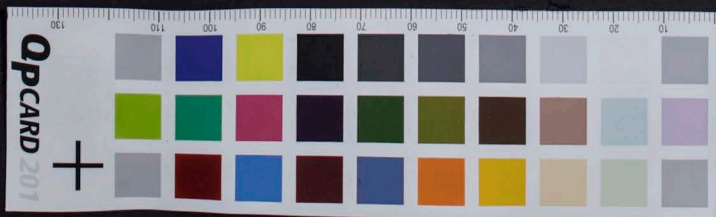
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Secretary to the Council.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Mr. Jack N. Holcomb has been duly licensed as an Attorney to engage in the practice of Law, in the Republic of Anguilla, having been approved by the Government on 18th February, 1969. All privileges of Legal Practice are conferred hereby. This is to further attest that the

Republic of Anguilla has certified Mr. Holcomb with the (Cont'd page 3)



MEDICAL NEWS. "S O S CALLING ALL DOCTORS"

The Methodist Board of Missions situated at Columbia, South Carolina heard that Anguilla needed a Doctor. The Minister there, The Reverend George Straight got in touch with his friend Dr. Micheal Watson, and sent out an S O S message to all Methodist Doctors practising in the District. They got a list of Doctors who were prepared to come to Anguilla for at least two weeks and help out until a permanent Doctor could be found. These Doctors are all in practice in South Carolina, and have to make arrangements for other Doctors to take over when they come to Anguilla. They pay their own passage money which averages about US\$225 and are given board and lodging in Anguilla. They make a charge for their services but money so obtained is used to build up a supply of drugs for Anguilla. Dr. Micheal Watson came first to make the arrangements, and we have had so far, Doctors Jennings Owen; John Shingler; John Mays; James Halford; Jim Holler. Next week comes Dr. Marion Dwight, an Episcopalian. They say that they have up to 100 doctors to draw upon if necessary, but it is the best interest of Anguilla that we have our own permanent doctor resident on the island. All these Doctors, visiting, are acting Government Medical Officers as long as they are here.

Dr. Spector who is resident on the island, has a private practice situated at "Woodbine" across the street from Mrs. Woods Store, at the Valley.

Dr. Spector said his office will be opened at general hours, and will be available for home calls.

ARTICLE FROM THE SAN JUAN STAR, "February 14th, 1969. by Peter Hahn."

In an interview, Mr. Ronald Webster said "there have been several schemes to develop Anguilla, and we are sure that we can attract enough Capital to make our economy work. The most famous undertaking to raise funds was an offer of honorary passports to persons willing to subscribe money on behalf of Anguilla's future. We didn't get much, only about \$25,000". At present most prominently mentioned in this connection is a "mysterious American, Jack Holcomb, who is seen coming and going in Anguilla with increasing frequency. An economic informant who has been following Anguilla's ups and downs in the past two years, described Holcomb in the following terms "He used to be a police officer, in Hollywood California. Now he lives in Fort Lauderdale Florida, and obviously has command of considerable funds". He went on to explain that Holcomb was quoted as having promised Anguilla instant recognition by the U.S. Government as soon as independence is declared". The recognition is still outstanding! President Webster, on the other hand is against the use of gambling to boost his 36 square mile country's future. "We don't intend to have Casinos here", he told an interviewer. Webster said that "Anguillans who have established themselves in the States and in Canada are our prime supporters". Most prominent among them is Jerry Gumbs, a former resident of New Jersey, who returned to the island with a considerable fortune recently. Webster can easily be called the richest man in Anguilla, "I own a hotel in St. Maarten, as well as dairy farms and 365 acres of real estate, and my collateral on Anguilla is worth at least U.S. \$1½ Million" He is also building a 65 room hotel and an enormous combination supermarket theatre. Building is going on everywhere in Anguilla. Anguilla's budget seems sound to listen to President Webster " We ended 1968 with a cash balance of BWI \$91,654.57" he said the money will be used for essential services. Under St. Kitts' rule, we had nothing. Now we seek our own destiny" Sweeping hid hands over his domain, visible from the windows of his office, he said "There are now 400 cars here. Someday there will be thousands, and teeming with tourists.

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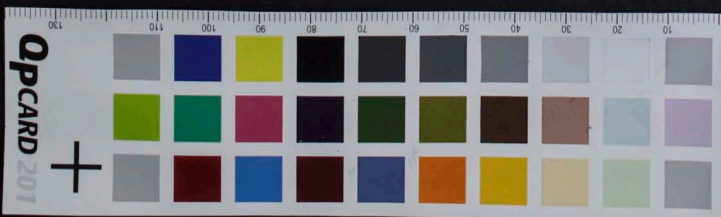
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HUMOR: Contributed by Wilkin Smith of. Is Harbour.

Webster went England he made a Deadlock
Britain made a Whitlock
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And the only key to open the masterlock
Is the Independent Key.

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and seconded by Mr. Wallace Rey, and agreed to by the council members. The council also decided to increase the dog tax to \$2.50 per dog. This motion was moved by Mr. John Hodge and seconded by Mr. Collins Hodge. 6 members of the council voted yes, and Mr. Wallace Rey contended that the minimum should be \$5.00 and moved a motion to that effect, but was not seconded. Mr. Rey's argument was that too many animals are being destroyed by dogs and many dogs are being kept by people who can't afford to keep them. In the past the fee of \$1.00 was imposed.

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Courts to enjoy all Rights of Representation and confidence as an Officer thereof.

19th. February 1969.

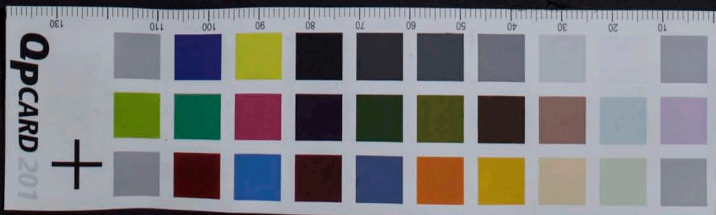
Ronald Webster

Chief Executive Gov't. Republic of Anguilla.

Letter to the Editor (Looking Back)

Dear Anguillans,

As this month of February is on its way, it has caused me to take a brief look at the past. There is an old saying "There is hardly a bad wind that blows" For in my opinion, if it is not in one's favour, it is in the other. I am sure all of you have fresh in mind what happened in 1960 on the 4th. Sept. For some of us it was the loss of our loved ones, for others the loss of the lovely homes, and for others the only chance of getting a home. In all there was grief, and today I think we all can say Donna has brought a good to us, for Anguilla at present has some of the loveliest homes in the West Indies. Now we are hearing over Radio Z I Z preparations on the way for the second celebration of statehood. At this point, let us ask ourselves who have benefited from this sort of wind. Again the edge has gone to Anguillans. Feb. 27th. 1967. Britain has taken away our heritage and put it in the hands of Mr. Bradshaw, who has made it quite clear to all Anguillans in Anguilla once you accept statehood there is nothing you can do, thanks to Mr. Bradshaw who was so sure of his power for his advice. Anguillans at this point sensed the domination and refused to accept statehood. From there onward their heritage they so long enjoyed was dead, and they marked the sad day Feb. 27th 1967 by marching through the streets with a coffin well dressed in black, and read as follows "ANGUILLA IS DEAD. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE". For some it might have sounded simple for Anguillans it was solemn, yet the other day Mr. Alva Clarke mentioned that Anguillans have broken all ties with Britain and Mr. Ronald Webster may well see he has all to loose and nothing to gain from the step he took. I am an Anguillan and I must say, I am very sympathetic with Mr. Clarke for his remarks. I am quite sure he was not given the right teaching on Anguillans way of life. For every one who is in the stead of Mr. Clarke, Anguillans have benefited from the word statehood, for they have found a god sent son of the soil, and I must say he is a great leader. (Cont'd on page 8)



THE VERY PROPER GANDER:

Not so very long ago there was a very fine gander. He was strong and beautiful, and he spent most of his time singing to his wife and children. One day somebody who saw him strutting up and down in his yard and singing, remarked, "There is a very proper Gander". An old hen overheard this and told her husband about it that night in the roost. "They said something about Propaganda!" she said, "I have always suspected that" said the rooster, and he went about the barnyard next day telling everyone that the very fine gander was a dangerous bird, more like a hawk in gander's clothing. A small brown hen remembered a time when at a great distance she had seen the gander talking with some hawks in the forest. "They were up to no good", she said. A duck remembered that the gander had once told him that he did not believe in anything. "He said to hell with the flag, too" said the duck. A Guinea hen recalled that she had once seen somebody who looked very like the gander throw something that looked like a bomb. Finally everybody snatched-up sticks and stones and descended on the gander's house. He was strutting in his front yard singing to his wife and children. "There he is", everybody cried, "Hawk-lover. Unbeliever. Flag-hater. Bomb-thrower". So they set upon him and drove him out of the country.

Moral. Anybody who you or your wife thinks is going to overthrow the Government by violence must be driven out of the country.

James Thurber from "Fables for our Time".



BOAT MISSING.

The M/V Ruth 16, owned by Mrs. Ruth Goodnow of Cul-de-Sac, Anguilla, left her on January 9th. for Grenada, and nothing has been heard of her since then. On Tuesday 18th. Feb. Mrs Goodnow went to St. Lucia by chartered Valley Air Service plane in quest of information on her boat. The voyage usually takes 3 days to Grenada and in the event the boat develops any trouble and goes adrift, the nearest lands to leeward would be Venezuela. The British Representative Mr. Desmond Kerr in St. Lucia, was asked to contact the British Council in Venezuela, to make inquiries about the boat. All other Governments in the area were also alerted to look out for her. The sloop is reported to be the biggest single masted vessel in the world. On board were seven sailors; Uriel Davis Capt., Arthur Connor, Leonel Richardson, and another from Anguilla, with two others from Trinidad.

Mr. Tony Lee Visits.

On Tuesday 18th. Feb. Mr. Tony Lee arrived in Anguilla. In a report to this News Paper Mr. Lee said that he came on his routine visits and hopes to return to Antigua. On Thursday 20th. he said that he had talks with Mr. Webster while he was here. Mr. Lee also told our reporter that Mr. William Whitlock, Junior Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will arrive in Antigua on Saturday Feb. 22nd, from where he will go to St. Kitts on Tuesday 25th. to have talks with the St. Kitts Government on the St. Kitts-Anguilla problem. Mr. Whitlock is accompanied by his private secretary Mr. Poland Hunt, Under Secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth office, and Mr. J. Rusford legal Councillor in above Office. (Cont'd page 5.)

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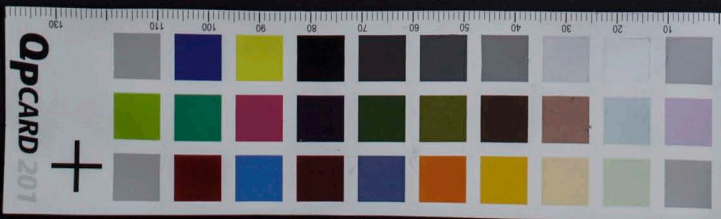
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We do not know what the line of talks will be in St Kitts, or if they would be any chance of the team visiting or seeing the leaders of Anguilla. Mr. Lee told us that after the talks, the team will be going on to Dominica and Grenada, and will be in Barbados on 4th. March for a meeting of the British High Commissioners of the Caribbean.

457 VISITORS IN 5 MONTHS.

A couple years ago, when a foreign visitor was seen on the island, he was skeptically looked at, for in those days very few were seen and Anguillans knew very little about the tourist industry, except for the fortunate ones who saw the tourist boom in the Virgin Islands. Today visitors come and go without being noticed, except those whose responsibility it is to know who they are and what is the purpose of their visits. Some of them go through little checks, which they don't in the Virgin Islands but this only because of the political problem, and some of the tourists understand this and are very cooperative. To show the visitors are increasing, we publish below the following details.

In the month of Oct. 1968....	60 visitors
Nov. 1968....	124 "
Dec. 1968....	84 "
Jan. 1969....	85 "
Feb. 1969...	104 visitors up to 19th. February.

Total for the last five months up to Feb. 19th. 457, this figure includes persons who come on business.

POLICE STATION RELOCATED.

The Police Station in the Road Sandy Ground has been moved to a new location at South Hill, above the business place of Mr. Gabriel Brooks, on the South Side of the road. The New Police Station was opened for service on Feb. 15th 1969. Its new location is at a vantage point and would be offenders should think twice before committing a felony, as the strong arm of the law stretches

Note to the Editor of the Observer.

The Editor of the Beacon made it quite clear where he stood on the issue of the Constitution that was voted upon, which made Anguilla a Republic. He has a fundamental right to express his own feelings, and has done so. To add a few suggestions to yours as to what could be talked about in case Whitlock should come here, in addition to talking about climate, cricket, beaches, how about talking" recognition of the Republic and negotiation about Sombrero, where Britain is collecting a future from "according to the Observer" It is not a good policy to talk ill of countries of which you may want recognition, but it would be a very bad policy to adopt the reputation of the St. Kitts Labour Spokesman.

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PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS.

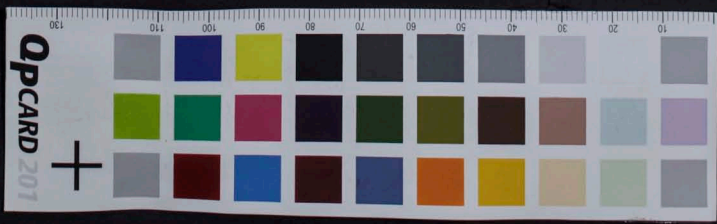
Part of section 16 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla says that all council meetings shall be public, except those where secrecy is needed for debates on certain matters. At a special meeting of the Council on Feb. 18th. 1969 the government of Anguilla granted permission to Mr. Jack Holcomb to practice law in Anguilla. Mr. Holcomb is an American who has been coming to Anguilla for the past months, and is the first person (Cont'd on page 6)



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CHURCH NEWS:

Last week the Rector of Anguilla attended the Convocation of the diocese of St. Thomas held at Christiansted, St. Croix, as representative of the diocese of Antigua. He was given opportunity to bring the greetings of the Diocese of Antigua in general and of the Anglicans in Anguilla. Convention consisted of the meeting of the clergy and lay representatives of all parishes in the Diocese. Most of the business was detailed discussion of the Bishop Mills's address, which dealt largely with the practical needs of the community. Amongst these the position of aliens in the American part of the diocese was discussed, and solutions included:-

1. Program all our church institutions to the needs of the people.
2. Avoid and oppose all organizations, private or public, that have a tinge of discrimination based on colour.
3. Insist upon the enforcement of all laws equally for all men.
4. Cooperate and participate with agencies for better housing and education for all.

5. Keep the chambers of Commerce and Labour Unions informed of complaints of unfair employment practices as well as wage disparity based on colour.

Anguillians will be interested to know that the next Convocation in November 1969 is to be held in Virgin Gorda, the smallest and most isolated of the parishes. The neglect of the smaller islands by Government and the church in the past is one of the factors that has led to present troubles. And this New-break-through of allowing the smallest unit to have equal opportunities with the largest for the site of the convocation is to be welcomed, and the Anguillians also will look forward to the next General Synod of the Antigua Diocese being held in Anguilla.

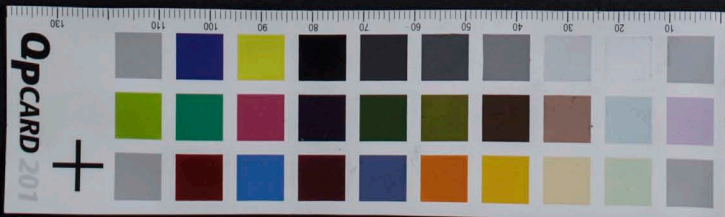
VISITOR.

An attractive young Scandinavian girl, Miss Jorun Solheim aged 24, a student of the University of Oslo in Norway, is now visiting Anguilla and is lodging with Mrs. Louisa Lake in the Quarter. She has already spent three months in St. Kitts studying Social Anthropology at every level. During her stay in Anguilla she hopes to make a study of Anguilla's Society and its Revolution. Her thesis will be presented to the University of Oslo for her Master's Degree. She hopes also to publish her findings eventually for the wider public, and such a document written from an entirely impartial point of view should be a valuable contribution to the archives of Anguilla

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PUBLIC MEETINGS.

That permission has been granted to, to practice law. Mr. Holcomb told us that he has defended himself and co-operations that he represented in courts of the U.S.A., he never had a licence to practice law anywhere else. Members of the Council present were Mr. Ronald Webster (Chairman) Mr. W. Rey, Mr. John Hodge, Mr. Collins Hodge and Mr. Atlin Harrigan. The motion to grant a licence was moved by Mr. Wallace Rey, seconded by Mr. John Hodge and agreed to by Mr. Ronald Webster. Mr. Atlin Harrigan voted against and Mr. Collins Hodge abstained. Mr. Emile Gumbs was in St. Lucia and could not be informed to attend the meeting. Mr. Kenneth Hazel was also absent. On Thursday 20th. Feb. the following action was taken in the council meeting. All builders will have to get a building permit to build new buildings or additions to buildings. A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for each permit. The motion was moved by Mr. Atlin Harrigan (Cont'd on page 3)



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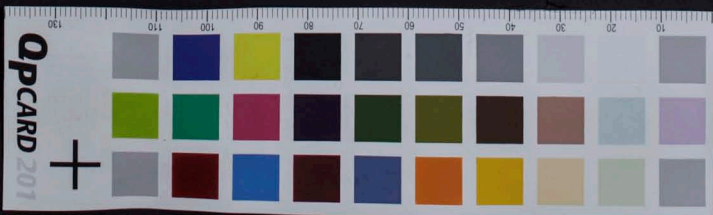
Located at South Hill, There you can enjoy yourself with fine foods and comfortable rooms. Rates are reasonable. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the beach. Free transportation twice per week to the beach.

Your host, Camile Connor.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I Eugene R. Barry of North Hill, hereby inform all Merchants, Shopkeepers, and other Businessmen not to give to my wife Cynthia Barry any credit in my name, as she has deserted me for over 3 months. I agree to carry on supporting my 2 children Icilma and Quieth Barry.

For real news Read the Beacon Weekly.



(Cont'd from page 3, Looking Back)

For the St. Kitts Policeman he is invisible. For Anguillans he is another great Abraham Lincoln, and I must say that since he has been in power Anguilla is blooming with blossoms: Not to be discredited is Mr. Atlin Harrigan who has stayed by Mr. Ronald Websters side in those days that cannot be forgotten by many. Thanks also at this point to Mr. David Smithers and Mr. Lake our good friends who have done so much for us to achieve such world wide publicity. Last of all, but most of all Mr. Roger Fisher the great talented Professor of Law who has advised us so gracefully on our present road for Freedom. For St. Kitts there is always trouble. Right now they are faced with the biggest problem ever. The Teachers' Strike, and the ultimatum of the Civil Servants.

I now end by reminding ourselves that no man's opinion should be left out. It should be weighed and brought out and by so doing we will form one body and work together for freedom as a free loving people.

Joseph A. Webster
St. Croix. V.I.

CORRECTION.

In article to Editor of Observer quote ' Britain is collecting a future' should read "Britain is collecting a fortune".

Letter to the Editor
Dear Sir,

Quarter,
18th. Feb. 1969.

Kindly allow me a little space in your paper to say a couple of words and ask a few questions concerning the coming elections. Have we been recognized by any country or nation? If so why have we not been informed before publishing these elections! In checking on the dates I have noticed it is in the season of Lent, especially the one on the 3rd. April which is Maundy Thursday. This is a Christian Island and I am sure all the Council Members are Christian people. What's the hurry? If we profess to be Christians let us carry out our Christian principles. If we are preaching democracy by our actions. For the benefit of most Anguillans I beg of the Council Members to consider the time of the forth coming elections

Thanking you,
V. Wilson.

Constitution of Republic of Anguilla Continued.

- or in criminal cases where the punishment, provided by law, does not exceed a fine of three hundred dollars, or imprisonment for a period of time greater than one hundred and eighty days, or both such fine and imprisonment.
- (c) A jury shall be composed of no less than six laymen citizens selected at random, by lot, from the registered voters of the Republic of Anguilla, in a manner provided by law to secure a fair and impartial panel of jurors.
- (d) In all criminal cases where the punishment, provided by law, exceeds twenty years imprisonment; or in a criminal case where the punishment is death, a jury of twelve shall be required.
- (e) In all jury trials, either civil or criminal, a determination shall require the unanimous agreement of the jury.
- (f) No person shall be excluded from serving as a juror by reason of race, colour, sex, political affiliation or creed, except that no person engaged in governmental employment, or a member of the Legislature, shall be permitted to serve on a jury.

THE BEACON IS GRATEFUL TO MR. FISLER OF NEW JERSEY FOR ITS NEW MASTER HEAD.

