

ANGUILLA



NO. 78. Saturday April 12th. 1969.

Price 10¢.

RADIO ANGUILLA.

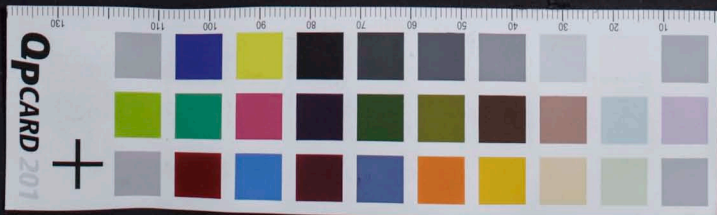
The island's own station, Radio Anguilla, went on the air on Wednesday evening. It took just eight days for Engineers from London- with the assistance of a local contractor Royal Engineers and Paratroopers - to unpack the equipment, erect the two 120ft. aerials and set up the radio station in a store at the back of the Agricultural Office. The studio still lacks a coat of paint and other refinements but the station went on the air just as soon as the transmitter was operating. The signal is coming through loud and clear on 15.10 Kilohertz (kilocycles) in the medium wave. We have not yet had reports from St. Thomas but the station's power of 500 watts should ensure that it is heard there also. From the start, three Anguillans- Vanier Menes Hodge, Linda Banks and Ralph Hodge - have been announcing on the radio. At present the station is broadcasting from 6.30 until eight o'clock each morning and from six thirty until eight each evening. Programmes consist of music, relays from the BBC and two local news bulletins each day. This radio station, which the Beacon welcomes as a valuable sister medium of communication on the island, surely demolishes the argument of those who claim that the development plans are bogus. It should play a very important part in keeping the island really well informed, and cut out the rumours that has been doing this island and its people more harm than good. Anguillans in the nearby islands will now be able to get latest happenings on this island first hand.

DENTAL NEWS.

Working in the Dental Clinic for the past three weeks is Dr. Everett Claus, an Oral Surgeon, who arrived here with Dr. Nicholson of Puerto Rico three weeks ago and has been very busy at the Clinic caring for at least thirty patients in one day. Dr. Claus is Vice President of Christian Dental Soc. of Arizona. Like the Methodist Mission in S.C. who has been sending Medical Surgical Doctors to Anguilla since November last year, the Society pays all expenses to Anguilla and hopes to send other Dentists in the future. The Society is interdenominational and helps people all over the world. Dr. Claus said he did Mission work in India last year. He is accompanied by his wife and Grandson.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Valley Secondary School will reopen on April 14th. The School was closed on March 18th for the Easter Holidays. It has been occupied by the British Paratroopers as of 19th March, when they landed and took over the island. The Royal Engineers have been very busily painting and putting the building back in order for reopening.



CORRECTION.

The first sub-paragraph in the letter of March 31st, 1969 to Lord Caradon from Mr. Ronald Webster was garbled in last week's Beacon. The correct version reads:

1. "It is the position of the Anguilla Council that Anguilla now is and shall remain independent of St. Kitts. It is expected that action will be taken at an early date which will permit Britain and others to agree that this position is correct. We would like it understood that our full co-operation with Britain does not involve our acceptance of any right the Gov't of St. Kitts-Nevis to exercise authority over the island of Anguilla!"

HEADMASTER LEAVES.

Mr. Calvin Hodge, former Headmaster of the Valley Boys School, left here on Tuesday 8th April for Tortola B.V.I. Mr. Hodge, accompanied by his wife Doreen, also a teacher, expect to continue in the teaching profession for the Tortola Gov't. They left with their five children, Kathleen, Joan, Charleen, Albert and Leonard, by chartered Valley Air Service plane for Beef Island. We wish Mr. Hodge and family every success in their new appointment.

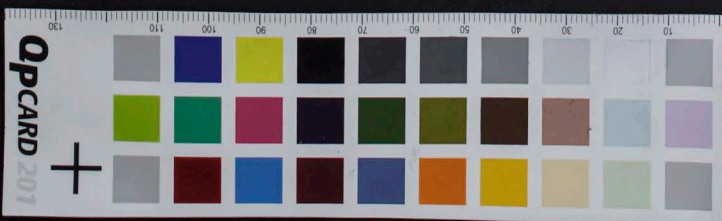
FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE PRESS.

Last issue of the Beacon we reprinted a press release on page 5. This was to clarify a misunderstanding circulated in Anguilla, that the Beacon press belonged to the people of Anguilla. The following is a release that did not get printed last week due to lack of space.

On Wednesday 12th March, the day after Mr. William Whitlock was expelled from the island, eight men, some armed, walked into the premises of the Beacon and took away the Beacon Press. Spokesman for the men said that they were sent for a press which belonged to the people of Anguilla. My wife and her mother who were home at the time, did not argue with the intruders who took the press away. On hearing this, I approached Mr. Webster who said that he had no knowledge of what had happened. Mr. Webster returned the press the following day, with an excuse for the men. It said "The press was taken by citizens who believed that the Beacon printed news that was treasonable". The press was out of order when it was returned. Thanks to two persons a new roller was brought in from Boston, on Saturday 29th March. The Beacon holds no ill feelings against these men. We feel that the press was taken as a result of a meeting held at Sandy Hill's Gov't Building the night before, by some Gov't Officials. Mr. Jack Holcomb and Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs were also present at the meeting.

RUMOURS.

This newspaper has received complaints from Anguillans in the V.I. against the British Commissioner. The allegation reportedly rumoured in St. Thomas, are in some cases deliberate and untrue. To put the record straight, we print the following facts as reported by Commissioner Way, Chief of the Anguilla Police Unit, and confirmed by Sgt. Ryan of Anguilla April 9th, '69. NO cases of rape by troops were ever reported. Assaults by two troopers on two women were dealt with by Military court, as a result the two men were sentenced to 28 days detention each. They were later forgiven by the two women, after they realised the punishment they received. One man, Edgar Harrigan, reported that the Troopers had taken from him \$201.00 U.S. This was denied by the Military. Vehicles had been searched and stopped at nights - two persons had been detained for questioning, another Dr. Spector who do not qualify to hold a licence to practice Medicine in a British Territory was asked to leave, (Continued on page 8)



GIFT TO SCHOOLS

This week we have received a shipment of six labeling machines from Mr. Edward Dempsey of N.J. Mr. Dempsey an Honourary Citizen of Anguilla, visits the island last November, will be remembered for the vegetable seeds that he gave to various people. He also informs us that another shipment of 1000 packages of seeds is on its way, to be distributed to the people of Anguilla. Five of the Machines, are to be the property of the Anguilla Board of Education. The other one is a gift to this newspaper.

TWO ANGUILLANS DETAINED.

Last week two Anguillans, Albert Gumbs and Charles (Charlie) Fleming both of East End, were detained at the Police Station. Mr. Gumbs who was picked up on Friday April 4th. was released later that day. Fleming was picked up on Saturday 5th. while taking water from the cistern at the public school at South Hill. It was reported that Fleming was taking water without permission but was later clarified by the Headmaster Mr. Adrian Hazel, that he gave him permission to take it. He was released the same afternoon. Fleming claimed that he was extensively questioned about firearms by the Police. Both homes of the two men were also searched.

DR. SPECTOR ASKED TO LEAVE.

Dr. Spector, a licenced Osteopath, has been asked by the Immigration Authorities to leave the island on Tuesday April 8th. The Immigration claims that Dr. Spector cannot practice Medicine under British Law and was asked to leave. Spector was Anguilla's Gov't. Doctor from July 1968 to Now when he was dismissed by the Anguilla Council. Later he was given permission to set up a private practice and this he has been doing ever since. When Dr. Spector arrived at the Airport to board the plane for St. Thomas, he was met with shouts from about 50 Anguillans not to leave the island. Spector was brought back to the Airport at 12noon where the crowd had been joined by another 50 persons who would not allow him to leave, and shouted "Tony Lee must go".

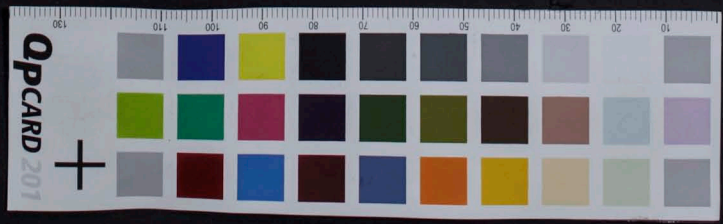
Government Notice (Cont'd. from Page 7.) GARBAGE.

and is therefore seeking the co-operation of the general public by asking-

1. Every house-holder to get a dust bin.
 2. Keep your garbage at the back until the day before the truck is due.
 3. Keep the date the truck will be in your area in mind.
 4. Don't put out garbage after the truck has left your area (you might be charged for this).
 5. Use some kerosene oil to keep down the mosquitoes.
- "Lets keep Anguilla clean." S. Mussington, PHI.

0.5 ANTI-TANK GUN FOUND.

Reports from Police Headquarters say that one 0.5 Anti- Tank gun was found in the Southern part of the island. The gun was well preserved being rapped in plastic and a blanket. The search was carried out as a result of reports reaching the Police. It was discovered, as a piece of the blanket protruded from under some dry leaves where it was buried. It is reported in good condition. A display of some 32 guns being handed in to the Police including the Anti-Tank was held for the press, the report said.



THE BEACON is an independent Anguillan Newspaper published every Saturday. Founded September 27th. 1967. Printed and published at "Lone Star" Anguilla, W.I.
Atlin Harrigan Publisher & Editor
S. Hodge, Associate Editor
Patterson Hunte, Printer.

EDITORIAL.

The statement by Mr. Ronald Webster that H.M. Commissioner had breached the agreement reached by Lord Caradon, and that Mr. Tony Lee declared Marshal Law, seems to be based on a deliberate misunderstanding.

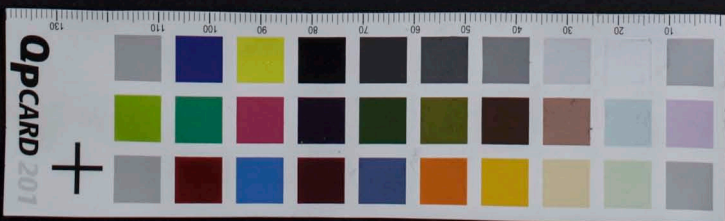
The Interpretation of the agreement signed by Mr. Webster and other members of the Council, made it clear that the island would be administered by H.M. Commissioner, in full consultation and cooperation with the Council, that would consist of the same seven men who were duly elected in 1968. Item 4 specially says, quote, "The members of the 1968 Council will be recognised as elected representatives of the people, and will serve as members of a council to be set up for the above purposes." unquote. If Mr. Webster did not understand the document, he should say so. If it is that he now realises that there is no office of "Chief Executive" under the agreement, and would like to retain that office, then he should impress upon Lord Caradon the necessity of a constitutional conference as soon as possible, to set Anguilla legally on a course with some form of association with Britain. Meanwhile we see no reason why the island should not be administered as agreed, until such constitutional agreements have been reached.

The question of who is Commissioner should not arise at this stage; and let us for the sake of the late and Noble Martin Luther King and for ourselves, keep racial indifferences out of it. Mr. Lee we all know very well to be a staunch supporter of Anguilla's cause, this was said by Mr. Webster himself last October when he returned from the London Conference. He told us that Bradshaw had even accuse Mr. Lee of being bribed by Anguillans. Given at the end of last year, the council asked H.M.G. to allow Mr. Lee to remain on the island.

He is now a victim of unfounded rumours that have been circulating in this island since the bogus Republic Constitution was introduced. Mr. Webster's other statement that the document that contained martial law was backdated to 19th March, but made made public after the agreement had been reached with Lord Caradon, is also untrue. The Beacon had a copy as of March 24th, (before Lord Caradon arrived). It was given us by the associate editor of the Anguilla Observer, Mr. Clive Smith. It had been sent by Mr. G. Greatorex, Public Relations Officer. (The Beacon was published on 31st March, after being out of publication for two weeks.) On the outset of this revolution, the aim of Anguilla was to seek some of association with Britain. Truthfully, the legal string with St. Kitts, is not yet broken, but we have secured a written undertaking from H.M.G. that they will not put us under an administration under which we do not want to live. They also agreed with us to consult other Carribean Gov'ts on working out a status for Anguilla. We should draw the line some place, and don't let the crave for power strangle us. Let us settle down for this initial period and assess the situation, and make plans for the type of Gov't that is best for us.

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY located at Stoney Ground is participating in a church wide revival effort sponsored by the organization with world headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee.

"SPIRITUAL CONQUEST", the name given to the world wide evangelistic endeavor, will be conducted from April 6th through May 25th. The local congregation has chosen April 13th-20th to conduct their revival. Pastor



onald Webster
ad breached the
rd Caradon, and
red Marshal Law,
deliberate mis-

the agreement
nd other members
clear that the
onsultation and
e seven men who
e members of
es of the peo-
e the above pur-
ent, he should
e of "Chief
t office, then
stitutional con-
urse with some
why the island
al agreements

is stage; and
and for our-
now very well
by Mr. Webster
ence. He told
nguillans.
low Mr. Lee to

lating in this
Mr. Webster's
was back-
had been
copy as of
y the associate
sent by Mr.
ed on 31st
outset of this
on with Bri-
broken, but
will not put
. They also
ut a status
et the
ial period
t that is

participating in
h world head-
listic endea-
local congre-
stor

David Rogers extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the services.

Church Notices: Low Sunday April 13th.

Anglican: St. Mary's Church Mattins (M.V. Hodge)
St. Augustines Mass 7.00a.m.
St. Andrews Mass 9.00a.m.
St. Marys Evensong 7.15p.m.

Methodist

Road 11.00a.m. --- 7.00p.m.
Valley 9.00a.m. --- 7.00p.m.
West End 9.00a.m. --- 7.00p.m.
Blowing Point 7.50a.m. --- 6.30p.m.

Roman Catholic

8.00a.m.

Contract Awarded:

The contract to put down the foundation for the 14 class room, Cosely Prefabricated School has been awarded to Mr. Hugo Rey, local contractor.

Hugo Rey, who bid \$32,000 was the only bidder when the school was put on bid last October. Last December, when the Interim Period was coming to an end, the Council voted against the erection of the School. After the foundation has been built, the Royal Engineers will complete the job.

The following is an extract from the Home Journal, Thursday, April 10th 1969 Says Anguilla Morals Endangered.

United Nations (UPI)

Anguillan leader Ronald Webster charged Tuesday that armed British soldiers with change jingling in their pockets are endangering the morals of Anguillan women. "In the next ten months you'll see the evidence", Webster told newsmen at U.N. headquarters.

Comment:

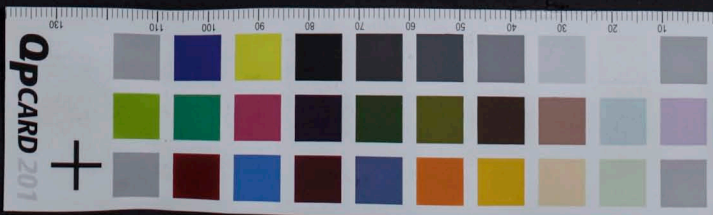
It is an insult upon the women of Anguilla, for Mr. Webster to insinuate that money jingling in Soldiers pockets, would endanger their morality. This kind of talk should never come from the leader of the people. Surely Mr. Webster can find other excuses to get the soldiers out, than undermining the reputation of our women folk.

MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS

Did he really resign? If he did he surely wasn't re-employed..... Bradshaw, one way complaining about the agreement, and we are one step behind him.....
The "white fellow in the East says, "don't be ruled by the so called whites but only listen to me".....
Surely they are not loyal enough to light themselves on fire, but do you think they would burn their British Passports since they don't want Britain?.....

STAMPS: The Anguilla definitive issue of stamps overprinted "Independence January 1969", was taken off sale at Valley Post Office on March 9th. A

total of 15,000 sets were overprinted and put on sale for 3 months, or until stock was exhausted. Values from 10¢ down were sold out before March 15th.



DEVELOPMENT PLANS DISCUSSED.

At the first meeting of the Council with H.M. Commissioner held on Tuesday April 1st. '69, the Development plans were discussed. Before going into the Development Programme for the island, Mr. Lee, H.M. Commissioner, told the Council that as a result of pressure by him and Lord Caradon, equipment for a permanent Radio Station for Anguillans and four Engineers to set it up had arrived the day before. Mr. Lee sought the Council's advice as to where the location would be. He then outlined the Development programme, which he termed as an extension of the preliminary programme left off in 1968. He said that £15,000 worth of Road equipment were ordered from last year's development scheme, and the meeting agreed that priority should be given to the erecting of the pre-fab school. The Roads and a pier at Sandy Ground with a constant Depth of Fifteen Feet, he added, that the Engineers reported it might cost up to \$250,000 to erect. The Fourth priority on the list was water supply, and it was agreed that the spring at the north of Cauls Pond should be checked for the flow. The Fifth and sixth were Telephone and Electricity. It was decided that the Airport extension was not priority, but that the Engineers would spray the area around the Terminal Building, to reduce the dust. Another meeting was held on Thursday 3rd. with May Plummers, head of the Royal Engineers, who will do the work with local help. It was then decided that the next meeting would be on Friday 11th. April. All members of the Council were present except Mr. Collins Hodge, who is reported sick.

Letter to Editor.

What is it that we fellow Anguillans want. The world to say (as have started) that we don't know what we want? That our children will grow up in Ignorance for we will soon have no teachers should the British (Lee) go. We can't send them abroad? Must our young ladies stay home and multiply, because they are not employed. Likewise the young men making the trouble. Must they travel to St. Thomas on a permit unable to get a Passport. Must we continue to be Goats or Sheep because of our masters' self pride (Position). Can we not live for a while with progress thereby improving ourselves. Have we given the Engineers a chance to start before destroying what they have done by saying they are only there to bribe us. We must have something to show as evidence as a bribe. What can we show? Why can't we wait for that chance. Are we not destroying what is not built yet.

PLEASE CONSIDER CAREFULLY MY PEOPLE.

Thank you,
Anguillian. St. Thomas. v.i.

WEBSTER RETURNS (Con't from page 8.)

that a hundred Nations were standing behind Anguilla and her struggles. He gave the islanders credit for the stand they took in his absence, in preventing Dr. Spector from leaving the island, when he was asked to leave by the Immigration Authorities. He then held a private meeting later with a few Anguillans. The Council was not invited. Mr. Webster left the island on Saturday last, to tell the world that H.M. Commissioner had Breached the agreement reached by Lord Caradon and the Council on March 31st. '69. He flew on to New York where he had discussions with Lord Caradon.

As the old philosopher says- its hard to give straight talk when you bend your elbow too much.

WHY TAKE A
Cash Can
Be Safe!
Open a SAV
BARCLAYS a
of having
your money
YOU'RE ALW

LATEST OFF
UILLA STAM
ENT ANGUI
½¢ to 25¢
Set of all
unused \$30
unused \$18
Leave Stam
Contact S.
Maarten or

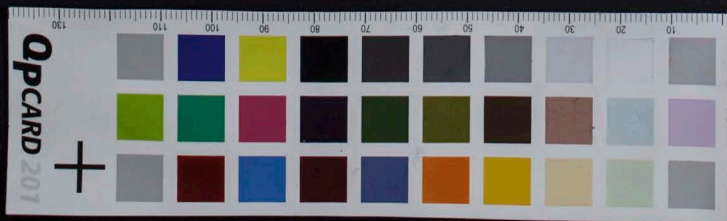
If you are
Anguilla-
For those
waiting-se
cept. holid
Maarten an
charter fl
Caribbean.
Maarten 32

HOTEL CAMO
Planing on
Then spend
ANGUILLA a
ity is unmi

Located at
enjoy your
comfortabl
able. ½ mi
transporta
beach.

Your

Tuesdays- (C
Truck N02.
Monday- Mou
Truck N03. I
Tuesday- Bl
A truck wil
Mr. Emile G
is very much
along the ro



A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

WHY TAKE A RISK?

Cash Can be burnt, Stolen or lost.
Be Safe! Be wise!

Open a SAVINGS Account with
BARCLAYS and get the satisfaction
of having uspay you for keeping
your money safe.

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME AT BARCLAYS.

LATEST OFFER FOR ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA STAMPS, OVERPRINTED "INDEPENDENT ANGUILLA".

½¢ to 25¢ used \$8.00, Unused \$15.00
Set of all 11 values ½¢ to 25¢ \$125.
unused \$300. Complete set used \$750.
unused \$1850. all in U.S. \$.
Leave Stamps on envelopes if possible.
Contact S.M.Risdon, Philipsburg, St.
Maarten or Atlin Harrigan, The Beacon.

If you are travelling in or out of Anguilla- then fly VALLEY AIR SERVICE. For those who like to travel now-no waiting-see V.A.S. We fly daily (Except holidays) between Anguilla, St. Maarten and St. Thomas. We also accept charter flights to any island in the Caribbean. St. Thomas Tel. 774-1576, St. Maarten 3202, at the Valley Anguilla.

HOTEL CAMORA.

Planing on getting away from it all? Then spend your next vacation on ANGUILLA and stay where the hospitality is unmatched at

HOTEL CAMORA.

Located at South Hill, There you can enjoy yourself with fine foods and comfortable rooms. Rates are reasonable. ½ mile from the beach. Free transportation twice per week to the beach.

Your host, Camile Connor.

Tuesdays- (hospital) George Hill. Forest, Stoney Ground, Little Dix.
Truck NO2. Charles Fleming (Every 15 days)
Monday- Mount Fortune- Is. Harbour. Tuesday- Pond Side- Bad Cox.
Truck NO3. Nassy Connor (every 15 days)
Tuesday- Blowing Point, North Hill. Friday- South Hill.
A truck will go into West End and Long Bay on the 1st. or 2nd. of each month.
Mr. Emile Gumbs has promised to take care of Sandy Ground. The department is very much concerned because of the ugly scenes caused by the cans etc. along the road, also the possible health hazards they can cause (cont'd p. 6)

THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA WORK FOR THEIR MONEY AND THEIR MONEY WORKS FOR THEM.

IN THE BANK

Fishermen, Housewives, Merchants, Sailors, Mechanics, Construction men. Everybody can benefit by using the bank.

A bank account earns you interest on your money, and it earns you the respect of everyone. People know you are a responsible thrifty person. They know you are handling your money in the most modern way. And you know that your money is always working to earn you money.

You work for your money.

Now let your money work for you in the Bank.

BANK OF AMERICA ANGUILLA.

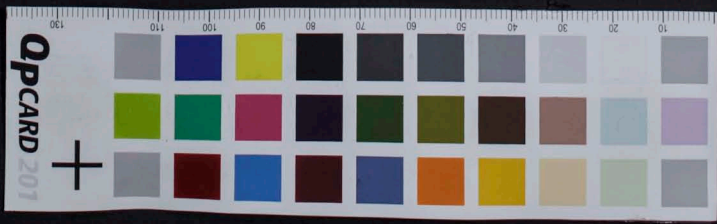
Government Notice.

Dog licences are due and payable from 1st. to 30th. April 1969. Persons found having dogs unlicensed after May 1st. are liable to be prosecuted.

W. Hodge- Treasurer.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. NOTICE. GARBAGE COLLECTION.

The general Public is hereby informed (until further notice) the following time table and trucks will be used for garbage collections. Truck NO1. Cyrenius Richardson Monday and Fridays. Mondays- (Hospital) Valley, North & South Valley, North Side, Quarter.



SPORTS.

FOOTBALL. On Sunday 6th April 1969, An Anguillian football XI suffered a very severe defeat at the hands of H.M.S. Rhyll's football team. The visitors who outclassed the local team in all divisions of the game scored five goals in the first half and seven in the second.

VOLLEY BALL Monday 7th april.

The Valentinos Sports Club Volley Ball team, defeated H.M.S. Rhyll's Volley Ball team 3-15, 15-8, 15-6. After losing the first game, the visitors the local side levelled scores by winning the second game, then went on to win the third game and the match.

CRICKET.

On Monday 7th April 1969, a selected island eleven defeated H.M.S. Rhyll's cricket team by 46 runs. The scores Anguilla XI 113 Rhyll 67. For Anguilla Leslie Richardson with 28 and V. Banks with 25 were the main scorers. For H.M.S. Rhyll Chamberlen with 24 and Snell with 15. After the Cricket match a variation of Sports gear was presented to various Clubs and schools of Anguilla from H.M.S. Rhyll.

RUMOURS (Con't From Page 2)

Since he was unemployable. Two American families were questioned and homes searched soon after the British landing on March 19th.

LORD CARADON TO VISIT AGAIN.

The British Representative to the U.N, Lord Caradon, was expected to arrive in Anguilla yesterday Friday. Lord Caradon's visit comes as a result of his meeting in New York with Mr. Webster, after he accused H.M. Commissioner in Anguilla, Mr. Tony Lee, of breaching the agreement reached by Lord Caradon and the Council on 30th March 1969. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, denied that the Commissioner had breached the agreement.

NOTICE.STONE FOR ROADWORK.

The Anguillian road construction programme is to be restarted shortly, and materials for it will be required. The first phase of work will be done in the following areas:- Long Bay village (300 yards) South Hill village and lower South Hill (2100 yards) White Hill (1300 yards) George Hill (1800 yards). Each 100 yards of road will need about 75 cubic yards of 2 inch stone, which will be called for and accepted only as and when required. Quantities delivered will be estimated and agreed, and payment made at \$5. per cubic yard. The stone should consist of clean hard rock particles, and approximately 60% should be between 2 inches and 1½ inches in dimension. Stone considered unsuitable will NOT be accepted or paid for. All interested suppliers please contact WO 11 SPROULE RE at the PWD-Office on Mon. or Tuesday of next week. When the first phase of work is nearing completion, it is hoped to publish details of the stretches of road which will be tackled next.

MR. RONALD WEBSTER RETURNS.

A crowd of about 300 supporters of Mr. Ronald Webster, assembled at the Airport on Thursday morning. Mr. Webster was cheered by the group as he walked from the plane. He led the group in a march to the Administration

Building where he gave a short account of his trip to N.Y. He told the group who had earlier nailed up the Court room door, preventing the Magistrate from having Courts, (Con't on page 6)

