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REFERENDUM ABANDONED- MR. WEBSTER MEETS TONY LEE AND JOHN CUMBER.

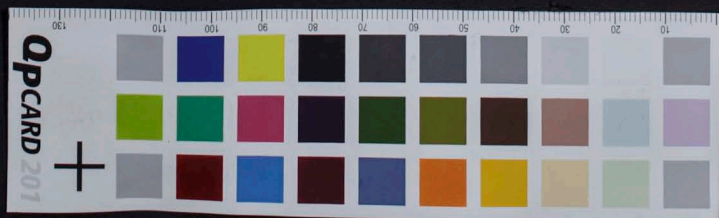
The referendum that was to be held by Mr. Webster last Thursday was called off. Mr. Webster told the press, ~~last Thursday~~ that he would hold a referendum to ascertain whether the people of Anguilla supported the presence of the British Troops on the island. It was also reported that he would press for new elections as soon as possible. On announcing his plans to abandon the referendum he also called off all demonstrations against the British forces and said he would co-operate with the British, in the hope of achieving self Government. He said that he still hopes for the possibility of having elections. On Tuesday 15th he met with Mr. Tony Lee and John Cumber. The discussions ~~was~~ were very amicable and carried a wide range of topics, concerning the island. Mr. Cumber will take over the Office of the British Commissioner when Mr. Tony Lee goes on holiday. Another meeting was held the following day but Mr. Lee was not present.

LORD CARADON'S' SECOND VISIT.

Lord Caradon, Britain's Representative to the U.N. arrived in Anguilla on Friday 11th, to meet with the Council and hear complaints that were made to him by Mr. Ronald Webster in New York the Tuesday before. The Council was summoned to meet with Lord Caradon 11am, Friday 11th. An earlier meeting scheduled for 10. 30. am. with Mr. Webster and Lord Caradon, was prevented when an angry crowd of about three hundred refused to let Mr. Webster see Lord Caradon, until Britain withdraw her forces, they said. However Mr. Webster did manage to speak with Lord Caradon 1.45 ~~hrs~~ behind schedule, but told him that he would have no talks until the British forces leave. Meanwhile about one hundred persons from the crowd went to the house of the British Commissioner Mr. Tony Lee. A Policeman that was on duty at the house was beaten and kicked but managed to get away and pulled his revolver but did not fire. At this time about twenty riot-equipped paratroopers arrived and dispersed the crowd from the building. Lord Caradon made a broadcast over Radio Anguilla that same night, where he expressed disappointment in not meeting the Council as planned and detested what he termed as ugly scenes outside the Administration Building. (See full text on page 2.)

TWENTY MORE TROOPERS.

On Monday last a total of twenty paratroopers arrived in Anguilla. It is believed that these were brought back after the Anti-British demonstrations continued on the island. No trouble has been reported since they have arrived.



THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST BY LORD CARADON OVER RADIO ANGUILLA TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA, ON FRIDAY 11 APRIL, 1969.

I came back to Anguilla this morning as I had promised to do. When I was here before, I said that I was intensely interested in helping the people of the island if I could and that it was not just a matter of coming once;

I would certainly come back again and I came back today because I was gravely concerned about what had happened since I was here before. You remember that I was asked by my Government to make a careful assessment of the situation in the island and my recommendations about the future. I do assure you that I faithfully carried out that duty and when I reported to London a week or two ago following our agreement I also reported very carefully and thoroughly everything that had been said to me by people of different views here in the island itself. Now in addition to making an assessment and report and recommendations when I was here before we made as you know a declaration of agreement, I signed it as a minister of my Government. I believe it was a document of great consequence. It was a sort of treaty of friendship between Anguilla and Great Britain. We had seven clauses in that agreement, all of them worked out in what it was, I suppose twenty hours, twenty long hours of careful and amicable negotiation. Every clause had been worried over and thought about and carefully explained and when we signed that document and I went away on that Monday morning the 31st of March, everyone understood, everyone agreed, I believe that everyone in the island thought that we had made a good step forward and that we on our side started at once to carry out our side of the bargain and you will remember that within a day or two of my going the Paratroops started to send their first Contingent home to England. It was an agreement made on the basis of trust between us and I was determined to make sure that our trust was fully carried out. But what happened then? Well a number of very disturbing things happened. First of all a number of baseless charges were made and I speak very strongly about them. Charges which I heard in New York and which were repeated elsewhere in the world, charges that there had been many cases of rape in the island. I have investigated them, and there is no truth, no truth, in the fact that rape has taken place. Then people said that new regulations had been introduced after the agreement; not true. Regulations were introduced at the time when our forces came into the island. When you carry out an enterprise of this kind you must provide full powers for those who have to undertake it; This is unavoidable and the regulations were made when we entered the island several weeks ago- long before we made our agreement. Then people have been talking about requisition of property; no property will be requisitioned, no-one will lose their property. There are powers to requisition, and when the troops first came in they had to make use immediately of premises which were available, but the purpose is to get out of them as quickly as possible. I assure everyone, there's no question of anyone losing their property. So these charges of rape and regulations and requisition are just not true. But worse things even than that, than these false rumours took place. There were disgraceful scenes outside the Court House. I saw one this morning. People shouting instead of talking. People not prepared to give their minds to arguments and discussion and investigation, but thinking they can solve things by making a noise; I tell you that this is not good enough. It's certainly not good enough when the courts of the island cannot operate in peace and justice and I will tell you that if there is going to be lawlessness in this island; (Continued on page 3.)

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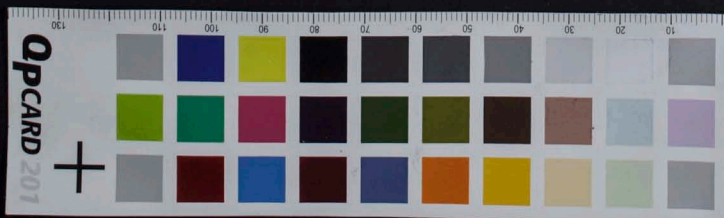
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If lawlessness is going to take over, then no-one will benefit. I believe that there has to be a recognition on all sides that whatever else happens, law and order must be maintained. That's in the interest not of any faction or any person; that's in the interest of every single person. Now let me just say this further word to you. I told you when I left the island on the 31st of March that I believed that Anguilla has a bright future. I believe that you could look forward in co-operation with my Government and in the development that is now going to take place. You could look forward to a time which will be the best time that the island has ever known and the offer of friendship and co-operation and agreement which I brought is I believe of very great consequence. I cannot believe, I just cannot believe, that the people of this island wish to refuse the hand of friendship which I extended to them. If they do that and if we go into a period of dispute and confrontation and violence, then the future is very dark indeed. I brought the promise of a bright future; I don't want to deceive you in any way, we can't suddenly make this into a new heaven, but we can make rapid progress, we can see development you have waited for so long and I believe that all this can be done in freedom and justice. Don't turn it down; don't create difficulties now. I beg you not allow me to go back to New York without being prepared at least to talk to me if you have complaints. I am here to listen. If you have injustices I am here to rectify them and if you have aspirations I am here to listen to them and faithfully to report them to my Government. I cannot believe that the people of this island would be so crazy as to throw away such a wonderful opportunity. I thank you.

STATEMENT BY LORD CARADON ON THE 12TH APRIL 1969

I speak of three stages. We started with stage I. Conclusion of the agreement - freely negotiated, well understood, warmly received by everyone.

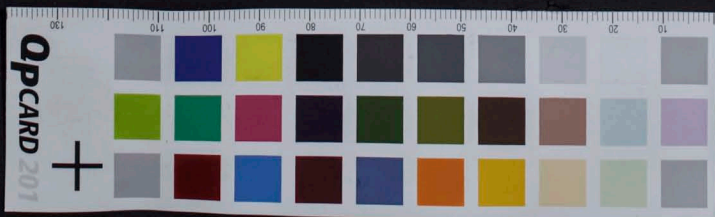
Then came stage II. Deliberate misunderstanding, false rumour, personal insult and threat of violence.

Now we look forward to stage III. A return to good sense and a start on the period of constructive co-operation in friendship which we promised two weeks ago in our joint declaration of agreement.

The sooner we go from the second stage to the third the better for everyone. I shall be glad to come back as soon as that clear call comes.

STATEMENT BY LORD CARADON APRIL 12th, 1969. H.M.COMMISSIONER, ANGUILLA.

Since there has been speculation about the position of H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Anthony Lee, I shall begin by saying that, after a very trying and prolonged spell of duty, Mr. Lee is fully entitled to take a long overdue leave. When I came it was consequently with the intention of enabling him to take this leave at once. I have, however, been further impressed by the good opinions of Mr. Lee which have been expressed to me by responsible sections of Anguillan opinion and requests that he should stay on for the time being. I therefore decided to recommend yesterday evening to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs that Mr. Lee's departure on leave should be postponed. The Secretary of State has accepted my recommendation. It has therefore been agreed that Mr. Lee should remain in the island for the time being. In due course he will proceed on leave. He will then hand over to Mr. John Cumber, who came out with me to Anguilla (Continued on page 6)



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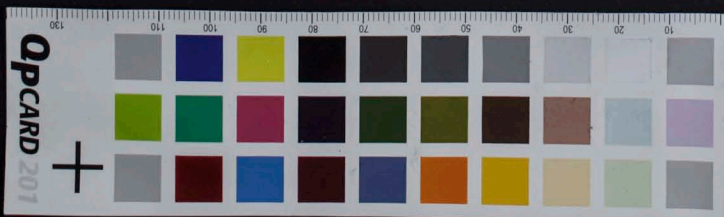
On Friday 11th April, our people adopted a violent attitude in carrying out demonstrations; which could have easily started off a "bloody Revolution." It was diverted because of the Policeman, though he drew his gun he did not use it, and on doing that the crowd backed away. However so right, it's apparent

that no one was ready to sacrifice his life at this time. But this type of action could easily spark off into riots and put an end to what is now known as the "Bloodless Revolution". If our immediate fight was now with the Bradshaw Regime, everyone of us would join heart and hand and die for what we believe. But no, we were told at the beginning of the secession and all along that what we wanted was some form of association with Britain. Today we are on the threshold of receiving that legally and very soon. But the secessionist movement has taken a different form. The trouble is now against Britain, why? The only reason one can think of, is that while the people were told that they were fighting for separation from St. Kitts and seeking a status with Britain, some people had their own ideas about the status for Anguilla and it is believed that plans were already made that could be implemented only if we are an Independent Republic. Meanwhile these extremists who will never be seen where the trouble spots are, will stir up the people to demonstrate for one thing while they have something else in their heads, unknown to the very people who are demonstrating. The short history will tell us that whenever dangerous days are facing us, these type of people will not be on the island. It is about time we stop and think. Ask yourself if you are doing what you want to do or is it what someone else told you to do.

OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM:

It is amusing to read the pamphlet that is circulated in the West Indies purported to be put out by a "committee for a free Anguilla," asking West Indians not to buy or handle British products until the British forces leaves Anguilla. We feel we must comment because Anguilla is us. Most of the goods handled in this area are carried in Anguilla's boats, there is where Anguillans earn part of their living, and apart from that if these people would like to help Anguilla, then help where help is needed most. Our biggest problem here is not troopers or the British, our main problem lies with our fellow West Indian, Robert Bradshaw. If he cuts us loose of the constitutional tie, it would be smooth sailing for us from then on, with the exception of the few "sharks" that we will have to steer clear of.

Britain's invasion of Anguilla was as much to rescue us from the hands of disreputable characters. But the Constitutional tie is still there and any help that is forthcoming should be directed to the constitutional problem. Demonstrate to Bradshaw, to set us free from West Indian Colonialism. Why let St. Kitts carry on where Britain left off? The same goes for the other Governments in the area who condemn the British, and no one yet has come out to help where help is needed most. Not one Gov't has passed a resolution saying that Bradshaw should allow Anguilla to secede. Instead all B.W.I. countries passed a resolution on 6th Feb 1969 calling on Britain to preserve the territorial integrity of the State



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of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla. So who is fooling who ? Britain's presence in here is one hope; that Bradshaw will not recruit an army from the other islands to attempt to take over Anguilla upon which time we will surely have bloodshed.

HOLCOMB STILL HANGING AROUND.

Jack Holcomb, self styled businessman from Fort Lauderdale Fla., who once applied to the Anguilla Council for permission to put down a basic Material Construction Business on the island, flew into St. Maarten earlier this week. Holcomb was deported from Anguilla by H.M. Comissioner as a dis-reputable character. In applying for permission to put down his basic Material Business, he asked for a twenty five year tax free franchise, and offered to pay in return \$1000,00 U.S. to the Gov't every year. Holcomb, a frequent visitor to the island in the past, took part in the debate of the Republic Constitution. It was a feeling among some of the members of the Council that he was instrumental in draughting the same Constitution. He later applied for permission to practice law, which was granted. He denied reports that he would become Magistrate under the Constitution. When asked of his earlier intentions of putting down the Basic Material Business, he told us that those plans were forgotten. He added that all he wanted was to practice law and he was mostly interested in co-operation law. Some Anguillans accused him of wanting to establish himself between outside investors and the Gov't of Anguilla. Speculation here is that he met with Mr. Ronald Webster on Thursday last.

DR. GROG, DENTIST, arrived in Anguilla on Thursday, 17th,. He will be attending at the Valley Dental Clinic for two weeks. He comes from Connecticut, and is a member of the Christian Dental Society, of Arizona. Accompanying him is his wife and three children.

THE RUTH 16 - Anguilla schooner that left here on Jan.9th for Trinidad, and developed motor trouble en route, is expected here any day now. The schooner after drifting to Vevezuela, arrived in Trinidad and sailed for Anguilla on 11th April via Antigua..

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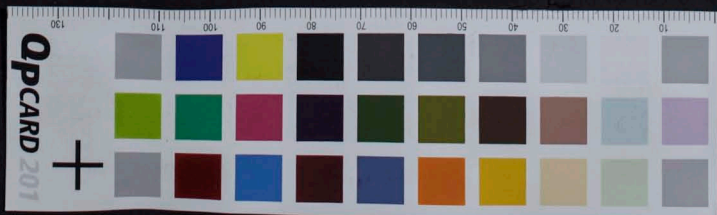
Atlin really is responsible for the starting of the revolution, but they took it over and messed it up, and now they are confused..... Some sacrificed to help Anguilla but others were only interested in fat salaries.....
 The latest theme song now is, do as I say and don't ask any questions, even if we all walk over High Cliff.....
 The Observer too was "Sock it" to them.....
 Because so many Anguillans have stood up for their rights and beliefs, they are branded as 'Bratchers', at this rate Bradshaw will think he is very popular.....

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

WAS ANGUILLA INVADED?

I want to express my opinion. Anguillans saying not back to St. Kitts is a right decision. I appreciate the steps our leaders took. I don't know if they had a dream to oppose the Dictator Bradshaw, but I don't think to oppose those who were ordained by God to have the rule of British Territories is a right movement. You have civil rights to oppose certain matters. Anguilla must have Law and Order. Britain have not invaded Anguilla, a lot of blind persons are saying so. If Anguilla was invaded I would like to read the charge. If a person burn a house, is the charge 'burn'?" I say No arson is that charge. Britain occupied Anguilla not to rob you of your civil rights, but to have Law and Order that was not in Anguilla. My opinion is- what you do not want must still have a reason to prove why. To oppose the ordained power is limited. If what you are doing is from God you will succeed. A king opposed God's command to be subjected to Babylon. What did he obtained with all the aid he got? It is time to think wisely. To be subjected to our Sovereignty may be the right action, you will have the chance to prove if the act is to carry us back to St. Kitts. My advice is try it, all of us will defend our rights when it comes to that matter. But Law and Order must be installed. David was anointed as King- but he did not oppose Saul. My question is why? Cyrus was an invader with his troops. This rule has a limited end or timely end. We are to obey God rather than man. Opposition is yours but not in all things.

A true Anguillan, Fearing God. M.R. Anguilla.

STATEMENT BY LORD CARADON (Con't from page 3)

In the meantime Mr. Cumber will make himself familiar with conditions in the island. Mr. Cumber, who in due course will be taking over from Mr. Lee, has, like Mr. Lee, had many years of service in Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service. His most recent appointment has been Administrator of the Cayman Islands, where he served from 1964 to 1968. I add this personal word of my own. I have greatly admired the steadiness which Mr. Lee has shown in carrying out his duty. The good humour and goodwill which he has shown in circumstances of strain under unfair attack are deserving of the highest praise. I know there are many people in the island who agree with me.

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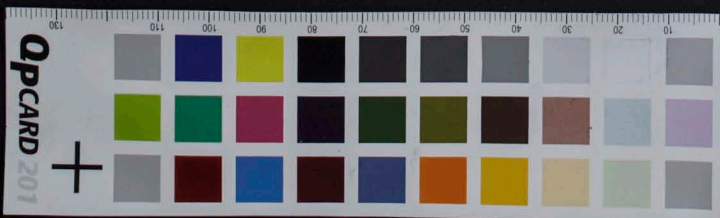
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CORRECTION.

On back page of last week's Beacon
"Sports" we stated that "Sports Gear"
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schools of Anguilla from H.M.S. Rhyl.
The sports gear presented to the Sec.
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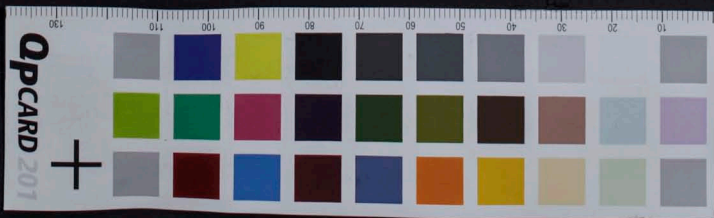
Anglican: St.Mary's 7.15 am and

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It is hoped that the Bishop will
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given later. The Rector hopes to
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*Follow the bumpy road- it's much
easier than going through the bush.*



BRADSHAW IN COURTESY CALL ON U.N. CHIEF

(The St. Thomas Daily News April 16th, 1969.)
 UNITED NATIONS (AP)- Prime Minister Robert L. Bradshaw of the associated state of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla said yesterday that "Anguilla will have to return to constitutional rule." Bradshaw, who paid a 20-minute courtesy call on Secretary-General U Thant accompanied by Lord Caradon, Britain's ambassador to the U.N., told newsmen afterwards that British engineers would have to remain on the tiny Caribbean island "for some time." The 52 year old prime minister has backed the British occupation of Anguilla. British troops were sent into the island last month following the secession of Anguilla from the associated state. The former British colonies have self-rule with Britain handling defence and foreign affairs. Bradshaw said that "so far as the constitution is concerned, we have tried for a peaceful resolution of the problem." "We have tried every thing in the book," he added. The prime minister made it clear that he saw no possibility of compromising the constitutional status of the associated state in dealing with what he called "the rebels". Anguillan leader Ronald Webster returned to Anguilla thursday after talks in New York with Lord Caradon. Webster had alleged that a truce agreement reached between Caradon and Webster on Anguilla March 30th, had been breached and martial law introduced. Bradshaw said he had visited Washington last week for talks with British foreign secretary Michael Stewart on the Anguillan situation. Stewart was in the capital for the NATO ministerial meeting. Bradshaw said he had discussed development of tourism in the associated state with businessmen in New York. "Tourism is going very well in Nevis," he continued. "And we are initiating a plan for St. Kitts. Anguilla has got the best beaches in the world, as I know, having seen many of them."

COMMENT. Bradshaw will remember that we (Anguillans) tried every thing constitutionally, prior to May 30th, 1967 when we seceded. He bluntly refused to give us the type of Local Government we asked for- Nothing compared with what he is now willing to concede to us today. But because of his dictatorial attitude, his refusal to allocate more power, other than collecting Dog Tax, Drivers Licences and other little appropriations has caused us to seek self Government, seperated from St. Kitts. We have come a long way to achieving this and will NEVER return to be a colony of St. Kitts who cannot support itself, more-over Anguilla. He may hold Britain to the constitution he got from her, and we will hold her to Item 7 of the declaration signed by Lord Caradon. Anguilla did not get her beaches over night, they were here ever since he took power over us, but instead of developing the island, he promised to turn it into a "Desert", When Anguillans refused to vote for a member of his labour party in the General Election in the late 1950s.

HAMLET Act 1, Scene 3.....

The friends thou hast and their adoption tried (Bri....) grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel; But do not dull thy palm with entertainment of each new hatched, unfledg'd comrade. (Hol....) (Contributed)

STILL HANGING AROUND. (Con't from page 6)

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Take a lesson from the sea- make waves and you'll find yourself splashed all over the earth.

