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WEBSTER SPEAKS OVER RADIO ANGUILLA.

Mr. Ronald Webster, on his return to the island last Saturday, gave a report of his trip over Radio Anguilla. Mr. Webster said that he had seen Lord Caradon in New York and put to him a number of representations and questions affecting Anguilla. He added that it was agreed between them that a continuation of constructive co-operation on the island was necessary. It was further agreed that another meeting should take place in Anguilla or New York within the next six weeks, he said. Webster had gone to the United States to address a student body at Howard University in Washington and to have talks with Lord Caradon. It was only the week before that Lord Caradon left Anguilla disappointed, when Mr. Webster refused to talk with him, demanding that the British Forces be with-drawn. "We are not thinking of complete Independence anymore, but to work in association with the Commonwealth, while maintaining our right to determine our destiny", he said, and added, "I am convinced that each Anguillian has the same aim." Meanwhile, he appealed to the people to be united.

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M/V RUTH 1-16 ARRIVES.

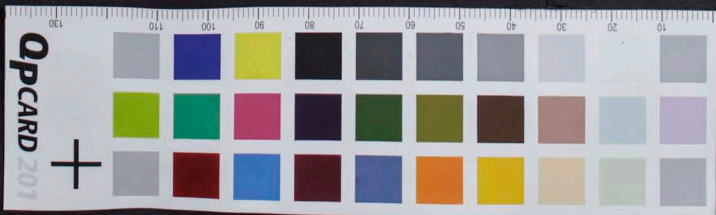
After a prolonged voyage of motor troubles and other difficulties, the M/V Ruth sailed into Road Harbour on Tuesday 29th. Her voyage began on Jan. 9th 1969 when she sailed for Trinidad. A wide search started after it was reported that the boat did not reach any port. She was finally located in Venezuela where she drifted after developing motor troubles. After repairs, she sailed for Trinidad to load general cargo, and called at many ports in the leewards on her way here.

MR WEBSTER SPEAKS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY by EYSTON HUNTE.

Mr. Webster addressed some 75 students from the Howard University community at Crampton Auditorium on April 23. Mr. Webster was invited to address the students by the Project Awareness committee at Howard University.

Mr. Jerry Gumbs, who accompanied Webster to Washington D.C. introduced him as a man with "soul". Mr. Gumbs went on to elaborate on the history of Anguilla, saying that it is the first time in history that a nation responsible for the protection of another island had invaded that island. Mr. Gumbs emphasized that the charges of gangsterism and "that a minority of people were intimidating Anguillians was completely false and that the British had declared elections held on Anguilla illegal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Mr. Editor, Following the events from 30th May 1967, there are some achievements for which our leaders are to be complimented, and yet there are actions which we cannot appreciate. Looking at the recent happenings I cannot but say that the same dictatorial regime we blamed the Bradshaw Government of, we are now guilty of it. A declaration of Independence was proclaimed over the world press where we heard of it for the first time. When some inquired about it, they were told that it was Independence from St. Kitts-not from Britain. A constitution was pushed into our hands and before we could study it, voting for that to be accepted, or return to St. Kitts, was rushed upon us. The third question, if we wanted to "Remain with Britain", was omitted. Those who could see the trick, and tried to show the disadvantage of such a move was openly criticised, even though they were their props in the early days of struggling. Are we not free to express our views, even though they may not be in accordance with the powers that Be? The chance came for Whitlock to come to Anguilla, and we saw it in the Observer of 6th March, after the time had passed. Are we to understand that all negotiations have ceased? That even though late, an honourable solution could be reached and we are refusing it? The majority of Anguillians wish to remain in the Commonwealth, therefore our wish should be respected. We also read in the Observer of March 6th. that Anguillians gave Mr. Tony Lee a cold reception. That is shameful, and should never have been or even publicised, for we were told that when Tony Lee spoke so well at the London talks he was accused of bribery. Have we lost all sense of gratitude? It is clear that the person we trusted is betraying our trust, in that he is not prepared for a settlement. If you really want a settlement which would end in peace and contentment for all, you should be prepared to step down and negotiate, and not only think of Titles and Positions, for those sought after at the wrong time will only lead us not only astray but to the road of destruction and hazards of wars. Thank you for your space, Onlooker.

Dear Sir, Some of us deprecate the situation here at home by seeking employment abroad. Are we not oblivious of the distress this can be to our children? It is pathetic not to mention tragic to see how one can be obsessed by trivial matters when compared with your obligation to our community. There is loathing in the air here now, but in your position couldn't you have done something to alleviate some of these tense moments? Can't we sit down and discuss our problems the way Intelligent-Educated people should?

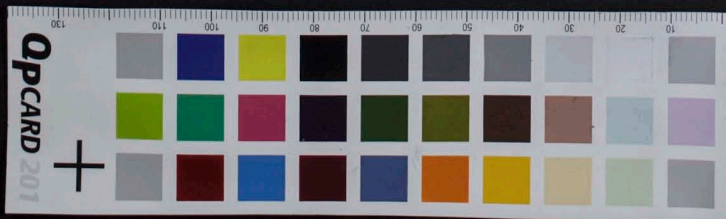
Some of our leaders are inert thinking incessantly of the past two years, shouldn't we instead take a different view and think of developing Anguilla, and improving ourselves to meet the future needs of our beloved island? Thank you, Anguillan.

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VALLEY AIR SERVICE RENDERS SPECIAL FLIGHT.

As of Friday March 2nd. Valley Air Service will start a special flight to St. Marten. The flight leaves Anguilla at 7.A.M. and returns at 4.P.M. every Tuesday and Friday. This was arranged so as to accomodate persons wanting to do buisness in St. Marten.

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FULL TEXT OF MR. WEBSTER'S SPEECH OVER RADIO ANGUILLA.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It's indeed a pleasure to be back in Anguilla among you and to give you this message. I must first thank you for your kind co-operation during the past crucial months.

I am here not to criticise anyone, but to say how happy I am to be with you and give you some sound advice. Let us be wise and work together for the benefit of Anguillans and all concerned. This can only be achieved by uniting ourselves in a common purpose as the great men of old; for great men build great nations and "fools confound the wise."

I do not intend to lead my people to failure. We must work with constructive co-operation in the interest of all Anguillans. Indeed, we are anxious to work towards a final settlement of Anguilla's problems in consultation with the Caribbean Governments so as to ensure the future development of the island in all spheres for the good of all.

Do not therefore be carried away with illusions or listen to rumours. We are not thinking of complete independence any more, but to work in association directly with the Commonwealth while maintaining our right to determine our destiny.

I am convinced that each Anguillian has the same aim. All of you are aware of the great amount of bitterness and disappointment among the people because of false and irresponsible allegations that have been made to divide us within this lovely island.

Please do not let anyone fool you at any cost. I am with you and will remain with you until I am no longer required. We cannot permit ourselves to waver in our determination to secure a satisfactory settlement for Anguilla and justice and equality for all.

On April 25th I had a long and interesting discussion with Lord Caradon in New York, and put a number of representations to him dealing with a variety of questions affecting the Island of Anguilla. It was agreed that, in addition to a continuing period of constructive co-operation, a further opportunity for discussing outstanding problems with Lord Caradon should be taken either in New York or in Anguilla within the next six weeks. Meanwhile all questions which can be settled locally would be promptly dealt with in consultation and co-operation with Mr. Cumber, the British Government's Representative here. Thanks to Lord Caradon and Mr. Cumber for the good job that they are doing—let us work together with these two well-trained and experienced gentlemen and get Anguilla moving—we Anguillans have wasted too much time arguing and criticising one another.

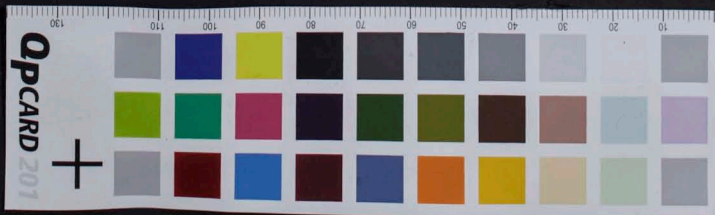
We have great values to cherish, so we must define our goal and marshal our will. Humility has been my lifetime companion and it has taught me how to accept responsibility without conceit. When I stand before you, it is not that I am proud, but rather an acknowledgement of my love for the people of Anguilla and my humble dedication to their just cause.

Let us cast away envy, all jealousy, and self-interest, and work towards a permanent settlement of Anguilla's constitutional and economic problems.

Many thanks to all who have sent me such lovely requests. I have enjoyed listening to them constantly and I also thank the many hundreds of people who have written such encouraging letters to me.

Friends and fellow Anguillans, have confidence in me. I have nothing to hide from you, so do not sell your leader's birthright for a dish of porridge. Remember what Judas did to Christ. So be wise, be fair-minded,

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EDITORIAL.

The pains one has to go through are often unwarranted, the said being that those we are trying to keep on the right track, will eventually come around to thinking our way, only after a lot of embarrassment on both sides.

We have to speak out when vital things are happening that could jeopardize the whole of Anguilla's future. It is not anymore as in the past, when our differences could be hammered out in conferences. Today we have a group who feel that only their voices should be heard- any one else who expresses his or her opinion, right or wrong is termed a crook- How ridiculous? We all know that "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Every one seems to forget the wave of events that struck this place at the close of the interim period. The fact that Anguilla did declare U.D.I. in spite of strong warnings from Britain, was in itself asking for trouble. This action could be seen as putting St. Kitts aside and putting Britain in the ring. A bogus constitution that would permit the Anguillan Gov't from taking part in any development other than utilities, and make Anguilla a haven for tax-Dodgers was forced upon the people with no choice but to accept it. Every one seems to forget how influential Jack Holcomb was in Government affairs to the extent, that he secured permission to practice law, though he was not a lawyer in any other part of the world. These and many other incidents of the same nature caused us to voice our disapproval. For this today, we are ignored and termed "Crooks" and Bradshaws". These are embarrassing to some people; who really do not mind as long as our disapprovals are effective, and the good that comes out of it is shared by all Anguillans. As we have said before, we go through a lot of pain to prove our point, but eventually the group sees it our way, which most times turn out to be correct.

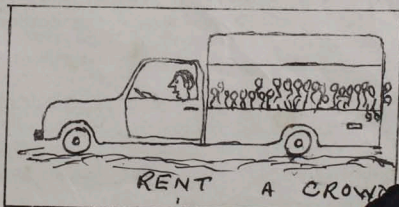
COURTS OPENED.

For the first time since the occupation by the British, the courts of Anguilla functioned. The Magistrate Mr. Donaldson called the courts to order on many occasions but none of the persons charged ever showed up. At one time a crowd "demonstrating" barred up the court house, preventing the Magistrate from executing his duties. The police erected barricades of wire around the area to prevent the demonstrators from entering.

Two cases were heard by the Magistrate yesterday. The case against Adrian Gumbs was dealt with, with a fine of \$10.00. Another case against Charles Fleming was adjourned for three weeks until the defendant gets a lawyer. One other case against Collins Hodge was withdrawn.

BRADSHAW TO LONDON.

Mr. Michael Stewart, Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in England, has invited Mr. Robert Bradshaw to London for a Two day talk concerning the future of Anguilla, in relation to St. Kitts-Nevis. The talks are expected to take place next Wednesday & Thursday in London.

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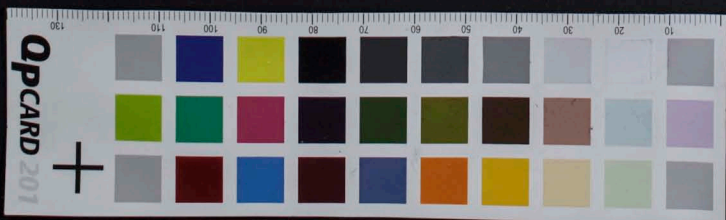
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"INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL URGED BY BRITAIN FOR THE CARIBBEAN"

Extract from the San Juan Star, May 2nd, 1969. By Arthur L. Gavshon.
LONDON (AP)- Britain has proposed formation of an international council for the Caribbean to assume responsibility for the political development of certain territories beginning with the rebel island of Anguilla.

Government sources, disclosing this Thursday, said the new British plan has been submitted to Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana.

The United States and Canada, which share Britain's interest in underpinning Caribbean security, have been informed of the proposal. Authorities here hope Canada might agree ultimately to join the council.

Reactions of the four Caribbean governments are awaited here. The British hope they will be positive.

The secret move by Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart two weeks ago flows from the wish of Prime Minister Wilson's government to disengage from its embarrassing commitment to settle the future of the 6,000 strong Anguillian islanders. Officials recalled the dispatch of British paratroopers and police to the breakaway island had been urged by Caribbean states themselves. Anguilla, formerly part of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla federation, broke away in 1967. The British have pledged not to force the Anguillians back into that setup against their wishes. But there now seems to be no early prospect of a solution that would allow British troops and police to leave the island.

Stewart recently told Caribbean envoys it was up to Caribbeans primarily to settle their own regional political problems. He then proposed a plan for a new international approach to the Anguilla problem and other difficult territorial and political problems in a region stirring the unrest.

BIRTHS.

Sons were born to Mr & Mrs. Robert Hodge of Long Bay on Feb. 21st, to Mr & Mrs. John Edwards of the Road on March 7th, to Mr & Mrs George Connor of Blowing Point on March 28th, to Mr & Mrs William Hodge of George Hill on March 17th, to Mr & Mrs Alford Gumbs of East End on March 21st, to Mr & Mrs Raymond Connor of Blowing Point on April 20th.

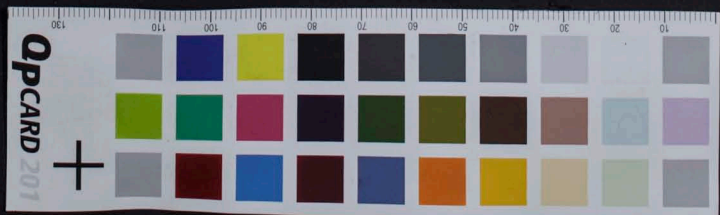
Daughters were born to Mr & Mrs Joshua Edwards of Blowing Point on March 29th to Mr & Mrs Oliver Gumbs of George Hill on March 27th, Mr & Mrs Maxwell Vanterpool of Welches on March 20th, to Mr & Mrs Ralph Harrigan of Little Dix on April 23rd, to Mr & Mrs David Hodge of Long Path on April 22nd, and to Mr & Mrs Aubrey Hennis of the Quarter on April 28th.

DEATHS.

Thomas Hodge of Little Dix died on March 25th at the age of 58.
Ann Vanterpool of Welches died on March 28th at the age of 67.
Victoria Richardson of Long Ground died on May 2nd at the age of 87.
To the bereaved families we tender our deepest sympathies. R.I.P.

TONY LEE NOT TO RETURN.

Reports reaching here from London, says that Mr. Tony Lee will not be returning to Anguilla as H.M Commissioner. It went on to say that Mr. Lee's replacement might be the acting Commissioner Mr. John Cumber. Mr. Lee arrived in London on Tuesday 26th. April and met with Mr. Stewart, but no statement released about their talks.



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CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLA. (Continued)

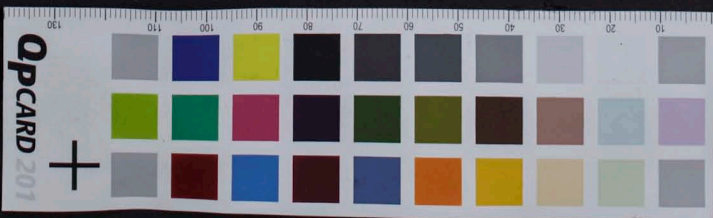
(g) All trials, either civil or criminal, shall be open to the public.

Section 4. Courts Open; Remedies Guaranteed: All courts of the republic of Anguilla shall be open, so that every person, either citizen or non-citizen for any injury done to him in his lands, goods, person or reputation shall have remedy, by due course of law, and right and justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

Section 5. Religious Freedom: The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship shall forever be allowed in the National Territory of the Republic of Anguilla, and no person shall be rendered incompetent as a witness on account of his religious opinions; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to justify licentiousness or practices subversive of, or inconsistent with, the peace or maral safety of the people or society of the Republic of Anguilla.

Section 6. Religious Preference Prohibited: No preference shall be given by law to any church, sect or mode of worship and no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church sect or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Section 7. Habeas Corpus: The writ of habeas corpus shall be grantable speedily and of right freely and without cost, and shall never be suspended unless, in the case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require its suspension. (Continued on page 8)



CORRUPTION PERILED ANGUILLA ACCORDING TO BRITISH CLAIM.(Extract from San Juan Star) Saturday April 26th, 1969.)

LONDON (AP)- Foreign Secretary Micheal Stewart said Friday the people of the Caribbean island of Anguilla had been in danger of "a corrupt self-interested regime" supported by intimidation before British troops invaded the island. Stewart was answering a House of Commons opposition attack on the government's decision to send troops to the tiny island which broke away from the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla federation two years ago, claiming it was being dominated by the St. Kitts authorities. The foreign secretary gave details of a constitution which he said was being formulated by an American named Holcomb who had since left Anguilla. Stewart said the document would have provided the island with a supreme court whose members would not have needed legal qualifications. The constitution would also have made Anguilla a tax-dodging paradise, he claimed. Stewart said intimidation on the island has included the burning of houses. He said there were still weapons on the island, a recent find being an anti-tank rifle "which is not a weapon that one would normally use for the internal administration of Anguilla!" Earlier, the Conservative spokesman for foreign affairs, Sir Alec Douglas Home charged the government with "fumbling diplomacy!" He said. "The minister (Stewart) must be aware of the ridicule of the government's action which has made us the cartoonists' delight in so many countries of the world." Proposing a motion of censure, Sir Alec said, "There is a theme of insensitivity running through the political direction of diplomacy which has all the appearance in this government as a chronic disease." The censure motion was defeated 286 to 239, a government majority of 47.

CONSTITUTION: (Continued from page 7)

Section 8. Excessive Bail; Punishment; Detention of Witnesses; Excessive Bail shall not be required nor excessive fines be imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishment or indefinite imprisonment be allowed, nor shall witnesses be unreasonably detained.

Section 9. Bail: All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for murder, treason or capital offenses where the proof is evident or the presumption great.

Section 10. Criminal Prosecutions; Rights of accused: In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall be presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and shall have the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, and shall be heard by himself, or Counsel, or both, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, to meet the witnesses against him face to face, and have compulsory process for the attendance of witnesses in his favour, and shall be furnished with a copy of the charges against him.

Section 11. Double Jeopardy; Testimony; Due Process; Eminent Domain: No person shall be subject to be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense, nor be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken without just compensation.

Section 12. Freedom of Speech and Press; Defense Thereof: Every person may fully speak and write his sentiments on all subjects being responsible for the abuse of that right, and no laws shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech, or of the press. (To be continued).

