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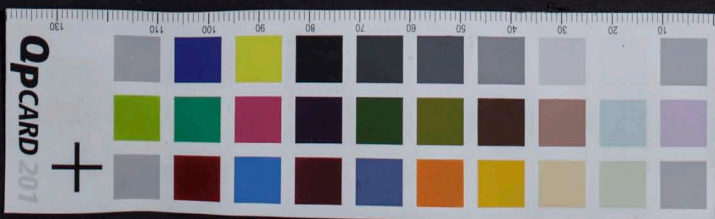
WEBSTER TO JAMAICA.

Mr. Ronald Webster left here on Wednesday for Jamaica to see heads of Government there. Mr. Webster, on his departure, told the Beacon that he expects to meet with Mr. Hugh Shearer, Prime Minister of Jamaica, to "sound out Jamaica's feelings to the proposals he sent to the Caribbean Governments, (full text of Mr. Webster's proposals on Page 3) on the future status of Anguilla."

He also said that he expected to meet with Mr. Alexander Bustamante, a former head of Government in Jamaica. He would not be going to the U.S.A. on this trip, he said, and expected to return to the island today Saturday.

GIFT TO THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL-ANGUILLA.

We have received word from Mr. Edward Dempsey of N.J. that he has in his warehouse, fifteen complete beds for the Cottage Hospital-Anguilla. Mr. Dempsey, an honorary citizen of Anguilla, who visited here last November said that the beds are a gift from the "Temple University Hospital in Pennsylvania, to the people of Anguilla. On Mr. Dempsey's visit in November he visited the Cottage Hospital, where a new wing was being built by Mrs. Ruth Goodnow, as a gift to Anguilla. He promised he would pursue the possibility of locating the fifteen beds that it would take to complete the New wing. He says as a result of five months of seeking, pleading and phone calls, the beds are now in his warehouse awaiting shipment to Anguilla. He says that the Administrator of the Temple University Hospital, Mr. Robert Weeks was most instrumental in making the beds available to the Anguilla hospital. Having the beds in N.J. was not all, they have to be shipped to Anguilla, and approaching Mrs. Ruth Goodnow here in Anguilla, she immediately offered to pay all expenses in getting the beds delivered here. The fifteen used beds weigh a total of 3,000 lbs. and has an estimated value of \$200.00 U.S. each. The Beacon joins with the people of Anguilla in thanking all those persons concerned with making these beds available for the Anguilla Hospital.



LETTER TO MR. RONALD WEBSTER, FROM THE ANGUILLA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION IN SLOUGH BUCKS.

Dear Sir, The prayers and thoughts of Anguillans here have been for your guidance during the past weeks of tension after the arrival of the British troops in Anguilla. We are much relieved to hear of your decision to prevent the tension mounting beyond your control. It is essential to the stability of the island that a normal atmosphere be maintained, and we request that you in the best interest of the island and its peoples continue to work towards such a state on which you can conduct further negotiations for the final settlement of Anguilla's separation from St. Kitts. Every step must be carefully thought out and bargained for, and we trust that you will have the full confidence of the Island Council to support you in discussions with the British Commissioner. At this time more than ever the people of Anguilla must present a united decision on matters which will shape the future destiny of the island. Self determination is a natural right of peoples, and we are of the opinion that if a clear statement were made by H.M.G. to the effect that the people of Anguilla would not be forced to return to any rule or control by the Central Government in St. Kitts, the people of Anguilla would feel confident of their future relations with Britain. We therefore would like to be kept informed on any developments along such lines, and offer any help possible to implement any such decision for the welfare of the island and its people. The text of this letter was duly approved by the members present at a meeting today. Yours sincerely, Kenneth Gumbs, Chairman Anguilla Improvement Association. 7 Burlington Ave. Slough Bucks, England.

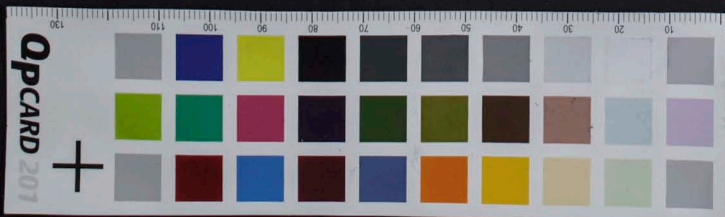
BRITISH OFFICIAL PAYS 3 DAY VISIT.

Mr. Henry Hankey, Former British Ambassador to Panama, who is on his way to London to take up a Senior Post in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, paid a three day visit to Anguilla. He toured the island with H.M. Acting Commissioner Mr. John Cumber, familiarizing himself with the Political and Economic problems that face the island. Mr. Hankey met with members of the Council for about two hours last Wednesday afternoon. He also met with Mr. Ronald Webster earlier the same day before Mr. Webster left for Jamaica. Mr. Hankey left the island on Thursday morning.

CUSTOMS OFFICER TRANSFERRED.

Mr. Vanier Menez Hodge of the Customs Dept. and stationed at the Forest for some years, has been transferred to Radio Anguilla permanently on the 15th May. He has been replaced by Mr. Kenneth Richardson (Richie) who has worked in all Customs Offices in Anguilla previously. Of his ten years in Customs he spent the last term in St. Kitts. He resigned in St. Kitts some eight months ago. Mr. Hodge has been working part time for Radio Anguilla as announcer since it began operations just over one month ago.

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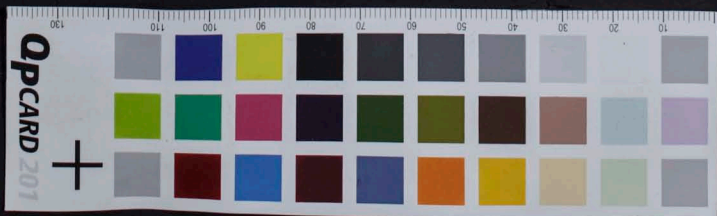
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RONALD WEBSTER'S PROPOSALS FOR ANGUILLA'S SETTLEMENT.

1. The most elegant solution to any political problem is the one which respects the facts of power while still conceding the dominant trends in the situation. To reach a feasible solution to the Anguilla problem therefore, some evaluation is necessary of the present position. 2. The present position seems to raise four prime considerations: (a) Anguilla has achieved a position from which she can no longer be important, the substance of self Government. (b) The popularly elected representatives of Anguilla headed by Mr. Ronald Webster, are indisputably in command of the internal scene and cannot be dislodged easily or in the foreseeable future. (c) Both the St. Kitts and United Kingdom Governments are virtually powerless in the situation. The United Kingdom Government is powerless because paradoxically enough she is too overwhelmingly strong-any move made by her in Anguilla will run the risk of Ridicule by the whole world. This will further advertise her impotence in the matter. On the other hand, the St. Kitts Government, for different reasons, is no better placed. It has neither the resources, military or material, nor the moral authority to impose or even suggest a solution. (d) The Caribbean Governments are in a most unfortunate position as a result of conflicting interpretations put by them on their decision concerning Anguilla at the Heads of Governments Conference. At the moment they are hardly in a position to speak for fear of causing any further apparent disunity among themselves.
3. Anguilla is in the strongest bargaining position. She can not only hold her advances but cause further embarrassment to all the other parties concerned. This Anguilla neither wants nor considers desirable.
4. The strategy therefore must be to devise forms which permit the other parties concerned to declare the issue favourably concluded without affecting the position which Anguilla has achieved to date.
5. Four possible steps recommend themselves:- (a) The withdrawal of the British Troops and the Appointment of a Caribbean Representative. This needs to be done immediately in order to take the tension out of the situation. The ground for this has already been prepared by the withdrawal of Mr. Tony Lee and the appointment of his successor in an acting capacity. Substantively what must be achieved is a change in the status, image, and functions of any representative in Anguilla. The political power of the representative of Anguilla must be recognised and the representative must there perform the functions similar to those of United Nations Resident Representative of Development Programmes. He must be an organiser of technical aid and programmes.
- (b) Constitutional entrenchment of home rule for Anguilla. This is axiomatic with the realities of the internal political situation in Anguilla. To allay the fear of other Caribbean Governments about fragmentation and secessionist movements, this step will be most satisfactorily taken within the framework of an overall solution to the constitutional problems of the Associated States. At Stake here are the question of defence, external representation and economic aid which are also, as far as coordination and expense, regional problems not limited to the Associated States. (See p.5.)



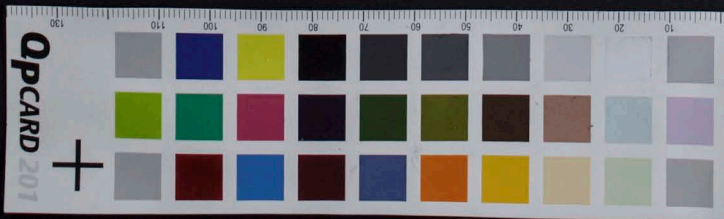
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EDITORIAL.

All on his own, or at least not with the consent of the Anguilla Council, Mr. Webster has sent off to Caribbean Govt's, a set of proposals for the settlement of the St. Kitts-Anguilla problem. This is bad behaviour. Just as Mr. Webster was elected, so were the other six members of the Council, and it must be remembered that he was Chairman of the Council, with the consent of the other six members of the Council. We all agree that Anguilla must find her place among the other Caribbean Countries, but not as a "god-child".
Mr. Webster's proposals to have a representative from these Caribbean countries responsible for some of Anguilla's major affairs, (Namely, The Secretary of CARIFTA.) may have some grounds for understanding, but we must point out that we are not prepared to take on any more "god- fathers" (like St. Kitts). Every one of these countries depend on some major power for some form of assistance. Certainly when we have our own Constitution and if the conditions are right, we will take our part with CARIFTA or any other Regional Scheme. Anguilla at this time, lack the infra-structure of development and the *TECHNICAL* men. However we expect to take over the internal reins of Anguilla just as the other Governments have done, and until some other way of looking after External Affairs and defence of these islands is realized. We should look to England for this along with Developing our infra-structure. Let us settle the constitutional problems first, then let us decide of the chances of taking up our positions as fellow West Indians.

ANGUILLA'S GOOD SECURITY RISK. Cont'd from page 5.

According to which a particular government operates (Austin Ranney. The Government of Men. We are only making another mistake when we fooled around with such an important document as the "Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla" consenting to our own destiny skeptically. We should be very authentic when we produce such documents. Constitutional rules are not easily changed. They are less flexible than ordinary laws to change. They may be changed by judicial review i.e. the power of a court to render a legislative or executive act null and void on the grounds of unconstitutionality. Unlike Americans we do not have the fifth amendment to hide behind. By giving Holcomb all the power in the supreme court, Anguillans were in for a good security risk. To whom could we complain if we didn't like laws that might have limited our freedom of speech or our right to our property? The supreme court. The main branches of government are the legislative executive and judicial branches. We were putting foreigners in our judicial branch to whom we would have to take our case. The same Holcomb could say if the law were unconstitutional or not. It reminds me of the slaves complaining to their masters against their masters in the courts. (See p.8.)



CARD OF THANKS:

Mrs. Jane Daniels of the Valley, expresses her thanks to the Army Doctors and the Staff of the Cottage Hospital for their kind care during her recent operation.

WANTED - PEN FRIEND FROM ANGUILLA.

Dhaniram Rampersaud of Guyana, would like to open a correspondence with an Anguillan. Address: 26 Industry Housing Scheme, East Coast Bonaerara, Guyana. Age: 16.

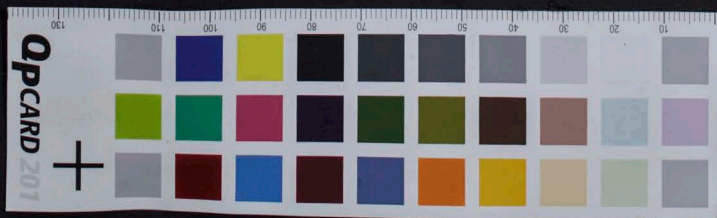
Ronald Websters Proposals Cont'd.

(c) It may now be possible to induce the Eastern Caribbean countries to regionalise defence, foreign representation and economic development and planning. The multiplication involved in the present arrangements is both expensive and unproductive having regard to actual expenditure being made. Much better external representation, economic planning and defence arrangements can be effected through a Permanent Commission of the Heads of Caribbean Government Conference of whom the Representative in Anguilla will be an appointee. This Commission may grow out of the present Secretariat for CARIFTA. This sort of arrangement will be best suited to the need of the region to balance insular with regional desires and commitments.

(d) A development plan for Anguilla. The island of Anguilla "suffers" from the advantage of scale. A development plan must be devised in the context of the desires, aspirations and character of the people of Anguilla. What is needed is for a team of West Indies experts, preferably from the University of the West Indies to draw up a draft plan for economic development and integration of Anguilla. Because of the past neglect of Anguilla in this respect, the United Kingdom Government must agree to finance the expense to be involved in the surveys for such a plan and also to make some commitment to make a sizeable contribution to the Caribbean Regional Development Bank for implementation of the infra-structural part of any plan. To this end a team of West Indian economists, architects, engineers, lawyers and trade unionists under the aegis of the University of the West Indies should visit Anguilla for on-the-spot assessments to be made.

ANGUILLA'S GOOD SECURITY RISK.

The eighteenth century political philosopher, Thomas Paine in the Rights of Man (1791-1792) argued that no community can properly be said to have a constitution unless "the people" consciously and deliberately establish its basic rules. We are tempted to ask ourselves what is a constitution and what importance is it to the individual citizen. We are ruled by its laws. Some political scientists define a constitution as "the whole body of fundamental rules, written and unwritten, legal and extra-legal, (Cont'd on page 4)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ANGUILLA'S SEARCH FOR THE FUTURE

The time is ripe for all Anguillans to take stock of Anguilla's position, and to try to find directions for the road to the future. The need to do so is urgent; urgent as regards Anguilla's internal affairs; urgent as regards Anguilla's place in the Caribbean and therefore the World.

POSITION AT HOME. Anguilla's economic organisation is totally different from that of the larger islands which have known long periods of prosperity based on "King Sugar". In those islands the wealth was centered in the hands of a group, and poverty was and still is the yoke of the majority. The land was owned by a limited number of families, and the rest of the population could never hope to own part of it. As a consequence, the social organisation in those islands emerged on the basis of a clear division between the "HAVES" and the "HAVE NOTS". The political activities of those islands reflect this division in classes, the "HAVES," working to maintain the economic and social division; the "HAVE NOTS" struggling to share in the prosperity and often expressing near communist views. This has not up to date, been the position in Anguilla. We have had no period of prosperity at all. There has been no tying up of the land in the hands of a few. Anguilla's economic history has been one of every family owning a piece of land; every family working on that land in the same way often together in jollifications to make a daily bread, and the men going abroad to work seasonally to provide good homes. Every young Anguillan has grown up with the aspiration to own a piece of Anguilla's soil, and with the knowledge that he would one day be able to buy it. The social effect has been that all Anguillans have grown up with a feeling of equality, respect for self and for his fellow country-man. The feeling of classlessness has always been in our society. We were and are still poor alike in money and still rich alike. Up to October 1968., there has been no clear division in political activity. Anguillans were all united, and still are united in their bid to throw off the yoke of St. Kitts, but maintain ties with Britain. Our present political division has come about on the question of the future. "Where do we go from here?" There are those who since December 1968, have urged Anguillans to make a bid for "Total Independence." We have to accept the fact that this move has been strongly identified with activities of some American citizens, such as Jeremiah Gumbs and Jack Holcomb, and four Americans in the U.S.A. have been prepared to support Anguilla's Independence. On the other hand, a large percentage of the population here at home takes the view that Anguilla must maintain her stand for secession from St. Kitts, but must stop short of Total Independence, that a constitutional arrangement for Anguilla within the Commonwealth giving Anguilla self Government, must be the answer for Anguilla. This is the point of view of the Anguilla Constructive Democratic Movement. The difference between these two groups, despite Mr. Webster's apparent change of heart is clear. The Anguilla Constructive Democratic Movement Takes a responsible approach. Messrs Harrigan, Hazel, (Contd on Page 8.)

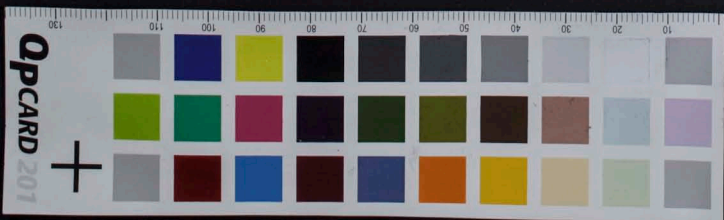
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

"I Reuben A. Richardson of North Hill Anguilla, Not knowing the whereabouts of my wife Flora M. Richardson who have deserted me for the past 29 years do hereby declare that it is my intention to re-marry after three months of this publication."

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ANGUILLA'S SEARCH FOR THE FUTURE (Cont'd from page 6.)

Rogers, Hugo Rey and Gumbs the A.C.D.M's leaders recognise that Anguilla can only provide an army for Anguilla's defence from outside attack by a large power, or set up diplomatic missions to look after the interests of Anguillans abroad, at an expense in money and man power which would be crippling to Anguilla. India spends 40% of her national budget on her armed forces. India is riddled with poverty and disease. They take the view that it is better to maintain an association with Britain which will provide for defence and consular matters and plough that money into the development programme of Anguilla. Anguillans could then enjoy a better standard of living and the Caribbean as a whole would enjoy a greater sense of security in knowing that Anguilla's protection is assured. The weakness of the Webster programme for Independence backed by individuals in the U.S.A. can be summed up in one question. What happens if these men suddenly lose their money? Of course this question assumes two things. (1) That these men do in fact have money and are just hoping to make Anguilla a money-spinning colony for themselves. (2) That they are genuinely interested in Anguilla and Anguilla's future. **CONCLUSION** Anguilla has a historical spirit which is worth preserving. If we practise the right kind of politics, we can ensure that a new era of economic prosperity in our own land will not destroy our sense of self respect, respect for others, the feeling of classlessness with which we have to live all our lives. Unlike other countries, Anguilla does not have to destroy an old economic organisation in order to build a new one in the interest of all Anguillans. We have got sound foundations and we need to get on with building. We can only do this by working together to create a better, more prosperous and beautiful Anguilla. We must do this by our own strength, our own efforts. Let our villages show the gladness in our hearts at Anguilla's bright prospects. Let us look carefully at those who would grab Anguilla for themselves alone. Let us guard Anguilla against the activities of people like Jeremiah Gumbs, Jack Holcomb, and Hunter Bowman. Anguilla is ours. Come let us put all our hands to the plough and work for its betterment. There can be no room for a one-man show in our midst.

Anguillan.

ANGUILLA'S GOOD SECURITY RISK Cont'd from page 4.

Holcomb was clever indeed. One does not have to be an international lawyer to see that giving people who want to develop their own interests so much power, is making another battle even harder than the recent one against Bradshaw. Such things worry those who want Anguilla for Anguillans, who want to see our boys that are in St. Thomas or else where, come home and have the first opportunities to join and invest instead of foreigners. We want to preserve our culture and the good life of Anguilla. In democracies, people must be fully informed of governmental policies. All must be equal and not some more equal than others. Richard Payne.

