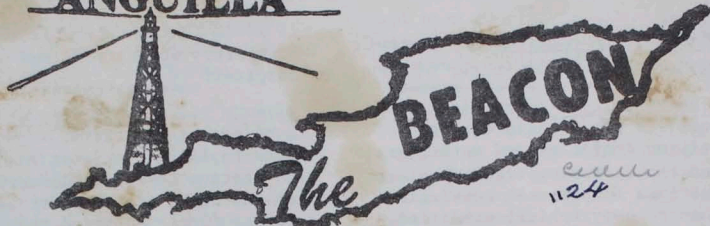


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## HUGO REY RESIGNS FROM COUNCIL.

Mr. Hugo Rey, coopted member of the Council from Sandy Ground, resigned from the Council on 6th August.

Mr. Rey said that he decided in his resignation to H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson after some remarks were passed by persons in that area over the discussions of land for the new pier to be built at Sandy Ground.

At the moment plans are afoot for the building of a deep water jetty, and there seem to be some difficulty in getting the necessary lands to build a road and warehouse.

Mr. Rey said that he felt it would be better to put the road in an area that would involve the lands of person, instead of dealing with number of persons at the present sight. "Some persons made remarks to the effect that he (Mr. Rey) wanted cheap land, and this is what prompted his resignation," he said. His resignation was accepted by H.M. Commissioner effective from August 7th, 1969.

Mr. Rey was coopted to the Council earlier this year by Mr. Emile Gumbs, elected member for Road North. He was also Chairman of lands and Natural Resources.

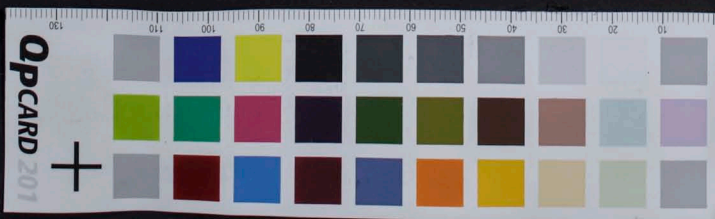
## H.M.S. MOHAWK VISITS.

H.M.S. Mohawk will be arriving at Road Bay later today. We are told that the Mohawk will have on board the school supplies that have been laying at the U.S. Naval Base in Puerto Rico for the last four or five months. These school supplies are gifts to the Government of Anguilla by the National Association for missions in Chicago. They were transported to St. Thomas by U.S.S. Boxer, but had to be unloaded at Puerto Rico because she was unable to bring them to Anguilla. At that time arrangements were made by H.M. Acting Commissioner to have the Mohawk pick them up.

While the ship is here, she will be visited by a number of children from the schools. The Commanding Officer and Officers of the H.M.S. Mohawk have also invited the members of the Council and their wives and other Civil Servants for cocktails on board this afternoon.

## OVER 1000 VISITORS.

Anguillans from all over the world returned to their homeland as they do every August Monday, to enjoy the week of festivities. (See VISITORS page 6)



**WHY ANGUILLA REBELLED** (By Canon G. Carleton, Anglican Rector of Anguilla)

The majority of Christians on Anguilla are equally divided between Anglicans and Methodists, and the differing traditions are due less to personal convictions than to geographical situation. The east of the island is Anglican and the west is Methodist, and the twain meet quite amicably in the centre. The population of Anguilla

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is about 9,000, but one third of them have been forced to migrate to England and the USA to find employment.

As a result, the remainder consist largely of women and children, while the adult males -w ho are self-employed as fishermen, builders, and boat builders, or civil servants, tradesmen and teachers-probably do not exceed 700.

The cream of the Anguillans, with notable exceptions, have left the island. Most of these hope one day to return and are building their houses-homes far in advance of standards found elsewhere in the Caribbean.

The whole population has from the beginning been behind the revolt against St. Kitts, and the then Methodist minister and I, as the Anglican Rector, took an active

part in the protest against being a colony of St. Kitts. Back in 1967 an attempt was made to start a Christian Council, but on the night of the first meeting, it was firmly believed that an invasion by St. Kitts was imminent. So the agenda for the first meeting was scrapped. The Methodist minister left the island that night, personally to arrange an armed speed-boat patrol of Anguilla from the neighbouring island of St. Martin.

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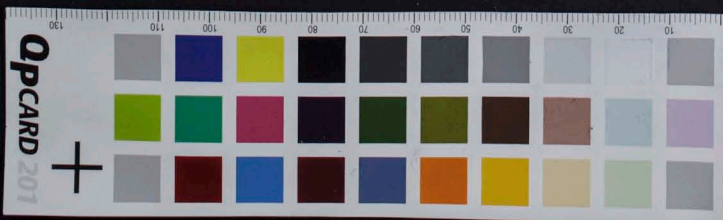
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ANGUILLA; THE SHIPWRECKED 6000.

(Reprinted from the New York Review of April 24, 1969 by V.S. Naipaul)

Pacification came, heavy-handed and absurd-but only to the outsider looking for comedy or a manageable cause. The Anguilla problem remains: the problem of a tiny colony set adrift, part of the jetsam of an empire, a near primitive people suddenly returned to a free state, their renewed or continuing exploitation.

When I left Anguilla, Jeremiah Gumbs was giving instructions to the workmen (and a very slow, contemplative, sand-sifting workwoman) who were running up the barrack-like extension to the Hotel. The other day, quite by chance I saw him in a dark suit, his ring on the small finger of his large left hand, in the Delegates' Lounge of the United Nations. Four English journalists were taking down his grave words. The British invasion was two days away. Jeremiah - an American citizen, his business in the United States the Gumbs Fuel and Oil Burner Service of Edison, New Jersey - was the petitioner that day for Anguilla, before the Committee on Colonialism. He spoke lucidly and without exaggeration; his tone was one of injury, familiar to me; but everything he said about the planned British invasion was true.

He was the official Anguillan Spokesman again. He was back in favour in Anguilla. And it was not surprising to learn from Newspaper reports that the American in green had returned to Anguilla. He had returned as a lawyer. He had no law degree, but he had "an extensive law library": he was given a permit to practice. He did more. He advised on the new Anguillan Constitution. (The previous one, very short,

had been drafted by a Harvard professor, who had somehow ceased to be important in Anguilla.) The National Observer gave some of the provisions of the new constitution. Businesses foreign or local, could not be expropriated by the Anguillan government; foreign governments could not bring tax suits against Anguilla-based businesses. A judge of the Anguillan Supreme Court didn't have to be an Anguillan or a lawyer; all he needed was a permit to practice law in Anguilla, and he had to be over thirty-five. The National Observer also/some details of the franchise the American had asked for in December, for his basic building-materials plant: Twenty-five years tax-free, the Anguillan government to get 500 dollars a year in return.

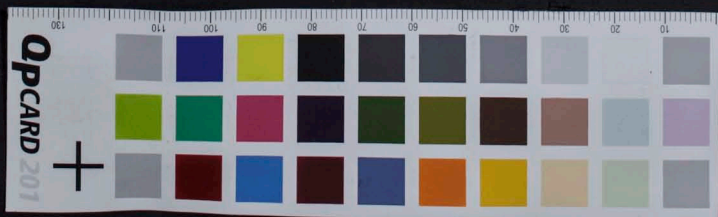
After the British invasion the American was put on a Cessna and sent off the island.

"It may seem strange to the people who have lost faith in the United Nations," Jeremiah Gumbs said to reporters a week later, "But on our little island the United Nations is still regarded, in spite of its imperfections, as the great hope of goodwill everywhere." It was the New York Times Quotation of the day. (See SHIPWRECKED page 6)

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#### MR. STEWART ROBERTS VISITS.

Mr. Stewart Roberts, British Representative to the Associated States based in St. Lucia, visited the island on Wednesday 6th August and left the following day. The purpose of his visit was to meet Mr. Thompson, the newly appointed Commissioner for island, a report from the Commissioner's office said.

#### DENTAL NEWS.

Dr. Williams, from the Christian Dental Association, is expected to leave Anguilla on Monday 11th August for his home in Iowa, after working for two months with us here in Anguilla. He will be replaced by a British dentist Dr. William Mahoud, who will be arriving on the 18th August.

Dr. Mahoud is an old friend of Mr. Thompson, having worked together in the Falkland Islands.

MR. JOHN GUMBS returned to Anguilla for a two week holiday. With him he brought a loud speaker system and a record player which he donated to Mr. Raphael Lake, (Welfare Officer) for the use of the Community.

#### DEATHS.

Leonard Richardson 47 of Sandy Ground died August 3rd. James Webster 57 of Island Harbour died August 6th. R.I.P.

#### MR. WEBSTER TO PUERTO RICO.

Mr. Ronald Webster left for Puerto Rico on Thursday last to try to acquire some scholarship money that was allotted to twenty students from Anguilla last year. Before the money could come through, there was change of Government in Puerto Rico so the money got tied up. Mr. Webster is now trying to re-acquire it. Only seven of the twenty students went to Puerto Rico with scholarships for first year university. The students are presently on vacation and will be returning to Puerto Rico on Wednesday 13th August. They are Evan Gumbs, Montrose Hodge, Bernard Richardson, Cecil Niles, Richard Payne and Wishburne Hunte. Unfortunately, the seventh Wycliffe Smith was forced to leave the group last year when he sustained a nervous breakdown. He is now a Freshman at the College of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas.

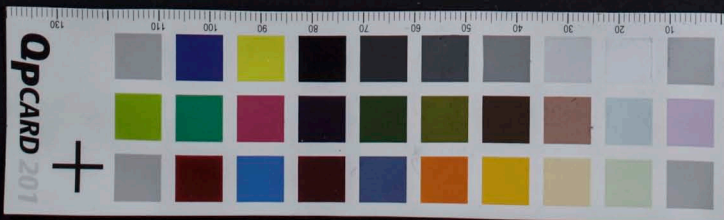
Mr. Webster returned from Puerto Rico yesterday afternoon, but the outcome of his trip is not yet known.

#### FOSTER HOME.

Anguilla will have its first foster home. Application was made by Pastor Goodge of the Baptist Church in Island Harbour and agreed to by the Council. The home is to be run by a board of directors, Mr. Ronald Webster, Mr. Davis Lloyd, Laurice Vanterpool, Cleopatra Webster, all of East End, and Idalia Gumbs of the Farrington and John Hodge of Long Bay. The Council decided to ask Pastor Goodge to include a wider range of representation on the board. The Home is to be non-sectarian and will take care of all needy children. It was not definite as to where the home is to be located, but it is said that Mr. Webster will donate one of his homes.

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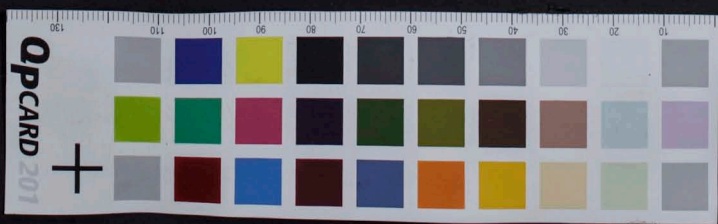
SPEECH by Mr. Ronald Webster at the opening of the mile-long stretch of road at Island Harbour on Tuesday 29th July.

Mr. Commissioner, ladies and gentlemen. It is a great privilege to be here among these distinguished guests. It is a pleasure at least to bring a couple of words to you here of cheer and encouragement, especially to the volunteers who have come so far to help us to get out of our difficulties. We have been struggling for years and years and did not expect to meet up with such luck as to see Britain sending in such expensive men as are here today to assist us at this time. Of course these things should have come to pass years gone by, but, as we all know, we are the small brother, the weakling who can hardly cry, our voice could not have been heard. Two years when we broke away, we broke away for the better. I am quite sure that all would agree with me that we did not expect to get this far or this much done at this time. There is an old adage which says 'out of an evil comes a good'. We had here for the first time the celebration of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. We did not expect it, but we got it, and we have enjoyed it, and we are looking forward from now hence to continue with the same joyful moments which we had last month. Ladies and gentlemen, as a citizen of the island, and a true one, and a leader of the people of Anguilla, I know that with your cooperation we can do much more. Our Commissioner was inaugurated yesterday, and I am quite sure that he is willing to give you all that he has in him.

Although he has a family, I think that he is willing to devote <sup>part</sup> of his love and part of his time with you. We are looking to him to do all that he has under his skin in order to please us, and we must do the same to keep the two ends together. Mr. Thompson expects from us full cooperation and we expect from him and his team full cooperation. I am quite sure that, Mr. Rey is here this afternoon, he is looking on, he is quite anxious to see the entire island paved. But it cannot come overnight, it will take some time. Major Plummer has been faced with many districts in the island where he has been asked when are you coming, when are you going to do our part of the road? But friends he has a task before him. That is why we have Mr. Rey working alongside which will take part of his burden - and a major part too. We have quite a lot of development to take place on our island, but it will take some time. So let us all work together, pray together, and stay together, in order to make Anguilla a success. Thank you all very much. (Unofficial text, courtesy of Radio Anguilla).

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SHIPWRECKED. (Cont'd from page 3)

The Times also presented as news, some lines from the two-year-old Anguillan anthem. Anguilla-as cause, as comedy- appeared set for a re-run..  
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REBELLED: (Continued from page 7.)

For Instance, a suggestion was made that Anguillan stamps should be suppressed, and Britain stamps over-printed "Anguilla" should replace them. Anguillans feel it is important that their finances and budget should not be submerged in the British budget, but that they should continue to go on and try to pay their own way as far as day-to-day expenses are concerned, and so retain their identity and self-respect.

Extra budgetary aid will be needed to catch up with the back-log of British neglect in the past, but monetary assistance for development projects for the future could be paid back by Anguilla after a few years when she has found her feet.

Anguilla never need be a liability to the British Government, and after a few years of development can stand on her own with self-assurance and dignity. On the debit side, at least during recent months, the absence of a proper judiciary led to a deterioration of order and discipline. Truancy from school has increased, though there has been no serious crime. However, it is likely that all current shortcomings can soon be rectified when there is a proper magistrate's court and a recognised judiciary again. Church attendances have fallen by at least a quarter. Nevertheless, St. Mary's, the Anglican church of the island, is self-supporting and during November last year

collected over £50 for missionary work.

VISITORS. (Cont'd from page 1)

The main attraction - boat racing also brought many visitors from the nearby island of St. Martin. A total of 447 passengers arrived at the airport in addition to over 600 that were ferried across from St. Martin to Blowing Point over the week of celebrations.

Among the people returning to Anguilla this week were brother and sister Mr. Wilfred Harrigan and Mrs. Alice Johnson of New York. Both left Anguilla forty eight years ago. Mr. Harrigan last visited here in 1955, and this is Mrs. Johnson's first return. Both will remain for three weeks. They are guests of their two brothers Rueben and Ernest Harrigan and their sister Elma Webster of Island Harbour. They are also the aunt and uncle of our editor Atlin Harrigan.

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BOAT RACE AT MEADS BAY.

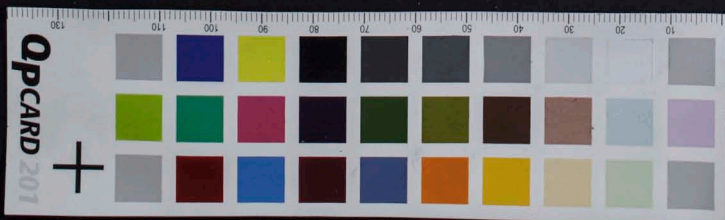
Many crowds from all over the island and from St. Martin witnessed the boat races at Meads Bay on Thursday. The day's programme with the class three race which was won by the boat and crew of H.M. Force Anguilla. In the second class race, the Quick Step of West End was the winner. The Priscilla of West End which was the winner (See RACES page 8)

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The Baptist minister went off to round up "fifth columnists" on the island, and I went to alert the Home Guard to man the defences with the ancient cannons salvaged from the Napoleonic Wars, and other more modern weapons.

So much for the past. If Her Majesty's Government had taken action in November or December 1968, after the breakdown of the London Conference on Anguilla, and had offered such terms

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as have been offered now, they would have been readily agreed, and Anguilla would have accepted some direct association with Great Britain without the need of invasion. The fact that Anguilla has tasted the fruits of independence for 22 months and has managed to run its own affairs efficiently and without any outside financial assistance, has produced a new factor, which must be taken into account in future plans.

While the original reason for the revolt was a demand for self-determination, apart from St. Kitts, and under the British Crown, the last two years have increased the desire for self-government, and the success of efforts in this direction have convinced Anguillans that self-Government is possible.

While it can be generally said that

the British take-over was welcomed by a majority, because of real intimidation by those who thought that complete separation from Britain was the only way of obtaining separation from St. Kitts, and the island was divided on this issue, it is now the wish of Anguillans that they should return to colonial status for all time.

The original bid for independence in 1967, and the setting up of an island council, managed the affairs of the island remarkably well, though none of the members had any training: they went to bed one night as ordinary citizens, and the next day found the job of running their island thrust upon them. A period under British administration should give the necessary training for future independence and self-government. The attitude of the Anguilla Council to the British take-over is that Britain should respect the existing institutions that have been built up and strengthened over the last two years, and develop them rather than attempt to replace them.

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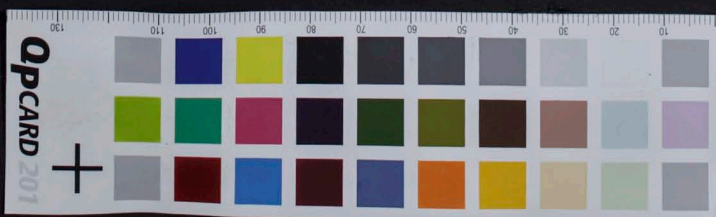
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YOU AND SPORTS. By Ralph V.C. Hodge

CRICKET. St. Martin defeated an Anguilla xi by two wickets in a very exciting match on the Park on Monday August 4th. Winning the toss, the home side batted first, but the very large crowd, according to all standards here, saw what is the cream of the island's batting failed. The scores first, Anguilla 88, St. Martin 96 all out after batting on. Proctor attempting to hit a full toss off his pads left stump open and was bowled, V. Banks misjudging the line of flight was completely beaten and bowled, R. Hodge was run out in a very close call, and A. Carty cut at a ball which came off the wicket much slower than he anticipated and played it straight into slip's hands. All these four wickets fell for only four runs. But despite this Albertus Richardson batted on in the bleaching sun for two hours and five minutes for 17 runs. Brewin made 16, Freeman Gumbs 12, and Stickle made a bright 23 which included three fours and a six.

When St. Martin batted the crowd witnessed the school boy wicket keeper, who was no doubt crowd frightened drop a catch, a stumping chance, and allowed many byes to go pass him easily. For St. Martin, Flanders made 27 and extras which was the greatest factor in Anguilla's defeat totalled 24. No other individual made double figures. Stickle took 5 for 10 runs in 6 overs, and V. Banks 2 for 18 in 9 overs. A return match is planned for the near future in St. Martin.

DOMINOES Sunday 3rd August.

The St. Martin Taxi Association was defeated by an Anguillan domino team 21-13 at Water Swamp. St. Martin was very unfortunate to have only six

members of the team present. The Anguilla team goes to St. Martin as guests of the Taxi Association on Sunday 10th August, for return match.

NETBALL The Clover Leaf netball club presented an exhibition netball match among two of its own teams at The Park on Monday August 4th.

The team led by Shirley Richardson defeated the team under Fay Richardson 22-13. Points for the winners were by the captain Shirley Richardson and Salomie Lake.

RACES. (Cont'd from page 6)

of this event on Monday at Sandy Ground, was the runner up with the Mad Seas of Blowing Point.

The dance at the Aquatic Club started just after the first race. The music was provided by the Valentino's Combo to a packed hall.

In the main event of the day, the regatta for the largest boats, the Winsall repeated its performance at Sandy Ground by emerging the winner. Second and third places were occupied by two other Sandy Ground boats, the Sagal boy and the Ebenezer respectively. The Flying Eagle in fifth place was just behind its Blowing point partner the Speed and Comfort in fourth place.

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