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OFFICIAL ON THREE-DAY VISIT.

Mr. Watson, assistant secretary on Caribbean Affairs in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, paid a three-day visit to Anguilla last week. Mr. Watson met and held an informal discussion with the Anguilla Council, before leaving on Tuesday last.

He told the Council that his visit was to familiarise himself with the island.

ENGINEER TO ADVISE ON COLD STORE.

The Chief Electrical Engineer in the British Virgin Islands, Mr. Pritchard, arrived in the island on Thursday 14th August by Valley Air Service, at the invitation of H.M. Commissioner.

He is here to look over the cold store plant and electrical supply and make recommendations. The Council is at present considering leasing the entire cold store facility to private enterprise.

ST. KITTS BULLDOZERS.

Very shortly, the eight pieces of heavy equipment on Anguilla since early 1967 will be on their

way back to St. Kitts.

The equipment was sent here by Bradshaw to extend the airport before Anguilla seceded on May 30th 1967. The British Government has replaced this equipment with other equipment they had on Beef Island, that will remain the property of Anguilla.

WEDDING BELLS.

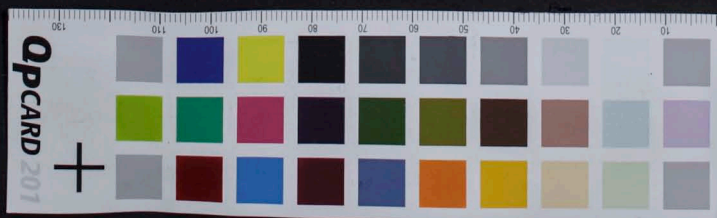
Two couples took the vows of matrimony in Anguilla last week. Carmen Rey of Mt. Fortune was married to Adolphus Vanterpool of Mt. Fortune on August 8th at St. Augustine's Church. The ceremony was conducted by Rev'd. White, the Methodist Minister, and he was assisted by Father Stanton of Maryland U.S.A. (See BELLS page 2).

BARCLAYS BANK (ANGUILLA) NEWS

MORE WITHDRAWAL FORMS.

Barclays Bank (Anguilla) has received another amount of withdrawal forms from the St. Kitts Government Savings bank. Anguillians are asked to bring along their Bank-Books that have to be sent to St. Kitts with the withdrawal forms.

The last lot of books sent to St. Kitts have been returned with the savings.



BELLS (Cont'd from front page)

who is here for a month conducting a Vacation Bible Class.

Beatrice Agatha Vanterpool was married to George Lionel Reid at St. Mary's Church on August 12th. The ceremony was also conducted by Rev'd. White.

Kathleen Sebastian, daughter of Dr. Sebastian in St. Kitts was married to Tyrone Hodge of Island Harbour, Anguilla in St. Thomas on August 7th.

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Among those present at the ceremony was Dr. Sebastian and Walter Hodge Treasurer of Anguilla and the father of the groom. Cardigan Hodge, Tyrone's brother was also present.

OUR MAN ABOUT TOWN.**"WE LIVE AND LEARN"**

The big fellow in Blowing point has now found out one of his mistakes in filing his petition against the representative of that area. After presenting a letter on the people's behalf, he is now going around collecting signatures to back it up. Unlike the fellow in East End who wrote the people's names and then went around asking them to say it was done with their consent. Very soon the whole thing is going to

"back fire" in their faces. Already one couple in South Hill is prepared to tell the Commissioner the manner in which this chap solicited their names; and before long the public may even know which member of the Council is behind the whole idea.....At the opening of the road at Island Harbour, a woman astounded him when she yelled: "God save the Queen," even though so much fuss was raised when the hymn was sung in church.....

ROAD WORK.

The Royal Engineers have now started surfacing the South Hill road. (See ROAD page 6)

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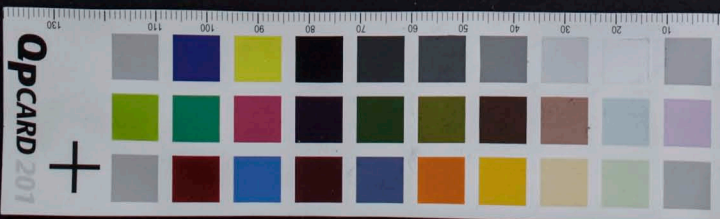
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CARIBBEAN REFORMS ARE NEEDED FOR SELF RULE.

(Reprinted from TOWARD FREEDOM of June 1969)

The poor state of roads on small West Indian islands that are "satellites" of larger islands under "associated Statehood" is very palpable evidence of the neglect which these islands charged against their "big brothers". Driving skills long unused were called into play dodging potholes during a visit last year to Anguilla, which had seceded from St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla. And in May of this year a visit to Bequia, officially a part of St. Vincent, showed even worse conditions there.

On Union Island, which is also a satellite of St. Vincent and even farther away, the question of establishing a local Council for local affairs is such a hot issue that local officers refused to discuss it with a recent visitor. The island of Carriacou, in turn, is administratively a part of the associated state of Grenada. To the North, discontent on the island of Barbuda, a satellite of the associated state of Antigua, reached such proportions that the Barbuda parliamentary representative was sent to New York to speak to the United Nations Special Committee of 24 on Decolonization last August 21.

In the eyes of an outsider capable of some degree of detachment these difficulties are not due to some evil instinct of oppression at the seat of the Unitary Governments, but rather to the fact that the Governmental machinery does not correspond to the hard facts of geography. In view of colonial legacy and the fact that nearby Martinique is considered an integral part of France, this lag in

governmental adjustment is not too surprising.

Resentments Fester

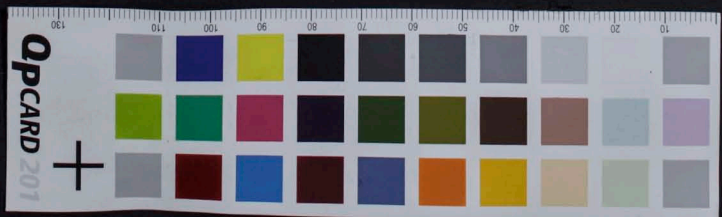
Ninety-five percent of the people living on St. Vincent will never travel to its satellite islands of Bequia or Union and therefore will have little reason to realize the sad state of the roads or other needs for public money. "Out of sight, out of mind" is an element in human nature. Even granting the vote to people of the smaller islands is not sufficient, because the small numbers are easily lost in the large group. Meanwhile poverty is so general that few can take the time or money to present a public case adequately. Communication suffers and resentments fester.

It seems obvious that the answer lies in increased autonomy for local government councils, encompassing local taxing power for roads and schools. It is easy to name the prescription, but more difficult to say how it can be applied after the associated states have already been set up. Officials in London seem sincerely puzzled and it is a good sign that the visits to the area by the Commonwealth Affairs Minister and by the Commonwealth Secretary General (See REFORMS page 5)

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EDITORIAL:

Very Soon the Council Members will get down to preparing their papers for the Royal Commission when it comes here at the end of this year. The History of the Anguilla case goes as far back as 1873 when 100 Anguillans petitioned the Colonial Office against the transfer of Anguilla's jurisdiction to St. Kitts. The demonstrations and petitions filed by Mr. Kenneth Hazel in 1960 when hundreds of Anguillans marched to the Airport to meet the Administrator then, asking for separation from St. Kitts. The whole situation climaxed in 1966 when Anguillans learned that the Colony of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla would get full internal Independence from England. The idea of St. Kitts replacing Whitehall with full Colonial rule startled the Anguillans.

Mr. Peter Adams, Anguilla's rep. on the council in St. Kitts, had been promised Local Government for Anguilla, and they were prepared to go along with Statehood only to find out two months before Statehood would come into being, that all the autonomy that would enhance Local Gov't was to collect Dog Tax, Peddlers Licences, and little else.

They could not settle for this and with the help of the P.A.M. (The Oposition Party of which they belonged) filed a nine point plan

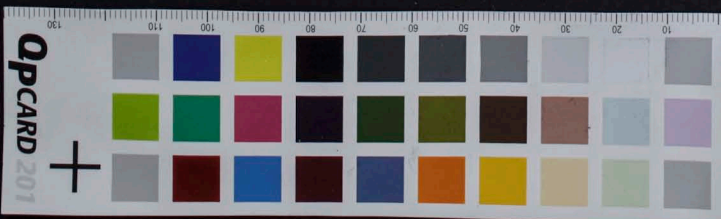
to the Government in St. Kitts asking that more autonomy be allocated to Anguilla. A blunt reply was received two days after from Mr. Bradshaw stating that "They are no proposals for Local Gov't. before his Government."

The attitude of Bradshaw was apparent. His prediction that he would turn Anguilla into a desert was now inevitable. in his mind. His opportunity was coming and his above reply indicated it.

The Anguillans were not satisfied and they refused to take any part in the making of statehood. Their next move was to send a delegation to England. (Mr. Peter Adams and Dr. Herbert) to put their case to Mrs. Judith Hart, Minister for Colonial Affairs. They asked that Statehood be postponed, but no step had been taken.

The 27th Feb. 1967 came and brought Statehood, but demonstrations continued in Anguilla; the Local Government that was promised, could not be set up as Bradshaw could not find Anguillans to serve on the Local Council. Discontent reigned until Anguillans decided to ask the 15 man police force to leave their island. They had taken all the necessary steps available but no ear was lent to their case. They had taken over their island and run it successfully, and into the same hands that they were cast out of in the beginning, not intentionally by the power set, but satisfactory to any good thinking Anguillan.

The Commission will not have to look far for evidence, to show that any connection with St. Kitts, will not work. Their recommendations as to what should become of this widely known island, (SEE EDITORIAL P. 5)



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REFORMS. (Cont'd from page 3) have been given the aspect of a general and thorough review of the whole associated state concept.

Without claiming any special expertise in the area, we would suggest that solutions might be found along two lines: First, London should give up its unreasonable refusal to permit the United Nations missions to visit the islands. Fear of "meddling" should yield to the realization that bringing a variety of perspectives to bear on the problem might very well aid in finding viable and acceptable solutions. Surely a UN committee would be able to come up with some alternative to the present absurdity of customs formalities between these small, British oriented associated states. One may also ask why it is deemed necessary for UN technical and development assistance any longer to be channelled through London.

PLEBISCITES AND ELECTIONS

Second there should be a much wider use of plebiscites and elections under the supervision of the Caribbean Commonwealth, the organization of American States, or the United Nations

For example, if a fair plebiscite were held on the island of St. Kitts on the question of whether the people of that island wanted to use force to bring Anguilla back into the Associated state, we have little that the decision would be negative. So then why should Prime Minister Bradshaw threaten a conflict his people do not want, and why shouldn't London then agree to a new status for Anguilla?

The United Nations General Assembly as a whole has several times expressed its dissatisfaction with the associated state as a device for

implementing the self-government proclaimed in the UN Charter and the 1960 resolution on ending colonialism, and has called on Britain to permit visiting missions to the area

Now that major reconsideration is being given to the associated states, it is an appropriate time to hear all shades of opinion and come up with a new solution that will show some promise of lasting.

EDITORIAL (Continued from page 4)

will be based on the quality of the leaders of the island.

They must show that they are matured and reasonable thinking people. Petty indifferences on the island have no bearing on the Commission's recommendations as they exist in any democratic country.

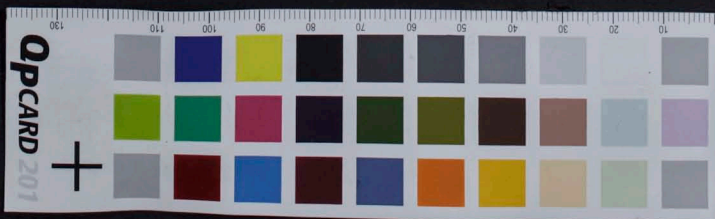
Anguilla has nothing to lose as they were never claiming any part of St. Kitts, and there is no fear what so ever if the Royal Commission recommends reconciliation with St. Kitts.

It just would not work.

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ROAD (Cont'd from page 2)

They started at lower South Hill and will connect the existing surfaced roads in the South Hill area, and surface the road leading up to the Valley. Work is progressing much faster than it did in the Island Harbour area. Meanwhile preparations are being made for the commencement of work on the jetty to be built at Road Sandy Ground. Test piles have been driven and the lumber is being ordered from Guyana.

SCHOOLS.

Castries, St. Lucia. August 9
--The Catholic Education Board, commenting on a suggestion that the Government

ernment take over Primary Schools from denominational control and have the teaching of religious knowledge outside of school hours, has said here that the move would amount to suppression of religion.

Mr. Irvin Dupres, President of the St. Lucia Teachers Union recently said the teachers wanted an open discussion with the Government on the Union proposal of a gradual take over with provision made for the teaching of religious Knowledge by various denominations.

In a communique today, the Catholic Education Board said denominational control of the schools had been greatly reduced.

The only part being played now was in managerial assistance, the provision of buildings and furniture and the maintenance of christian character.

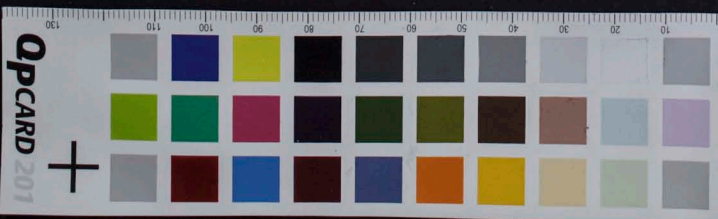
"The Premier of St. Lucia has often praised that contribution and expressed the wish that it would continue," so

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why refuse such valuable assistance from the churches which have done pioneer work in education?" The Catholic Board asked.

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RAIN:

Road Town, Tortola, B.V.I. August 12th.-- Torrential Rains tonight forced a 27-seater Catalina plane bound for St. Thomas to divert to Road Harbour, Here. The plane, with visibility poor, landed safely.

A weather bulletin from Puerto Rico warned that there would be heavy flooding in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(Earlier today a jet liner landing in a severe thunderstorm skidded

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off the runway at St. Thomas , slid between two petrol stations and hit an automobile on a highway two persons were injured and 14 treated for shock).

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UNIVERSITY:

Port of Spain, Trinidad, August 12 -- Expansion of the University of the West Indies (U.W.I.) in terms of student numbers and additional courses is among key matters on the agenda of the U.W.I. Appraisal committee now meeting at the St. Augustine Campus.

The three day meeting, which opened yesterday, is being held at the John F. Kennedy College of arts and Science, under the Chairmanship of Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister, Dr. Eric Williams, in his

as Pro-Chancellor of the University.

The committee is considering matters referred to it by the council.

These matters pertain to:

- (A) The scope and character of the university how it can meet the needs of the area and especially of the lesser populated territories, The Bahamas and British Honduras.
- (B) Expansion of the University in terms of student numbers as well as courses to be taught.
- (C) Assesment of the activities of existing faculties and departments.
- (D) The relationship of the University with other institutions of post-Secondary Education.
- (E) The organs of Government of the University and the possible need for amendments thereto.

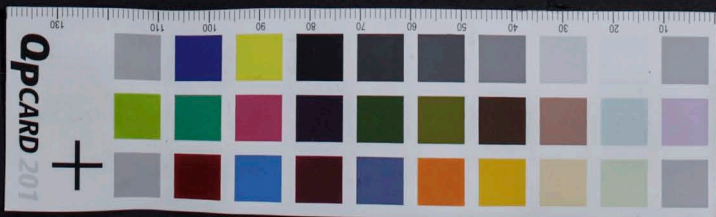
The Meeting is being attended by all the senior heads of the three University campuses in Trinidad, Jamaica, and Barbados. and representatives from all the participating territories. The guild of undergraduates is also represented.

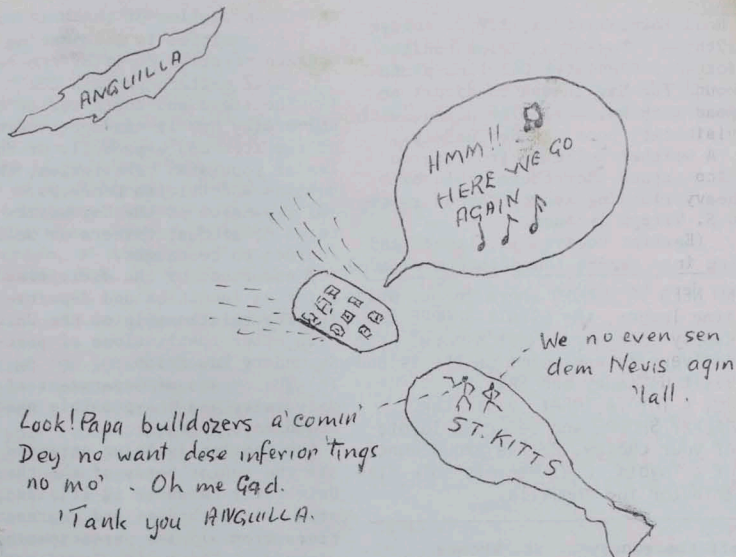
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**SPORT-- TOUR:**

Hamilton, Bermuda, Aug. 10--
New Zealand's Test Cricket Team will play a three day match in Bermuda next Month as part of their tour of the West Indies and South America, local cricket Board of control Officials announced here.

The New Zealanders will be in Bermuda from May 14 to 19th.

Other Cricketing visitors to Bermuda are the Yorkshire county Cricket Team, who arrive on September 18 for a 17-day visit.

England batsmen Geoff Boycott, Phil Shapte and John Hampshire are included in the Yorkshire squad as well as former England fast bowler Freddie Trueman. (REUTERS)

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