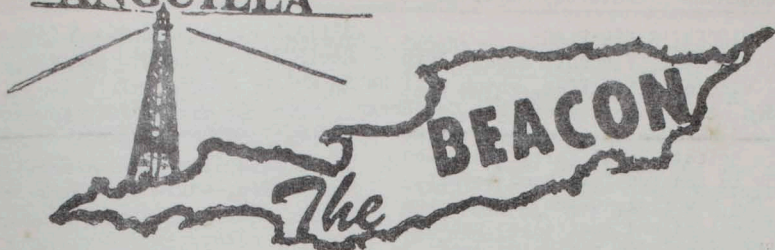


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## TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN:

All the Paratroopers who were stationed in Anguilla are to be withdrawn next month. The announcement was made by H.M. Commissioner at the last meeting of the island council, and confirmed by a statement released by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, last Thursday.

The Paratroopers landed in Anguilla on March 19th, to install H.M. Commissioner after the Junior Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr. William Whitlock, was forced to leave the island the week before.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner, Mr. Thompson, told the Council that the Royal Engineers along with the Scotland Yard Police, will remain on the island.

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## H.M. COMMISSIONER TO U.K.

H.M. Commissioner, Mr. W.H. Thompson, will be leaving here today, for England.

Mr. Thompson who was sworn in as H.M. Commissioner in Anguilla on July 28th, will spend about four weeks in England before returning to Anguilla. The purpose of his leave he

said, is for consultations with the Foreign and Commonwealth minister and a short leave.

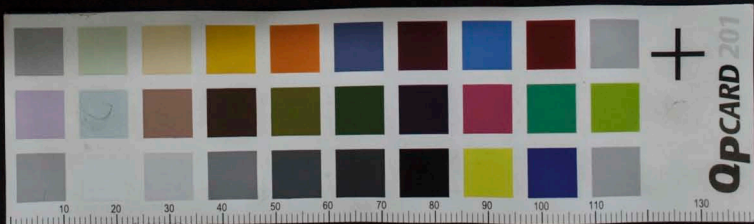
Mr. Thompson came to Anguilla from the British Virgin Islands, where he was acting Administrator for three Months. On his return he will be bringing with him, his wife, Mrs. Thompson.

During his absence, Mr. Richard Neil Posnett, will be H.M. Acting Commissioner. Mr. Posnett arrived here yesterday, Friday. He is 1st. Secretary to Lord Caradon, H.M.G.'s Delegate to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Posnett will be sworn in as H.M. Acting Commissioner, 12.30 P.M. today by Col. Giles, Commander of H.M. Forces Anguilla.

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## MAN 82-- MISSING:

Mr. Samuel Connor who is 82 years old and lives opposite the Bethel Methodist Church at South Hill, has been reported missing since Monday Morning 28th August. Various searches were conducted by the Police and other teams on the first two days. The Police report states that Mr. Connor was last seen by a workman on the Road Building Programme at Long Bay. Mr. Connor was wearing a stripped shirt, dark trousers and a leather cap, walking towards Mead Bay Village.  
(SEE MAN P. 7.)



**ST. VINCENT'S NEW FLAG:**  
Kingstown, St. Vincent, August 20th.  
St. Vincent's New Flag, which will be flown next October when this Caribbean Island becomes an Associated State with Britain, will carry the Union Jack in the Top left hand corner.

The New Flag, which follows the New Zealand and Australian pattern by incorporating the Union Jack, is a blue ensign with the State's present coat of Arms and the words \*PAX ET JUSTITIA\* on the right hand side.

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Kingston, Jamaica, August 20th.-- Jamaica will deposit an instrument of ratification with the Organisation of American States (O.A.S.) today to become the 24th member of the hemisphere Organisation.

The O.A.S. voted on June 25th to admit Jamaica whose application for membership has been approved by Parliament.  
(REUTERS).

**BIRTHS:**  
Four Sons were born to Anguillan couples this week. A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hobson, to Mr. & Mrs. Morris Vanterpool, To Mr. & Mrs. Livingston Lake, to Mr. & Mrs. David Webster.

**BRITAIN Vs. ANGUILLA-- A CASE OF RACISM?** By Ronald Webster, (President of Anguilla.)  
*The Following story appeared in the LIFE magazine of April 14th, 1969.*

The British invasion of Anguilla on March 19th, while unwelcome, at least showed that Her Majesty's Government know we exist. In 300 years of British rule before the invasion, Anguillians had no such assurance. In my lifetime, in the lifetime of my parents, and their parents, Anguilla has been totally neglected. We have no electricity, no water, no sewage no Telephone. Nothing has been done to develop the island's potential. (SEE BRITAIN P. 6).

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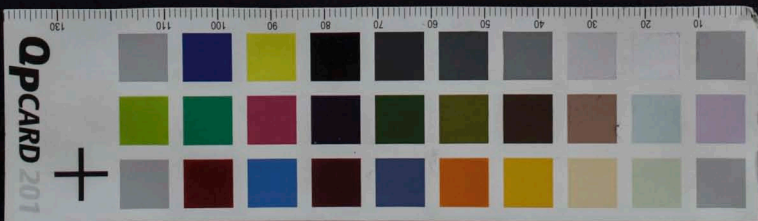
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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR :

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ANGUILLA ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ALL ANGUILLANS.

I believe a great task and responsibility lies with the Advisory Council and Her Majesty's Commissioner in Anguilla, toward economic, Social and Political progress for Anguilla.

However, it is very sad and disappointing to see that political views seem to tear the island apart, especially the Council itself and no doubt is a threat to the long term achievements of the revolution.

One should try to honour each others' views, then try to arrive at sensible decisions which would be for the good and welfare of all people.

In one meeting of the Council we understand that it had been agreed for all council members to receive \$15.00 for every meeting they attended. At another meeting we understand that Mr. Ronald Webster should receive a salary of \$600.00 plus a travel allowance of \$50.00.

Such statements are rather irresponsible and confusing, to be taken by an island representative body of people.

"What is good for the Goose, should be good for the Gander."

"What is good for one should be good for all." Anguilla seems to be

caught up in a web of uncertainty and instability. If we are to overcome this dangerous situation, Anguillans must learn to live together in friendship and Unity.

Mr. Peter Adams who led the revolt said, "If you take a stick singly, you may break it. But you will never break the bundle of sticks, no matter how hard you try." We should always remember his words.

There must be a swift return to democracy. The council must make it clear to Clive Smith and Lazarus Richardson, and supporters, that an elected representative must serve his term of Office, even if he is disliked by a part of his constituency.

If such persons found to be a threat to Law and Order, the Law should be enforced upon them. What Anguilla really wants is an urgent Political Status, and a crash development plan extending to a period of five years or so.

The Council should straightway work toward this, along with the Commissioner. We need a proper and up to date building for the Administration of the island. The development of the fishing industry instead of selling

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our Lobsters locally. We should encourage a business concern to set up (SEE OPEN LETTER P.7)



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

We would like to comment on the Article "BRITAIN Vs. ANGUILLA" by Ronald Webster, published in the LIFE magazine of April 14th 1969., but the Article should be read first by the readers of the Beacon before we do so. For this reason we begin reprint of this Article in this issue and reserve our comments until the article is finished. Ed.

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EDITORIAL:

The Paratroopers will be going back to England next month. They came to restore British rule over this island that had declared itself a republic. On the onset, although they were Armed, they brought an air of friendship among the people, except for the encounter with the Police provoked by demonstrations, in March. The island remained calm and soon H.M. Forces put away their weapons and played local games with the Anguillans.

Lord Caradon made an agreement with the Anguilla Council, that the troops would be withdrawn as soon as the island returned to normality.

H.M.G. seems to be content that all will be well on the island. It seems that the leaders have now fully understood the whole situation and has improved measurably, their relations with H.M.G.

The Paratroopers have made many friends and will no doubt carry back with them, many memoirs of this island. We hope that their other assignment will be as pleasant as it was here. We also hope that the Commissioner will continue in pleasant atmosphere with the people, and continue to serve the people of Anguilla with the same respect.

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QUESTION:

DO WE REALLY HAVE THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEACHING STAFF??? OR WERE THEY JUST GUESTS???

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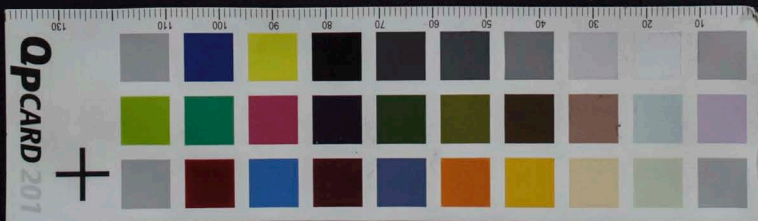
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H.M. COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWED, By Radio Anguilla.

H.M. Commissioner was interviewed by Radio Anguilla, yesterday and had this to say. "I am going to England yes, but only temporarily. First week which is next week, I shall be having consultations in London with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and then I am going to take a very short leave (SEE COMMISSIONER Back Page) next week."





LETTER TO THE EDITOR: (BY Martin C. Roberts).

Dear Mr. Editor, The article, "Why Anguilla Rebelled", by Cannon Carleton, published in the Beacon on Saturday 9th August 1969, contains some very serious and incorrect statements which I must publicly refute.

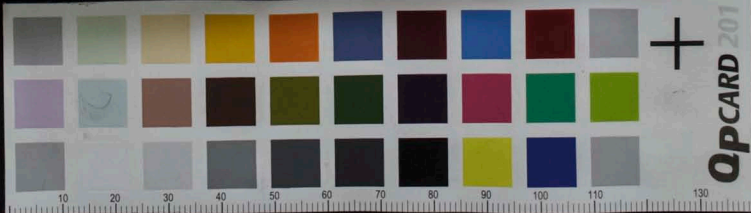
First Cannon Carleton states that "The then Methodist Minister" and himself "Took an active part in the protest against being a colony of St. Kitts." This is a mis-statement, to say the least. It was clear to me, the then Methodist Minister, that except for a handful of Anguillans the whole population wanted separation from St. Kitts. I cannot recall ever making a statement or joining in any demonstrations or activity designed to promote Anguilla's separation from St. Kitts. Sure I was actively involved in the situation in Anguilla, but for many reasons I had to be most careful, and very silent. I had my own views about the way things were going in Anguilla. I tried to exercise an impartial assessment of the situation; but most of the time I was alone in my judgements, though very often it turned out that I was right. I had my fears, and suspicions and hopes. I persistently asked what is it that Anguillans wanted as far as their future was concerned. I do not think anyone really knew. I still continue to exercise my independent judgement on the situation in Anguilla. But as far as my involvement in that situation is concerned, I doubt whether anyone can say that I was on this side, or that. More than anything else I was concerned with the maintenance of peace on Anguilla itself, and to see that in every step taken, or any de-

cision made, the interest of the people as a whole was put first. I must say that to maintain the position I tried to maintain in Anguilla did not win for me many friends, and often put me in some danger I felt.

The second very incorrect statement in Cannon Carleton's article is that "The Methodist Minister left the island-- personally to arrange an armed speed boat patrol of Anguilla from the neighbouring island of St. Marten". This is one of those things Cannon Carleton and I can laugh at, but it is serious to make such a statement in the press, because it is just not true, and it can have serious repercussions. This is one of those jokes that is not for the public, though I know Cannon Carleton has said this to other people. I know the afternoon in question when I went to St. Marten but not to get armed-speed-boat patrol. I do not know of anyone in St. Marten who has armed-Speed-boat. Nor do I know of any channels through which armed-speed-boats could be obtained. Neither did I try to investigate this possibility at all. Sure there was sumon of an imminent invasion from St. Kitts; and sure enough this prompted my going to St. Marten. Why did I go to St. Marten? Wait till I write my story of the Anguilla situation for the answer.

It is not too pleasant to have to refute my friend Cannon Carleton in this way, and I have written to Cannon Carleton to let him know that I have had to do this. There has been so much misunderstanding in this situation, and my involvement has been so thoroughly misunderstood from all sides, that I had to do this.

(SEE LETTER PAGE 6)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Continued from page 5)

Perhaps it is time I begin writing my story of the Anguilla Situation. I will call it "The Case Of The Hat." Meanwhile I greet everyone in Anguilla with good wishes. I am concerned about what happens in Anguilla because it is a human situation, and Anguilla is part of the Caribbean.

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It was agreed to at the last Council meeting, that the council meetings be held every other week.

The motion was put forward by Mr. Wallace Rey and seconded by Mr. Atlin Harrigan which was in turn agreed by the council. Mr. Rey explained that since, the various Committees were functioning, business for the Council was getting less, and pointed out that it would be a matter of saving Tax-payers money. Thirteen members of the 14 man Council receive an allowance of fifteen dollars per meeting. Cutting the number of meetings in two will save the Treasury about \$390.00 per month. The other member of the Council, Mr. Ronald Webster, receives a fixed salary of \$600.00 per Month.

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CHURCH NOTICES:

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BRITAIN Vs. ANGUILLA: (Cont'd from page 2).

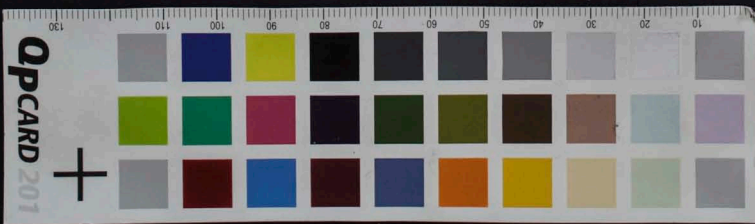
With Anguilla's miles and miles of sandy beaches, there is great potential for tourism, but there are no facilities.

We were neglected, and we were oppressed. Anguillans were never given a chance to do any thing in an administrative position. In the entire history of our association with Britain, we were never allowed to act for ourselves. All the administration came from St. Kitts. If a

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teacher needed chalk for a school, a letter had to be sent to St, Kitts requesting it. If we needed a post put in the ground, someone would be sent from St. Kitts to dig the hole. Finally, in February, 1967, Britain forced us into federation with St. Kitts.

We tried to talk to the British, not to break with them. But we gained no ground and were forced to sever ties. On July 11, 1967, we had (SEE BRITAIN PAGE 7)





OPEN LETTER (Continued from page 3),  
a canning factory on the island. We need an advance Education System, an Efficient Health Service, Road building, with New roads opening up. Water and Electricity, Communications, not only Telephones or a Cable System, but a big Airport and Air terminal Building that would encourage Tourism.

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aged to share in its development.

If Anguilla is balancing its accounts as we have heard, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, should be able through the Commissioner to ask that the British Development team in the Caribbean area, assist to finance such a development project. The challenge to Anguillans is Co-operation and a good days work for a fair days pay. Each Council member, working in his own capacity.

I end with this Quotation: "Many persons work quite hard and yet no noise they make. These are the workers that we need. Not those whose talk is Fake."

Signed: ANGUILLAN--(Keen Observer), Slough Bucks, England.

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BRITAIN Vs. ANGUILLA: (Cont'd from page 6).

a Referendum for a trial separation from St. Kitts-Nevis. Anguillans voted for the separation 1,813 to 5. On Dec. 4, a Parliamentary team came to Anguilla to look over the situation and appointed Tony Lee as Senior Civil Servant for a trial period of one year. We agreed to this. We stepped down a little, to show that Anguilla could handle its affairs. At the time, Tony Lee was liked and accepted by the people. But he began to meddle in our politics. We were to elect a council, and Lee went about campaigning to elect leaders who would favour returning to the federation. He failed, of course, but his meddling turned the people against him.

During the trial period, I was in frequent contact with Her Majesty's Government, exchanging many letters with Mr. William Whitlock. In October, 1968, Mr. Whitlock invited me, as elected head of the Anguilla government, to come to London for talks. No matter what I proposed, these negotiations led to an impasse. (CONT'D NEXT WEEK).

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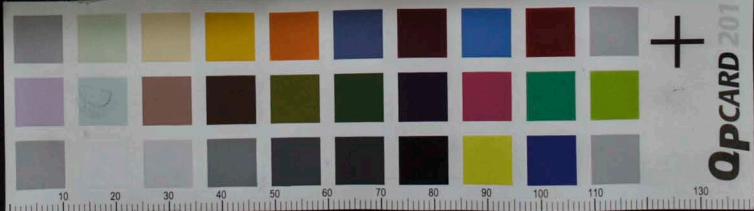
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MAN-- MISSING: (Continued from P. 1)

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Searches are still being continued.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE: One lot of land with a building 30'x 28' under construction, situated at Long Ground Anguilla, near to Valley Air Service's Office.

28th Sept., and of course my wife is very anxious to settle in, we're going to live at Blowing Point. (Courtesy of Radio Anguilla)

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Persons interested can contact Mr. Oswald Hull of George Hill.

COMMISSIONER MEETS TEACHERS:

Yesterday at 2.15 p.m., the teachers on the island met H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Thompson at the Community Centre. Notice of the meeting was announced over Radio Anguilla, and most of the Teachers were present. H.M. Commissioner emphasised the role of the teacher in the Community Centre and outlined what is expected of them. The Commissioner did not go into a question period, to hear the Teachers' views, as he said he had to attend another meeting. A spokesman for the Teachers said they hoped to meet the Commissioner when he returns from England, and will then fully express their impressions.

Also present at the Meeting were Mr. Ronald Webster, Mr. Colins Hodge

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of just over two weeks and to meet up with my Wife who is there. We're going to spend most of our time sorting out a lot of our bags and baggage to bring back here, because most of our bags and baggage were sent by sea from the Falkland Islands and are rather mixed up. So yes I am going to England, I am going to have consultation, I am going to have two weeks leave. I am going to sort out my personal packs, I am going and then towards the end of September, I shall be bringing my wife back here." Asked by a reporter from Radio Anguilla, as to who will act as Commissioner, He had this to say, "A Mr. Posnett, who is first Secretary to the U.K. Mission in N.Y. who works with Lord Caradon, and he will be acting during the time I am away on leave." Asked when he'll be back, he said, "I am not so sure of the date but it will certainly be not later than 28th September. Probably just before, but that depends on booking and travel arrangements, and of course work with the Foreign Office, but we both want to get back here by the

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both Council Members, and Mrs. Idalia Gumbs, of the Farrington.

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