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#### COLOURFUL CELEBRATIONS.

June 14th will be remembered as another milestone for Anguilla. Thousands of Anguillians from all over the island, along with those coming in from other islands, assembled at the Park to witness the Queen's birthday parade, in which the British soldiers, engineers, police, and the scouts and guides of Anguilla took part. At 9.45 am, H.M. Acting Commissioner, Mr. J.A. Cumber C.M.G., M.B.E., T.D., arrived at the Park and took the Royal Salute on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen on her official birthday. The parade marched past as the Regimental Band of the 2nd battalion paratroop regiment, flown out from London specially for the occasion, played the marches. Included in the parade were two pieces of heavy equipment used by the royal engineers to depict army tanks. To climax the occasion, two R.A.F. Andover aircrafts flew over at a very low altitude. It was a truly magnificent sight witnessed by over 2000 people, one which Anguillians have never seen here before. Among the number of invitees on the grand stand were all the Council members and their wives, who later on in the evening attended a reception in honour of the Queen's birthday at the Court House.

#### ANOTHER ANGUILLIAN FOR VIET NAM.

Selwyn Rogers, the youngest son of Mr. Thomas Rogers of Stoney Ground, left here last Tuesday on his way to Washington from where he will go to Viet Nam for duty there with the American forces. Rogers, the brother of Mr. John (Bob) Rogers, was trained at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is married and has two children.

#### TOURIST COMMITTEE.

Mr. Eric Bergstrom, chairman of the Cayman Island tourist board, was the guest speaker of the Anguilla Tourist Committee last Saturday June 14th. Mr. Bergstrom arrived on the island the same day from St. Maarten where he attended the annual meeting of the Caribbean Tourist Association. (Cont'd on page 2.)



Letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read the article in your edition dated 7 June entitled "Britain Blows Hot and Cold."

I do not want to comment in detail on the argument expressed by the author of the article, except to say that I have received written confirmation from London since the talks with the State Premier, that these talks have in no way modified the repeated assurance that it is no part of our intention to place Anguillans under an administration which they do not want.

Yours sincerely,  
J.A.Cumber  
(H.M. Acting Commissioner).

Dear Sir, could you please print the following in your grand paper for me. Miss Lucy Thompson Belfast is needing pen-pal contacts in this country for the exchange of stamps or other hobbies, giving P.O. box 112 Chile in return. I can also give addresses of Puerto-Montt, Chile over 2000 universal pals if you are soliciting South America. them. I write in English, French, Spanish and German. Sincerely, Lucy Thompson Belfast.

TOURIST COMMITTEE. (cont'd from page 1).

He was able to answer many questions put to him by the Tourist Committee, concerning methods of encouraging tourism on Anguilla. He pointed out that communications are essential, that a proper airport is highly appropriate, and recommended good hotel facilities. H.M. Acting Commissioner was also present at the meeting and reported to the Committee, that no tourists were ever banned from Anguilla, as a rumour to this effect had been in circulation, but explained that it was necessary to request visitors to Anguilla to bring a valid passport at the time when Britain took over, because many phony persons were known to be coming in under false pretences. He added that this regulation had been lifted on Thursday 12th and tourists from Britain, Canada and the U.S.A. are now able to visit on regular identification. "Notice to this effect has been sent to travel agents and customs all over the world," he said.

ANOTHER TRUCK FOR P.W.D.

The R.A.F. Hercules has flown the third truck for the Public Works Dept. of Anguilla. The two 3 ton and one 1½ ton Bedford trucks were financed by the British Overseas Development Division in Barbados, over the last six weeks. (Continued on page 7).

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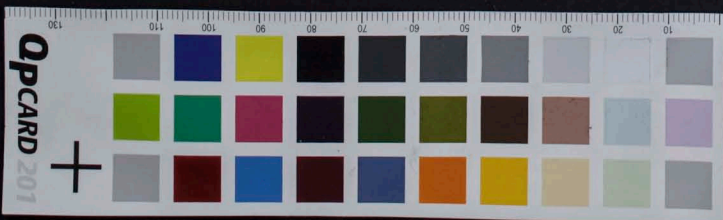
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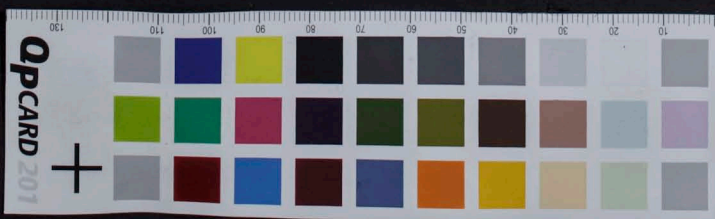
The following is first of two articles printed in the San Juan Star on February 13th-14th, 1969.

POSSIBILITY OF WEST INDIES WAR RAISED BY WEBSTER.

PRESIDENT OF ANGUILLA TALKS TOUGH. By Peter Hahn of the Star staff.

The Valley Anguilla--"If St.Kitts tries to force us into submission with the aid of British forces, it will be the beginning of the first West Indies war! The speaker is 42-year old Ronald Webster, provisional President of the world's smallest - and youngest - republic: Anguilla, the 36 square mile, 6,500-populated Caribbean island which declared its independence from Britain last Thursday. Interviewed at his spartan office atop Sandy Hill, one of the few elevations of the island, Webster calmly said he and his countrymen would rather die than accept British rule and the "dictatorship of St.Kitts", which dominated the associated Commonwealth State of St.Kitts, Nevis Anguilla

"They won't dare come after us alone", Webster said. "And if they come protected by British might - we've got a surprise for them". Webster said he had contacted French Governmental Officials on neighbouring St.Maarten and St.Bartholomew. "I have had assurances that we will receive military assistance in case of an attack," he went on. "A naval frigate from a friendly nation is within 45 minutes steaming distance from here, and friendly jet planes are only 65 minutes away." The French Air Force maintains a fighter-bomber squadron on Martinique, some 500 miles south. "We have also been given a radio transmitter with which we can summon help," Webster added. This radio incidentally, is Anguilla's only link with the outside world. The few hand crank phones which had been there were removed several years ago on orders by St.Kitts Premier Robert Bradshaw. Four small planes are based on Anguilla. They and a few boats which cross the 10-mile channel to St.Martin provide sometime shuttle service to Anguilla for the few visitors who have business there. Webster said Anguilla's 210-man defense force "has plenty of modern stuff," implying that the arsenal contains modern automatic arms and weapons of the portable rocket category. Informed sources outside Anguilla confirmed the high state of readiness and morale of Anguilla's would-be defenders. It was stated that considerable numbers of U.S. arms had been purchased and taken to the island. The same sources also said the number of trained home guardsmen is considerably higher than the official figure of 210 soldiers. Webster declared that nothing could deter him and his country from their chosen destiny. "After it became obvious to us that we could never prosper under the yoke of St.Kitts, we agreed to accept an 'interim period', during which Britain would work out another solution for our problems. "However, England has forsaken us. The interim, which had been in effect since 1967, expired Jan. 8, 1969. On Jan. 15, I received a letter from Her Majesty's Government in London, which informed us that all British aid programs were being canceled, members of the Volunteer Service (Britain's equivalent to the US Peace Corps) would be withdrawn. (cont'd on page 7)



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#### EDITORIAL. AUGUST FESTIVITIES.

August Monday will soon be with us again. This means bazzars, cricket and football on the Park, boat race at three different locations, and many other activities. Many of these clashing makes it gifficult for the spectators to see all of the festivities. Last year, people traveling to Long Bay had to pay a fee to get to the beach to see the boat race, but they ended up disappointed when the main race had to be canceled after being delayed. Soon after this an attempt was made to get all the sportsmen together to form "The Anguilla Sports Committee." Because of rain, and the lack of interest, that meeting did not convene. This was sad. We believe that a renewed effort should be made to organize the "August Festivities Committee", so that this year we all may enjoy the best of it. Already this paper has been promised the sum of \$100. U.S. to donate in prizes to persons competing in sports. But what is needed is organization, so that no two sports should be occurring at the same time. Will some good gentlemen make the initiative step? We are sure that others will come forth to play a part. All it needs is three or four competent persons to organize and see that the sports are carried out properly.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ANGUILLANS.

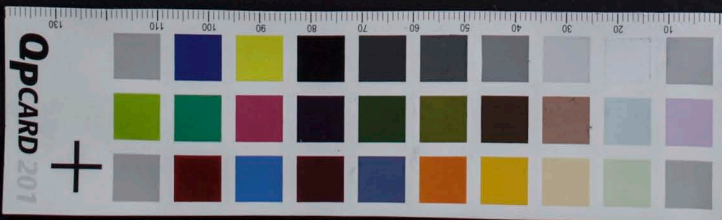
H.M. Acting Commissioner, Mr. Cumber, reported to the Council that a number of scholarships were available to Anguillans from the British Overseas Development Division. A total of fifteen vacancies were available to suitably qualified persons, to attend teachers training colleges. Six of these would be chosen for next term which begins in September, and the other nine will follow later on. Mr. Cumber also said that a vacancy exists for one qualified teacher in Anguilla to attend a one year course in England, and several vacancies for young men and women for degree courses at the University of the West Indies. All expenses will be financed by the British Overseas Development Division in Barbados.

#### ANGUILLA PEOPLE OF THE SHIPWRECK.

This is an article written by V. Naipaul who visited Anguilla last December. We hope to begin a reprint of this article, beginning next week. Watch these columns for it.

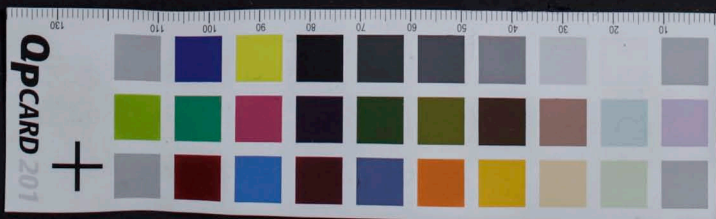
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IN QUEST OF INK (continued from last week) by Stanley Durnin.

The following morning the four of us headed out to learn what we could about the 1928-30 TRD's of the villages of Anguilla (BCPJ No.9 & No. 26). Just west we located the Blowing Point Custom's building. (We have since learnt that the building was destroyed by fire on the night of January 10-11, 1969) The Custom's agent, Cardigan Hodge, advised me that no records from that far back-1928-1930- were available or even kept as far as he knew. We obtained examples of present-day Custom's handstamps for the GCPSG Library, and left a couple of covers with the agent for paqueboat handling and transmission to destination via Marigot, St.Martin on the daily sloop Lonely Star, Captain Connor of Blowing Point, Anguilla. My cover subsequently reached me through the mails without any cancelation whatsoever! Dropping Lulu and Eric off at the Mahogany Tree (SG #17), which is the main intersection of the roads of the island, Elaine and I went on to locate the Forest. The Custom's agent at Forest, Mr. Vanier Hodge, was most helpful in providing us a bit of history of that Custom's House. The building was partially destroyed-scars still evident- by fire and hurricane in 1960. Undoubtedly, any handstamps and records were victims of the fire and wind. A Mr. Edwin W. Rey was also there, and, although he had been with the Custom's agency for many, many years, he could not throw any light on the quest in topic that PERHAPS records were still available at the Public Works Dept. on George Hill. After returning to our hotel for lunch, we again took off, our first stop being at the Post Office for a casual chat with the staff while observing the work-a-day events of the Anguilla Post Office. We also had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Anguilla's Chief Executive, Mr. Ronald Webster, and another fine gentleman of the island's government. Leaving the Post Office, we continued eastward to the Mahogany Tree where we turned left and drove through the Valley, an area quite built up with homes, shade trees, paved roads, businesses etc.-quite a contrast with other parts of the island. We went as far as we could towards Crocus Bay, turned around, and headed for the east end of the island. Although the eastern road is not paved, it is much smoother and more traveled than that of the western end of the island, so that our drive was taken with ease and allowed for sight-seeing. We photographed the Old Plantation House (SG #21) enroute to Island Harbour (SG #26). It was here that we watched the local fishermen unload their catch of fish called "Jacks" from their many small boats to the back of a truck. The many people involved were very jolly and very freindly, and a gentleman who was overseer of the whole operation explained to us what was going on. A woman who saw me taking movies of the business at hand complained that I took pictures of the fish and not of her. Obligingly, I had her pose for a portrait- a copy of which should now be gracing her home. We were informed that the 'north road' was very unscenic and in very poor shape, so we retracked our tracks via the "south road", and made a beeline for Road Bay and the village of Sandy Ground (SG #25). (Continued next week)



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"We had no choice so we held the referendum of Feb. 6, in which our citizens adopted our republican constitution by a vote of 1,739 to 4". Webster went on to say that general elections for a president, Vice President, and an 11-man legislature would be held April 6. "Until then, our government will function as it did under the Interim Period," Webster said. There are no formal political parties in Anguilla, and Webster said he would run for President. "I expect to win," he said, discounting serious political opposition. Webster made clear that he meant business on Tuesday, when he ordered a British diplomat to undergo the same routine Passport and baggage formalities as tourists. "This man has no more business here," he said. "Not now, not anymore, and never again."

ANOTHER TRUCK FOR P.W.D. (cont'd from page 2).

Other heavy equipment is expected to be brought in by sea landing-craft soon. It will be coming from Beef Island where it was last used on the extension of the Beef Island Airport, by Royal Engineers last year.

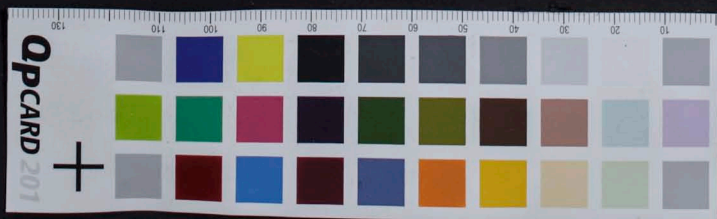
MORE BITUMIN. The M/V Warspite sailed for Antigua last Thursday to load the last shipment of Bitumin for Anguilla. The Bitumin is used in the surfacing of six miles of road, some of which is now in progress in the Eastern End of the island.

NOTICE. All persons who may have houses or apartments for rent on Anguilla, should write to the "Tourist Committee-Anguilla" stating whether furnished or unfurnished, location, and all facilities available.

LOST. One jeep wheel, black painted rim with worn Firestone tyre. This wheel was seen just to the foot of the Long Path. If found, please return to Mr. Emile Gumbs, North Hill.

SPORTS NEWS. (Contributed.)

Cricket was struck its most deadly blow in the Leewards when the tournament finals between Antigua and Nevis was abandoned at lunch on the final day when Howell of Nevis refused to respect the umpire's L.B.W. decision against him. Nevis required well over 300 runs in her final innings to win the Haskett Benjamin Shield and was 182 for 2 when the incident occurred. Most observers felt that that the Antiguan umpire took the decision because Nevis was well on her way to victory and Antigua couldn't take defeat. Howell himself insisted that he had played the ball on his pad. Whatever the case is now not clear; but Antigua had set the pace when they themselves refuted the umpire's decision in the match against St. Kitts. If the game is to be played by persons who will not respect the umpires, then we may have seen the end of the Leeward Islands Tourney.



CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLA. (Continued from last week).Article iv. Voting Rights:

All persons.....not otherwise disqualified by law, and regardless of Sex, Race, Colour or Creed, shall enjoy all privileges of suffrage without restraint.

ARTICLE V. DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS.

The Powers of the Government of the Republic of Anguilla shall be divided into three departments; Legislative, Executive and Judicial; no person properly belonging to one of the departments shall exercise any powers appertaining to any of the others, except in cases expressly provided for by this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. LEGISLATURE.

Section 1. Composition of the Legislature; classes of representatives: Although the Legislature shall consist of two classes of representatives it shall sit as one body and all matters considered shall entitle each Representative to a single vote regardless of which class the Representative may belong. The Legislature shall be composed of two classes of Representatives known as the Senior District Representatives and the National Representatives.

Section 2. Legislative Authority: The Legislative Authority of the Republic of Anguilla shall be vested in the "Legislature" and shall be so designated. The Sessions of the Legislature shall be held at the Seat of Government of the Republic of Anguilla.

Section 3. Term of Office of Representatives: The Senior District Representatives shall serve a term of six years. The National Representatives shall serve a term of four years. The beginning terms of both classes shall be as provided for herein at the Initial National Election.

Section 4. Senior District Representatives Defined & Election Districts: Senior District Representatives shall be those representatives chosen from each of three districts by popular vote majority among the Candidates running for office in the particular district. There shall be two Senior District Representatives from each district for a total of six such Representatives for the Republic of Anguilla as a whole. The three districts shall equal divisions from the island of Anguilla, as a whole, and shall be composed of the Geographical Eastern one-third of the island, the Central one-third, and the Western one-third of the island regardless of the population contained therein. (Continued next week).

