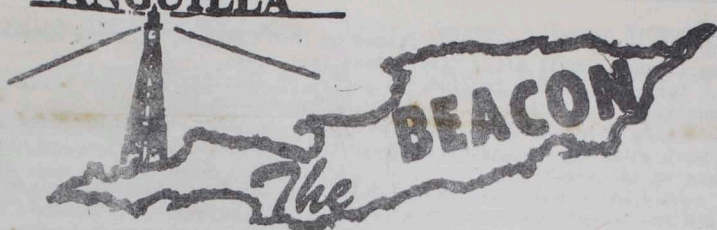


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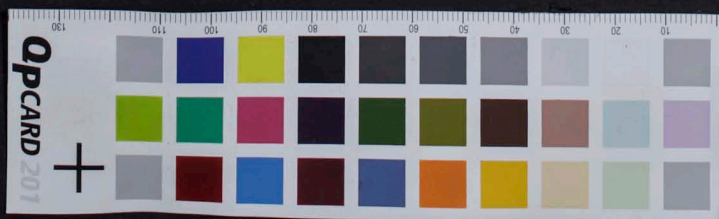
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HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR ANGUILLA.

A shipment of heavy equipment was offloaded at Road Bay on Thursday last. The landing ship Logistic Sir Tristram arrived here on Wednesday afternoon from Beef Island, B.V.I. The equipment was formerly used by the Royal Engineers on the extension of the Beef Island Airport. We are told that this equipment will replace the present heavy equipment on the island that will be returned to St. Kitts shortly, as part of the Administrative Measures agreed upon by H.M.G. and Robert Bradshaw of St. Kitts. There are no docking facilities on the island at present, so a large flat metal barge carried on the side of the ship was dropped into the water, the equipment moved onto it and carried to the beach where it was driven off. Among the pieces of equipment are two small tar-sprayers, one truck tar-sprayer, one bulldozer, rollers, drills, one tractor, two trucks for maintenance, welding machines and generators. The ship also brought a jeep for H.M. Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber. Sir Tristram, commanded by S.L. Read, is owned by British Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. She carries seventeen officers and a crew of fifty. On board were ninety-nine engineers who were working on Beef Island.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PARK.

Call for cooperation was the theme of the meeting on the Park last Sunday. The meeting was called by Mr. Ronald Webster the day after the first meeting with Lord Caradon. Those speaking at the meeting were Winston Harrigan, James Woods, Wallace Rey, Clive Smith, Rueben Hodge and Jeremiah Gumbs. Mr. Gumbs called on the people to be united and emphasized that the Administrative Measures of the island worked out by H.M.G. and Bradshaw were their agreement and not Anguilla's. On the passports issue he said: "It does not matter where you get your passport, as long as you get it." All the other speakers expressed the need for cooperation and working as a unit. Mr. Webster who chaired the meeting said: "Without cooperation, we are doing nothing." The meeting was attended by about 250 persons.



The following is a statement issued by Lord Caradon, with the consent of the island Council after discussions last week.

Lord Caradon has concluded a series of meetings with the Anguilla Council on the 27th and 28th June. He was met on arrival by H.M. Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber, and Members of the Council, and has been in almost uninterrupted discussion with the Anguillian leaders during his two days in the island.

Lord Caradon's visit was in fulfilment of his undertaking given some time ago to have discussions with the Anguillian leaders. Mr. Ronald Webster and other Members of the Council made a number of representations about their present needs and future aspirations which Lord Caradon undertook to report to his Government.

They had many questions to ask and criticisms and objections to make of recent administrative arrangements for dealing with such matters as passports and postage stamps. They also expressed their anxieties about the Commission to be established later this year.

Lord Caradon gave his strong advice that a period should be allowed to enable the administrative arrangements to be worked out and the preparations for the Commission to go forward. He felt sure that the Commission was the best hope for the future.

While accepting the need to give these plans a fair trial, the Members of the Council and other Anguillian leaders recalled and emphasised the statement of the British Government that "it is no part of our purpose to put them (the Anguillians) under an Administration under which they do not want to live".

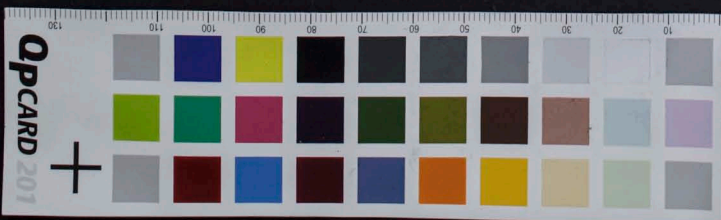
BRADSHAW IN ST. THOMAS.

The premier of St. Kitts, Robert Bradshaw, made some of the highlights when he attended the inauguration of Dr. Evans as the new Governor of the Virgin Islands. Reports said that Bradshaw had asked to be invited, and promised to attend if he would be given full and complete security and protection. During his public appearances, he was the object of boos by thousands of Anguillians, Kittitians and Virgin Islanders.

The following is the second of two articles by Peter Hahn of the San Juan Star, as printed in the issues of February 13th and 14th 1969.

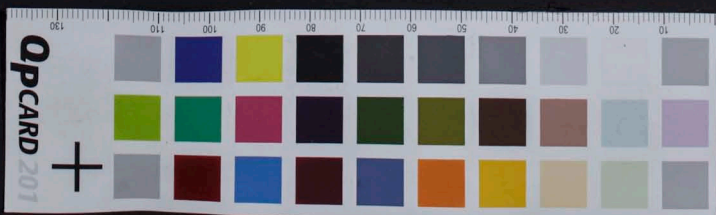
WEBSTER SEES BOOMING TIMES AHEAD.

THE VALLEY, Anguilla. - "Our island has 28 miles of road. Three miles were paved during our ill-fated union with St. Kitts under British rule. Now that we are independent, we will pave six miles every year." Ronald Webster, Provisional President of the world's smallest republic, whose independence is little more than one week old, was waxing enthusiastically about his country's economic future when interviewed by the STAR. (Cont'd on page 4).



ANGUILLA: THE SHIPWRECKED 6000. By V.S. Naipaul. (Cont'd from last week)

The island has its own prophet, Judge Gumbs, Brother George Gumbs (Prophet), as he signs his messages to the new local weekly. He is not without honour. He is consulted by high and low. When the spirit moves him he cycles around with a fife and drum, "a short black man with a cap" (an Anguillan description), preaching and sometimes warning. He is said to get a frenzied feeling about a particular place, a field, a stretch of road; a few days later the disaster occurs. In December, three or four days after Mr. Webster said that Anguilla was going to leave the Commonwealth altogether, Judge Gumbs was out, preaching. I didn't see him, but I was told he had no news; he just asked the people to pray. No news from Judge Gumbs was good news. Certain other reverences remain to bind the community: Certain families act or take decisions in times of crisis. The reverences follow the antique patterns, whose origins have been forgotten. Colour is accidental and nothing angers the Anguillans more than the propaganda from St. Kitts, 70 miles away, that their rebellion is the rebellion of a slave island, with the blacks loyally following the whites and browns. The reverences are of Anguilla, and the Anguillans describe themselves as negroes. Mr Webster, who could be of any race between the Mediterranean and India, describes himself as a negro. It is true: losing the historical sense, the Anguillans have also lost the racial sense. It isn't an easy thing to put across, especially to St. Kitts, which is now playing with its own concept of Black Power. Anguillans have never liked being administratively linked with St. Kitts, and they have hated Robert Bradshaw, The St. Kitts Premier, ever since, angered by their indifference, he said that he would turn the island into a desert and make the Anguillans suck salt. They were frightened by the idea of an independent St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla under Bradshaw's rule; and there was a riot in february, 1967, when as part of the independence celebrations, St. Kitts sent over some beauty queens to give a show in the Anguilla High School. The Police used tear gas, but inefficiently. They gassed the queens and the loyal audience, not the enraged Anguillans outside. Reinforcements from St. Kitts' 100-man Police Force were flown in next day. Houses were searched; the Anguillian leaders took to the bush. It was the signal for a general revolt. The Warden's house was set on fire; the Warden fled. From time to time during the next three months shots were fired at the Police Station at night. The hotel where the Acting Warden was staying was set on fire; he too left. The next day the Bank Manager was attacked. Two days later, several hundred Anguillans rushed the Police Station. The seventeen policemen were put on a plane and sent back to St. Kitts. The Anguillans set up their own five-man police force. Ten days later, fearing outside intervention (Jamaica nearly sent in troops), and guided now by that religious certitude, the Anguillans raided St. Kitts and shot up the Police station and Defense Force headquarters. The raid, by twelve men, was openly planned; people went down to the wharf in the afternoon to wave as the fifty foot cutter left for St. Kitts. (Cont'd next week)



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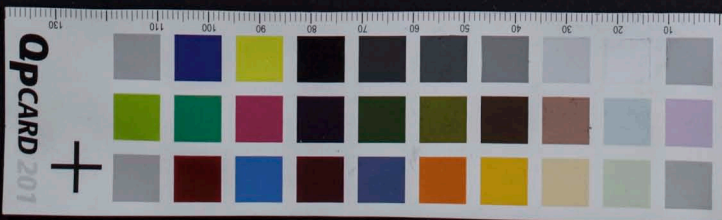
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BACK FROM GRAND CAYMAN. Atlin Harrigan one of the three Anguillians who visited Grand Cayman earlier this week, returned yesterday. Wallace Rey and Lohn Webster, the other two members of the team that left here on Monday will return later today. They stayed in Jamaica to visit both their sisters who are there. The trip was arranged by Mr. Cumber who was Administrator of the Cayman Islands 1964-1968. On arrival at

Grand Cayman's airport, the team was met by Mr. Foster Assistant Administrator, and Mr. Conolly Member of the Legislative Council. They were taken to the Administrator's Lounge on the airport where they were met by the Administrator Mr. Long, who was traveling to Canada. They later met the Deputy Administrator Mr. Watlet, who arranged the tours of the island. Among the places visited were a new road building programme taking place. The power plant, Cable and Wireless installations, Airport facilities, Tourist Board Office, Mosquito control facilities, hospital, P.W.D., Schools and developing projects. Accompanying them on one visit to these installations were Mr. Foster, Mr. Conolly and Mr. Cook, Director of WORKS. The team had this to say about Grand Cayman. "The people of Grand Cayman and the people of Anguilla are of the same culture. The island with its white beaches is flat like Anguilla." The only difference is, they are pretty well developed and every person we have met, said, all the credit goes to Mr. Cumber who did his utmost best while he was Administrator. Their word to us was, "You've got a good man and he will do things for Anguilla."

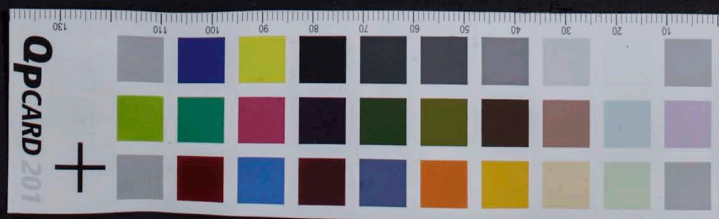
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"There have been several schemes to develop Anguilla," Webster said. "And we are sure that we can attract enough foreign capital to make our economy work." The most famous undertaking to raise funds and interest in Anguilla was an offer of "honourary passports" to persons willing to subscribe money in behalf of Anguilla's future. "We didn't get much, only about \$25,000," Webster admitted. At present, most prominently mentioned connection is a "Mysterious" American Jack Holcomb, who is seen coming and going to Anguilla with increasing frequency. An economic informant who has been following Anguilla's ups and downs in the past two years, described Holcomb in the following terms: "He used to be a Police Officer in Hollywood, Calif. now he lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and obviously has command of considerable funds." He went on to explain that Holcomb was quoted as having promised Anguilla "instant recognition by the U.S. Government as soon as independence is declared." The recognition is still outstanding. President Webster, on the other hand, is against the use of gambling to boost his 36-square-mile country's future. "We don't intend to have casinos here" he told his interviewer. (Cont'd on page 7).



STATEMENT BY LORD CARADON OVER RADIO ANGUILLA, 27 JUNE, 1969.

I wish to pay my respects to the people of the island and to tell them what a happiness it was to look down this morning as I flew in from Antigua and saw the island looking greener than I have ever seen it before, and what a pleasure it was to be greeted at the airport by my friends, I can call them my friends now, because we know each other pretty well. Then we settled down through the day to have a discussion which has been full of substance and full of strong feeling and, yes, I would say, eloquent expression. No-one has been anything but frank and has been strong in what they have said, certainly they are, about some of the recent administrative arrangements worked out elsewhere, there have been some misgivings some criticism strongly stated, and then we have talked about the possibility of the Commission, an impartial Commission to hear the case which the people of Anguilla wish to put forward. This Commission to be appointed later this year, I believe it's tremendously important for everyone here that they should be given the opportunity to state their views to a responsible body of leading individuals. The people to be appointed to the Commission will not of course be appointed to represent governments. They will be distinguished individuals who are selected for their known impartiality and experience. Now we have, all day, been talking about the immediate situation in the island, the administrative arrangements necessary for the period which is ahead of us, the preparations for this Commission which we hope to see formed well before the end of this year and I have been arguing that, and I think many people have seen the force of my argument, that the agreement we made last March together and signed, I and the Members of the Council guaranteeing friendly cooperation between the people of Anguilla and the people of my country is the best basis for us to go forward and we should put that agreement into full effect in every clause and go forward together into this next period of say six months from now until the end of the year. Maybe there are things which we don't like altogether. Maybe there are things which we strongly criticise even but I am sure that the necessity of the time is that the people of this island and the people of my country should be in ever closer association and friendship. This is what I have come to say. I may have something to say before I leave tomorrow. I have to go back because I have to take my place in the Security Council - all last week we were dealing with Africa - all next week we expect to be dealing with the Middle East. I have been very busy in the United Nations. But I am devoted to the interests of this island; I am involved in your problems. I am glad to come back. I am impressed by the spirit of the discussions so frank and so friendly that we have undertaken through today and I wish to express to everyone in the island through their elected representatives my warmest good wishes and my hope that we can work together very closely now and into the future.



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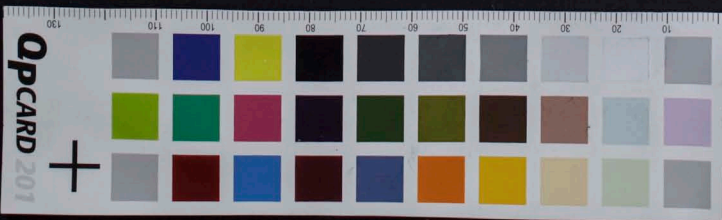
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YOU AND SPORTS. By Ralph Hodge.

Cricket Saturday, 28th June,

The Island Side defeated the Valentinos Sports Club by 55 runs in a very exciting match at the Park. The scores were, Island xi, 140 for 9 declared, Valentinos Sports Club, 85. Victory was achieved with the last ball of the day when Lionel Gumbs bowied Calvert Williamson. For the Island xi, Wendell Proctor made 24 not out, Benson Richardson 22, Aibertus Richardson 21, and Lionel Gumbs 14 not out. Only R. Hodge 14 and V. Banks 11, made double figures for the more youthful side. A. Carty took 3 wickets for 7 runs.

In three meetings, the Island Side has won 1, Valentinos Sports Club has won 2.

VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL Interhouse Cricket Tournament got on the way at the Park on Monday afternoon when Blue House defeated Red House by 10 wickets. The scores were Red House 26 and 40, Blue House 61 for 8 declared. Blue House's victory was mainly due to some fine bowling by Leslie Richardson and Valdama Brooks, And some equally fine wicket keeping by Wendell Proctor. Leslie Richardson had the remarkable bowling figures of 12 wickets for 27 runs, and Valdama Brooks 6 wickets for 22 runs.

On tuesday, Green House defeated Blue House by 6 wickets on first innings decision. The scores were Blue House 42, Green House 49 for 4. Leslie Richardson topscored for Blue House with 16 while Denver Hodge and Elkin Rogers were the main wicket takers for Green House with 4 and 3 wickets respectively. Jeffrey Carty made 22 and Denver Hodge 17 not out, when Green House batted.

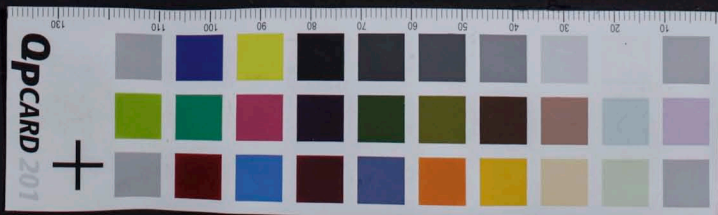
FOOTBALL. Tuesday July 1st at the Park.

The Royal Engineers defeated an Anguilla side 4-1. At half time the score was Engineers 2, Local side 1. The Engineers got 2 more in the second half, while the nine-month old side missed many chances. It was a give and take match, and the spectators loved each moment. The Island's only goal was scored by A. Carty. A return match is scheduled for the Park on Sunday afternoon at 5.00 o'clock.

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Webster said that "Anguillans who have established themselves in the States and Canada are our prime supporters." Most prominent among them is Jerry Gumbs a former resident of New Jersey who returned to the island with a considerable fortune recently.
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CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLA. (Continued from last week).ARTICLE VI. LEGISLATURE.

Section 7. Candidate qualifications for National Representatives:
To be a Candidate for National Representative a person must be a citizen of Anguilla by birth or parentage, or a Naturalized Citizen for a period of not less than three years prior to the date of election, a qualified voter, a resident in the National Territory of the Republic Of Anguilla for at least three years prior to the date of election, at least twenty five years of age, be free of civil employment and not a Candidate for any other elective office.

Section 8. Sessions of the Legislature: Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held three times per year at approximate regular intervals to be established by law. The sessions shall extend for the number of days required to consider action on matters brought before them. A quorum of six members shall be required to conduct any official acts, vote upon any issue or pass any law.

Section 9. Special Sessions of the Legislature: The legislature may be called into special sessions by the President, providing however, that such sessions may not be called more than three times in any one year and shall not last continuously for more than five days with the exception of cases of National emergency, or in matters in which the Legislature has failed to act either for approval or disapproval of the issues before them, in which event the President may extend the session for a period not to extend an additional thirty days.

The Legislature may call a special session for the considerations of matters which it deems necessary to act without delay. The procedure therefore being a written notice to the President executed under oath by a minimum of nine members of the Legislature setting forth the date agreed upon to convene, between themselves, and generally the matters to be considered.

Section 10. Authority to Legislate: The Legislature shall have the authority to establish all laws concerning the Health, Safety, Welfare and Morals of the Republic of Anguilla, to regulate commerce with Foreign Nations, to Coin Money, regulate the value thereof, establish a currency system or adopt an acceptable system together with another Nation; to establish criminal Laws and punishment thereof, operate a Postal System, pass Civil Laws of Commerce, establish Laws of Business, create corporate regulations and procedures; the power to impose taxes, Duties, Excises and authority to provide for the collection of such taxes, Duties and Excises; regulate imports and exports, to establish Tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court, Declare War, Raise Armies, Establish a Navy and other Armed Forces as may be necessary to patrol and regulate all activities in the territorial waters of the Republic of Anguilla. (Con't next week).

