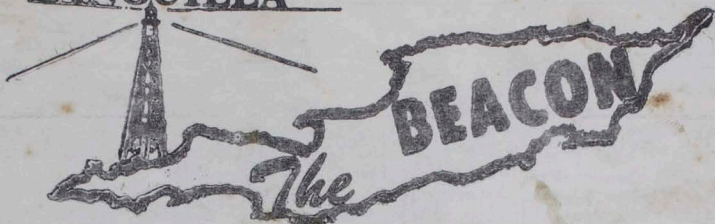


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ANGUILLA TEACHERS' UNION RE-NAMED

The Teachers, as usual, turned out in full numbers for the extra-ordinary meeting which took place on Thursday, October 30th. At this meeting the civil servants present saw the expediency of amalgamating themselves with the teachers so that concerted action can be taken, when necessary, on legitimate issues affecting the members. As a result it was unanimously decided that this new organization be called "The Anguilla Teachers' and Civil Service Association", and a working committee has been set up to deal with emergencies as they arise.

A number of aims and objects have been worked out as a guide for the members. Some of these aims and objects are:-

- (a) The advancement of education.
- (b) The improvement of conditions of the service.
- (c) Freedom from outside interference.
- (d) Adequate remuneration.
- (e) Protection of the rights and privileges of members of

the association.

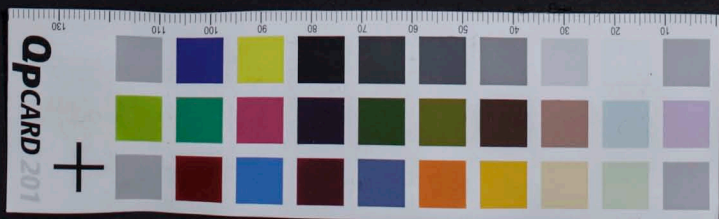
(f) The enhancement of the profession as a whole.

It was revealed that if the community is to derive maximum benefit from its C.S. there must be cordial relationship within and without the Service. No degree of excellence can be attained when there is no sense of security and protection and when there is indifference of those from whom co-operation is expected.

BOOKS PRESENTED TO ANGUILLA LIBRARY

The first consignment of what is hoped to be a collection of 35,000 British books for the people of Anguilla was formally presented to the Anguilla Public Library this week by H.M. Commissioner Thompson at a ceremony at the library.

The books were received on behalf of the Library by Mrs. Countess Rey, Librarian who said how grateful Anguilla was for such a generous contribution to the reading public. She remarked that it would be a great pleasure for (Cont'd on page 3)



Letter to the Editor.

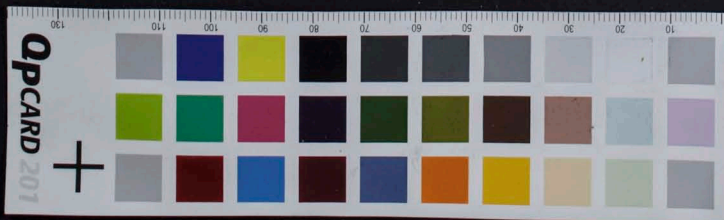
THE PURGE CONTINUES

Sirs, "No St. Kitts" was the cry of Anguillans on March 30th, to the outsider looking on, and listening in, the cry was that of people fighting for their rights to self-determination. Inside they were thinking of "Building a new Anguilla", which it was said, would be "A Paradise". With Bradshaw 70 miles away, blazing fumes over ZIZ, and threatening to bring the island back by force, Anguillans watched day and night, in their determination to keep their island free from the shackles of tyranny. Being frustrated through lack of action, the powers found another means of keeping up the tension of their followers. Propaganda of all sorts were fed to the people. The civil servants were their enemies. Here the purge started, and many officers were forced to flee the island. This continued through the first phase until the interim agreement was signed, and there followed a treacherous period of calm. But the undercurrent was there, and civil servants were watched with sinister faces, blamed for every mishap, disrespected by old and young another exodus was started out of frustration. Whitlock came and was driven out, followed by a number of dismissals for no apparent reason. With the coming of the British the civil servants' hopes boomed high; any onlooker could have seen that for himself, but soon British policy made them despair. Everyone has heard of civil servant brought before the court, so that justice be meted out for wrong doings, while the corruption of the politician is shelved. We have all heard of the first meet-

ing of the teachers with the Commissioner, where spectators were carried in to witness the dressing down. For no apparent reason the Commissioner attacked, and gave them a sound thrashing, climaxed by, "Are you big enough to take it, or, are you so little that you can't." Some teachers were too little, "They could not take it." One hears so much about Professional etiquette. This seems to be lacking in the present administration. The British employed a number of people, in some places to relieve political tension; in others, on the advice of the development division of advisors to the Caribbean. Things seemed to be running smoothly, but the politicians have started on the civil servants again. Their fat salaries are forgotten, and with their brass faces and copper consciences, are demanding a reduction in the pay of two civil servants; pay that in one instance must be multiplied by two, in the other by three, to amount to theirs. One is only left to say, that this bid for freedom was started for personal gain of the minority. Rumour says we hope this is not true, that the Commissioner fully agrees with the politicians, in cutting down the pay of the two civil servants, while the favoured few continue to draw their fat salary. "Is this British justice?" Is this the code of law under which civil servants worked? Can a man's salary be reduced without a cause? Can politicians interfere with the smooth running of the civil service? why can't the Commissioner show the politician where the boundary line is? Or is the Commissioner only an advisor to the council with no powers (Cont'd on page 3)

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of his own? If this is the other way around, then it is high time the Foreign Office send in a man that can and will administer justice without fear or favour. Anguillans this is our country. The world is moving forward scientifically educationally and otherwise. We are going backward, a few miles of road is not sufficient to appease us; we want a sound policy laid down to protect the rights of all. This beating about the bush, and playing for time is not good enough. While waiting a settlement, "the purge continues, your children are the sufferers. Any avenue that could be opened for their upliftment is blocked. "Are you asleep? Or are you carried away by emotions petty jealousies, or false expectations. Wake up before it is too late. The civil servants are being ^{purged} now, don't wait until the headlines have been changed to "Anguillans shrugged"

signed:- Anguillan,

Ed note: name withheld at writers request.

BOOKS PRESENTED (Cont'd from P.1)

her and her staff to catalogue the books and place them on the library shelves for the entertainment and education of readers all over the island.

Commissioner Thompson, in his presentation remarks referred to the gift of weekly shipments of books from the Ranfurly Library Service, Ltd. of London and hoped that the first consignment, con-

sisting of two tea-chests of about 150 books each, would be the beginning of a continuous series of shipments (carried from London to Anguilla through the kindness of the R.A.F.) which in time would amount to many thousands of new volumes of reading matter for Anguillans. He referred to the fact that the first installment of books were mainly for children of all ages and hoped that these would prove of real value to the young people of the island.

Letter to the Editor:

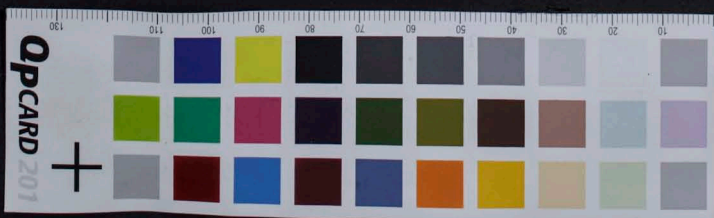
Dear Mr.Harrigan,

I refer to a news item appearing on page 5 of the Beacon of 25th October under the headline "RAF to cut flights here". You report, under the date 22 October remarks attributed to a Mr Henry Reiss British Deputy Representative in Antigua.

I would like to point out that Mr.Reiss' remarks were made a long time ago and not on 22nd October as reported by you.

It has been represented to me that Mr.Reiss' reference to a cooling off period, represents a change in British Government policy towards Anguilla and the situation in which it finds itself. To give a fully balanced report I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Mr.Reiss also laid strong emphasis upon the importance of the Commission and his hope that it would contribute to a solution to the problem.

Your readers may rest assured that there is no change in the policy of the British Government and that the odd remarks, quoted out of context, do not (Cont'd on page 5)



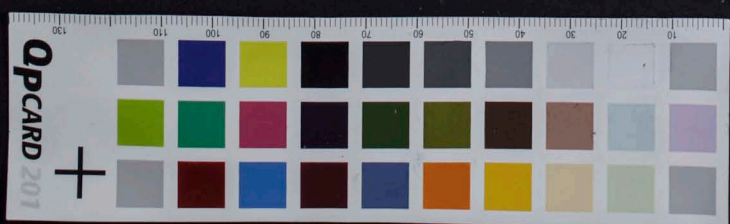
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EDITORIAL:

Under Mr. John Cumber's administration of Anguilla, Miss Bertram Gumbs was appointed supervisor of district Nurses, and Miss Vera Richardson Senior clerk to the education department. These appointments were made under the recommendations of the committees concerned - committees that were established by the council. They were bracketed in the salary - scale recommended in the Gardener Brown report. This matter when brought to light was attacked by some members of the council who demanded that these two persons be reverted to their former positions, on the grounds that the council was not consulted, as agreed to in the declaration signed with Lord Caradon. The question of not consulting with the council is very true, no consultation took place, and with the pressure from some members of the council, the Commissioner took action, reverting Miss Gumbs to her former position with her former salary. Miss Richardson will receive a salary cut, being paid that of a junior clerk instead of a senior whose duties she performs, in the education department. We agree that Mr. Cumber did not consult the council on these appointments, but the whole situation needed careful attention from all sides. The positions

that both these persons fulfilled were administered by St. Kitts authorities prior to May 1967. Since then Miss Gumbs took on the full responsibility without compensation for the post. Miss Richardson was a Junior Clerk in the treasury until she went on holiday and was subsequently dismissed from the service in 1967. She was re-employed by Mr. Cumber as a Senior Clerk in the education department; A department also created without consultation. We can go on naming other persons appointed to positions, and positions created and filled without consultation. But the question is this; Are these appointments necessary for the betterment of Anguilla? The answer is "YES" if Anguilla is to the road to SELF DETERMINATION, and "YES" again if Anguillans are going to run Anguilla. Unless those who pushed the issue wants the secretary of education and the health nurse in St. Kitts to come over and run these departments as prior to May 1967. Most speakers on the Park on Oct. 12th, 1969, indicated their aroused feelings about these two appointments but failed to say specifically what they were talking about with fear that if they named some, they might be called upon to name others who had been appointed without consultation. Some may ask why didn't the members on the Council who are against this unjust treatment, speak up against it, but that is probably explained better in the letter on page 5 the MODERATE. The point is how much a MODERATE the Civil Servants can take, or how far the extremists can push.

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represent an official statement.

I understand that you obtained the news from a reputable news agency, and this letter is no reflection upon your reportage, but I thought the matter needed clarifying.

Yours faithfully,
(W.H. Thompson,)
H.M. Commissioner.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

THE PATIENT CIVIL SERVANTS AND THE IMPATIENT MODERATES.

Sir, I heard a remark made a few days ago to the effect that the patience of the Civil Servants is running out.

As far as I have gathered, this remark is a true one.

The Civil Servants have been for over two years now the victims of abuse and bitter invective.

The trouble is, that even now with a new Administration they are still being ridiculed for no reasonable apparent cause. The question must now be bluntly asked what has the C.S. *has* done to warrant this continued vituperative attack.

I want the Editor of THE BEACON to know that his recent editorials have given a true and proper perspective of the situation here, and a fair majority is in full agreement with his analysis of the whole matter. When you mentioned the fact that the Civil Servants risked their pensions and other rights when they decided individually to rally round Anguilla in her time of acute crisis, you were uttering a great truth. It was a great but more so, a

very grave decision to make. When it comes to serious thought, it can be clearly seen that the Civil Servants have the interests of their island at heart, to a much greater extent than many who are acting on mere pretence. It has now come to light that there is a salary dispute in connection with two Civil Servants. This is something that is gossiped about on the street and pubs, and on many occasions the Civil Servants involved (and other Civil Servants) have been terribly embarrassed.

On the other hand it is being said that one Salary Dispute may create many more Salary Disputes from a different quarter. Further, it is being said that this Salary Dispute if not fairly dealt with may well be the turning point in having an adverse effect in the good relationship which exists between the Civil Servants and the powers that be, who ever they may be.

As loyal Anguillans, the Civil Servants are supporting every step that is made in the right direction towards the achievement of a better political status for Anguilla.

I happen to know this because I talk with many of them very frequently. But they are utterly dissatisfied with the apparent one-sided way certain things are being handled Administratively, so far as Civil Servants are concerned. I was deeply struck with an article which appeared in the Democrat newspaper of Saturday 25th October, written by David C. Smithers. The contents of the paragraph that struck me are as follows:-

"Mr. Stewart has effectively stopped the emergence of the Anguillan moderates with their pro-British, determinedly democratic plans". (Continued on Back page).



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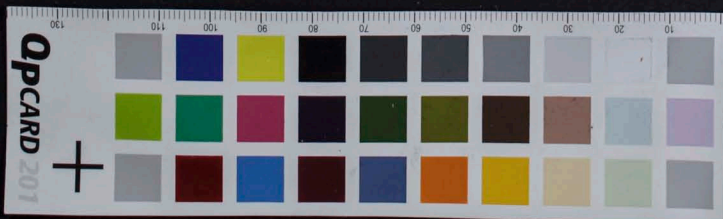
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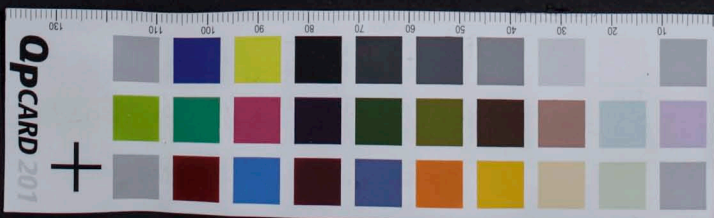
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THE PATIENT CIVIL SERVANTS:

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I think that to say that the moderates have been effectively prevented from making their emergence is a serious mistake.

The moderates wanted to be reasonable so as to keep afloat the desired request for a united front. But they did this under the assumption that all Anguillans would be equal before the law. It was an unwritten agreement, but it was an agreement that was based on the fact that Democracy would be seen to be practised.

Any factor which may cause people to believe that they are denied their democratic rights and privileges, and be treated in a sort of semi-subservient fashion, will bring about the emergence of the MODERATES.

IT should not be forgotten that all Anguillans were termed MODERATES before 1967.

It is sometimes felt and seen that the Administration (British) here is bending over backwards to please a certain faction on this island, at the expense of the others being kept in a sort of semisubservience. This was not catered for when Britain came to the rescue. It was the hope that when Britain came, everyone would be treated alike. This sort of nonsense must stop, and stop immediately. I therefore call upon the Civil Servants and Teachers of the island to stand up and demand their rights as loyal citizens of their island. I call upon the Civil Servants to stick together. You are your brother's keeper. It may be your turn next. This is your only means of survival, this is your only chance of salvation. I also call upon those who are termed MODERATES to stand firm, and if there is need for their emergence in an effort to maintain the correct balance of understanding and co-operation

in your island's affairs, be ready to do so without fear or favour.

The A.C.D.M. is still here.
"THE MAID IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH,
AND HER STRENGTH IS PRESERVED"

I call upon the Government here from Captain to Cook to see to it that the true principles of democracy are upheld and maintained.

Finally I call upon every Anguillan here to do away with spite, envy, and personal animosities, and let us fight our battle courageously, and with determination and skill. Victory will be made easier if we try to be honest with one another, for bearing and forgiving one another, and seeking not our own gain, but the good and betterment of all Anguillans.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: Moderate.ANGUILLAN BOAT BUILDING

A 21' racing boat from the Road, built a few years ago by Ivor Richardson from North Hill, son of the retired captain of the "Warspite", just came back from a long weekend trip.

Having left Sandy Ground on Thursday noon she sailed to Philipsburg, Saba Statia and St. Barths, showing her Anguillan flag all over, and was back home on Monday midnight.

The boat, renamed "Pelican" by her new owner, carried an American tourist friend, who enjoyed the tour very much inspite of the stormy weather and ground swell.

Is it true that the Republic was dropped in St. Thomas last week.

