

ANGUILLA



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OVER ½ MILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO ANGUILLA, 1969 - 1970.

According to a Press Release from H.M. Commissioner's Office, Britain will have spent well over \$507,500 F.C. in development aid to Anguilla at the end of the 1969 financial year.

In addition to the \$507,500 is the cost of a D6 bulldozer for Public Works Department, that is soon to be delivered and budgetary aid to bridge the gap (if any) for expenditure 1969 - 1970.

This money is being spent on Road improvements, Supplies and Equipment for Schools, the Jetty, Equipment for Public Works Department, a garbage truck and other schemes the release said.

The Commissioner's Office has also released a number of other development schemes that are under consideration, and hope to have them approved shortly.

(See "Press Release" Page 2)

Ed note: We are told that the garbage truck appeal fund, is being held in a separate account by the Council.

CAR ACCIDENT - ONE HURT

Two motor vehicles were involved in an accident on the airport road yesterday morning.

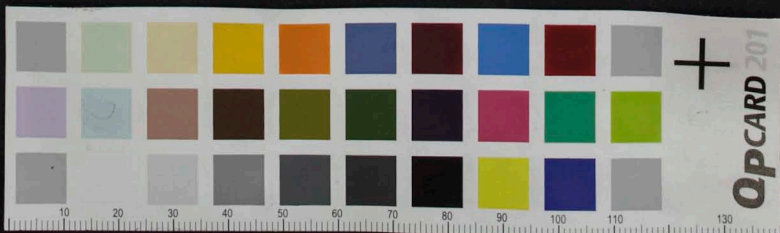
The driver of a pickup owned by The Anguilla Construction Company, Mr. William (Son) Horsford, suffered a cut in his face and was taken to the hospital where he was detained for observations. The driver and owner of the other car A-362, Evan Lake, said that he was travelling Southward to the Airport, when he suddenly struck the other vehicle, which was approaching the main highway from a side road.

The pickup was knocked into a tamarind tree and was damaged to the front end; the car also was damaged to the left front end.

In the back of the pickup was a worker, Mr. Archie Ruan, of East End, who received no injuries.

SMALL EARTH-QUAKE

A small earthquake was recorded here on Tuesday morning. The earth tremor was heard about 5.50 a.m. throughout the island. No damage has been reported.



"PRESS RELEASE" From H.M. Commissioner's Office Dec.5th., 1969.

BRITISH DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMME

The following is a summary of aid to date. In addition to the sums listed, H.M.G. is supplying support for the recurrent budget expenditure for the years 1969 and 1970.

- 1. Provision of school supplies and equipment for the new Valley School.....\$125,000
- 2. Erection of the new Valley School, including the provision of septic tanks and underground water tank.....\$ 75,000
- 3. Road improvements..\$227,500
- 4. Erection of Jetty at Sandy Ground.....\$ 60,000
- 5. Provision of Science Laboratory for Secondary School...\$ 30,000
- 6. Provision of new electric generator for hospital...\$ 7,500
- 7. Provision of transport, including garbage truck.....\$ 20,000
- 8. Provision of equipment for Public Works Department, including front end loader.....\$ 62,500
- 9. Provision of D6 bulldozer for Public Works Department..\$ figure not yet known

The above schemes are either in progress or relevant items of equipment for them are on order.

The following schemes are under examination and yet to be approved.

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- 10. Island Harbour Primary School,
- 11. Further road development.
- 12. Extention to teachers house,
- 13. Provision of warehouse and ancillaries for jetty,
- 14. Expenditure on water supply and hydrology.
- 15. Essential improvements to existing airfield.
- 16. Provision of Post Office and first phase administration buildings.
- 17. Additional vehicles and equipment.

Consideration is also being given to schemes involving the public library and police.

THE MAN WHO CAME BACK FROM ANGUILLA (REMEMBER?) London Evening Standard 20th October, 1969. Reprinted from "The Conch Shell" August, 1969.

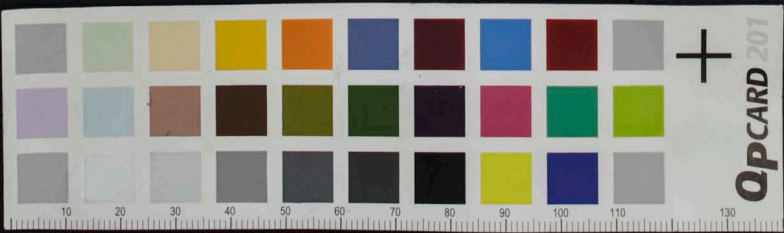
Mr. James Milnes Gaskell, 31 year old director of a chemical company has recently returned from a visit to Anguilla.

He lived in St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla for several years until he was deported by St. Kitts Premier Robert Bradshaw in August 1967.

Last month James Milnes Gaskell made his first return visit to Anguilla since his expulsion. Jonathan Aitken asked him for his impressions.

J.A. What is the situation in Anguilla now?

MG: Every- (Cont'd on page 3)



MCDONALD RAPS W. INDIES' APPROACH TO ANGUILLA: (Continued from Last Week's edition).

Mr. McDonald said that the significance of the Anguillan secession from the Government of St. Kitts was its being the first example of a Caribbean people rebelling against what they considered to be a repressive West Indian regime.

He added that Anguilla signifies the problem of the lack of unity among West Indian peoples; that instead of indentifying themselves as a strong integrated region they preferred to promote singlemindedness and insularity.

He said that in his talks with various government officials in the area there was always a great stress on the problems of fragmentation, Mr. McDonald said that this was understandable but pointed out that no Government could claim the allegiance of a people if it showed the inability of providing real social progress for the people it rules. Because of his experience in the Anguilla situation, Mr. McDonald was drafted by the United Nations and was attached to the United Nations Institute for training and research (UNITAR) as its consultant on the problems of the Ministates.

He holds the B.A. degree in modern languages (French and Russian) from the University of Notre Dame; The M.A. in comparative literature (Russian, French, English) from the University of Paris; a certificate in French Language and Literature from the University of Rome; A Diploma in Italian language from Senolo Straieri, Italy; and a

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thing is very peaceful. The paratroops left a month ago and there are now 86 sappers building roads on the island together with 84 Metropolitan policemen.

JA: Anguilla started to make world headlines when it demanded its independence from the state of St. Kitts - Nevis - Anguilla. What is the political position at the moment?

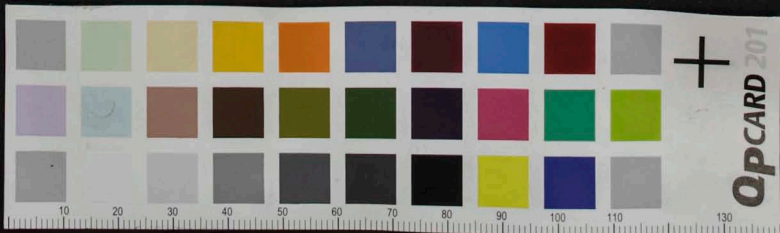
MG: One fact is so clear it can be seen in the dark. Anguilla will never go back to St. Kitts under any conditions whatsoever. I asked Atlin Harrigan a spokesman for the moderates: "What would happen if anyone put up in the island as a candidate for St. Kitts general election (due before July 1971)

He said: "We would boycott it. He could not stand, we would run him out of the island!"

Also there is deep-rooted fear of Anguilla ever again being controlled by Robert Bradshaw.

JA: Why is Robert Bradshaw so unpopular?

MG: Because he has repeatedly
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THE BEACON is an Independent Anguillian Newspaper, published every Saturday. Founded September 27th, 1967. Printed and published at "Lone Star" Anguilla, W.I.
Atlin Harrigan- Ed. and Publisher
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EDITORIAL:

Maybe Anguilla has many problems of her own without taking time off to worry about the problems of other countries; but when the country is one in the region and especially the one which is now causing Anguilla Constitutional difficulties, one where the question of whether Anguilla should be legally separated or be reunited is being looked into. We must take all things into account. Last week the St. Kitts Government announced that they will permit legalised gambling in the State, all well and good for them but we believe that such a decision in small islands, should take into account the feeling of the public because gambling changes the morality of a Community.

Anguillans have repeatedly objected to any form of gambling in their island. Over the past two years they have turned down many proposals that were inclined to gambling and prostitution. The introduction of gambling Casinos in St. Kitts is one more reason why Anguilla could never be reunited with that island. Anguilla is too religious minded and has proved to be ever part of such a Community. The fact that the St. Kitts Government has changed

it's attitude in allowing Gambling Casinos, is evidence that the Bradshaw Government realizes that their attitude to Tourism in the past was wrong and now hope to catch up with the other islands by drastic immoral measures.

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shown he is determined to crush the slightest opposition by any means he can devise.

In the past he has thrown opposition leaders into jail on trumped-up charges. To give a recent example of what he is doing, he slapped a number of public mischief charges on the editor of the St. Kitts opposition paper. The editor's only "crime" was that his paper had urged calling in Scotland Yard detectives to assist the local police with an unsolved murder case.

JA: So long as St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla exists in law Robert Bradshaw is still officially Premier of Anguilla. How much power does he now have?

MG: I can answer that best by giving my own personal example.

In 1967 I was imprisoned for two months by Bradshaw and then deported with no reasons given. The trouble arose because I was PRO to an opposition party delegation that travelled to London for talks with the Commonwealth Relations Office. Anyway, since my deportation I have been a prohibited immigrant and when I landed in Anguilla at the end of last month I was doubtful whether the British would let me stay.

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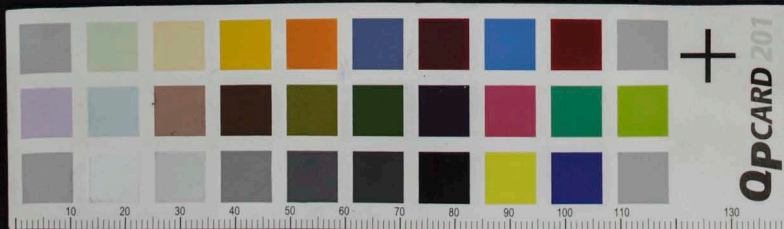
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In fact, I was allowed in and while on the island I stayed with HM Acting Commissioner a First Secretary at the United Nations, Mr. Richard Posnett.

This was an important thing to my Anguillian friends, for it showed that a person who is banned by Bradshaw from the island need pay no attention to his purported laws. His writ runs no longer.

JA: What are the prospects now for a settlement of the Anguilla problem?

MG: Fortunately for Britain the opposition party in St. Kitts-Nevis is now doing very well and of the nine seats they estimate that they have five safe ones. If they were now in power they would solve Britain's constitutional problem by agreeing that Anguilla should legally secede.

In a general election Dr. Herbert's People Action Movement Party would defeat Bradshaw by at least 54 unless a bogus election is held in Anguilla, originally the tenth seat and deadlock is created by the false election of a Bradshaw candidate.

This could only happen with Britain's connivance and would be counter to her interests. So long as Britain does not back a bogus election there her troubles will be solved by the St. Kitts electorate refusing Mr. Bradshaw a further period of office.

ANGUILLA: ALMOST ALL FORGIVEN

For someone who observed Anguilla in the island's heady days of "total independence", who saw

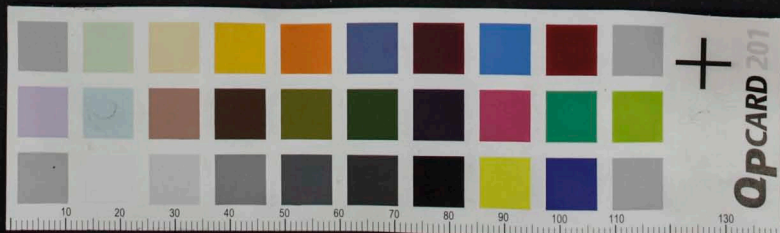
the ragged home guard drilling to repel the Royal Navy and listened to the rebel leader's defiant words, it all amounts to a remarkable volte-face. One wonders even whether the wily Ronald Webster planned it all that way as the only feasible means of escaping the neo-colonial yoke of Mr. Robert Bradshaw in St. Kitts.

On the balcony of one of the houses he has built in the island - the others have been leased to the British officials with the suggestion that they fly out their wives and settle down - "President" Webster sits with a halo of mosquitoes about his brow and talks about his half-hearted revolt.

The man who was going to rout the British Army, Navy and Airforce with cannonball and some submachine guns from Chicago now talks not about a new adventure in UDI but of putting the island back under some form of external tutelage.

"We wont refuse a very direct association with Britain," he told me. He went on to drop into the conversation the sort of propositions that are the antithesis of the very real Black Power aspirations rising throughout the Caribbean: "trusteeship", "protectorate" and so on.

He is an erratic leader, perhaps the most unpredictable Britain has had to deal with in a long time, and his thoughts on what is best for his island seem to change from month to month. But the theme of his remarks was that a trusteeship arrangement, "under either Britain or the United Nations, nothing else," would be satisfactory. (Continued next week)



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SUNDAYS:	3.00-4.00 p.m.	The symphony hour
	6.15-6.30 p.m.	Portrait of our time
	8.00-8.15 p.m.	Theme for Sunday
MONDAYS:	9.15-9.30 a.m.	Women's World
	1.15-1.30 p.m.	Techniques for the Tropics
	8.45-9.00 p.m.	Musical Memories
TUESDAYS:	7.20-7.45 a.m.	Breakfast Session
	1.30-2.00 p.m.	Light Classics
	6.15-6.30 p.m.	Community Welfare
WEDNESDAYS:	7.45-8.00 a.m.	The Tijuana Brass
	5.15-5.30 p.m.	Calling the Caribbean
	5.30-6.30 p.m.	Top Twenty
THURSDAYS:	8.00-9.00 a.m.	Morning Music
	6.45-7.00 p.m.	Sports Roundup
	9.00-10.00 p.m.	Thursday Serenade
FRIDAYS:	6.30-7.00 a.m.	Music of Faith
	1.15-1.30 p.m.	Tropical Farmer
	8.30-8.45 p.m.	Story Time
SATURDAYS:	8.15-8.45 a.m.	Children's Roundabout
	6.15-6.30 p.m.	Scouts and Guides
	6.30-6.45 p.m.	Guest Spot.

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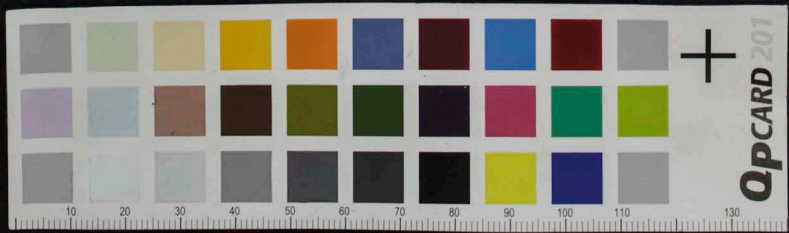
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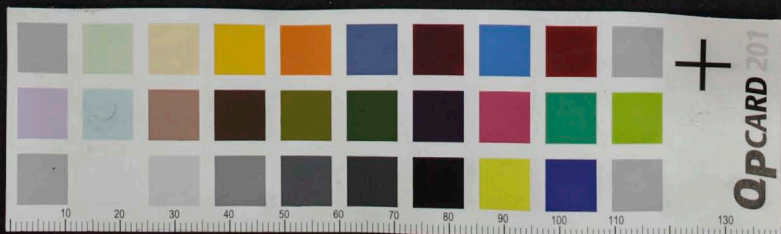
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CREW OF RUTH 16 ARRIVE.

The Captain and crew of the Ruth 16, until she was wrecked on St. Vincent on Nov. 21st arrived here on Thursday via St. Martin. The Ruth was abandoned on her way to St. Vincent after she sprang a leak, it was reported. The vessel drifted to St. Vincent and was wrecked. Her cargo of methylated spirits was salvaged by the islanders who drank it for local rum causing the death of many.



ANGUILLA; ALMOST ALL FORGIVEN

IAN BALL REPORTS ON THE CURIOUS NEO-COLONIALIST SITUATION SIX MONTHS AFTER THE ANGUILLAN LANDINGS.

(Daily Telegraph Sept. 20th, 1969.)

There is an Irishness about the Anguillans - an authentic heritage since some of the first settlers were Dublin convicts and shipwrecked Irish sailors - that is at once charming and frustrating.

It is reflected even in the private word the Anguillans have adopted to describe the British landing and administrative take-over six months ago this week. They talk of it not as "The Troubles," since no blood was shed and no roofs were burned, but as "The Confusion."

"Since the Confusion, I have brought in two crops of corn," says a farmer. "Since the Confusion, things could have been worse and things could have been better," says Ronald Webster, the father of Anguilla's touching bid for independence and the self-proclaimed President of her short-lived republic.

The Confusion is probably the best possible term in the circumstances. If historians take any note of Harold Wilson's rollicking military adventure in the Caribbean, they would do well to borrow the Anguillans' own description.

The Confusion has lost its Gilertian touches but it goes on nonetheless. Out of it seems to be emerging a curious exercise in recolonisation, a revival of talk about "Mother Britain" and an awareness that an island community of 6,000 cannot go it alone, with or without the Mafia men who so bothered Whitehall last March.

THE IMPLICATIONS

Anguilla warrants a second look if only because she serves as a microcosm of Britain's continuing colonial

responsibilities. There are moral as well as political and legal implications.

Moral ones because when we tried three years ago to shed Anguilla we left her in almost as wretched a state as we found her 300 years ago. Political ones because fragmentation is looming as a major problem in perhaps half of the federations and amalgamations that have been pieced together in the phase-out of the Raj. Legal ones because the constitutions these countries and islands accepted in the scramble for self-government were essentially the handiwork of Whitehall.

It is appropriate, then, that the Briton running matters in Anguilla today - the third Commissioner dispatched since the confusion - is a man who introduces himself as a "Colonial Service re-tread," M.H. Thompson (Kenya, 20 years; Falkland Islands, 5 years; acting administrator in the British Virgin Islands until the unenviable job in Anguilla suddenly fell vacant this summer).

A realist in short sleeves, the Commissioner rules an island that exists in constitutional limbo. The power he holds is not unlike that invested in the Commissioners Queen Victoria sent out to keep order in outlandish places.

Yet the Anguillans are reasonably content. Occasionally they complain that he has been "superimposed" on the island but more often than not the chief concern of the Anguillan leaders is to re-establish the links with Britain, to deepen rather than lessen Britain's involvement in Anguilla.

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