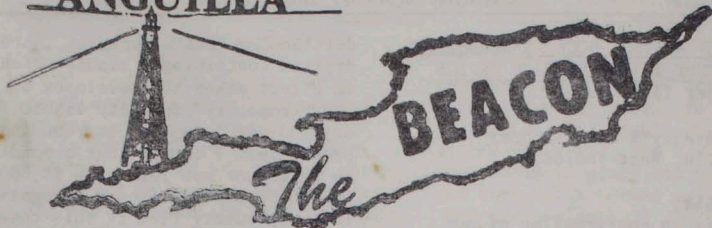


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## "ANGUILLA COMMISSION" NAMED:

Her Majesty's Government has announced the names of the five persons appointed to the Anguilla Commission. In a Press Release from H.M. Commissioner's Office, the Rt. Hon. Sir Hugh Wooding of Trinidad and Tobago was named as Chairman of the Commission.

Other members of the Commission are Mr. Harvey Lloyd De Costa, C.M.G. Q.C. Attorney General of the West Indies Federation before it was broken up in 1961. He is from Jamaica.

Dr. Fitzroy Augier, M.A., Ph.D., of Trinidad and Tobago, is a Professor of History at the U.W.I.

Dr. Robert Alexander MacKay, B.A., Ph.D., LL.B. F.R.S.C., of Canada; a Professor of Political Science at Carleton University, Canada, He was also the Canadian Ambassador to Norway And Iceland, at one time and Mr. Bishonot Persaud, B.Sc. (Econ) DIP. AGRIC. ECON. Guyanese Economist.

Mr. Persaud was a Part of the Commission of inquiry in Wicham's Cay and Anegada Inquiry in the British Virgin Islands.

Mr. Arnold Smith, Commonwealth Secretary will be responsible for the Secretariat of the Commission.

The Commission is set up as a result of an agreement reached with Premier Bradshaw and Mr. Michael Stewart, Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth relations, in London last May. The Anguilla Council was Not Consulted on the Appointment of the Commission.

## BIG WEEK FOR ANGUILLA CHILDREN

Operation "TOYS" for the Anguilla<sup>aw</sup> ages 2 to 15, was carried out as planned.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Santa Claus appeared at various schools throughout the island and distributed gifts to over 3,000 children.

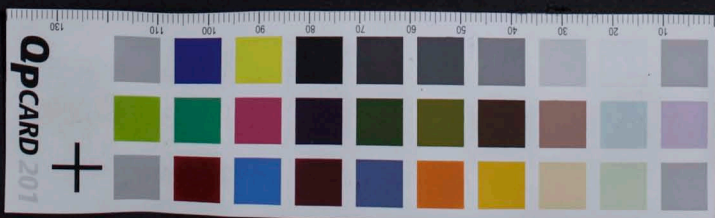
The gifts of toys and books were sent to Anguilla by the Daily Express a London Newspaper, and flown in by R.A.F. The idea of the toys came from Sergeant Major Knowles of the Parachute Regiment. The then Acting Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber corresponded with an official of the Daily Express which resulted in the toys being sent out.

At each of the Parties held throughout the island a Kiddies Show was shown by the R.E's, and refreshments served. The children were very happy with their gifts as they travelled back to their homes.

On hand to publicize the parties was a team of reporters from the Daily Express, a B.B.C. Television Team and a B.B.C 24 hour T.V. team.

The Head Teachers and teachers of the various schools donated their time in making the tickets and identifications of the Children. Mr. Fletcher the overall organizer for the distribution of the toys described the operation as a massive one. He said it went off very smoothly and added that it reflected great credit to all the Volunteers who took part in the programme.

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PROTEST AGAINST DOCK AT RENDEZVOUS BAY  
COPY TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.  
 December 15th. 1969.

Her Majesty's Commissioner,  
 Anguilla, West Indies.

Dear Sir;

This is in confirmation of our conversation at your residence in Anguilla, Sunday, December 14th.

It was brought to my attention that plans are under way to excavate and install a "temporary" barge landing dock at Rendezvous Beach in the area of land presently owned by James Arlington Gumbs, and that licence to do so is about to be granted to the developer.

I do not believe this area is the best place for such an installation and wish to put on record my protest against such an undertaking.

I would like to explain my reasons for protesting, and for your information I have enclosed field survey data and a topographical plan of a section of the property done by me on Sunday December 14th, which will give an idea of the serious drainage and erosion problem which would result.

1. The lands in the immediate area lie between 2 feet below sea level at the lowest point along a line to not more than 2.5 feet above sea level for a distance of about approximately 6,000 feet along the Southwest coast of Anguilla, and it is my understanding that the proposed excavation and "temporary" construction is to be done approximately 600 feet from the eastern end of this natural water course.

I would like to bring to your attention that lowering of the sand bank by more than 1 foot will endanger all the contiguous properties (about 50 acres) and that damages resulting from high swells or hurricanes might run to \$5,000,000.00. I do not mention the toll of human life and livestock. It is my un-

derstanding that a contract is being drafted containing a clause which in effect makes the developer of the "temporary" facility liable for any and all damage to surrounding properties. I insist that a bond in an amount not less than \$5,000,000.00 be secured from a recognised reliable surety firm if this contract is actually to take effect. Rendezvous is one of the better beaches in the island, and the prospect of encouraging a tourist industry in this area would be greatly impaired, perhaps completely negated by the planned "temporary" installation.

2. The cost to the Government of Anguilla would entail the erection of a Customs building and the employment of a Customs officer to handle foreign cargo coming into this "temporary" landing.

It is difficult to understand why such a facility should be contemplated in an uninhabited area of the island. The circumstances would be conducive to the illegal importation of goods when the facility is unattended.

Further to this is my understanding that a license is about to be granted to the developer before negotiations with property owners for easements permitting ingress and egress over the contiguous properties. It is also my understanding that Crown properties may be under consideration for that purpose.

Taking into consideration that fact that this will be exclusively an undertaking of private enterprise, it is questionable whether this installation would be in the interests of the people of Anguilla. The question is also raised as to the desirability and feasibility of this facility in an uninhabited area, when the permanent dock at Sandy Bay, currently under construction by the Overseas Development Division of the British Government (Continued on page 3).

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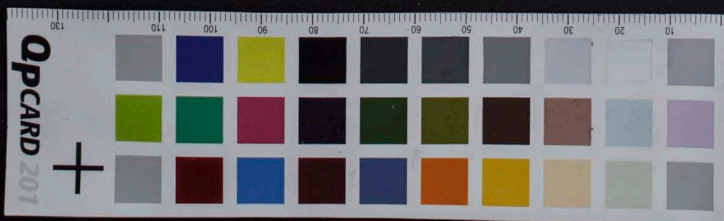
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is expected to be completed with-  
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3. In conversation the question  
 was raised as to whether any person  
 qualified in Engineering or survey-  
 ing had analysed the site and the  
 proposed work. The answer was neg-  
 ative. It would appear that at  
 least some of the parties involved  
 have an irresponsible attitude  
 toward the interests of the citi-  
 zens of Anguilla.

With all the foregoing taken  
 into consideration the granting  
 of a licence to proceed with the  
 construction of the "temporary"  
 facility is most certainly prema-  
 ture.

Very truly yours,

CONRAD WALTON FLEMING,  
 REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR  
 Road, South Hill  
 Anguilla, West Indies  
 &  
 Flamboyant Avenue #146-43  
 Estate Tutu, St. Thomas  
 Virgin Islands, U.S.A. 00801

cc: Mr. Ronald Webster, Anguilla  
 Foreign Office, London  
 The Beacon, Anguilla.

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A DENTAL HEALTH REMINDER FOR AN-  
 GUILLA.

(This is the second of a series  
 of four articles submitted to the  
 Lone Star by Dr. Barry Loughner of  
 the Plumsock Fund). This week's top-  
 ic: "Why Adults Lose Healthy Teeth".

After the age of 35 gum disease-  
 "pyorrhea" causes more tooth loss  
 than does tooth decay. This State-  
 ment of fact is not realized by many  
 Anguillans until it is too late.  
 So many times adults come to the  
 Dental Clinic for extraction when

there is no hole in the tooth!  
 Gum disease begins silently when  
 the teeth and gums are neglected.  
 Then tartar builds up, followed  
 by inflamed and bleeding gums.  
 If not corrected, the bone that hold  
 your teeth in place can be destroyed  
 and then teeth become loose.

How can you tell if you have this  
 dangerous oral disease? If your gums  
 bleed, when you are brushing your  
 teeth, you have the beginning of  
 'pyorrhea'. What can you do, now  
 that you have 'pyorrhea'! Go see a  
 dentist immediately. He can treat  
 the symptoms of the gum disease and  
 just as important, he can show you  
 how to prevent 'pyorrhea' from  
 beginning again. He can show  
 how to massage your gums. He can  
 show you how to brush your teeth  
 in a way that not only clears your  
 teeth but stimulates your gums  
 at the same time. He can show you  
 what aids you can use at home to  
 keep your gums healthy. And finally  
 he can remind you that regular  
 dental checkups are essential if  
 gum disease is to be detected and  
 treated in its early stages.  
 NEXT WEEK. "WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE CAN  
 HURT YOU"

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PRESS RELEASE NO. 5 19th Dec, 1969

It has been announced that the  
 following persons have been appoint-  
 ed to the Anguilla Commission:

The Rt. Hon. Sir Hugh Wooding, P.C.  
 C.B.E., Q.C. (Chairman). Recently  
 Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago  
 Mr. Harvey Lloyd Da Costa, C.M.G.,  
 Q.C. Attorney General of the late  
 West Indies Federation.

Dr. Fitzroy Richard Augier, M.A.,  
 PH.D., Professor of History at the  
 University of the West Indies.

Dr. Robert Alexander Mackay, B.A.,  
 PH.D., LL.B. F.R.S.C. Professor of  
 Political Science at Carleton Un-  
 iversity, Canada and one time Cana-  
 dian Ambassador to Norway and Ice-  
 land Mr. Bishnodnat Persaud, B.Sc  
 (Econ), DIP. AGRIC. ECON. Guyanese  
 Economist. (H.M. Commissioner's Off.)











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**EDITORIAL.**

This week H.M. Government announced a full, the members of the "Anguilla Commission".

H.M.G. is in keeping its promise to set up the Commission before the end of December 1969; At this festive season and as we are about to enter the New Year, news about it will go as far as any of us could in answering any questions about when the Commission will begin its work, or what will come out of its findings and recommendations. We are skeptical about the whole affair and since neither party to the agreement of the Commission is bound to accept its recommendations, the Anguilla Council very wisely had nothing to do with the appointment of its members.

We hate to speculate on the outcome of the inquiry at this stage but we are even more optimistic now than ever about the Commission being able to come up with a workable solution. First of all the terms of reference under which they will operate do not allow them the scope to make any recommendations that would take the views of the Anguillians into account. And Bradshaw boastfully told a reporter in a recorded interview earlier this week that the "terms of reference carefully thoughtout do not allow the Commission to make any recommendations that would allow Anguilla to secede".

It is no doubt that we will not see any significant changes in our constitutional struggle under Bradshaw's regime, unless Britain decides to take a stand, and all Anguillians

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may as well get used to the idea that this battle is not yet won and that it may well take longer than anticipated

As we enter the New Year it won't be easy for us; the only outside investment we may ever see during this period would be the British Development which promises to be very much improved. But there are many hurdles to get over before we reach our desired end. Let us hope that good reason will prevail, that Bradshaw and his government may have a change of heart in realizing that in the 20th Century nothing should happen, without the wishes of a free people be taken into account. Once again we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

**NINE VEHICLES IN ONE DAY:**

The M/V Phantom Star and the M/V Yankee Girl arrived at the Forest Port on Friday with a total of 9 vehicles. This is the first time such a number arrived here in one day. Two Minimokes were brought in the hold of the M/V Phantom Star.

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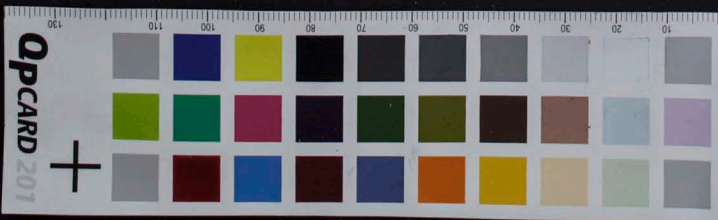
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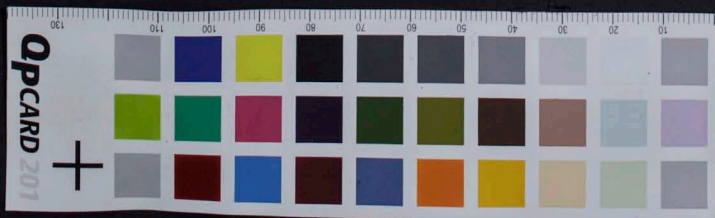
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CHRISTMAS JOY GALORE: (Cont'd from page 8)

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is a special holiday recording by the famous actor, Mr. Boris Karloff to be presented for children of all ages at 9.15 am on Christmas Day, and repeated a 1.15 p.m. on 26 Dec.

Radio Anguilla's "Symphony Hour" on Sunday, 21st Dec. will feature the complete recording of Handel's "The Messiah" will be repeated at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday evening. There will be many more special programmes of special music for Christmas, interspersed with regular programmes of news and entertainment from Radio Anguilla over the full period of the Christmas festivities.





The following is the complete text of a document circulated to promote ANGUILLA CO-OPERATIVE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.

"WHEREAS There is a growing need for the involvement of the People of Anguilla in the economic expansion of this island, and WHEREAS There is the need for the accumulation of Capital for the above purpose, the undersigned promoters propose to organise a Co-operative known as the "Anguilla Co-operative Commercial Enterprises"

Membership of the said Co-operative will be open to any member of the public and will be obtainable by the purchase of \$1.00 E.C. (One dollar E.C.) shares by way of deposit.

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There will be an Annual Meeting of all Share-holders at which Aliens will not be permitted to vote.

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Irrespective of not having the right to vote, Aliens may buy shares in the Said Co-operative.

And we, the undersigned promoters, hereby pledge that we hereby accept Complete Collective and Personal Liability for any sum or sums deposited for the purchase of Shares in the above Co-operative.

We undertake to repay to any person the amount deposited for the purchase of Shares on demand.

PROMOTERS:

MESSRS: Ronald Webster, Wallace Rey,

Watkin Hodge, Jeremiah Gumbs, James Woods, Austin Rogers, William Horsford, Abraham Harrigan, Uriel Sasso, James Baird.

Kindly Address all applications to Mr. Ronald Webster."

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CHRISTMAS JOY GALORE: (Cont'd from page 4).

(22nd December) a special programme of carols will be broadcast by Father Bennett's (St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church) choir.

At 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, 23 December, the Road Methodist Youth Choir, directed by Colin Bynoe will present a Christmas Cantata "Love Transcending".

On Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock (24th December) the choir of St. Mary's Anglican Church will offer a programme of traditional Yuletide carols.

Anguillians now living in Slough bucks, England will speak to their relatives and friends in Anguilla over Radio Anguilla at 7.30 p.m. on Christmas eve, this programme will be repeated at 10.15 a.m. on Christmas morning. This programme was specially recorded by the B.B.C. for Radio Anguilla and Mr. Menes Hodge will act as Master of Ceremonies.

An original "Anguilla Christmas Story" will be broadcast (Mainly for the children) at 6 o'clock on Christmas eve and will be repeated at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas Morning.

A recording made in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge for Christmas Eve, "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" will be heard on Radio Anguilla at 8.30 p.m. on 24th December.

Anguilla children will participate in special presentations of "Children's Roundabout" on Saturdays, 20th and 27th December at 8.15 a.m. Bags of sweets will be given to all children taking part, under the direction of Miss Lucia Hodge. (Continued on page 7)

