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COMMISSION TO VISIT ANGUILLA ON
FEBRUARY 2ND.

It has been announced in London by the Commonwealth Secretariat that the Anguilla Commission will visit Anguilla on Monday 2nd February.

The release stated that the Commission will meet in Antigua on Friday 30th January, and will go to St. Kitts and Anguilla on February 2nd. It is reported that the Commission will arrive in St. Kitts on the morning of February 2nd, and leave there in the afternoon for Anguilla where they will stay until evening before leaving for Antigua. It is also understood that the business of the Commission is confined to procedure and it is not intended that any other business will be conducted.

It is believed that the Commission will meet the members of the Anguilla Council and other persons who may want to give evidence, so they may be able to establish how the evidence will be taken when they return. (See Press Release Page 2)

NEW SPARE TRANSMITTER FOR RADIO
ANGUILLA.

Word has been received by Mr. W. E. Evans, Chief Engineer at Radio Anguilla that, following management requests after the ten day transmitter breakdown in October, a new 500 watt trans-

H.M. COMMISSIONER TO LONDON

H.M. Commissioner Mr. Tommy Thompson left here on Thursday 22 January for London.

Mr. Charles Fletcher of H.M. Commissioner's Office said that his visit was for consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and he hoped to return to Anguilla by month end, before the arrival of the Anguilla Commission that is due to arrive in the afternoon of February 2nd.

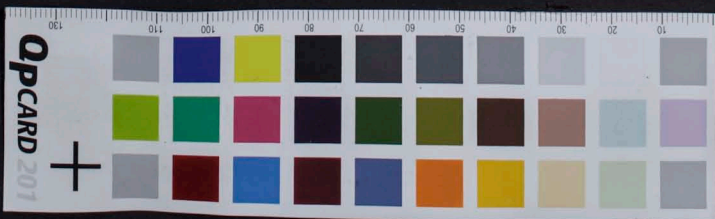
Also away from the island is the Deputy Commissioner Mr. David Mackilligin, who left on Wednesday for Barbados, where he is expected to confer with Officers of the British Development Division.

He also expected to visit St. Lucia and Trinidad. Mr. Mackilligin was born in Trinidad but never returned there since he left at the age of five.

Leaving Anguilla on 30th January is Miss Patricia (Tish) Bottrill, Secretary to H.M. Commissioner, she is being replaced by Miss Agnes Weir who is expected to arrive shortly. Miss Bottrill has been on the island for six months.

mitter complete with modulator and limiter units is being prepared for the island's radio station and will be shipped to Anguilla shortly via R.A.F. Hercules transport.

It is expected that the new transmitter (Cont'd on page 2)



PRESS RELEASE NO.6

It has been announced in London by the Commonwealth Secretariat that Sir Hugh Wooding, who is chairman of Commission on Anguilla jointly appointed by Governments of U.K. and St. Kitts - Nevis - Anguilla has announced that the Commission will assemble in Antigua on Friday, 30th January. The Commission is reported as follows :-

Sir Hugh Wooding, Chairman

Members: Mr. Harvey Da Costa

Dr. Fitzroy Augier

Professor Robert Mackay

Mr. Bishnodat Persaud

Secretary : Mr. E.C. Anyaoku

Associated Secretary: Mr. O.W. Flax

After assembling in Antigua, where the members will have preliminary discussions, the Commission will move to St. Kitts and to Anguilla for meetings on 2nd February at which the procedure for receiving representatives and hearing evidence from interested parties will be settled. Thereafter the Commission will adjourn for submission of memoranda for its consideration.

As announced yesterday H.M. Commissioner, Mr. W.H. Thompson, left the island this morning for London for routine discussions. He will return to Anguilla before the arrival of the Commission.

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NEW SPARE TRANSMITTER FOR RADIO ANGUILLA (Cont'd from page 1)

unit will arrive in the island within a few weeks time. After installation at the radio station's headquarters in The Valley, the new equipment will obviate the possibility, it is hoped, of any possible further breaks in transmission. The new transmitter equipment will serve as a stand-by for the present unit which has been on the air since April last year.

NEWS ROUNDUP

At about 10.00a.m. yesterday, a plane owned by "Borinquen Air" of Puerto Rico, caught fire as the pilot Mr. G. Albizu, tried to start the engines.

The fire which started in the right engine was confined to that area only. The Twin Beachcraft was getting ready to take off for Puerto Rico with its cargo of 900 pounds of lobster, Taxi Drivers and other people at the Airport unloaded the load of lobster, while others attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher from the R.A.F.'s camp across the field. At the time of the fire the R.A.F. Fire truck was out of commission it was reported. The fire was soon put out, and the damage was only to the one engine the pilot said, but not too serious.

A fire was also reported at Blowing Point on Thursday afternoon when a little girl was burning a parcel of grass. It is said that the fire got out of control and burnt about four or five acres of grass in the area.

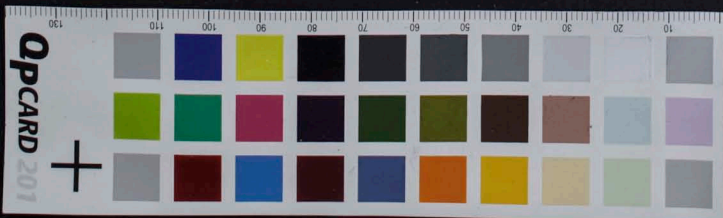
The Scouts and Guides who were in the area joined a number of people who put out the fire.

Destroyed by the fire were some cultivation owned by Mr. Nesbitt Rogers and some chickens owned by Mr. Christopher Romney.

News that an attempt by a young man to burn the Anguillan House, which is occupied by members of the Anguilla Police Unit, was denied by a Police Spokesman.

The Spokesman said that they had heard this rumour but they had no evidence that any attempt was made.

The Police also said that they had released Mrs. Marina Harrigan, who was held after her husband John Harrigan (Cont'd on page 5)



REPORT FOR ANGUILLA

(This is the fourth and final article on dental health submitted to the Lone Star by Dr. Barry Loughner of the Plumsock Fund. This week's article is excerpts from a report written by Dr. Loughner to the Anguilla administration entitled "Dental Health and It's future for Anguilla").

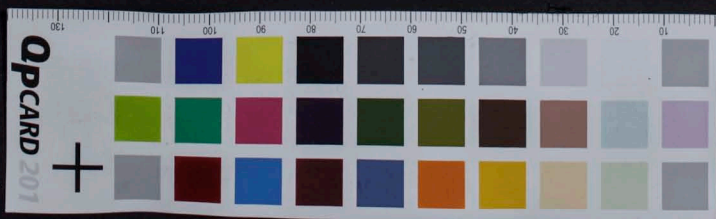
Whatever else historians may write about the civilized world in the last decade, there can be no doubt that they will say revolutionary changes were made in the health services. As it now stands Anguilla is and has been deprived of this progress in the delivery health services.

One of the reasons for this progress elsewhere is that public opinion has been adamant in protesting the iniquities in the health services people receive. Unfortunately, here on Anguilla, the public demand for medical and dental care has not been rising at any significant rate. This situation helps public administrators inadvertently to overlook the severe need. If the people of Anguilla remain status quo, so will the government. If the demand is there, so will the need be fulfilled. As these demands make themselves felt, they will point up what limitations of resources exist, if any..... Manpower shortages exist in virtually all the health professions and ancillary disciplines. However, existing manpower is unequally distributed with the result that there are areas of comparative adequacy and other areas of desperate need as here on Anguilla. The deduction is that the Anguilla Administration should explore the areas of surplus in order to attract necessary personnel..... The acquired

personnel should be permanent. Specifically the Dentist that the Anguilla government obtains should be willing to establish long-term practice.

There are several reasons for the administration to appreciate this statement..... This man (refer permanent dentist) can expect visiting dentists to accommodate to his overall dental program... Ancillary personnel is if the utmost importance in order that the dentist can increase his efficiency, not only in remedial treatment but also in the essential aspects of dental public health... It is important to mention that this team of assistants can be trained "in the job". There need not be any former dental training. The dentist would assume this responsibility... The third component of effective dental health service delivery is a public health director. The full time dentist should not assume this role because an integral part of the responsibility of the health director is political.....

The innovation in recent years if easily applied, self administered flouride has proven very successful in delivering flouride in areas where water flouridation is not feasible. This method has been performed successfully in Anguilla in October, 1969 on school children. The administration should plan on continuing this flouridation procedure on an every-six-month basis..... It is the hope of this writer that Anguilla public officials take serious consideration to the ideas and recommendations presented in this report. It would be foolish to assume that there are not other ways and other means to accomplish optimum oral health for Anguilla, but it is only through a combine of thoughtfully developed, forcefully employed prevention and treatment resources that Anguilla will eventually reverse the spiral of dental illness.



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EDITORIAL

Once again Anguilla is back in the spotlight of World News with the Announcement that the Anguilla Commission will be having its first meeting and visiting both St. Kitts and Anguilla on February 2nd. On hearing this news over Radio Anguilla Anguillians at once were assured that H.M.G. was not sleeping on the Anguilla-St. Kitts affair, and are already murmuring their hope that the Commission will be coming up with an answer that will allow Anguilla to be separated from St. Kitts once and for all.

So far H.M.G. is keeping with her promise in setting up the Commission before the end of Dec. 1969.

The early action by Sir Hugh Wooding in meeting all those concerned with the situation is a good sign that he does not intend to linger on, but rather get down to action. However we of THE BEACON are still optimistic about the whole affair; just as we were in the early part of this year when we first heard of the Commission. In our editorial we recommended more positive action though it meant lingering on until the next general election, in the State. We do not want to wipe out all hopes of the Commission and truly hope that these good men will put their names to something that they will live to see put into action and not pushed aside as unsatisfactory to the parties concerned. As we see it, H.M.G. is playing for time and Anguilla. Only benefit is the development aid being carried

out by the British Dev. Division and the Royal Engineers. The terms of reference justifies our beliefs. Mr. Micheal Stewart's statement in the House of Commons quote. 'It is no part of our purpose to put them (the Anguillians) under an administration under which they do not wish to live' unquote; is about the only statement that Anguilla can hold H.M.G. to. Why it was not written in the terms of reference is simply because Bradshaw probably would not accept it as a statement of authority. The initial visit by the Commission is definitely too short to be of any significance. No evidence could be taken in the short period and for what ever purpose it will serve we hope that they will return soon.

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION:

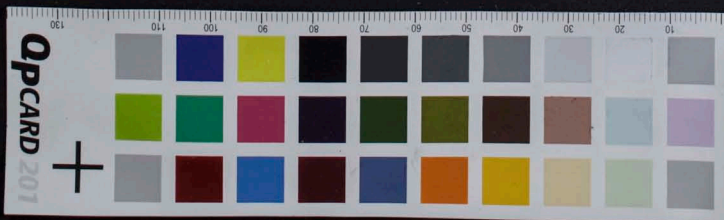
Barbados, Jan. 6th, 1970,
Sir Grantley Adams, Prime Minister of the defunct West Indies Federation disclosed here today that he was working on a new federal constitution which he hoped to present to the Governments of the area shortly.

The veteran Barbadian politician who is now leader of opposition here said in an interview he hoped a conference could be held to discuss the constitution which he said was made with a look at past mistakes.

Speaking on regional integration, Sir Grantley said that the Caribbean Free Trade Area Agreement (Carifta) could only succeed as long as one territory did not break away from the regional trade groups, now just over two years old.

Political constitution was necessary and the constitution he was proposing was the best contribution he could make to the area, he said.

Economic integration could not succeed without accompanying political integration, (Cont'd on page 8)



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NEWS ROUNDUP

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was stabbed in his chest. The Officer said that Mr. Harrigan had refused to give evidence.

Meanwhile his condition is said to be satisfactory at the Cottage Hospital.

The Police said that they had three cases on record to be heard by Magistrate Court. The involved are two for Larceny and one for Wounding.

LOST MEDAL REPLACED

Mr Peter Carter of the Forest who served with the British West India Regiment, in the First World War 1914 to 1918, was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal by King George V. Apparently the British War Medal was stolen from the house some time ago. H.M. Deputy Commissioner at the time Mr. Hemans, wrote to the war Office in London reporting Mr. Carter's case, and the War Office has issued Mr Carter with a replacement of both medals.

The Medals were received by H.M. Commissioner with a copy of the citation signed by King George V.

They will be presented to Mr. Carter shortly. Following is a copy of the Citation issued:-
 Buckingham Palace,

The Queen and I wish you God - speed, and a safe return to your homes and dear ones.

A grateful Mother Country is proud of your splendid services characterized by unsurpassed devotion and courage.

(Sgd. George R I)

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ANGUILLA COMMISSION.

The terms of reference of the Anguilla Commission are:-

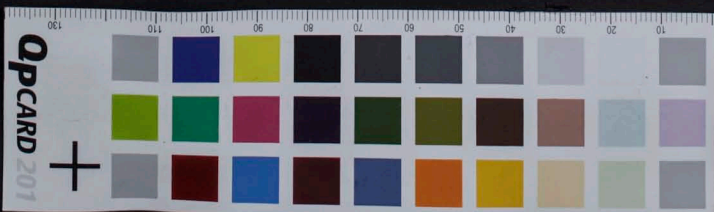
'Recognising the fact that the island of Anguilla is part of the unitary State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla in accordance with the constitution of that Associated; having regard to the resolution concerning Anguilla adopted unanimously at the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government at Port-of-Spain in February 1969; the text of which is annexed hereto bearing in mind the problems and consequences that might arise from further fragmentation in the Caribbean; the Commission will consider:- (1) The causes of the situation that has come about in Anguilla. (2) The best means of dispelling misunderstandings relating to that situation, in accordance with the foregoing facts and with such considerations as the Commission judge to be strictly pertinent will make recommendations that may lead to a satisfactory and durably solution.'

(3) The members will be independent persons of sufficient standing to command respect throughout the Caribbean. Persons from any country in the Commonwealth may serve as members, but every member will sit in his personal capacity and not as the representative of his Government. There will be consultations with all the Commonwealth Caribbean Governments and the Government of any other Commonwealth country providing a member, concerning the suitability and availability of the persons our two governments have in mind, jointly to select and appoint as members of the Commission.

(4) In order to enable the necessary consultation to take place and to give more time for creating an ordered atmosphere on the island the Commission will not be appointed before December 1969.

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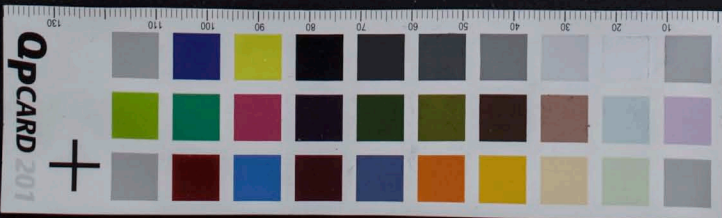
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Signed: Albert A.R. Lake.

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A.P.U. NEW ASSOCIATION

Members of the Anguilla Police Unit, drawn from Scotland Yard, are planning to start a special association with its own tie and with the occasional reunion. Membership will be open to all officers (Cont'd on page 8)



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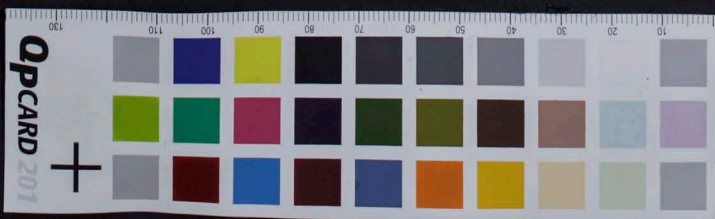
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coming as it does at the end of our first year of existence, rounds off, for the time being at any rate the publications of The Friends of Anguilla. In a phrase, the organisation is being "put on ice" There are several reasons for this which I will explain:- as the situation in the island now stands there is not a great deal to report upon; THE BEACON, Anguilla's own independent newspaper ably edited by Atlin Harrigan, is doing a good job and many of the members of the Friends of Anguilla also read THE BEACON. The next big news event, as far as can be foreseen will be the report of the Commission now studying the Anguillan case. When this will be ready it is hard to say but The Friends of Anguilla will be watching for it no less anxiously than the islanders themselves. Of more pertinency to the continued existence of THE CONCH SHELL is the fact that, most reluctantly, our Chairman, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Lambton, M.P., has felt it necessary to resign now that he has been appointed as a key Opposition spokesman on

Commonwealth Affairs in the House of Commons. Of course, he will not cease to be interested in Anguilla, but pressures of duties relating to other Commonwealth countries will severely restrict his time. Mr. Neil Marten, M.P., another figure well-known in Anguilla's recent history, has very kindly consented to become chairman of The Friends of Anguilla and to maintain a watching brief. The actual production of THE CONCH SHELL has always fallen to Colin Rickards, as publications Editor, and he has also been reluctantly forced to relinquish the position as he has accepted an appointment as Managing Editor of Caribbean Business News a fairly new business and financial newspaper based in Toronto, Canada, (at the moment and serving the entire English-speaking West Indies. (His address, should members wish to correspond with him, will be at 1251, Yonge Street, Toronto, Canada). It is planned that only the most important events - such as the Commission's Report - will in future be relayed by way of publications to members and with this in mind the remaining unused portion of the funds received from members' as subscription is being transferred to Toronto. Mr. Rickards will be in the Caribbean - and Anguilla, too, it is hoped - quite often and will be well placed to watch events. (Cont'd on 8)



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The out going and in coming Chairman and Publications Editor thank all members for their support and hope that their interest in Anguilla and the justice of her cause will continue

A.P.U. NEW ASSOCIATION: (Cont'd from page 6)

who served in Anguilla, where many friendships with the islanders were made. Suggested emblem for the tir is the three dolphin insignia from the centre of the Anguillan Flag.

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Sir Grantley added.

The West Indies Federation broke up in 1962 just four years after the experiment in political unity began.

Most leaders agree that apart from much political bickering, the main issue which led to the collapse was the question of where certain powers should be vested in the ten unit territories or in the federal government itself.

Since the Federal Fiasco, three former members, Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados have become independent States and six less developed territories have gained a quasi-independence status called ass-

Associated statehood, with Britain
(Reuters)

MONSTERRAT NOT SEEKING INDEPENDENCE

St John's, Antigua, Jan 6th
Monsterrat's Chief Minister William Bramble today branded as an unfounded rumour, reports that his tiny Caribbean island was seeking Independence.

Monsterrat will remain a Colony of Britain until we become economically viable enough to consider independence said the Chief Minister who is now on a private visit to his family here.

Asked by reporters about the kind of independence the 39 square mile island would seek when it became more prosperous, Mr. Bramble replied: "We have not given this any thought yet. But the time comes we will choose one that works well."

Monsterrat has admitted that it is too poor to go into independence or even Associated Statehood, the semi-independence status now enjoyed by its former fellow Colonies of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and St. Kitts - Nevis - Anguilla.

Asked if there was a possibility Monsterrat would unite with Antigua to form an independent State, the Chief Minister said: "I prefer not answer this question. We are a Colony of Britain."

(Reuters)

TIME TABLE: Evening Institute Classes at Valley Secondary School.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4-5 French	History / geog.	English	History/ Geog./ Housecraft	English	9-11 am Wood Work
5-6 English/ Spanish / Health Science.	Mathematics	Spanish	English/ Maths/ French,	principles of accounts/ Health Sc.	10-11 am Prin. of Acc.

