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WOODING REPORT TO ARRIVE IN ANGUILLA VERY SOON

The Spokesman from H.M. Commissioner's Office said "that while he could not give a firm date for the arrival of the copies of the Wooding report in Anguilla, it is now only a matter of very short time." The spokesman was replying to questions by our reporter. He also said that when the report has been published, copies will be made available to the public in Anguilla and elsewhere.

It is understood that the Hon. Henry Hankey, the Under Secretary of State for Caribbean Affairs, who visited the island with the Minister of State, the Right Hon. Joseph Godber on Sept. 17th, would be returning to Anguilla very soon to discuss the report and its recommendations with the Anguilla Council. Firm details of this visit can be expected shortly.

CORRECTION:

In our last issue we stated incorrectly that the Cuban who died on the Cuban cement boat which called here on Thursday last (October 15th) was buried on Friday. What actually happened was, that the grave was prepared and at the last moment the Capt. of the boat decided to have the body put into an old freezer and ice blocks put around it. However it was buried at the Anglican Cemetery late the following day (Saturday).

TREASURY ADVISOR

Mr. John Bridgett, the Regional Accountant Advisor, to the British Development Division in the Caribbean, arrived on the island last Wednesday.

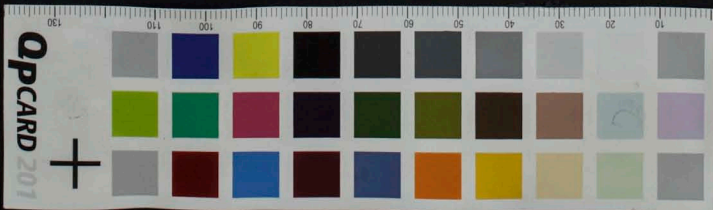
He will be here in the first instance for about a week, to carry out an inspection of the Treasury and advise on its future organization.

PROJECT REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21 1970.

Work on the new roundabout at South Hill is still progressing. The road itself and the built up ground on either side of it is being allowed to settle properly before surfacing is completed. Usually a period of eight to ten days is allowed for road works of this type to settle.

The road from the Valley to island Harbour is undergoing major repair work. The work necessary here has been increased by the considerable amount of rain which has fallen in the last few days. It is natural that a gravel road should suffer when rain falls and therefore its maintenance is a never ending job. However in the case of this particular road, which has a large amount of rock on the surface, the general maintenance may not have to be too great after the initial repair work.

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PROJECT REPORT

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has been improved a great deal by the recent grading and rolling. The damage to the tarmac part of the strip caused by an aircraft turning too fast, is under repair at the moment. This should be completed in the next few days.

The survey on the site of the proposed wharf, being carried out by a combined team from the Royal Engineers and H.M.S. Fox, has been completed and the findings prepared. Harbour

Both the Island School and the Public Library are undergoing considerable modification.

The Galaxy Road has now been completed except for a few minor finishing touches.

CPL. ASHLEY CARTY ON RADIO ANGUILLA'S "HOBBIES CORNER" ON MONDAY AT 8.30 pm.

Cpl. Ashley Carty of the Anguilla Police Unit will be interviewed over Radio Anguilla on Monday evening, 26th October at 8.30.

Cpl. Carty will be talking about his hobbies and spare time activities.

CUBAN SHIP NOT ALLOWED TO LAND IN NEVIS.

The Cuban Ship M/N 26 de Julio, returned to Anguilla on Thursday to offload the consignment of Cuban cement she carried to Nevis.

Reports said that the ship was not allowed to offload her cargo in Nevis because the agent there did not have an import licence.

The ship returned to Anguilla and the cement is being taken by A.A.R. Lake who had already received 15,000 bags from the same ship last week.

NOTES ON ANGUILLA:

Anguilla is a flat corraline island, 16 miles in length and $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles across at its widest point, with an area of some 35 square miles. The island is only 213 feet above sea-level at its highest point. There is a steady breeze throughout the year. Temperatures range from 60° to the low 90°. Tropical diseases are virtually non-existent. At the last census in 1960 the total population of Anguilla was 5,568.

HISTORY

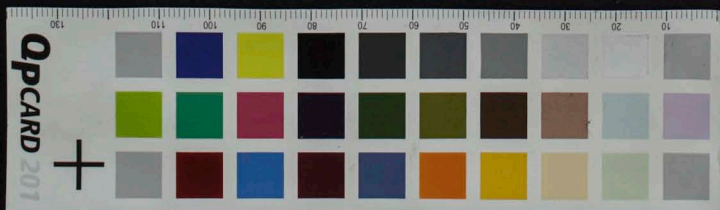
It is believed that Columbus sighted the island of Anguilla on one of his voyages in 1496 and gave it its name on account of its eel-like appearance.

The first British to visit Anguilla were a party of seamen under Captain Harcourt in 1609. Later a small band of Englishmen settled under Abraham Howell, who appointed himself Deputy Governor. But 6 years later the aboriginal inhabitants of the Caribbean Islands, "the Caribs" invaded slaughtering most of the inhabitants and taking most of the women and children as slaves. A few remained, but in 1688 a party of Irishmen took control of the island and settled down. They were the source of many Irish names, and perhaps the Irish brogue now found in Anguilla.

French attempts to invade Anguilla in 1744 and 1745 were repulsed successfully. Half a century later, 1796 another French invasion from St. Martin was more successful but eventually that also was defeated, when H.M.S. Lapwing of the Royal Navy destroyed the French ships.

By 1819 the island's population included 365 white, 327 coloured and 2,388 slaves, but the slaves were progressively liberated and Anguillans became a united people well before the general emancipation, in the West Indies.

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A STATEMENT

by Elwood Lake

(Part two)

Brothers and Sisters ! A very pleasant good day to you all.

Continuing from where we left off at Part One, the burden is mine to give you part two. You must link up part two with part one which is before so that you might see the true picture and get the full sense of the whole thing.

I know of one RACE, that is ADAM'S FALLEN RACE. Fortunately or unfortunately, or neither fortunately nor unfortunately, or both fortunately and unfortunately, the human race (the one race of which I know) is divided, having many colours, many creeds, religions, ideologies, philosophies, cults, sects, theories, doctrines, organizations, clubs, traditions, customs, nationalities and what not. Along with these divisions there is covetousness, greed, lust, hate, malice, ill-will, for every ^{one} seeketh his own welfare, and careth not about his brother's. Anyone who is a human being must be treated as a human being. Who ever comes first must be served first. If a man has the ability he must given the opportunity. Every man, in fact, should be given the fair opportunity to obtain ability. If a man is a gentleman,... if a man approaches you as a gentleman,... you must receive him as a gentleman, treat him as a gentleman, if a man is human being treat him as human being. The WHITES are no more, no less human being than are the BLACKS and the YELLOWS. The blacks and the yellows are no more and no less human beings than are the whites. We all know what a human being is, and who are human beings. And since no human is responsible for being here, then there is neither compliment nor insult, neither praise nor shame neither credit nor debit to any man

for being a man. Only let every man be treated as a man.

It is the way we live,... it is our lives,... that count and make us good or bad, praise-worthy or full of shame, worthy to accepted by society or otherwise fit to be cast out, denounced and rejected. It is what we do that makes us what we are. And we shall be judged according to what we are. "The Soul that Sinneth it shall Die." The Bible.

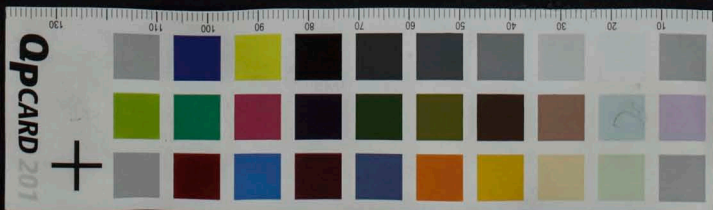
Virtue must be practised, We did not get virtue from our parents, at the cradle at our birth, neither do we lose it, if we have it at death. We must be it to have it, and keep it. And if we have that is enough, we are clear, we are free, we are great, we are noble.

It is the pride of life and self gratification, sinful ambition, greed and hate, Not the Love of GOD, that makes one person feel superior to another, in the common natural sense. But with good will love and peace. In operation all men could know that we are all one,... all brothers and sisters,... some of us with different colours of skin, some of us more or/and less fortunate than others; but that our brother in distress or our brother with a different colour of skin, is still our brother, and we must love him and help him.

Since there is neither cure nor prevention for birth and for death, then we must accept the interval. (In fact we have already accepted it for we could do nothing else). Therefore let us enjoy and make the best of this interval and be satisfied.

In closing a word about power. I know nothing about "BLACK POWER" I know nothing about "WHITE POWER". All I know is "POWER" power itself, just POWER. "This is not the time for war between BLACK and WHITE;

It is the time when we all should unite. To live as one, for so are we. The Psalms 62 and in other portions of GOD. the Bible savs: (cont'don P.5)



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EDITORIAL:

We "are" still waiting with a certain amount of impatience, the publication of the Wooding Report.

As we talk with H.M.G. Officials on the island, we get the impression that H.M.G. is not sitting idly on this matter, and indications that Mr. Henry Hankey will be returning to the island seems likely.

As we go about the island we observe that our people are suspicious, now that the Wooding Report has been submitted. They are concerned about what the report might recommend. They are concerned about their island on the whole. They are also concerned about their leaders whom they have trusted to defend their cause; a cause that caught the sympathy of many countries including Britain, when the situation developed in 1967. Much has been said in our favour in those days.

Presently we do not know, but for the blunders we made in 1968 and early 1969, may have cost us that respect and admiration that we had achieved earlier.

Except for a mention of the Wooding Commission, Anguilla is missing from the world press.

The press said about Biaffra in the days of fighting but we do not hear much of then now. What happened to Biaffra is now of no concern. Our people have a right to be concerned, the waiting

has been too long and they fear that they might be put back in a state of oblivion.

What ever the outcome of the report, we must present ourselves as statesmen, people who are willing to talk, negotiate and carry on negotiations until we achieve our desired goal. We must not be hasty as in the past, for our rewards of that can be seen today.

APOLOGY:

We apologise to our patriots who may not receive a copy of the Beacon this week. This is due to the shortage of printing paper that is beyond our control. Ed.

NOTES ON ANGUILLA; (Cont'd from page 2).

In 1871 the Leeward Islands Federal Colony joined St. Kitts (70 miles south) and Anguilla under a single Lieutenant-Governor. In 1883 the administration of the two islands was formed. After the dissolution of the West Indies Federation in 1961 the 3-island state of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla was offered self-government in association with the United Kingdom, and became an "associated State" in 1967. But Anguilla's Leaders sought to secede from the joint state.

On March 19th, 1969 a force of two companies of Paratroopers landed, numbering 250, accompanied by 59 officers of the Metropolitan Police Force; a fortnight later 89 officers and men of the royal Engineers. The object was to re-establish law and order. A Commissioner was appointed by Her Majesty to administer the island. He acts in full consultation and co-operation with the Anguilla Council.

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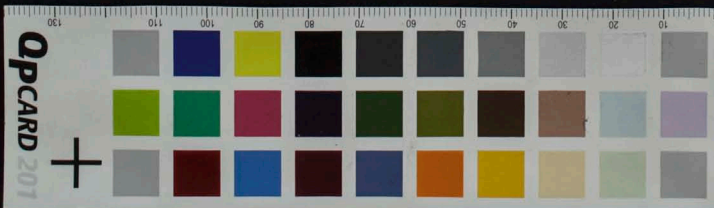
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"All Power is His"

Those who act contrary to the Word of GOD, they don't even know what real power is.

This truth stands eternally. Let us bless and thank GOD for great men, even as we shall let the whole world know

That none of them but JESUS CHRIST is our HERO.

GOD is our FATHER, the CHURCH is our MOTHER

Every man is our neighbour and our brother.

And this is exactly how we will see unity between black and white,- This is the time to get together and unite."

Thank you.

ANGUILLA- A PROUD ISLAND UNREPEN-
TANT

by a special correspondent

(reprinted from the Financial Times June 17th 1970)(cont'd from last week)

PENITENT

Britain gives the impression of being clearly penitent for the past neglect of Anguilla, and Anguillans today are on the whole both pro-British and grateful. A recent editorial in the Island's only local newspaper The Beacon, referring to the Royal Engineers ends: "The fact is that Anguillans are grateful to our visitors for their cheerful and practical help and we feel they deserve a resounding pat on the back."

As for the future of Anguilla, the Commission of Inquiry, heading by Sir Hugh Wooding took evidence there in early April, and then in St.Kitts. Later it visited Trinidad Barbados and Jamaica for discussions with the various Governments. It

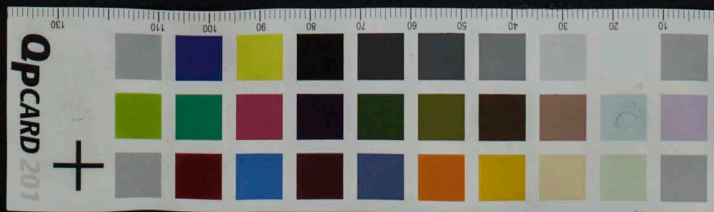
also took soundings in some of the smaller Associated States and has

just held discussions in London with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The report will presumably be issued within the next few weeks. The recommendations whatever they are, cannot please everyone.

TURBULENT

The Anguillans and Mr.Webster are proud of their rebellion and unrepentant. They hope that the Commission will recommend the final severance of all constitutional ties between Anguilla and St.Kitts, and a form of direct association for the Island with Britain. Mr. Bradshaw, his Government and his supporters - but not the opposition in St.Kitts and Nevis, who sympathise with the Anguillans - hope that it will recommend a return of Anguilla to the Associated State. Trinidad, Barbados and Jamaica deplore further fragmentation in the Caribbean, but are equally sensitive to any more violent disturbances in the area, especially since the recent Black Power riots in Trinidad. The British Government, it may be presumed, hopes that some how the report will absolve it for its invasion of Anguilla, will let it off the financial hook, and will support its declared policy affirmed by Mr.Michael Stewart in the House of Commons in April 1969, and repeated by Lord Shepherd in the Lords in April,1970,"That it is no part of our policy that the Anguillans should live under an administration which they do not want."

Should the recommendations of the Wooding Commission run counter to Her Majesty's Government's declared policy for Anguilla, the main battleground will have been cleverly shifted by the Anguillans from their own turbulent little island to the halls of Westminster. For it is there that, in the end, a final decision on the future of Anguilla will have to be made.



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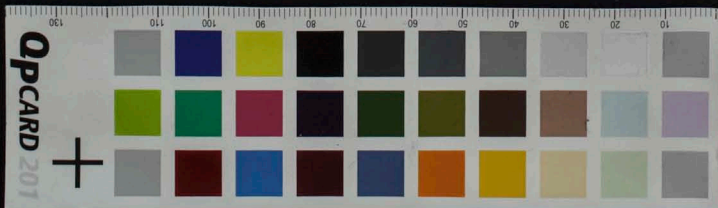
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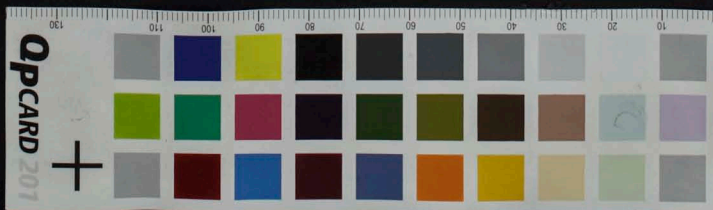
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SPORTS NEWS: By. Ralph Hodge.

At close of play on the first day of the Angsal League match, Valentinos versus Sandy Ground All Stars, Valentinos were forced to fight for vital first innings points. The scores were Valentinos, 83, All Stars 60.

Skipper Wilmoth Hodge of Sandy Ground sent in Valentinos to take first strike on a lively Webster Park wicket. Two hours were taken to score 83runs. V. Hodge 19, F. Gumbs 16, and C. Carty 12. Charles Richardson lead the Sandy Ground All Stars bowling attack claiming 3 For 27.

Despite losing an early wicket All Stars were 41 for 1 but then came a collapse. Nine wickets fell for 19 runs. Wilmoth Hodge dominated his side batting with a fine 33 while Henville Carty scored 10. Bernard Connor 3 for 12 in 10 overs, and Val Banks 3 for 17 also in 10 overs, were the most successful bowlers for Valentinos. The match continues Today Saturday 24th.

NOTES ON ANGUILLA: (Cont'd from page 4).

sources of production other than scattered agriculture, and salt production by evaporation and sold to Trinidad. There is a small fishing industry, lobsters and cray-fish being exported by air to Puerto Rico. There is one Mica Factory and some boat building. But Anguilla is wealthier than it seems because of the number of Anguillans working abroad, who remit their earnings home. Many of the half completed houses on the island are being paid for by their owners who work abroad. The good quality building is noticeable and Anguillans are noted as builders and carpenters wherever they go. There are settlements of Anguillans in New Jersey, U.S.A.

and in Slough, Bucks as well as in other parts of the Caribbean. The population of the neighbouring

island of St. Martin (half Dutch and half French) are close kin of the Anguillans. The first coloured man to be recruited to the Metropolitan Police Force was an Anguillan.

Air Services are provided by Valley Air Service and Anguilla Airways to Neighbouring islands. R.A.F. Andover flights visit Anguilla regularly.

Anguilla has the finest collection of bathing beaches in the Caribbean, if not in the world.

Anguilla boasts the highest percentage of scouts per head of population in the world.

LOOKING BACK:

Editorial reprinted from The Beacon NO. 16 of January 13th. 1968.

Now we have obtained our interim settlement, and the holiday season is over, we must all realize fully that the fate of Anguilla lies now in our hands.

Either, we are to grow into a stable, responsible and mature State, capable of running our own affairs, or else we will degenerate into a feeble squabbling, irresponsible people and forfeit that faith and trust which so many people in the world, (let alone the British Government) have placed upon us. Have the events of the last two weeks shown that we are moving in the right direction? Independence must be justified by maturity: Independence demands responsibility. During this interim period, we are being watched and tested by those who have faith in us, and even more closely by those who have scoffed at us. We are going to be judged as to how we take over the responsible task of governing ourselves. We shall be judged by our ability to work together; Our ability to face a crisis with calm and reasonable decisions; our ability to treat one another with justice and fair play; our ability to learn from our own mistakes and to forgive the mistakes of others.

