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WOODING REPORT RECOMMENDS  
RETURN TO ST. KITTS

The long awaited "Report of the Commission of Inquiry" was released to the Anguilla public yesterday after having been disclosed to the members of the Anguilla Council in a meeting held at Sandy Hill office on Thursday. The Hon. Henry Hankey Undersecretary of State for Caribbean Affairs, accompanied by Mr. Arthur Watson, Assistant Secretary for Caribbean Affairs, arrived with the 130 page report and is expected to remain on the island until Sunday with the hope that he will receive whatever comments the Council have on the Report to take back to H.M. government. During his stay he will be available to discuss the Report with members of the Council.

Mr. Jack Dear, legal counsel for Anguilla Council, is expected to arrive on Saturday and will advise the Council on making a formal response concerning the Report findings.

Indications are that the Commission's principal recommendation for a return to St. Kitts under a "revised relationship" is unacceptable and will, consequently, be rejected by the Council and the people of Anguilla.

The recommendation for a revised relationship with St. Kitts, one of the ten options presented in the report, (cont'd on page 2)

STATEMENT ISSUED BY MR. RONALD  
WEBSTER, ON THE RELEASE OF THE  
WOODING REPORT

You've just heard a summary of the recommendations of the Wooding Report. My only comment is --- these proposals are nothing to worry about! We've been assured that the British Government are not going to force us to accept any administration we do not want. The British Minister of State, Mr. Godber, when he came here in September, told the Council that any settlement in Anguilla would have to be acceptable to the people of Anguilla, because a solution is only going to be permanent and lasting if it is accepted by us, the people of Anguilla.

We all know the sort of solution we want and which we will be able to accept. It is not the sort of solution that this report has proposed. You may rely on the Council to stand firm. As soon as our legal adviser, Mr. Jack Dear, Q.C. arrives tomorrow we will draw up our views with him and give them to Mr. Hankey to take back to the British government in London.

It is now up to the British government to get moving and find a solution which meets the wishes of Anguillans. I can assure everyone in Anguilla (cont'd on page 2)



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was based on the consideration that "it is feasible and in the best interest of everyone concerned to work out an arrangement which gives the Anguillians a large measure of control over their own affairs, but which at the same time preserves the integrity of the State of St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla." The Report recognized that the two enactments made by the State Government, Ordinance No. 2 of 1967 and Act No. 20 of 1967, do not "go far enough in giving the Anguillians a sufficient voice in conducting their own affairs."

The specific recommendation was summed up as follows:

"a) Anguilla should have a wholly elected Council which should be invested with wide-ranging legislative, executive and fiscal authority, functions and powers.

b) A new body should be established, to be called a Co-ordinating Council, on which each unit comprising the State should have equal representation.

c) Greater participation in the affairs of government should be afforded by providing that Anguilla have increased membership in the House of Assembly and representation in the Public and Police Service Commissions."

The entire range of options considered by the Commission is as follows:

1) Maintaining the status quo.  
2) Administration (singly or jointly) by one or more of the independent Commonwealth Caribbean countries.

3) Associated status with some Commonwealth country other than Britain.

4) Becoming a unit of another Associated State. (cont'd on page 3)

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that the Council will make the people's views on the Wooding Report known to Mr. Hankey so that there will be no doubt whatsoever where Anguilla stands. We must then wait patiently and see what the British government comes up with. In the meantime, I call on everyone to continue to cooperate with H.M. Commissioner, and the British Personnel. They are our friends.

Now, let us show our responsibility by being patient and persistent, we have a great future ahead of us, and we must continue to trust God. We have been struggling for a long time. I can assure you, our labour is not in vain. Our eyes are on the target, we will not surrender until we achieve our aim. Please be calm, do not get excited.

See you on Sunday at 4.00 p.m. May God bless your dear hearts and keep your spirit primed and matured.

"TEACHER WENHAM MEMORIAL CLUB."

On Wednesday 4th November 1970, a group of men who were pupils of the former Boys' School under Headmaster the late George Reginald Austin Wenham, met at the Former Boys School, to pay tribute to the memory of their beloved Headmaster.

As a result of their meeting, the "Teacher Wenham Memorial Club" was formed.

The aim of this Club for the time being, will be directed towards the promotion of the education of the needy children of Anguilla, who show academic promise, but who may be handicapped financially.

These old pupils of Mr. Wenham feel, that because he did so much for them educationally, and in preparing them to face life generally, that any (cont'd on page 5)

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- 5) Association with a foreign country.
- 6) Administration under the United Nations.
- 7) Becoming part of a federation or confederation in the Caribbean.
- 8) Revised relationship with Britain.
- 9) Independence for Anguilla.
- 10) Revised relationship with St. Kitts.

The Commission discarded the first nine options and finally recommended the tenth option, Revised relationship with St. Kitts.

Mr. Hankey is expected to return to St. Kitts when he leaves Anguilla on Sunday. Meanwhile, Ronald Webster has scheduled a public meeting on the Park for Sunday, to explain the Wooding Report to the people of Anguilla. It is hoped that Mr. Hankey will be present and observe the reactions of the people for himself.

Bradshaw presented the Report to the House of Assembly in St. Kitts yesterday as was done in Parliament in London by the Minister of State, the Right Hon. Joseph Godber. It is understood that Mr. Wooding himself was in St. Kitts at the presentation of the Report.

A spokesman for H.M. Commission's Office said that 200 copies of the Report are expected on the Island shortly and will be put on sale at the price of \$4.00 a copy. Three copies are now available at the library to be read on the premises.

The Report contains 13 Annexes including the text of the petition to the Governor of the Leeward Islands by Anguillans in 1958; the text of the Constitution of Anguilla prepared by Dr. Roger Fisher; the text of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla pre-

pared by Jack Holcomb; and the text of the franchise negotiated between Anguilla and Mr. Jack Holcomb.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

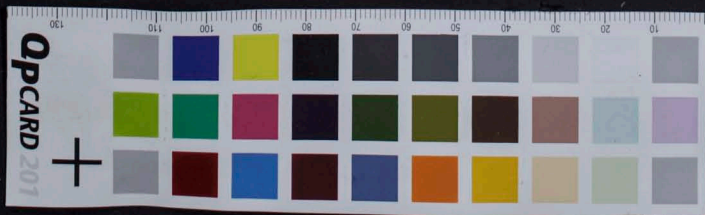
The first two chapters of the Report provide background information on the Commission itself and an historical outline of the relationship between St. Kitts and Anguilla.

Our reprint of the Report of the Anguilla Commission begins with Chapter Three.

Ch. 3 Associated StatehoodIntermediate steps

28. Following the break-up of the West Indies Federation and the failure of subsequent proposals for a federation of the Windward and Leeward Islands, the extent and form of self-government for these islands were discussed between them and Britain and all parties, except Montserrat, agreed to adopt Statehood in association with Britain. Broadly speaking, it gave to the Associated States full internal self-government, reserved for Britain the control and direction of their defence and external affairs and made provision for terminating the association either by the British Government upon notice or by an Associated State on the authority of a resolution of its legislature confirmed by a two-thirds majority of voters on a referendum. In either event, the State would become wholly independent. The Constitutions of the various Associated States rest on two instruments: The West Indies Act 1967 and a Constitution Order for each State.

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EDITORIAL:WOODING REPORT - 'A WASTE'.

It is with a feeling of utter disbelief and a sense of having been badly let down that Anguillians at long last receive the news of the Commission report. The report in essence, recommends a return to St. Kitts. Since it has been made abundantly clear that Anguillians will never countenance such a move, all of the time and effort on the part of the Commission as well as the severely taxed patience of the people of Anguilla, have been in vain.

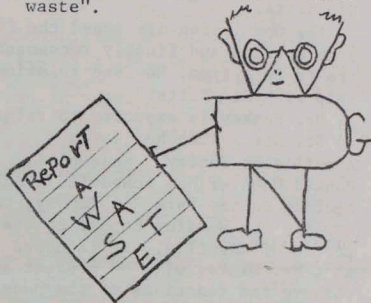
It is, of course, no surprise that such a recommendation would be rejected outright by the people. What is even more surprising is that the Commission was unable to present more imaginative options for a solution. The lack of innovative ideas from such a distinguished group for resolving the problem seriously mars the Report.

Although the Report contains a number of significant annexes, it appears that the basis for selection was to enhance the recommendation offered by the Commission. The absence of any reference to the evidence from witnesses such as Rev. Carty and Colonel Howard, gives the reader an unbalanced perspective of all the pertinent facts and considerations in the situation under inquiry.

Moreover, other omissions in the Report give a distorted historical perspective of the "Anguilla Problem". In light of these serious deficiencies, the Report cannot be regarded

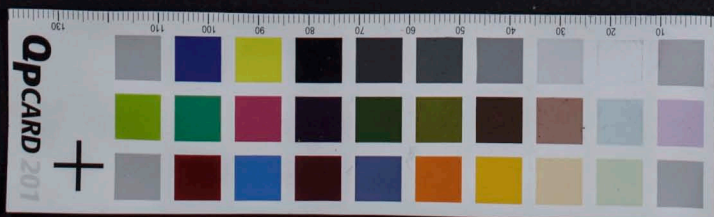
as an authoritative document suitable for library reference purposes.

In summary, the Report is out, but the problem still remains. The Report, of course, is only a report as such and neither Anguilla, Britain, nor St. Kitts are bound to accept it. The recommendations by the Wooding Commission are neither durable nor lasting. In terms of providing a practicable and acceptable solution to the problem, it is clearly a "total waste".

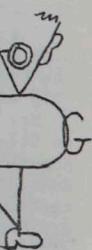
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29. The Constitutional Conference for St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla was held in London in May 1966. The delegates included Mr. C. A. Paul Southwell, Chief Minister; Mr. R. L. Bradshaw, Minister without Portfolio; Mr. Eugene Walwyn, Member of Legislative Council (Nevis) Mr. Peter Adams, Member of Legislative Council (Anguilla); and Mr. Basil Dias, Attorney General. Mr. Eugene Walwyn and Mr. Peter Adams, representing Nevis and Anguilla respectively, accepted the proposals and signed the Conference Report.

30. In July 1966 general elections were held in the colony and were keenly contested in all three islands. In St. Kitts, the People's Action Movement (PAM) under the leadership of Dr. William Herbert opposed the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Labour Party led by Mr. Robert Bradshaw. (cont'd on page 8)



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Tower Reservoir and North Hill  
Village in order to provide a water  
supply line to North Hill Village.

If agreed by the owners of the  
land, across which the line will  
pass, work will shortly commence on  
preparing the surface ground for the  
actual route of the pipe line.

The cooperation of all persons is  
requested in order to assist in this  
work. All persons across whose land  
the pipe line will eventually be  
laid, and who may have any objec-  
tions or require further information  
are requested to contact the Chair-  
man of the Public Works Department  
as soon as possible, but not later  
than the 14th November 1970.

ROAD STONE COLLECTING:

A recent survey of piles of  
stones awaiting collection reveals  
that sufficient stones are now  
available for road laying.

The public is therefore request-  
ed, for the time being, to dis-  
continue further collection and  
piling of stones.

The public is advised that because  
of the quantity of stones awaiting  
disposal, there may be some delay  
in purchasing and transporting  
existing piles of stones.

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Mr. Richard Fahie of the Anguilla  
Public Works Department will be  
interviewed over Radio Anguilla on  
Monday evening November 9th at 8:30  
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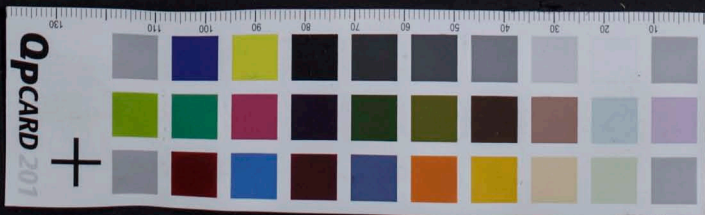
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memorial which is set up to his  
honour, should be of an educational  
nature.

The "Teacher Wenham Memorial Club"  
has therefore undertaken the respon-  
sibility of sponsoring a scholarship  
to the Valley Secondary School of a  
needy Anguillan Child. The scholar-  
ship will be known as the "Teacher  
Wenham Memorial Scholarship".

The members of the club realize  
that it is their responsibility to  
provide the necessary funds to meet  
the scholarship costs, but would  
gratefully receive donations from  
persons who would like to associate  
themselves with this effort under-  
taken by the members of the Club.  
It might be possible to sponsor  
several scholarships in the future.

Another meeting is scheduled to  
take place at the Scouts and Guides  
Headquarters on Thursday 12th Novem-  
ber, 1970 beginning at 7. P.M. All  
interested persons are asked to  
attend whether they were pupils  
under Mr. Wenham or not. -- Old Boy.



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- 8.30 p.m. - Hobbies Corner

TUESDAYS

- 1.15 p.m. - The London Echo

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- 1.15 p.m. - Spectator
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- 1.15 p.m. - Tropical Farmer
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- 8.15 p.m. - Children's Roundabout
- 6.15 p.m. - Scouts & Guides
- 6.30 p.m. - Weekly Guest Spot

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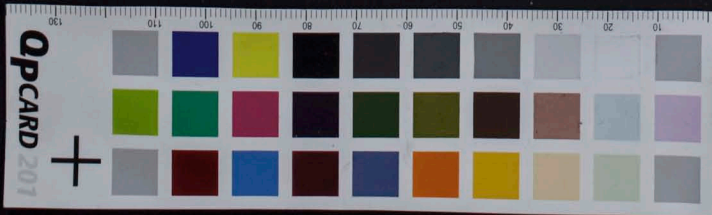
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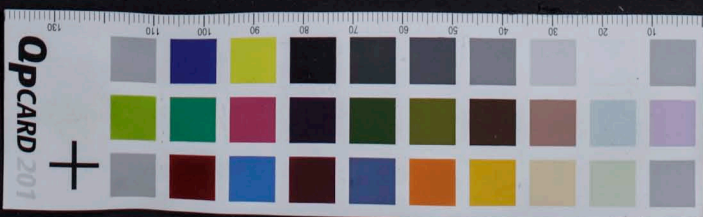
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For reasons beyond our control there  
was no publication of "The Beacon"  
last week.



SPORTS NEWS: By Ralph Hodge

The Angsal Series which started in May is now nearing its final stages. Sandy Ground and the Cavaliers will meet over this week-end to compete in the last competitive match. In the match played last weekend, Blue Caribe and Valley Secondary School drew. The scores were Blue Caribe: 46 and 73 for 7 declared; V.S.S.: 27 and 13 for 4.

At the end of the first day, which was dominated by the bowlers, Blue Caribe was fighting back strongly. After being chased from the crease for a mere 47 in their first innings, Blue Caribe had the school boys holding on for "dear life." Emif Lake, 6 for 5, finished the school's innings at 27 on the second day.

Reginald Carty 21, Lunsford Richardson 20, and Emif Lake 17, took Blue Caribe to 73 for 7 before Capt. Kenneth Richardson declared his innings closed leaving the school to get 93 for victory in just under 1½ hours. Rain poured down and the match ended in a tame draw. The school's second innings score was 13 for 4.

## Positions in the League:

	Matches	W	D	L	T	Points
Valentinos	5	3	2	-	-	23
V.S.S.	5	2	2	1	-	16
Blue Caribe	5	2	1	2	-	15
East End	5	1	2	1	1	14
Cavaliers	4	1	1	2	-	8
Sandy Ground	4	-	-	3	1	3

REPORT OF COMMISSION (cont'd)

The United National Movement under the leadership of Mr. Eugene Walwyn contested with PAM the seats in Nevis. In Anguilla, Mr. Adams having joined PAM became its candidate and was opposed by two independents. No other political party contested the Anguilla seat. In the result, the Labour Party

won all seven seats in St. Kitts, PAM won one of the two in Nevis and the one in Anguilla, and the United National Movement won the other seat in Nevis. About a week before the elections Mr. Walwyn had declared that if his Party was successful in Nevis it would support the Labour Party in the Legislature. Mr. Walwyn was himself the elected member of his Party and he became the Attorney General in the new Government. PAM formed the Opposition, but as the Leader of the Party, Dr. Herbert, had failed to gain a seat, Mr. Peter Adams, the representative from Anguilla, became the Leader of the Opposition.

31. One of the proposals discussed at the Constitutional Conference for St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla in May 1966 was the establishment of local government in Nevis and in Anguilla. On the initiative of the Chief Minister, the proposal had been debated and unanimously adopted by the Legislative Council prior to the Constitutional Conference. According to paragraph 27 of the Conference Report, "The Conference was informed of the wish of the Government of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla to set up a system of local government in Nevis and in Anguilla; and agreed that the Constitution will provide for local government in those islands in a form the details of which should be decided by the Legislature."

32. In pursuance of this agreement, s. 109 of the Constitution provided as follows:

"109 (1) There shall be a Council for Nevis and a Council for Anguilla, which shall be the principal organ of local government in the Island of Nevis and the Island of Anguilla respectively.

(2) The Council for Nevis and the Council for Anguilla respectively shall have such membership as the Legislature may prescribe:

(To be continued)

