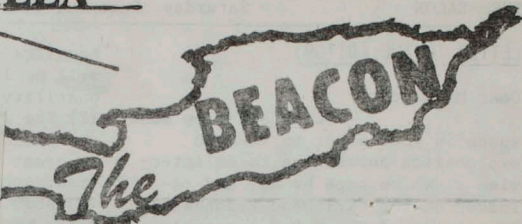


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## EYE SPECIALIST HERE FOR TWO WEEKS

Dr. Gollihar, an American eye specialist, will be visiting Anguilla for two weeks arriving on the 7th December, 1970. He is a volunteer recruited by L.A.O.S. Inc., for the Methodist Mission. For the first few days he will be seeing patients referred by the Medical Officer. Thereafter, anyone wishing to consult him, may do so by making an appointment at the Valley Health Centre on the morning of the 8th and 9th December 1970 for a later date.

## MRS. MARY WEBSTER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Octavia Webster of island Harbour died at her home on Wednesday 2nd., December at 2.00 p.m. at the age of 74.

The funeral service conducted by the Rev'd Father Stapleton of St. Maarten, took place at St. Andrew's Church at Island Harbour on Thursday at 2.00 p.m.

The late Mrs. Mary Webster was borne to the Church from her home by six members of the "Mother's Union" and after the service was driven in slow procession to the Sandy Hill Cemetery. The funeral was attended by hundreds of people from all over the island. Left to mourn are two sons, Hubert and Ronald, six daughters, Edith, Florel, Rose, Elaine, Ursula and Olive. 47 Grand children, 2 great grand children, five sisters, one brother. (cont'd on page 2)

## ANGUILLAN DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT FIRE AT R.A.F. TENT

Mr. Emit Lake, 25, of Rey Hill has been detained by the police for questioning in connection with a fire at the R.A.F. tent near Wallblake Airport.

The fire was discovered by a local resident on the night of Wednesday 25th November, when half of the tent was destroyed.

Mr. Lake is being held since Tuesday 1st., December.

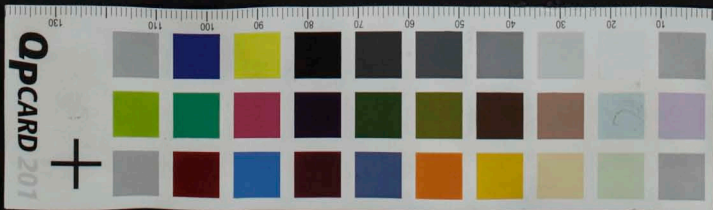
It is understood that Lake retained Dr. Herbert, as his Legal Council, who arrived in Anguilla on Wednesday last, but the police said that Lake has been charged with the offence, and is detained for questioning. Dr. Herbert left the island the same afternoon.

Lake is being held in one of the cells in the old prison at the Valley Police Headquarters.

## LOOK OUT FOR STOLEN BOAT

A 36 foot Trimaran ketch rigged, "Hedly Nichols" design has been stolen from "Las Palmas" in the Canary Islands, and is believed crossing the Atlantic. The hull, the fore and aft cabin are painted white. The deck is painted light blue, and is not carrying a name.

Anyone seeing this boat is asked to contact the police immediately.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Mr. Editor,

Please allow me some space in your paper to make an explanation pertaining to an interview given on tape by me, and released on the Caribbean Broadcasting Department of the B.B.C. recently.

As chairman of the Anguilla Improvement Association I was invited to give my comments as regards the Wooding Commission Report on the Anguilla situation.

I replied that I could not give any comments on the report because I had not received a copy, and would have to make a study of its contents before giving my comments. The only discussion I could take part in would be the memoranda submitted by our Association to the Wooding Commission, as we saw fit under the terms of reference given to the Commission; and discussed with them on a visit to the community here in Slough.

Therefore what listeners in the Caribbean heard was my comments relating to the three points of our recommendation to the Wooding Commission.

I have made this explanation so that those who are in doubt, and those who did not hear, may know what my comments were about.

Thanking you for space granted.

Yours sincerely,  
Kenneth Gumbs, 7 Burlington Avenue,  
Slough, Bucks, England.

ON THE COMMISSION'S REPORT(FOOD FOR THOUGHT)

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(1) Any person who visits Anguilla whether it is a member of the police force, the Commissioner or a member of the Central Government, as a representative of the Central Government will be regarded by

Anguilla as an enemy. That person will be living in a land of hostility.

(2) The implementation of those recommendations can only result in great loss of life in the final analysis.

(3) Anguilla cannot prevent St. Kitts or Britain from accepting the Commissions recommendations. The question is how will they get Anguilla to accept them short of using the threat of sanctions and force and the actual use of force. And even then it will be more a case of imposition than acceptance. Anguilla cannot and will not remain united with St. Kitts.

MRS. MARY WEBSTER PASSES AWAY

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and many other relatives and friends.

To the bereaved relatives and friends The Beacon extends deepest sympathy.

DESMOND PERKINS TO LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY

Mr. Desmond Perkins, the Cipher Clerk in H.M. Commissioner's Office is expected to return to U.K. on Wednesday at the end of his tour of duty in Anguilla. Mr. Perkins first arrived in Anguilla with the British Parliamentary Mission in December of 1967, and was stationed here ever since. First with Mr. Tony Lee, the Senior British Official, until Mr. Lee was withdrawn in January 1969. He returned with Mr. Lee in March 1969, and has been here since then.

NEW SECRETARY TO H.M. COMMISSIONER ARRIVES.

Miss Nan Weir, Secretary to H.M. Commissioner since January of this year finished her tour of duty and left the (cont'd on page 7)

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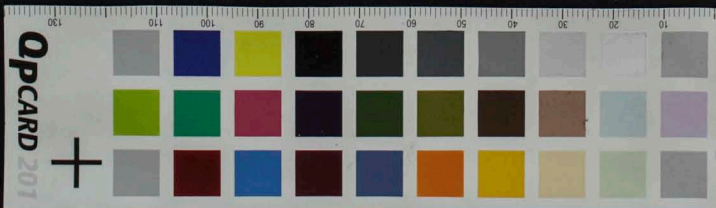
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Chapter 4, THE ANGUILLAN REVOLT  
Unrest is accelerated

53. From the inception of Statehood to the end of May 1967 there occurred a series of incidents creating unrest and turmoil in Anguilla. The evidence disclosed the following:

On 8 March the Government House, official home of the Warden, was destroyed by fire, the Warden barely escaping in his night clothes through a window upstairs.

On the nights of 20 March, 25 March, 11 April, the police station in Anguilla was fired upon.

On 17 April six shots were fired at Mr. Lloyd's hotel (Mr. Lloyd is a member of the St. Kitts - Nevis - Anguilla Labour Party and was once the

elected member for Anguilla in the Legislative Council and later a member for the State with Mr. Bradshaw in the West Indies Federal Parliament.

On 29 April six rounds of ammunition were fired at the vehicle and garage of Mr. Calvin Hodge, a teacher in the Farrington area.

On 11 May about 30 rounds were again fired at the police station.

On 27 May there was a prolonged attack against Mr. Lloyd's hotel, during which more than 50 rounds of ammunition were used. The Acting Warden was living in the hotel at the time.

On the night of 29 May the business premises of Mr. Albert Lake were attacked by gunfire, four of his vehicles as well as his gasoline and kerosene oil pumps being extensively damaged.

On 29 May the Customs building at the Forest was attacked, the lock being shot off the door of the building and bullets being fired into the door of the iron safe and the walls of the building.

54. The scene had been set for open conflict between the Anguillans and the State Government. That was plainly the view of Mr. Peter Adams when on 15 April he addressed the following letter to the Premier in St. Kitts:

"Sir,

It is with regret that I have to bring to you a matter which is of prime importance and not without justification:

- (1) People of Anguilla have no confidence in the Government of St. Kitts
- (2) Anguilla is treated like a very distant poor relation and is in effect a neglected Colony of St. Kitts;
- (3) Anguilla has been given proper Local Government to suit her geographical position seventy miles away from St. Kitts with several French and Dutch territories between them;
- (4) The Constitution is not being followed in the letter nor in the spirit;
- (5) Complaints (cont'd on P. 5)

WINAIR- The first Airline that flew to Anguilla announces their schedule effective Dec. 1st 1970.

## MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

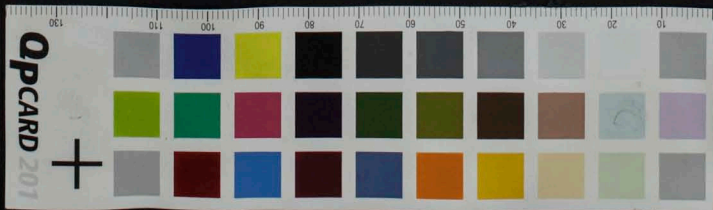
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#### EDITORIAL:

##### IN QUEST OF A SOLUTION (NO.2)

Last week we put forward the idea of a referendum in Anguilla as part of a settlement deal, suggesting that it might provide a "Face Saver" for Mr. Bradshaw. If he believes in the democracy he preaches, he surely cannot deny this truly democratic way of finding out the wishes of Anguillans regarding their future.

This week, with talks between Mr. Bradshaw and H.M.G., going on in London, we look at another aspect of the problem, which if Mr. Bradshaw refuses to discuss anything in London except a solution as recommended by the Wooding Commission, (what we have heard so far, it is the Wooding Report that is being discussed presently by Mr. Bradshaw and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) which the British Government already know is totally unacceptable to Anguillans. What if some Ministers in London decide that H.M.G. should pull out of Anguilla and leave the situation as it is; will that be the answer to the problem? It would be chaos not only in Anguilla but throughout the State, and would spread throughout the Commonwealth Caribbean. It would have a further reaching repercussion than fragmentation would bring; Instead of showing stability in the Caribbean it would be adding to the many problems that now exist from here in Anguilla to the South in Trinidad. Britain would

still be legally responsible for Foreign Affairs and Defence of the two part "state" and if she didn't want to be embarrassed by this, would probably shelve her responsibility by imposing independence on the "State" as a whole.

This would be less acceptable to the people of the other Caribbean islands, and would be damaging to British prestige, world reaction would condemn Britain for such a move.

The withdrawal of the British is no solution. It is surely not too much to ask that H.M.G. should find some means of meeting the wishes of the Anguillans, whose loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen is unquestionable and who has been neglected in history. Who for no fault of their own have been kidnapped in the West Indies Act of 1967.

Our only desire is to be free from St. Kitts, and to receive continued protection and assistance from Britain, as is given to St. Kitts and many other islands who cannot at this time sustain independence.

A solution which we could accept would solve the problem finally. It would bring stability and peace to Anguilla and the whole region. It should also be welcomed by St. Kitts - Nevis, whose Government has more pressing problems than Anguilla to deal with at the moment, in the economic, social and political fields.

St. Kitts - Nevis Government will never be able to re-impose power in Anguilla so long as there is one Anguillian alive on the island.

#### PEN FRIEND COLUMN:

Sir, I would like very much to correspond with people in Anguilla for the purpose of friendly correspondence.

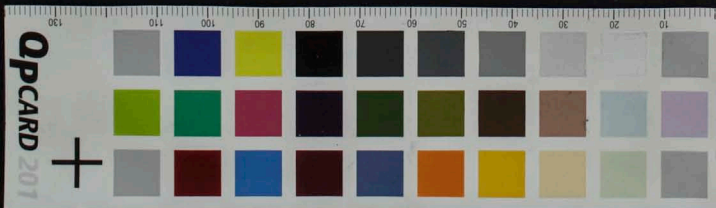
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to the Government of St. Kitts and to the Government of Britain have not improved conditions and divorce seems imminent. The majority of Anguillans think that the only course open now is to work towards secession from St. Kitts for it appears that Nature herself did not design them to be together; they want to be able to decide their own future.

Will you please take some action to rectify these matters?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) P. E. Adams, JP,  
Member of Council for Anguilla".

55. There was little primary evidence before us of the events 29 to 30 May, but from memoranda submitted we were able to record the account we set out below.

56. On 29 May Mr. Adams held a meeting at Burrowes Park (since renamed Ronald Webster Park) which was attended by about 300 persons. At the meeting a heated debate took place concerning the police in consequence of which the crowd was called upon to signify by show of hands whether the police should be asked to leave the following day. The hands went up. The crowd then moved from the park to the police station and Mr. Adams as spokesman gave notice to acting Assistant Superintendent Edgings, the officer in charge, that the police should leave the island by 10 a.m. next day.

57. About 7 a.m. on 30 May a crowd began assembling outside the police station and became increasingly hostile as 10 o'clock approached. Shots were fired at the station.

The airstrip was blocked by trucks and bulldozers. The police were unnerved. About 9.15 a.m. Acting Ass-

istant Superintendent Edgings stated that he was awaiting a plane from St. Kitts to take the police away.

At that point Mr. Ronald Webster, taking the initiative, procured a plane to take five men. Three left. At 12.20 p.m. Mr. Ronald Webster and Mr. Peter Adams announced that another plane was ready and demanded the departure of a further five, this time the crowd stipulated "no guns at all, they belong to us." The ammunition and rifles were sent by the Acting Assistant Superintendent to the airport in the police van and three of the policemen were instructed to take them to St. Kitts. But on arrival at the airport the policemen were surrounded by armed men who took away all the arms and ammunition, including an automatic rifle, and forced to enter the plane under duress.

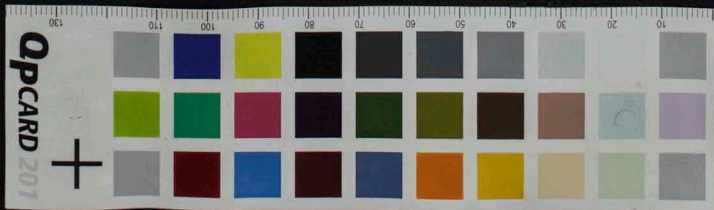
State of emergency

58. On 30 May, 1967, following the expulsion of the police and the blocking of the airstrip the Government declared a state of emergency. All official communication between the two islands ceased; mail destined for Anguilla was detained in St. Kitts because no recognised official would be there to receive and deal with it, and there was a general embargo on all transactions involving finance. On the same day, the Premier sent telegrams to the Prime Ministers of Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago and to the British Government requesting them to provide forces to help restore law and order in Anguilla.

First Anguilla delegation

59. On 31 May a delegation from Anguilla arrived in St. Kitts and was received by the Governor. The delegation comprised the Reverend Leonard Carty, an Anguillian who was at the time Chairman of the Methodist District of British Honduras; the Reverend Martin Roberts, a Methodist Minister from Dominica then stationed in Anguilla; Mr. Peter Adams and Mr. C. W. Fleming. Present also at the meeting were the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the Attorney - General.

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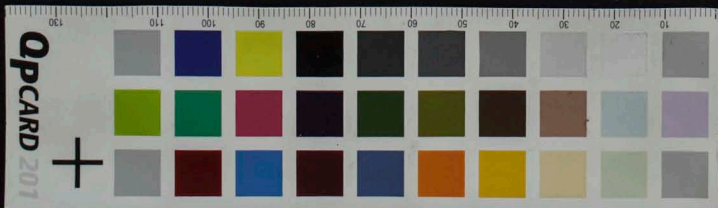
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NEW SECRETARY ARRIVES (Cont'd)

island for the U.K., on 23 Dec. Her successor is Miss Gillian Wilson who has served in Czechoslovakia and in India previously. Miss Wilson is no stranger to the Caribbean having spent two Xmas's in the B.V.I., on holiday. She looks forward to spending her third Xmas in the Caribbean.

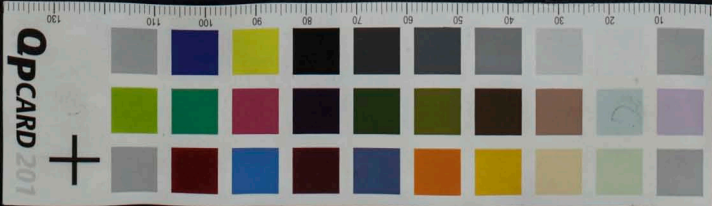
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John Webster,  
Administrative Secretary.



SPORTS NEWS:

A Tortola Cricket team visited Anguilla over the last weekend and took part in a two-day fixture against an Anguilla island eleven at Webster's Park. Although the match ended in a tame draw it was or can be termed a personal triumph for the local youngsters despite a few fielding errors, and some slow batting. The final scores were Tortola 84 and 69 for 6 declared, Anguilla 58 and 20 for 4.

By the end of the first day the Anguillians were trailing Tortola's first innings by only three runs with three wickets standing. Tortola's first innings of 84 was dominated by Lockvan 22, Evans 15 and Watterpool 11. Valentine Banks took 3 for 22 in 11 fiery overs and Collins Hodge 2 for 13, to lead the home team's bowling attack.

Hungsford Richardson 30, Leslie Richardson 20 not out and Collins Hodge 20 were the main scores for the island eleven. C. Rose of Tortola bagged 3 for 10.

The visitors second innings began slowly but 22 from Todman, undefeated at the close of the innings, Smith 11 and Pickering 10 took them to 69 before the declaration came.

The Anguilla side needed 55 in about 30 minutes to win the match.

When play finished around 2.30 p.m. on Sunday Anguilla had only managed 20 for 4. At the end of the match the Anguilla Cricket Association had accepted an invitation for the island side to tour Tortola early next year.

FOOTBALL: A French St. Martin football squad began a weekend tour of Anguilla on Friday. They will take part in three matches; one against the Army on Friday and two against the locals on Sunday and Saturday.

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The delegation presented to the

PEN FRIEND COLUMN: (Cont'd from page 4)

is to correspond with people in different foreign countries. Any assistance given to my request will be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Milton Finhelstein  
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All applications should be received not later than Thursday 10th. December 1970.

Governor a memorandum calling for separation from St. Kitts. In reply the Cabinet issued a statement on 1 June. The texts of the memorandum and the reply are at Annexes 4 and 5.

ST. KITTS ATTACKED

60. In the very early hours of the morning of June 10, 1967, an armed attack was made on certain institutions in Basseterre, the capital of the State. Fire was aimed simultaneously at the Police Headquarters and the Defence Force Headquarters. An attempt was also made to interrupt the electricity supply by an attack on the power station where a Defence Force guard was wounded.

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