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## BREAKDOWN OF LONDON TALKS:

Talks between Her Majesty's Government and Mr. Bradshaw on the future of Anguilla has broken down for the second time in one week.

Reports said that no agreement could be reached, because Bradshaw wanted to use the recommendations of the Wooding Commission as a basis of negotiations for a settlement while H.M.G. wanted to look for a settlement outside the Report.

The Wooding Report has been rejected by the Anguillans. In a report by the BBC it quoted Mr. Bradshaw as saying that Britain had rejected the Wooding report also and he (Bradshaw) was returning to St. Kitts to discuss with his Cabinet, certain British proposals.

The British Minister, Mr. Godber has repeated that any solution must be acceptable to the people of Anguilla and they will never entertain the use of force in Anguilla.

Bradshaw denied reports that he had said he would re-capture Anguilla by force and starvation. Other reports said that H.M.G. had offered Bradshaw over three million pounds Sterling, for a jet airport and other development schemes in St. Kitts in lieu of a settlement acceptable to Anguilla, but was refused. (Cont'd on page 2)

## ST. KITTS CIVIL SERVANTS DEMONSTRATE:

Hundreds of Civil Servants marched through the streets of Basseterre, capital of St. Kitts, and to Government House to demonstrate for higher

## ANGUILLA CIVIL SERVANTS TO GET INCREASE IN SALARY:

It is understood from a spokesman from H.M. Commissioner's office that an announcement will be made shortly of an increase in salary to Civil Servants in Anguilla.

The spokesman said that no further details were available at the moment.

It is believed that the Civil Servants will receive the increase before Christmas and it will be based on recommendations of the Commission that made recommendations for a revision of salaries in other Caribbean islands earlier this year.

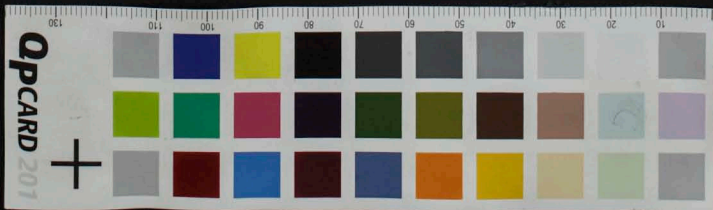
## COUNCIL PREPARES BUDGET FOR 1971

The Anguilla Council with H.M. Commissioner met for two days this week, preparing the budget for 1971.

The Budget which will also take into consideration the recommendations of the La Grenade report on Education is expected to be much higher than 1970.

salaries and back pay.

The demonstration led by Dr. Ersdale Jacobs, President of the Civil Servants Association and Calvin Farier, President of the Teachers Association, presented a petition to the Acting Governor, who refused it with the excuse that he (Cont'd on page 2)



### ANGUILLA ISSUES NEW SET OF 1970 CHRISTMAS STAMPS:

On Friday morning, 11th December the latest issue of new Anguilla postage stamps were available at the Post Office.

The new issue is the 1970 Christmas set and comprises five values.

The Anguilla Christmas stamps are reproductions of five Old Masters paintings depicting events of the Christmas season. The 1c stamp reproduces "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by Guido Reni. The 20c stamp is a reproduction of Gozzoli's "The Virgin and Child". The 25c issue is the Manger scene from "Mystic Nativity" by Botticelli, and the 40c stamp is the Santa Margherita Madonna by Francesco Mazzola. The 50c issue depicts "The Adoration of the Magi" by Tiepolo of Venice.

First Day Covers will be available at the Anguilla Post Office as from Friday morning for this most attractive Christmas set of new Anguilla Stamps.

### BREAKDOWN OF LONDON TALKS:

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A report said that H.M.G. proposed a "cooling off period" and a referendum to decide the future of Anguilla.

The talks resumed on Thursday an announcement said, after they failed the day before. The new talks were to deal with certain Administrative measures which reached no agreement.

### ST. KITTS CIVIL-SERVANTS DEMONSTRATE:

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was not an executive officer.

The Association had written to Mr. Southwell, Minister of Finance, earlier, demanding an answer as to when they would receive their increase in salary and back pay, with an alternative that they would demonstrate. Mr. Southwell did not reply but in a radio broadcast said that he was going to ignore the ultimatum they sent, and went on to say that the State audited financial statement for 1968 which would provide a basis

for the British Government to give a grant for increased salaries and had arrived late in London.

The increase for Civil Servants was recommended by a two man Commission set up by the St. Kitts Government last March. The Commission made their report two months late.

### NOTICE:

Tenders are invited for the erection of an overhead electricity supply and installation of a lead-in to the science Laboratory at the Valley Secondary School.

2. Specifications of the work involved may be obtained from Captain Caplin of Force Anguilla at the PWD building in the Valley

3. Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Senders Board at H.M. Commissioner's Office at South Hill, to arrive by Monday 28 December

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM A SPEECH BY MR. JOSEPH GOSEBER IN A FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON WEDNESDAY 9th. DECEMBER. 1970.

"We have been looking at the conclusions of the Wooding Report, and we invited the Prime Minister of St. Kitts to come here for discussions. I myself had previously been to Anguilla and St. Kitts and had talks there. Mr. Bradshaw has been here. I regret to say that we have been unable to make the progress that I should have liked to see made during these talks. We have not yet reached a satisfactory solution. I told Mr. Bradshaw and his colleagues that the proposals would remain on the table and I invited them to consider these proposals to see whether they could form a basis for a satisfactory conclusion

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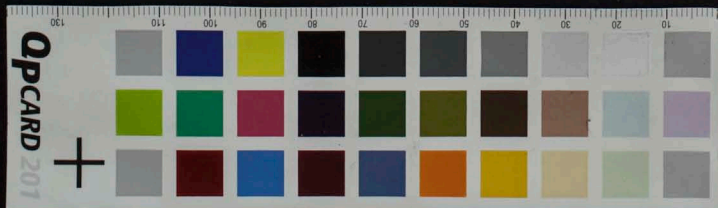
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REPORT: (Cont'd from last issue)

61. The Commission has heard various versions of this incident ranging from its having been a mock attack by the Government itself - in order to discredit its political opponents - to its having been a planned invasion by Anguillans, assisted by three Americans, which failed through a last minute change of heart by supporters in St. Kitts. We think there is reasonable ground to believe that there was a plan to attack the Government, that for this purpose arms and ammunition had been assembled in Anguilla and that the attack fizzled out shortly after it had begun. But we did not probe, nor do we think that it would have been possible for us to ascertain, who or what organisation had been involved.

62. These events led the Government of St. Kitts to renew its WINAIR- The first Airline that flew to Anguilla Announces their schedule effective Dec. 1st, 1970.

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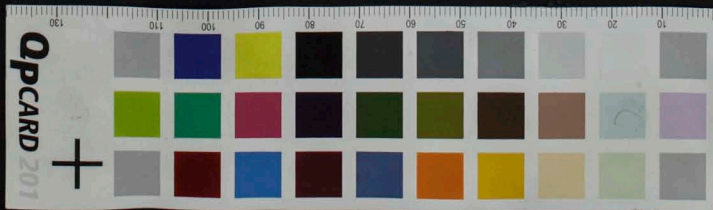
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request to the governments of Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom for help so that the order might be restored. The British Government replied that the matter fell within the internal affairs of the State; further, that "unless some firm understanding could be reached with the Anguillans about their problems it is difficult to see how far a military operation could solve the situation".

Appointment of Commonwealth Caribbean Mission - Anguilla Peace-Keeping Committee

63. The Commonwealth Caribbean Governments also declined to give any military help. But on the initiative of the Prime Minister of Jamaica they agreed to send a joint mission the objective of which would be to "try to initiate discussions between Mr Bradshaw and leaders of opposition factions in an endeavour to find a basis for an amicable settlement to the dispute". The West Indies (Associated States) Council of Ministers also expressed willingness to be associated with this endeavour. A strong team of West Indian officials was accordingly appointed to undertake this task. It comprised Mr. James Lloyd, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Jamaica, and former Administrator of Grenada; Mr. Fred Degazon, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs Jamaica, and a former Assistant Administrator of St. Lucia; Dr. Bertram Collins of the Department of Government, University of Guyana and formerly Extramural Tutor, University Of the West Indies, in the Leeward Islands; Mr. Kenneth Sealy, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago; and Mr. Oliver Browne, Solicitor General, Barbados, and a former magistrate in Antigua.

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**EDITORIAL:**

The refusal of Bradshaw to accept a choice of a referendum in Anguilla for the islanders to decide whether they wish to return to the State or not clearly indicates that if given the chance Nevis and Anguilla would be subordinates forever.

On the other hand the proposals by the British indicates that they recognize the mistake made by creating the West Indies Act of 1967 without making provisions for the people of Anguilla or any other country in the same category to gain their independence internal or externally without the consent of some other country. -St. Kitts in Anguilla's case.

Anguillans with threats and intimidation from St. Kitts has stood firm on their resolution not to be administered by St. Kitts and it is pleasing to all Anguillans to know that H.M.G. has stood firm on their resolution that any solution must be with the agreement of the Anguillans; likewise the Wooding Report has been rejected by H.M.G. following its rejection by Anguillans.

It must be made clear now that the present situation as is cannot continue in Anguilla much longer without hope of a final settlement in the near future. It is not in the interest of the British tax payers nor the people of Anguilla that the island should remain in limbo much longer. If Bradshaw does not agree on a settlement based on a referendum, he will not agree to any other. H.M.G. should now consider ways and means to resolve the situation bearing in mind her commitments to

Anguilla.

We realize that they are commitments to St. Kitts also but those to Anguilla are not based on Anguilla making claim to outside territory.

**MR. JOSEPH GODBER'S SPEECH: (Cont'd from page 2)**

rather extravagant headlines in the press which do not represent the true situation. There are times when violent things are said. But it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to see that no bloodshed takes place; nor do I believe that it is likely to take place while Britain takes an active part. I believe that the wish on both sides of the House is that we should find a means to a satisfactory solution.

"We stand by the undertaking first given by the previous Government, and repeated by us, that we will not force on the people of Anguilla a regime which they do not want. I believe that the people of this country will stand by that understanding. We have to try to find a solution which is acceptable to the Anguillans, because of that undertaking, and which will be tolerable and reasonable to the people of St. Kitts as well. This is what I have been seeking to put forward.

"I was asked whether we accepted the Wooding Report. We have consulted those concerned. We sent a senior official to explain the points in that Report to the people of Anguilla, but they rejected it. It is therefore difficult to use it as a basis for negotiations.

We are, nevertheless, grateful to Sir Hugh Wooding and his colleagues for the immense trouble to which they went in preparing the Report. We believe that there are

elements in the Report on which we might be able to build. That

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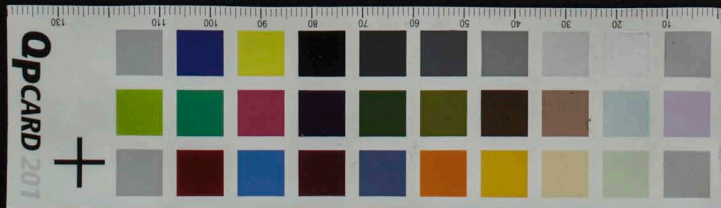
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64. Meanwhile in Anguilla, following the expulsion of the police and the departure of the Acting Warden a peace-keeping Committee of 15 was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Walter Hodge and, it was claimed, "Anguilla was administered by the Anguillan Government from 31 May, 1967". They sent a telegram to the President of the United States for association with that country. Their request was not entertained as it would have had to be, but was not, channelled through the British Government. No further action was taken by them.

65. The Mission arrived in Anguilla on 29 June and held discussions with the Peace-Keeping Committee. They were able to persuade the Committee to open discussions with the Government in St. Kitts, subject however to the following conditions which the Committee prescribed:

- (a) that an assurance would be given for their "safe conduct";
- (b) that the Commonwealth team should attend the meetings; and
- (c) that the Governor should preside.

SECOND ANGUILLA DELEGATION

66. The Government agreed to the conditions, and that night both the Premier and the leader of the Mission (Mr. James Lloyd) broadcast to the people of Anguilla acquainting them of the acceptance of their conditions and the willingness of the Government to open discussions.

The Anguilla delegation accordingly arrived in St. Kitts on 30 June. It comprised the Reverend John Gumbs, an Anguillan Methodist Minister stationed in Curacao, as leader; Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs an Anguillan by birth but a naturalised American citizen; Mr. Peter Adams, the Parliamentary representative; Mr. Kelvin Hodge, a school teacher;

and Mr. Conrad Fleming, an Anguillan resident in St. Thomas. The Government team comprised the Premier, the Attorney-General (Mr. Eugene Walwyn) and the Minister of Education Health and Welfare (Mr. Fitzroy Bryant). The Governor presided. At the end of the meeting the Government undertook to consider the proposals discussed.

67. Next day the Premier broadcast to the Anguillan people. He said that his Cabinet had agreed:

- (a) that an acceptable Anguillan would be appointed Warden;
- (b) that the mail service would be resumed as soon as the Warden was installed in office; and
- (c) that Government would promptly arrange payment of salaries and pensions to all persons in Anguilla entitled to receive them; subject however to two conditions, namely:

- (1) that the Anguillans would receive the Acting Warden and assist him in the performance of his functions; and
- (2) that they would remove the obstacles from the Airfield to permit the resumption of the scheduled air services and also to permit work on the lengthening and surfacing of the runway to be completed so that the heavy equipment might be released for similar work to be done in Nevis.

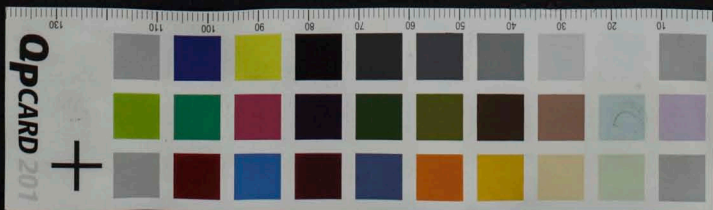
68. Those in control in Anguilla rejected the proposals so that on Sunday, 2, July, the Governor received from Puerto Rico a telegram reading as follows:

"Governor may come and bring the mail. Can be escorted by Wade, Chief of Police".

Similarly, Mr. U.C. Hodge, the Anguillan selected as Acting Warden received the following message:

"Happy to have you in Anguilla but not as representative of the Central Government."

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RELEASE FROM A.C.A

The members of the Anguilla Cricket Association (A.C.A.) recognize and publicly thanks all those persons and business Associates who contributed so willingly, to make their cricketing Season for 1970 the success it has been.

Without you the Business section, and the cheering spectators Cricket would be worthless. We are grateful to every one of you, who at a moment's notice rose to the occasion and supported us financially and otherwise. Competitive cricket is here to stay. Thanks to the donors of the Angus Trophy and the Ronald Webster's Trophy.

The score Board donated by Her Majesty's Government has gracefully decorated our playing field. Thanks to those who had a hand in producing it.

Thanks also to Messrs. John Proctor, Andrew Lake, Watkin Hodge, William Howard, Bank of America, Arthur Richardson, Clement Daniels, J.B. Owens, Ashley Carty, Rev. Carty, Camille Connor, for supplying the prizes won in the competition.

Last but by no means least, all those proprietors and hard workers who assisted us in accomodating the team from Tortola. Lloyds Hotel, Hotel Camora, Mrs. Beth Lloyd, Mr. Arthur Richardson, Mrs. Louise Woods, Mrs. Majorie Banks and Mrs. Daisy Richardson and Mac Brooks. There were others too who assisted with transportation, Mr. Kenneth Rogers, Mr. William Horsford. A Big Thank You to all and here wishing you a happy Christmas and see you at Webster's Park next March 1971.

R. Hodge, Secretary.

SPORTS NEWS:

Four football matches were played in the Webster's Park last weekend. The touring St. Martin team took part in three and a visiting scout

party in the other.

On Friday the 52 Field Squadron

of the Royal Engineers defeated the St. Martin Tourist 3-2 after having a three goal lead early in the second half.

St. Martin and the local team battled a 2 all draw on Saturday but the visitors snatched a 3-1 win over a combined Royal Engineers -Anguilla Police Unit side on Sunday morning.

The French scout party bowed to the supremacy of the Anguillan side in a match which ended 3-1 in favour of the home team.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE:

Persons taking the University of Cambridge G.C.E. Examinations, Summer 1971, are reminded that the closing date for entering is Friday 18th. 1970.

SPEECH BY MR. JOSEPH GODBER:

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" We have drawn the attention of the Commonwealth Caribbean Governments to the Report and we shall be glad of any assistance that they may be able to give us. But it is our responsibility to find a solution, and that is our intention. It is a question of finding adequate time for people to look at the issues involved and to enable tempers to cool. Britain will seek to find a solution.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Permit me space in your valuable paper to say a big thank you to all the people of Anguilla for their overwhelming generosity bestowed on the Tortola Sporting Eleven for the period 28th and 29th November.

The trip was wonderful experience to all of us and it is our hope that there will be many more of them. Anguillans are wonderful hosts and hostesses and it is our hope that your eleven will soon

