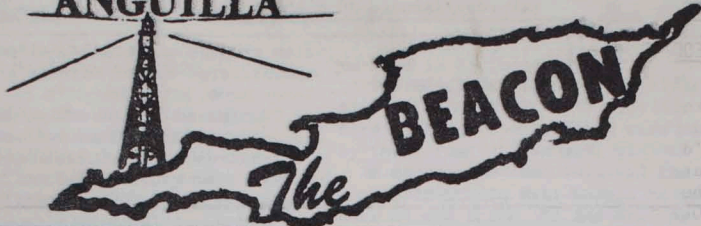


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FORMAL AGREEMENT REACHED WITH COUNCIL,

The Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, reached an agreement "in principal" with the Anguillan Council on his proposals for reaching a settlement to the St. Kitts - Anguilla constitutional problem.

On his arrival in Anguilla on Monday from the British Virgin Islands Mr. Godber was met by H.M. Commissioner Mr. W.H. Thompson, Commander of Force Anguilla Col. Bruce Bown, Chief Superintendent of Anguilla Police Unit David Helm and Mr. Ronald Webster.

After inspecting a Guard of Honour drawn from the Royal Engineers, the Minister was taken to the home of H.M. Commissioner Mr. W.H. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson where he held discussions with Mr. Webster.

At a special meeting of the Anguilla Council on Tuesday, the Minister made certain proposals to the Council that is expected to lead towards a settlement of three years and eight months old constitutional problem.

At another meeting held at Blowing Point on Wednesday, the Minister was informed that the Council had unanimously agreed to accept his proposals in principal. The Minister is now expected to make his proposals in its final draught.

The British Government took over the island's administration in March 1969, when (cont'd on P.2)

H.M. COMMISSIONER - TO BE REPLACED

As announced by the BBC over Radio Anguilla on Thursday Mr. Arthur Christopher Watson for some time Deputy Head of the Caribbean department of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London has been appointed as H.M. Commissioner to Anguilla. He will succeed H.M. Commissioner W.H. Thompson who will be leaving the island about the middle of March.

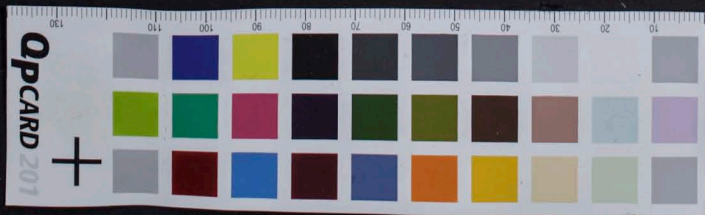
Mr. Watson who has visited Anguilla on several previous occasions is expected to arrive on the island before the departure of Mr. Thompson.

The new Commissioner for Anguilla has been a senior Foreign and Commonwealth Official for many years prior to which he served during the last war with the Royal Navy. He has seen service in Karachi and other posts. He will be accompanied by his wife and his family includes two daughters and a son.

ANGUILLA MOTOR LAUNCH SINKS

An Anguillan motor launch that runs between St. Martin and Anguilla, sank on its way to Anguilla on Wednesday afternoon. All eight Anguillians on board were rescued.

The "Lady Maureen" owned by Mathew Gumbs of the Forest and Captained by Carlos Gumbs, his son, sank near Grand Case, St. Martin, about 2.55 pm, when she encountered above normal swells, causing her deck house to broke loose, (cont'd on page 2)



WEDDING BELLS

The wedding of George Alexander Ansell, of French Cul-de-Sac, St. Martin, and Mrs. Geneva Mulburry R'dson, was solemnized by the Rev'd Harold Hill at the Road Methodist Church at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20th January, 1971.

The bride was given in marriage by the Rev. Louis M. Menes Hodge and the best man was Mr. Edwin Wallace Rey, member of the Anguilla Council.

Mr. Clifford Rogers of Stoney Grove was Maid of Honour, and Miss Marie Rey of the Quarter and Miss Joy Hodge of Little Dix, both cousins of the Bride, were "Flower Girls".

Following the ceremony, a reception is given by Mr. and Mrs. James R'dson of the Quarter, uncle and father of the Bride, at the Centre at which many guests were entertained.

Mr. Raphael Lake was master of ceremonies.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Please give me a little space in your valuable paper to say a few words.

Radio Anguilla in the past was a station that one has turned to for anything, but for the past weeks it has gone crazy. Many persons are disturbed over it and would like to know the reason.

It is all well to play Souls, Calypsoes and West Indian music, but not all the time.

Days gone by we had an assortment, but why this sudden change, we would like to know.

Interested listener.

FORMAL AGREEMENT REACHED

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troops were landed following the expulsion of a Junior Minister of State when he came to the island

with proposals that the island be administered by Her Majesty's Government.

The island is presently being administered by a Commissioner with limited responsibility. Under a new agreement it is expected that the Law Courts will function, plus a wider scope of administration.

While on the island the Minister was guest of Honour to Mr. Webster at a luncheon at the Rendezvous Hotel, attended by H.M. Commissioner Mr. W.H. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Henry Hankie, who was accompanying the Minister, other British personnel, Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, and Mr. Wallace Rey.

The Minister was also guest of Honour at a buffet lunch at H.M. Commissioner's home, with the members of the Anguilla Council on Wednesday.

The Minister left the island on Wednesday afternoon for St. Kitts where the same proposals had been made to Bradshaw.

The Minister in a broadcast over Radio Anguilla said that the proposals were the same that he made to Bradshaw in London in December last. Mr. Godber on leaving St. Kitts will continue his tour of the Caribbean islands before returning to London in about two weeks.

ANGUILLA MOTOR LAUNCH SINKS

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tripping the launch which caused her to turn over, reports said.

The men on board were Carlos Gumbs Capt., his brother Tracy Gumbs and Morrison Moon of the Forest, William Horsford of Rey Hill, Ernest Ellis of George Hill, Shefton R'dson, Clement Gumbs and Alwyn Hodge of North Side.

Ernest Ellis was picked up drifting on a raft west of St. Martin, by a motor launch after being spotted by a search plane out of St. Martin. The other seven reached ashore at "Low Lands" St. Maarten, (cont'd on P. 3)

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ANGUILLAN LAUNCH SINKS

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after being in the water for about 12 hours.

They were flown to Anguilla at about midday on Thursday bringing the first news that the launch had sunk.

Mr. Ellis was taken to the Hospital in St. Martin.

A motor launch from Blowing Point Anguilla, went out in search of the sunken boat after one report that it was seen floating between wind and water, early Thursday. A further search by Michael Hughes, pilot of Valley Air Service, failed to find the sunken launch or see any debris from the hull. It is reported that the launch was loaded with drums of gasoline and cooking gas.

WEDDED COUPLE FLY HOME

Mr. Nelson Hughes of West End and Fermella Chabonier of the Farrington flew into Anguilla after being

married in St. Thomas U.S.V.I.

The couple arrived at Wallblake Airport at 4.30 pm, by Valley Air Service flight, where they were met by their family and well wishers.

A motorcade then followed the couple to Crocus Hill thence to the home of the Bride, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Chabonier, for reception.

POLICE STATEMENT

Concerning the Beacon report last week to the effect that when arrested for damaging R.A.F. equipment at the airstrip Mr. Kenneth Rogers' passport was being held by the police, it is reported this week from Police Headquarters that Mr. Rogers' passport was taken because as an alien with a French passport, he required a Works Permit for Anguilla. This permit was entered in his passport which has been returned to him.

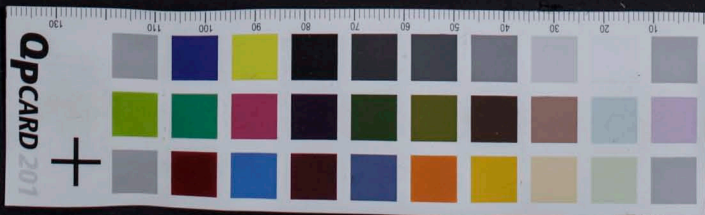
Mr. Rogers said that his passport has been stamped by H.M. Commissioner giving him permission to reside and work in Anguilla without a time limit.

CHRISTOPHER ROMNEY RETURNS AFTER SERIOUS OPERATION IN ANTIGUA;

Mr. Christopher Romney, Assistant Engineer at Radio Anguilla and one of Anguilla's leading Scout Masters returned to Anguilla on Thursday via R.A.F. Andover flight from Antigua. He was in good health and looking extremely happy to be back home.

Mr. Romney has been in the Holbaten Hospital in Antigua since mid-November where he was taken for a serious operation and which proved successful, and he has been convalescing for the past few weeks.

He was met at the Airport by Mrs. Ivy Romney and members of the family together with several dozen Anguilla Scouts in uniform and the Director of Radio Anguilla and other members of the station. Mr. Romney will be resting for a few days before resuming



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EDITORIAL

At long last Anguilla is back on the road that should lead to a lasting solution to the constitutional problem with St. Kitts.

Thinking people will realize that we have wasted two years playing around and heading no place, the two years being used to cool tempers and lay the ground-work for another phase of the dispute.

The Minister is now working on that phase and the replacement of the present Commissioner, can be deemed as part of it.

We can now hope to look forward to proper administration under the new Commissioner. Mr. Thompson as Commissioner has done the job he was instructed to do and should be credited for so doing; that is to say he has been able to keep the island quiet, he has been able to work with the more militant of the Council Members without many problems, though many times to the dissatisfaction of others and good government. He has been able to do away with British hostility that was rampant throughout the island.

If that was his goal, he has accomplished it. He will also be complimented for the development work which continued during his term of Office.

We are not criticizing the Commissioner for the lack of proper administration, for we firmly believe that he is capable of administering if given the opportunity. The stumbling block in his way was due to the gross misunderstanding of

some Anguillan leaders and the need to win their loyalty.

It has taken almost two years but it goes to show that 'No matter how long it takes, good sense will prevail in the end'. We must thank the British Government in England for their long patience in dealing with such a situation.

Our only hope now is that when the change comes our people will adhere to law and order and the principles of government for there should be no more string pulling. It must be an administration for all alike.

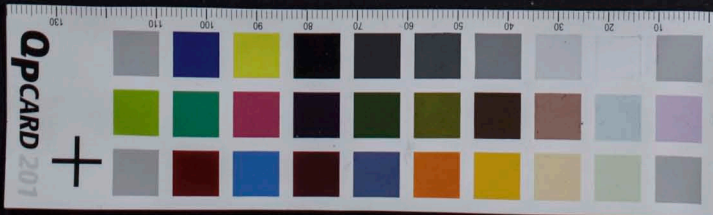
NEVIS WANTS WHATEVER ANGUILLA GETS

A spokesman for a new political party in Nevis called the Nevis Reformation Party, has called on Her Majesty's Government to give to Nevis whatever status Anguilla will receive.

The spokesman, Mr. Levi Morton assistant Secretary to the Party visited Anguilla earlier this week and paid a visit to the Beacon office. Mr. Morton said he presented a petition to the Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Office, from the people of Nevis, asking that Nevis be given whatever status Anguilla gets from the British government. Mr. Morton said that the petition was sent through the Acting Governor of St. Kitts, Nevis, but was returned. He said they also asked that the Minister pay a visit to Nevis while on his island tour.

According to Mr. Morton, the Party led a demonstration to the Government House in Nevis on Dec. 30th, 1970 but was denied entrance to the grounds by armed police.

Mr. Morton said his Party was 100% behind the Anguilla move for secession. He added that his Party would be satisfied with three seats in the House of Assembly in St. Kitts at the moment but will eventually seek more.



PEPPIET OF WOODING COMMISSION REPORT

(cont'd from last week)

87. The delegation arrived in Anguilla on 4 December, 1967, and subsequently visited St. Kitts. After three weeks of endeavour they succeeded in getting the two sides to agree to an "interim solution". The following letters from the Premier and the Anguillans to the Commonwealth Secretary indicate the terms under which this agreement was reached:

Premier's request of 20 december 1967, to the British Government for a cooling off period in Anguilla

"The Deputy Premier and I had the benefit of a full discussion with the Parliamentary delegation which Her Majesty's Government so very kindly sent out to Anguilla at the request of my Government. The discussion confirmed the view that some time may be required before a final solution to the Anguilla situation could be achieved.

The substance of the discussion has been considered by the Cabinet, and on behalf of my Government I would now like to invite the Government of the United Kingdom to designate a senior British civil servant to remain in Anguilla for an interim period of up to 12 months to exercise on a temporary and agreed basis administrative authority over that island in conjunction with a Local Council to be elected. This interim period may be shortened or lengthened by mutual agreement. We would like to request Her Majesty's Government, during this period to continue the economic assistance already promulgated for Anguilla out of the current D & W allocation to this State and to render such special development assistance to Nevis and Anguilla as Her Majesty's Government may be willing and able to provide. (If designated, the person should be styled Senior

British Official.) At the same time we would further request that Her Majesty's Government will continue to assist in development and working towards a long term solution satisfactory to all concerned.

It is understood that during this interim period the mail service to Anguilla will be resumed in that an official would have been installed with responsibility, *inter alia*, for mail deliveries and that normal trade and other services as may be agreed will be restored, that the people of each island will refrain from hostile actions against individuals or property of the other, and that efforts will be made in good faith by all to restore friendship and harmony.

On behalf of my Government I would like to than you for having sent the delegation supported by some of your senior civil servants. Their work in Anguilla will, I believe, contribute in no small way to a final solution to this unhappy problem.

Yours faithfully,
ROBT. L. BRADSHAW,
Premier"

The Anguilla People's request of 18 December, 1967 to the British Government for a cooling off period

"Dear Mr. Minister,

We would like to thank you for the Parliamentary Mission, accompanied by Senior Civil Servants, which has recently visited Anguilla. On behalf of the people of Anguilla we hereby invite Her Majesty's Government to designate a Senior British Civil Servant to remain on Anguilla for an interim period of approximately 12 months, which period may be shortened or lengthened by mutual agreement.

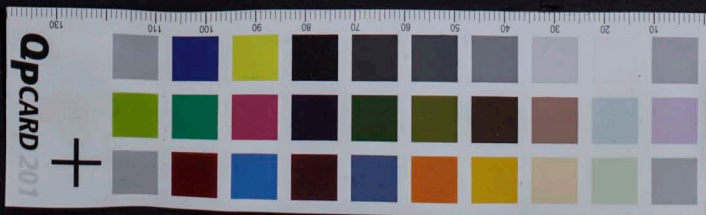
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**ANGUILLA CRICKETERS LEAVE FOR
TORTOLA:**

A mixed Anguilla Cricket team left
for Tortola yesterday afternoon to
engage in a cricket match with a
Tortola team. The team left by
Charter Valley Air Service flight
for Tortola and the match is expected
to last two days. The names of the
team are:- Kenneth R'dson (Manager)
Robin R'dson (Captain) Lungsford
R'dson, Albertus R'dson, Franklyn
R'dson, Leslie R'dson, (Cont'd page 8)

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general instruction to act at all times - as we assume Her Majesty's Government itself would act under this letter - in the best interests of Anguilla and its people. He would advise on the administration of the island and on dealing with immediate practical problems including development; and he would help to work towards an agreed long-term solution for Anguilla. To these ends, he would be invited to sit with the Council at all its meetings, and have access to all papers and documents. The council would not act without seeking his advice.

Acceptance of this interim arrangement and the provision of the Senior British Official would be without prejudice to the legal position of Her Majesty's Government. Nevertheless, during the interim period Her Majesty's Government would accept the validity of actions taken by the council which had the approval of the Senior British Official; and during the interim period Anguilla would accept the responsibility of Her Majesty's Government for the external affairs and defence of Anguilla. We request that, through appropriate British channels, the facilities of the specialisd agencies of the United Nations may be made available to us.

It is understood that during this interim period, the people of Anguilla will refrain from all hostile action against individuals or property on At. Kitts, and that efforts will made in good faith by all to restore friendship and harmony.

This letter is signed on behalf of the people of Anguilla by members of the council and also by some other leading citizens to indicate their support for this invitation.

We hope you will be able to

accept it

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

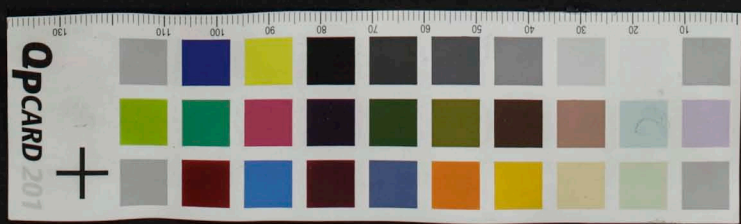
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88. We have quoted the texts of the letters because we think they disclose the divergence of view which we detected as to the true scope and intent of the interim arrangement. In the mind of the State Government the function of the Senior British Official was to exercise administrative authority, delegated to him by the Government, in conjunction with an elected Local Council. But for the Anguillans he was a symbol of the British Presence advising their council on the administration of their island and requesting assistance from the United Nations specialised agencies without reference to St Kitts or the Government of the State.

89. Mr C.A.W. Lee was the Senior British Official chosen for the task and he arrived in Anguilla on 8 January, 1968.

90. In parenthesis we must refer here to an attempt at intervention by the United Nations. Following the Barbados Conference Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs and a Harvard professor, Dr Roger Fisher, also an American citizen, went to New York and began to knock loudly on the door of the United Nations Special Committee on Colonialism. The Chairman of the Committee's Sub-committee lll in the course of his remarks said:

"Sub-committee lll was confronted with a request for independence from a so called associated state which rejected its status. While it obviously could not ignore that request it could not endorse it without first



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the feasibility of Anguilla
surviving as an Independent State"
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APOLLO 14 MOON FLIGHT.

Radio Anguilla will bring a full
coverage of Apollo 14 moon mission
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Wendell Proctor, Wycliffe R'dson
(Official scorer).
The team is expected to return on
Sunday afternoon.

