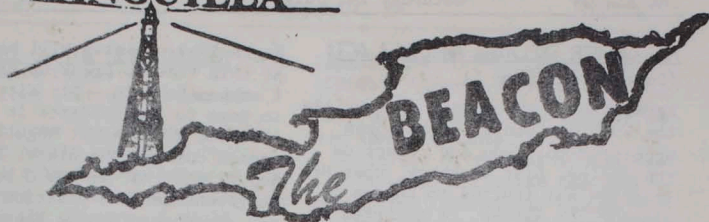


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PARLIAMENT APPROVES ANGUILLA ACT AND HOUSE OF LORDS GIVES IT 2ND. READING:

Word has been received from London that the Anguilla Act, 1971 has received final approval of the British House of Commons in London and that it has been passed to the House of Lords where it was to have received its Second Reading on Friday, 23 July.

When the Anguilla Act, 1971 has been passed by the House of Lords it requires nothing further except the Royal assent of H.M. the Queen to become law. When the Anguilla Act becomes law it is expected that, under authority, the British Government will publish the Order-in-Council to provide for the future of Anguilla as a colony with increased powers from H.M. Commissioner which will enable him in co-operation and consultations with the Anguilla council to organise the opening of the courts on the island, to provide for the establishment of local police force and other matters.

MORE DAMAGE DONE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL TROUPE:

It was reported last week by Radio Anguilla that considerable damage was done, apparently by youthful vandals to the other side of the tent.

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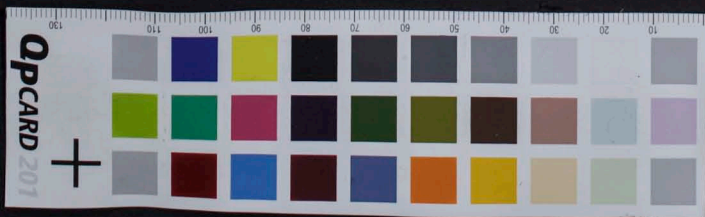
MR. GODBER EXPLAINS ANGUILLA ACT, 1971 BEFORE PASSING BY BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The purpose of the Anguilla Act, 1971, which was given Second reading and approval in the British House of Commons on Friday, was to enable an effective administration to be established in Anguilla in consultation and co-operation with the people of the island. This was stated to Parliament by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber, Minister of State, while introducing the new Act to the House of Commons. He continued:

"If there were no settled administration in the island of Anguilla-- if a vacuum were to be created by the withdrawal of the present British presence in Anguilla, there would be a risk, some would put it as high as a probability, of physical conflict between St. Kitts and Anguilla. There would be instability and uncertainty; there would be an absence of government and an absence of law and order, which must make it impossible for any British government to discharge in a meaningful way the constitutional responsibilities in that area.

"I hope," said Mr. Godber, "that the House will recognise the need to bring an end to the events of the past four years and to provide the opportunity for a fresh start!"

The Minister of State outlined the history of the Anguilla problem from the beginning of Associated Statehood in February, 1967. He told of how, after a number of vain attempts to find a solution (Cont'd on page 2)



MR. GODBER EXPLAINS ANGUILLA ACT:

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agreeable to the people of Anguilla the Wooding Commission had been appointed to study and report on the matter. Last December, when Mr. Bradshaw was invited to London to discuss the matter, he accepted the recommendations of the Wooding Report as a basis for a settlement, but Anguilla had rejected it. Since Britain had promised Anguilla that they would not be forced to live under an administration they did not want and assured by both present and previous British governments, Britain had endeavoured to reconcile the St. Kitts government to a settlement which Anguilla would accept, but while Mr. Bradshaw accepted a measure of the points at issue, he was not prepared to accept the minimum delegation of powers considered essential to enable H.M. Commissioner to conduct an effective administration in Anguilla. Mr. Godber stated that therefore, on 11, June, he was reluctantly obliged to inform Mr. Bradshaw that, since the problem could not continue indefinitely, H.M. Government would have to proceed uni-laterally, with proposals for an interim settlement. This is what had been done.

Mr. Godber said, "The Order-in-Council we shall introduce under this Bill, as soon as it becomes law, will be designed solely to provide H.M. Commissioner in Anguilla with all the powers he has so long needed and so long lacked. These powers will derive directly from H.M. Government in the U.K. This means that not only will new courts of law be able to sit, but new laws where necessary can be enacted on the island, and H.M. Commissioner will at least be able to recruit and train local policemen to take the place of the Metropolitan Police who have been filling the gap so admirably since

March 1969. No step will be taken at this time to break up the State I emphasise this - St. Kitts decides to move to Independence in which case this Act will permit Anguilla to remain outside the State. I have told Anguillans that we would be willing to reconsider the position after the new arrangements have been working for three years. When the time comes to move forward it is our intention that the views of Anguilla should be ascertained."

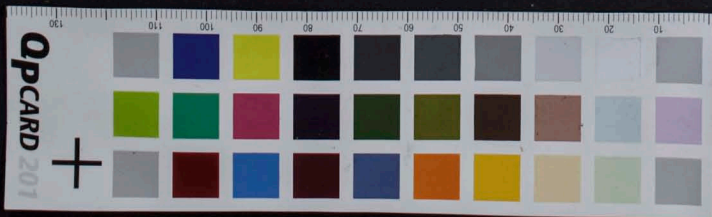
The Minister also stated that possibly a referendum might be suitable to determine what Anguillans wished after the interim 3-year period, but he added that what happens on Anguilla has no bearing on what happens in other parts of H.M. Dominions. He said, "We will discuss with Anguillans what is to be done.... We have come to the only tolerable solution in the long discussions on this matter. The final test, however, must be the wishes of the Anguillian people themselves."

After its Second Reading the Anguilla Act, 1971 will be given its 3rd, Reading shortly, before going to the House of Lords, after which it will be given the Royal Assent and become law. It is understood that the Bill was also supported by the opposition Labour Party.

EDUCATION ADVISER OFF TO BARBADOS:

Miss Phyllis Maurice, Education Adviser in Anguilla for the past few months left the island on Wednesday to visit the British Development Division for the Caribbean in Barbados. While there she will discuss further educational plans for Anguilla. She expects to return to the island on Monday next.

On Tuesday 27, July, Miss J.H. Deas' Education Adviser to the British Overseas Dev. Administration is to in London will come to Anguilla on a familiarisation visit during a tour (Cont'd on page 7)



THE FUTURE OF THE WEST INDIES:

By Richard Payne.
(Cont'd from last weeks' issue)

West Indians are extremely fortunate to be the owners of their beautiful islands. Too often we look at advanced countries and think that they have the answers. I would consider the West Indies as a teacher for a great nation such as the U.S.A. Too often we run along the road taken by developed countries, not taking into consideration time periods, differences in values, different environmental conditions, the problems now facing those Advanced countries (such as air-pollution, water-pollution, wildlife extinction, racial injustice, individual crime, organised crime, forest depletion, to name a few). Many Americans had forgotten that there would be an end to frontier life. We must learn from their mistakes and not follow them blindly. We have a lot to be proud of.

West Indians must not be content just to be workers abroad. Countries such as Guyana are underpopulated. Will we take the risk of investing in such parts; will we risk investing in our own islands? West Indians must be more appreciable of their culture. No culture is better than another. We are the products of our culture, the products of our environment. Man is the sum total of his experiences. When we degrade our culture we dehumanise ourselves because it is through our culture our interaction with others, through the process of socialisation, that we become human beings. The West Indies must overcome its problems or the future will be a bit gloomy.

Independence sounds great but politicians must be realistic and practical.

Richard J. Payne.

DAMAGE DONE TO MARQUEE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL: (Cont'd from page 1)

The result is that the marquee is now hardly useable.

Officials of the A.P.U. are now on the watch for those who have been doing this wilful damage to property and have warned that if vandals are found they may be severely punished.

It is not known whether the marquee can be repaired at this time, but the A.P.U. has organised special evening patrols in the area of the Valley Primary School in an effort to prevent further damage.

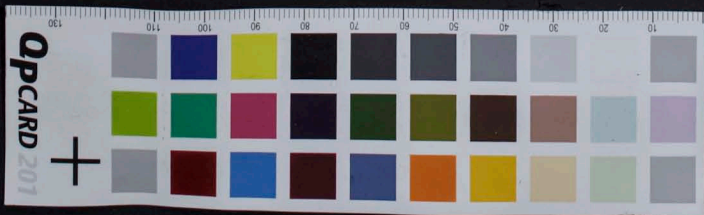
CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT - STUDENTS VISITING ANGUILLA,

On Tuesday July 20th, three students, Patricia Howe a Canadian, Winston Joseph of Trinidad and Cecil Muler of Surinam arrived in Anguilla.

They are representing Christian Action for Development in Eastern Caribbean (CADEC) and are working with a team of four other students to start a data Bank. This Data Bank will be situated with the other CADEC offices in Barbados and will offer accurate up-to-date information arranged on a country subject and project basis to those who have to make decisions relating to economic and social self-help projects.

While in Anguilla the students have been able with the help of their contact, the Rev. Harold Gill, to meet with other Church officials Government Officials and those engaged in economic and social development projects.

They have been enquiring about specific community projects as well as gathering general information about the island. On Friday 23, July they held a meeting at the Community Centre giving information about CADEC and the services which this Data Bank (Cont'd on page 5)



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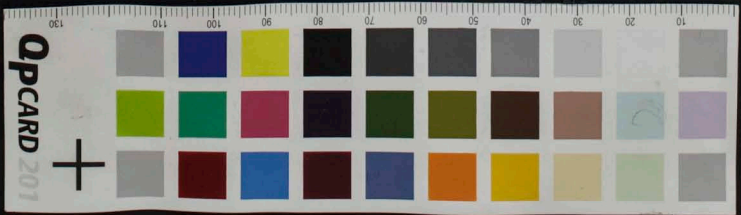
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(Cont'd from page 3) Data Bank on a permanent basis.

will offer. The three students have already visited St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Marten and they will leave Anguilla today Saturday, for St. Eustatius, Antigua and Montserrat. The three students plan to return to Barbados on August 4th where they will spend about a month evaluating and documenting the information gathered. CADEC is planning to hire a full-time

FIRE AT ISLAND HARBOUR VILLAGE: (Cont'd from page 4)

The fire was put out by the workmen around the store after lasting for about fifteen minutes. The store is owned by Lelia Smith of Island Harbour.



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**ANGUILLAN GRADUATES FROM WASHINGTON
BUSINESS INSTITUTE:**

Miss Olive Benjamin of North Side, recently returned to the island from the U.S.A. where she attended the graduation ceremony of her daughter, Miss Laurel P. Benjamin on Friday 25 July 1971.

Miss Benjamin graduated from the Washington Business Institute where she successfully completed a two year course of executive Secretarial studies.

Miss Benjamin who attended the Valley Secondary School for five years, left the island for the U.S. in 1969. She was born in Anguilla.

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR LEARIE CONSTANTINE:**

On Friday 23rd July, from 5.30 to 6.00 o'clock in the evening Radio Anguilla will relay a special BBC broadcast from Westminister Abbey in London where a memorial service for the late Lord Learie Constantine will be held. The main address of tribute (Cont'd on page 8)

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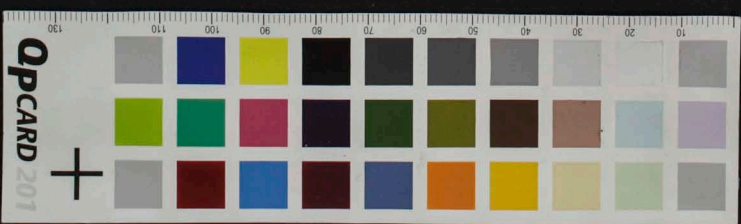
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EDUCATION ADVISER OFF TO BARBADOS MEETING AT COMMUNITY CENTRE:

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of the West Indies and Latin America. She will remain in Anguilla for a few days:

Miss Deas' principle task with the Development Administration is to advise on schools and teacher training and in the operation of the Commonwealth Training Fellowship schemes. Her other interests lie in the provision of Libraries, schools and colleges and the education of girls and women.

Miss Deas' was appointed Education Adviser to the Overseas Dev. Association in 1970. She previously worked for the British Department of Education and Science when she was Inspector of Schools in the North of England and later in Berkshire.

PRINCIPAL OF ST. LUCIA'S TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE VISITS.

Mr. W.M. Toynbee, Principal of the Teachers' Training College in St. Lucia arrived in Anguilla on Tuesday afternoon for a short visit. While on the island he was the guest of Mr. Edison Hughes, Education Officer in Anguilla. On Sunday, 11, July, Mr. Hughes was the special guest of Mr. Toynbee in St. Lucia for the graduation ceremonies of the teachers' Training College where six Anguillan teachers received their diplomas.

NOTE TO F.I.C.S. RUAN OF EAST END:

Thank you for your comments on the poor printing of The Beacon. We realize that this is unsatisfactory but the problem does not lie in the main "element" of the Press. We have just spent \$330.00 in new rollers but what is needed is a proper adjustment of all the little technicalities; this can only be done at the nearest representatives which are in Puerto Rico. However, we have been trying to correct this ourselves. Printer!

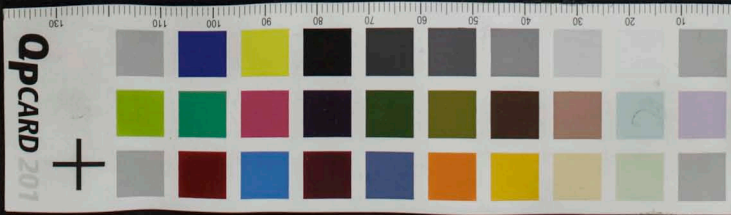
There will be a public meeting at the Community Centre the Valley on Monday July 26, starting at 8.00 p.m.

Speaking at this meeting will be Mrs. Jeremiah Gumbs. Mrs. Gumbs is interested in starting a woman's Society that will be linked with other Societies throughout the world. The prospectives of such a Society would be invironmental, Beautification and Historical development. Mrs. Gumbs is asking that all interested persons attend this meeting.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS:

The College of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, U.S. V.I., has published its Dean's List for the 1971 spring semester, recently ended. Persons placed on the Dean's List have distinguished themselves scholastically by achieving at least a grade point average of "3.0" on a 4.0 scale.

The following students from St. Kitts have been placed on the Dean's List: Vincent Cooper, a junior, with 4.0 -- the highest grade average possible; Keith Simmonds, a junior, 3.81; Eustace Arrindell, sophomore, 3.78; Oliver Hendrickson, junior, 3.50; Winston Huggins, junior 3.42; Clayton Heyliger, sophomore, 3.24; Denis Clarke, junior, 3.0, and Mrs. Shirleta Hicks, sophomore, 3.0. Additionally, Asgll Warner and Roosevelt Rawlins, who were awarded bachelor of Arts degrees by College during its Seventh Annual Commencement Exercises in June, were on the spring Dean's List. Mr. Warner earned a 3.50 average and Mr. Rawlins, 3.20. Reginald G. Yearwood, who was awarded an associate in arts degree in June, earned a 3.21 average. Two first-year students from Nevis were on the Dean's List: (Continued on page 8)



ANNUAL AUGUST HOLIDAY BOAT RACES CREATING INCREASED INTEREST THIS YEAR.

The annual August boat races will be held for three days this year commencing with races at Road Bay on August Monday, 2nd August which is a statutory holiday.

On Wednesday, 4 August, boat races will be held at Blowing Point and on Thursday, 5th August similar races will be run off at Meads Bay. Thursday will be a half holiday.

There will be the usual three classes of races, for large boats, medium sized craft and for small boats and the proceedings will begin on each of the three days at about 11 o'clock. In medium-sized class at least two entries are expected from St. Marten. On Monday at Road Bay, if any boats enter, a Pond Boat Race "is planned to be held in a section of the salt pond".

Winning points will be awarded during the races, with five points for a win, three points for a second and one point for a third, and the boat securing the most points will be awarded the Thompson Trophy. For the first time, the Anguilla Council has decided to provide some financial assistance for this year's August boat races.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS: (Cont'd from page 7).

Charles Rawlins, 3.86, and Roy E. Fortune, 3.03.

From Anguilla were Cecil Niles, freshman, 4.0; Victor Banks, junior 3.80; Caryl Connor junior, 3.44; Anita Vanterpool, sophomore, 3.24; Hugo Carty, sophomore, 3.23 and Guilford Gumbs junior, 3.0.

The College of the Virgin Islands is a co-educational, liberal arts, four-year institution of higher learning similar to a state university on the U.S. Mainland. The main campus of the College is located on 175 acres in St. Thomas. Current

enrollment is over 400 students who come to the College from the Virgin Islands, other islands in the Caribbean, the U.S. Mainland, Canada, Africa, Europe and other sections of the world.

FR. REYNOLDS WILL HOLD MASS AT ST. GERARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS SUNDAY:

Fr. Reynolds from St. Kitts will be visiting Anguilla this coming weekend. He will say mass at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday at St. Gerards Roman Catholic Church and will hear confession before Mass.

He will leave Anguilla on Monday.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY MEMORIAL SERVICE (Cont'd from page 8).

will be given by the Rt. Hon. Sir Dingle Foot, Q.C. P.C.

The service will be ecumenical and those taking part will include the Bishop of Woolwich (Former England Test Cricketer David Sheppard) and Monsignor Canon F.J. Bartlett, and the Precenter of Westminster Abbey, Rennie Simpson.

The second lesson will be read by the Acting High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. F. Seignoret, and it is hoped that the first lesson will be read by the former Prime Minister and Leader of the Labour Party, Mr. Harold Wilson.

Local listeners and cricket fans who followed the career of Learie Constantine may be interested in hearing this memorial service.

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