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## CONGRATS TO ANGUILLA

**IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT JUST** as it was in May 1967 the Anguillans will never return to St. Kitts under the present regime. One would have thought that by now Bradshaw would accept the fact that his Government is not wanted and that there is nothing he can do about it. Having got Britain to invade Anguilla by which act she initially suffered severe ridicule and embarrassment, he now seeks in vain to get her out; but this is the St. Kitts Government's turn to reap its well-deserved share of humiliation to the delight of the Anguillans who have virtually won their struggle for freedom.

It is a severe indictment against the St. Kitts Government that Anguilla prefers to be reverted to Crown Colony status for it shows a sickening lack of confidence in Bradshaw's administration. Burnham and all West Indian Heads of Government must realise that political failure on the part of St. Kitts resulted in the Anguilla situation and that the Anguillans were forced to plot their own path through the wilderness of economic and political arrest to recognition. These Governments had never thought of aiding Anguilla, and when the crisis developed they did not even advise Bradshaw to agree to the peace proposals offered by the Opposition Party in St. Kitts. They should not now try to hinder the island's progress.

We feel that the Anguillans like other people are the masters of their own destiny and consequently should be given a free choice. We congratulate them for the patience with which they waited and for finding it possible to accept the British proposals. Britain is responsible for the island and it is hoped that in time she will realise that it is pointless to implement a temporary solution and to find herself with the same problem later. It was with a deep sense of conviction and purpose that the Anguillans struggled unwaveringly for four years to their goal. Now the St. Kitts Government not without blame, must lick its wounds while it lamely defends itself by mere face-saving rantings.

## Dr. Herbert to lead Defence in Grenada Trials



DR. W. V. HERBERT

Hearing of cases against a number of persons including nurses, lawyers and members of the public who staged a demonstration last January against the conditions in the hospital in Grenada will commence on Monday at the High Court.

St. Kitts' Barrister-at-Law, Dr. W. V. Herbert, who has been instructed to lead the defence, left here yesterday (Friday) morning for Grenada. He was admitted to the Bar in that

Associated State on January 26.

It is understood that Mr. Lloyd Luckhoo of Guyana is prosecuting for the Government of Grenada.

It is alleged that the defendants who are charged under the Criminal Code of Grenada assembled at the Ministry of Health Building on 15 December 1970 with intent to riot.

The counts in the indictment are:

- 1 Unlawful Assembly
- 2 Provocation to Riot
- 3 Damage to Building
- 4 Damage to Telegraph

As a result of the demonstration 40 persons were arrested and charged. When the preliminary inquiries started on February 2. No evidence was given against nine of the accused and the charges preferred against them were accordingly dismissed.

Among those who are to appear in Court are Barristers-at-Law, Michael Sylvester and Maurice Bishop.

## Chauffeur Found Dead

Alfred Mc Mahon of Conaree Village, a chauffeur, was found dead at about 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22. He was lying on the seashore at New Town Bay Road near Ponds Pasture with his throat cut.

The Police are making investigations.

## Joshua speaks on Anguilla

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, June 23 — Mr. Ebenezer Joshua, former Chief Minister of St. Vincent, has said here that no West Indian Government had the right to superimpose its

will on the people of Anguilla now Britain had come to the aid of the "small neglected territory."

Mr. Joshua told a public meeting here last

night that the people of Anguilla alone "have tasted the bitter yoke of ill-treatment and decided that it was better being under Whitehall colonialism than that of St. Kitts". —Reuter.

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# Anguillans Accept Britain's Proposals

THE PEOPLE of Anguilla accepted Britain's new proposals on Tuesday to settle the four-year-old deadlock over Anguilla's secession from the Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.

The Anguilla Council had been discussing the proposals offered by Mr. Joseph Godber,

Britain's Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office with Barbados' lawyer, Mr. Jack Dear, Q.C., at an official meeting the day before.

Mr. Dear arrived in Anguilla last Saturday evening at the invitation of the Council to which he is legal adviser. He returned to Barbados on Wednesday afternoon.

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It is understood that the new proposals which were rejected by Premier Bradshaw, include that

the island be governed by an administrator and with a similar administration to that of a Crown Colony. The proposals were agreed to

by the members of the Council after they had made some minor amendments.

It is expected that

upon agreement the British Government will make effective an Order in Council separating Anguilla from the Associated State.

## WEBSTER —

### 'We have accepted Britain as our Partner'

FOLLOWING the Commissioner's talk, this message by Mr. Ronald Webster, leader of the Anguilla Council, was also broadcast:

"ONCE again it gives me great pleasure to address you and express the feelings of the Anguilla Council on the discussions held on

Monday and Tuesday on the proposals brought by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber, M.P., Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

realise the responsibilities and significance to be recognised as a partner, but it is my firm belief that we Anguillans are divinely guided by the invisible Hand.

"I shall quote a passage from the Bible:

"Lay not your trust in man as you may be deceived but rather place your confidence in God who will never leave nor forsake you."

"Let us centre our eyes and hearts on Jesus and we shall have nothing to regret for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

"May I now entreat you, friends, to lay aside the animosity which separated us and move forward together to develop Anguilla — not only materially and educationally, but also spiritually.

"May I now take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence you have placed in me for the past four years and trust that I may continue to serve you most honestly and sincerely.

"We have a great task ahead, so we must decide our goal and marshal it well. May I again thank you for your kind cooperation during our great struggle for freedom. Let us now "doubt our doubts," terminate our fears and understand our misunderstandings.

"May the good Lord richly bless and keep your dear hearts united in peace and harmony"

## 'Message of Goodwill And Thanks'

### from H.M. Commissioner

BELOW is the text of a message to the people of Anguilla from Her Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. Arthur Watson, first broadcast over Radio Anguilla on Wednesday evening:

"Good evening!

Last night I had the pleasant duty of reporting to the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber, M.P. and to the British Government that the Anguilla Council had approved the proposals which Mr. Godber had brought to Anguilla little over a week ago with certain changes which have since been agreed.

"This was a momentous day for the Council and people of Anguilla and I'm glad to be able to add my own message of goodwill and thanks to all those who have contributed to it.

"The discussions yesterday, were a culmination of many long months of negotiation and hard work. From the time when Mr. Godber arrived on his most recent visit we have seen a period of particular interest, discussion and

study. This was only right as the future depended on its outcome.

"But as those of you who heard Mr. Godber's broadcast will remember he emphasised that whatever was proposed, must be acceptable to the Council and people of Anguilla. He asked the Council to consider the proposals for the future which he had put to them and as you know, the Council has in the last few days been considering them very carefully with the help of their legal adviser, Mr. Jack Dear, Q.C.

"I should here like to pay my own personal tribute to Mr. Dear for the time and care he has devoted to help us. As a result of their study, the Council had certain changes proposed and I am glad to say that the British Government was able to agree to the great majority of their recommendations.

"As a result, the Council's approval reflected to me that what is now proposed will let the people of Anguilla have through their elected representatives on their Council an opportunity to play the fullest and most satisfying part in the Government of the island.

"The past had called for much patience and forbearance. I would here like to thank Mr. Ronald Webster and all members of the Council for their work and especially for the courtesy with which all our talks have been conducted.

"Even now, patience will be required; it may be some little time before we can see the result of what was decided yesterday, but we can now look forward with confidence in the knowledge that what is to be done has been considered with the greatest care and found acceptable to those who are most concerned—the people of Anguilla.

"I wish you all for the future all that you most desire and I am happy that we have reached this conclusion.

Good night!"

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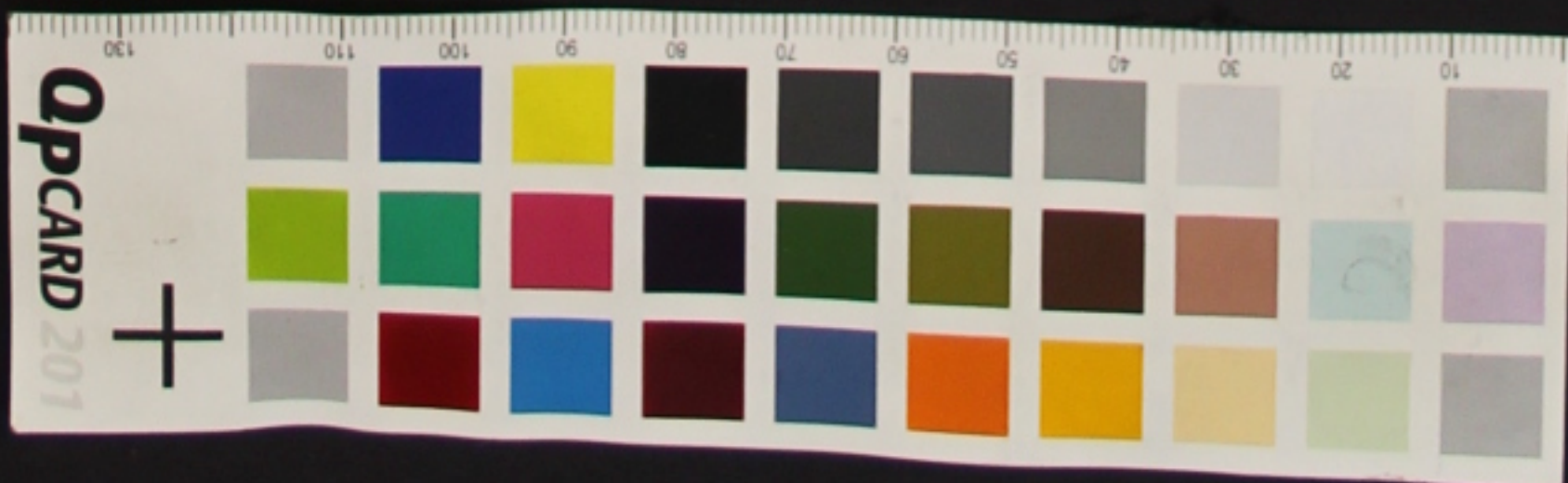
"I wish to let you know the result of the proposals. After some stiff days of discussion, the Legal Adviser Mr. Jack Dear, Q.C., the Anguilla Council and some leading citizens of the island have finally agreed on the proposals with certain amendments.

"For the last four years our objective has been for direct status with Britain. The Anguilla Council is a fully recognised, legal and constitutional body with power to run our own affairs in Anguilla together with Her Majesty's Commissioner.

"I do believe that the Minister of State and his colleagues in the British Government are determined to find a way out of this problem so that development may start in Anguilla without delay. We must continue to pray and ask for the blessings of Almighty God upon the responsible persons to carry out this momentous task. Anguillans have just accepted Britain to be their partner to work together from now onwards.

"Some of us may not

Signed: WILLIAM SIMON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence Between CSA and Public Service Board of Appeal

THE ST. KITTS CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION Basseterre, St. Kitts, W. I. 22nd June, 1971.

The Editor Democrat Basseterre.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Joseph Manchester, in a letter dated 10th June, 1970 tendered his resignation from the Public Service with effect from 10th September, 1970 giving the three months' notice required by General Orders.

In a letter dated 16th July, 1970 the Acting Chief Establishment Officer informed Mr. Manchester that his resignation was accepted with effect from 31st August, 1970.

The Head of the Civil Service intervened in support of Mr. Manchester's protests against this decision and when this proved in vain, the Civil Service on Mr. Manchester's behalf took the matter to the Public Service Board of Appeal. The full text of our letter of Appeal dated 6th October, 1970 and the reply of the Board of Appeal dated 6th April, 1971 are published for the information of the Public.

It will be clear from this correspondence that although the Public Service Commission is fully empowered by the Constitution to deal with matters of appointments, termination of appointments and has always been the body to take decisions on these matters, and although the Public Service Board of Appeal is likewise empowered to deal with any appeals from a decision of the Public Service Commission, in this instance the Public Service Board of Appeal has taken the incidental matter of Mr. Manchester's leave entitlement as an excuse for avoiding taking a decision on the main subject referred to it, that is to say, the action of the Public Service Commission in

bringing Mr. Manchester's service to an end at a date earlier than the date of his resignation.

Yours faithfully, G. H. WARNER Secretary.

ST. KITTS CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION, Basseterre. 6th October, 1970.

Chief Establishment Officer Government Headquarters Basseterre.

APPEAL AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S RESIGNATION OF MR. JOSEPH MANCHESTER.

Mr. Joseph Manchester received from the Acting Chief Establishment Officer a letter dated 16th July, 1970 purporting to 'accept' his resignation with effect from 31st August, 1970. Mr. Manchester, respecting the office of the Head of the Civil Service sought and obtained his intervention on his behalf.

Following the Public Service Commission's rejection of the Head of the Civil Service's arguments, Mr. Manchester has asked this Association to appeal against the action taken by the Public Service Commission. We do hereby so appeal on the grounds that:-

(1) The attempt by the Public Service Commission to treat as 'retirement' the resignation of a Public Officer other than as provided in General Orders 40, 75 and 76 is groundless, and therefore the case of Mrs. Gloria Thompson cited by the Head of the Civil Service is relevant.

(2) Further precedent is established in the matter of the resignation of Mr. Joseph Archibald who was granted permission to work during his earned (pre-resignation) leave.

(3) The Public Service

Commission erred in purporting to 'accept' Mr. Manchester's resignation with effect from 31st August, 1970 when in fact, Mr. Manchester submitted his resignation on June 10th, 1970, giving the appropriate three (3) months notice.

We attach a copy of a memo, dated 7th September, 1970 submitted to the Public Service Commission and would draw the attention of the Board of Appeal to the strange reply from a body to which Civil Servants are to look for justice.

We wish to draw to the attention of your Board the impression given that in this instance, the Public Service Commission is merely acceding to the will of the Ministry in what appears to be its determination that Mr. Manchester shall be deprived of his earned leave, rather than itself taking a decision based upon justice to the Civil Servant.

Grateful for your early attention in this matter.

Sgd. G. H. WARNER Secretary.

Office of the Service Commission Government Headquarters St. Kitts. 6th April, 1971

Mrs. L. Kelsick Ag. Chief Establishment Officer, Government Headquarters Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dear Madam,

re. Mr. R. J. Manchester

I refer to your letter of the 25th November, 1970, addressed to my Board, which contained an appeal by the St. Kitts Civil Service Association, on behalf of the above-named Mr. Manchester. I also refer to your letter to me of the 22nd March, 1971.

My Board met and considered Mr. Manchester's Appeal. After due deliberation, the Board was unanimous in its decision that the Board could not deal with this matter, which concerned the power to grant or withhold leave to public officers.

Kindly convey the decision of the Board to the Association, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully, Sgd. F. Cunningham Adams Chairman, Public Service Board of Appeal.

Kittitians, Awake!

Once again some citizens of this State have allowed political blindness to distort their sense of choice and fair-play and others have also permitted fear, selfishness and stupidity to cause them to throw away a chance to change the Government.

They have refused to heed the warnings given by the speakers on the platform of the People's Action Movement and by various writers in The Democrat. The result is that this lovely State still finds itself confronted by political, social and economic problems.

For many years, we Kittitians have made fun of the citizens of Nevis and Anguilla. They have been the butt of our jokes, and we have regarded them as being inferior. We have made mocking remarks about "Bobo Johnny" and "Cack oh! de boat a goo long!" but first the Anguillans and now the Nevisians have shown that they are the wise ones. They have totally rejected the Labour Party and its stooges and have shown up Kittitians for what they really are.

In 1966 some of us allowed ourselves to be fooled. We let talk of \$96,000,000, turn our heads and addle our brains. In 1971, some of us allowed threats and the bait of "Power to the People" to coax us into returning Labour to office. The country may still suffer for this.

There are some aspects of behaviour on the part of the Government which leave much to be desired. Why were certain citizens of the State refused the right to vote? Why was it necessary for the Army to collect the ballot boxes with automatic weapons in their hands?

No sooner than elections were over, certain Civil Servants were deprived of their jobs. It seems incredible that public officers who have given the best years of their lives in serving their country should be dismissed in this fashion. It is a burning shame! Both Government and the Public Service Commission have done this State a grave injustice. The Civil Service will no doubt soon be filled with those who "back the Government;" but is lip-service any substitute for conscientious work? Is party affiliation any substitute for efficiency?

To refer to another matter, the criticism of certain ministers of religion is a very disturbing affair. Is the church only to be used by the Government when it wants to distribute "Peace Pledges" or someone to preach at State functions? Do our leaders forget what both Hitler and Duvalier did to the church in their countries? They had better understand that God is no respecter of persons and

that He has said "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

One is aware that there are some who see nothing wrong with politicians attacking the church. They think that the church should turn the other cheek. To them, let me say this: some Germans thought the same. They upheld Hitler in all his wrong doings. The result was disaster. Some feel that the church should be seen and not heard. They are like the people in the days of Isaiah who told the prophet "See not; prophesy not to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more of the Holy One of Israel."

Both Moore and Bryant are constantly speaking about being "worse than Bradshaw". Is this the only quality they can find to emulate after the Labour Party has been in power for 20 years? Kittitians, open your eyes! If you do not care about yourselves, do have concern for the welfare of your children. Our leaders seem to have forgotten that they have children.

It is perhaps not too late for us to have courage. Let us hope that good reason will prevail, that the Premier will stop listening to those who feed him with false information and that the Government will govern wisely and constitutionally. Let us actively support the P.A.M. and what it stands for, and be realistic enough to see the problems in our State and try to find the answers to them.

We must rally behind the P.A.M. and its leaders in order to gain strength and courage as we prepare for the long, hard journey through another five years under Labour. There could be a brighter tomorrow but we must earn that privilege. We must open our ears and listen! we must open our eyes and see! we must band together and "clasp hands and strive for progress."

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