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ANGUILLA And WHITLOCK

Whitlock goes to Anguilla

ANGUILLA HAS once more been catapulted into the limelight of the world news and has been the topic of discussion for the past few days. We prefer not to pass any value judgment upon Whitlock's visit to Anguilla until we are in possession of the facts from both sides. However, certain issues must strike us if we approach the recent developments logically.

The first is that Whitlock had by-passed Anguilla on his visit to St. Kitts and instead was completely engrossed with Bradshaw. He made un-statesmanlike comments to the effect that he would only go to Anguilla on the advice of the Premier. We can only conclude that Bradshaw advised him to visit Anguilla on his way back from Barbados and that he was presenting a pre-arranged solution.

The next report we had after the visit was the news and Commentary over the B.B.C. This painted a picture of revolution and hostility seemingly without justification and these reports came over before the facts were made known to London. A similar report was given by Southwell when interviewed although we do not think that Southwell has been to Anguilla recently or has any particular knowledge about Anguilla. We can only conclude that the coloured news report emanated from the St. Kitts Government propaganda office. Strangely enough, now that Whitlock has given a press conference in London and stated the full facts, Alva Clarke who gave so much information about "Mafia" and "Criminals" in Anguilla has been silent.

What is most obvious is that the "Mafia" issue is a figment of Bradshaw's imagination and has no facts to support it and seemingly responsible people should not continue to spread falsehoods to justify the attitude of the St. Kitts Government. Some people cannot, or will not accept that the 6,000 people of Anguilla are determined enough to stand up even to Britain either through nationalism or through genuine suspicion as to Whitlock's motives and actions. Consequently, a red herring has to be found, and the Mafia is a convenient one.

We are waiting to hear what really took place in Anguilla and the reason for whatever happened. What makes us suspect that Whitlock angered the Anguillans is the fact that he admitted that he was warmly received, that the National Anthem was sung, that he addressed the crowd and then was asked to leave, and that he ignored this request which was made on some three occasions.

One can only speculate as to why he was so determined to stay in the face of this hostility and to wonder whether he knew that he had ample military protection close at hand.

AN ESTIMATED 2,000 Anguillans, many waving the Union Jack and flags of Anguilla and others carrying placards, were on hand at Wall Blake Airport to welcome Mr. William Whitlock, British Foreign and Commonwealth Under-Secretary of State when he arrived in Anguilla at noon on Tuesday, March 11, by L.I.A.T. Twin Otto aircraft.

Reporting the British minister's arrival, over Radio St. Martin, Mr Jos Lake, Editor and Publisher of "The Windward Islands Opinion" said the placards bore such slogans as:—

Britain, save us now.

Britain, yes, St. Kitts no.

No St. Kitts, no Bradshaw, we want Britain.

God first and after country; ves freedom we want freedom.

Mr. Whitlock's ar-

rival was preceded by Mr. Tony Lee who had administered the island during the 12-month Interim Period which ended on January 8 this year, and who arrived there on Sunday afternoon, March 9, accompanied by two radio operators and equipped with radio transmitters.

As Mr. Whitlock and his party stepped from the aircraft at noon on Tuesday, the school children sang the British National Anthem and after greeting the visitors, Anguilla's President Mr. Ronald Webster made a few welcoming remarks.

Mr. Whitlock then spoke.

He began by telling the people that he had a message from Her Majesty's Government but before delivering the message he addressed "a few

personal words" to them. He said after speaking to many Anguillans in other parts of the world and in the Caribbean and also to non-Anguillans he was able to form a picture of them. The picture showed them as a warm and friendly people, straight forward, honest and plain-speaking, God fearing and law-abiding.

God-fearing people, he said, know that the laws of God are just and unchangeable, that the law of man can sometimes be unjust but it can be changed — but it must be changed in the right way.

These personal remarks over, Mr. Whitlock went on to tell the Anguillans that the British Government had been following the affairs of their country very closely and that he had come to explain to them in full the action which Britain had now thought right to take in their interest.

He said Britain proposed to establish in Anguilla a Commissioner who would deal directly with the people and "remain on the island so long as the present difficult situa-

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Another Inn Opens

Shortly after 5 o'clock on Thursday last, a preview was held at the Ocean Terrace Inn which is due to be opened to the public today.

Situated at the Fortlands, Basseterre, this new Inn commands a majestic view of Basseterre, the roadstead and Nevis. "This is a million dollar view", Mr. Pat Ryan, Associate of the proprietors, remarked to the gathering on the breezy verandah.

The Ocean Terrace Inn, descriptive of its situation, is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Pereira of the Fortlands. It is beautifully decorated with various types of artistry including a limbo dancer and seven palm cuttings with

paintings depicting West Indian life, by Mr. Kalil Coury, interior decorator. There are five double rooms some of which are airconditioned, and private baths with hot and cold water.

The Inn operates on an American Plan and has six employees comprising a book-keeper, two barmen, two servants and a gardener. On expansion, it is expected that there will be accommodation for two double bed rooms.

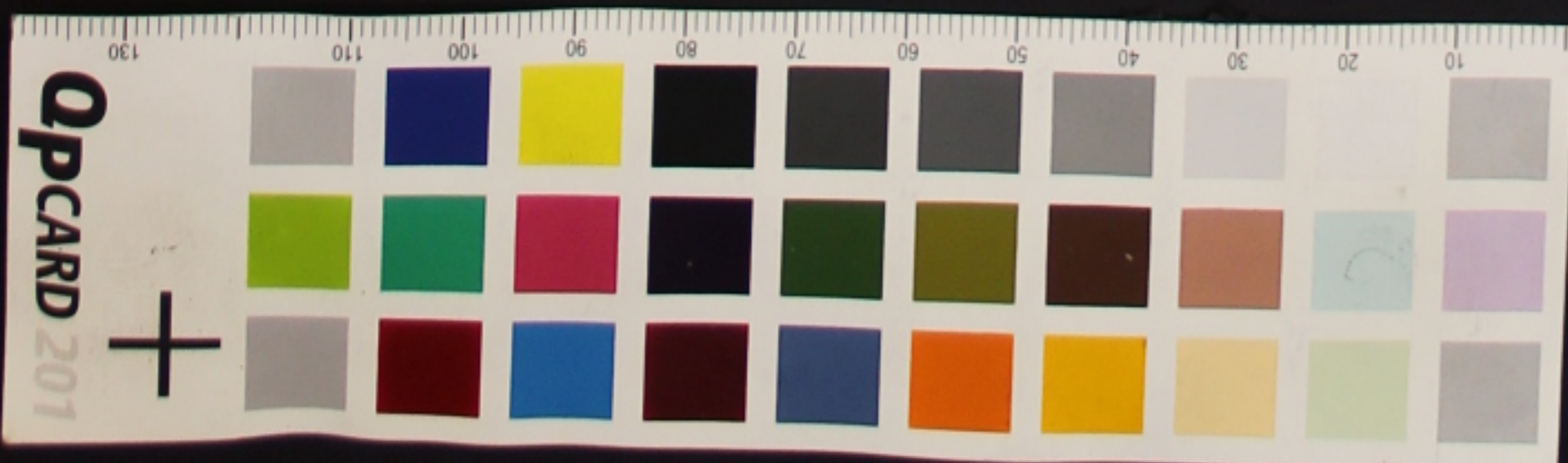
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\$60 Gift for Children's Home

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The gift is from Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Ritchie of British Columbia who visited the Institute five years ago and were taken to the Home while sightseeing. This was not their first gesture of remembrance.

Mr. Edward Martin of New York City, also a friend of the Home, was present.





WHAT?

At long last has started
The reaping of cane
And one hears the joy-
ful blasts
Of the Factory's whis-
tle again.

**QUESTIONS
IS IT TRUE?**

1. That the Paid Liar is now demanding extra money from members of the union in addition to his \$54.00 per month?
2. That Bryant admitted at Warner Park he was hurt by Jones' letter, and that is why such drastic action was taken against him?
3. That Bryant claimed he had nothing whatsoever to do with the dismissal of Jones?
4. That the Inland Revenue Department should note that the Paid Liar let the cat out of the bag when he said that after all the \$3.00 TICKETS were sold for the dinner, money was collected at the gate?
5. That those who know an Insect well, realise it does not take much to make it stink?
6. That Bradshaw is responsible for the 8 weeks of workers' suffering since he had power to solve the problem all in one day?
7. That quite a number of labour supporters were so disgusted with the various lies told at Warner Park on Sunday night, that they swear they would never attend another meeting?
8. That the Insect has only started to boast that he has more degrees than the teachers since it was suggested that he should be awarded the Ph.D (Flat)?
9. That the Government only decided to get crop started because PAM demanded that 25% of the National Provident Fund be paid to sugar workers until the start of crop?

New fund for Sugar Workers

A Bill pertaining to the Sugar Industry was passed at an emergency meeting of the House of Assembly last Saturday, and came into force two days later.

The bill is called the Sugar Export Cess (Special Wages Increase Fund) Act 1969.

It creates a new fund known as the Special Wages Increase Fund, from which disbursements may be made to employers in the sugar industry if deemed necessary to pay increased wages to their employees.

An Authority under the chairmanship of the Labour Commissioner will administer the Fund.

This bill stipulates that not only will the workers retain the 3% special increase which they received in 1968 but they will be paid a special 2% from the newly-created fund.

The money from this

new fund will be drawn from the Rehabilitation Fund — which was formerly one of three funds connected with the sugar industry.

These funds were operated thus: For every ton of sugar exported the sum of \$13.20 was deducted and divided into three funds — \$6 going into the Labour Welfare Fund, \$6 into the Rehabilitation Fund and the remainder into the Price Stabilization Fund.

Now, under the new Act the sum of \$4.80 will be taken from the Rehabilitation Fund and put to a new and fourth fund — The Special Wages Increase Fund.

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tion continue."

The post of Commissioner would be filled with Mr. Tony Lee (Prolonged applause at this information).

Continuing, Mr. Whitlock said that the Commissioner would consult with them about the appointment of an advisory committee to assist him in his duties and "there would be no question of terminating his responsibility until a solution has been found which is acceptable to you, the people of Anguilla."

He said in order to enable the Commissioner to carry out his duties, the British Government would take steps to employ the necessary legal authority under the West Indies Act 1967 and arrange for the appointment of a magistrate.

He said the British Government will provide financial assistance to bridge the gap between the income derived from taxation on the island and necessary expenditure.

He said he was "sure" that the measures proposed will enable Anguilla to make a real and substantial progress in the future.

"All Anguillians will be equal before the law and will have equal opportunities to benefit from this progress."

He made it clear that they had no need to fear prosecution for political activity during the last 21 months. It had

been agreed that no such prosecution would be brought, so that was a problem on which they could "all go away with an easy mind."

He told them that the British Government wished to see them and their children making progress in the future — and a prosperous life upon Anguilla ("Hear, hear" said some in crowd.)

He went on to say, "I know that you will welcome this opportunity to resume relationship with Britain and ...". But at this stage his words were drowned in shouts of apparent disapproval and resentment.

Mr. Whitlock and his party were later forced to leave the island.

An early report said that Mr. Whitlock decided to do so after a crowd of some 500 (some of them carrying rifles) assembled outside the private house where the delegation was having lunch and four shots were fired.

Mr. Lake, reporting the proceedings over Radio St. Martin, said: "The Anguilla Government has decided that they (the delegation) must leave because they are not prepared to have the island taken over by Britain or any one else".

He said when the delegation were preparing to leave, some members in the airport crowd were shouting—"We don't want any diplomacy, we want Anguilla to be free."

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