

# Give Small Is. Free Choice: USSR

U.N. (UPI) — The Soviet Union urged Wednesday that remaining small island colonial territories be given a completely free choice as to decide their future. The Soviets also asked that foreign troops and bases be removed from such islands as Guam.

Soviet delegate Pavel Shakov told the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization the remaining island territories should be given a "complete

freedom of expression" on their future.

He said there should be a "withdrawal of all troops and bases from these small

territories."

The Soviet Union "categorically rejects" arguments that the presence of foreign troops and bases

does not impede the attainment of freedom and independence of these territories.

Shakov said "it is clear

that in the case of Guam, for example, not only does the presence of foreign bases there make possible the prosecution of an imperialist war (in Vietnam) but it definitely makes it impossible for the people of Guam to decide what their future will be."

The committee started a preliminary discussion of the problems of "small territories", inspired by a study prepared by the U.N.

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# STRONG SUPPORT FOR EVANS

Scores of letters and telegrams are beginning to pour into Washington urging President Nixon to nominate Dr. Melvin H. Evans, a prominent St. Croix physician, to be the next Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Republican National Committeeman Evan Francois and other members of

the Republican Hierarchy, are circulating a petition among local rank and file residents in Evans' behalf.

In a counter move, it was reported that supporters of Acting Governor Cyril E. King, led by two newspaper publishers in St. Croix and St. Thomas, have already launched a campaign to smear and discredit Dr.

Evans. The same tactics by Ariel Melchior Sr. and Sam Ballard were used effectively against former Government Comptroller Peter A. Bove, the previous nominee for the Governorship, who recently withdrew because of ill health.

On the day Bove made his (Continued on page 6)

## Local GOPs Confident Nixon Will Back Choice

ST. THOMAS (UPI)—The Republican Territorial Committee is confident President Nixon will nominate Dr. Melvin Evans of St. Croix as Governor.

Evan Francois, Republican National Committeeman says several members of the committee will go to Washington to seek support for Evans nomination.

Francois said once Evans is nominated, the committee will give him names of persons they would endorse for Government Secretary.

He said these would only be bona fide Republicans

an apparent reference to Government Secretary Cyril King. King, who is Acting Governor, reportedly is seeking the gubernatorial nomination himself.

## St. Croix Police Recover Loot in Burglary Case

Detectives probing a wave of burglaries that struck three St. Croix stores last weekend have hinted that arrests may be made soon.

Investigating officers recovered part of the loot in a Christiansted house Tuesday and have been interrogating several persons within the last 24 hours.

The stores hit by the (Continued on page 6)

## Lost Sailor Found Safe in Tortola

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — A crew member of the German freighter, Baerstein, who was believed lost overboard a week ago, floated safely on a raft to the British Virgin Islands Wednesday and was promptly taken into custody, the U.S. Coast Guard reported.

The Coast Guard, which joined the search for the man April 15 when he was believed to have fallen overboard while the ship was east of the V.I., identified him as Julius Neher, 20.

The Coast Guard said Neher told V.I. authorities he was unhappy aboard the 531-foot freighter, so he left on a raft, taking supplies and his passport with him.

The German Ambassador to Trinidad will handle the case, the Coast Guard said.

The Baerstein was bound from the Panama Canal to Antwerp at the time of Neher's disappearance.

## 9 J'cans Await Hangman's Noose

KINGSTON, Jamaica, (UPI) — Nine condemned murderers will face the gallows here in the next three weeks to mark a record number of hangings in any period in Jamaican history.

The executions will begin April 29 and continue until May 13.

The record executions mark an increase of crime in Jamaica that has caused alarm among citizens and government alike, and apparently played a role in the defeat of the ruling Jamaica Labor Party in recent municipal elections in Kingston and St. Andrew.



UP, UP, UP AND AWAY — well, not in a beautiful balloon this time, but energetic youths who flock into the Children's Village nightly during the past week enjoyed the rides in the Ferris Wheel above. (K.C.)

# British Govt. Triumphs Over Opposition on Anguilla Issue

LONDON (UPI) — The British government Wednesday fought off a strong censure motion against its Anguilla policy by the conservative opposition party.

The vote was 281 against the conservative motion of censure

to 239 in favor.

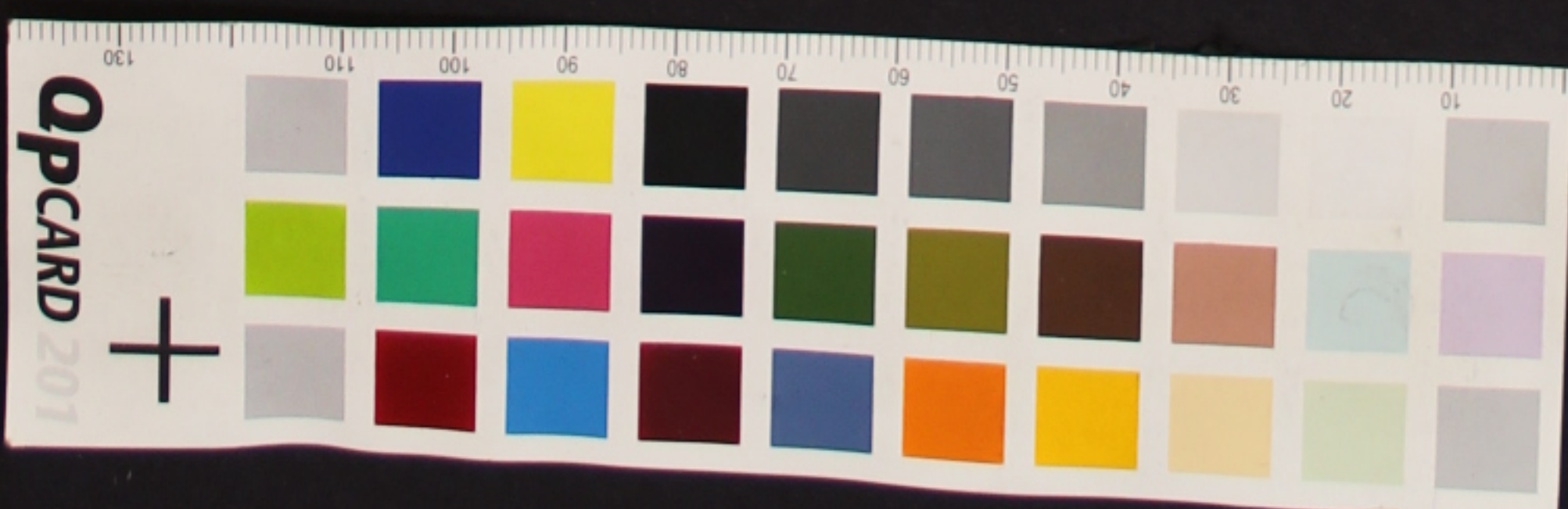
The opposition benches united in hurling angry epithets ranging from "clumsy" to "illegal" at the government for its handling of the Anguilla crisis.

The vote came after Foreign

Secretary Michael Stewart strongly defended the government's intervention in Anguilla and military occupation of the island.

He said intervention was

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## King Opposes Bill To Create Dist. Court Post

(AP) — The Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, Cyril E. King, has vetoed a bill passed last month that would have created the post of Commissioner of the District Court.

As passed, the bill would have allowed the Judge of the District Court to appoint an attorney who could take and approve bonds, administer oaths, grant writs and restraining orders of a temporary nature and grant bail.

All of these would be subject to review by the Judge of the District Court.

King said in his letter to

the Senate, that he feels that it would be unfair to offer such an appointment to an attorney which as he interprets it, "has no tenure and causing an appointee to serve at the pleasure of the judge."

King also said he feels that such a commissioner should not engage in private practice and should receive "an attractive salary."

He also referred to a section of the bill which would give a commissioner the authority to issue writs of arrest in civil actions.

He determines them to be objectionable under the terms of the Organic Act which provides that "no person shall be imprisoned or shall suffer forced labor for debt."

In his letter, the Acting Governor indicates that he expects that there will be two District Court judgeships in the Virgin Islands this year.

At the present time there is only one and it has not been filled since the retirement last fall of Walter Gordon.

During the period that the islands have been without a District Court judge, there have been several jurists appointed on a temporary basis by the Third Circuit Court in Philadelphia.

### GIVE SMALL IS.

(Continued from page 1) Institute for Training and Research which pinpointed the difficulty of having all the remaining small island territories attain complete independence, statehood and, as a consequence, membership in the U.N.

The study suggested, among other things, solving the problem of the small island territories through association with other states or associate membership with the U.N. rather than full membership.

Shakov, one of several speakers on the subject Wednesday, cited the examples of not only Guam but also Anguilla in the Caribbean where British troops were sent recently to quell local troubles.

Anguilla is an example of precisely the sort of association the study suggested. It had attained Associated Statehood with Britain some two years ago and the British don't consider it comes under U.N. Decolonization process any more.

## Food S'vice Course

A training course in food service and restaurant work will be conducted in St. Croix as part of the Manpower Development and Training Program of the Virgin Islands Employment Security Agency.

The course is scheduled to begin in about one week and interested persons should contact Mrs. Marion Frederick, V.I. Employment Office, Christiansted, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## 'Virginia Woolf' Stalks St. Croix

Edward Albee's prize winning play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is the next offering of the St. Croix Community Theater. The play will open at the Island Center on May 15 and will continue nightly through May 18.

This drama by Albee was awarded the Drama Critics Circle and the Tony Award during the 1962-63 season in New York.

The play is the story of the games people play and takes place in a small college town in New England. The characters are Martha — the daughter of the president of the small college . . . George — her husband, a teacher in the History department of that same college.

He teaches History, but even with family connections has never become head of the department. Nick — a new young member of the faculty, and his young wife, Honey. The entire play takes place in their living room, where the four of them have gathered after a party at the school.

They are all quite drunk and it is very late; yet they spend a number of hours verbally tearing each other apart. In a drunken stupor they place before the audience all the emotions which have made them stay together in spite of what appears to be a mutual hate.

It is a very fine play and the Community Theater production is under the able direction of Marilyn Rockefeller. The cast includes: Rosemarie Zee — Martha, John Zee — George, Paula Unger — Honey and Joseph Russell — Nick.

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## BRITISH GOVT.

(Continued from page 1) necessary because the people of the Caribbean island were in danger of being ruled by a corrupt, self-interested regime supported by increasing intimidation.

Justifying British intervention on the island Stewart said: "Anguilla entered on a period not only of illegal rule in the nominal sense of the word but of increasingly lawless rule."

"I think the facts can be fairly described as that the people of Anguilla were being put in increasing danger of being ruled by a corrupt, self-interested regime, supported by intimidation."

He backed up these charges by citing Jack Holcomb, an American recently expelled from Anguilla.

Stewart said Holcomb was described as legal adviser to the independent republic of Anguilla "although he had no legal qualifications of a kind that would be recognized anywhere in the world."

He described Holcomb's attempts at making a constitution for Anguilla as "disreputable proposals."

And in further reference to Holcomb, Stewart said: "He set to work to draft a constitution of a kind which would give opportunities for tax evasion, which would provide the island with a supreme court whose members would not need any legal qualifications other than those possessed, or not possessed, by Mr. Holcomb himself, and which would make it pretty sure that, if any advantages should emerge from developments of the island, these would be restricted to a small group of people rather than benefitting the people of Anguilla as a whole."

"He was also engaged in certain industrial proposals which would have substantially the same effect."

Stewart said that those Anguillans who disliked these developments first had abuse shouted at them and then their houses were burned down.

Stewart said there was no doubt that there were supplies of arms on Anguilla and it was the task of the British troops to collect the arms or make sure they had left the island.

Stewart said the cooperation of Ronald Webster, the Anguillans unofficial popular leader, would be welcomed. But he added, "We cannot regard his cooperation as an absolutely essential condition for the commissioner to do his work."

He said what was needed now was firm administration of the island.

Opposition foreign affairs spokesman Sir Alec Douglas-Home, opening the conservative attack, described the government's Anguilla policy as making Britain "a cartoonists."

## V.I. SCHOOL ARTS

(Continued from page 3) panel, a program of Classical Spanish Dancing; Jazz Interactions, a demonstration in instrumental jazz; the World of Hens Duplan — a presentation of Caribbean and African singing and dancing; and a demonstration in Creative Film Making by John Holland of St. Croix.

The programs will be presented simultaneously on St. Thomas and St. Croix, with Jazz Interactions and Mr. Holland appearing on St. Thomas and St. John the weeks of April 28 and May 5, and on St. Croix the weeks of May 12 and 19, while the Mariano Parra Ballet Espanol and "The World of Hens Duplan" will begin their presentations on St. Croix, and will move to St. Thomas for the latter half of the program.

In order to familiarize parents of the students with the proposed activities of the Institute, parents will be invited to two evening performances on St. Thomas on Wednesday, May 7 and May 21 at the Charlotte Amalie High School auditorium, and two performances the evenings of May 6 and May 20 at the Christiansted Junior High in St. Croix.

The V.I. Institute of The Arts has been recently approved by the Legislature as a project of the V.I. Council on The Arts.

It is supported by Hess Oil royalty funds, made available by the Legislature to the Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs, which supervises the activities of the Council.

delight."

He said the Mafia-type men alleged to be on Anguilla by the governments were "faceless and nameless" and the crates of arms "unopened and invisible."

He accused the government of ineptitude and said: "There is a theme of insensitivity running through time political direction of diplomacy which has all the appearance in this government of a chronic disease."

Douglas-Home referred scathingly to the visits to the Caribbean of foreign minister of state Lord Sheperd, undersecretary William Whitlock and Lord Caradon, Britain's chief representative at the United Nations, quoting from a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, they had been:

"Tripping hither, tripping thither, nobody knows why or whither."

"If you ask the special function, of our neer-ceasing motion, we reply without compunction, that we haven't any notion."

### STRONG SUPPORT

(Continued from page 1) first appearance before the Senate Interior Committee, an article authored by Washington columnist Drew Pearson, critical of Bove, was published in the Washington Post.

Bove was accused of making "improper advances" to girls in his office when he served as Comptroller. He was also charged with other indiscretions all of which he denied firmly.

Similar false charges were published 10 years ago in the St. Thomas Daily News. Bove recalled. However, they were investigated at the time by the Department of the Interior and dismissed for lack of substantiation.

Dr. Evans is a fairly recent convert to the Republican Party, officially joining the organization last year.

King, on the other hand, while still technically a Democrat, has disassociated himself from the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands. He and the Daily News have since formed their own legal party, the "Independent Citizens Movement."

Republican leaders are loudly criticizing King for attempting to deprive them of the governorship and an opportunity to build their organization.

### ST. CROIX POLICE

(Continued from page 1) raid are the newly-opened Queen's Store. Big Value and Valmy Thomas Sporting Goods — all within a 200-yard stretch on Company Street.

According to Police, the stolen merchandise, mostly clothing, is estimated to value more than \$4,000.

The investigating team has been making progress in the probe and are confident an arrest is imminent.

