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EDITORIAL

On page 1. of this issue, we print the agreement signed by members of the Anguilla Council on behalf of the people of Anguilla, and Lord Caradon, on behalf of the British Government. Articles (1) and (2) say in part that what is needed is a period of constructive co-operation in the best interest of Anguilla, and that this can be achieved by working in friendship and agreement. At this point we feel that all the past differences that caused a split among the people of Anguilla should be forgotten, namely the Constitution that made Anguilla Independent outside the Commonwealth. The agreements reached are not the final settlement of our dispute with St. Kitts, but we believe we are now on the road to a lasting settlement, that will give Anguilla her fundamental rights to self determination. We must be thankful to have the British involved again. She was the maker of this Tri-island State that has caused her much embarrassment throughout the world, all because of the unbending Captain, Mr. Robert Bradshaw. The British Government must hold him responsible. He set out in a pace of Non co-operation with the Anguillans, he treated us as third class citizens. (Con't on page 2).

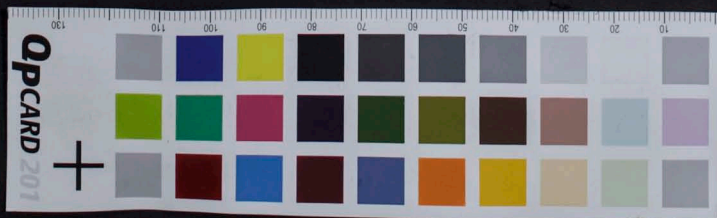
DECLARATION

1. We who sign this declaration believe that what is now needed is a period of constructive co-operation in the interests of all the people of Anguilla.
2. We are convinced that this can be achieved only by working together in agreement and friendship.
3. The administration of the island shall be conducted by Her Majesty's Representative in full consultation and co-operation with representatives of the people of Anguilla.
4. The members of the 1968 Council will be recognised as elected representatives of the people, and will serve as members of a Council to be set up for the above purposes. This Council may be expanded if so desired by election or co-option.
5. Our hope is that this initial period can start at once to enable a very early return to normality and withdrawal of the Parachute Regiment.
6. There will be further consultations, including consultations with Caribbean Governments, on the future of the island.
7. The following undertaking of the British Government given in the House of Commons has been noted: "It is no part of our purpose to put them (the Anguillans) under an Administration under which they do not want to live".

Letter to the seven Members of the 1968 Committee from Lord Caradon, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Anguilla. March 30th. 1969

Before I return to New York I wish to express to each one of you my very sincere gratitude for the welcome you extended to me and for the patience and understanding which you have shown in our long and amicable discussions

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The intervention of the British at this stage is well welcomed, though a bit late, and we hate to comment on the way in which they became involved as we cannot totally agree that all was well in Anguilla at the time. We will not go back on things of the past, (Con't on page 5.)

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS (Her Majesty's Commissioner Anguilla). It is an offence under Regulations 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the Anguilla (Temporary Provisions) order, 1969 to possess or carry firearms, ammunition or explosives of any kind. The Commissioner has issued an amnesty for all who hand in firearms, ammunition or explosives to the Police or to the Military. This amnesty expires at midnight on March 31st. 1969.

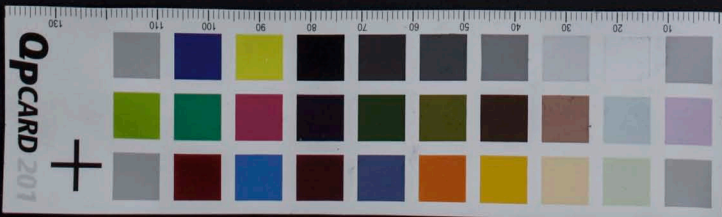
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THE UNITED NATIONS.

We all would like to give Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs praise for his wonderful work he did at the United Nations for us, but must point out that although the U.N. resolved to send a mission to Anguilla, it was ruled out by H.M.G. Why? because the U.N. recognises H.M.G. as the administering power of Anguilla. The U.N. is not prepared to help Anguilla without H.M.G.'s permission, which means that regardless to what the U.N. says they are not prepared to go over Britain's head. Our problem lies with Britain and must keep her involved, not withstanding the loyalty that Anguilla has for the Crown. We regret that the U.N. members of Governments; Committee of 24, are not yet willing to help Anguilla, though they expressed that feeling. And we know the desire they would like to use Anguilla, to slap Britain in the face. Sorry we cannot allow ourselves to be used, that can never be in the best interest of Anguilla. Mr. Gumbs should be thanked for his efforts and now let us get down to negotiate with H.M.G.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Mr. Editor, I have heard through reliable source that the Beacon will begin its publication once again. I am sorry to introduce the subject: Question! IS IT ANGUILLANS; ANGUILLA'S FUTURE; OR ONESELF? These questions I hope will be studied by the people in question? "And Anguillans in Anguilla" The reason why I use the phrase Anguillians in Anguilla, is because for the past two weeks on several occasions I have had talks with groups of Anguillians here on St. Thomas, and the answer to the subject, Anguilla. If we had trained people we will be able to go with the situation. One of Anguilla's Engineers said we dont want Engineers from Britain. My Dear People, must we allow our children to grow up in our ignorance, must we turn back to the Head of Public Works, continue to send abroad to get people to do what we have undone? Look at the trucks and men building roads in opposite directions so that one can see about his or her goats at their place of recreation, that is because we weren't educated in road building. He or She is not It is our own that deprives us of that little of the nothing that we got. Can we say at this time that our kids turned out to be nothing? NO! they hadn't the chance that would have enabled you to say such a thing. We all won't build to teachers, NOT enough room in Customs: How about the Water Engineer- Road- Electrical- Telephone- Radio-Mechanic and other Engineering fields, can you afford to send them to Canada, States, or Britain? If you say how much of us can, will you help my kids and not tell them about it when they don't please you. We don't have to stoop, but don't let false pride ruin our children's future, selfishness in some cases. Where is the Observer, not pleased this week eh? sorry can't write the facts- your kids too, will be trained. Thank you, Anguillian.



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together. we set ourselves the aim of taking a first step in agreement, and I am happy that we have succeeded. I on my side came to offer friendship and co-operation. You have assured me that you respond in the same spirit. Neither you nor I believe that we can achieve a final settlement in a few days. We know that further consultations are essential, and we believe that Caribbean Governments will come forward to help in those consultations. But it is important to start right. That we have done, and we have done it together.

May I add this personal word? You have come through difficult and anxious and troublesome times. But I am convinced that from to-day there is a new bright prospect for the island. I know how strongly you feel your patriotic devotion to your island. I have no doubt that every one of you wishes to serve the interests of all the people of Anguilla to the utmost of your ability. I wish to say that I admire the qualities I have seen in you. I think that we trust each other, and I repeat my promise to come back in the future if you so wish. I should greatly like to help you.

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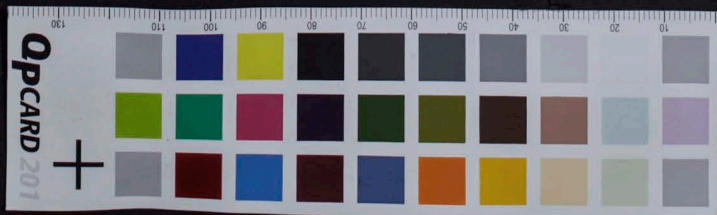
ANGUILLA STAMPS.

Whatever the form of the final settlement, Anguillans ask that their definitive issue of postage stamps should continue. We have heard that it is proposed in certain quarters that all the Anguillan stamps should be withdrawn, and in their place, British stamps, overprinted "Anguilla", should be on sale in the Post-Office. It would be an unnecessary affront to the dignity of Anguillans that their stamps should be discontinued, and it would not do the British Government any good to have to defend themselves if they took such action. Forty five percent of the Anguilla income came from sale of stamps in Anguilla and overseas. Should this income be taken away, we would be pauperised, and be dependent on Britain for our day to day needs. For eighteen months and more, Anguilla has been one of the few countries in the world that has been viable. Let us go on running our basic economy from our own resources without being indebted to anyone. We do need development aid, and income for Capital expenditure, we should accept this gratefully, but our budget and balance sheets should show that as far as our normal expenditure is concerned, we are paying our own way, and can hold our head high.

ANGUILLA TEMPORARY PROVISION ORDER 1969.

Mr. Tony Lee, Her Majesty's Commissioner in Anguilla, has put into effect as from 19th March 1969, two regulations for the island. Regulation N01. gives any member of the Police, or of Her Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Force, the power to enter and search premises and make arrests without warrants. It also allows them to search and control persons, control arms, weapons and explosives. Appropriating and requisitioning of property, to deport undesirable aliens, restriction of planes and boats from calling at any unrecognised port. And it also imposes penalties for violators. Regulation No.2 sets out the powers of the Anguilla' Police Unit, and makes provision for a Chief Immigration Officer.

MAFIA; It was insinuated by H.M.G. that Anguilla was in the hands of a "Mafia-type Element". This has caused some discomfort among Anguillans at home and abroad. Bradshaw has come back to the Air-Waves, saying that he told H.M.G. this two years ago and at last they have (Con't on page 4)



MAFIA (Con't from Page 3)

seen it for themselves.

We hasten to make it clear, that we are not in the possession of information that would make us believe that such an element is in the island or is in any way connected with it. We have had a Mr. Jack Holcomb in here off and on since August 1968, and if he is in any way connected with the Mafia we do not know. Mr. Holcomb made some proposals to the Anguilla Council, in which he wanted a franchise on a Basic Construction Material Business, (which was turned down). In it he said that he represented five or six financiers, whom he said he would not identify. We have no evidence that he is connected with it and all we know of it is what we read.

Mr. Jack Holcomb was deported from Anguilla, by the British Commissioner on Wednesday 19th, March 1969.

DEMONSTRATOR CLASH

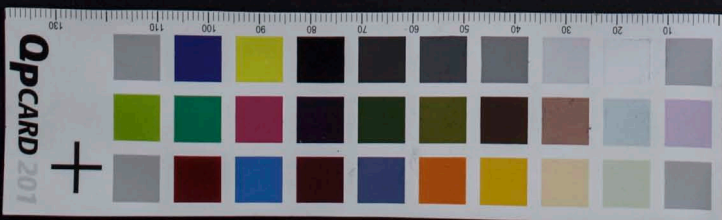
For the first time the views of the people who support Britain has been expressed. Two groups of demonstrators, one carrying Anguilla Flags and Anti-British and Tony Lee placards, while the others carried British flags and placards in support for Britain and Tony Lee. (Con't on page 7).

RADIO ANGUILLA.

On Tuesday 25th. March, Radio Anguilla took the Air-waves to broadcast to the people of Anguilla. The transmitter situated on H.M.S. Minerva, can be heard on 545 Medium wave band, at 6.45 a.m. and p.m. every day, for one hour. In an interview with H.M. Commissioner Mr. Tony Lee, he said that efforts are being made to establish a permanent local Radio station on the island. He hopes to recruit an Anguillan to manage its operation, he stated. Radio Anguilla plays a selection of music and brings the BBC news at 7.00 along with news and commentary about Anguilla.

AGREEMENT REACHED .

The agreement reached with Lord Caradon on behalf of H.M.G. was discussed on his arrival on Friday Morning. He immediately proceeded to have discussions with Mr. Ronald Webster and other leading citizens of Anguilla. A total of five private meetings were held with breaks. The following are names of the persons attending these meetings. H.M.G's delegation, Lord Caradon and his private secretary Miss Mary Rigby, Messrs T.R.M. Seawell, Ceciel Greaterex, Sir Auther Galsworthy. (Anguilla Council) Mr. Ronald Webster, Wallace Rey, Emile Gumbs, Collins Hodge, John Hodge, Kenneth Hazel and Atlin Harrigan. (Other Leading citizens of Anguilla) Messrs. Campbell Fleming, David Hodge, Clive Carty, Rueben Hodge, Vivien Vanterpool, Joseph James woods, John Webster, Lucas Wilson, Kenneth Harrigan, Walter Hodge, Walton Fleming, Davis Lloyd. Also present were Jeremiah Gumbs, Dr. William Herbert (leader of P.A.M. in St. Kitts) as legal adviser to the Anguillans, Mr. James Lloyd of Jamaica, and Hudson Philips of Trinidad, who came in on Saturday. He attended one meeting and left the same afternoon. Agreement was reached on Sunday Evening and was signed by Lord Caradon on behalf of H.M.G. and by the Seven members of the Council on behalf of the people of Anguilla. Lord Caradon is the British Representative at the U.N. but came to Anguilla in the capacity of Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, a post which he also holds in H.M.G. Lord Caradon was also former Governor of Jamaica for six years. He also addressed a crowd of Anguillans in a public meeting on Ronald Webster's Park on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Webster also addressed the crowd.



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PRESS RELEASE.

The following is a press release reprinted from NO. 38 edition of The Beacon. It was sent to us by Mr. Roger Fisher: Boston, June 6th. 1968. Thanks to a story in the Boston Globe and to the generosity of some of its readers, a free printing press is today flying by Pan American Clipper to the tiny Caribbean Island of Anguilla, where it

will be the only press on the island, available for both job printing and for the island's weekly newspaper, The Beacon. The story starts last December when the Globe ran a story describing the plight of tiny Anguilla, an island of 6000 inhabitants which had refused the statehood scheme which Britain had attempted to set up, under which Anguilla would have been run by the island of St. Kitts, a bigger island some 70 miles away. Since May 30th, a year ago, the international status of Anguilla has remained unresolved. Meanwhile the people have run the island's affairs as though it were an independent country. They have had the occasional help of a few outsiders including Roger Fisher, Professor of Law at Harvard, who has been acting as legal adviser to the Government of Anguilla. Mr. Ed. Edwards, of Edwards Supply, 133 Oliver Street, Boston, read the Globe story and decided to help. He learned that there was no printing press on the island. The weekly newspaper, The Beacon, is produced on a hand-cranked mimeograph machine and consists of two sides of a single sheet of mimeograph paper. The island was having to have vouchers, tax forms, and all other printing work sent off the island, involving both delay and expense. Mr. Edwards contacted the A.B. Dick Company which agreed to make one of its Offset Presses available to Anguilla as a gift. The Press is being given to Mr. Atlin Harrigan, as Editor of The Beacon. Mr. Harrigan, one of the founders of the Anguilla revolution, came to Boston recently on his first trip to the States to meet Mr. Edwards and to look over the machine. Pan American Airways generously agreed to fly the equipment to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. It will probably go the last 110 miles in one of the wooden boats for which Anguilla is famous. Yesterday, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Jack Rogers of Pan American Airways, and Professor Roger Fisher met at the airport to see the Press off on its way to Anguilla. On behalf of Anguilla, Mr. Fisher expressed thanks to the A.B. Dick Company, to Mr. Edwards, and to Pan American Airways for their generosity in making the Press available and getting it to Anguilla. "Whatever Anguilla's future status may be Professor Roger Fisher said, it will be stronger and freer because it will have a strong and free Beacon to help guide it!"

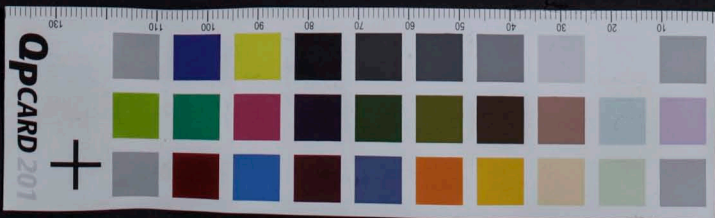
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and we hope and pray that every next move will be done in the best interest of all Anguillans. The same spirit in which this agreement has been signed.

ANGUILLA POLICE.

All five Anguilla male police officers were back to work with the "Anguilla Police Unit" as of Wednesday 26th. March. Sgt. Ryan retains the rank of sergeant. Christopher Hughes had never ceased work as Immigration Officer on the Airport.

.. Dont go running your mouth over everything-its rather unsanitary for those who will swallow it.



Letter from the Government of Anguilla to Lord Caradon.

On behalf of the people of Anguilla we would like to thank you for your visit, for the discussions we have had during the past several days, and for your promise to continue to work with Anguilla and to see this matter through.

2. We would like to confirm some things we told you but which you asked to be excluded from the Declaration we signed yesterday.

1. It is the position of the Anguilla Council that Anguilla be taken at an early date which will permit Britain and others to agree that this position is correct. We would like it understood that our full co-operation with Britain does not involve our acceptance of any right of the Government of St. Kitts-Nevis to exercise authority over the island of Anguilla.

2. For twenty-one months the Government of Anguilla has been conducting the affairs of this island. The institutions of self-government include not only the Council which is referred to in the Declaration but also the Treasury & Customs, The Police, The School System, Post Office Hospital, Administration and so forth. We strongly request Britain not to ignore these institutions but rather supplement them and give them support and guidance.

3. We believe it inappropriate for Anguilla to be occupied by a British Parachute Regiment. You have, with us, expressed the hope that there will be an early withdrawal of this Regiment. We have called on the people to return to their normal tasks. We would now like formally to request that Britain withdraw the Parachute Regiment without delay.

4. You have assured us that Her Majesty's Representative has not been personally responsible for British policies and actions to which we have objected, and have asked us to make a fresh start in working together. We accept your assurance. We are prepared to work with him in keeping with paragraphs 1 and 2 of yesterday's Declaration. Nevertheless, we trust that both Britain and he will keep in mind the misunderstandings which have arisen, and we reserve the right to address you further on this subject should the necessity arise.

5. We welcome the fact that you plan to visit St. Kitts. We ask you to report to that Government the true situation as you have found it exists on Anguilla.

6. We are relying on you to persuade the British Government to move forward by the appointment of a Royal Commission or by any other appropriate procedure involving the participation of representatives of Caribbean Governments which will lead to a prompt resolution of Anguilla's constitutional situation.

7. We shall rely on the British Government to continue to provide funds for the Development of the island and to allow other Caribbean Governments to participate in the development of the island in whatever way they can.

8. We ask that steps be taken to continue the effectiveness of the Anguillan postage stamps now in use and to permit Anguilla to proceed with coinage and other projects now in progress

9. Finally, we would like to emphasize again that Anguilla's reliance upon Britain's assurance that Anguilla will not be put under an Administration under which the people of Anguilla do not wish to live.

3. We again wish to thank you for your patience and guidance during our discussions. We invite you personally to return to Anguilla whenever you are able for a more extended visit. Yours faithfully,

Ronald Webster, Chairman for the Council & Chief Executive.

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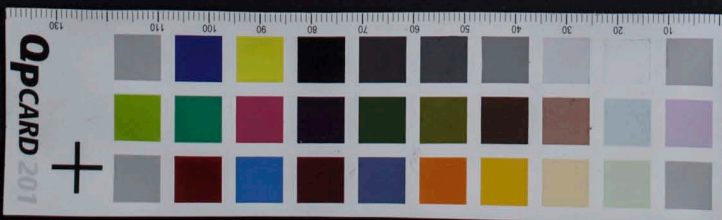
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One British Passport bearing the name "SYLVIA RICHARDSON". Anyone finding it please contact Sylvia Richardson, VALLEY AIR SERVICE. Reward Awarded.

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Demonstrator clash.

Both groups assembled at the Airport on the arrival of Lord Caradon, who came to assess the Anguilla situation. Lord Caradon, who said he hopes to meet as many Anguillians as possible will make his report to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He will leave here on Monday afternoon and hopes to arrive at a settlement before he leaves. Lord Caradon is the former Governor of Jamaica and Cyprus. The Beacon welcomes him and is grateful for the peace and confidence restored among the leaders.

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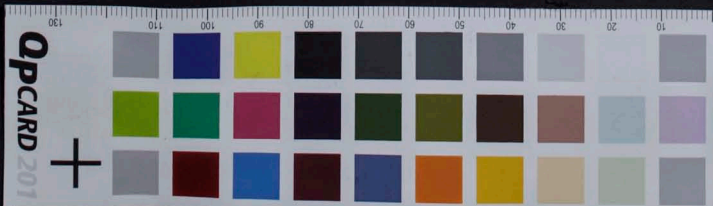
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Statement from Ronald Webster, Chief Executive. March 31st. 1969.

This is a happy day for Anguilla. We have not reached as much agreement as we hoped, but we are on the road. Anguilla and Britain are now side by side, working together. For two years Anguilla wanted three things 1. substantial self-Government, (2) a direct tie with Britain and (3) a recognised status free from St. Kitts. We have substantial self Government for over 21 months. We have been governing ourselves. We have a Council, a Civil Service, a Post Office, a Treasury and Customs, a School System, Hospital etc. We hope that Britain will strengthen these institutions of self-government in the period ahead. Our second objective was a direct link with Britain. That too we have achieved after 2 years of struggle, details must be worked out, but Anguilla and Britain will work in close co-operation together. Our third objective is a recognised status free from St. Kitts. This remains to be worked upon immediately. Britain has agreed to work with us and other Caribbean Countries in making sure that the final constitutional arrangements for Anguilla are satisfactory to the people of Anguilla. For the past weeks there has been a substantial amount of unrest all of us are aiming for the same thing that is Independence from St. Kitts, but we often disagreed as to the best way to get it. Now that Britain is willing to work with us, let us drop our differences. We must forget our quarels- and work for the target. We have a lot of work to do, we must put our shoulders to the wheel and work together in friendship and unity in order to build a new Anguilla. Thank you.

Ed. Note.

Mr. Webster went on and called on his people to work in full co-operation. He called on them to stop Demonstrating against the British Commissioner Mr. Tony Lee. After Mr. Webster shook hands with Mr. Lee, he went into a private conference with him and Lord Caradon. Both Mr. Webster and Mr. Lee went to the Airport to see Lord Caradon off. Also there were members of the Elected representatives of the people and many other Anguillans. Lord Caradon is on his way to Antigua from where he will go to St. Kitts to make his assessment there before reporting to his Government.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Dr. May from South Carolina is still with us, as also is Dr. Spector, an Osteopath, who has been licenæed to practise medicine in Anguilla. "it is an ill wind that blows no one any good", and the occupying troops have two medical teams with them, and when they are not treating their own Company for sunburn have time to help in general medical programme of the island. The R.M.O. of the Parachutists Field Ambulance, Capt. Micheal Harley together with the surgeon Lieutenant of the "Minerva" are running the Clinic at South Hill and West End each day at 10.0 am. Major Brian Mayes and Major Nick Burbridge of the Parachute Field Ambulance are working with the Mobile Clinic, and generally in the Island Harbour area each day at 10.0am. The Visiting Doctors have noted especially the high incidents of high blood pressure. This may be partly due to the salinity of the water, and partly due to intermarriage. When two people of high blood pressure marry there is an added probability that their children will also be liable to the same complaint.

If you want to prove that the earth is flat, walk over High Cliff.....

