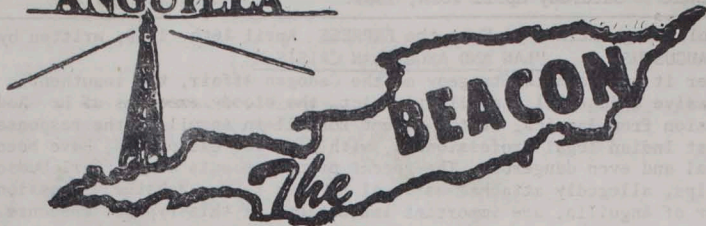


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POLITICAL PARTY FORMED-

The A.C.D.M. (Anguilla Constructive Democratic Movement) wishes to announce its formation as a political party. The aims of the movement together with the Manifesto is published elsewhere in this issue of 'The Beacon'. We ask all Anguillans who have the political and social welfare of Anguilla at heart to come forward and join us and give us their fullest support.

ACTING COMMISSIONER SWORN IN-

Mr. John Alfred Cumber took the oath of office of H.M. Acting Commissioner. Mr. Cumber took over from Mr. Tony Lee, who was installed as H.M. Commissioner on March 19th, when the paratroopers landed. The swearing in ceremony that was filmed, took place last Saturday and was conducted by Brigadier P. Martin of the War-Office in London. Brigadier Martin came to the island to look over the situation of H.M. armed forces. Mr. Lee left on Sunday afternoon for Bermuda to holiday with his sister, from where he will go to London to give a report to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

ANGUILLA MERCHANTS SAYS "THANKS TO BRITAIN"

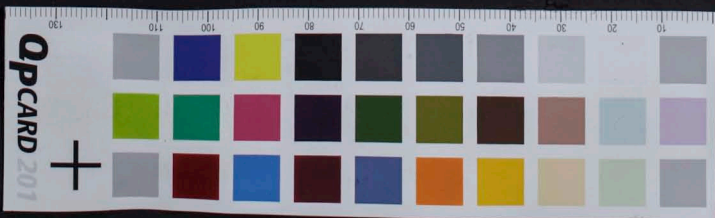
(The following was sent to The Beacon for publication.)

To Whom it may concern, The undermentioned Names are Leading Businessmen of the island who wish to thank the British Government for their kindness in trying to have the long lasting dispute in ANGUILLA put to an end. Albert A.R. Lake, Clifford Rogers, Sydney Gumbs, Randolph Babrow, Edward Connor, Hugo Rey, John W. Proctor, James Lake, Clifford Reid, Watkin Hodge, Harold C. Richardson, Hubert Gumbs, Wilfred Daniel, Mac E. Brooks, Graville Gumbs, Wallace Richardson, Fred Brooks, Joseph B. Gumbs, Clement Daniels, James Hughes, Philip N. Lloyd, Austin Rogers, Bernard Richardson, Ernest Brooks, J. B. Owen.

ANGUILLA CONSTRUCTIVE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (A.C.D.M.)

MOTTO- "PEACE, LIBERTY, AND PROGRESS FOR ALL"

IMMEDIATE AIMS-- (1) To build up a proper and efficient democratic machinery of Government. (2) To re-affirm our determination to secede and to negotiate for legal separation from St. Kitts/Nevis. (3) To work for the evolution of Anguilla's political identity as a separate and distinct Caribbean unit within the British Commonwealth. (4) To encourage the search for unstinting and unselfish leadership for our island. (5) Dedication to economic, educational and cultural progress for our island. (6) To ensure the restoration and preservation of the individual's rights to personal liberty, the protection of his property, (Continued on page 5)



THE following extract is From the EXPRESS April 16th. 1969, written by EARL AUGUSTUS. "LAW AND ANGUILLAN CRISIS."

Whether it has been the tragedy of the Cadogan Affair, the inauthentic and repressive Industrial Stabilisation Act, the bloody excesses of Dr. Rodney's exclusion from Jamaica, or the recent turmoil in Anguilla, the responses of West Indian legal professionals, with very few exceptions, have been trivial and even dangerous. The recent pronouncements of Mr. Karl Hudson-Phillips, allegedly attached as legal adviser to Mr. Webster, secessionist leader of Anguilla, are important indications of this type of response. In a Press statement, Mr. Hudson-Phillips has said recently that: About 700 British military are distributed throughout the island of Anguilla. TENSION. That there is mounting tension in Anguilla between the British occupation forces on the one hand and the whole or almost the whole body of Anguillan peoples. That this mounting tension is due primarily and solely to the presence of British occupation forces in Anguilla. "Mr. Webster," it is said, "insists that the presence of the British troops in Anguilla is the only factor which is tending to produce a state of lawlessness on the island."

MOTIVES That the British Government have other and grave motives for the military investment of Anguilla, distinct from the stated official pronouncement that the investment was provoked by the activities of criminal gangster like persons on the island. "Reports of Mafia-type control," reports Mr. Hudson-Phillips, "Have suddenly evaporated and the British," we are told, "are now attempting to win the confidence of Mr. Ronald Webster whose position politically in Anguilla continues to be unassailable." In a statement attributed to Mr. Webster, we learn that "this is the second time in less than two years that Anguilla has been invaded by British troops and that in June 1967 the British warship, HMS Salisbury, landed a detachment of 50 men in Anguilla. We are informed, however, that "this detachment remained only a few hours and was withdrawn when it was realised that there were no gangster-type elements in Anguilla." In short, Mr. Hudson-Phillips has been concerned to portray the Anguillan crisis as a conflict in essence and primarily between the armed might of a British Imperial government and gentle, though hostile, law-abiding Anguillans. It is a view which Dr. Williams, for instance, had been at pains to project in Europe and in spite of its brazen inauthenticity. But since it bobs up again in a lawyer's brief, it may be useful to examine the view once again in the framework that Mr. Hudson-Phillips has presented it. We are compelled then to ask:

DID not the Anguillan crisis owe a great deal of its tension to the violation or alleged violation of constitutional rights of Anguillan peoples by the Bradshaw administration?

EVIDENCE. DID not members of the Judiciary of that administration declare against undue interference by the Bradshaw regime in the legitimate affairs of the Judiciary? IS there not evidence that raiding parties attached to the regime and secessionist elements carried out hostile manoeuvres one against the other, landing with armed men on one another's territory?

WAS there not an attempt or planned attempt by Anguillan secessionists to seize Mr. Bradshaw himself as a hostage? WERE not native policemen, native public servants who had collaborated or appeared to have collaborated with the Bradshaw regime driven from Anguilla by Anguillan peoples and by the threat or use of force?

INTEGRITY. WERE not the Anguillan peoples opposed to an association with St. Kitts and Nevis as early as 1966 and preferred instead to have direct association with Britain? IS not the British Government (cont'd page 3)

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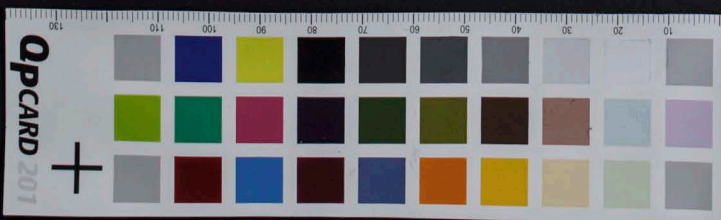
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MANIFESTO OF THE ANGUILLA CONSTRUCTIVE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT-

1. Re-affirmation of Anguilla's secession from St. Kitts/Nevis, and to work for the legal separation at the earliest possible time.
2. acceptance of the agreement made between Anguilla and the British Government on the 30th March 1969.
3. To accept a period of RECONSTRUCTION and APPRENTICESHIP in the Political, Social and Economic Sectors of the community.
4. To work for the proper construction and preservation of a democratic system of Government.
5. NO INDEPENDENCE-- Anguilla is too underdeveloped, both in money, manpower and technical and administrative skills to maintain independence.
6. ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY for the running of internal affairs of the island. "That is, INTERNAL self government."
7. To launch a social programme for community development in Civic, Educational and Cultural activities. "That is, village and community pride and responsibility with regard to their surroundings, sport, music, drama, and youth organisations.
8. TOURISM-- To foster a planned and zoned development, comprised of foreign investment in partnership with Anguillans. The idea is, that all Anguillans may be able to get the full benefit from their land without giving up all their rights to it.
9. To recommend to HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT that an expert advisor be made available to the Island, so that possible investors may be screened and expert assistance in our development programme may also be made available.
10. To establish a Tourist Board with the object of assisting in the development of Tourism.
11. To encourage the development of light industries such as shirt factories underwear factories, etc., in order to complement and support our programme for tourism.
12. To encourage Anguillans abroad who are truly interested in Anguilla's development, to come back and assist in launching Anguilla's new era.

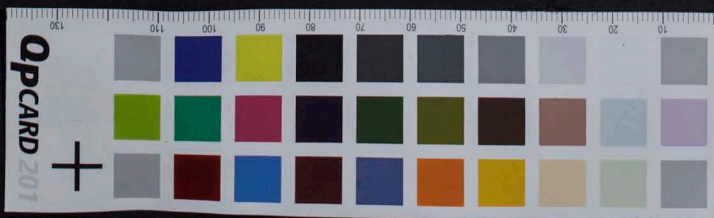
OFFICERS OF THE ANGUILLA CONSTRUCTIVE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT:-

President: Mr. Atlin Harrigan. First Vice-President: Mr. Kenneth Hazel.
Second Vice-President: Mr. Hugo Rey. Secretary: Mr. Emile Gumbs. Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Ermine Gumbs. Treasurer: Mr. John Rogers.

EDITORIAL: (cont'd from page 4)

So they busted, and records can prove this. Then came along men like Harrigan (President of A.C.D.M.) Webster, Rogers, who were not prepared to join up, but instead fight for their island. But then that over ambitious set, who thought only of themselves, were prepared to take over control. They now see the possibility of building themselves, at the expense of the youth of Anguilla. We could sit idly by and see our island taken over by elements that seemed even worse than Bradshaw.

The A.C.D.M. must now see to it that all Anguillans young and old, benefit from their struggles.



KNOWLEDGE IS THE FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM-(Continued from page 3)

The British invasion could have been prevented. We should not only blame St. Kitts and Britain for our neglect, but also our leaders. Because of their self interest we have suffered. The poor were only remembered when their votes were needed. The British has dimmed the aspirations of many who had hoped to become rich over-night, at the expence of the poor. There is no progress without order. We had been drifting on high seas; We had been told that the United States would recognize us by those who wanted to develope their own interests. The youth of Anguilla are not prepared to be pushed into the back ground, but we shall endeavour to make our country a place of peace, love and prosperity for all and not a few; equal opportunities for rich and poor. Our boys have fought hard indeed, but not in vain. Cubans fought under Castro against the dictator Batista but soon found themselves under communism. Hitler started out by being democratic. We may not get exactly what we want but something is better than nothing. Let us seek love not hatred; Let us seek peace, not war; Let us seek unity, not separation; Humility and not fame. In the long run we will see that the British invasion was in the best interest of Anguilla. Let us settle down to lay the foundations of peace, on which we shall build the walls of progress and happiness for all.

Let those who plan to kill me for what I wrote think again. I am not afraid to die for the good of mankind. "Oh death where is thy sting? Oh grave where is thy victory?"

Richard J. Payne,

Letter to the Editor:

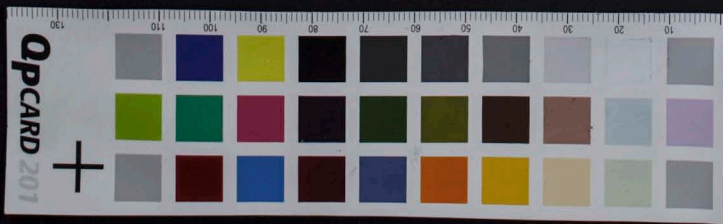
Dear Sir:

I want to express my opinion. Anguillans are imposters to God's command, quoted at Titus 3:1. Peering in the word of God, I found that Satan is the God of the system of things that exist. The Apostle Paul made it plain for you to follow his counsel, quoted at Roman 13: 1-7. My issue is to bring you to God's command. Jesus showed that there are aspects to consider. Pointing out that it was proper to pay tax to Roman State, he said: "Render unto Ceasar the things that Ceasar's and unto God the things that God's. I shall not join in riot nor join in civil disobedience to try to oppose British rule. Those who oppose the authority have taken a stand against the arrangement of God, will receive judgement to themselves. Mr. Webster is our leader, do you love him as I do? I shook his hand on May 30th, 1968, and gave him counsel to be submissive to the authority, which is not a foreign Nationality, the one whom God chose. Zedekiah revolted, he was king, he lost God's favour and eyes etc. A subject to oppose the British Empire may be more grave. I am not so political to say much in your affairs. But I think my opinion may be a guide to fulfil the matter. Britain has only one way to loose the rule over Anguilla, that is if God takes it. So why pursue? Don't be misled by a fool who calls one side sheep the other goats. If that man is a goat, the sheep are those who obey God's command to gain eternal life. Finally, Jesus did not impose Pilate, but calmly replied, "You have no power unless it is given you from above." Are you greater than him? Contemplate on this you may gain relief.

A True Anguillan, Fearing God.....M.R.

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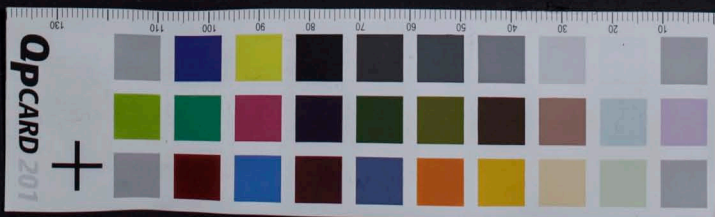
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LAW AND ANGUILLAN CRISIS. BY EARL AUGUSTUS. from page 2.
 carrying out a constitutional responsibility as an Imperial Government even when it sends troops to Anguilla? DID not Caribbean Governments, including the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, urge on February 6th, 1969 and at a meeting of Heads of Government that Britain should "take all necessary steps in collaboration with St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla to confirm the territorial integrity of the Associated statehood?" IF, as the head of the Trinidad and Tobago Government indicated abroad, violence was not included or considered among "all necessary steps," what other necessary steps, apart from the use of violence, did Caribbean Heads of Governments consider at their meeting of February 6, 1969? Let us look at another report on the Anguillan crisis which appeared in the Observer of March 23, 1969 composed by six correspondents, one of whom reports from Anguilla. There we read: "The Government (British) appears to have relied exclusively on a resolution taken by Caribbean Prime Ministers on February 6 when they called on Britain "to take all necessary steps, in collaboration with St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, to confirm the State's territorial integrity. Again, in the same Observer report, we note interestingly: "Whitehall now feels that some of the Caribbean leaders are willing to face up to the responsibilities of their own advice." And still further: "Because most Caribbean Governments face similar secessionist problems, they became seriously worried about Anguilla's rebellion. They worked to repair the breach." A breach, it seems, that many Anguillans are unwilling to bridge, preferring all the while from 1966 to the present, to be in direct association with Britain, at least temporarily, rather than as associated with the woeful Bradshaw regime or more significantly, with any of the independent Caribbean states. It is somewhat more than curious that Mr. Hudson-Phillips attempted to blur over and indeed, misrepresent the clear manifestations of the Anguillan crisis.

REPORT. Some understanding of the real currents in this crisis may be gained by reference to a decisive report on developments and people in the Caribbean. The report was written in 1939, following the wake of riots that struck the Caribbean from Jamaica to Guyana in that year. In the Mynoe Report of 1939 we read: "Serious discontent was often widespread in West Indian colonies during the 19th century, as is indicated by the occasional uprisings that occurred, leading sometimes to considerable loss of life. "But the discontent that underlies the disturbances of recent years is a phenomenon of a different character, representing no longer a mere blind protest against a worsening of conditions, but a positive demand for the creation of new conditions that will render possible a better and less restricted life." It is the co-existence of this new demand for better conditions with the unfavourable economic trend that is the crux of the West Indian problem of the present day." This warning and direction have been repeated by West Indian thinkers who share a certain responsible concern for people and developments in the region. Mr. Hudson-Phillips is, on his own assessment of events, not one of these.

Letter to the Editor- "KNOWLEDGE IS THE FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM"
 Anguilla today is moving towards progress not because of what the Government has done for the people, but what the people did for themselves. They have won a battle even without realizing it. Some of us see the British intervention as a shield from foreign aggression; Some of us see it as a turning point in Anguilla's history. Some of us see it as a social and economic revolution. Some of us even see it as a means of political equality for all Anguillans-rich and poor. We should consider ourselves lucky and give thanks to the Almighty God for guiding us to safety, even though our leaders made some serious mistakes. (Continued on page 6)



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EDITORIAL.

The creation of the Anguilla Constructive Democratic Movement (A.C.D.M.) should have been long ago. Like other things that have been neglected in the past, it can only be said that no one wanted to publicly disagree with certain policies of Gov't, with fear that it might be construed as an opposition to the secessionist Movement. We would like to make it clear

that Anguillans are over 99% in favour of seceding from St. Kitts, Nevis. But we could not sit idly by and be dragged to conditions that we are deemed to be failure.

The leaders of this Movement, are not new to Anguillans. They have been at the time or the other, members of the Anguilla Council. As it is, three of them are members of the Advisory Council to H.M. Commissioner.

We do not overlook the part played by Mr. Webster, and have praise for him. He was chosen to be the leader of our people, with the approval of all, but his changing attitude must be remembered. The kind of people he associates himself with is an important factor, and we cannot say the same for them as we said for him. Some of his influential backers now, were at one time at odds with him, and were even told by him, where to get off. They had plans beyond our scope. These people like most Anguillans had to travel abroad to make a living, but they did not see the necessity of taking political interest in their island. Instead they adapted the policy, if you can't beat them, join them, (Political Bosses in St. Kitts), so they joined them. But two male crabs cannot live in the same hole.

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WEBSTER OFF TO SEE LORD CARADON:

Mr. Ronald Webster and Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs, left here for N.Y. on Tuesday last. Webster is hoping to see Lord Caradon, H.M. Representative to the U.N., before going to Washington where he hopes to address the student body of Howard University.

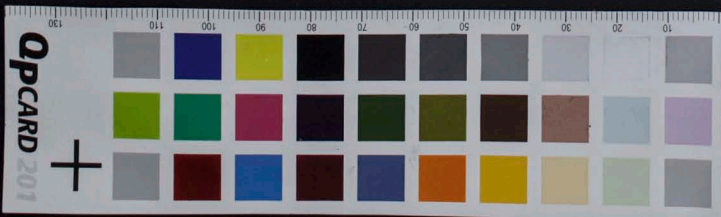
This is Webster's third trip to the United States in quest of support in getting the British Troops out of Anguilla.

On his second trip, he persuaded Lord Caradon to return to Anguilla to settle disputes with H.M. Commissioner, but refused to talk with Caradon, until the withdrawal of the British Troops and Tony Lee be made.

MR. CUMBER MEETS THE PEOPLE:

H.M. acting Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber, has scheduled a series of public meetings throughout the island. Chairmen of these meetings to take place, will be the representatives for their respective constituencies.

The first meeting was held at the Road Sandy Ground, and another is planned to take place at the Community Centre, the Valley, yesterday Friday 25th.



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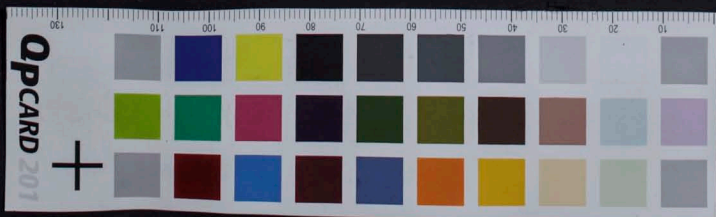
GOVERNMENT NOTICE:

Dog Licences are due and payable from 1st and 30th, April 1969. Persons found having dogs unlicensed after May 1st, are liable to be prosecuted.

W.Hodge. Treasurer.

If you want to know your mistakes, start giving advice.

HUNTE in Motor Cycle Accident: Patterson Hunte, printer of the Beacon, was seriously injured when he fell from his motor cycle last Tuesday morning-- Hunte on his way to school, hit a rut in the Farrington Road which caused the cycle to get out of control, he suffered injuries to his face, arms and chest. A cut on his chin, took three stitches to close it. He was taken to hospital by Walter Hodge, his uncle, who was driving behind him. He was discharged from hospital after his wounds were dressed. His condition now is improving.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR. "DIPLOMACY"

I have followed the events taking place on Anguilla with great interest and ever since our revolution for self determination began in early 1967.

My constant search for up to date information has been heightened by the more recent turn of events; the landing of the British troops and the subsequent confusion over the course which Anguilla should take. I can say that although there is little that a hand full of Anguilla students can do here to cause dramatic changes back there, we did however organize, with the help of the Caribbean Students Ass., a march on the British Embassy in Washington D.C. at which time a document protesting the intervention of troops was submitted to the British Ambassador to the United States. That document was signed by myself followed by a number of the other Anguillan students and other sympathizers.

Since that time I have grown very disillusioned about the state of affairs which existed before the British came and now since they have stayed. Let me say that I had no doubt in my mind that better diplomacy could have been used by the British to achieve their aims. However, after reading an article in "The New York Times" concerning the constitution that was drawn up and accepted, I am saddened to think what would have happened to Anguilla, had not the British come. The space does not permit me to elaborate, but suffice it to say- that constitution was absolutely ridiculous, rotten, and clearly the work of either men ignorant of the ways of Government or those who clearly sought out-right exploitation of the "common people" of Anguilla.

I feel strongly, my people, that we need guidance, guidance that we can trust, and we shall have this guidance, if those who were intrusted with our lives recognize their inadequacies and seek professional help, before making rash decisions, and ruining the reputation of a peaceful intelligent people.

Our leader, an "honourable man" I hoped, has diverted to the same irresponsible diplomacy that the British used, and can now do much by confining himself to regaining the unity of the Anguilla people, instead of disrupting at every stage an orderly institution of a recognized Government and a return to an atmosphere where all Anguillians will be free to pursue their happiness. The "rebel government of Anguilla" for so it was named, was an "adventure", unrecognized by any other power on this globe, and we must realize that however irresponsible the British action was, the only outcome can be a form of Government which can be accepted by other Nations.

Sincerely, Eyston Hunte, (Student at Howard University)

SPORTS (By R. Hodge)

CRICKET Police vs. Paratroops, played on Ronald Webster's Park Wednesday April 23rd. Scores -Police 62, Paratroops 133 for 4. Paratroops won by 8 wickets but continued batting until close of play. For Police, Ashley Carty made 14, Blenkin 12 and Freeman 10.

For Paratroops, Dawny made 27 retired and Smith made 81 not out.

There will be a match Police vs. an Anguillan XI on Saturday 26th April.

FOOT BALL: There is to be a foot ball match, Engineers vs. Anguillan XI, on Saturday 27th April. Place, the Park.

The old philosopher says: Take things with a pinch of salt --- patronize the only industry we have.

