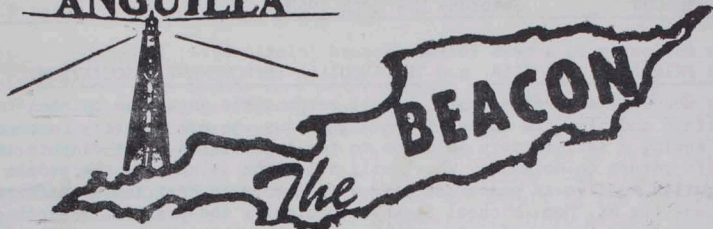


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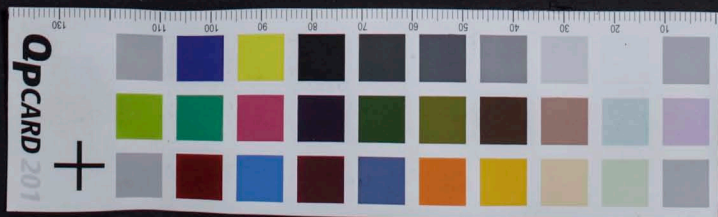
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One of the biggest canards and red herrings put forward over Anguilla's future in the past few weeks is that if Anguilla gets what she wants the whole Caribbean will disintegrate. Forecast was the secession of Tobago from Trinidad, Barbuda from Antigua, Carriacou from Grenada, even possibly Bequia from St. Vincent. Or so it is said. But this just is not true. Barbudans do indeed want more autonomy for the twelve-hundred strong island and no doubt they will get it from the Government of Antigua. Concessions have already been made, including the issue of a special set of Barbuda postage stamps, the revenue of which will be used in Barbuda itself. But none of the other islands named are wanting to break away from their larger neighbours. Fears of fragmentation are being voiced by some Commonwealth Caribbean Governments, and Guyana, having only recently suppressed by force an attempt at secession by her hinterland ranchers, is especially vociferous over questions involving Caribbean unity. (Continued page 7)

COMMISSION TO STUDY ANGUILLA PROBLEM.

"The following joint statement was issued after the conclusion of talks on Wednesday between the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Premier of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Mr. Robert Bradshaw:

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Premier of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, have had a series of useful discussions on the setting up of a Commission to study Anguilla's problem and make recommendations leading to a satisfactory and durable solution. They have agreed that a commission will be appointed, which would start its work later in the year. Their discussions have covered a number of administrative points relating to the functions of H.M. Commissioner on Anguilla. These are designed to facilitate his task. It has also been agreed in consultation with the Ministry of Overseas Development, that the unexpended balance (about five hundred thousand pounds sterling), of Commonwealth Development and Welfare Funds already allocated to the State, together with a similar sum representing succeeding allocations of development aid in the period up to 31st March 1972, will be made available towards the cost of a seven thousand six hundred foot Jet airstrip in St. Kitts. (Continued P. 8)

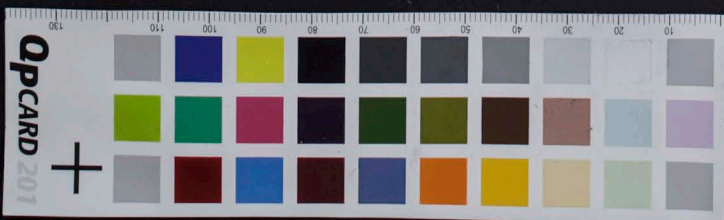


The following is a news release issued jointly by:-

THE FRIENDS OF ANGUILLA and THE ANGUILLA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The above named bodies represent all responsible Anguillan opinion in Britain and also the views of Non-Anguillans who are actively concerned in seeing a satisfactory solution to the Anguilla/St Kitts dispute and a swift return to normality which will allow the island and the people of Anguilla to live in peace and play a full role in West Indian affairs. We ask the Rt. Hon. Micheal Stewart to clarify the position regarding Anguilla and to say clearly and unequivocally that the people of Anguilla will not, against their expressed wishes, be returned to any form of subservience, rule or control of the Central Government of the Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla in Basseterre, and we ask him to follow up such a statement by the introduction of legislation separating the island of Anguilla from the said Associated State. Until such legislation is made, the Anguillans will remain uncertain as to the future intentions of the British Government. This uncertainty causes unrest, and can be used to instigate trouble and strife by playing on the legitimate fears of Anguillans that they will be returned under the control of St. Kitts, whose premiere has repeatedly threatened in the past two years the severest forms of retribution. Until the British Government proposes such legislation, and until it gives an unequivocal assurance that the present unitary State will come to an end, reason for unrest will remain in the island, which must make the work of the British political and military forces far more difficult. It has been said that the Constitution of the Associated State is inviolable, yet St. Kitts itself has never yet held to the letter of the law, and in present circumstances the only way that future peace can be assured is by the British Government breaking up the three-island Associated State, under section 9 (1) b of the West Indies Act of 1967, if possible with the consent of Premier Bradshaw, if not without. Both of the above-named bodies hope that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will understand that such action is the only way to bring peace to Anguilla. (SIGNED BY) Rt. Hon Viscount Lambton, M.P., Chairman, Friends of Anguilla. Kenneth Gumbs, Chairman, Anguilla Improvement Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE. - THE FRIENDS OF ANGUILLA, formed last November, is an informal, body interested in the well-being and future of Anguilla. Its members include Parliamentarians, of all political persuasions in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, as well as writers, Anguillans living in Britain and elsewhere, economists and others concerned with affairs of the island. THE ANGUILLA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, based in Slough, Bucks., was established some years ago and is the Anguillan national organisation in Britain which keeps its members informed about their homeland and other common interests.



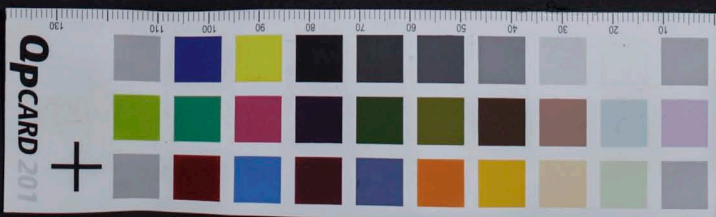
LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

The Following Letter was received for publication on May 16th
 Mr. Ronald Webster, Administration Building, Anguilla. February 18 1969.
 Sir, I have just looked at a television program showing the recent independence developments in Anguilla. It is with mixed feelings that I write. Indeed the people of Anguilla are to be commended for their brave aspirations, but at the same time to exist as an independent nation calls for a commitment, a dedication and a measure of wisdom which far exceed the emotions of the moment. Please accept these comments as coming from a son of Anguilla and one, whom you know, loves his homeland most dearly, Is Anguilla able to maintain economic and political viability? Are people prepared to be venturesome and daring in business endeavour? Are people prepared to think of means and ways to escape the vicious circle of poverty and backwardness that has typified the island for centuries? And what of education, without which every aspiration would most certainly flounder in a sea of ignorance? Is the Government of Anguilla ready, willing and able to institute the sort of educational program that would answer to the needs of our young people and ensure a more enlightened tomorrow? These, Sir, are the questions of myself and fellow Anguillans here in Canada. We do not know the answers and we do not even have sufficient knowledge of the present state of Affairs to make any judgement of what the future is likely to be. Rest assured, however, that you have our sympathy, good will, and if possible, our active support too. At this period in the history of Anguilla, when the outcome of the future has never been more uncertain, I can only admonish my fellow country men to be cautious and thoughtful in all undertakings, to be venturesome and innovating, to be industrious and hardworking and to be ever mindful of this hard truth, that the road to success, both in private and national life is not an easy one. The palm is gained with effort, and it will only be with arduous labour that we Anguillans will ever be able to build that new Anguilla of Which we so beautifully sing. Thank you for allowing me room to comment, and best wishes for a successful future in Anguilla's new venture. Earl R. Niles, 89 Charles street West, Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLA. (Continued)

Section 18. Treason: Treason against the Republic of Anguilla shall consist only of levying war against it, adhering to its enemies, Giving them aid and comfort, and no person shall be convicted of Treason, except on the testimony of two witnesses to the overt act, or confession in open Court, and no conviction for Treason shall work corruption of Blood, or forfeiture of estate.

Section 19 Equal protection of Law: No person shall be deprived of life, Liberty or Property save in accordance with due process of Law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the Laws. (Continued)



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EDITORIAL:

JUSTICE MUST PREVAIL:

It is definitely a privilege to see law and order being administered. In the past two years we have seen persons wanting to take the law into their own hands, we have seen cases not brought before the acting Magistrate who was doing a good job under trying circumstances. Our Anguilla Police force were challenged by individuals carrying out their duties. Meanwhile, apparently other people took advantage of our inadequacies. The case of the forging of the stamps is the first to come to light-- any person or persons who indulge in this kind of behavior at the disadvantage of Anguilla must be prepared to meet his fate. Regardless of who it may be. "Justice must prevail". While some people have been struggling to make this island a better place for all Anguillans, some has been thinking of themselves only. Many persons have been accused of betraying Anguilla- but when justice is done, and all the skeletons begin to rise, everybody will know who is who.

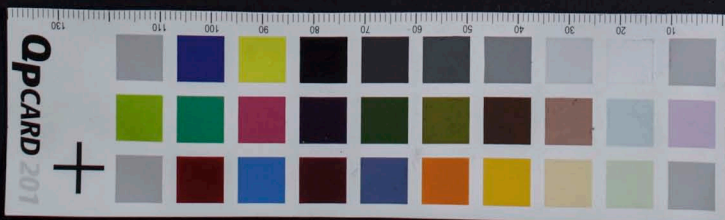
HINTS ON DEVELOPMENT:

Steel erection has begun on two of the six buildings of the pre-fab. school- the foundations of these buildings are being built by Mr. Hugo Rey, while the Royal Engineers will complete them..... Mr. Hubert Fleming and his team have completed about 100 yards of surfaced road in the Mount Fortune Area. Work is continuing very good despite the rainy weather..... Meanwhile the Royal Engineers have prepared the stretch from the White Hill to Sis Ginny- just waiting on the arrival of gravel from Antigua..... All the stone crushers in Anguilla are kept busy crushing stones for the road project..... As a result of 5½ inches of rain falling in the East End area on the 19th- the Ponds at the East End School have crossed the road.... Vehicles passing have to wade through some 16 inches depth of water for about 200 yards.... Frogmen have arrived and are busy surveying for the possibility of erecting a pier.. the most likely spot will be the Road Bay.....

APOLOGY

The Editor and Staff of THE BEACON wishes to apologise for the size of the Beacon paper. We hope to remedy this, as soon as the shipment arrives.

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ANGUILLA STAMPS.

Anguilla Stamps have become very popular among stamp collectors since they were first introduced on 27th Nov 1967. News from Anguilla's stamp agent in London Mr. John Lister, says that the Easter Set "was a great success!" He also said that the next issue, which is expected to be on sale at about the end of next month, is a floral set, of Four stamps. The multicoloured stamps are in values 10¢ 15¢ 40¢ and 50¢ and are depicting the following flowers in the same order. Ameryliss, Bouganvillea, Hibiscus and Cattleya Orchid.

PERSONS WANTING TO CORRESPOND WITH ANGUILLANS:

I am a lecturer in Geography at the University of East Africa, and would like to correspond with some one in Anguilla. My name and address is as follows:- Mr. Randall Baker, University of East Africa, Box 16195, Kampala, UGANDA.

Charles A Gowden, Dept. of Energy, Mines and resources, P.O.Box 1006 Dartmouth, N.S. Canada- interest- Stamp Collecting.

Mr. W. Bradford-34 Dover Street, London W.1, England. -interest stamp Col.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

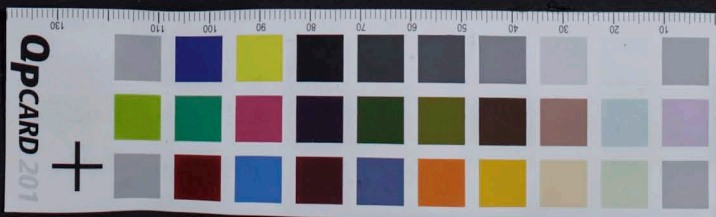
All the property of the late Mrs. Ann Vanterpool of Welches has been willed to me (Mrs. Florence Philip of Chalvilles and Octavia Fleming of St. Marten. I hereby ask the occupant of the house to leave immediately, and forbid anyone not to trespass on the said property. And further that I will prosecute anyone trespassing on my property in Deep Waters. Signed: Florence Philip.

RAIN FALL

During this Month Anguilla had quite a few showers of rain. On May 4th-22nd, 18.68 inches fell in the Island Harbour district, whereas the Valley got a total of 8.54 inches. Most of the rain fell on the 19th. where Is. Harbour's total is 5½ inches and the Valley 3.95 inches. The total for the year now amounts to 23.45 inches in Is. Harbour and 15.45 inches in the Valley.

FLEMING FOUND GUILTY-CHARGED \$120.00.

At the sitting of the Magistrate's court last Thursday, the case of Charles (Charlie) Fleming was heard. Fleming was charged with "refusing to give information to the Police". He pleaded not guilty. He was defended by Dr. William Herbert, Barrister at law. Fleming's case was first called on May 2nd, but he asked that it be adjourned for him to retain a lawyer. Crown witnesses were P.C. Christopher Hughes and Bernard Hazel. They testified that they had seen Charles Fleming wearing a gun in a holster on March 12th 1969. Charles Fleming denied that he wore a gun, he did admit however, wearing a holster, in which he carried a soldering iron and a volt-meter. (Cont'd p. 6)

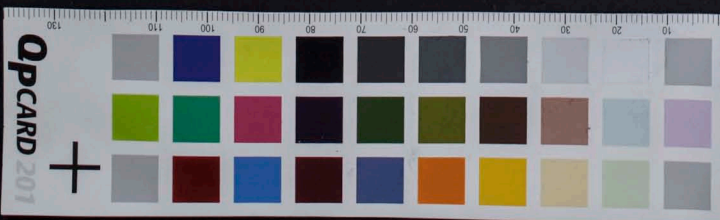


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The court was adjourned by the Magistrate for his decision the next Morning (Friday). On resuming Court on Friday the Magistrate Mr. Donaldson, found Fleming guilty as charged and sentenced him to six months in prison. The accused and his counsel later conferred with the Magistrate and the sentence was reduced to a fine of \$120.00 to be paid within two weeks. Defence Counsel for the accused said the case will be appealed to the High Court.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY-FINED \$240.00.

Mr. Radford Remington Richardson appeared in court on Friday 23rd May charged with two offences of forging "Anguilla Overprinted Stamps". Detective Inspector Ohara, outlined the history of Anguilla stamps. (Anguilla Government ordered the Overprinting of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla stamps in September 1967. The words St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla was deleted and the words "Independent Anguilla" was struck on them). Because of their rarity he said, they had increased in value, so that now a complete Set Values £1000. (\$4,800.00 E.C.) Richardson said he hit upon the idea of making a considerable sum of money for himself and purchased a stock of postage Stamps in St. Kitts-these were sent to a printer in Antigua, who on Richardson's instructions, printed the words "Independent Anguilla" on the Stamps. Richardson himself printed a block over the words St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, by using Marking ink and two rubber Stamps. The officer said that the printing was very good, but in some cases had been printed vertical instead of horizontal. The blocking out the Officer said, was so amateurist that it would not have fooled anyone. Richardson in February 1969 approached a man in St. Marten with one Complete Set of Forged Stamps, these were sent to a dealer in St. Thomas for comparison and the Anguilla Authorities were informed of the forgeries. Prior to Richardson being seen by the Police, he offered to sell to the same man in St. Marten a further two Sets, again these stamps were sent to the dealers in St. Thomas. Richardson was seen by the Police, his house searched, and some 300 forged stamps were seized-Richardson being questioned said, "I was a greedy man, but I haven't sold any!" He was told that he tried to sell some, and he said, "Yes, but I haven't got a cent out of them." The Officer said that Richardson readily admitted the forgery. The Officer told the Court, "If the stamps had been better forgeries and had appeared on the market-they may have resulted in a loss of confidence in Anguilla's stamps throughout the world and may have resulted in possible loss of revenue to Anguilla." The Magistrate took to consideration, the fact that Richardson was a man of previous good Character, the fact that he had shown a sense of shame for what he did and fined him a total of \$240.00 to be paid immediately and ordered a destruction of the forged stamps. Mr. Richardson a Civil Servant, was Agricultural Officer for many years, in Anguilla.



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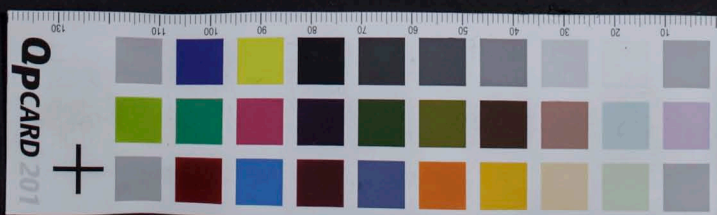
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(Continued from page 1) CONK SHELL. Yet the four Independent West Indian nations are totally divided over the Anguilla question, with Guyana wholeheartedly supporting British action, Barbados giving a more qualified support, Trinidad & Tobago critical and

Jamaica totally opposed to the use of troops. Bitter recriminations have been uttered during the last few weeks, and hard words exchanged by proponents of both viewpoints. It must, however, be said that one of Britain's encouragements to direct action was a document signed by 13 Caribbean



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nations at a meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on 6th February. It called upon Her Majesty's Government to take all necessary steps to "Guarantee the territorial integrity of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Federation". (Quite why they called it a federation, when it is in fact a unitary state is something else again). Britain put troops into Anguilla with the agreement of the State Premier Robert Bradshaw. Now Foreign Secretary Micheal Stewart, British Commissioner Tony Lee and Britain's U.N. Representative Lord Caradon have said that the Anguillans will not be forced to live under an administration that they do not want. Yet Premier Bradshaw apparently refused even to read the agreement made between Lord Caradon and the Anguillans. It must now be clear to all that the Anguillans do not want rule from St. Kitts, and that they will not stand for it. They are surely entitled to ask for a clear and unequivocal pledge from the British Government, in short, a no-punches-pulled statement of intent. If they do not get it nobody can be very surprised if they have been the victims of Lord Caradon's undoubted charm and persuasiveness. If the Anguilla crisis has proved anything it is that the Commonwealth Caribbean opinion on the island's present, and, more importantly, future, is completely muddled. There is total disunity. It bodes ill for any suggested West Indian participation in the vaguely-mooted Royal Commission on Anguilla.

(Continued from page 1) COMMISSION.

It has so been agreed that a special development grant amounting to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling over the next two years, shall be devoted to agreed development projects in Nevis.

DEATHS

Mr. Fredrick Hodge of South Valley passed away on May 17th at the age of 87. Mr. John Richardson of South Hill died on May 18th at the age of 84. Mr. James Alfred Carty, better known as Fred Cat, of Welches, died on May 21st at the age of 59. To the bereaved families, we tender our profound sympathy.

CONSTITUTION (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6)

Section 20. Foreign Tax Proceedings Prohibited: No Foreign government shall ever enjoy any right to civil process, or judicial proceedings against any citizens, resident, company or corporation chartered under the laws of the Republic of Anguilla, for collection of foreign taxes, or attachment of any properties, funds or assets to satisfy any tax obligation, to any nature whatsoever, assessed or claimed by such foreign government. (To be continued).

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