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THOUSANDS OF ANGUILLANS ATTEND SWEARING IN CEREMONY.

Thousands of Anguillans, dressed in gay holiday attire, turned out on Friday morning to celebrate the first "Anguilla Day" which was marked by special ceremonies at the Court House for the swearing in of twelve members of the Council and the election of a Leader of the Anguilla Council.

Mr. Ronald Webster was elected Leader of the Anguilla Council and the following members took the oath of allegiance to H.M. the Queen, and the oath of office: Mr. Ronald Webster, Mr. Atlin Harrigan, Mr. Collins Hodge, Mr. Kenneth Hazel, Mr. Emile Gumbs, Mr. John Hodge, Mr. Winston Harrigan, Mr. Russel Webster, Mr. Reuben Hodge, Mr. James Woods, Mr. Cami Connor, and Mr. Samuel Fleming. The oaths were administered by H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Arthur Watson, and a loud cheer went from the public stalls as Mr. Ronald Webster was elected Leader of the Anguilla Council. Mr. Webster spoke briefly as did Mr. Atlin Harrigan, (Editor of the Beacon). The other elected member of the Council Mr. Wallace Rey, did not take the oath; but was seen among the crowd as the ceremony took place.

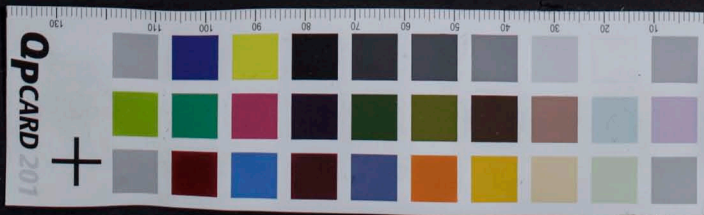
Following the impressive ceremony, Anguillans in their thousands formed a procession and, headed by Council members (cont'd on page 3)

H.M. COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS MEANING OF ANGUILLA ACT IN SPECIAL BROADCAST

"Today Friday 6 August, has been a day of special significance. It has been marked by a ceremonial meeting of the Anguilla Council, by a service of Thanksgiving in the Ronald Webster Park, and by other festivities.

Many of you will have been present at these occasions, or will hear broadcast extracts of the proceedings in the meeting of the Council. I should like to say a few words about the changes in the law and the status of Anguilla which are the occasion for today's celebrations.

Last Week, the Anguilla Act 1971 became law when it received Royal Assent, after being passed by the House of Commons on the 16th July, and by the House of Lords on the 27th. July. As those of you who have seen the text reproduced in The Beacon will know, the Anguilla Act 1971 is very short, and gives Her Majesty the Queen the power (in the words of the Act itself) "to make such provision as Her Majesty thinks fit for securing peace order and good government in Anguilla." The Act includes other powers, for appointment of a Commissioner, and to ensure that the British administration of Anguilla would not be affected if a Bill to terminate associated status were to be introduced into the state legislature. (Cont'd page 2)



H.M. COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS:-

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The Anguilla Act 1971 is what the lawyers call an enabling act, which makes it possible for detailed arrangements for the future administration of Anguilla to be made by Her Majesty The Queen in Her Privy Council through a different kind of law called an Order-in-Council.

Her Majesty made an Order-in-Council called the Anguilla (Administration) Order 1971 at a meeting of the Privy Council at Buckingham Palace on 28 July, and after the various formalities this Order in Council came into operation on Wednesday 4 August. This Order-in-Council embodies, in legal form, the arrangements for the government of Anguilla over the next few years which have been agreed by your representatives on the Anguilla Council, over many months of careful negotiation. In essence, it provides that the Commissioner, appointed by Her Majesty The Queen and exercising powers deriving directly from the British Government in cooperation and consultation with the Anguilla Council elected by the people of Anguilla, will have the powers necessary for good government, and effective administration in Anguilla. I speak deliberately of the Commissioner, not of myself, as these powers are to be exercised not according to my personal wish, but according to law, and in obedience to Her Majesty's directions.

Among the more important of these powers I should mention the making where necessary, of new laws and the setting up of courts of law and the establishment of a local Police force. This is the foundation on which we must now build, to carry forward the government of this island for the next few years in cooperation and consultation with

you, the inhabitants of this island through your elected representatives. Mr. Godber has said in the House of Commons that the British Government would be willing to reconsider the arrangements after three years. When the time comes to move forward, it is the British Government's intention that the wishes of you, the Anguillans should be ascertained.

The final test must then be the wishes of the Anguillan people themselves.

"For the present, the new basis for the government of the island provides a solid foundation, yet like the building of a house, the construction of what follows must take time. I call on you all to approach the challenge with continued goodwill. This is a time when the Anguillan virtue of unity, goodwill, tolerance, self reliance and responsibility to the Community will be more than ever necessary. Laws and legal forms are essential to the direction and guidance of human affairs: but how we get on will depend on people - the people of this island, and those from Britain and elsewhere, who are here to help.

"To remind us that this is not an end, but a beginning, may I quote the words of the poet, John Milton:

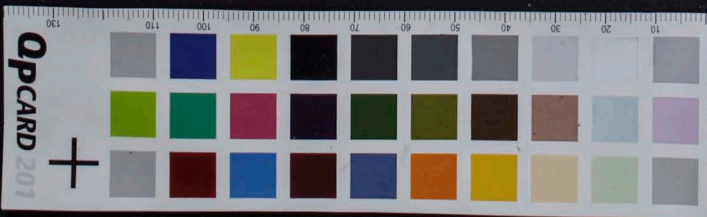
"For this is not the liberty which we can hope that no grievance ever should arise in the [land]; that let no man in this world expect: but when complaints are freely heard, deeply considered and speedily reformed then is the utmost bound of civil liberty attained, that wise men look for."

God Bless you all."

HONOUR

"I've been trying to think of a word for two weeks", said one literature student to another.

"What about a fortnight?" suggested his friend.



HUNDRED DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND ANNUAL A.Y.P.A. CONFERENCE HERE.

More than a Hundred delegates from many neighbouring islands are expected to come to Anguilla during the last part of August for the annual Conference of the A.Y.P.A. of the Diocese of Antigua, of which Anguilla is a part. This is the first conference of this type to be held and Anguilla has been chosen for the first such meeting.

The conference will take ^{the} form of a camp, and the programme promises to cater for every delegate.

In the morning sessions, from 9.00 a.m. to noon there will be Leadership Training Courses, and in the afternoon sessions, from 4p.m. to 6.p.m. workshops will be held. The evening meetings, starting at 8.p.m. will cater to the lighter side, for example: A Concert, a Camp fire, a Film show and a Dance.

From Guyana five delegates will attend and other islands to be represented will include Antigua, Nevis, St. Kitts, Montserrat, St. Martin, Barbuda and Anguilla.

The leadership Training Courses will be conducted by Oscar Bird, Education Consultant to the Diocese and Rev. Father Bernard Hodge, Youth Chaplain.

The people of Anguilla are asked to donate gifts of any kind to assist with the entertainment and interest of the delegates.

ROAD ACCIDENT ON SATURDAY MORNING:

One man was taken to the Hospital and two saloon cars were damaged in a road accident which occurred at the Galaxy corner about 11o'clock on Saturday Morning. A Morris 1100 car, licence A 531, was parked outside the Galaxy Shoppe; it is owned by Cut-Ben Ltd. and the driver was Claud Lloyd of the Valley at the time

Passengers were Carol Bryan and Eustace Brooks. It is reported that

another saloon car, A 269, which was moving North on the Wall Blake road owned by Vanlo Carty of South Hill and driven by Neville Baptiste of Sandy Ground with Jones Hughes as passenger, approached and struck the Morris car from behind.

Jones Hughes of Sandy Ground, was thrown into the windshield and suffered cuts and bruises for which he was later treated at the Cottage Hospital. Considerable damage was done to both vehicles. The accident was investigated by Corporal Carty and W.P.C. Carmen Moona of the Anguilla Police Unit.

WOMAN IN SERIOUS CONDITION SUFFERS FROM STAB WOUNDS IN HOSPITAL.

On Tuesday 3rd, August at about 10.p.m. Lotis Hodge aged 24, of Welches was taken to the Cottage Hospital suffering from severe stab wounds in the chest. An immediate operation was performed by Captain John Smith, R.A.M.C. and the Anguilla Medical Officer, Dr. David Bartlette. Lotis Hodge is being detained at the hospital.

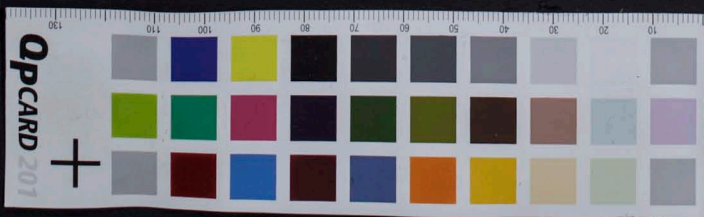
Following an investigation by officers of the A.P.U. Mr. Leslie Webster of Mount Fortune is being detained by the police. Inquiries are continuing by the Anguilla Police Unit.

THOUSANDS OF ANGUILLAS ATTEND SMearing IN CEMETERY.

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and a steel band, marched to Ronald Webster park. There an "Anguilla Day" service of praise and thanksgiving was held with Mr. Campbell Fleming as chairman. Mr. Ronald Webster spoke briefly to thank all concerned for their help over the past fifty months in bringing about the achievement of direct relationship with Great Britain especially H.M. Government and succeed

ing Commissioners, Mr. Cumber, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watson. (cont'd on page 4)



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EDITORIAL:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer praise for the good understanding of the Anguilla Council for guiding Anguilla to the people's desired destiny and to the people of Anguilla who were always ready to answer any call in support of the Anguillan cause, and Her Majesty's government and those who have sent here in office on different occasions, for their sincerity in dealing with the Anguilla - St. Kitts affair.

The history of the Anguilla revolution dates back to before we were born and when history is written it will not be left out; but it was only pushed to success by the younger generation who were not prepared to sit and allow time and the world to pass them by.

Our aim at the beginning was to seek a status with Britain. Today after four years two months and six days we can celebrate our victory; but let me say that victory is not completed. The days, months and years ahead may not be easy times for us, we have to learn to administer our island properly and we are happy that Britain is giving us this opportunity by being with us for a number of years. H.M. G's presence on Anguilla will not remain forever, and it is our advantage to see that we ourselves are capable of running our own affairs as soon as possible.

So it is with this understanding that we venture into new relationships with Britain. The road to

Political and Economic independence depends on how fast we can develop our island. We cannot allow outsiders to come in and develop it for us. We must do something ourselves if we are to maintain our freedom. To this end we appeal to all Anguillans at home and abroad, not to sit by without offering their contributions. We should compile our resources and apply them to our island, so that when the outside doors of employment are closed to our people we will have something to come back to. Better days are coming, but we must work hard to make the days better ones.

Our new relationship with Britain should be one of close cooperation for the good of all. I know that the members of the council are looking forward to working under the new arrangements with H.M. Commissioner and likewise happy to re-elect Mr. Ronald Webster as the Leader of the Council.

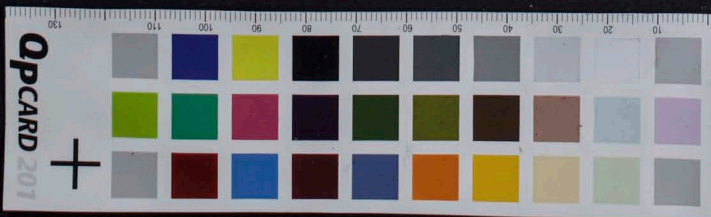
Let me say that Anguilla's achievement was not a one man fight, for without the unflinching cooperation of the vast majority of Anguillans, we would not be celebrating today.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

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Clergymen and others taking part in the ceremony's thanksgiving service included: Rev. H. Gill, Pastor Davis Lloyd, Mr. George Gumbs, Rev. Fr. T. W. Turner, Pastor D. Rogers, Rev. C. L. Carty, MBE, and Pastor H. P. Hamblin. Friday was a public holiday and Anguillans were in a mood to celebrate a new era. Scores of private parties and public dances were being held, and on Sunday the Churches of Anguilla will hold special thanksgiving services.

A special address by H.M. Commissioner and Mr. Ronald Webster, followed by a recording of the proceedings at the swearing in ceremony and the Thanksgiving service in the park will be broadcast by Radio Anguilla at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.



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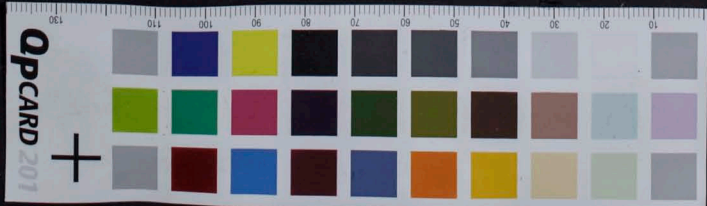
A THOUGHT

Though the road seemed so very tough
 We Anguillians fought enough.
 Ronald Webster and Altin Harrigan
 Made every plan that we began.
 Jerry Gumbs thought silly as some may
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 Made intelgent plans in just a wink
 One word here, and a little thought
 there
 Give us all today a pleasant atmosphere
 Victory, victory, thanks to one and all
 in what so ever great in what so ever
 small.

THANK YOU LORD: D. LLOYD

THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT:

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 This shows how irrelevant some
 of our courses are. We read about
 forestry in the U.S.A. and Canada
 and how they plant 2 or 3 trees
 for each one they cut, but what we
 are doing about trees on our island
 paradise? (I wish we would see how
 fortunate we are). We can grow
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 ful; we feel the hot sun and
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 it? We sit back and read about
 tree planting in Canada and
 what they are used for. Boat
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THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT:

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My author friend in his chapter on the Commonwealth Caribbean rightly pointed out that "the content of the courses is oriented almost entirely to Europe rather than the Caribbean and students end up knowing the details of Nelson's victory over the French at Trafalgar without the slightest awareness of the island peoples living in the island states around". (This is not exactly the case in Anguilla). One reason why the West Indies Federation failed is that West Indians lack the awareness of each other. Though islands are close together the people are far apart and this can be seen by looking at the dialects and cultures which exist in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

I think that it is rather irrelevant to talk about "machines taking the place of men" or "to get a good job one should have a good education". This is the case in advanced countries such as the U.S. where machines have depersonalized man and instead of man controlling machines, he is controlled by them. (This could be a lengthy debate). However, in Anguilla, it is irrelevant because before one can get a job there must be a job to be had. This is one of the contradictions in the system. The student must be given an atmosphere of creativity and not strict rote and memorization. The future of Anguilla (as is the case of many West Indian islands), depends on the creativity of its youth. Let's face it. We must create jobs. Teachers should be much more flexible in their classrooms, cultivating useful learning experiences. Life has shown that the idea of having a good education in Anguilla guarantees a good job is very erroneous. Fathers leave yearly to work in foreign countries (which creates sociological and psychol-
gical problems.) Doctors and lawyers usually don't return. There are

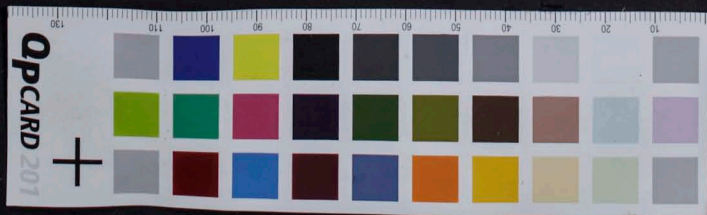
reasons. What are they?

Teachers must be more perceptive and pragmatic. They must realize that nobody has a monopoly on knowledge and act accordingly. Because life is a continuous process of change, what is a glorious truth today maybe an arrant lie tomorrow. Give students a chance, learning is a two way street. The more we study the less we "know". We must also find a better way of dealing with students who have problems. We do not have to be psychologists though I recommend a psychology course for teachers - to see that brutal punishment is destructive in many ways. This is sad indeed and something will be done about it. I am not saying that students should go unpunished, but there are more humane and profitable ways of doing it. We must come to a better understanding of human behaviour - individual and collective.

The time is here when teachers will have to take off their white shirts and ties and get involved in development - on sea or land. They have alienated themselves for too long. We are all in the same boat and when it sinks everybody is going down with it. The only thing special about a degree is that those of us who have degrees have more responsibility to our fellowmen. We become the servants of the people and not the infallible gods elevated above everybody else.

Instead of having students in a garden at school all the time learning how beans wheat and corn grow in Canada, we should teach tropical agriculture so that they can help themselves and others. Agriculture in Anguilla could never become as complicated as it is in the U.S.A. or Canada for very obvious reasons. (Cont'd on Page 5).

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BOAT RACING WEEK IN ANGUILLA

Sailboat racing during the week beginning with August Monday has always been the most spectacular sporting event in Anguilla, attracting huge crowds at each race.

The races held this week turned out to be just as exciting as ever with keen competition and some thrilling finishes. The competition among the larger boats for the Thompson Trophy greatly added to the excitement.

On August Monday in Road Bay the races started with twelve boats including gallant entries by H.M. Commissioner in his little yacht with Major Leslie Kennedy and Mr. Ronald Webster as crew, and two Army "Bosuns" and an old-time St. Martin favourite the "Varuna".

"Lady Love" was the winner with the Alma Gloria second and Varuna third.

There were five entries in the large class with the favourite "Winsall" robbed "Light and Peace" of victory in a tense finish and "Speed and Comfort" taking third place. "Winsall" has now won three of the last five annual races that for many years have not been won by the same boat in successive years. Long-time favourite "Benezer" and last year's winner "Sagaboy", did not place. These race results gave "Winsall" five points towards the Thompson Trophy, "Light and Peace" three points and "Speed and Comfort" one point. At Blowing Point on Wednesday, "Lady Love" won easily again with "Quickstep" second and "Priscilla" third.

The larger boats provided the most thrilling race of the year with "Winsall" and "Light and Peace" again locked in a duel throughout the race. "Light and Peace" got the better of "Winsall" only to see "Sagaboy" come from behind and beat them both to the flag.

"Winsall" and "Light and Peace" were then tied with six points each, "Sagaboy" had five and "Speed and Comfort" had one.

With one more race to go a win by "Winsall, by "Light and Peace" or by "Sagaboy" could gain them the trophy.

At Meads Bay, among the small boats, "Lady Love" won again in a great performance. She had won all three of the races in which she had entered in Anguilla and the race in Grand Case St. Martin at the second "Fete" there.

In the large class boats "Light and Peace" came from behind to gain first place followed by "Winsall" second and "Speed and Comfort" third. With this decisive win on home ground "Light and Peace" had won the Thompson Trophy with eleven points. "Winsall" ended the week with nine points, "Sagaboy" five and "Speed and Comfort" two.

H.M. Commissioner then presented the Trophy to Mr. Kedro Hughes, owner of "Light and Peace", captained by Federick Richardson of Long Bay.

SUMMARY OF RACE RESULTS:

MONDAY: SMALL BOATS

1st. Lady Love; 2nd, Alma Gloria
3rd. Varuna.

LARGE BOATS

1st. Winsall; 2nd. Light and Peace
3rd. Speed and Comfort.

WEDNESDAY: SMALL BOATS

1st. Lady Love 2nd, Quick Step
3rd. Priscilla

LARGE BOATS

1st. Sagaboy 2nd Light and Peace
3rd. Winsall

THURSDAY: SMALL BOATS

1st; Lady Love 2nd. Desire 3rd Green
Dolphin

LARGE BOATS

1st. Light and Peace 2nd. Winsall 3rd
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