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Mostly fair with brief scattered showers. Winds east 12-18 mph.

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Striking PWD Workers Given Ultimatum By King



ONE OF FOUR passengers is shown here following the crash of a light plane Saturday in the Crown Bay area. All four persons and the pilot were rescued from the Cherokee aircraft, which sank. According to the Coast Guard, there was no serious injuries although one woman passenger reportedly suffered a slight laceration. Divers from the U.S. Navy were looking for the craft Saturday. (Daily News Photo)

Bove Leaves For Vermont After No Action In Wash.

News Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Peter Bove left town late last week for his former home town of Rutland, Vermont after waiting here fruitfully for the past month for the Senate to okay his appointment as the next governor of the Virgin Islands

A spokesman for his principal sponsor, Senator George Aiken (R-VT.), said that all steps now have been taken by the FBI to clear Bove and that favorable action by the Senate Interior Committee and the Senate itself should come after the Congress returns here from its Easter Holidays on April 14.

Webster Claims British Broke Island Pledge

SAN JUAN (AP) — Anguillan leader Ronald Webster Saturday charged the British government of breaking the pledge it made on March 30 to the tiny Caribbean island.

The 43-year old Anguillan travelled to San Juan to voice his concern about the situation. Webster said that British commissioner in Anguilla, Tony Lee — in his words — “Does not want to recognize the rights of an Anguillan council and had imposed martial law in the island.”

Webster said demonstrations are taking place in Anguilla. He added the islanders will continue demonstrating until British troops and Tony Lee pull out of the island. “If the British want trouble,” he said, “The Anguillan people are willing to give their life for the right to be free.”

Meanwhile, the House Interior Affairs Committee has set May 1 and 2 as hearing dates on the Virgin Islands. The committee expects that Bove will have been confirmed by that time as governor and will be asked to testify at the May hearings.

These hearings are the ones which were cancelled in March because President Nixon had not appointed a governor, director of

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“Return to work by Tuesday morning or face disciplinary action” was the order issued by Acting Gov. Cyril E. King to 24 members of the Public Works division business office.

The business staff members last week signed a petition requesting the reinstatement of William Farrington, administrator of the office.

Farrington had been ordered to report to a similar position in the department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs by Tuesday morning.

King branded the current hassle in the office as a “politically motivated attempt to disrupt the functions of orderly

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Hickel Gives Views On Conservation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Walter Hickel feels his department must have a special kind of vision. Hickel says the Interior Department must look ahead 20 to 30 years and make its decision now on the basis of what will be happening in America then.

Achieving that kind of foresight is no easy job. Particularly when you consider the

problems that the Interior Department faces in cleaning up polluted rivers — and at the same time meeting the demands of growing industry; and saving open areas for people's pleasure — and at the same time meeting the needs

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Red Cross Drive Below \$7000 Goal

St. Croix Bureau
CHRISTIANSTED — In just over a week the 1969 Red Cross drive in St. Croix will be over and the outlook at the moment is grim. So far the island is \$5,000 short of its \$7,000 goal.

This apathetic response to one of the most vital organizations that not only stands ready to help Crucians when disaster strikes but actually helps many of them in little publicized emergencies is especially disappointing on an island with the booming economy of St. Croix.

Last year the Red Cross on St. Croix received 104 requests for aid. It helped 64 servicemen, 7 veterans and 23 civilians. It also helped six families whose homes were destroyed by fire. It conducted invaluable first aid classes and taught 200 youngsters in its water safety program.

Local officers of the St. Croix chapter of the American Red Cross ask all residents to help the chapter reach its goal. Contributions need not be large and all are acceptable. The Red

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Royal Engineers Said Working On Anguilla Port

By MATT ALLEN
ANGUILLA (AP) — Royal engineers worked on Anguilla's tiny airport as opposition to the British presence had all but disappeared in the wake of a seven-point agreement worked out between British envoy Lord Caradon and the local governing

council, headed by Ronald Webster. The British felt secure enough to withdraw 120 of their paratroopers, who participated in the British occupation of the tiny Caribbean island just two weeks

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Essay Contest Sponsored By V.I. Group

An essay contest is currently being sponsored by the Virgin Islands Public Affairs Council, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of mainland Virgin Islanders.

Rules for the contest indicate that the topic is to be “the American Virgin Islands,” with the objective of encouraging young people to appreciate the history,

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