

Webster Hailed as Hero of Fight for Freedom

Britain spent one million pounds since her invading force landed in Anguilla earlier this year. If this amount had been given to the island over the last 10 years, Anguilla would have been a better place today.

So said Ronald Webster, the man whom his countrymen thrust at the forefront of their ranks to pull the 35 square mile island from the unitary state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. Webster, speaking to more

than 175 CVI students who crammed the theatre Wednesday to hear him discuss Anguilla's past, present and future, said the differences between his people and the central government headed by Premier Robert Bradshaw

are irreconcilable. He was introduced on the College's Ideas and Issues weekly convocation by CVI president Lawrence Welch who observed that the attendance was the largest ever at the series and said this was a tribute to Webster's role as a leader of a people who recognize the time for their freedom has come.

Later Dean of students, John Baker, described him as a hero of the fight for freedom who has surmounted great odds to stand for what he thinks is right.

In a passive 60-minute address Webster gave the students a detailed outline of Anguilla's history from the days when the island had a 32ft. long sloop which was like the biggest schooner in the world to the inhabitants.

He said the trade then to St. Kitts was charcoal and a few animals in return for sugar, potatoes and flour.

He said Anguilla has been deserted and rejected

but there is nothing to be ashamed about poverty. God has made both rich and poor, he told the students. What one should be ashamed of is dirtiness, not poverty.

Webster asked the students to value their education highly.

"I did not have the opportunity as many of you have today. My mother had 16 children and I had to leave home at the age of 10 and travel to another island to work to help support the family so that the younger ones could appear decently before their teacher.

He was warmly applauded.

The Seventh Day Adventist preacher punctuated his text with many Biblical quotations and gave a brief geographical sketch of the territory.

He pointed out there are no contagious diseases in Anguilla and said the island boasts some of the best white sand beaches in the world.



Teachers from the three islands are attending the annual 6-week workshop sponsored by ESEA, Title 3, under the direction of Mrs. Mavis Brady, program director; CVI's Mrs. Marilyn Krigger conducts session in history. The workshop provides in-service training in teaching of V.I. history through an inter-disciplinary approach.

Bruckner Joins TropicalMotors

Another salesman has been added to the sales staff of Tropical Motors at Golden Rock, St. Croix.

He is Joseph Bruckner who will be involved in selling used and new cars.

A native of Woodhaven, N.Y. Bruckner is now a resident of Estate Judith's Fancy in St. Croix, where he lives with his wife, Lorraine,

and four of their children.

A fifth child, Chris, is a freshman at the University of Ohio. There are also 3 cats, a Great Dane and a La-

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JOSEPH G. BRUCKNER

VIPIA Luncheon

Government Secretary of the V.I., David Maas addresses the regular meeting of the Virgin Islands Public Information Association this Tuesday, 12:15 p.m. at the Left Bank restaurant.

72 Make Dean's List at CVI

Seventy-two CVI students earned an academic average of 3.0, equivalent to a "B", or above during the spring semester and have been named to the Dean's list, Arthur R. Richards, provost and dean, announced today.

Two students, Nellon Bowry, St. Kitts and James Burch, Jr., St. Thomas, made a straight "A" average.

Others named to the Dean's list include Derryle Brown, Kathleen Bryant, Sebulita Christopher, Michael Daniel, Bernice Francis, Wayne Francis, Cheryl Harrigan, Dorothy Kerr, Junia Lewis, John Lynch.

Also Valentine Penha, Glenridge Pole, Lynch Rogers, Angela Riley, Althea Romeo, Laurel Sewer, Clorien Si-

billy, Brenda Simeon, Roy Simmonds, Mary K. Smith, Merle Stephey, Walter Thompson, Dilsa Torres,

Waltraud Tourinus; Leroy Trotman, Arnold van Beverhoudt and Louise White (Continued on page 15)

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