

THE BEACON

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EDITORIAL. By the time this BEACON is published, the Parliamentary Delegation will have completed its business in Anguilla, and will be on its way to St Kitts. By now we have given a complete lie to the St Kitts Government's official version of the state of things in Anguilla, the gangster rule, the intimidation of the bulk of the people by a small minority, etc,etc. We are sure also that the Delegation never believed this version, and that by the enthusiastic welcome and the friendly attitude of the Anguillians, by their unhampered investigation of all that is happening on the island, and by their personal contacts with Anguillian leaders, they will take with them a very different version back with them to St Kitts, and eventually to Britain. We were however shocked to hear that according to the "British version of events, the Frigate Salisbury never landed marines at Island Harbour on Feb; 15th. So we live and learn. We have put all our cards on the table, and are trusting the British Government not to let us down. We are well aware that unless a miracle happens there is going to be no easy solution, and we must be prepared to keep "going it on our own" for some months to come.

THE ANGUILLIAN GOVERNMENT WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT WORKS

In order that the people of Anguilla may be better informed of its political structure of their government and its institutions, the following explanation of the various offices and respective responsibilities has been contributed by the the political expert of the BEACON.

The Council

President. Ronald Webster
Members Cambell Fleming
 John Hodge
 Collins Hodge
 Hugo Rey
 Wallace Rey
 John Rogers

Civil Service

Director of Civil Service. John Webster
Departmental Heads
Treasury Walter Hodge
Police Sgt. Ryan
Post Office. Ken: Harrigan
Public Health S. Gishard
Public Works Wallace Rey
Customs & Trade Walter Hodge
School Board (vacant)
Tourism (vacant)
Agriculture (vacant)

Executive Administrator

Frank Macdonald.

Judiciary

Magistrate. Peter Adams.

Civil Service Commission Board

Chairman Emile Gumbs.
Members Alwyn Hodge Allan Richardson
 Lucas Wilson Christopher Romney.

The Council is the elected representative body of the people. It is the executive body which frames legislation, passes resolutions effecting the well-being of the island, and in general deals with the political problems facing the island. It is separate from the Civil Service in so far as it is elected by the people, and acts on their behalf, leaving the administering to the Civil Service.

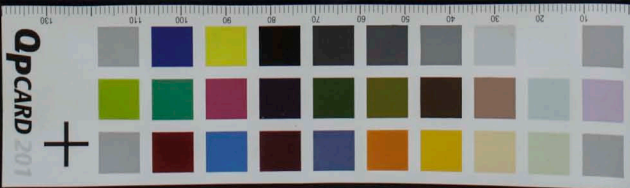
The Civil Service with its various departments is responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Council. The Civil Service is not a political body, but an administering one. It is a more permanent one, lending stability in times of elections and changes in the executive. Its director is responsible for seeing that the Government functions properly, and that the monies requisitioned by the Council are used properly. He is in attendance at all Council meetings, though he has no vote.

The Judiciary is to ensure that the Laws of the island as set by the Constitution, and enacted by the Council are maintained, and that the rights of the people are not infringed upon.

The Civil Service Commission Board is an appeal board set up in order to settle disputes arising out of the Civil Service, and judges disputes when brought to its attention by a Civil Servant.

The Executive Administrator is the local advisor, and as such helps in any way to aid both the Council and the Civil Service in carrying out the needs of the island. He sits on the Council, though like the Director of Civil Service, he has no vote, but is there to advise and to follow up on the decisions of the council, to ensure that they have been carried out. He is the link between the legal advisor Dr Fisher and the Council.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE. The Dutch Government have requested the Anguillian Government to give them a complete list of Dutch Citizens resident in Anguilla. Will any such persons report to the Treasure without delay. This will remind Anguillians that the threat of invasion still remains, and the Government in St Kitts is...



GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA
INCOME

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. JUNE 1st - NOV:30th 1967
EXPENDITURE

Customs & Duties		Salaries	
Airport	4,007.31	School	57,301.36
Forest	28,057.49	Library	3,432.64
Road	14,346.91	Post Office	3,704.66
Bl: Pt:	4,796.97	Customs	5,094.00
	51,208.68	Magistrate & Clerk	2,132.80
Post Office	3,677.51	Police	3,375.08
Sec:Sch Fees (1 Term)	2,013.00	Treasury	2,574.88
Land & House Tax	672.62	Chief Executive	1,875.60
Liquour Licences	1,008.80	Public Works Dept:	19,914.00
Reimbursements	1,880.54	Public Health Dept:	6,383.34
Head Tax	123.00	Social Welfare Dept:	3,829.45
Police Licences	809.40	Medical Dept:	14,553.01
Water Rates	164.87	Agricultural Dept:	1,536.75
Sundry Refunds	315.57	Travel	1,759.21
Miscellaneous	740.05	Civil Servants Pensions	3,326.27
	62,614.04	Miscellaneous	11,504.52
TOTAL ORDINARY REVENUE		TOTAL Expenditure	142,297.57
Donations		Balance in hand	805.22
Per U.S.A	42,995.00		
Anguilla	1,371.00		
England	2,400.00		
Loan by Ronald Webster	46,266.00		
	34,222.75		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 143,102.75	TOTAL	143,102.75

Editors Comment. In the last six months, we have only been able to carry on, because of the Generosity of those who made Donations and Loans. Without them we would not have half enough to pay our way. No doubt after a time there will be additional sources of income, and an increase from the existing sources. But for the present time we must rely in the months to come on the continued, and increased support of those who have helped already. Thank you all, and keep it up.

MR JOHN WEBSTER. Mr Webster who formerly worked in the Virgin Islands, has returned to Anguilla to take up his duties as "Director of the Civil Service". In this capacity he will be responsible to the Government for the whole of the Civil Service. Mr Webster played a notable part during the crisis. He is one of the Trustees of the Anguillan Fund, and was also spokesman for Anguillians in St Thomas. He acted as our intermediary when sending messages from Anguilla by telephone to the U.S.A. The funds collected by Mr Webster in St Thomas (\$42,495.00) have made a very large contribution to our finances. The promotion of the sale of the BEACON was also due to Mr Webster when at St Thomas. He gave up his job of Foreman in charge of the Vitex Corporation to return home, where his services are greatly needed. Mr Webster wishes to express his gratitude to all his friends in St Thomas, who made it possible for him to help his country in time of need. It is hoped that another Anguillan will arise to take his place there.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES. The public are reminded that Water Rates for the period of July-Dec are now due, and are asked to pay them to the P.W.D as soon as possible.

Mr De Freitas, the eye specialist will be at his clinic in the Administration Buildings on Saturday December 16th.

THE BEAR OF THE CARIBBEAN. In our issue of November 11th we published a letter ridiculing the pronunciation in the programme broadcast nightly over Z.I.Z, sponsored by Carib Bweeries. As they are still advertising their BEAR, we have come to think that there may be in fact a Bear of the Caribbean. On consulting our Dictionary we find "Bear A carnivorous animal, with long and unusually shaggy hair and hooked claws.... or, a rude unmannerly man". Can it be that this mis-pronunciation is intentional, and is really a nightly adulation of R..... B..... the Bear of the Gribbean?

ADVERTISEMENTS Camora Hotel Anguilla A new ten room Hotel at South Hill was born on Friday Dec: 8th. Hot and Cold running water. Proprietor Camile Connor.

A Grand Dance to be held at the Community Centre on Christmas Day. Music for your dancing pleasure, by the "Fabulous Swans", native Anguillians working at St Thomas. They will be accompanied by the "Mighty Beaver" (not Bear)

Stamps I will pay double face value for undamaged stamps which are overprinted "Independent Anguilla", also will buy other used B W I stamps at current whole-sale prices. Apply to Tom Millington Box 257. S Thomas V.I.

COMMENT With the devaluation of the £. costs have risen in Anguilla
Even the Sea has risen! :

