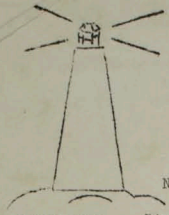
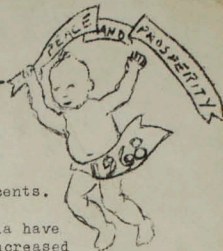


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EDITORIAL. Since the Devaluation of the Pound, prices in Anguilla have increased. This is not unreasonable; but prices should not have increased so much. The cost of living in Anguilla, even before devaluation was higher than it should have been. We do not propose that the Government should impose a price control, but that they should encourage a reputable Super-Market, and get other enlightened retailers to do business on the basis of a quick turn-over, and not as it is being done now. As we go around, we see goods on the shelf that have been there for years, because of the high prices. This is where the dealers lose their profits, and they try to compensate themselves by jacking up the prices. This is no modern business procedure. The man that does not want his belly filled at once, but has a quick turn-over is the best business man. We want our people to have a higher standard of living and to buy more consumer goods, but when we see the identical home-manufactured product selling at one store at \$3.60 and at another at \$3.00, we wonder. The Government should also encourage people in market gardening, producing their own vegetables and poultry, and increasing the quality of their stock.

POLICE REPORT. On Jan: 1st a 19 year old girl, Robena Diego of South Hill, died on the way to the Cottage Hospital. A post-mortem revealed that a .38 bullet had entered her right lung and lodged in her spine. The Police recovered a .38 revolver behind a wall where the victim had fallen. Winston Brown aged 20 a Kittitian living at Stoney Ground was subsequently arrested.

ANGUILLA DEFENCE FORCE. January 2nd saw the swearing in of the first members of a Defence Force. Mr John Webster resplendent in a smart grey uniform took the oath as Secretary of Defence, which was administered by Mr P E Adams. J.P. Mr Webster will have under his immediate command 15 stalwart young men, ready to defend their country under any circumstance. At the ceremony there were very many other young men only too ready to join, but the Chief Executive in a short speech said that fifteen men were sufficient, and would be available to assist the police when required. In the case of emergency there were a further 210 men who could be alerted at short notice. He urged the public to respect the authority of the Defence Force.

Correspondence Sir, "Package Deal". More than 300 years ago, Anguilla became part of a package deal. What to do with Anguilla? Sweep that little piece of real estate under the carpet—Tie it to St Kitts—Give it a vote or something.

Now we are ready for a new package deal. San Francisco money is ready to buy our Bank together with that of Basseterre and Sandy Point. What is the difference in being dominated by St Kitts through political pressure, or by financial pressure? How hard is broke Bradshaw going to push the new financial group? Plenty hard. He is shopping for a soft touch. In St Kitts the new owners will find themselves heavily committed before they know it. How will that affect Anguilla? The same money in both countries places the balance of power in the country that has the heaviest investments. What chance will a borrowing group have in Anguilla, if Bradshaw does not want it?

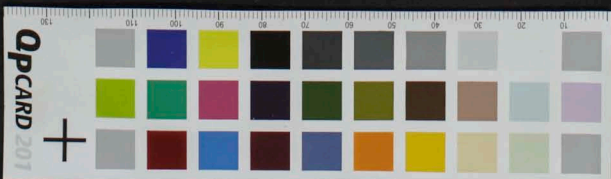
To-day, how much petroleum product can we get from Esso? Nothing. Here it is a case of St Kitts pressure. Esso would rather sell us down the river than to hazard its investment in St Kitts & Nevis. Banking interests will act no differently. Big Oil yielded to political pressure. Big money will too. Bradshaw's pressure through Esso has kept it and other companies from bringing in their products. We all know the Bank of America, it is a reputable bank and would be a great asset to our island, provided that they are not associated with St Kitts. What we need is competitive money, not the same money that is developing in St Kitts. Lewis S Haskins.

The Editor replies Anguilla rightly needs strong Banking facilities. We hope that arrangements have already been made whereby the Anguilla Branch is completely independent of St Kitts. We hope our Government will confirm that this is so. We also learn that a representative of Barclays Bank, Antigua was here the other day, and they hope to re-open a permanent branch of that Bank here, also independent of St Kitts.

We also learn that Esso are sending a Tanker round about Jan 15th to fill the containers at Crocus Bay with Gasoline, Kerosine and Diesel Oils, and that the retail price will be 15cents cheaper than at present.

NEW R.C PRIEST. Father Romeo Gagnon, a Canadian priest aged 64 who has spent 32 years in South Vietnam has arrived to be in charge of St Gerard's Church. Fr Roberge will remain here as his assistant.

OUR MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS. Birth To Mr and Mrs Atlin Harrigan at the end of the year a daughter, Lisa, sister to Jess, aged 2. The Harrigan family is now four.



Weddings Dec: 27th saw a big wedding at St Andrew's Church, Island Harbour.
Mr Ronald Webster led the radiant bride Miss Harriette Ible up the aisle, for he was her step-father, to be married to Mr Conrad Hodge, the son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Hodge of Island Harbour.

On January 2nd St Augustine's Church saw the wedding of two school teachers.
Elcia daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Vanterpool of Sandy Hill, was married to Mr Joseph Daniel of Montserrat. The Bride was given away by her godfather Mr J N Cumbs who lent the Casino for the reception afterwards

Mr David Lloyd and his family who left Anguilla at the time of the departure of the St Kitts police, recently returned to Anguilla, a wiser man. Our reporter in St Kitts tells us that when Mr Lloyd failed to get the Anguillian prisoners to talk, he was dismissed from the P W D there. We gather that he now realises that Anguilla will never go back to St Kitts, and was heard publicly rejoicing in St Martin that even his own old comrade Bradshaw would never get back here. So let bye-gones be bye-gones and let us welcome wanderers back to the fold, and work together to "build a new Anguilla"

Public Notices The Sub-Post Office formerly worked by Mrs Caroline Fleming in the East end, has now been transferred to the premises of Mrs Ruth Webster. Mt Fortune.

Motor Vehicles Owners are reminded that they must produce a valid certificate of third-party insurance, when they come to license their vehicles.

Hospital Visiting The Medical Board hereby inform the general public, that as from January 5th 1968 visiting hours for the hospital will be daily from 9.30 to 10-30am and 3.0 to 5.0pm. Not more than two visitors allowed to any patient at one time, and permission must be obtained from the Sister on duty before entering the wards. No visitor may remain on the hospital premises after 5.0pm without permission, which will only be granted in emergency. It is hoped to have Visitors Cards soon.

Sell your Overprinted Anguillian Stamps to help your Government. I will pay 5/- each for all such undamaged stamps (1/-20): 10/-each for 25c to \$1: and twice face value for other stamps. I will refund you your postage, and will sell all stamps in London and pay all profits to Anguillian Government. Peter Ibbotson. 100 Canonbie Rd London S E 23.

GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA BALANCE SHEET FOR DECEMBER	
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
By Balance	Administration
Customs	Treasury & Customs
Post Office	Education
School Fees	Public Health & Hospital
House Tax	Social Welfare
Liquor License	Public Works Dept:
Wheel Tax	Post Office
Court Fees	Legal & Judiciary
Aid to Anguilla Fund	Library
Water Rates	Pensions & Misc:
General Refunds	BALANCE
TOTAL	TOTAL

COMMUNICATIONS On the day of the final departure of the Parliamentary Delegation, news reached us that letters posted in England for Anguilla, had been returned to sender, with a note that Postal Communication with Anguilla has been suspended.

Cables were immediately sent off in protest, and as far as we can see mail is now coming through St Thomas normally.

It is to be regretted that Anguillian Mail to St Kitts is still being held up there, and we would again ask the authorities there not to interfere with our mail, as it is in our mutual interests that normal communication be resumed. In this connection we would ask Mr DeLisle who is a good friend of Anguilla to restore the LIAT plane service as soon as possible, and to ignore any obstacles that are being placed in his way

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ALPHABET we would like to compile an alphabet of Anguillian Personalities, and invite contributions in this metre. The best will be published.

A is for Adams, his Seat he wont sit in
On Thursdays he deals with original sin.

B's for Bob Harrigan, also for Brooks
Doubly noted for Stamps and their very good looks.

So come on, Anguillans, and complete our alphabet.

