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## EDITORIAL.

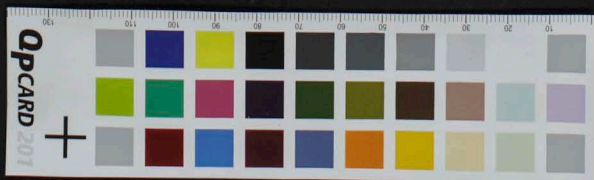
For over fifty weeks, the light of the BEACON has been shining, and its beam has been visible, not only in Anguilla, but throughout the Caribbean. It has reached the United States, and, what is more important, it has even penetrated the windows of Whitehall. We have tried to give a true picture of Anguilla, and have not glossed over her faults and mistakes, and for that reason the BEACON is now read with respect. The resultant picture of Anguilla is one where every man woman and child is resolutely behind Mr Ronald Webster in their determination to obtain recognition of their secession from St Kitts, and to prove that they are capable of governing themselves. Early in January next year, some new interim agreement will have to be drawn up for Anguilla. Thanks to the BEACON, H.M.G will now have realised, that there can be no return to St Kitts, and that in spite of all frustrations, Anguilla can go it on her own. We have less than four months to run, and we are still as united on these major issues as we were on the day of the Referendum. It is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion on less vital matters, and a certain amount of rivalry between personalities, but for the next four months we must pull together, for the last long pull, and not be distracted by any minor issues at this time. We are informed that another News-sheet is due to appear this week, and we wish it well, and are confident that on the major issue it will be as resolute as the BEACON. But there remains the danger of dividing the spoils before the victory is won, and the victory has still to be won.

**THE NEW CLINIC.** There are signs that this is really going to become mobile at an early date. The new clinic at Three Lanes, St John's will be responsible for dealing with the clinic in need to the best of ability, and will travel round with a Bristol, its functions will be: (1) Immunisation of children under 7 with B.C.G in areas not covered by clinics (2) Establishment of child-welfare, ante-natal, family planning, general, and other clinics in these areas. (3) Dental work in schools whenever a certain is available. A schedule is being drawn up for a twelve-week cycle, and all will be detailed when the route and locations are known.

**EDUCATION.** Education is the key to the future of any country. Considering the few facilities available here, the poor quality and the overcrowding in many buildings, the lack of trained teachers, we have not done too badly and have reached a level of 70% literacy on the island. This has been largely due to the sincerity of the teachers and their dedication to their task. Many thought that the schools would not be able to open when Ansell took charge of their island. But teachers and children were in their places for the opening day, and have been functioning normally through-out the year. This week a new school year begins, with our faithful teachers at their posts, supplemented by three V.S.O teachers from England. (We learn that the third V.S.O is arriving to-day, and will be qualified to teach science). Also a few of our High School Graduates will be trying out their vocations as teachers, which, therefore, opens up to universities and colleges outside the island, and hope to recruit and qualify teachers for the years ahead. Unfortunately the new pre-fabricated school is not yet ready, but the piles of component parts lying on the new site, will bring encouragement to the teachers in the Valley Schools, that this will be the last year in which they will have to work under the present difficult conditions. The Education Board and the Teaching staff are to be congratulated on this satisfactory state of affairs, and for the fact that they did not allow political troubles to interfere with the education of the children.

Last year, it was remarkable that fifteen scholars were prevented from taking the G.C.E examinations. Some of them have sat for it again, and we had hoped to be able to publish a full list of successes. Unfortunately the full details are not available as they go to press, but we hope to publish them next week.

**HISTORY OF ANGUILLA (continued)** Another perpetual irritant was Education. Anguilla's school facilities are mainly antiquated wooden one-roomed houses, occupied by as many as 200 students. Secondary education for Anguillians had to be completed at St Kitts. There most Anguillians faced considerable prejudice as "country consins" inevitably do when they find themselves in the midst of poorer but more sophisticated "city-dwellers". Despite, or perhaps because of economic crises and political realignments, Anguilla's egalitarianism developed. One important factor was the large number of shipwrights and sailors Anguilla produced. Sturdy sailing vessels have been built on the island and sold not only to Anguillan fishermen, but to those on nearby islands for more than a century. Lately, lobsters have been found in abundance off the island's eastern shore, and are sent by plane to Puerto Rico. When Anguilla withdrew from the Central Government the islands of St Kitts and Nevis were left with virtually no navy and air power: The only two private air-lines of the former sister islands belonged to Anguilla, as did also nearly all their ships. (To be continued).





PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION FOR ANGUILLA (continued)

4. The Chairman of the Council shall be elected by the Council and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of Anguilla. He shall devote full time to his public office, and shall be compensated therefor. The Council by a majority vote may at any time over-rule the Chairman, or remove the Chairman from that office and elect some other member of the Council as Chairman. Should a vacancy on the Council occur for any reason, the remaining members shall elect a person to fill it.

5. The Council shall have the power to appoint officers, officials, advisers and employees of all kinds, including magistrates and judges, upon terms fixed by the Council. The Council shall have the power to appoint judicial officers (including the power to designate someone already a judge in another jurisdiction) and to confer upon them the power to decide all civil and criminal cases brought before them. If the Council chooses, it may designate one or more judges as having the power to make final decisions, which the Council itself may not set aside. Unless the Council otherwise provides, all officers and employees of the Government (except members of the Council) serve at the pleasure of the Council.

6. The Council shall act by majority vote. A quorum shall be four, and no less than three affirmative votes shall be required to take any action.

7. This Provisional Constitution may be amended by the Council, provided that no less than five members are present, and no less than four votes are in favour of the amendment. No constitutional arrangement connecting Anguilla with St Kitts shall be effective unless it shall have been submitted to a referendum, and have been approved by a majority of those voting. (The End)

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Dear Editor. I was very proud of the stand that I hear that Mr Ronald Webster has taken for Anguilla, together with his other partners. This has made me very happy indeed. But I am deeply regretting to hear of the traitors we have at home trying to take over our Government. My dear people you all better think twice before you think once. The time has come for Anguilla to lead her people, and in deepest woe we have to make a move to make our future worth while. We can be happy people if we all work together for good. Let us live together in harmony, for without it we will get nowhere. My good people my advice to you all is to hold fast to Mr Ronald Webster, the man for Anguilla; he has stood for the rights of Anguilla like a hero, and we should be proud of him and try to help him to lead our country in the right way, and not to destroy it.

Prince P Gumbs (shortened)

South Hill, Anguilla. Dear Editor, We Anguillians call upon H.M.G to help us with our money which is drifting somewhere, we know not where it is. We Anguillians worked for our money just and hard. Also H.M.G is relaxing on our problems. It laid on the ground, and soon will be too ripe to be handled. Whose is the fault?  
signed An Ordinary Man (Name supplied).

Dear Editor, May I use your paper to address the Premier of St Kitts, hoping it will bring about a change in his mind, I quote from the 29th chapter of the Book of Proverbs 1. He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. 2 When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn. 7. The righteous considereth the cause of the poor (Webster) but the wicked regardeth not to know it. 11. A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards (Anguillians did so, Sir) 19 A servant will not be corrected by words, for though he understand he will not answer (Mr. B.) 20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him (Mr B). I ask him to read all this chapter, that they may ask God to take away the heart of Pharaoh, and set Anguillians free.  
Reuben Gumbs (letter shortened through lack of space)

Notice My property in the Quarter has been willed to my three children, and one acre of the land to my wife Camelia Gumbs. John E Gumbs.

I, the undersigned make it known that the land situated in the Quarter where the house of Mr and Mrs John E Gumbs stands shall not be gifted, sold or bought. Who ever acts contrary to this does so at his own risk. Charles Adams.

Mrs Eliza Richardson wishes to thank all relatives and friends who have in any way contributed to making her vacation an enjoyable and memorable one, and she expresses her hope that her island will find a peaceful and successful solution to its problems.

Humour The news spread quickly that a drunken man fell---right down the bottom of the Coco-Spring Well...Quite absurd he said, and I quote, "loses hit the water, and the rocks came forth".  
W Hunte.

Advertisement. Albert's Dept, Anguilla offer special prices on various items such as Combs, Sewing threads, Enamel & Steel Kitchen sinks; Wash Basins, All sorts of Toilet Sets, Stainless Steel Sets; Italian Beach-Wood Furniture; Mens' Terylene Suiting; Cromie 4 & 6 Piece Dining Room Sets; Modern Aluminium Shutters; Electric Wire, Fry's Cocoa; Ovaltine; Vegetable Soups; Quaker Oats; Pigeon Peas; Pet Milk; Plastic Pipes & Fittings; Vynil Tiles, Mosaic Tiles; Philips Radios; Colourcrete; Laxative Tablets; Writing Pads; Exercise Books; Slates & Pencils; Painting Pencils; Blacklead Pencils. Also a wide range of men and boy's working pants, available at big reduced prices.

The Camora Hotel When you visit Anguilla, come and stay at the Camora Hotel at South Hill, where the hospitality is good. Hot & Cold Water. Free transportation to the beach twice per week.  
Contributions, poems, articles, letters are invited for subsequent issues of this Paper. Editor

