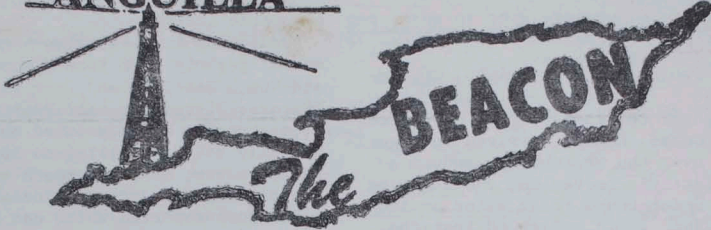


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ANGUILLA WILL COST MINISTER HIS JOB:

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LONDON - (AP)- Prime Minister Harold Wilson has decided to fire the Foreign Office Minister who was at the center of the incident that led to Britain's invasion of Anguilla last spring. Political sources reported Tuesday.

The Minister is William Whitlock Parliamentary undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whose duties include responsibility for some aspects of Caribbean policy.

Whitlock's departure from the Foreign Office is due to be disclosed Sunday along with a series of other changes in the middle and lower echelons of the British government, the sources said. THE ANGUILLAN affair erupted when Whitlock made a sudden visit to the island last March in the hope of sorting out its constitutional problems. The islanders had been trying to break from the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla federation.

But Whitlock's mission did not get far. He was forced at gunpoint to leave the island and later he (See 'Minister' Page 4)

LORD SHEPHERD TO VISIT ANGUILLA:

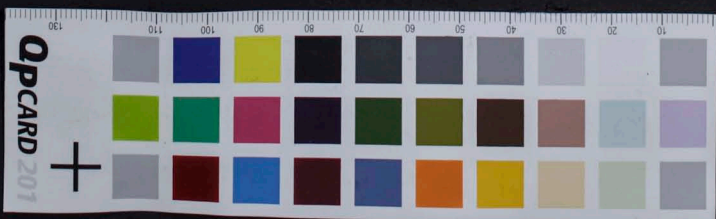
The British Minister for Caribbean affairs in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Lord Shepherd, is expected to visit Anguilla next month.

At the moment, Lord Shepherd is on a tour of all the British Territories in the Caribbean, and should arrive here about the 10th, of November.

H.M. Commissioner has informed the Council who said that Lord Shepherd will be welcome to Anguilla. He has taken over full responsibility for Caribbean affairs in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office from Mr. Whitlock who is reportedly dismissed by the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, as Parliamentary undersecretary of state for foreign affairs.

H.M. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:

Leaving today by R.A.F. is H.M. Deputy Commissioner (Anguilla) Mr. Simon Hemans. Mr. Hemans will be returning to London where he will work with the Dept. of Caribbean Affairs at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, after five weeks of leave. He has been on the island as Deputy Commissioner since 19th March 1969 and has so far worked with the four (See 'Deputy' P.3)



BRITISH GEOLOGISTS HERE TO DRILL FOR WATER:

Two British Geologists, Dr. Edmund P. Wright and Mr. K.H. Murray, both of the Institute of Geological Sciences, London, arrived in Anguilla over the weekend to conduct a scientific survey for the location of underground fresh water on the island. It is estimated that the survey in Anguilla will take them about 3 months.

Dr. Wright and Mr. Murray are here under the auspices of the Ministry of Overseas Development, London. The objectives of their investigations in Anguilla are principally to define the distribution of fresh and saline groundwater in the island and to make recommendations for the location of production boreholes.

Some consideration will also be given to alternative methods of developing additional supplies of fresh water. The techniques to be used in this investigation will include exploratory drilling of narrow diameter holes and geophysical surveys.

RADIO ANGUILLA HEARD IN EUROPE:

According to a postcard received this week from Mr. Werner Matzunsky of Tirschenreuth, 20, Ergerstrasse, West Germany, Radio Anguilla was heard on his ocean Boy Grundig receiver and he has written to Mr. William Evans, Chief Engineer, Radio Anguilla to request Confirmation.

The West German radio "ham" reported hearing signals from Anguilla on 1505 khz at 22 hours GMT (6 pm. Anguilla time). Apparently Mr. Matzunsky heard part of the BBC news followed by music but with con-

siderable interference.

Radio Anguilla has also had listeners' reports from Wisconsin and North Carolina and from the USS "Forestal" cruising near Puerto Rico, but Mr. Evans pointed out that normally Radio Anguilla, on 500 watts' power, does not reach such far away listeners, except on occasions like those reported which can be accounted for as "fluke reception." Nevertheless, Radio Anguilla has been heard in Europe.

BRITAIN'S IMMEDIATE ROLE IN ANGUILLA

By Martin C. Roberts,

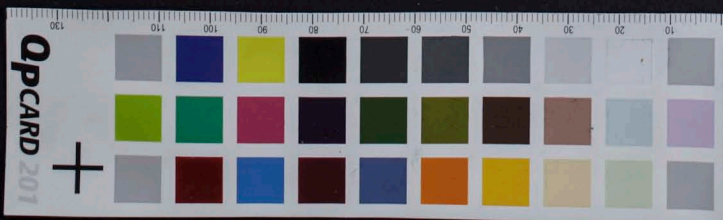
What should be the immediate concern of the British Government in Anguilla? What should be the number one priority of Her Majesty's Government in Anguilla? There are many approaches to this question -- political and otherwise; and it is not easy to deal with these approaches separately. In raising this question I am not primarily concerned about the political future of Anguilla.

I am not here concerned with whether Anguilla should be a British colony, an Associated State, or the Third Trinity of islands.

My concern is with that which underlines and forms the foundation of any stable, well-functioning society.

All Anguillans are no doubt grateful for the development projects begun during the Interim Period and stepped up since the British Takeover of the island. For this reason, perhaps, many regard the British occupation of the island as a God-send. One can quite understand such feelings. After all, Anguillans have been for centuries deprived

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of the bare necessities upon which any civilized society depends-- good roads, electricity, telephones, water supply and so on.

However commendable as the efforts may be to amend this situation, the top priority of the British Government in Anguilla should not be to build roads, or install electricity and telephone systems, etc. Consider this simple question. Who is going to look after the operation and maintenance of the electricity, with all the many gadgets that depend on it? But, you may argue, roads, an airport electricity, telephone water, etc. are all essential to our economy. Quite true. But who is going to plan and manage that economy? Who is going to handle public finance with all the complications involved? You could ask this question, "Who?", of every single aspect of the functioning of a society. The most important consideration is not the project or the scheme but the person behind the project, or scheme, or systems.

Let's put it this way -- if the British Government does not intend to occupy and control Anguilla permanently; or if the British Government does not intend to have Anguilla run by Foreigners, then the British Government should initiate now a comprehensive training programme to equip Anguillans to manage the affairs of their island.

It does not matter what the political status of Anguilla is; the affairs of the country will have to be under the management of Anguillans. (Continued on Page 7)

Commissioners who have held the post in Anguilla.

He is being replaced by Mr. David Magilligan who is expected to arrive in Dec. Meanwhile his duties will be carried on by Mr. Charles Fletcher, first secretary to H.M. Commissioner, and H.M. Commissioner himself, Mr. Thompson.

COLONEL GILES:

Also leaving us on Sunday, is Col. Norrie Giles, Commander of H.M. Forces Anguilla. Col. Giles remained on the island after the Paratroopers were withdrawn, handing over to Col. Waymark, who replaces him, and Major Plummer, who was in charge of the Royal engineers.

Col. Giles was in charge of operation when the Paratroopers landed on March 19th. He later returned to England for a short while before resuming his position in Anguilla about four months ago.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE:

Mr. Ray Anning, Chief Superintendent of Police, will be leaving next week, at the end of his term of duty in Anguilla. He is succeeded by Chief Superintendent, Jock Leith who arrived last Thursday.

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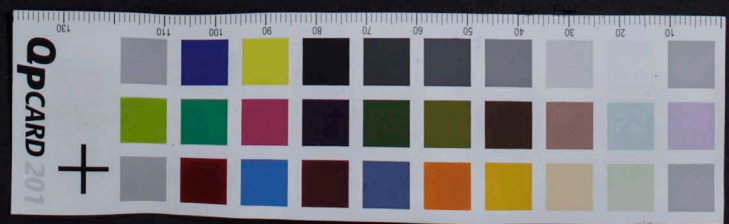
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claimed Mafia type elements were in control there.

The British subsequently sent in paratroopers and police to restore London's constitutional authority in Anguilla. The paratroopers have left. The police are still there.

IN THE aftermath of the affair Witlock faced criticism inside and outside Parliament for allowing himself to be run out of Anguilla. Some authorities were puzzled at his failure to maintain radio contact with nearby British naval ships during his visit to the island.

Britain promised from the outset that Anguilla would not be forced to return to the three-island state headed by St.Kitts. But apparently no decision on the island's political future will be made until after a report by the Caribbean Commission due to sit in December. The report is expected in March or April.

Informants reported another imminent change at the Foreign Office: Minister of State Lord Chalfont is to take on responsibility for disarmament and United Nations affairs.

Chalfont was until this week, chief negotiator on Common Market matters. This job has been upgraded by Wilson who assigned a full mem-

ber of the Cabinet, George Thomson, to the job.

HEMANS SAYS GOODBYE:

Sir,

I would like through your columns to say goodbye and thank you to all my Anguillan friends whom I have been unable to see personally before leaving. Thanks to their unfurling kindness and good humour, My time here has been a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. I would like to wish the people of Anguilla every possible good fortune and success, and I very much hope we may meet again.

Yours faithfully,
S.N.P. Hemans.

The following letter was given to us for publication by Clifford Rogers.

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I sincerely hope that you are keeping well, and also the family circle.

My brother-in-law Romney told me when he returned recently from Anguilla, that you told him, you wrote to me.

Unfortunately I did not get the letter, I changed my address and no doubt the letter might have gone astray.

I have recently read in the Beacon, that you have been made Chairman of the "Anguilla Chamber of Commerce". I am very pleased to hear such an announcement, as it is (Cont'd on Page 5)

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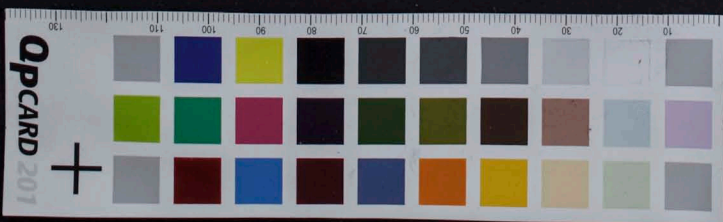
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Quarters is in Bermuda, and the main purpose of his visit, we are told, is to see for himself the situation in Anguilla, since the troops were withdrawn. The Commander visited the island on two occasions, since the occupation of the British. One was on the morning of the landing of the Paratroopers,

LIGHT HOUSE:

Commander Coker of "Imperial Light House Service", will be visiting Anguilla from 14th to 16th of this month. He will be making a trip to Sombrero, to inspect the light house there on the 15th. Sombrero is a dependent of Anguilla, situated about 40 miles North West of Anguilla. The Light House on it is manned by Anguillians, but is run by the board of trade in London.

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so fundamental to the economic growth and stability of the island.

I would like to suggest, and I do hope my suggestion can be helpful, that a large warehouse should be built, and serve as a depot, for all general imported goods.

All orders from merchants be admitted to the Chamber of Commerce and large quantities of goods periodically imported.

This should enable stability and cheaper prices for goods retailed. The Government should be asked to encourage this.

However, I shall be glad to hear from you, and to know what are the future prospects of the island. I

would so much love to return and be of some help, provided at the same time, there is a prospect of a livelihood.

Give my regards to your wife, Bob and his wife.
Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
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WANT TO EXCHANGE STAMPS:

Dear Sir,

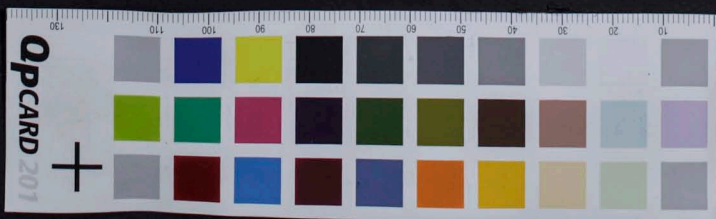
I am trying to form a collection of the stamps of Anguilla and the West Indies, and should be most grateful if you would kindly assist me in this connection.

Would you be good enough to insert a notice in your paper asking any of your readers who may have an old collection of stamps for sale or exchange, to please write to me at the below address, Herdlea, Church Road, Warton Preston, England.

Signed; H.I. Coar.

CANON CARLETON.

Canon Carleton who was Anglican Parish Priest in Anguilla for the past five years, will be taking up a new appointment in Grenada shortly. Canon Carleton returned to Anguilla on 7th. October, after spending five months leave in England. A farewell party was held at the Rectory last Wednesday night, and among those present were Archdeacon Walker of St. Kitts, and members of the Vestry. Canon Carleton is expected to be in Grenada for four years, after which he hopes to retire in Anguilla where he has a private home.



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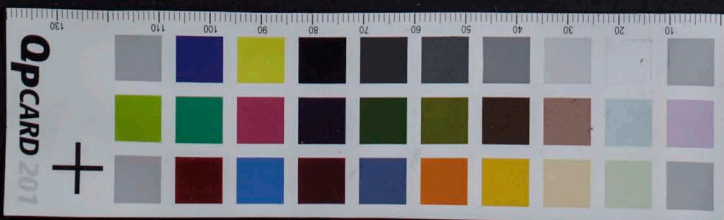
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If Britain does not prepare Anguillans
for this tremendous responsibility,
they will have failed miserably in
their duty to Anguilla. Anguilla is
a very small island but, as a society,
it must have the organization and
machinery to make it as effective as
any large state. This means that Ang-
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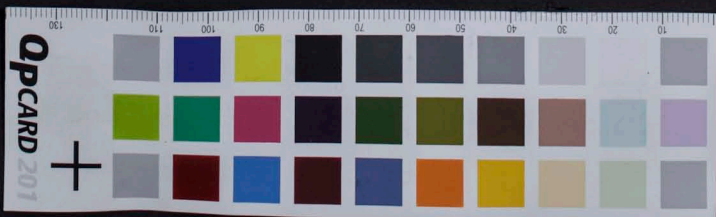
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qualified for the job. In the final analysis, these must be Anguillans themselves. To see to it that Anguilla has enough personnel to make the island a properly functioning society, should be the first concern of the British government. If the British government does not recognize this, then its policy is very short sighted indeed. To fail to accomplish this is to repeat one of the major blunders in colonial history.

Yes, Anguilla is small but it must have a civil service. The affairs of Education, Health, Public Works, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Communications, etc., must be taken care of. It must have a governmental system. So Anguilla needs doctors, lawyers, Magistrates, police, engineers, agriculturalists, electricians, educators and teachers, and a host of other technicians that keep a society going. In all this, Anguillans cannot be satisfied with less than the best and it is Anguillans who should be at the helm. What is the British Government doing toward this end? Right now there is a case in point.

The Beacon for August 30th advertised the post of "Mechanic, Ice and Cold Storage Department". Applicants must have good knowledge of diesel engines and refrigeration. It will be interesting to see who gets that post. My contention is that the post should be filled by an Anguillan. If there is no Anguillan qualified for the job, this should be an indication to the British Government of its immediate task. There is a great deal of talent

and potential in Anguilla itself. There are many young people in Anguilla who can achieve distinction if they are given the opportunity. The British Government must discover the talent and potential which is there, channel it, and develop it. Many newspaper reporters have done Anguilla a great disservice. They have either presented Anguillans as a sheepish, primitive, illiterate set of people, or as a bunch of rabble-rousers. They have not seen the ability and the potential, intellectual and otherwise, in Anguilla. The British Government should recruit and train as many Anguillans as possible for the tasks ahead. The first on the list of priorities of the British Government plans for Anguilla should be a short-term and long-term Educational Programme. The Public Works Programme should be no higher than second.

TWO STUDENTS OFF TO U.W.I.

Mr. Colville Petty and Mr. Claude Carty, left Anguilla last week Friday for Jamaica where they will pursue a degree course at the University of the West Indies.

It is expected that they were met by the University Officials, and taken to the Mona Campus.

Both were accepted at the U.W.I. and given scholarships by the British Overseas Development Division in Barbados.

