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LORD SHEPHERD - I Should Like To Return.

Lord Shepherd, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, ended his 24 hour visit to Anguilla on Tuesday Morning.

Lord Shepherd and Lady Shepherd and other members of the delegation arrived at Wall Blake Airport by R.A.F. Andover, and were met by H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, members of H.M. Commissioner's Office and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Webster.

Lord and Lady Shepherd shook hands with a small crowd that gathered near the Terminal Building before proceeding to H.M. Commissioner's home. According to the programme Lord Shepherd had discussions with Mr. Ronald Webster and later, the full delegation lunched with officials from H.M.C. Office and the Members of the council along with their wives.

This was followed by a full meeting of the Council.

He was invited to return to Anguilla for a more extended visit, by Mr. Webster, and he said, "I should like to return." Lord and Lady Shepherd with the delegation, left

for Antigua by R.A.F., on Tuesday Morning, to begin his official visit there. He was seen off by H.M. Commissioner and Staff, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Webster.

Lord Shepherd is the British Minister who negotiated the ill-fated 1967 Barbados Conference.

COMMEMORATION OF PRINCE CHARLES'S BIRTH DAY.

On Friday 14th. November, the uniformed bodies of Scouts and Guides commemorated the birthday of Prince Charles by attending the divine service at the St. Gerards Roman Catholic Church where a capacity crowd joined in the thanksgiving service. This service was well attended and the uniformed bodies numbered about 350.

After the service there was a short investiture and the group marched from the R. Catholic Church via the Mahogany tree to the Scout and Guides Headquarters.

The Highlights of the day, however, was the costumes parade from Ronald Webster's Park up to the hospital and back. A capacity crowd of about 500 marched to the strains of the Stoney Ground Steel Band and expressed their desire of continuing such an exercise.



MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA

By Lord Shepherd, Minister of State,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office.
(Broadcast From Radio Anguilla, Nov.
11th, 1969).

Good evening. Some eight weeks ago the British Prime Minister asked me to take overall responsibility in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office for Caribbean affairs. I therefore took the opportunity when I attended the St. Vincent Statehood ceremonies to visit ten Countries, nine of them in the Caribbean, and therefore it is natural that I should pay a call to Anguilla, a country which is very much in our minds at home. My real regret is that my visit is so short, but already I have seen enough of the lovely beaches - the best in the world, I'm told -- to feel that this is an island I should like to return to.

But when I return to London and see the dark wet days I will remember particularly the happy faces of the people of Anguilla, and perhaps most of all the very warm welcome the people of Anguilla have extended to me and to my wife. I've seen, too, something of the economic developments. I'm very **conscious** that much still needs to be done, but a start has been made, and already we can see the results of some of our early work.

Yesterday, I was able to have friendly and frank exchanges with Mr. Ronald Webster, and later with his colleagues on the Anguilla Council. We discussed in great detail much that concerns the Council and the people of Anguilla. I take away with me a full understanding of your views and I hope that the Com-

mission which will be shortly appointed, but before that Commission you will have an opportunity to make your views and aspirations clear. I hope that the Commission will be able to produce recommendations from which a solution can be found. I am leaving to return home. I will accept the invitation that has been given to me to return to Anguilla, but in the meantime, I would like to express a real word of thanks and gratitude to you, the people of Anguilla for their warm welcome. Good Night.

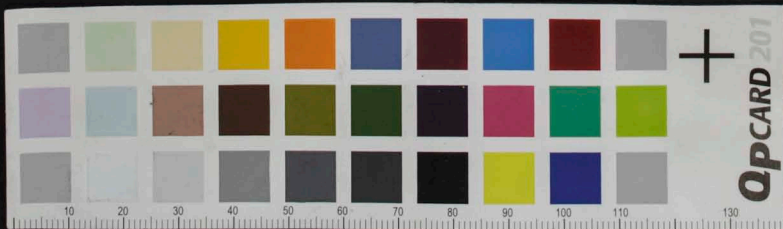
STATEMENT FROM RONALD WEBSTER TO LORD SHEPHERD

(Broadcast from Radio Anguilla- 10th Nov. 1969.)

Dear Lord Shapherd,

On behalf of the Council and the people of Anguilla, we would like to thank you for your promise to assist us as much as possible through the Foreign Office in London, and for giving us here the strong ray of hope for the Caribbean Commission's recommendations. We welcome the fact that you will visit other heads of Governments in the Caribbean and return back to London's Foreign Office. We asked you to report the true situation as you have found it exists on Anguilla. We humbly asked that no stumbling block be placed in Anguilla's political future for freedom.

We only hope that you may strongly recommend our solution. We appreciate the statement made by Mr. Micheal Stewart on the 18th March. That there is no part of our purpose to put Anguilla under an Administration to which she does not want to live although that is a political (Continued on page3).



STATEMENT FROM RONALD WEBSTER

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matter which we will handle. we respect each word and are looking forward for the harvesting of said proposal. We again wish to thank you for your patience and guidance during our discussions. We invite you personally to return to Anguilla whenever you are able for a more extended visit. How happy we are at this time to have Lady Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Roberts, Mr. Hankey, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Bell, Mr. Godden and Mr. MacCoun and last but not least H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Thompson.

Finally, I wish you all God's speed and safety to your various departments. May the Lord bless you all.

On behalf of the Council and people of Anguilla, I thank you.

NEW RADIO SERIES FOR WOMEN.

Commencing on Monday 17th November a new series of programmes for women will be heard at 9.15 a.m. under the title "Woman's World".

The series will be written and produced by Mrs. Janice Gumbs and will deal with such subjects as First Aid in the home, sewing and dress making, The care of children, housewife's hints and other items of general interest to the women listeners of Anguilla.

The programmes will be heard on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9.15 a.m. from Radio Anguilla.

THE CIVIL SERVANTS VERSUS THE POLITICIANS:

(Letter to the Editor, Nov. 12th. '69)

It is obvious from the recent

articles published in THE BEACON- "THE PURGE CONTINUES AND THE PATIENT CIVIL SERVANTS AND THE IMPATIENT MODERATES" that something is about to happen. The civil servants are now on the alert, and apparently mean business. I would therefore like to issue a warning to the politicians, that the Civil Servants are grown up people, (at least their leaders are) and they are entirely fed up with the child-like behaviour of some of the politicians, whom they are convinced are using them despitefully.

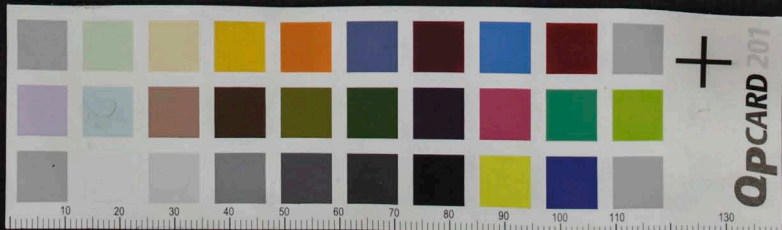
We must face the fact and admit the truth about it, that if a rift comes about between the politicians and the Civil Servants, a rift which may well end up in a COLD WAR, Anguilla will suffer by it.

As far as I understand it, all that the civil servants are asking is that they be allowed to carry out their duties and responsibilities without unnecessary interference.

The politicians duty is to work out policy. Its the duty of the Civil Servant to implement that policy. As soon as the politicians feel that they are the absolute masters and the civil servants mere tools to be manipulated at their will, this may well be the beginning of sorrows.

Instead of the Anguilla politicians concentrating their energies in trying to bring the political battle in which we are now engaged to a successful end, for weeks now they have been trying to cut the salaries of two Civil Servants who were appointed to their posts by the then acting Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber.

The Civil Servants are asking why only interfere with these two (Continued on page 5).



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EDITORIAL

Lord Shepherd has concluded his short visit to Anguilla and we cannot say much more than, that he has been able to get a full impression of the feelings of Anguillians through the members of the council and see the evidence on the island that shows neglect over the past years.

We note however that Lord Shepherd had private discussions with Ronald Webster. We also note in Mr. Webster's statement to Lord Shepherd, (See page 2) which said it was in behalf of the Council and the people of Anguilla. Quote, "and for your promise to assist us as much as possible, through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London and for giving us here the strong ray of hope for the Caribbean Commission's recommendations." unquote.

In Lord Shepherd's statement on page 2, and throughout his discussion we interpret no where, where this promise was made. We have however understood that Lord Shepherd has expressed his desire that the Commission will make such recommendations from which a solution may be found. Knowing then that Mr. Webster and Lord Shepherd met privately, we do not know what promises have been made between either of them. If Mr. Webster did get this promise; then we add that he has allowed Lord Shepherd

to pull the wool over his eyes. For neither Lord Shepherd nor anyone else can make more than an intelligence guess as to what the Commission will recommend. Otherwise it would seem as though the Commission is coming with its mind made up. We do hope though that Lord Shepherd will fully report the situation in Anguilla to H.M.G. and that he has seen the urgent need for a speedy solution as Anguilla cannot go forward "in the true sense" under the present arrangements. Let us hope that he will use his good office to see that the Commission commences its work as soon as possible and that its findings and recommendations be worked on thereafter. Any delay will effect Anguilla's progress.

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SERVANTS ARE BUSINESS PARTNERS.

St. John's Antigua, Oct. 28th 1969.

A Government and its Civil Servants are partners in business, Premier Vere Bird told Antigua's Civil Servants here last night.

If there is a good Civil Service there is a good Government. If there is a bad Civil Service there is a bad Government, the Premier said.

Bird was addressing Civil Servants at the official opening of their annual week of celebrations.

Miss Ursula Gittens of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Servants Association, who was also a guest speaker at the opening ceremony exhorted local Civil Servants to stay together in the interest of the Community.

She said Civil Servants were professionals, and their organisation was a permanent body which must go on regardless of the government in power. (REUTERS).



THE CIVIL SERVANTS VERSUS THE POLITICIANS:

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appointments while there have been so many other appointments which were not brought before the council. To attack these two Civil Servants only, seems to stem from some other reason, and not because of the fact that the matter was not brought before the council.

What about the recent teaching appointments? Were they brought before the Council? Are the working departmental Committees that were set up by Mr. John Cumber and of which in each case a member of the Council is chairman, and which were responsible for all the appointments of no use?

These Committees comprise of a council member as Chairman along with three or four prominent Anguillans as members. Are they worthless people, so that no power can be delegated to them?

I feel that it is an insult to the intelligence of the members of these Committees that other politicians should publicly condemn and reject the decisions they made under the authority designated to them by H.M. Acting Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber.

I feel that it is a very grave insult to the then Acting Commissioner, Mr. John Cumber that certain recommendations which he made, and certain decisions which he approved in his capacity as HER MAJESTY'S ACTING COMMISSIONER should have been so blatantly disregarded, condemned and rejected.

I feel that it is an insult to the whole British Administration in Anguilla, that certain decisions

made by one section of the Administration, should have been so blatantly disregarded, condemned and rejected.

I must therefore conclude that something is wrong somewhere. Unless there is understanding and co-operation between the politicians and civil servants, I am afraid we will be missing the mark.

The Civil Servants are saying that they are fed up with the unfair treatment that is being meted out to them. The Civil Servants are saying that this type of treatment is getting on their nerves as the saying goes, and we all know what happens when one's nerves are upset. We all know what happens when there is a complete breakdown of the nerves.

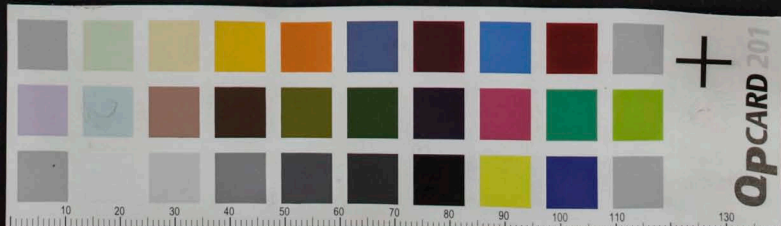
Thank you.

Signed: Another Moderate.

OUR MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS:

Sorry, my report for this column has been taken so long but I've been doing my rounds, noting some very interesting things which were happening lately which needed a little refining. To name a few:-

The Brimigin Airport, land cleared by Anguilla Council's consent and now the owners of the land are busily planting peas, after a fair production of coal, all at Government's expense.... Now we know how serious the referendum of Feb 6th. was; when the republic adopted then, was abandoned by one who changes his policies like an Iguana changes it's colour.... He did so much for Anguilla that now he can land trailers, without custom's inspection, the ships (Continued on back Page).



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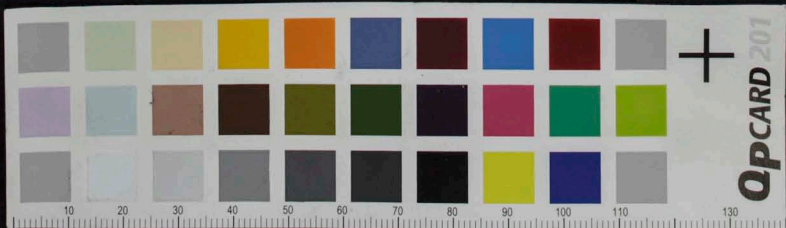
WEEKLY PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAYS:	3.00-4.00 p.m.	The Symphony Hour
	6.00-6.30 p.m.	Portrait of Our Time
	8.00-8.15 p.m.	Theme for Sunday
MONDAYS:	9.15-9.30 a.m.	Women's World
	1.15-1.30 p.m.	Techniques For The Tropics
	8.45-9.00 p.m.	Musical Memories
TUESDAYS:	7.20-7.45 a.m.	Breakfast Session
	1.30-2.00 p.m.	Light Classics
	6.15-6.30 p.m.	Community Welfare
WEDNESDAYS:	7.45-8.00 a.m.	The Tijuana Brass
	5.15-5.30 p.m.	Calling the Caribbean
	5.30-6.30 p.m.	Top Twenty
THURSDAYS:	8.00-9.00 a.m.	Morning Music
	6.45-7.00 p.m.	Sports Roundup
	9.00-10.00 p.m.	Thursday Serenade
FRIDAYS:	6.30-7.00 a.m.	Music of Faith
	1.15-1.30 p.m.	Tropical Farmer
	8.30-8.45 p.m.	Story Time
SATURDAYS:	8.15-8.45 a.m.	Children's Roundabout
	6.15-6.30 p.m.	Scouts and Guides
	6.30-6.45 p.m.	Guest Spot

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MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS:

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can come and go without Entry or clearance, lets hope that the notice displayed by H.M.C. has some meaning, for we do not know who else will try the trick... Some interesting case for the Doctor who used to act as Magistrate, Med. Doctor, Dentist and Police smuggler catcher. e,i,e,i,o.....

It is a sense of pride to know Lord Shepherd had private discussions with our leader Ronald Webster; seems as though he learned from Whitlock's mistake. The whole island is happy to know that Mr. Webster alone knows what the true position is and expects that he will now call a public meeting on the park to tell them.... Special request for "you know who", "Take me back to the gangsters where I belong". Special message; "Don't over do it".....

He definitely did not commit himself in Barbados, in 1967, but this is 1969, and the same Shepherd.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:CO-OPERATION or DICTATORSHIP?

One hears so much over the past few weeks, about two Civil Servants being penalised while some others granted the same privileges are allowed to carry on in peace and contentment. I often wonder if the true facts were brought before the Commissioner. We are told that some members of the Council are dissatisfied with the appointments of these two posts, because they were not brought before them for consultation, but why these two posts, where are the others? H.M. Acting

Commissioner, Mr. Cumber, had no authority in appointing two Civil Servants without the consent of the Council, then his limitations were the same in the other cases. If H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Thompson feels that Mr. Cumber made mistakes that should be corrected, then he should wipe the slate clean of Mr. Cumber's reign and start afresh. You cannot cure corruption in part. Anguillians are looking on to see how this matter will end, because not only does it suggest corruption, but is becoming offensive. The Civil Servants must realize that the respect they expect, and the conditions under which they must work, depend on how they handle this issue. Remember, a disgruntled Civil Service springs from a corrupt administration which develops and produces in turn a corrupt community. Be firm and fearless. Show the present administration that you know what your rights are, and that you know how to preserve and protect those rights.

The agreement between Lord Caradon and the Council was, "That the island would be administered BY H.M. Commissioner in full co-operation and consultation." A few Anguillians understand the context of that section of the agreement, so should the Commissioner, seeing that English is his language. When canker sets in, we Anguillians know where to throw the blame. What will the Commissioner do, if tomorrow the Council asks him to take his engineers and go? We don't want salaries cut, we want more posts created so that our young people can get something to do.

Signed: ANGUILLAN.

