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OVER 1000 ANGUILLANS BLOCK COURT HOUSE.

Over a thousand Anguillans assembled around the Court House last Thursday, preventing the Judge of the High Court of the Associated States in the West Indies, from entering.

The resident Judge of St. Kitts, Mr. Penwick, a Barbadian, arrived in Anguilla early in the morning by L.I.A.T. plane which put him off at the foot of the runway. He was then taken by Security force of the Anguilla Police Unit to the Army Camp, after, over a thousand people surrounded the Court House armed with stones, Sticks and pieces of iron. About 50 Policemen from the A.P.U. stood guard at the Administration building.

COURTS STILL OPEN

A spokesman from H.M. Commissioner Office, told the Beacon that the Judge, having learned of the disturbance at the Court House, decided to declare a building near the Army Camp a Court, and proceed to open Court in the usual way. It was learned that this building he used is part of the new Coseley School, near the Army Camp in the Valley.

The Judge opened and adjourned the Court, without hearing any cases. He was then taken by Security Officers to the foot of the runway to a waiting L.I.A.T. plane and flew out of Anguilla. The crowd at the Administration Building and the Court House, returned to their

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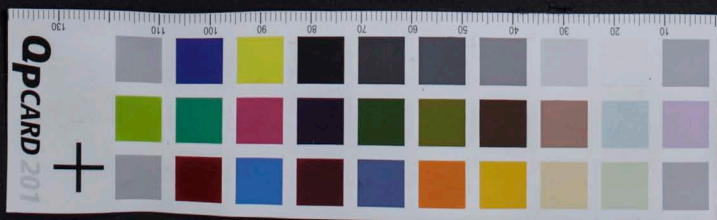
COMMISSION ARRIVED- ANGUILLANS DEMONSTRATED

Hundreds of Anguillans assembled at the Airport on Monday 2nd, Feb., displaying placards as the Anguilla Commission disembarked from the Aircraft. The Commission headed by Sir Hugh Wooding, Chairman, arrived in Anguilla for the first time after being publicly sworn-in in St. Kitts earlier in the day. People from all over the island turned out in large numbers with placards that read - NO ST. KITTS; NO BRADSHAW; WE WANT WEBSTER; WE WANT DIRECT ASSOCIATION WITH BRITAIN.

Police from the Anguilla Police Unit were called out to see the members of the Commission safely to their waiting cars, as the crowd shouted, NO ST. KITTS, H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ronald Webster met the Commission at the Airport. They all went direct to the Court House where the crowd followed.

At the Court House the Council members who were around were asked to go inside and were seated in front while some of the crowd squeezed in at the back of the Court Room. Throngs of people remained outside. H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson welcomed the Members of the Commission and wished them God's blessing with the task they are charged with. Mr. Ronald Webster then read a short speech on behalf of the people of Anguilla in welcoming the Commission. He said "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner, Honourable Members of the Commonwealth Caribbean Commission, on

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT AT FIRST
SESSION OF THE ANGUILLA COMMISSION
BASSETTEPPE, ST. KITTS AND IN ANGUILLA,
ON MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 1970.

The Commission which my colleagues and I have accepted and the burden of which we have taken on today is, we think, of fundamental importance.

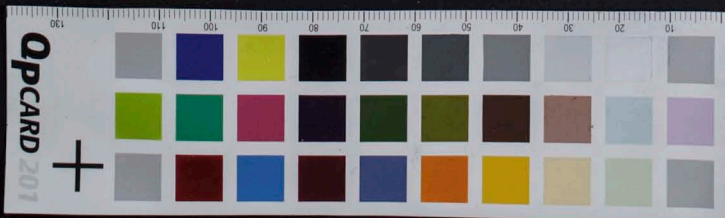
It is important not only to you, but indeed to everyone throughout the Caribbean region. It is important also to the people of the Caribbean who live abroad including, and perhaps more especially, your own birth and kin. It is important too because such recommendations as we may propose when we have completed our enquiry are of concern to you, your children and your children's children. Hence its importance is such as will demand of us the utmost attention and care, insight and understanding, application and (if I may say so) wisdom. But it makes demands of you likewise. It calls upon you to be statesmanlike, to be fair but yet firm in presenting your views, to be tolerant of the views of others even though you may not agree with them and may criticise them and seek to expose what may seem to you to be their errors. We can succeed in making helpful recommendations only to the extent to which you help us.

You have heard our terms of reference. By them we are reminded of the unitary character of your Associated State and of the problems and consequences that may arise from further fragmentation in the Caribbean. At the same time, we face a situation in which Anguilla has declaredly withdrawn from the Unitary State and which has both stemmed from and resulted in differences that are plainly divisive and it would seem, not easy to bridge. It is in such circumstances that we have been commissioned to consider the causes of the situation that has come about and the best means

of dispelling any misunderstanding relating to that situation. Whether any such means exist we cannot now of course presume to guess. But as the terms of our Commission enjoin us, we are required at the end to make recommendations, such as may lead to a satisfactory and durable solution. Any solution that may be satisfactory and durable must in the last analysis depend on you. So we shall explore whatever proposals you put forward and, you may rest assured, we shall strive towards an acceptable result.

I have been speaking in terms of "we" and "you". There can be no misunderstanding when I say "we". But let me explain that when I say "you", my colleagues and I are thinking primarily of people - I mean all the people who cannot but be affected by the course of events here. We shall therefore be interested to know not only what the State Government and the Island Advisory Council think. We want to understand also what the people think - and why. "Why" is important because as everyone will readily admit, a doctor cannot prescribe remedies until he diagnoses his patient's ills. In that respect our Commission is not unlike a doctor. We must diagnose first. And since a State is composed of people and is only as united as its people are, it is people whom we must examine. It is for people we must prescribe. Hence we seek to identify the differences as the people see them and to diagnose the reasons why they exist, it may well appear that some are mistaken or misguided, but it will remain nonetheless true that what they honestly think lies at the seat of their ills. In carrying out the diagnosis it is not our intention to apportion blame, but rather to identify those causes without a recognition of which it would be difficult to find a meaningful and lasting remedy.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE
ANGUILLA COMMISSION: (Continued
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This brings me to the procedure we propose to follow. We invite you whether here or abroad, as a governmental body or as an organisation of people or as individuals to send us memoranda stating as succinctly as you can, first the differences (as you see them) which led to the present situation and how they came about; and, secondly, the proposals (and your reasons in support of them) which you wish us to consider for recommending a satisfactory and durable solution.

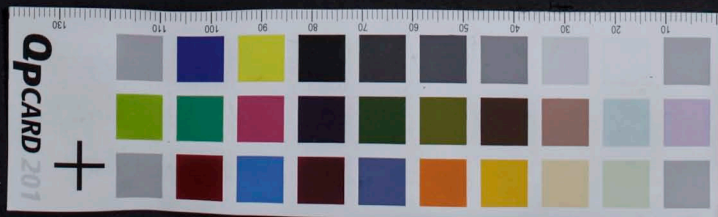
It will, we feel sure, be helpful if you have trained assistance in preparing your memoranda since they are most effective when they are explicit and to the point. We shall want them by 14th March and our Secretaries will issue notices directly after this meeting to whom and where they should be addressed. We shall want each memorandum to be in duplicate. If the memoranda reach us by the deadline we have proposed, we intend to begin our business sessions on Wednesday, 1st April.

We shall start in Anguilla and then proceed to St. Kitts, and these sessions will be held in public. The witnesses we shall hear will be those coming forward to support such memoranda as may be submitted. However, we would not want to exclude anyone who may have failed to send us a memorandum but who may have a worthwhile contribution to make. As I have said, we want to learn what the people think - and why. So if there be any such, we shall require first a brief statement of the points intended to be made so that we may be able to determine whether or not what is proposed to be said has already been adequately stated.

At these public sessions all or

any interested parties may be represented by counsel. In any such case, counsel will be permitted to amplify the submissions made in the client's memorandum and to proffer any arguments he may think fit in support of them. He may also lead the evidence of such witnesses as he may think appropriate. But, as at present advised, the Commission does not propose to permit cross-examination of any witness. The Commission will conduct its enquiry itself and will investigate the facts and proposals put forward by such further questioning of witnesses as its members may think desirable. Attached to the Commission is the counsel who is the recently-appointed head of the legal section of the Commonwealth Secretariat which all Commonwealth Governments have set up in London and, should counsel or an interested party wish any other point to be put to witness, he may so request and in the Commission's discretion this may be done by the Commission or its counsel. All this, we think, is in the interest of avoiding recriminations, the better to find a satisfactory and durable solution.

In addition, the Commission will hold consultations with those governments and organisations whose views it may consider helpful to its work. But it is right that we should state that any such consultations will be essentially private, as might take place between individuals or groups of individuals discussing matters of common interest. They will therefore not be any part of the official enquiry which is the subject of our Commission. On the other hand, to facilitate citizens of the Associated State and other persons or groups of persons having a close connection with it, we shall hold ourselves ready to arrange to hear them in other territories in the course of our necessary travel. May I now end by saying once again that the (Continued on page 5).



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Committee will be held at the studios of Radio Anguilla on Monday at 4 p.m. The Chairman is Mr. Clive Smith with Mr. Joseph Hodge, Father S. Bennett and Mrs. Janice Gumbs as members. The Anguilla Broadcasting Committee meets regularly to advise Radio Anguilla management on broadcasting matters.

EDITORIAL:

Just last week we announced that Anguilla was back in the world news with the visiting of Sir Hugh Wooding and his Commission.

Today we can say we are back in the World News Headlines but the news will not do Anguilla any good it is an unfortunate situation to have the press Headlined, that Anguillans prevented the Courts from opening. People will not read between the lines and see the reasons behind the people's emotions. Only the ugly picture of a people preventing a court from functioning will get across. The whole situation needs very careful handling from here on.

Anguillans abroad can probably do more now to aid their country by sharing their ideas with the Anguillian leaders, having seen the picture from the outside than sending money.

Force will never settle the Anguilla-St. Kitts dispute or any dispute that may arise from day to day running of the island. This is a time for common sense and reason not brute force and ignorance. The Anguilla Council should invite Anguillans that live in U.S.A., England and Canada to send their views and recommendations to them with the hope that we may continue on a path without bloodshed that will lead Anguilla to her political freedom.

ANGUILLA BROADCASTING COMMITTEE MEETS MONDAY.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Anguilla Broadcasting

MESSAGE BROADCAST by H.M. Commissioner, ANGUILLA thursday, 5 Feb. 1970.

Good evening, This is Her Majesty's Commissioner. Today has been a very difficult day here in Anguilla, and you all know of the gathering of people at the Court to stop the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Associated States entering the Court room.

I gave instructions last night for a news item to be broadcast from this radio station explaining to you that the Judiciary is genuinely independent and subject to no direction from any government or myself. However, that message seems not to have been exactly understood and I know very much how you feel about the events today. I must remind you that it is easy to listen to rumour and to be told stories by people who perhaps make them up themselves. There is one piece of rumour you must not listen to because it is not true, and that is that the British government has changed its attitude towards Anguilla. The British government is not trying to trick Anguilla.

I must remind you as many times as I possibly can of the promise made by the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Michael Stewart that Britain would not force Anguillans to live under a form of government which they do not approve. This is a very important promise and nothing has changed. Everyone hopes that this year will see and end to the trouble

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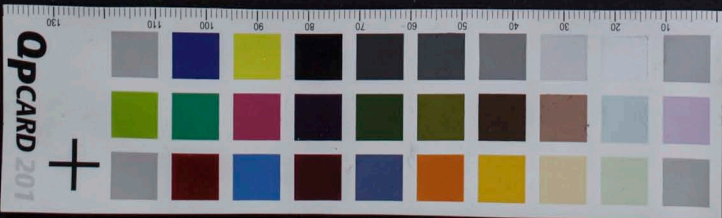
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Commission looks forward with expectation to your full cooperation in what for us will be a difficult but, as we hope it will prove, a truly rewarding task.

ANGUILLANS BLOCK COURT HOUSE:

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homes in the afternoon.

In a message to the people of Anguilla over Radio Anguilla, H.M. Commissioner said, that the Judiciary is an independent body and is not subject to any direction from any Political body or himself. He said he had given instructions for a news item that was broadcast over Radio Anguilla the evening before saying that it was expected that a sitting of the High Court would take place in Anguilla the following day. The news item said that the High Court is presided over by H.M. Chief Justice Sir Allan Lewis who resides in Grenada. It all started on Wednesday when the news got around that the resident Judge of St. Kitts would be coming in. Mr. Ronald Webster told a gathering at the Airport that he had confirmed that the Judge was coming with the Commissioner's Office, and said he would use passive resistance to prevent the Judge from opening Courts. All Government Offices in the Administration Building remained closed during the day.

COMMISSION ARRIVED: (Cont'd from page 1).

behalf of the Anguilla Council and the people of Anguilla, we welcome you to Anguilla in the name of the Lord. There is a difficult task placed before you, it would only take impartial and worthy persons to operate clearly under the terms of reference which you are instructed. May you be honest and sincere with your

proceedings and may you take the true picture back with you and pass it according to your conscience.

May your recommendations be of virtue to ANGUILLA'S POLITICAL FREEDOM."

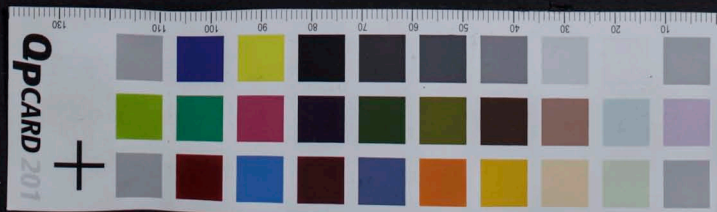
Sir Hugh Wooding then read a statement on behalf of the members of the Commission. (See Chairman's Statement Page 2). At the end of his statement he asked the public if there were any questions they wanted to ask in explanation of what he said. Wallace Rey, Winston Harrigan, Collins Hodge and James Woods, members of the Anguilla Council made some statements to the relations of Anguilla and St. Kitts. They were told by the Chairman that these were points for them to submit in their memoranda and they would hear them when they start work on April 1st.

The Commission asked that all those submitting evidence their memoranda must reach them not later than March 14th, 1970. Sir Hugh Wooding said that they would make arrangements to hear evidence from people in such places as U.S.A., Canada and England, when the Commission may be visiting those countries. In addition to the five members of the Commission were the Secretary, the Associate Secretary and four members of the legal branch of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. The entire party left the same afternoon for Antigua.

BARCLAYS BANK OFFICIALS VISIT ANGUILLA.

On Wednesday 4th Feb. a party of Barclays Bank Officials paid a brief visit to Anguilla. The party included Sir Frederic Seebohm, Chairman of Barclays Bank D.C.O, and Lady Seebohm, Mr. George Money, Vice Chairman, Mr. R.F. Barclay, East Caribbean Director and Mr. Graham Snook Manager of the Antigua Branch of Barclays Bank.

The party arrived at Wallblaine (Continued on page 8).



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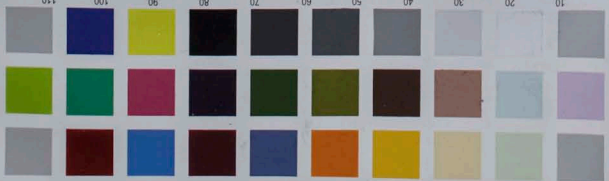
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7.00 a.m.	World News	12.00 noon	World News
7.10 a.m.	Local News	1.15 p.m.	Spectator
12.00 noon	World News	7.00 p.m.	World News
1.15 p.m.	Commonwealth this Week	7.10 p.m.	Local News
3.00 p.m.	The Symphony Hour		
5.30 p.m.	Caribbean Magazine		
6.15 p.m.	Portrait of Our Time	7.00 a.m.	World News
6.45 p.m.	Children's Corner	7.10 a.m.	Local News
7.00 p.m.	World News	9.00 a.m.	World News
7.10 p.m.	Local News	12.00 noon	World News

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MONDAYS

7.00 a.m.	World News	1.15 p.m.	Portrait of Our Times
7.10 a.m.	Local News	6.15 p.m.	Community Welfare
9.00 a.m.	Women's World	7.00 p.m.	World News
12.00 noon	World News	7.10 p.m.	Local News
1.15 p.m.	Tropic Techniques		
7.00 p.m.	World News		
7.10 p.m.	Local News		

FRIDAYS

TUESDAYS

7.00 a.m.	World News	7.00 a.m.	World News
7.10 a.m.	Local News	7.10 a.m.	Local News
9.00 a.m.	World News	9.00 a.m.	World News
12.00 noon	World News	9.15 a.m.	Women's World
1.15 p.m.	London Comment & Trend	12.00 noon	World News
6.15 p.m.	Community Welfare	1.15 p.m.	Tropical Farmer
7.00 p.m.	World News	7.00 p.m.	World News
7.10 p.m.	Local News	7.10 p.m.	Local News

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7.00 a.m.	World News	7.00 a.m.	World News
7.10 a.m.	Local News	7.10 a.m.	Local News
9.00 a.m.	World News	9.00 a.m.	World News
9.15 a.m.	Women's World	12.00 noon	World News
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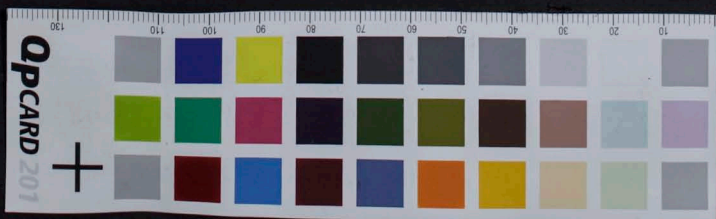
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BARCLAYS BANK OFFICIALS VISIT
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Airport in the Bank's private Aircraft and was met by Mr. Colin Andrews, Manager of the Anguilla branch of Barclays Bank. After visiting the Bank's office in the Quarter, the party paid court calls on H.M. Commissioner Mr. W.H. Thompson and Mr. Ronald Webster.

REMINDER:

All entries for London G.C.E. O' level Examination to be held in June 1970 will be closed on Monday 9th February 1970.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Ivan Richardson of Long Bay, hereby inform all merchants, Shopkeepers and other businessmen, not to give credit in my name to my wife, Gwendolyn Richardson, as she has deserted me for the past eight (8) years and am no longer responsible for her.

Signed: Ivan Richardson

The following is a news item broadcast over Radio Anguilla on Wednesday 4th. February, 1970.

It is expected that a sitting of Her Majesty's High Court will be held in Anguilla tomorrow. Anguilla is a separate High Court Circuit of the judicial region presided over by Her Majesty's Chief Justice, Sir Allan Lewis. The Chief Justice presides over the Supreme Court which sits in Grenada. He is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, and is responsible for the administration of justice in all the Associated States of the Caribbean, together with the Crown Colonies of the British Virgin Islands & Montserrat.

The Chief Justice makes arrangements for sittings of the High Court entirely as he sees fit, in the

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around misbehaving themselves it becomes more difficult to find a solution and it will slow things down. Anguillians must show that they are responsible people if they expect to be listened to.

Let me repeat: It is not true that Britain is trying to trick Anguilla. Let me repeat the promise made by the most senior British Minister, responsible for Foreign Affairs: it is no part of Britain's purpose to force Anguillians to live under a form of government of which they do not approve. I hope that everything will calm down, that people will look forward to the future. We cannot go backwards. Good Night.

interest of his responsibilities to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for the proper administration of justice in the area. He is not subject to control or influence by any government or by H.M. Commissioner in Anguilla, since it is well established practice that Her Majesty's judiciary is entirely above politics.

Under the authority conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen and the United Kingdom parliament, the Chief Justice is required to arrange for sittings of the High Court to be held on all circuits, including the Anguilla circuit, at regular intervals. It is understood that the judge's visit tomorrow from Antigua will be a short one, since no cases will be tried.

SPORTS NEWS*** FOOTBALL.

Friday, 30th. January. Playing their third match in six days the members of the local football team battled an exciting goalless draw with a team from the Anguilla Police Unit.

Wednesday, 4th. February, The regular weekly match against the Royal Engineers ended in a fine win for the Engineers. The local team seemed to have lost the passing technique that

was present in previous matches. The score was 2-1 nil, one goal coming in each half.

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