

### New Set-up For Arab Defence Being Planned

By DON DALLAS  
LONDON (Reuters) — A new Arab defence setup proposed by Egypt Monday vied for Middle Eastern support with the recently concluded Turkish-Iraqi alliance, which may be joined by Britain and the United States.

Outlines for the two conflicting plans to defend the oil-rich Middle East became clearer Monday as indications grew that both the United States and Britain will join Turkey and Iraq in their defence alliance this year. The proposed coalition would extend the Western defence network clear across the Middle East.

However, Egypt, backed by Syria and Saudi Arabia, is going ahead with plans for a non-Western defence grouping composed exclusively of Arab states and probably not including Iraq.

Monday, Egypt asked the Arab League to convene a meeting of Arab prime ministers to discuss her pact proposal. The plan was revealed Sunday when Egypt and Syria announced they had signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia's approval, for forming the new organization.

### CANADIAN LOGGERS ARRIVE

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) — Another party of Canadian timber workers arrived here Friday aboard the liner Orsova from Vancouver. They will work in Kaimanawa state forest, near the east coast of New Zealand's North Island. The party numbered 81 and included wives and children.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear brother James E. McKenna, Kinora, who passed away March 23rd, 1954.

One year ago we had to part with one we loved with all our hearts. We miss his face and kindly ways with him we spent our happy days.

Peaceful be thy rest dear Brother. It is sweet to breathe thy name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same.

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**LARABEE**—At the P. E. I. Hospital on March 5, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Larabee, a son, **COLES**—At the P. E. I. Hospital, March 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith R. Coles, Broadbald, a son, **DAVID KEITH**, weight 7 lbs. 9 oz.

**PICKARD**—At the Prince County Hospital, on March 6th, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Keith Pickard, a daughter.

**STEVENSON**—At the P. E. I. Hospital, March 7th, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevenson a daughter, **BARBARA FAYE**, 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

**MILLS-BERNARD**—At Trinity Church Study, Charlottetown, on March 2nd, 1955, by Rev. Howard Christie, Joyce Mary Bernard of Hunter River, P. E. I., to Robert Gordon Mills, Charlottetown.

**DEATHS**  
McISAAC—Died at the Charlotte-town Hospital March 7, 1955, Daniel A. McIsaac, aged 73 years. Funeral on his late residence Thursday, March 10, 10 to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, for Requiem High Mass at 9.30. Burial in the cemetery.

**STAVERT**—At the Prince County Hospital March 7, 1955, Mrs. John R. Stavert of Kelvin Grove in her 78th year. Remains will be forwarded this evening from Davidson's Funeral Home to her late residence where funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment People's Cemetery, Kensington.

**MACMILLAN**—In the Charlotte-town Hospital on Monday, March 7, 1955, William A. MacMillan, aged 79. His remains were transferred last evening from the Hennessey Funeral Home to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Carolyn MacDougall, St. Andrews. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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**FUNERAL AT FT. AUGUSTUS**—The funeral of the late Mrs. John J. McCarthy was held Monday morning from the residence of her nephew, Lenies Smith, Donagh, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the rector, Rev. T. P. Butler, who also officiated at the grave. Rev. Basil Croken and Rev. William Simpson were present in the sanctuary. The pall bearers were Joseph Trainor, Joseph Power, Patrick Trainor, Joseph Holland, Frank Koughan and Jethru Beagan. Interment was in the Church Cemetery.

**NEW TRAIN SERVICE**—A misunderstanding with regard to the new C.N.R. passenger service to go into effect on April 24 was straightened out yesterday by railway officials in commenting upon a letter in yesterday's Forum columns. It was explained that the Charlottetown-Montréal sleeping car will operate on the "Ocean Limited" Nos. 1 and 2 between Montréal and Moncton and on Trains 39 and 40 between Moncton and Charlottetown. Train No. 40 will wait at Sackville for the "Scotian" No. 60, to provide connection for coach passengers.

**RETURNS TO MONTREAL**—Mr. Robert Gordon, Assistant General Manager, Canadian National Express with Headquarters at Montréal, returned there on Saturday after having spent a few days visiting relatives in his home town. Summerside following attendance at the funeral of the late Marcus Calder, Express Agent at Charlottetown. Other express officials in attendance were Neil MacLellan, Superintendent Atlantic Region, J. P. Hood, Traffic Supervisor, Byron T. Nor, Traffic Supervisor, F. N. Wiggins, retired General Manager and J. A. Saunders, Agent, all of Moncton, N.B.

**PERSONALS**  
Mr. Mervin Robinson, proprietor of Robinson's Mill, Stanhope, has returned to the city yesterday on business. He reports the roads good for this time of year.

**LAC**, Roger Worth has returned to his job yesterday in the R.C.A.F. after spending leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, Belmont St.

J. Leslie Doyle, Manager C. N. Telegraphs leaves for Moncton today to attend a conference of Atlantic Region Managers. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Doyle who will visit relatives on the Mainland.

**COMING FISCAL YEAR**  
"Our estimates of revenue, for the forthcoming fiscal year", Mr. Clark said, "are based on past years' experience, future expectations, and reflect our considered opinion of what we can anticipate receiving, barring any extreme changes in the economic situation. With the exception of a slight decrease in our annual allowance for the current year, government in lieu of taxes, rented under the Tax Rental Agreement, I have every reason to believe that collections for next year will, at least, reach our forecast."

"I am pleased to draw to your attention to that, although we are budgeting for an increase in expenditures we believe our surplus on ordinary account is sufficient so that no new taxes or additional rates of taxation are required for the present time.

The Budget for the coming year is for a revenue on current account of \$6,894,430, or for an increase of \$456,591, over that estimated for the present fiscal year. The proposed estimated ordinary expenditures will total \$7,728,081, which, when compared with the estimates for the current year's total of \$7,288,394, show an increase of \$439,687, or \$971,349 in current account of \$971,349 is anticipated after providing for debt retirement of \$574,635.

It is estimated that the outlay of public monies for expenditures of a capital nature will amount to \$3,379,000 with an offsetting credit of capital receipts of \$261,000.

"Already," the Minister stated, "our program of highway construction, assistance in construction of rural schools and other items, have reached a point where the majority of such works are nearing completion, thus enabling us to taper off the high points of such programs in the not too distant future. Total Expenditures for the coming year he placed at \$11,102,081, and total receipts at \$9,275,430, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$1,826,651. Included in the Expenditures, however, is an amount of debt retirement of \$574,635 so that the net forecast result of next year's operations will as above stated be an in-

crease in liabilities of \$1,232,026, it is anticipated, therefore, that the net debt of the province as at March 31, 1956, will be as follows: Forecast net debt March 31, 1955, \$17,745,291. Add estimated increase to March 31, 1956 \$1,232,026. For a total of \$18,977,317.

After giving a comparative statement of revenue estimates from federal and provincial sources, the Minister pointed out that for the coming year the amount anticipated by the Province under the Tax Rental Agreement with Ottawa will be \$43,363,633. This amount is based on the Gross National Production of 1954 which declined by an estimated five hundred million dollars from last year's record of twenty-four billion three hundred million.

When the Estimates for the current year were prepared in December of 1953 the G.N.P. indicator, at that time, forecast a Gross National Product of approximately 24 billion dollars which meant that this province would receive in the vicinity of four and one-half million dollars. However, when the final figures were calculated the G.N.P. had risen to 24 billion 300 million dollars and our share increased proportionately.

"With the exception of receipts from the sale of liquor and its corresponding tax," Mr. Clark said, "the increases anticipated are the direct result of the continued expansion of our highway program and the development of certain services."

**SUPPLY**  
"The Supply proposed to be granted for the forthcoming year involves expenditures on ordinary account of \$7,728,081. This represents an increase over the forecast for the current year by an amount of \$469,511."

The proposed expenditures are as follows: On Debt Charges, \$1,011,336; Health and Welfare, \$2,011,614; Education, \$1,349,072; Attorney-General, \$218,640; Agriculture, \$92,600; Agriculture, \$325,045; Industry and Natural Resources, \$280,240; Highways, Bridges, Ferries, etc., \$1,273,660; Refunds of Revenue, including Gasoline Tax Rebates, \$325,500; Other Current Expenditures, including Grants to Municipalities and Incorporated Villages, \$179,498; General Government, \$388,016.

The proposed Estimates provide for an anticipated surplus on ordinary account of \$971,349 after providing \$574,635 for debt retirement.

The Minister gave the following outline on expenditure proposals for next year, with comments on a few of the salient features of the present fiscal year. He is providing \$11,000 to assist in the transportation and tuition of rural pupils from their own school district to an adjoining district. Actually while this classification is new, there has been some assistance for this purpose for many years. In fact the first vote of this kind dates back to 1877, the year of the passing of the Public School Act, which to a considerable extent was the foundation of our present public school system. Since that date the reason for this assistance was to make provision for the closing of schools with very small attendance by providing transportation for pupils to attend schools of other districts.

"Previously, expenditure of this nature was charged to Teachers' Salaries because it resulted in a saving of the number of teachers employed. However, for the coming year we look forward to an expansion of this service to pro-

vide for the transfer of some pupils of grades 9 and 10 to larger rural high school centers.

"We have also increased the textbook subvention from \$35,000 to \$40,000 to lower the cost of school books to parents. Vocational Training has been increased by \$3,000. We are proposing the same amount of money as last year for teacher training loans and grants \$25,000 of which the expenditure for the current year is only forecast at \$16,400. It is estimated that the cost of providing for pupils at the schools for the deaf and blind will be \$15,000, and provision is also being made for the rehabilitation of disabled persons.

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**P.W.C. Students Score Success In Annual Variety Show**  
Members of the P. W. C. Chorus Ensemble (above) made a splendid contribution to the success of the Variety Show presented by the students in the College Auditorium last night.

### Capacity House Enjoys PWC Red And Blue Revue

A capacity house greeted the students of Prince of Wales College when the Red and Blue Revue, annual variety show was staged in the college auditorium last night, under the distinguished patronage of Dr. and Mrs. Frank MacKinnon, the King and Queen of the Campus, Doug Cudmore and Cathy Craig. The directors were, Boyd Richards and Leo Doiron with Douglas Clark as chairman of the concert committee.

"All in a Summer's Work" was the theme of the four short acts which gave ample scope for the cast to produce a splendid performance and mark up another success for the students of P.W.C.

The "Variety Show", which was of exceptional merit, consisted of nine specialties which kept the audience in a state of enjoyment and interest.

Members of the cast in "All in a Summer's Work" were: Tina, Jeanna MacIsaac; Spike, Niels Hansen; Alphonse, Gus MacLaren; George S. Gibbon-Smythe; Boyd Richards; Mrs. Gibbon-Smythe; Phyllis Clark; Ian From "212"; Dave MacDonald; Inebriated Guest, Foster Burke; Texan, Eugene Wynne; Janitor, Bill Sterns; Master of Ceremonies, Alex Murchison; also: Dave Stewart, Millicent Munn and Margot Frazee. Members of chorus lines: girls, Joan MacLean, Jane Spillet, Connie Chandler, Frances Clark.

The performance will be repeated tonight.

Barbara Stewart, Helen Stewart, Margaret Frazee, Jessie MacGowan, Eleanor Haywood, Jean MacDougall, Gloria MacKinnon, Boys, Garth MacLean, Ian MacLean, Joe Revell, Doug Cudmore, Arnold MacLean, Gordon Tweedy, Fred Seller.

**VARIETY SHOW**  
Items on the variety show were: Vocal solo, "Carmena", Laurence Wood; tap dance, Jessie MacGowan; piano duet, "Come out and Sing in My Heart", Margaret Rodd, Frances Clark; choruses, "The Desert Song", "The Loveliest Nite of the Year", P. W. C. Ensemble; "The Happy Wanderer", Boys' Ensemble; piano, Prelude in C minor, Gordon White; "Goin' solo", "Tango", Lona Scott; Highland Fling, Eleanor Hart, accompanist, Frank Burke; vocal duet, "Deep in My Heart", Maida Rogerson, Ian MacLean; clarinet solo, "Serenade Badine", John Alan Macdonald; "Come out and cheer for Old Prince of Wales", and Memories of Old Prince of Wales.

Accompanists were Gordon White, Alex Murchison and Gordon MacBeth. Mr. Joseph Murphy was in charge of Choreography and Mr. J. Austin Trainor, C.D.A., and Mr. Trainor were the make-up artists.

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Attorney-General (\$218,640). Expenditures in this department vary little from year to year. The estimated cost will amount to nearly \$220,000. You will have noted, however, that police protection has been increased to \$81,700. This increase of \$1,700 is required to meet for the coming year only the expenses of establishing a sub-detachment in O'Leary. A policeman will be posted from the Alberton detachment.

"Public Works and Highways (\$1,273,660). The program for the forthcoming fiscal year in this our largest spending department, involves an outlay of \$1,273,660 on ordinary account for road maintenance, snow removal, maintenance of ferries and bridges, etc., as well as capital expenditures for agricultural and permanent highway construction, including the Trans-Canada Highway project, amounting in all to \$2,330,000. In addition, some \$240,000 will be required to complete the construction of a treatment centre at Falconwood; \$50,000 for the Nurses' Residence at Falconwood; \$100,000 for Beach Grove staff quarters; \$20,000 for an extension to the Polio Unit at the Provincial Sanatorium; \$5,000 for a machinery barn; \$10,000 for a central laundry at Falconwood Annex; and \$15,000 for Vocational Schools. In all, a total ordinary and capital estimated expenditure of \$1,953,660.

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### Find Cause Of Boxer's Death

VANCOUVER (CP) — Former Canadian flyweight champion Robert (Buddy) Pearson, 20, died from effects of an earlier ring injury, police said Sunday night. Pearson died Saturday after a street brawl with two unidentified persons.

Police said death could have occurred at any time and could have been hastened by over-exercising. The brawl started when someone spoke sarcastically of the boxer's blonde, wavy hair as he danced a dance hall. Pearson appeared unharmed after the fight but collapsed later in the back seat of a car.

He won the flyweight title here in 1952 and fought under the banner of the Police Mutual Benefit Association.

He was transferred to the hospital after a fight with a larger high school center.

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age Plant, 16,000; Extension of Polio Unit at Sanatorium, 20,000; Staff Quarters Beach Grove, 4,000; Machinery Barn, 5,000; Laundry and Equipment, 10,000; Advances to Fisheries — Loan Board, 40,000; Industrial Establishments Promotion Loans, 150,000; Assistance to Rural and Senior High Schools 110,000; Charlottetown Driving Park & Exhibition Association, 10,000; Land Purchase — Town Planning, 1,000; Farm Improvement Machinery, 5,000; Fisheries Development, 60,000; General Hospitals Construction, 45,000; Halifax School for Blind, 8,000; Provincial Education, 250,000 for a total capital and current account. Expenditure; and promotion & development loans of \$3,379,000. Offsetting this capital expenditure will be capital receipts estimated at \$462,500, leaving a net capital disbursement for the coming year of \$2,916,500.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR**  
"Our policy throughout the year," Mr. Clark said, "has continued to be one of maintaining an economic progression in agricultural development, expansion of the fisheries, together with more local processing and packaging of fishery products, as well as giving encouragement in mining. It was possible to sound proposals for a number of projects, particularly in relation to new industry. We believe we have been able to carry out, without unduly straining our finances, a comprehensive program of essential works and services.

"Ordinary or current account the Province expects to collect by March 31, 1955, \$8,924,921 or \$687,028 more than was anticipated.

"Our ordinary expenditures for the same period is forecast at \$7,073,570, leaving a surplus on current account of \$1,851,351.

A summary of the ordinary revenues for the current year is as follows:  
Government of Canada: Subsidies, \$647,182; Tax Rental Agreement, \$3,915,833; Total \$4,562,915; Licenses, Permits & Motor Vehicle Licenses, \$462,000; Corporation Licenses, \$34,820; Falconwood, Infirmary and Beach Grove Fees, \$105,000; Probate Fees, \$17,100; Court Fees, \$5,600; Sundry Office Fees, \$7,700; Fish & Game Licenses, \$11,000; P. W. College Fees, etc., 10,240; Sundry Licenses, Permits and Fees, \$12,919; Total \$677,279.

"Temperature Act, \$875,000; Fines and Penalties, \$37,000; Sundry Revenues and Refunds, \$188,000. Total From Local Sources, \$3,903,954.

"Of the amount of ordinary revenue received for the year over 50%, was contributed by the Federal Government by way of subsidies, tax rental agreement, and subventions.

"From the tax rental agreement alone we received 51.09% which is by far the highest such percentage among any of the nine participating provinces and companies with a 25% average for all such provinces." Mr. Clark said. "This illustrates not only our dependence on the tax rental agreements but also our lack of provincial revenue—Prince Edward Island having the lowest percentage of \$32.09 (1953) as compared with the national average of \$1,244.27, while the Province of Ontario had the highest per capita whereby we can expect substantial additional revenues from local sources. And, while we are satisfied that our tax rental agreement is a benefit to the province, yet, we must observe that the revenue we do receive is not nearly what we should receive on the basis of fiscal need.

### Employees Of Maritime Electric Sign Agreement

A working agreement was signed last Wednesday between Local 1432, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (A.F.L.) and the Maritime Electric Co. Ltd., which provided for a 40-hour week in line and maintenance departments and a 42-hour week in power plant.

The absence of labor-management committee meetings was scored by both parties and it was agreed that quarterly meetings would be held in the future. It was felt that these meetings would do much toward maintaining a high standard of relations between company and union.

Representing the company during negotiations were G. H. Milligan, general manager; C. F. Buckingham; R. A. Parker; J. VanMaarion and E. A. Mackay. Negotiating committee for the union was J. Brown, president; G. W. Schleyer and H. E. Drew. They were assisted by H. C. Tracy, international representative.

This is the ninth agreement signed by Local 1432 with this company.

LOCAL REVENUE  
Of the \$3,903,945 of revenue collected from local sources — Gasoline Tax produced \$1,590,000 or 40.7%; Liquor and Tobacco Taxes, \$405,000 or 10.4%; Amusement Tax, \$110,000 or 2.8%; Motor Vehicle License, \$462,000 or 11.8%; Sale of Liquor, \$75,000 or 1.9%; Other Licenses, Fees, Permits and Penalties and sundry Revenue items, \$455,954 or 11.7%.

"Our gasoline tax increased by some \$55,000 over last year," the Minister said. "Motor Vehicle Licenses reached a high peak. Amusement taxes were down by \$17,000 due to a drop in horse racing and hockey attendance and parliament betting.

"I am pleased to see that profits from the sale of liquor and consequently the revenue from the tax on liquor, were down for the second consecutive year, and it is my hope that this indicates a trend towards more moderate consumption, and that another year may see a still further increase in temperance among our people.

"Most of these revenues can properly be regarded as derived from the sale of luxury commodities or special profit earning activities and not directly levied on those engaged in farming, fishing or other industrial features of our province's economic life.

"We have been able to maintain the standard of public services during the current fiscal year ending next March, and even to expand in certain particulars has been due to a most careful handling of the public finance; the continued high level of current revenues, and the increased receipts under the Tax Rental Agreement based on Gross National Product."

The Minister also tabled a detailed Interim Report showing that for the current fiscal year ordinary expenditures will amount to \$7,073,570, or \$214,824 less than was budgeted for last year. Capital and other expenditures totalled \$3,945,611 in addition to loans and advances to the amount of \$602,149. Against the capital expenditures receipts were received under Trans-Canada Highway contribution, hospitals construction, sale of land, etc., refund of loans and advances, federal share of lobster trap loss loans, and interest earned on sinking fund investments, totalling \$955,642 and leaving a net capital disbursement for the current year of \$3,283,118.

**WESTMORELAND W. I.**  
The regular meeting of Westmoreland W.I., was held on March 2nd at the home of Mrs. H. Rogerson. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Hal Rogerson presided. Six members answered roll call. Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting. Collection amounted to seventy-five cents. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. Unfinished business arising out of minutes consisted of the packing of woollens for blankets which hadn't been completed. Secretary requested all woollens to be ready for March 3rd final date for shipment.

Reports of committees were then heard. School reported nothing needed. Sick reported none visited. Educational committee consisted of a paper on "Something new in Pillow Cases," by Mrs. Ray Crossman, also paper on "Knitting Hints," by Mrs. Heber Canfield.

Reports of new committee were as follows:  
Sick, Mrs. Bert Trowsdale and Mrs. Hal Rogerson (re-appointed).  
School, Mrs. Arthur Sherren (re-appointed).  
Educational, Mrs. Robert Mayhew and Mrs. Vernon Moore.  
Social, Mrs. Eddie Trowsdale and Miss Ella Crossman.  
Lunch, Mrs. Robert Mayhew, Mrs. Arthur Sherren and Miss Ella Crossman.

Mrs. Heber Canfield invited the members for April meeting. Some Red Cross knitting and sewing were handed in. Secretary requested "baldies" to be completed and handed in at April meeting.

Correspondence was then read and discussed. Meeting adjourned and a social hour followed. Lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

**LAST FISCAL YEAR**  
The Minister also dealt at length with the figures for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1954, pointing out that in the past two fiscal years the Government had reduced the public debt by \$514,943, and that the overall debt reduction for the last fiscal year actually was \$688,709 which was \$287,717 greater than the reduction forecast in the House a year ago.

"For the past fiscal year, now under review, the financial picture on Ordinary Account is as follows. Ordinary Revenue \$8,940,103.29; Ordinary Expenditure \$6,734,611; Surplus on Ordinary Account \$1,466,568.68, after providing for a sinking fund appropriation of \$688,025.00.

He noted that the decrease in the provincial debt of \$558,709.12 was accomplished by exercising "a strict system of budgetary control in all departments of government, enabling the government not only to maintain the essential public services deemed necessary for the welfare of