

## U.S. Fleet Steams East As Jordan Crisis Worsens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States 6th fleet steamed to the eastern Mediterranean Thursday in what U.S. officials described as a show of force intended to support the threatened government of Jordan.

That description was supplied in private. Publicly, the state department merely announced that the fleet was returning to its "normal place." But it said "international communism" threatens Jordan's independence.

These two moves—one of fixing of blame, the other a flexing of muscles—had the appearance of the Eisenhower Middle East formula going into action. But it seemed at this point, in a highly fluid situation, to be more apparent than real.

Three more of the big "ifs" in the Eisenhower formula had yet to be blocked out before the ultimate potential—use of U.S. forces—could be invoked.

**GOING TO BRINK**  
State department press officer Lincoln White left the impression at his press conference that the Eisenhower administration was going perhaps to the brink of invoking its Middle East formula.

It was left partly to King Hussein of Jordan, however, to say whether Eisenhower should decide that the situation called for him to go all the way.

The Eisenhower formula, signed into law last March 9, gives the president fight-if-necessary power in the Middle East to oppose open Communist armed aggression. The five big "ifs" are:

1. If a threatened country's preservation is judged vital to U.S. interest and world peace.
2. If the president determines U.S. military intervention is necessary.
3. If the victimized nation requests U.S. armed help.
4. If there is open armed aggression.
5. If the aggressor country is controlled by international communism.

## Military Law Is Imposed In Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein, fighting for this throne, imposed military law on Jordan Thursday in a series of dramatic moves against his enemies inside and outside the country.

The young king named a new government, clamped a curfew on Jordan's main cities as a safeguard against rioting, and abolished the country's 10 political parties.

The 21-year-old monarch blasted Egyptian propaganda and international communism alike as the sources of his troubles.

Less than two months ago Hussein participated in an Arab "summit" conference with Egypt's President Nasser as an ally in the cause of Arab nationalism. Thursday he told Egypt to leave Jordan alone.

In the case of Jordan, Eisenhower appeared Thursday to have found that the first and fifth "ifs" have been met.

At his Augusta, Ga., vacation spot Eisenhower said Wednesday through his spokesman that Jordan's independence and integrity must be preserved as vital to national interest and world peace.

So much for "if" No. 1.

**STATED BY KING**  
At his press conference Thursday, White pointed to that August statement and added: "This reminder was appropriate because of the threat to the independence and integrity of Jordan by international communism as King Hussein himself stated yesterday."

Thus, White labelled the threat as coming from "international communism"—covering "if" No. 5.

But he said he knew of no request from Jordan for U.S. military intervention. And Hussein, from Amman in Jordan, cast a good deal of doubt on whether he intends to make any such request.

So "if" No. 3 was up in the air. That left two other "ifs"—if Eisenhower determines a need to intervene, and if there is open armed attack.

White refused to say whether the Communist threat the administration sees to Jordan is internal, external or both. The language of the Eisenhower formula would seem to require an armed attack from outside Jordan, such as from Syria.

## R.M.A. To Take Part In Mar. Food Show

Directors of the Retail Merchants of Prince Edward Island met on Wednesday night at the Queen Hotel in Charlottetown. Items of importance on the agenda included the Maritime Food Show to be held during the ensuing year.

It was decided that the local association should participate in the Food Show which will be sponsored by the Maritime Division R.M.A.

Reference was made by the president to the proposed buying group program under the joint sponsorship of the National Foods Division R.M.A. of Canada, and the National Wholesale Grocers' Association.

Following a lengthy discussion on various arrangements for this purpose now in operation throughout the country it was decided to give the matter careful study.

The need was stressed for the full support of the membership to the promotion of closer wholesaler-retailer cooperation.

A strong committee, set up during the meeting to handle these two projects will meet in Summerside on May 8th.

## Profits of Canadian Corporations Up

OTTAWA (CP) — Profits before taxes of Canadian corporations rose to \$3,240,000,000 in 1956, up 12.8 per cent or \$368,000,000 over \$2,872,000,000 in 1955, the bureau of statistics said Thursday.

Income tax liabilities of corporations in the year increased to \$1,397,000,000, a rise of 9.5 per cent or \$121,000,000 from \$1,276,000,000 last year.

Profits after taxes rose by \$247,000,000 or 15.5 per cent to \$1,843,000,000 from \$1,596,000,000 in 1955.

Increased profits before taxes were reported by all industries except the miscellaneous manufacturing group. Its profits were unchanged from 1955 at \$39,000,000.

Biggest increase in profits before taxes was recorded by the iron and steel group in which profits rose to \$370,000,000 from \$289,000,000, an increase of \$81,000,000.

## ONE SENATE VACANCY IS FILLED

# Two Members Added To Federal Cabinet By PM

## Price Support Program For Top Quality Fowl

OTTAWA (CP) — The government Thursday announced a price support program for fowl — a move which farm groups have been demanding for years.

The agricultural prices support board said the new floor price for fowl will be the equivalent to 23 cents a pound liveweight at Toronto for top grade fowl five pounds and over. The floor will be in effect at all principal Canadian markets and will operate in the August-November period, usually the peak marketing season.

Under the program, the government would buy up all surplus fowl if market prices fall below the 23 cent floor. Current prices have been ranging at 20 and 21 cents.

Finance Minister Harris disclosed the price support plan at Stratford, Ont., Wednesday night. The official announcement was made by the agriculture department today. Mr. Harris said the floor price is "one more peg to keep up the farmer's income."

**CFA WELCOMES MOVE**  
The move was welcomed by farm groups. H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, recalled that the federation had asked for this support for the last three or four years.

"Poultrymen will be greatly pleased," he said. "It will give them security they cannot have without this support."

Last month, the agriculture department granted price support for dry skimmed milk, setting a floor price slightly higher than originally requested by the industry.

The government now has support programs for butter, eggs, hogs, fowl and skimmed milk.

## Two Firemen Trapped In College Fire

JOLIETTE, Que. (CP) — Two firemen were trapped Thursday night when a wall of the burned-out Joliette seminary collapsed.

There was a chance the men were still alive in the debris, firemen said. A third man was rescued shortly after the wall gave way and was taken to hospital with a broken leg.

The men were fighting the still-smouldering fire in a wing of the Joliette Seminary and Classical College when the wall collapsed, burying them in the rubble.

The two trapped men were identified as Arceve Rivest, 59, and Aurele Vincent, 30. The injured man, a volunteer, was identified only as Mr. Lavigne, about 60.

The fire, which broke out this afternoon, caused damage estimated at \$250,000.

In the Maritimes. Therefore beneficial effects will accrue due to purchase by the government of Ontario stocks which will not then be in competition to as great an extent as formerly with other parts of the country.

"Beneficial effects on Prince Edward Island will therefore likely be of an indirect nature but nevertheless the announcement of support is one which should be received by poultrymen as evidence of increased concern by the federal government on behalf of the problems of the poultry industry."

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## Health Minister Martin Speaks At S'side Meeting

A week ago last Tuesday the eyes of all Canada were on P.E.I. for on that day the Premier of this Province made the historic announcement that his government had accepted the Federal Hospital Insurance plan. I say historic because this insurance plan, I say historic because this insurance plan means that we at last had the sixth province necessary to make hospital insurance a reality for Canadians and I cannot help being proud that it was the Liberal Government of P.E.I. that put the final seal on the achievement of this monumental health project.

Health Minister Paul Martin said last evening at a public meeting in Civic Stadium, Summerside, Mr. Lester Wallace, president of the West Prince Liberal Association and Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., introduced the Health and Welfare Minister.

Mr. Martin, after describing Mr. MacNaught as a man who has represented Prince County with energy and distinction, spoke of the recent budget brought down by Finance Minister Walter Harris and said it could be called a "Maritime budget" as it had special considerations and significance to the people of the Atlantic Provinces, although not neglecting the other provinces.

He mentioned the thermal power units to be built in N.S. and N.B. to provide cheaper power and of their inestimable value to the every area of the Maritimes. He referred to the provisions of the potato tariffs and the fifty per cent rebate under the revised freight rates act. Mr. Martin said these three measures were provided in order to bolster the economy of the Maritimes.

He spoke at considerable length on the government's social welfare program and stated that Canada has an old age security program comparable to any country in the world. He said 7,000 P.E.I. residents over 70 years of age receive the old age security cheques and that \$13,000,000 has been paid to the senior citizens of P.E.I. since 1953. In reference

to family allowances the Health Minister said "no other country in the world has provided on the scale that the Liberal Government has since 1945."

Mr. Martin then pointed out the advantages of the hospital insurance plan especially as they relate to the Maritimes, stating that the four Atlantic Provinces will receive from the Federal Government well over 50 per cent of the shareable costs of their hospital insurance programs and P.E.I. will receive no less than 65 per cent. He stated that there has

probably never been another measure put forward by a government in Canada, which will have greater consequences for the people of this country than the hospital insurance plan.

Premier Matheson and Hon. J. A. Bernard, former Lieutenant-Governor spoke briefly in praise of the move and a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin. Other dignitaries present included Hon. George MacKay, Hon. C.C. Baker, Neil Matheson, M.P., Cecil Miller, Federal candidate, Hon. E.P. Foley and Government members and party officials.

## Hospital Scheme In Force May 1

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent Thursday announced the federal government's hospital insurance scheme will come into force—though not in operation—May 1, 1957.

He said the cabinet Thursday passed an order-in-council providing for proclamation May 1 of the federal act by which the central government will split 50-50 with the signatory provinces the costs of standard hospital care and diagnostic services.

The prime minister told reporters at a press conference that the order resulted from Prince Edward Island's decision to come into the plan as the sixth province, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Newfoundland previously agreed.

The act stipulates that the plan would come into force only when six provinces representing a majority of the Canadian people agreed to participate.

Mr. St. Laurent said the scheme would become operative until agreements are signed with the provinces. But he added under questioning that all six provincial

schemes would not have to be separately in operation before there could be federal payments to any one of them.

He said he would "be surprised" if agreements with the provinces were signed by May 1. Proclamation of the federal legislation passed at the last session of Parliament would put Health Minister Martin in a position to act as soon as a province had its own enabling legislation and plan in being.

Questioned about interpretation problems that might arise in the federal-provincial health agreements, Mr. St. Laurent said he doesn't think "anyone is going to try to do anything tricky about this."

The prime minister was asked how he felt about the proclamation of "this milestone" in social welfare legislation. He said he himself was a bit old-fashioned. It was true Canada's social welfare legislation had progressed rapidly "but I feel the Canadian people wanted it to progress that fast."

A Royal Commission on Education is still a possibility, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, told delegates to the annual P.E.I. Teachers' Federation yesterday morning. He also stated that the Legislative Committee which was set up "may have gone part way in meeting your requests."

The Minister was introduced by the P.E.I.T.F. President, Miss Mabel Matheson, who also thanked him at the conclusion of his address.

Commenting on the Education Week slogan "Education Everybody's Business," the Minister said it is impossible to have too many people dealing with a technical business—it is best to have people who are thoroughly experienced do the diagnosis of the problems." He then related the experience of a school official who interviewed an Island girl studying education at Mount Allison University. The official offered the girl a salary above that paid to New Brunswick teachers, but this inducement was not enough to persuade her to return to the Island. "She had read so much in the newspapers she had decided not to come," the speaker said, adding "there is too much discussion regarding poverty for the dignity of the profession and all concerned."

**SALARIES**  
The Minister cited salary figures for Nova Scotia, which has a system based on qualifications, and stated, "I believe those salaries are not higher than comparative figures in this Province. I am not making a case for lower standards, but do not think it is



These children, St. Vincent's town, with a score of 72, placed 1 to 6, in the group dancing competition, Group B, Charlottetown, second in Class 228, Schools Grades 1 to 6, in the group dancing competition held at Prince of Wales College auditorium yesterday afternoon. Their winning dance was performed to the tune of "Pop Goes The Weasel".

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good to talk too much, for it is keeping some out of the profession who would really like to teach." Concluding this phase of his address, Hon. Mr. Clark said he would like to see teachers' salaries increased as far as possible.

Regarding the release of salary figures, he said he thought the figures belonged first of all to the Province, and felt that it would do one no good to know the other persons' salary. He added that a number of teachers had told him they did not want their salaries published. "But, he said, "if all want them published, we will do it—we will be glad to."

Referring to the Superannuation Fund, the Minister said he had tried to place it on a solid basis by amending the Act to give discretion to the Commission regarding the classes and types of stocks to be purchased. Formerly the Provincial Treasurer alone exercised this discretion. He also noted Government guarantees and a number of efforts made to increase the Fund.

The School Act now makes provision for increased salaries, which may be paid those teachers with advanced training. The Minister said he hoped this provision will be utilized. In regard to benefits derived from length of service, the Minister was of opinion that service should count whether it had been given in this Province or not.

**MINIMUM SUPPLEMENT**  
The minimum supplement has been increased from \$250 to \$350 for first class teachers, and from \$300 to \$250 for second class teachers.

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chers "It is still far too low," said the Minister. "But it is at least a step in the right direction." He also commented on poll tax changes designed to increase the revenue of the district and the supplement.

Mr. Clark said there were twenty five contracts for the provision of school bus service, and noted that some of the buses were just "a bit of a box built on the end of a truck." This, he said, was wrong, as children should be transported in adequate vehicles. "We are aiming to control the school buses by steps, rather than change all at once," he said. He also stated that amalgamation of districts to supply services was now provided for in the Act.

**COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**  
Regarding the setting of exam papers, the Minister said the Department attempted to follow the course of studies when making the examination papers, and he hoped any defect would be remedied. In connection with a resolution that salary be paid over the entire year, the Minister did not think all would agree to the suggestion. On the question whether salary should be based on the number of pupils in the school or on the teachers' qualifications, he said, "My mind is perfectly open to the question—I am not sure."

Replying to a resolution of criticizing the delay in obtaining the results of Grade Eleven and Twelve exams, the Minister said the papers are sent to Nova Scotia for correction and every effort is made to speed the returns. I

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## N. S. Production of Lumber At Low Ebb

HALIFAX (CP) — Nova Scotia lumber production will continue at the low ebb during 1957, James Wilber of Halifax, president of the Nova Scotia Forest Products Association, forecast Thursday.

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## Diefenbaker Promises To Cut Taxes, Launch Development

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He also pledged to work out new tax-sharing arrangements with the provinces which would strengthen Canada's federal system and give provinces and municipalities the funds to carry their responsibilities.

"When the conservative party forms the government of this country, a session of Parliament will be called to reduce taxation," Mr. Diefenbaker said in a speech at Toronto's Massey Hall opening his 6½-week campaign across the country.

The Liberal government had (Continued on Page 11, Col. 4)

## Dancing Competition Continues To Feature Festival Of Music

"In team dancing, performers should match, particularly in ability," stated adjudicator, Mrs. Don MacNeil of Antigonish, at the Festival of Music in Charlottetown yesterday. She was speaking to the contestants who had appeared in Class 209, the Double Sword Dance, limited to children 10 to 12 years old inclusive.

In this class, which was the second class adjudicated at Prince of Wales auditorium yesterday afternoon there were nine entries. Charlottetown's Tommy and Heather Burke won first place with a score of 85. Second place was awarded to the team of Carol Jean and Marlene Marjory MacNeil of West Royalty, with a mark of 82. Third place went to Elizabeth Davison and Eleanor Champion of Kensington who scored 76.

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