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## MOVE FOR ELECTIONS EARLY NEXT YEAR

### Congress Executive May Consider Proposal

## SEQUEL TO DEFEATS IN BOMBAY & CALCUTTA

From Our Special Representative  
NEW DELHI, June 30.  
PROSPECTS of fresh elections being held in the provinces some time early next year under the existing franchise are being considered in political circles here.  
If the proposal takes concrete shape, it is held possible that the Congress Working Committee may discuss it at its next meeting to be held here in July.  
The idea behind an early election is stated to be a desire on the part of the Congress to seek the verdict of the electorate without much delay in view of the results of the by-elections in Bombay and Calcutta where Congress nominees sustained defeat.

Non-Congress elements are exploiting these reverses and some prominent Congressmen seem to feel that without waiting for a year or two for the general elections under the new constitution, they can as well seek a mandate from the electorate through the provinces.  
This is argued, will clear the air and will enable the Government of the day to carry on the administration with renewed confidence and strength.  
There are, however, two constitutional snags to the proposal. They are the existing communal electorate and the need for the Constituent Assembly functioning till the new constitution comes into force.

**JOINT ELECTORATES**  
It is suggested that, under suitable legislation, the new system of election for minorities through joint electorates with reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Anglo-Indians can be applied for the provincial election. Members of the newly-elected provincial legislatures will then return members to the provincial Parliament. It is, of course, understood that the existing members from the provinces, who number about 100, will have to resign and make way for the new-comers.  
The U.P.I. adds: A general re-organisation of the Congress organisation with particular reference to West Bengal considered to be a "pro, blem province" is understood to be the top-most item on the agenda of the Congress Working Committee meeting in New Delhi.

Pandit Nehru, who is going on a two-day visit to Calcutta, will, it is understood, submit to the Working Committee a report on the situation in West Bengal along with his suggestions to put the Province in order. In Calcutta, the Prime Minister is expected to meet the representatives of different groups in the Congress and other organisations in order to find out the feelings of the masses in West Bengal.  
Mr. Satyendra Sinha, Chief Government Whip, will also proceed to Calcutta where he will contact the various groups to study the situation. He leaves for Calcutta on July 3.

**PAKISTAN ARMY**  
**Most British Officers To Leave By End Of 1950**  
KARACHI, June 30: All British officers, except some technicians and staff officers, are to leave the Pakistan Army by the end of next year, it was announced here today.  
The announcement said the Government had accepted the recommendations of a committee that the process of nationalising the forces should be largely completed in the army by the end of 1950, but that in the air force and navy nationalisation could take longer.

"The Government would like to place on record their deep appreciation of the loyal and efficient service rendered by the British officers in the three armed forces," the announcement said.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

The elections for a few seats in the U. P. Legislative Assembly have been postponed to October in view of a forecast of heavy rains, says a message from our Nainital correspondent.

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## FIGHTING NEAR ASSAM BORDER

### Burma Government Rush Troops

RANGOON, June 30.  
Burmese Government reinforcements have been rushed to the Upper Chindwin District on the Assam border where 500 Whiteband (Anti-Government) People's Volunteers attacked the police station at Mingin, the Government "communique" announced tonight.  
Fighting was said to be in progress around Mingin, important river town, 70 miles east of the Assam-Burma frontier. Rebels were also attacking the rail town of Yeu, 60 miles east of Mingin. Government reinforcements making for Yeu were ambushed by rebels, who lost six killed, the "communique" said.  
In south-eastern Burma, Government troops, following up their success around Thaton, reoccupied Bilin, 30 miles farther north. Thaton, Karen stronghold on the Rangoon-Martaban railway, fell to Government troops last Sunday, the "communique" added.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## LEDO ROAD TO ASSAM

### "Unusable In Monsoon"

RANGOON, June 30: The Indian Government have advised Indians in Burma not to travel to Assam by the Ledo Road, linking India with Burma and China because the vital wartime highway is now unusable after heavy monsoon rains.  
The rains have washed away several bridges, flooded many sections of the Ledo Road and generally damaged its surface, the warning said. Indian authorities on the Assam-Burma border had "rendered fullest assistance to Indians marooned on the road but they have made it clear that no more Indians should use the road until the rains are over."  
High official sources said recently that the Burma Government, realising the strategic importance of the Ledo Road, which has been neglected since the war, have planned to spend a considerable amount on repairs to it after the rains.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## CLASH IN HOWRAH DISTRICT

### Eight Injured

CALCUTTA, June 30: Eight persons were injured when procession in the Sibpur area of Howrah District, five miles from Calcutta, came to clash with the police last night.  
The procession, which was taken out in defiance of a prohibitory order, paraded the streets in the Sibpur area shouting anti-Government slogans. When intercepted by the police, a number of bombs were thrown in quick succession, injuring eight persons, believed to be passers-by. Heavy rains started at the time and the procession dispersed.  
Meetings and processions have been banned throughout the Barakpore sub-division, near Calcutta, by an order issued today.  
Barrackpore, which is an industrial area, recently witnessed a number of incidents, in one of which two persons were injured by bomb splinters at Jagatdal on June 26. In another incident on the same day, about 200 strikers of a machinery workshop in Belgharia attempted to disrupt the communication services of the factory and damage its properties.

The acting Premier of West Bengal, Mr. Nalin Ranjan Sarker, in a broadcast today, made an impassioned appeal to the people of the province to beware of the menace of the present distraction, the orgy of violence and disorder and to arouse public conscience against these forces of evil.—P.T.I.

## New Constitution For Delhi Based On Dyarchy

### BILL TO BE INTRODUCED IN INDIAN PARLIAMENT

From Our Special Representative  
NEW DELHI, June 30.  
A BILL for the future constitution of Delhi, based on the system of dyarchy, is expected to be introduced in the Dominion Parliament during the next session to be held sometime in October or November.

Provincial leaders, including Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta and Mr. Radha Raman, have had discussions with Pandit Nehru, and Sardar Patel on the lines on which they would like the constitution to be framed for the Delhi Province.  
It is explained that the necessity has now arisen to consider the constitutional problem of Delhi afresh as many changes have taken place since the report of the committee, appointed by the Constituent Assembly, was published.  
By reason of its being the seat of the Central Government, and in view of the expanding nature of central and diplomatic institutions, Delhi, it is suggested, must continue to be closely linked with the Government of India, although it is conceded that its citizens should not be denied an adequate share in the administration.  
It is learnt that Mr. K. M. Munshi has prepared a draft Bill which seeks to meet the requirements of Central Control and limited Provincial autonomy. According to this Bill, civic affairs will be placed under a municipal corporation, which will have wider powers than the present Municipality. The executive power will be exercised by the Municipal Commissioner as in the city of Bombay, where the system of vesting executive power in a full-time Municipal Commissioner belonging to the Indian Civil Service is claimed to have been an outstanding success during the last 80 years.  
The same Delhi Corporation consisting of between 40 and 50 members will also be entrusted with legislative functions. This method is suggested in order to co-ordinate legislative and civic activities and minimise expenditure.  
The Delhi Province, when it is created, will have a Lieutenant-Governor, who will represent the Government of India in respect of reserved subjects, such as the police, judiciary, public works and Delhi University. Other subjects in the provincial list of the India Act will be placed in charge of the Legislative Assembly. For instance, it can make laws for local Government, education, including the university, agriculture, land, trade and commerce within the province, markets and money lending, intoxicating liquor and subordinate communications.

## AUDIENCE WITH POPE



Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Indian Minister of Health, is seen above with a Swiss Guard at the Vatican after her audience with His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

## Paris Talks On Financing Of Europe's Trade

### COMPROMISE PROPOSALS FAIL

PARIS, June 30.  
EUROPE'S Economic "Inner Council" failed in two meetings today to agree to a compromise plan to break the deadlock over European payments and satisfy British fears of further drains on her gold and dollar reserves.

Working against the clock—the present intra-European payments scheme ended at midnight tonight—the "Inner Council," an eight-nation committee of the council of the organisation for European Economic Co-operation was reporting failure to the full Council.  
The existing payments agreement has been criticised by the American Marshall Aid chiefs as "stifling competition and bolstering up prices above the efficiency level."  
The firm stand taken by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, against making sterling freely convertible by European states into dollars led to a Belgian offer last night of a 12,500,000 sterling loan.  
At today's meetings, American pressure was switched from Britain to Belgium who appeared reluctant to go further than offer the loan.

**MR. HARRIMAN'S VIEW**  
Mr. Averell Harriman, American roving Marshall Aid Ambassador, has conceded Sir Stafford Cripps's point that it is premature to think of establishing convertibility of European currencies into the dollar. The main difficulty now is over the Belgian desire to be paid in gold or dollars for their export surplus to the rest of Europe.  
The Americans are understood to be urging Belgium to do "the big thing" and re-lend all her surplus in much the same way as America is giving its exports to Europe under the Marshall Plan.  
The payments problem has created a deadlock in the Marshall Aid Organisation for months and indeed threatened it with complete stultification, but Sir Stafford Cripps's agreement last night to consider the new compromise proposal offered by the Belgian caretaker Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, held out fresh hopes. Early this evening however, neither experts who worked all last night nor the eight ministers of the O.E.E.C. "Inner Council" charged with finding a solution had succeeded.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

**WORLD DOLLAR PROBLEMS**  
**Cripps-Snyder Talks**  
LONDON, June 30: A report in yesterday's Daily Mail said that world dollar problems would be discussed at a specially arranged meeting between Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. John Snyder, the Secretary to the United States Treasury.  
"Their talks will be a continuation of a series of exchanges at high level between London and Washington in the past 72 hours," the paper declared.  
"The idea of a world economic conference similar to the ill-fated gathering which took place in London in 1933," it continued, "is not favoured apparently by the present Socialist Government. But clearly some kind of international conference appears inevitable sooner or later to deal with trade and financial problems."—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## PAKISTAN TO JOIN IN CONFERENCE

### Official Announcement

From Our Own Correspondent  
KARACHI, June 30: The Government of Pakistan have accepted the invitation of the United Kingdom Government and will participate in the forthcoming Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference.  
Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghuulam Mohammed, who is already on tour in Europe and America, will attend the London talks on behalf of this country.  
**AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE**  
Canberra: Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said in the House of Representatives today that if "I cannot go the Defence Minister, Mr. John Dedman, would attend" the Commonwealth dollar crisis talks.  
He added that the Australian Government were not disposed to seek a dollar loan from the International Bank or from the Export-Import Bank as two dollar loans, totalling nearly 10,000,000 dollars, were falling due for repayment and the problem of meeting them had given Government some indication of the difficulties involved in dollar commitments.—P.T.I.-Reuter.  
**WELLINGTON:** Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand Finance Minister, will leave for London next week for the Commonwealth Financial talks.—P.T.I.-Reuter.  
**CANADIAN DILEMMA**  
Ottawa: A three-hour Cabinet meeting ended last night without an official announcement whether Canada will send a representative to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference. It was learned that a new exchange of views between Canada and Britain began after the meeting in an attempt to learn exactly what the conference may mean to Canada's dollar holdings. There were indications that contrary to earlier reports Canada is considering the possibility of granting Britain a new loan.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## PAKISTAN'S CONTROL OVER TRIBAL AREAS

### British Support: Afghan Claims Refuted

LONDON, June 30.  
IT was the British Government's view that Pakistan was, in international law, the inheritor of the rights and duties of the old Government of India and of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in the North-West Frontier Province and that the Durand Line was the international frontier, said Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Noel-Baker was answering a question by Mr. Philip Price, who had asked "whether in view of the increasingly hostile attitude of the Afghan Government over the North-West Frontier Province," the Minister would assure Pakistan that she could count on Britain's full support in the event of an armed aggression.  
The Minister added that the British Government were convinced that there was no outstanding question between Pakistan and Afghanistan which could not be settled by peaceful means.  
He said: "The British Government have seen with regret the disagreement which has arisen between the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan over the status of the territories of the North-West Frontier."

Both now and at all times the British Government are fully aware of their duty in the light of Pakistan's position as a fellow member of the Commonwealth and of the United Nations and we have, of course, been in continuous consultation with the Government of Pakistan.  
**"NO AGGRESSION"**  
"We are confident there can be no question of armed aggression by Afghanistan, a fellow member of the United Nations."  
Mr. Leonard Gammans (Con.): "Will you make it perfectly clear to Pakistan that in the unfortunate event of aggression taking place, she can fully rely on this country's help."

Mr. Noel-Baker: "The record of the Commonwealth as a bastion against aggression is known, but it does not work by pledges given in advance against hypothetical circumstances."  
Mr. William Gallacher (Con.): "Will you be very chary of incitement to war in view of the fact that it is not you or the questioner who will have to do the fighting but the young lads of this country?"  
Mr. Noel-Baker: "I hope you will do all you can against those who incite war, either civil war or international war. Of course, it is the overwhelming interest of these Governments to settle by peaceful means any dispute which they have in view of the happenings in Asia, and it is abundantly clear this must be the policy of the Pakistan Government."—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## LABOUR RIGHT TO ORGANISE

### New I. L. O. Convention

GENEVA, June 30: International Labour Organisations' conference here today adopted by 90 votes to 14 a new Convention guaranteeing workers the right to organise and bargain collectively.  
Before the vote was taken, Mr. John O'Brien (Ire), made a last attempt on behalf of the Employers' group to ban the "closed shop" and submitted an amendment proposing that the text of the agreement be made a recommendation only and not a Convention, which is binding on Governments if they ratify.  
Mr. Alfredo Roberts, member of the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress said he would withdraw from the Organisation if the amendment was passed.  
Sir Atwell Bayley, Adviser to the British Employers' delegation, seconded the amendment which was defeated by 100 votes to 35.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## REPUBLICAN RULE IN INDONESIA

### Sultan Resumes Charge

BATAVIA, June 30: The Indonesian Republican Government, in the person of the Sultan, resumed authority in Jogjakarta today as Dutch forces completed their evacuation of the city.  
Of the 16 members of the Republican Government scattered by the Dutch "police action" last December, only five including the Sultan of Jogjakarta—are now in Jogjakarta, their capital.  
President Soekarno and the Premier, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, were not expected to return to Jogjakarta before July 5. Another member of the Cabinet Dr. Amir Sjafruddin, Minister of Welfare, is somewhere in Sumatra leading an emergency Republican Government. Three more Ministers are believed to be with guerillas in Java.  
Dr. Hatta and Dr. Hadji Agoes Salim are in Bangka Island. The Minister of Finance, is "abroad." The others are in Batavia.  
Although all members of the Government may not return to Jogjakarta by July 5, the Republican Government will be generally regarded as restored when President Soekarno returns to the city. He holds supreme authority in the Republic.  
Dr. G. S. Ratulangi, Republican delegation adviser at the recent Indonesian talks and former Republican Governor of Celebes, died here today of apoplexy.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

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