

Caribbean Federation Is Steadily Taking Shape

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LONDON (CP)—The calypso islands of the Caribbean have already celebrated their first "Federation Day" holiday — with federation itself still some 18 months away.

It was a gay public holiday for the 2,000,000 people of the West Indies Aug. 2, the day the Queen gave royal assent to an act passed by both Houses of Parliament which will enable Britain to appoint a governor — general and hold general elections in the Caribbean territories.

But in later years, the real public holiday will be proclaimed on Feb. 23, the day 16 Caribbean leaders signed a report agreeing to a federation of their scattered, diverse territories.

Since that day earlier this year in London, plans for federation have followed the quiet, pre-planned route, and each step yet to be taken is clearly marked. In the sugar-and-spice islands, ranging south of Florida in an arc across the Caribbean to Trinidad off South America, the same 16 men continue to work for their federal goal.

Set up as a standing committee, they are dealing with administrative and constitutional matters, such as civil service staffing, which must be accomplished before federation becomes a reality. They also work closely with Colonial Office experts in preparing the federal constitution which will be embodied in the order-in-council naming the governor-general and setting the election date.

Two other committees are also busy. One at present is touring the West Indies to find out the three most suitable locations for a Caribbean capital, one of which will be selected by the 16-member standing committee.

Another group, engrossed in a much longer term problem, is studying trade difficulties with the ultimate aim of setting up a customs union for the federal territory.

FEDERATION OLD DREAM
Thus much progress has been made toward federation, a dream in the Caribbean as long as a century ago. Ahead lies the target date for the general elections—some time in the first three months of 1958—after which the first federal government will be established.

Actually, there will be an interim government before that. As soon as the governor-general is installed, a temporary government will be set up to supervise the elections.

Still to be answered is the question of who will be the first governor-general. Occasionally there is talk of Princess Margaret getting the tricky task. And who will be the first prime minister? Some say Jamaica's Norman Manley will step out of his island scene onto the larger platform of federal politics.

But the chief minister may come from any island in the proposed federation — Trinidad, Leeward or Windward Islands, Jamaica, or Barbados. The Leewards are made up of three presidencies, Antigua, St. Kitts, nevis anguilla, and Montserrat; the Windwards of four colonies, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Dominica.

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North Lake Red Cross Safety Tests

A small but very successful Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Course was held at North Lake sponsored by the Lakeview Women's Institute.

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BIRTHDAY DINNER—Mr. and Mrs. James E. King of Milltown Cross entertained at birthday dinner Friday, Aug. 10, 1956, honoring the twentieth birthday of Miss Peggy Jane Matheson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burns A. Matheson of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Burns A. Matheson and daughter Peggy Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Matheson and daughter Sally Jane of Mexico, Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Balcom, and son David of West Somerville, Mass., and their daughter Mrs. Warren L. Rench and children Warren Lee, Debra, Wayne and Bonnie Lee of Tewksbury, Mass. It is the first time in thirty four years that the four cousins, Mrs. Harvey Balcom, (nee Christeva Bruce) Mrs. James E. King, (nee Margaret Bruce) Burns A. Matheson, and Peter D. Matheson have been together.

Burns and Peter Matheson and family are vacationing at the Poole Cottage on the Montague River for two weeks.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Murphy returned to Halifax to take up residence. Mr. Murphy is employed with O'Brien's Wholesale.

Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe, Nichols of Milton, Mass., are at present visiting Mrs. Nichol's old home at Primrose.

Mrs. Ralph Rollins and daughter Frances, of Brownsville Jct. Maine, returned to their home after spending two weeks with Mrs. Thomas Murphy, St. Marys Road.

Mrs. Clement Campbell, of Dundas Center, returned home Saturday after spending two very enjoyable weeks in Boston, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan, Montreal, P.Q. are vacationing in the province. They are the guests

of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonsus MacPhee, Cardigan, and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, Roseneath.

Miss Edna Murphy returned to Toronto, Ontario, after spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, St. Marys Rd. while here, she attended the wedding of her brothers, Raye and Vincent.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLennan, who were married Wednesday last. The bride was the former Margaret Livingstone of Upton. All join in wishing them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson and two children, Ronnie and Vivian, left for their home in Cleveland, Ohio, after spending their vacation with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Thomas Murphy. While home, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Wilson's brothers, Raye and Vincent.

The many friends of Mr. Adam Shoner, a native of Austria, are sorry to hear of his continued illness in the Kings County Hospital. Adam has been employed with Roddie MacKenzie of Primrose for some time, and has made many friends since coming here.

Mr. R.E. Homans, Chief Inspection Officer, Department of Fisheries for the Maritimes, visited the Quahag cleansing area near Montague on Wednesday. This job is being done by the mobile laboratory owned and operated by the Department of Health under the supervision of Messrs. J.M. Kelly, I.E. Erdman and Dr. A.E. Lerner, all of Ottawa.

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