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Further Power Talks Needed

ITY COUNCIL is wise in planning to try to negotiate further with the Northern British Columbia Power Company Limited over the proposed rate schedule that the company has submitted to the Publie Utilities Commission. Council was faced with a similar problem in 1951, when the company proposed a new rate increase. At that time the city fathers inyited the B.C. Power Commission to investigate the power situation here with a view to having it take over the supplying of electricity in this area.

The power situation was duly surveyed and after a narrow vote favoring the Power Commission in 1951, the city again asked the voters to express its opinion on its choice of power suppliers in 1956. The voters, at the time of the referendum four years ago, were asked to weigh the relative value of the hardpressed Northern B.C. Power Company against the wisdom of having the government-owned power commission take over the assets of NBCPC.

The power commission said quite openly it was not too anxious to become Prince Rupert's power supplier, mainly because of the lack of nearby hydro potential. Had they taken over, it would have meant EGYDTIAN-SYTIAN UNION the rehabilitation of all the Northern B.C. Power Company's equipment including the diesel units at the drydock and the hydro installations at Falls Bivon the drydock and the hydro installations at Falls River and Shawatlans. Hundreds of thousands of dollars would have had to be spent in improving the existing facilities up to a point where Prince Rupert's power needs were not only not threatened but where there would be a surplus ready for incoming industry. There would have been an increase in electricity rates even though the capital costs would have been absorbed by the whole province.

This newspaper argued that it would have been Wiser to have the British Columbia-backed commission undertake the work than the financially-harassed Northern B.C. Power company.

Northern B.C. Power Company has now reached the point of no return. With a vulnerable transmission system from hydro units which only function fully during the summer months and a diesel plant worked almost to capacity during the winter months, the company has to have a rate increase if it is to on the part of Egypt's President keep the city supplied with power and is to repair and expand what equipment it has. If the proposed rate schedule isn't granted the company asserts it will be unable to meet the needs of the city and the parent company, Power Corporation of Canada, will not let NBCPC have any more funds to carry out its proposed expansion program.

However, what City Council is faced with is trying to work out with Northern B.C. Power Company a more acceptable rate schedule. Despite the fact that the company hasn't increased its rates since 1929, the proposed boosts appear higher than necessary. If no workable agreement can be reached then a hearing should be held, as suggested by the City | STRAPPING - Miss Odette new state. While Arab unity has Cincinnati, Louisville, Kentucky Council's special committee which has just completed a study of the power company's brief to the PUC. The hearing definitely should be held in Prince Rupert where the public can learn, at first hand, about the rate increases they voted for in the power referendum in 1954.

MLA's Action Natural One

THOSE who sided with Premier Bennett in his initial remarks that Mr. Mel Bryan's action in criticizing Attorney General Bonner was of no significance and merely showed freedom of expression, should not have been so hasty. The idea that the Social Crediters had decided against their better nature to "be hig" about the North Vancouver MLA's condemnation of the handling of the Sommers case, was too ridiculous to be contemplated. Mr. Bryan decided on his course of action after much soul-searching. He had weighed the government's lack of action on the controversial case against what should have happened under normal circumstances had the affair not involved a cabinet minister.

Mr. Bryan also came to the conclusion that he could no longer stomach the company of party members who by their silence apparently condoned the actions of Mr. Bonner and the attitude of Mr. Bennett concerning their unfortunate colleague. He therefore crossed the House.

Why this should upset Mr. Bennett, an old House-crosser himself, is hard to understand. But the fact remains that if other Social Credit members faced up to the same questions as Mr. Bryan and came to the same conclusions, they too would cross the House with a clear conscience. Then perhaps there will be an opportunity to defeat the present government which appears to be running British Columbia into the ground.



SPECIAL RECEPTION—Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker have a special smile and handshake for Mrs. Isabella Mary Gainsford, one of 3,000 persons who attended a reception for them in Winnipeg. Mrs. Gainsford is a granddaughter of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister (CP Photo)

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer

The political union of ligypt and Syria presents such a wide less houses and false front store? tion amounts to approximately range of possibilities that few commentators outside the two Why not leave Barkerville to 60 people. countries are prepared to assess its significance, even in the short-burn down some day or its build-

The new United Arab Republic borders, is known to be ruthless appears to be strictly the creation of the two countries in- istant home. volved. Although both Egypt and Syria have been subject to growing Russian influence, their union is viewed in Western European capitals as the logical outcome of their aspirations toward Arab nationalism.

In London, it is generally felt "lar voice in Nasser's councils is that its immediate effect is likely to be a slowing down of likely to be too preoccupied with power, particularly if union's invitation to associate

themselves with it. This view does not presuppose any growing political maturity Nasser, who is almost certain be the union's first chief state. But Nasser, despite his willingness to profess friendship with Communists beyond his



les, poses to show how she times comments: strapped pupils in her Grades the strap again if necessary." come more flexible."

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In Syria, where the party has enjoyed considerable influence in government circles, its position now is in doubt. For Syrian Communists to oppose the union! , would have been political suicide. But their hope of gaining a sim-

other his own affairs to play an active states avail themselves of the role in the cold war for some time to come.

Nasser's first task will be to . faltempt to create some harmony in the tangled economies of the two countries. Syria's shaky finances undoubtedly will acquire ! a measure of stability from association with the comparatively gaged in payment for Soviet

out her partner. The richer Arab states -- Iraq. Sandi Arabia and Lebanon—are unlikely to make an early move to join the union, although backward Yemen has made overtures to the partners and Jordan's Hotel of Quesnel showed me by the substantial proportion of carried news from the surround-

arms, will not find it easy to bail!

Durders, Most London newspapers coun-[Lytton and Quesnel. America:

"The immediate effect can be Strasbourg. Berlin, Lisbon, 5 and 6 classes! A group of only to make the Middle East! mothers protested but Miss more fluid and for that reason? LaChance said she would "use Western policy may have to be-

TIME and PLACE.

By STAN ROUGH BARKERVILLE AND THE GOLD RUSH DAYS Barkerville and the surrounding mining camps of Antler,

Richfield, Van Winkle, Mosquito, Wingdon, Waverly, Soda Creek, Grouse Creek, Williams, Jack of Clubs Creek and The Meadows in [the year 1864 had an estimated population, of 20,000 within a 13-mile radius and supported a weekly newspaper eadled the Cariboo Sentinel, Its editor was Robert Halloway. Margaret McNaughton, in her Stockholm, Brusseis, Parks and book "Overland to Cariboo" pub-

The first of the f

lished in 1896, estimated the Kingston, Jamaica, so the boys population in 1863-65 within a kept up to date with what went three-mile radius of Barkerville on outside. The same paper adwas 300-400 and the population vertised the Opposition Meat of the district 8,000-10,000, so Market, the Eldorado Club take your choice. The principal Rooms, Antelope Restaurant and mines worked in 1862-1864 were Saloon, Wake Up Jake's Restaurthe Cameron Cornish, Steele, Ab-, ant where meals were \$1.00 or bet, Adams, Point, Cunningham \$14.00 a week. The Burkerville and Black Jack. In the fall of Brewery also had an ad, as did f 1862 Barker, and winter of 1863; Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Cameron, struck pay dirt below Sauce. Manager Marcus of the the canyon. The strikes were for Theatre Royal announced a bear lowed by the opening up of a efit for Florence Wilson staged number of heavy producing by the Cariboo Amateur Dramclaims, probably \$5,000,000 in atte Association consisting of two gold was taken out that year, one-act plays, Done Brown and The Cameron and the Aurora in Betsy Baker or Too Attentive by

a few years produced a million Half. The Barnard's Express Line dollars each and the Dollar, Stage carrying HM mails an-Black Jack, Barker, Canadian, nounced regular weekly trips Ericson, Caledonia five hundred from Barkerville arriving in Victhousand dollars. The longest toria on Saturdays, Outside news claim was only several hundred; came over the telegraph wires). leet by one hundred. Williams and correspondents were located Creek today is just a small ht Van Winkle, Quesnel, Soda stream of water gurgling through Creek, Clinton, Yale, New Westthe tailings of the diggings. An minster and Victoria. The town had a archall built ambitious tourist could jump! across it. Yet within a two-mile in 1867 and a Masonic Hall burn-

stretch of this insignificant ed down 20 odd years ago but creek over \$30,000,000 worth or since replaced. The lodge had 40 kmessage and members. The Chinese populagold has been taken. It is one of the richest gravel deposits ever tion also had their own Masonic 1,044 ounces of gold in one day. Hall. Seven saloons each with its Wages in the 60's were ten dol- Poker and blackjack table. lars a day and meals, consistang large dance hall staffed by the "Hurdy Gurdy" girls, two large of beans and bacon, cost \$2.50. hotels and numerous smaller. Gold was worth \$16 to \$18 an ones, were in business. Today 150

Why save Barkerville with its a number of the houses are still ? ings one by one collapse under Wendel. Mr. Wendel came to the weight of winter snows? One Barkerville in 1895 to prospec. reason is to preserve what little He has been interested in a numthat remains of the old Cariboo ber of mining ventures over the Trail, where for years thousands years and at 86 is interested in of men and women, on foot, meeting people and talking over horseback, snowshoes, pack team old times. He has subscribed to 🗾 , and stagecoach, made their way the National Geographic Magato the gold camps of the Cariboo. zine for over fifty years and in ' Bruce Hutchinson in his fine his library has a number of books book "The Fraser," calls them on biology, minerology and ornithe Argonauts who in their thology. He married in 1910 and search for gold were uncon- he and Mrs. Wendel for a numsciously opening up a vast count ber of years banded birls as a , try, for in their wake would come hobby.

the farmer, logger and rancher. The Cariboo Trail was once dotted with stopping houses but today the majority of these old buildings have disappeared and the old trail from Cache Creek to Quesnel is dotted with collections of gas stations and romance shattering looking buildings and sound Egyptian structure. But trade do not do some soulsearching before it's too late it will be a stretch of good highway with the aid of a box lunch to get over as quickly as possible. for the old Cariboo Trail is dead

Pete Pavien of the Goldfield King Hussein is likely to be sub-jeopy of the Carib, o Sentinel dected to considerable pressure dated October 12, 1872. The paper Palestinian refugees within his ing mining camps and from Chnton, Victoria, New Westminster, LaChance, a teacher in the todongers, it also offers opport and Richmond, Virginia were Winnipeg suburb of St. Char-tunities for better relations, The featured. Foreign disputches (were reported from London,

and the 1957 version leaves much

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