

King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece in September. The Canadian Minister of National Defence, Mr. Campney, made an official visit to Turkey in October.

In the Middle East important events took place which focused a considerable degree of attention upon that area.

The question of Cyprus continued to cause difficulties. The United Nations General Assembly decided not to consider, at its tenth session, a proposal that the principle of self-determination should be applied to the population of Cyprus. At a conference between the United Kingdom, Greek, and Turkish Governments, held in London from August 29 to September 7, the United Kingdom tabled proposals for the eventual achievement of full internal self-government for the colony. Agreement had not been reached by the time the conference was suspended. The United Kingdom Government, however, has made it known that it hopes to achieve a political settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Relations between Israel and the Arab states were disturbed by serious border clashes. Major-General Burns, the Canadian who is serving as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, worked assiduously to prevent open warfare and to maintain the armistice. The United States and the United Kingdom offered assistance in finding a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

On February 24, at Baghdad, Turkey and Iraq signed a treaty of mutual co-operation for security and defence. This treaty, which became known as the Baghdad Pact, was strengthened by the later accession of the United Kingdom, Pakistan, and Iran. The inaugural meeting of the Council of the Baghdad Pact was held in Baghdad on November 21 and 22, with a United States liaison representative attending, and dealt with defence and economic matters.

The Foreign Minister of Egypt, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, visited Canada in July, and the Foreign Minister of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sharett, did so in November. The Canadian Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg, visited Israel in July, and in November the Secretary of State for External Affairs visited Egypt on his way back from the Colombo Plan Conference in Singapore.