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WEST INDIAN FEDERATION
Date Fixed For London Talks
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THE Colonial Office in London and the Legislatures of the British West Indian territories have this week announced that the proposed London conference on West Indian Federation shall open on Monday, April 13 next.

Trinidad, Jamaica, the Windward and Leeward Islands, (with the exception of the Virgin Islands) have been invited to send delegates to the Conference. An invitation to participate in the Conference has also been sent to the Government of Barbados, where the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly are still considering the Federation proposals put forward in the report of the Standing Closer Association Committee.

The Legislature of British Guiana has rejected proposals for Federation of the British West Indies and the Legislature of British Honduras has deferred definitely and further consideration of proposals

The Plan

The proposals to be considered at the conference are for a constitution not unlike that of Australia. A Federal Government would leave in the hands of the various Governments of the territories' local autonomy while exercising a limited authority over the federated territories as a whole.

This plan was drafted by the Standing Closer Association Committee, set up at the Montego Bay Conference some five years ago, whose proposals were published in 1950.

They suggested that the Federal legislature for the British Carribbean Federation should consist of a House of Assembly elected by universal adult suffrage and a Senate wholly nominated by the Governor-General.