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Veterans Affairs Are Considered In House Of Commons

Opposition Seeks Establishment Of Permanent House Committee To Study Problems Of Former Servicemen.

By GEORGE KITCHEN
OTTAWA, March 8 — (CP) — A spirited and growing opposition demand for the establishment of a permanent House committee devoted to the study of the problems of former servicemen developed in the Commons today as veterans affairs came up for debate for the first time in this 2 1/2 months-old session of Parliament.
Coupled with this request was a Progressive Conservative amendment, placed before the chamber by Col. A.J. Brooks (PC—St. John, Albert), which would have the effect of extending to wartime members of the merchant navy the same benefits now granted to service veterans.
The debate developed when Veterans Minister Gregg moved a Government motion for the establishment of a House committee on veterans affairs, the first since the 1946 session, and announced that increased allowances for married student veterans will be reflected in cheques mailed out at the end of March.
He disclosed also that recently announced increases for disabled pensioners, war widows and dependents could be sent to recipients in early April if the House gave approval of the enabling legislation before Easter.
The students' increases were put through by order-in-council.

Promises Long Debate
As the debate developed, promising to be a day-long affair, the lengthening speakers list included Victor Quech (SC—Acadia), Howard Green (PC—Vancouver South), Walter Tucker (L—Rosthern), chairman of the last veterans committee, George Cruickshank (L—Fraser Valley), E.B. McKay (CCF—Weyburn) and Charlie Gillis (CCF—Cape Breton South).
Moving a Progressive Conservative amendment to the motion for establishment of a veterans committee, Col. Brooks brought to the attention of the House a protest by a Canadian Legion meeting last fall against "apparent discrimination" against war veterans in favor of political workers.
Before the Legion meeting was a letter by "a Halifax County Liberal Party chairman" which "frankly stated that a war veteran to hold a Government job must vote for the Liberal Party."
Col. Brooks said he knew of similar cases in his own Province of New Brunswick and protested that "it is not good for a country that the party in power should be able to fortify themselves by the methods and perpetuate their tenure of office."
"These job holders have become arrogant and arbitrary," he said. "They are the little dictators, the little tyrants of the political party in their own districts..."
"Their main idea is to keep their Government in power so they may protect their jobs."
Mr. Quech, endorsing the suggestion for a standing veterans committee, said it could be called to meet at any time. He agreed with other members that the Government's proposed increases in pensions and allowances were inadequate.
Mr. Green said several Cabinet Ministers had indicated that they felt that the merchant navy had constituted the "fourth" arm of the forces. Their casualty list had been heavy.
Any member who voted against the amendment would be doing a great injustice to the seamen. There had been "great unfairness" to these men through the Government's failure to grant them benefits.

To Gear Ruhr Production To Marshall Plan

By J.M. ROBERTS, Jr. (Associated Press News Analyst)
The Big Three have produced a document to secure intensified industrial production from the Ruhr for prosecution of the cold war without further partitioning or danger of German rearmament.
The program, which remains to be worked out in detail, would bring France into full partnership with Britain and the United States in the operation of the Western Ruhr-Rhineland-Saar industrial concentration will be geared into the Marshall Plan.
Coupled with the progress at Brussels toward military and economic unification of Britain, France and the Benelux countries, the past week of negotiations probably represents the most profitable period since Germany surrendered.
The rough plan for the Ruhr provides that its revival shall be under control of the Big Three with Germans participating, probably through an expansion of the semi-autonomous Government which already has been set up under Allied supervision. Provision is also being made for the Benelux countries — Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg — to have their say.
For the purpose of the cold war, Germany apparently is to be treated as more or less of a partner with the 16 Marshall Plan countries and with the developing Western European union. There is no indication, however, that there will be any major change in the policy which holds German living standards to the minimum living standard, will be thrown into the European recovery pot.
This brings up a point on which the London conference made no announcement. That is, whether dismemberment of German plants is to be continued under the old reparations and disarmament program. Although this has been slowed down, there has never been any agreement on the part of the countries which were to receive reparations in this form.
Under changed conditions it would seem that these plants might be used where they are. Dismemberment involves delay, damage, loss of possible production. It is not an economic process.
The United States has been inclined to stick to the old Potsdam agreements, insofar as it applies to Western Allies of the United States for fear that withholding of the plants would create trouble with them.
But the Western European countries were to receive less than 50 per cent of these plants anyway. Since the agreement was made their economies have been bolstered by a great many times that much in American aid with more to come.
The size of Europe's total production in the next four years, including everything which can be exchanged abroad for food and raw materials, will determine the success or failure of the Marshall Plan. The logical course to follow would seem to be to make the maximum use of every existing plant now, leaving reparations and even industrial disarmament to the time when Germany's sovereignty is about to be returned.

Missionary Recruits To Visit Ch'town

Having completed an extensive visit among the Christian Churches in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rempel, missionary recruits to India will arrive on Prince Edward Island this week, with the intention of visiting churches of their faith and to begin a detailed itinerary of Canadian Christian Churches. While in Charlottetown Mr. and Mrs. Rempel will reside at the home of Mr. M.D. Dunbar, minister of Central Christian Church. Mrs. Rempel is Mr. Dunbar's sister.
Mr. Rempel, when passage is obtained, will assume the Principalship of the India Bible College near Calcutta, India. Mrs. Rempel will aid in administrative work.
Both of these fine young people have gained a special distinction among the Churches of Christ for their pioneering zeal in Western Canada. Particularly is this true as they have labored in the far Northern districts of Alberta. A flourishing work in the Peace River country owes its existence to the tenacity and hard work of these servants of the Lord.
Mr. and Mrs. Rempel will be heard at public gatherings in Central Christian Church during the week and on the Lord's day.

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To Reveal Results Of Gambling Probe

(By The Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, March 8 — President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League said today he "will definitely announce" the results of his investigation into player gambling charges when he meets Governor Kim Sigler at Lansing, Mich., tomorrow.
Following flying visits to Chicago, New York and Boston during the week-end, the N.H.L. chief stopped briefly at his office here today before leaving later for Lansing.
He said he had nothing to say other than that the report on his probe will be released some time tomorrow morning.

Report Credit Due Veteran Blacksmith

Richard Budlong, who made his racing debut last Wednesday on the Harbor ice so successful by winning in three straight heats, gave another good display on Saturday. Richard won one heat in the Class D race, his time of 32 seconds being the fastest of the event.
Much of the credit for Richard's fine showing belongs to the veteran blacksmith, Ray Acorn. Ray, it is understood, did the shoeing and training of this smart campaigner, who appears likely to be a real hot contender in Island racing circles.

Close By-election Expected In Britain

LONDON, March 8 — (Reuters) — A close battle was forecast today in the parliamentary by-election at North Croydon, London, where Britain's three main parties are contesting the seat won by the Conservatives by a majority of 607 votes in the 1945 general election.
Polling takes place Thursday. Winston Churchill, Conservative Party leader, is expected to tour the constituency tomorrow in support of his party's candidate, F.W. Harris, a local business man.
The seat was made vacant by the appointment of H.U. Willink, Minister of Health in the Churchill wartime government, to a university post. Willink polled 23,417 votes in 1945 to 22,810 for the labor candidate, Miss M.G. Billson, and 10,714 for Liberal J.M. Howard.
The Labor Party has high hopes of winning the seat and gaining a Conservative-held constituency for the first time since the general election.

Many Buy Tickets To See Barbara Ann

BRANDON, Man., March 8 — (CP) — A woman fainted because the crush was so great when tickets went on sale today for the April 1 and 2 performances here of world figure skating champion Barbara Ann Scott. The line-up started four hours before wickets were opened.

NORTHAM SCHOOL Report for February:

- Senior Department
Grade X — 1. Doreen Colwill, 2. Charles Dymont, 3. Norma Dymont, 4. Arthur, 2. Christie Maynard, 3. Harold Dymont.
Grade VIII — 1. Edgar Dymont, 2. Julia MacLeod.
Grade VII — 1. Priscilla MacArthur, 2. Ernest Colwill, 3. Thane Ellis.
Grade VI — 1. Doris Rodd, 2. Pauline Rodd, 3. Edwin Cann, 4. George V (a) — 1. Orville Cann, 2. Bobby Maynard.
Grade V (b) — 1. Faye Ellis, 2. Gladys Paugh, 3. Florence Paugh and Roy Newcombe (equal).
Highest Average — Joan MacArthur 92 per cent.
Perfect Attendance — Doreen Colwill, Harold Dymont, Priscilla MacArthur, Edwin Cann, Bobby Maynard.
Teacher — Olga Simpson.
Primary Department
Grade IV — 1. Blanche Colwill, 2. Charles Dymont, 3. Norma Dymont.
Grade III — 1. Arthur Ellis, 2. Carl Colwill, 3. Doreen Cotton.
Grade II (a) — 1. Victor MacLeod, 2. Johnie Paugh.
Grade II (b) — 1. Dorothy Dymont, 2. Gordon Maynard.
Grade I — 1. George Dymont, 2. Horace MacKay, 3. Mavor Rodd.
Highest Average — Arthur Ellis 96.2 per cent.
Perfect Attendance — Blanche Colwill, Charles Dymont, Norma Dymont, Ada Ellis, William MacKay, Roy Cann, Arthur Ellis, Rheta Ellis, George Dymont, Horace MacKay, Dorothy Dymont, Gordon Maynard.
Teacher — Jean Rayner.

BLOOMFIELD & VICINITY

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ramsay visited in Summerside this week.
Mr. Keith Pratt, Gerald O'Holloran and Headly Palmer were passengers by train to Summerside.
Mrs. John Peters has returned to her home here and her friends are happy to know that she is feeling much better.
Mrs. Stanford Green was a passenger by train from here on Friday.
Mrs. Walter Praught of Grand River visited here last week. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Murphy of Campbellton.
Mr. Keith Pratt visited in the western part of the Island recently.
Schoolmates of Master Fenton Shaw are sorry to hear that he is ill with measles; all wish him a speedy recovery.
Bloomfield and surrounding districts were saddened last Sunday morning when it was learned that one of the oldest and most respected citizens in the person of Mr. Andrew Martin, had passed away at 12:30 A.M. at the ripe old age of 87. He leaves to mourn his daughter, Lauretta, who tenderly cared for him in his last illness, also the following other daughters and sons: Mrs. Nelson Gallant, Plusville; Mrs. Rose Boudreau; Mrs. Louis Gallant, Chelsea, Mass.; Mrs. James Baker, New York; Mrs. Peter Gallant, Maine; Paul, in Chelsea; Pat, in Mis-couche; Arthur and Robert in Bloomfield. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's Church. The pallbearers were Leo, Alvin and Elmer Gallant. Ferdie Martin, all grandsons of the deceased, Louis Peters and Joseph Pineau. May his soul rest in peace.
Mr. Arthur Martin, who is employed in Halifax, was called home by the death of his father, Mr. Andrew Martin. He was met in Summerside by his wife who ac-

REMEMBER WHEN

One of Babe Ruth's much-publicized holdouts ended 18 years ago today when the Yankee slugger signed a \$160,000 two-year contract with New York. Newspapers made much of the fact that Babe was being paid more than the president of the United States whose salary is \$75,000.
U. S. OIL RIGHTS
A United States company holds concession rights to all areas in Arabia believed to have oil.
GUILFORD Surrey, England — (CP) — A Rhode Island Red hen here laid an eight-ounce egg.
MAGDALEN, Essex, England — (CP) — Rev. W. D. Topping visits each person on their birthdays in the villages Magdalen, Laver and High Laver and plays their favorite hymns at his Sunday service, accompanied him home.
Mr. Ernest MacDougall arrived home by car from Saint John, N. B., where he is employed.
Friends of Mrs. Fraser MacDougall are sorry to hear that she is ill.
Mrs. William Smith has returned home from an enjoyable visit to her daughter in the States.
Mr. Hal Smith has returned from Charlottetown where he attended a short course in carpentry.
Mr. Vance MacKay is entering the Veterans' hospital for treatment. His friends hope he will be back home shortly.

Truman Will Run If Nominated

WASHINGTON, March 8 — (CP) — President Truman today agreed to run if the Democratic candidate for re-election.
Ignoring the demand of his own Party critics that he either abandon his civil rights program or remove himself from the contest, Truman did neither.
He authorized the democratic national chairman, Senator J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, to announce that he would run if nominated at the Philadelphia convention next July.
Senator McGrath also announced that the President would not recall his request for Congress to pass civil rights measures aimed at ensuring fair treatment for Negroes.

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Yankees First Baseman Signs New Contract

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 8 — (AP) — First baseman George McQuinn arrived at New York Yankees' training camp today—a week late—and promptly signed his contract. The contract is believed to carry a slight boost over last year when the 36-year veteran hit .304 in 144 games.
LONDON — (CP) — London Zoo's entire gardening staff is digging for the 100 worms needed for lizards and toads in the reptile house.

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