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LIBERALS DEFEAT MOTION FOR ALL-OUT CONSCRIPTION

By FRANK FLAHERTY Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—First votes taken by the House of Commons today in support of Prime Minister Mackenzie King in possession of enough support from the ranks of Liberal members alone to exceed any combined opposition.

The House proceeding towards a vote today on a motion for the anti-conscription amendment by 128 votes to 43 and a Progressive Conservative all-out conscription amendment by 170 to 44.

After the votes were taken Speaker J. A. Glen ruled out of order a C. C. F. amendment calling for the removal of all distinction between drafted and volunteer personnel in the army and for the conscription of wealth as well as manpower.

He ruled that in the two amendments the House had expressed its opinion on conscription and on the volunteer system. His ruling was appealed and upheld by a vote of 176 to 20.

Within the negative vote of 169 on the anti-conscription amendment, Liberals had voted the other way were 111 Liberals from other provinces.

Of the 43 anti-conscription members line up with the Progressive Conservatives and Independents and C. C. F. members to vote against the Government's main motion of confidence the combined total could not reach 121.

This was considered significant because members recalled that at the start of the debate Mr. King said his Government would resign if it did not receive a vote of confidence from the House and that he would not carry on merely with the support of opposition groups.

The defections from the Liberal ranks on the anti-conscription motion in addition to those who crossed the floor earlier this session, numbered 40, of whom 32 came from Quebec, one from Ontario and one from New Brunswick.

The Ontario bolter was E. O. Bernard (L-Quebec) and the New Brunswick bolter was A. D. Lezer (L-Quebec). Both represent French-speaking constituencies.

Anti-Conscription Vote On the anti-conscription amendment, which was proposed by Joseph Jean (L-Montreal-Mercier), with 107 Liberal members, four cabinet ministers, Justice Minister Jean Lapointe, Fisheries Minister Bernard, Secretary of State LaFlèche, and Welfare Minister Claxton, one French-speaking member, Dr. H. LeMay of Wright, and two English-speaking members, Douglas Abbott of St. Albert, Westmount, Montreal, and P. Whitman of Mount Royal.

French-speaking members from French-speaking constituencies in other provinces, generally voted with the Government and against the anti-conscription amendment.

Welfare Minister Furnier was not present for the vote on the Jean amendment but arrived in time to vote against the Progressive Conservative amendment which called for making all 68,000 home defence troops available for overseas service.

Walter Tucker (L-Resthew) who seconded an anti-conscription amendment which was ruled out of order earlier in the session did not vote on the Jean motion, but voted against the Progressive Conservative amendment.

The House was quiet and sober during the voting. There was little discussion when former Deputy Prime Minister Mackenzie King made his remarks.

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No Singing

The singing which in peacetime passes away the time while the division bells ring to call members in was not heard. The members waited in silence.

The Quebec defection on the anti-conscription amendment carried all government supporters from that province except the immediate cabinet.

Mr. Abbott is parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Ilsley and thus an office holder although not in the cabinet. The only other member who represents an English-speaking constituency in the Montreal area and Dr. LeMay of Quebec borders the Ottawa River near Ottawa.

The anti-conscription voters included such English-speaking Liberal members as W. R. McDonald of Pontiac, D. E. Black of Chateaugay, Huntingdon, T. P. Hogue of Montreal, Sir Arthur Ryan of Three Rivers and J. W. McGibbon of Argenteuil.

Also voting against the government on the conscription issue were soldiers now or recently on active service such as Lt.-Col. Hughes Lacombe (L—Loburniere), Maj. A. J. LaPointe (L—Matapedia), Capt. Leonard Tremblay (L—Dorchester), Lt.-Col. Maurice Halle (L—Brome—Mistassinou), Maj. A. Sylvester (L—Itke St. John—Roberval), Sgt. John—Iberville—Naperville.

Dr. Grant among Speakers Voting on the two amendments followed a series of short speeches from Herve Brunelle (L—Champlain), J. S. Roy (Ind—Gaspereau), J. G. Macdonald (Ind—Quebec), Raymond Budek (L—Montreal Hochelaga), George Fuller (L—Rockville), E. K. Perley (PC—Quebec), Hazen (PC—St. John—Albert), Sario Fournier (L—Montreal Malbourne), Joseph LaFontaine (L—Meagantic Frontenac), and Dr. T. V. Grant (L—King's).

It preceded a second attempt by the C. C. F. group whose spokesman was Stanley Knowles of Winnipeg North Centre to place an amendment before the House. The proposal called for making all drafted men available for overseas service, conscription of wealth and certain steps for the post-war period.

Speaker Glen ruled it out of order and on an appeal the speaker was sustained by a vote of 176 to 20.

The C. C. F. and Social Credit groups along with the Progressive Conservatives voted with the government on the anti-conscription amendment.

On the Progressive Conservative anti-conscription amendment the C. C. F. group voted with the government, but the Social Credit group was divided.

With Conservatives Four Liberal members—Lt. James Sinclair (Vancouver North), George Cruickshank (Crazer Valley), Robert Gladstone (Wellington South) and Harry Laing (La Prairie) voted in support of the Progressive Conservative amendment.

Before the votes were recorded King Hazen (PC—St. John—Albert) said he wished to congratulate Justice Minister St. Laurent on the speech he had made yesterday. The speech would do more to unify the nation than any other speech or article.

The speech undoubtedly would be criticized by those who did not agree with Mr. St. Laurent's opinions, but the Justice Minister realized that before he made his remarks.

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He believed there should be an improvement in the army organization. The House has been told that no records were kept in Canada showing the position of reinforcements, posts overseas. Each record should be kept in Canada and reviewed periodically by the war committee of the cabinet.

It should not be necessary for the Defence Minister to go overseas to find out what the position of the army was at the time. Mr. St. Laurent agreed with Col. Ralston that the order was a "piece-meal" method of providing reinforcements.

Civil Aviation Parley Closed At Noon Yesterday

Dramatic Show Of Goodwill At Final Session After 37 Days Of Discussion.

By C. E. BLACKBURN

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (CP)—End of the 37-day international civil aviation conference came at noon today in dramatic show of goodwill, with signatures sufficient to ensure the establishment of an international organization designed to regulate and supervise global air commerce.

Following are highlights of the closing session: 1. Norway and Cuba both sought to withdraw from the provisional council of the interim international organization to make way for India. Cuba won and the conference approved this magnanimous acclaim.

2. Sufficient delegations signed the main conference documents to ensure the necessary 25 ratifications of the agreement for an interim international civil aviation organization which will have its seat in a Canadian city—possibly Montreal—and for a permanent organization which is expected to replace the provisional body within three years.

It is generally believed here that Montreal is a major centre of international aviation in Canada, will be the city chosen and that the first meeting of the assembly will be held early in 1945.

3. Canada signed the organization documents but deferred signing either the two or five "freedom" agreements.

4. The United Kingdom signed the two freedom documents and the "two freedom" agreement with reservations in the latter agreement with respect to Newfoundland at present administered by the Colonial Office.

5. Adolph Berle, Jr., president of the council of the United States delegation, in his closing address, paid tribute to the Canadian delegation for its work in the conference.

The conference had five documents for approval. The first three were composed of the "final act" which formally declared the composition, purpose and accomplishment of the conference.

Cheers greeted the first announcement of the Governing Council and the Convention of the Americas were signed in a recent V-bomb attack on southern England, will help patch up a bitter rift between the two camps, cover for thousands of homeless who face a bleak winter, it was announced today.

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ishments of the conference, the agreement for an interim organization, and the convention setting up a permanent international civil aviation organization.

The fourth and fifth documents had to do with the "freedoms of the air" on which the conference deadlocked so long because of opposing views as between the British and American delegations.

The fourth granted its signers mutual freedoms to fly over their territory and to make non-traffic landings.

The fifth document granted its signers virtually unlimited freedom to operate in and out of each others territory for traffic purposes, but not the right of cabotage.

Cabotage is the traffic entirely within the state of the operating aircraft and is reserved by each country for its own operating lines.

Because some nations deferred signing and some of those who did sign were without plenipotentiary powers and their action is subject to approval of their governments, there could be no accurate box-score at the moment on the fate of the series of agreements.

International flying routes, for those countries not subscribing on the five freedoms agreement, will be operated under bilateral agreements between the countries concerned as at present.

Thus the whole North Atlantic route, Canada, Newfoundland and British will remain outside of the open competition system involved in the five freedoms.

Nevertheless, adoption of the two freedoms, which Canada is expected to approve later, will open the way for operators to fly that route without bilateral agreement so long as they do not handle traffic.

British reservation on behalf of Newfoundland in respect of the two freedoms is expected to be only temporary in view of the fact that Newfoundland is under a military commission government, might remain some bargaining power.

One-third of Britain's civilian craftsmen (nearly 1,000 of them) already are repairing blasted homes in the Government's bomb-damaged London homes that can still be made habitable and to erect temporary huts.

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This photograph shows Canadians on short leave in Paris doing their Christmas shopping for the folks back home. The place is the Gift Shop in the Palais d'Orsay Hotel. Left to right, front row, Pte. W. Smith, Royal Army Service Corps, London, Eng., C.S.M. L. W. Randall, Killarney, Man.; longie, saleslady at the shop.—Canadian Army Overseas Photo.

Wounded in Italy

Mr. John Williams of S.S. Prince Edward Island, Borden, whose son Sam was wounded recently in the Italian campaign, has received the following letter which speaks for itself.

Dundee, Scotland. Dear Mr. Williams: Your son Sam has been up to us for nine days' leave, and he asked me to drop you a line. It is almost three years since we first met Sam, in fact three years the next February since he walked in to 20 Park Ave., and my husband and I count him one of our best friends and he really likes Dundee. This last leave was his first since he came home from Italy and let me assure you, he looks very fit. He doesn't say much about his wounds but he showed me a piece of shrapnel they dug out of his shoulder. He says he is taking it back to Canada. He was disappointed at not getting home, but we think it won't be long before they are all home.

Our street lights went on a couple of weeks ago, and what a blessing! We have two children, a girl of five and a boy of two, and they have never seen a street lamp yet. My husband has promised to take them out at night just to see them.

Sam talks to us about Canada. I think it makes home seem nearer, but he is very quiet. He can sit for half an hour beside the fire just enjoying the fact that he can sit there.

Well, goodbye for now, and believe me I'll say that Sam looks very fit. Yours sincerely, Nancy MacDonald.

Rejects Palestine Partition Proposal

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (AP)—The inner Zionist General Council and the Assebat Hahittaim (elected assembly) at a joint session last night rejected British proposals for the partition of Palestine as contrary to the historic, religious and national bonds between the Jewish people and Palestine.

A resolution unanimously adopted appeals to the United Nations to open Palestine to a mass Jewish immigration and asked assistance in a large-scale settlement which would lead to establishment of a Jewish state.

CHELSEHAM, England — (CP) — A baronetcy dating from 1823 became extinct with the death of Sir Douglas Innes Robinson.

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3,000 Yanks To Aid In Patching Up London

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Many persons were forced to leave their homes when warned that they might be washed away.

Casualties Reduced Seventy-five Per Cent



IN the war against tuberculosis one of the world's greatest benefactors is Einar Holboell, Danish postal clerk. As he worked long hours sorting Christmas mail, he thought of a way to put it to work for humanity... and in 1924 started the sale of Christmas Seals to combat tuberculosis. The seals have helped cut Canada's T.B. death rate seventy-five per cent. But T.B. still kills more people between 15 and 45 than any other disease. Your dollars are sorely needed now. Send in your contribution today - please.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!

Plan Transfer Of Airwomen To Army

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—National Defence Headquarters today announced a plan for enlisting in the Can. Women's Army Corps members of the R.C.A.F. Women's Division who are leaving that force.

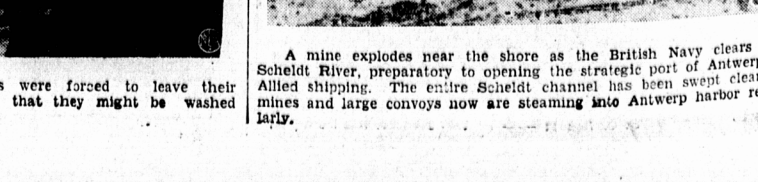
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