

is placed becomes a category which should be called up. As I indicated, however, the matter is still under advisement.

My hon. friend was good enough to send his other question to me. That was whether any men in the medical category C1 have been called up under the National Resources Mobilization Act, as the regulations are administered. I think that is the question. Of course my hon. friend understands that under the general regulations any category could be called, but, as I understand the situation, under the instructions issued to the medical officers, at the present time the only men who are being sent in, who are being forwarded to the training centres after having been examined by the medical officer in the particular town, are men who have passed that medical officer as A. If they get into the training centre and, after being examined by the army officer, turn out to be B, but not lower, they are retained in the training centre. The specific answer to my hon. friend's question is that C category are not called in the sense that C category are returned home if, on examination by the local medical officer, they turn out to be in that category.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

After Recess

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, when the Prime Minister announced the new orders in council providing for the national selective service programme he stated that provision was being made for the calling up of aliens, and similar statements have appeared at different times in the press. For example, we find in "Canada's War Record" of May, 1942, this statement:

Liability for military service is being extended to all residents in Canada whether citizens or not.

There have also been statements in the press to the effect that the calling up of men who are not British subjects would have to wait for the conclusion of international negotiations with the countries of which those aliens are citizens. Would the minister tell us when these aliens will be called up and in what way they will be used by the armed forces? It would also be interesting if the minister could tell us what groups of aliens are to be called up.

Mr. RALSTON: That matter has not been settled yet. It is in the hands of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. GREEN: What is the situation with regard to Canadians in other countries? Why is it necessary for Canada to enter into an agreement with each of the governments concerned?

Mr. RALSTON: Because I think each government as a matter of international law reserves its rights with regard to other nationals in its own country. But my hon. friend is getting me beyond my depth, and I do not propose to go into that matter at any length. I can only say that the matter is under consideration and, I believe, under negotiation by the Department of External Affairs at the present time.

Mr. GREEN: In what way will these aliens be used by the Canadian armed forces? Will they be put, for example, into the armed forces, or are they to be used on road work, or has the government some other plan in mind regarding them? Surely the government must have had some plan in mind when it decided to call up these men.

Mr. RALSTON: I think the decision was to open negotiations with regard to calling the men up. I cannot forecast in what way they will be used. So far as I know they will probably be used in the same way as others who are called up under the National Resources Mobilization Act.

Mr. GREEN: Go right into the armed forces?

Mr. RALSTON: That is what I say, so far as I know. I have no reason for thinking otherwise, except that they might be used for any other purpose for which they could be called up under the act.

Mr. GREEN: What is the present situation with regard to United States citizens in our Canadian forces?

Mr. RALSTON: There are two phases to it, as my hon. friend knows. One phase is that United States citizens in Canada were given a certain option to go back to their own forces, if the option was exercised by a certain date, and that date has been extended. There was a reciprocal provision with regard to Canadians in the United States forces. The other matter, the calling up of aliens in Canada, is still under consideration by the Department of External Affairs, along with the other question which my hon. friend mentioned which has to do with all aliens.

Mr. GREEN: Press dispatches yesterday stated that representatives of the armed forces of the United States would land at Saint John on May 5, which is to-day, apparently to make arrangements for giving United