

Mr. CLAXTON: I have assured the hon. member for Lake Centre that the governor in council is not going to make any appointments to the administration. It will not make a single appointment.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: All right; we are not going to split hairs over that.

Mr. CLAXTON: It is not a question of splitting hairs; it is a question of stating what the situation is.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Very well. How many appointments is it expected will be made in Canada to carry out the provisions of UNRRA?

Mr. CLAXTON: I do not know, and I never will know, because that is a question within the control of no one within Canada or of the Canadian government. It is a question within the control of the administration itself, which appoints the staff.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: This is what the section states:

The governor in council may make such appointments . . . as appear to him to be necessary. . . .

Not the council, nor Governor Lehman, nor anyone but the governor in council of Canada.

Mr. CLAXTON: My hon. friend has now switched from dealing with appointments of people to work for the administration, to the question of possible appointees in Canada to work for Canada; and if I did not follow him earlier I am sorry. I am not in a position to say whether any appointments will have to be made to carry out the provisions of the agreement in Canada. So far as can be seen now, the arrangements between UNRRA and the Canadian government can be conducted through the ordinary channels and with existing agencies. It may be found necessary to appoint two or three people—perhaps a few more, but a very small staff—to handle the actual arrangements. I am not in the confidence of the government; but it might be anticipated, for example, that the arrangements between Canada and UNRRA would be conducted through agencies already existing such as the mutual aid board, the Department of Munitions and Supply, the Department of Agriculture, or the Canadian Wheat Board, and it may be that those agencies will be found quite sufficient. I am not in a position to go beyond that.

Section agreed to.

On section 3—Report to be laid before parliament.

Mr. GILLIS: There is just a point on that. I am in agreement with the hon. member for

New Westminster and the hon. member for Trinity; it is surprising to me to find that as important a contributor to this scheme as Canada will necessarily have to be is not represented on the central council. Is the parliamentary assistant in a position to inform the committee why Canada has no representation on that central council? I think we should have an answer.

Mr. CLAXTON: That question has been dealt with, I think, three times, and I can give no further answer than I have already given. This agreement was an agreement of forty-four nations; it was worked out after it had been distributed on June 9, 1943, by the United States government, which was responsible for circulating it. Representations were made by various nations after that, and the agreement was signed in its present form. What diplomatic representations were made I am not in a position to say, and I do not think anyone would be.

Section agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre) moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. STIRLING: Next sitting. I suggest it is far more customary for a measure of this sort to stand on the order paper for one day.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I have not the slightest objection.

Motion stands.

WAR APPROPRIATION BILL

PROVISION FOR GRANTING TO HIS MAJESTY AID FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The house resumed from Friday, March 31, consideration in committee of a resolution to grant to His Majesty certain sums of money for the carrying out of measures consequent upon the existence of a state of war—Mr. Ilsley—Mr. Bradette in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR

Hon. C. G. POWER (Minister of National Defence for Air): On March 16, as reported at page 1539, my assistant placed on *Hansard* a certain number of answers to questions which had been asked during the course of