CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

TRANSPORTATION OVERSEAS FOR PERSONNEL RESIDENT IN ENGLAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. C. BLACK (Cumberland): Has the Minister of Transport any report to make with regard to accommodation for service men who fought in the Canadian armed services and who require accommodation to return to their homes in Great Britain?

Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Minister of Transport): I am happy to tell the hon. member for Cumberland, and the senior member for Halifax (Mr. Isnor) who made similar representations in this behalf, that arrangements have been made with the British ministry of transport in London to accommodate 250 ex-service men on the return trip of the Queen Elizabeth, which will be about November 23.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

RECOMMENDATION OF FURTHER FACILITIES FOR UNIVERSITY TRAINING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): I would again direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs in connection with the veteran students in the various universities who, having failed in one examination, find themselves obliged to leave by the end of this month unless something is done regarding them. Is the minister now in a position to advise the house and the country respecting the charge which has been made, if any, and what is to be done to enable them to continue with their studies?

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs): As I advised my hon. friend the other day, the advisory committee on university training has given extensive consideration to this question. It has now made a recommendation, and it is the intention to submit to parliament within the next few days a proposal with regard to the amendment of the post-discharge reestablishment order.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

STRIKE AT FORD MOTOR PLANT, WINDSOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. F. BROWN (Essex West): Would the Minister of Labour inform the house as to the progress of the negotiations between the union and the Ford Motor company at Windsor, Ontario?

[Mr. Howe.]

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I am glad to say that representatives of the union and company met yesterday afternoon and this morning and will meet again to-morrow morning with a view to laying a basis for settlement of the strike. Following the meeting held yesterday there was a joint statement which was issued by Mr. D. B. Greig, treasurer of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited. At the conclusion of this morning's meeting the joint statement was issued by Mr. George Addes, international secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers of America. I think this shows an encouraging degree of cooperation.

POSTAL SERVICE

SEPARATION NOTICES TO WINNIPEG LETTER CARRIERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. ERNEST BERTRAND (Postmaster General): Yesterday a question was asked by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to which I promised to give an answer to-day. It was as to the separation notices which are now being sent to a number of men in the Winnipeg postal district.

While the department has no definite information, there would seem to be no doubt that the employees to whom the advices referred to by the hon, member were sent are those who are not qualified by examination for permanent appointment, or who are not entitled to the overseas preference. They would, therefore, not be retained indefinitely in any event. I feel that the hon, member will agree that it is in the best interests of these men that they be advised of the likelihood of their release to enable them to look for employment elsewhere if they so desire.

PRIVILEGE—MR. WARREN

REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORT-OTTAWA "JOURNAL"

Mr. R. M. WARREN (Renfrew North): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I hold in my hand an item clipped from the Ottawa Journal, entitled "Appointed members of flag committee." I notice the name "R. M. Warren", with the initials afterwards "P.C."

Mr. HOMUTH: That is a terrible mistake.

Mr. WARREN: I assume that P.C. means Progressive Conservative. In view of the speech of the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) to which we listened last night, I wonder whether he would advise me whether I am entitled to legal assistance in a matter of this nature, or an error of this kind.