

(a) approved the draft old age security legislation as submitted by the Minister of National Health and Welfare subject to the following reservations:

(i) the Ministers of National Health and Welfare and of Finance to decide in consultation as to the desirability of including in the Financial Administration bill a provision respecting recoveries of over-payments under the Old Age Assistance Act, keeping in mind the inappropriateness of charging the minister with the responsibility of deciding whether or not there had been over-payment;

(ii) the maximum term of imprisonment under section 9(1) of the bill to be reduced from one year to six months; and

(iii) consideration to be given to the desirability of substituting the words "old age security contribution" for the expression "old age security tax" presently used in the draft bill;

(b) agreed that the measure be printed when it reached the resolution stage in the House; and,

(c) agreed that, upon introduction of the resolution, the Minister of National Health and Welfare make a general statement concerning the measure and the Minister of Finance a specific statement concerning the fiscal provisions therein contained.

Parliamentary business; despatch of 27th Canadian Infantry
Brigade to Europe; statement on external affairs

8. The Minister of National Defence reported that the Allied High Commission in Germany had now agreed to a public statement being made on the status of Canadian troops in Germany along the lines suggested at the meeting of October 15th.

It was recommended therefore that an Order in Council respecting despatch of the Brigade be passed the following day and tabled in Parliament in the afternoon.

000032

RG 2, A5a,
Vol. 2649

Privy Council Office
Bureau du Conseil privé

National Archives of Canada
Archives nationales du Canada