

## ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Wives living abroad with their servicemen husbands will cast ballots in special service polls for the June 10 federal election.

Some 7,000 wives in Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States are eligible to add their votes to those of the servicemen stationed in a dozen countries. The service vote itself includes 117,000 members of the active forces at home and abroad, and about 8,000 veterans in federal hospitals. A record peacetime service vote is almost certain to result.

The service vote is conducted during the week before election day. But the ballots won't be added to civilian totals in the various ridings until a week afterwards, and it is conceivable that some constituencies where the civilian vote is close will go the way the forces go.

This year's service vote will include Canada's youngest voters--several hundred 16-year-old apprentices in the army and navy. The 21-year age restriction has been waived since the forces went on an active service basis in the Korean war days of September, 1950.

The service vote overseas, mainly adminis-

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**JOINING FLEET:** HMCS Bonaventure, the Navy's first Canadian-owned carrier, will sail from Belfast, Northern Ireland, to join the Atlantic Command fleet on June 20. She is scheduled to reach her new Halifax base on June 27.

Commissioned at Belfast on January 17 of this year, the Bonaventure has since undergone extensive sea and flight trials in preparation for her first operational duties.

On arrival in Halifax, there will be a storage and leave period after which the carrier will embark her new aircraft, the Banshee jet fighters and the Canadian-built anti-submarine Trackers. Two of each of these types of aircraft were flown to the United Kingdom earlier this year for flight trials with the new carrier. It was the first trans-Atlantic flight ever carried out by Royal Canadian Navy aircraft.

To aid in the operation of her aircraft, the Bonaventure is fitted with the most up-to-date installations and equipment, including the angled deck, the steam catapult and deck-landing mirror aids.

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**PARADE IN U.S.:** About 60 of the youngest soldiers in the Canadian Army will represent their country in an international Memorial Day Service at Sherwood, North Dakota, tomorrow.

They are members of the Apprentice Soldier Battery at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Camp Shilo, Man., who will parade at the request of the American Legion. The Memorial

Day services were originated in 1938 and have been held annually since.

Officially conducting the vote will have a list showing the accepted home address and constituency of every member of the services. The soldier's vote applies only in that constituency. Overseas wives can apply their vote only in their husband's home riding. Service wives living at military bases in Canada can vote only in the civilian poll in their home riding.

While the actual vote is administered by armed service members at the various bases and camps, the counting of ballots is done by civilians at London, England, Halifax, Ottawa and Edmonton, in the presence of scrutineers representing the four parties in the Commons.

London handles the overseas voting territory with the exception of Japan and Korea, which are handled by Edmonton. Voting territories in Canada are the four Atlantic Provinces and the Eastern Arctic, with headquarters in Halifax; the west and north with headquarters in Edmonton, and Ontario and Quebec, with headquarters in Ottawa.

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Last summer an American Legion official was visiting Gainsborough, Sask., and was deeply impressed by the apprentice soldiers who were parading there. Early this year he wrote to the commandant of the RCSA and asked that the battery of young gunners and their band be permitted to feature in the ceremonies.

They will be met at the International Peace Gardens south of Brandon by American Legion officials for a border crossing ceremony and later that day will parade in Sherwood. Their officer commanding, Major F.R. Michie, will deliver the address to the American Legion.

The apprentice soldiers are 16 or 17-year-old youths from all over Canada who are training as tradesmen in the Army while receiving basic military training and high school academic instruction.

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**ATLAS OF CANADA:** Final work on the new Atlas of Canada was accelerated during 1956 by the Geographical Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. The Atlas will show the nature and extent of Canada's physical and human resources and their development and organization. It will consist of about 100 sheets of maps to be bound in loose-leaf form. Fourteen sheets were printed by the end of 1956 and 35 others were in press. The new Atlas is expected to be ready for publication before the end of 1958.