

Commemoration

The principal Canadian ceremony will take place on the afternoon of June 5 at the Canadian war cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer. The British and American ceremonies will be held on June 6.

I have arranged for the letters of invitation to the Canadians concerned to go out from my office today.

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, we in our party are pleased to hear the announcement by the minister that he and representatives of parliament will be attending the ceremonies commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of D-Day on June 5. I am sure it will be pleasing to those veterans who are members of parliament that parliament will be represented. I am pleased to note also that the ceremonies will take place at Bény-sur-Mer which is the landing place of Canadian forces on D-Day. I am sure that for those who attend the ceremonies it will bring back many memories after 30 years. We whole-heartedly agree with the announcement and look forward to participating with other members of parliament.

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo-Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the announcement by the Minister of Veterans Affairs that an official Canadian delegation will participate in the events in France this June. It is hard to realize that the event being commemorated took place 30 years ago. On the particular date I was on a barge waiting to go into Bény-sur-Mer. I suppose there will be many stories told by veterans of that time, including those who drove right into Caen while it was still occupied by the enemy. For Canadians it will be a sentimental journey, a reminder of the idealism of those times and of the sacrifices that were made by men and women of this country in order to achieve greater freedom in Europe. In some ways I hope it will be a reminder to the Europeans that in many ways Canada is part of Europe and entitled to a voice in European councils. We in Canada would like to have that closer association with Europe. I think we in Canada have earned it.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased with the announcement of the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) to organize a Canadian delegation to the thirtieth anniversary of the Normandy landing.

I think it is a way for French Canadians to be reminded of the province of Quebec motto: "Je me souviens". Thirty years ago, Quebecers went to Europe to help some countries win a military as well as an ideological victory. I wish to congratulate the minister for organizing this delegation, but specially those who, thirty years ago, took part in the landing. I associate myself with the remarks made by the minister about those who died there.

Again, I commend the minister for this action.

[Mr. MacDonald (Cardigan).]

[*English*]

AGRICULTURE**DAIRYING—ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT AND SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR 1974-75**

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the dairy situation in the world and in Canada has changed dramatically. Surpluses have melted away and prices have risen. Dairy farmers have faced rapidly rising input costs for everything from labour, to feed, to fuel. As a result it is now necessary to inject confidence into the industry.

In order to provide increasing confidence in the dairy industry and ensure adequate supplies, the government will put a program in position that will better relate producer costs and returns. To this end the Canadian Dairy Commission has been authorized to enter immediately into discussions with producers and other groups to develop, for consideration by the government, proposals that will best meet these objectives while keeping in mind the interests of all Canadians. Dairy farmers will at long last be able to enjoy that measure of security enjoyed by other areas of the economy. It is the firm aim of the government to make the dairy industry an attractive one for young farmers, and this long-term approach should do just that.

Turning now to the 1974-75 dairy year, the government proposes the following action:

The support price on butter will be raised by six cents to 77 cents per pound.

The support price for skim milk powder will be raised 12 cents per pound to 50 cents from 38 cents.

The subsidy to industrial milk shippers will be raised to \$2.30 per hundred pounds of milk and to 65.71 cents per pound of butterfat to cream producers. In addition, the subsidy will be extended to include all qualifying industrial milk and cream within market share quota and not just milk within the subsidy eligibility quota.

The export levy will be increased from 10 to 15 cents per hundred pounds of milk.

This action will result in industrial milk shippers receiving a total of about \$8.50 per hundred for their within market share quota production.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, as all members, we were looking forward to knowing the government's position on the dairy policy for the coming year.

I must admit that the minister's statement partly responds to the producers' requests. A few days ago we had the opportunity to discuss this urgent matter and last Friday we again requested that the government meet the initial requirements of the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

I recognize that today's statement by the minister partly meets those requirements. However, he concluded his statement by saying that the dairy producers and the processors will get about \$8.50 a hundred pounds. We must admit that this amount is not high since the basic requirements to the producers were higher. Taking into account the minister's expertise in this area he is quite aware that the dairy producers' requests were minimal and while