

SPECIAL OPERATORS

BENEFITS TO SPECIAL OPERATORS ENROLLED IN CANADA BY UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a measure to make applicable the allowances and benefits accorded a veteran, to certain persons described as "special operators" who were enrolled in Canada by United Kingdom authorities for special duty during world war II, under the Veterans Land Act, 1942, the Veterans Insurance Act, the Veterans Rehabilitation Act, Part I of the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1946, The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, the Department of Veterans Affairs Act, the Civil Service Act, the Pension Act, the Income War Tax Act, the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, and the War Service Grants Act, 1944.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

TEXTILE MILLS IN MONTREAL AND VALLEYFIELD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): Before the orders of the day are called I should like to put a question to the Minister of Labour. Have representatives of the textile workers asked for an appointment with the Minister of Labour to discuss the labour dispute between the textile mills in Montreal and Valleyfield and the textile workers, and is there anything the minister can do in connection with this dispute?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I think about twenty or thirty hon. members received similar telegrams, and they came to see me yesterday. I want to thank my hon. friend for giving me notice of this question. My reply is that a telegram addressed to myself by R. Kent Rowley, Canadian director of the United Textile Workers' Association, was received yesterday. On my behalf, Mr. M. M. Maclean, director of industrial relations of the Department of Labour, sent the following answer:

Retel to Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, am directed to inform you that as Dominion Textile and Montreal Cottons strikes are under jurisdiction of and are being dealt with by provincial authorities, minister feels no useful purpose can be accomplished by meeting union delegation as requested.

On June 18, the hon. member for Beauharnois-Laprairie (Mr. Raymond) asked me if there would be federal intervention in this strike. My reply will be found on page 2590 of *Hansard*.

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UNITED NATIONS

INVITATION TO PEACE CONFERENCE TO OPEN IN PARIS JULY 29

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this morning at half past eleven o'clock His Excellency the Ambassador of France called at the office of the Department of External Affairs and handed the under-secretary of state the following communication addressed to myself. The communication is in French. I shall give to the house a translation, and shall see that a copy of the original also appears in *Hansard* of to-day:

Ambassade de France,
Au Canada,
Ottawa, le 10 juillet 1946.

Monsieur le premier ministre,

Mon Gouvernement m'a chargé de vous transmettre la communication suivante:

"Le gouvernement français, agissant au nom du Conseil des ministres des Affaires étrangères, a, conformément à la décision du Conseil en date du 4 juillet 1946, l'honneur d'inviter le gouvernement canadien, désigné au paragraphe 2 du texte précité comme devant participer à l'examen des traités de paix avec l'Italie, la Roumanie, la Bulgarie, la Hongrie et la Finlande, à envoyer une délégation pour le représenter à la Conférence qui s'ouvrira le 29 juillet 1946 à Paris au Palais du Luxembourg. Les projets de traités de paix avec l'Italie, la Roumanie, la Bulgarie, la Hongrie et la Finlande préparés par le Conseil des ministres des Affaires étrangères seront communiqués le plus tôt possible au gouvernement canadien en vue de faciliter le travail de la Conférence. Des propositions concernant l'organisation et les règlements de la procédure recommandées à sa considération sont remises à l'ambassade du Canada à Paris".

Veillez agréer, monsieur le premier ministre, les assurances de ma plus haute considération.

J. de Hauteclouque.

Le très honorable Mackenzie King,

Premier ministre du Canada,

Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures,
Ottawa.

Translation Embassy of France in Canada
Ottawa, July 10, 1946.

Mr. Prime Minister:

My government has directed me to transmit to you the following communication:

"The French government, acting in the name of the Council of Foreign Ministers, has, in keeping with the decision of the council taken on July 4, 1946, the honour to invite the government of Canada, designated in paragraph 2 of the text of the council's decision, as being entitled to participate in the consideration of treaties of peace with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland, to send a delegation to represent Canada at the conference which will open on July 29, 1946, at the Luxembourg Palace in Paris. The draft treaties of peace with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland drawn up by the Council of Foreign Ministers will be communicated to the government of Canada as soon as possible, with a view to facilitating the work of the conference. Detailed particulars of the organization of the