

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, is it your pleasure to concur in the second report of the Standing Committee on Tourist Traffic?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, before the question is put, I should like to pay tribute to the work of the committee under the chairmanship of the honourable senator from Lethbridge (Hon. Mr. Buchanan), and the excellent report which has been presented to this house.

The report was concurred in.

The senate adjourned until Monday, August 26th, at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Monday, August 26, 1946.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SPEECHES IN THE SENATE

PROPOSAL FOR TIME LIMIT

On the Order:

That the time has arrived when the Senate should place a time limit on the length of speeches in the Senate.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Stand!—for the consideration of our distinguished colleague, the honourable senator from Vancouver-Burrard (Hon. Mr. McGeer).

TOURIST TRAFFIC

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. IVA CAMPBELL FALLIS: Honourable senators, before the orders of the day are called, I should like to draw attention to the subject-matter of an article which appears in this morning's Globe and Mail under the heading "Lack of Food at Lodges Threat to Tourist Trade." In view of the splendid report presented to this house by the honourable senator from Lethbridge (Hon. Mr. Buchanan), chairman of the committee which recently carried on investigation into the tourist traffic, and the very able address of the honourable senator from Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar), who predicted that enormous benefits would come to Canada from the tourist traffic during the next few years, I was very much concerned when I read this article.

According to the article, which applies par-

ticularly to northern Ontario, many tourist-camp operators are closing their camps or offering them for sale at bargain prices. The camp managers claim that they are being discriminated against. It is said that although restaurants in the vicinity are able to get all the food they require, the camps, because of strict rationing, cannot get the supplies necessary to feed the tourists who come to them, and as a consequence hundreds of United States tourists are being turned away and are going home dissatisfied.

It is all very well for Canada to spend five or six hundred thousand dollars on publicity in the United States for the purpose of attracting tourists to this country, but I maintain that the best publicity agent we can have is a satisfied tourist. In my opinion the adverse publicity we get by reason of dissatisfied tourists will be very detrimental to our tourist trade in the future, and I think those responsible for our tourist publicity programme should give serious consideration to the situation I have referred to, and see if it is not possible to correct it before the next tourist season rolls around. As one who lives in a city in the heart of the tourist area at the entrance to the Kawartha Lakes, I was so impressed by this article that I was prompted to bring it to the attention of the Senate.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

EMMA WOIKIN

MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Hon. R. B. HORNER: Honourable senators, before the orders of the day are called, I would direct your attention to an article appearing in the September 1st issue of Maclean's Magazine under the heading "Backstage at Ottawa". It refers to Emma Woikin, and is in the following words:

Last January, before she knew she was in this trouble, Emma Woikin went to the Soviet Embassy and applied for Soviet citizenship—she wanted to go to Russia to live. A month later, when she was under detention, the Royal Commission tried to find out why she made the application.

"Maybe it was just from the kind of life I had, maybe," she said. "Just that I look to that country for security, and I would like to live there."

Counsel asked: "What do you mean by security?"

"Well, there was a time when I was quite poor, I guess, and my baby died because we had no medical care and nobody seemed to care. My husband was sick, and to such a stage where nobody seemed to intervene at all."

"There was no public health service where you were living?"

"No, there was not."

These things do not excuse what any of the 17 people did, nor will they stay punishment.