

Supply—External Affairs

It is a very effective one and it operates in a great many countries. We have continued to support it from its establishment.

Item agreed to.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization—

97. To provide, subject to the approval of the governor general in council and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, for special administrative expenses, including payment of remuneration in connection with the assignment by the Canadian government of Canadians to the international staff of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (part recoverable from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization), \$51,000.

Mr. Regier: I noticed the other day that this house established an annuity for, I believe, a leading agriculturist. Would it not be possible and more businesslike if we had a certain lump sum at one time and only at one time for each individual which would purchase an annuity? As I see it this appears to come up each year in the estimates. Is that correct?

Mr. Pearson: Yes, that is correct, Mr. Chairman, and that indeed may be a better method of dealing with the matter. This particular annuity was voted in 1949 to one of our representatives abroad who served for 20 or 30 years and in that way the matter has been handled each year. Certainly I think it will be much better in future if we could handle it in a lump sum manner as the hon. member has suggested.

Mr. Regier: The reason I raised this, Mr. Chairman, is that we are all looking for methods of speeding up the business of the house and I think that would be one way of doing so. There are lots of similar annuities in the different departments of government and I think they might well be handled in the fashion I have suggested.

Item agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: As that completes the estimates for the Department of External Affairs, shall I report the resolutions and ask leave to sit again?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Garson: Mr. Speaker, I move the adjournment of the house. On Monday business taken up will be first, supply motion; second, ways and means budget resolutions; third, the Bank of Canada Act; fourth, the savings banks in Quebec; fifth, superannuation in crown corporations; sixth, the Royal

[Mr. Pearson.]

Canadian Mounted Police Act; seventh, the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act; and eighth, allowances for disabled persons.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A—Department and missions abroad—

- 84. Departmental administration, \$3,333,583.
- 85. Passport office administration, \$256,649.
- 86. Representation abroad—operational—including payment of salaries of high commissioners, ambassadors, ministers plenipotentiary, consuls, secretaries and staff appointed as directed by the governor general in council, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act or any of its amendments, \$6,301,835.
- 87. Representation abroad—construction, acquisition or improvement of buildings, works, land, new equipment and furnishings, and to the extent that blocked funds are available for these expenditures to provide for payment from these foreign currencies owned by Canada and provided only for governmental or other limited purposes, \$1,945,480.
- 88. To provide for official hospitality, \$20,000.
- 89. To provide for relief of distressed Canadian citizens abroad and their dependents and for the reimbursement of the United Kingdom for relief expenditures incurred by its diplomatic and consular posts on Canadian account (part recoverable), \$15,000.
- 90. Canadian representation at international conferences, \$175,000.
- 91. Grant to the United Nations Association in Canada, \$11,000.
- 92. Grant to the international committee of the Red Cross, \$15,000.
- 93. To authorize and provide for the payment from foreign currencies owned by Canada and available only for governmental or other limited purposes, in France, The Netherlands and Italy, of fellowships and scholarships and travelling expenses to enable Canadians to study in those countries, and for payment to the Royal Society of Canada of amounts not to exceed \$10,000 in all to meet travelling and other administrative costs incurred by the society for those it may designate to act on its behalf in selecting persons to receive fellowships and scholarships, \$125,000.

B—General—

- 94. To provide for the Canadian government's assessment for membership in international and commonwealth organizations as detailed in the estimates, including authority to pay the amounts specified in the currencies of the countries indicated, notwithstanding that the payments may exceed or fall short of the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of January, 1954, which is, \$2,893,012.
- 95. To provide for the Canadian government's contribution to the United Nations expanded program for technical assistance to under-developed countries in an amount of \$872,354 U.S., notwithstanding that payment may exceed or fall short of the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of January, 1954, which is, \$850,000.