

some of the branches are not clear about the extra ways in which veterans can make additional money. I have had to point out only in the past 24 hours that under the regulations which went out last year there is a "ceiling" in one category of \$50 a month, but there are four other categories of odd jobs and jobs on race tracks, and that sort of thing, on which there are no "ceilings" whatever. Are the Legion officers sure they are publicizing this sort of information and distributing it to their branches?

Dean J. O. ANDERSON: We certainly do our best, but we do not perhaps have the opportunity of contacting all the veterans in the country, whom we would like to contact. We let them know about these things as widely as we can through our publications. Otherwise, we have discovered that no matter what good news we have to disseminate there is always somebody who never hears it.

Mr. GILLIS: I would like Mr. Thompson to clarify something for me in respect to a supplementary question which he was asked. Are you arguing that the "ceiling" should be stepped up to \$120 a month, and the assistance fund completely abolished? That is what I would gather from your arguments, and there is merit in it from the standpoint of administration.

Dean J. O. ANDERSON: In this connection, sir, our submission is that the rate should be \$120. Our reaction in so far as the fund is concerned, is that it would be a good thing to continue the assistance fund for those who have no other income.

Mr. HAHN: Referring to these war veterans residing outside Canada, I was wondering, referring more specifically to those who are ill and disabled from causes other than war causes, whether it would apply to them also.

Dean J. O. ANDERSON: It would have to be all those who qualify.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you apply it to everybody down there who can qualify, or only to those who have to live there on account of health?

Mr. D. M. THOMPSON: We have not brought in any reference to health. We feel that since they served in the Canadian forces, their service is no less valuable now they are living outside of Canada, and we are asking that they should have the same entitlement as if they lived in this country.

Mr. HAHN: My reference to the question of health was made for the reason that you yourself have been dealing with that.

The WITNESS: I referred to that aspect of the question because I was asked if we knew of many cases.

Mr. GOODE: Are you asking the committee to approve that any veteran who now lives in Canada and draws a war veterans allowance, should be permitted to go and live in the United States, willy-nilly. For example, if John Smith, who lives in Vancouver, wants to live in California, are you asking that he should be paid a war veterans allowance regardless of his health?

The WITNESS: That is not dealt with in our brief, but I would say that I cannot see why it should not be logical.

Mr. HANNA: What is the policy of the department with regard to counselling or advising veterans as to their rights regarding the assistance fund, and their ability to earn a supplementary income? When a veteran is in receipt of a war veterans allowance, what is the attitude of the department toward counselling him about further assistance which may be available to him?

The CHAIRMAN: You are asking a question of the Legion?

Mr. HANNA: Not necessarily. I should like to know the department's policy because I think it has a bearing on this point. We have found out, Mr. Chairman, that the Legion counsels these veterans. However, there might be cases that have not come to the attention of the Legion but have come to