

Supply—External Affairs

ARMED FORCES

QUESTION AS TO COMBAT PAY FOR SOLDIERS
IN KOREA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George H. Hees (Broadview): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the Associated Press dispatch that the United States government has voted extra combat pay of \$45 a month to all officers and men serving under enemy fire in Korea—

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Hees:—will the minister tell the house whether the government is planning any similar action with regard to the Canadian forces?

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): The Canadian forces are already in receipt of additional pay for service in Korea.

morning I understood from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that there had been some change, and that redistribution might be taken up after the external affairs matters had been dealt with. Has that order been changed?

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): If I might answer that, the Secretary of State for External Affairs asked that this motion stand until later this day as part of the understanding that if the debate on the motion to go into supply wound up before five o'clock, we would proceed then with the motion concerning the Japanese peace treaty.

Mr. Coldwell: I am not clear yet. If the debate goes beyond five o'clock, what is the order?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): Redistribution.

LAKE ONTARIO

EROSION OF SHORE LINE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Graydon (Peel): May I ask the Minister of Public Works if he has had an interim report from his officials who are investigating the acute erosion problem on the shores of lake Ontario?

An hon. Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Graydon: It is no laughing matter, as you would realize if you had seen it as I did last week end.

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works): I hope the remark of the hon. gentleman did not apply to me, because I was not laughing. Every morning I have a meeting with the officials of my department, and they are investigating the causes of this erosion and the floods. You will understand that before we know all the causes of the erosion it is impossible for the government to come to a definite decision.

Mr. Graydon: Is any personal inspection being made by members of the department?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Our engineer in Toronto has been instructed to visit the location and survey the damage.

Mr. Graydon: When will that be done?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): He is actually doing it, and has been for some days.

Mr. Adamson: Is the engineer co-operating with the special committee set up by the Ontario government?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): When that co-operation is requested, I shall instruct him to co-operate to the fullest extent.

SUPPLY

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—FOREIGN POLICY

The house resumed, from Thursday, March 27, consideration of the motion of Mr. Abbott for committee of supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Wright.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the amendment which was moved by my desk-mate on March 25, as recorded in *Hansard* at page 771. That amendment, which I had the honour to second, reads as follows:

That all the words after the word "that" to the end of the question be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:

"this house regrets that the government has failed to take effective steps to achieve the implementation of article 2 of the North Atlantic treaty."

We in this group, Mr. Speaker, feel that the offering of that amendment is one of the most significant events in the history of the discussion of the North Atlantic treaty which has taken place in this house since the treaty was first presented to this parliament. Despite some of the comments that have been made by certain government supporters during the course of this debate, we feel that the offering of this amendment actually strengthens the support that this country can give to NATO, and is indeed very timely.

As a matter of fact, that point was emphasized in an editorial which appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen* on Saturday, March 29, and which read in part as follows:

While strenuous efforts are being made to erect the free world's military defences, attempts to strengthen the economies of European countries, as well as of backward areas, do not appear to be