

but two years before he would have to undertake a nation-wide campaign. In some respects, that is a short enough time. It is, however, by no means certain that the Government would wish to wait until the expiration of the life of the Parliament before seeking a renewed expression of the people's confidence. It has seemed to me, therefore, that the selection of a new leader of our party should not be further delayed...."

"....At most, we can make but plans. Our futures will be determined by events, and by a Power beyond our own. In asking that a Convention be held this year to review the party's policies, and to decide upon the party leadership, I am planning what I believe to be best for the party's future. What may be best for all, when the Convention meets, we may leave with confidence to the sound judgment of the Convention itself. Our present duty is to see that the calling of a Convention is not longer delayed." The Prime Minister also announced that Parliament would be asked this session to set up a special committee to investigate inflationary prices and the still rising cost of living. On this committee, he said, provision would be made for the representations of members of all political parties. Provision also would be made, he said, "for inquiry into cases where there are reasonable grounds for believing that increases in prices are due to a course of conduct which is unjust and unreasonable in relation to the production, distribution and exchange of commodities and services essential to human well-being."

**Minister Plenipotentiary of Iceland:** The Department of External Affairs announced that Mr. Thor Thors presented on Tuesday to His Excellency The Governor General, at Government House, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iceland in Canada.

**Broaden Benefits for Veterans:** Major changes in veterans' legislation were forecast for the coming parliamentary session Tuesday by Rt. Hon. Ian Mackenzie in a farewell statement following his move from the Veterans' Affairs Department to the Senate. The former Minister, whose transfer was announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, said these amendments were planned:

1. As forecast in December by Prime Minister King, increased allowances to disability pensioners and those recipients of war veteran's allowances incapable of augmenting their allowance by casual earnings;
2. Additional protection for the children of veterans by enlarging the definition of an orphan to take in a child with one parent dead and the other having abandoned it;
3. Extension of the Veteran's Insurance Act to cover merchant seamen and members of the permanent forces;
4. Amendment of the Veterans Land Act to allow veterans taking university training to switch to land settlement after a short period of training. At present, those starting university training cannot move into the other category;
5. Another V.L.A. amendment to allow veterans to transfer from university to vocational training. The Minister said present restrictions have proven "prejudicial to proper rehabilitation" in some cases;
6. Functions of the Board of Review, which deals with cases of veterans denied gratuities because of dishonorable discharge, would be continued within the Department when the Board itself is dissolved.

The former Minister, reviewing the work of his Department and declared he was leaving the portfolio "in the knowledge that the veterans of no country in the world have a more complete legislative program than that provided for the veterans of Canada." (CP)