

Housing

HOUSING

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT
POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): Since members of parliament are receiving letters daily asking for information on the housing policy of the government, I would ask the minister concerned to be good enough on the orders of the day to-morrow to make a statement of policy and inform hon. members of what is going on, and also to tell the house when the publications regarding housing will be ready for distribution. We have been expecting some of them for months; we are told every day they are coming off the press, but so far we have not received them. I hope it may be possible to have this statement to-morrow.

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): I can make a statement to-morrow as to when the regulations are likely to be available to the public. They have been in course of preparation for some time, and I understand they will be available soon. The other part of the hon. gentleman's question, as to what is going on, is a little indefinite, but I will make a brief statement to-morrow.

Mr. POULIOT: Thank you.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITIES

QUESTION AS TO STATUS OF CANADIAN
FIREFIGHTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. R. ADAMSON (York West): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Unfortunately I have not had an opportunity of giving him notice, for which I apologize. Has there been any reconsideration of the government's decision to exclude Canadian firefighters who have seen service overseas from the benefits of the service men's gratuities?

Hon. IAN A MACKENZIE (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I can assure my hon. friend that this matter is now before the government for consideration.

PRIVILEGE—MR. CHURCH

REFERENCE TO ARTICLE IN TORONTO "STAR" OF
MARCH 21

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I wish to call attention to a special article in the [Mr. Crerar.]

Toronto *Star* of last evening referring to the opposition in connection with the debate now in progress in the house, in which it says that no member of the opposition was ready to take part. It goes on to refer to one of us over here as Richard the Unready, whereas the King of England they had in mind was Ethelred the Unready. I was ready to go on Tuesday night, but I understood we were not expected to take part in the debate that day. I may add that in debates I have adopted here the slogan of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto "Ready, aye ready."

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

EASTER RECESS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): May I suggest to the Prime Minister that to-morrow, if it appears that the present session will go beyond Easter, he might make a statement to the house, for the convenience of hon. members who are here, as to what the adjournment will be over the Easter week-end.

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

PROPOSED GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY

The house resumed, from March 21, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King to approve a resolution to send representatives to a conference of the united nations at San Francisco to prepare a charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Mr. A. W. ROEBUCK (Trinity): I have been impressed, Mr. Speaker, during the course of this debate with the unanimity of opinion expressed by hon. members with regard to the resolution before the house. The Prime Minister stated that he thought the resolution would be non-contentious, with which view the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Hanson) seemed to agree. Since then there has been a sweet reasonableness in the speeches of hon. members that has been delightful and yet somewhat surprising, when one considers that in the debate on this resolution this house is approaching the most momentous question that has confronted this assembly since the declaration of war. And yet that is reasonable enough as well, because who among us at the close of this terrible war would refuse to join at least in the hope for international peace and security? The blood of the fallen millions in two wars on the battlefields of both Europe and Asia call to us who still live to take such