

Committee Debates Decorations in War

Question of Awards of Honor for Men in Services Raised by Officers—Suggest Ban on Medals Be Removed

OTTAWA, July 14 (CP)—Canada is placing its soldiers, sailors and airmen in the "category of the untouchables" by refusing to allow them to receive the same honors and decorations granted to members of other Empire forces, Wing Cmdr. A. C. H. MacLean told the special House of Commons committee on honors and decorations today.

A Royal Air Force officer, whose terms of service on loan to the Royal Canadian Air Force is up, Wing Cmdr. MacLean said he proposed to speak frankly and express his personal opinion as an R.A.F. officer, as well as the official views of the R.C.A.F.

"My thought is you are invariably putting Canadian boys in the category of the untouchables, as if they were in India," he said. "It is shameful."

He was one of three officers representing the three armed services who appeared before the committee today. Maj. Gen. H. F. G. Lethbride, adjutant-general, representing the army, said he would like to see general distinctions removed. The army was in a different and an unsatisfactory position in regard to decorations as compared with other Empire armies.

REMOVAL OF BAN

Paymaster Cmdr. R. A. Pennington, secretary of the Naval Board, said that today would witness the removal of distinctions now existing among the Canadian and other Empire navies due to Canada's ban on titles and orders of chivalry. Wing Cmdr. MacLean said he

SOMETHING NEW has been added

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REFUSE TO GIVE AN INCH

Rommel's Forces Starting Attack Soon Pushed Back By Australians

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY AT EL ALAMEIN, July 13 (Delayed)—German forces, supported by tanks and heavy artillery fire, tried time after time today to break through forward positions held by Australian and South African in the Egyptian desert, but the defenders stubbornly refused to give an inch of ground.

The Germans attempted to launch a new offensive at dusk on Sunday after the brief lull. The British forces had used its reconnoitering tanks to locate positions west and southwest of El Alamein.

SOON REPULSED

The onslaught of armor was repulsed and Field Marshal Brown Rommel's forces made some penetration at first, but soon were pushed back by the tanks.

NOT NO MEDALS

Wing Cmdr. MacLean said there are many men in the air force who served Canada in the last war and did not get medals, though so many of their own. They were again serving without much hope of getting overseas. They did not get the General Service Medal in the last war. They should get something for serving in Canada in both wars.

THE GROUND CREWS

The job was not the best and the end-all of the air force. It took ten to fifteen men to put a plane in the air. The ground crews deserved recognition in the Canada service for all the Royal Air Force had been able to accomplish and the men engaged in these activities deserve recognition even if they never left Canada.

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\$500,000 DAMAGE IN MIDLAND FIRE

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The fire, believed to have started from an overheated beam in the boiler room at the Midland Boat Works, quickly spread to a large building where the naval craft are under construction. Within half an hour the building and boats had been destroyed, sweeping eastward, the flames destroyed many buildings and an ice house owned by the D. S. Pratt Coal Company, as well as the railway station.

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Canadian Briefs

TORONTO, July 14 (CP)—The Toronto Labor Council wants workers of this city to volunteer for emergency farm work on Saturdays, holidays and off-days.

Minister Doherty today said he would make inquiries about sugar for home use overseas. He was answering a question in the House of Commons from Karl Bonath (Conservative, Waterloo South), who said he had heard complaints that no sugar is available for that purpose.

FORT ERIE, Ont., July 14 (CP)—

A charge against John Bonnet, twenty-five, of Saskatchewan, of taking photographs of a prohibited area was withdrawn in court here today. The charge was dropped when Royal Canadian Mounted Police could not prove that the former was Bonnet allegedly photographed, as clearly designated under the War Measures Act as a prohibited place.

PORT CREDIT, Ont., July 14 (CP)—

Henry Adams, of Port Credit, today pleaded guilty to smoking in a restaurant and was sentenced to three months in jail by Magistrate F. C. MacDonald. The accused was caught by a plain guard.

MONTREAL, July 14 (CP)—

Judge J. C. Langlois sentenced Murray's Lunch, limited to pay a fine of \$500 and costs with the alternative of ninety days in jail for having sold meals above the "war price" set by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

MAY TAKE OVER JAPANESE AREA

Vancouver City Council Makes Move to Reclaim "Little Tokio"

VANCOUVER, July 14 (CP)—First move was made by City Council today toward reclaiming Vancouver's "Little Tokio" for use of white residents as an order went out to city inspectors to make a survey of the district's health, plumbing, electrical and structural standards.

LEAVING PORT

Major Melior said that Japanese housed at Hastings Park would be evacuated to interior areas by the end of September.

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HANSON WILL RETAIN POST

Will Remain House Leader of Opposition Until Party Policy Clear

OTTAWA, July 14 (CP)—Conservative House Leader Hanson considers himself "duty bound" to continue leading the official Opposition until Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen announces his plans. The Canadian Press was informed today.

Conservative national Conservative leader last fall. Mr. Meighen's attempt to enter the House of Commons and take over leadership was unsuccessful, and Mr. Hanson has continued to lead the Conservatives, a task which he undertook following the general election in 1940.

MAY STATE POLICY

Mr. Hanson has frequently expressed the desire to be relieved of House leadership at the end of the session, which might mean when the House adjourns, possibly on July 25, or when it prepares in the fall, to allow the Conservative members to be discharged from the House.

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Education System in Britain Will Change

Ability of Child and Not Means of Parents May Become Guide to Practising Plan—Development of New Type of Learning

LONDON, July 14 (CP)—Foundations of a new educational system in which ability rather than means will be the criterion are being laid in wartime Britain in preparation for the years of peace.

Education has undergone many changes since the war began, some of which have provided an insight into what may be in store for the future.

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