

Halton Member Endorses Increased Technical Aid

Speaks in Parliament On Vocational Grants

Increased federal grants for vocational training in secondary schools received the endorsement of Halton M.P. Sandy Best when he spoke in the House of Commons recently during a debate on the subject. Following is the full text of Mr. Best's remarks in parliament:

Mr. Chairman, I am delighted to rise in support of this most important long range measure. I have listened with interest, as I am sure officers have, to the hon. member for Hull. We have no difficulty whatsoever, of course, in hearing him. His voice carries very well. However, I did have difficulty understanding what he had to say to the present measure. He discussed many other subjects. I feel that the measure now before us could have tremendous beneficial effects on unemployment, on industrial manpower and on productivity in Canada in the near future and indeed, over the long range.

I can think of a few measures more vital and more contributory to advancement within our country. There are a number of important problems facing us today and with the changes in technology in our present world and the ever-narrowing horizons of our world today, trained manpower and skilled people are of paramount importance to our country.

Three Times When one studies the figures one notices that in the ranks of the unemployed today there are people who in many instances are not specifically trained in a particular skill so as to be able to fill certain positions. In his speech, as found in Hansard of November 25, pages 231 and 232, the Minister of Labour remarked in the ranks of the unemployed the unskilled are approximately three times as numerous as unemployed workers who have specific training or skills. I think this is indicative of the problem before us and the government is taking steps to bring about increased assistance in this regard.

We realize that education in general coming within the sphere of provincial action but in collaboration with the provinces I am sure that the government can advance at present and even more so in the future, the important cause of technical education in our country. Many people have come to Canada in the last 15 years, as a matter of fact somewhere in the neighbourhood of two million. I believe, and we have tried in most instances to bring to Canada those with specific skills who could contribute something to agricultural and industrial production and other important projects within our country. We sometimes see, and this is our unhappy thing, that it is our native born Canadians who are unemployed and who, because of lack of specific training and knowledge to enable them to be fitted into our increasingly complex industrial situation, sometimes cannot avail themselves of the jobs that are open and waiting.

There Are Jobs The minister pointed out in his speech to which I referred earlier, that while there may be numbers of unemployed, there are jobs without job takers in various areas because of a lack of people in the particular area who are specifically trained. I think one of our problems in this regard is perhaps a psychological one that our country will have to face in the present circumstances and in the future year. I refer to the recognition of the dignity and importance of technical training for our people. We are conscious of the tremendous increase in high school and university education and in the need for plant and other facilities, and more teachers and professors, but we must also realize that with the increasing raising of standards in university education and the increasing volume of enrolment not all of our children can make the best and wisest use of that sort of training. In other words, technical training at some level of secondary education in the high schools and, indeed, at the age level of university education may be a much wiser course for many young people who are coming of age, as it were, to follow.

The minister has pointed out the interesting fact that in the next five years, I presume up to 1965, more than half a million young Canadians will enter the labour market. This very large number of young people coming forward for education and training must in my opinion have in front of them an increased scope for learning and acquiring the skills which are so highly necessary in this day and age. It is because of this that I feel that a long range attack on the sort of



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that we see in Canada today must be made through constructive measures of this sort.

Government Has Aided

In a field such as the construction industry and in home building which our government has aided so much in the last three years, we know that as the flow and fall of home building — goes, so does a considerable amount of employment or unemployment in various areas. That result is natural.

But sometimes these people are unable through lack of skills, when home building has caught up in certain areas, as it has to some extent at least, to fit into other jobs through lack of specific technical training.

I should like to comment on some other remarks made by the minister in this direction. He mentioned the fact that there are large numbers of men and women unemployed for lack of essential skills. He mentioned and I have quoted the fact that as to the untrained jobless, as it were, the ranks of the unemployed are swelled by these people to a much larger extent. I think we should be truly troubled by these figures. I thought it of great interest to note on page 232 of Hansard the minister's figures indicating that some 5 per cent of all young people enrolled in our secondary schools are taking a technical course program and that of post high school technical students, in Canada — as I presume this figure means — some 8,000 are enrolled in straight technical schools or programs apart from our high schools. These figures are really low — they are fantastically low in a country like Canada, a country such as we have here with a small, ribbon-like population stretched over a great area, and which must depend now and in the future on our competitive ability to do things better and in a more productive fashion in order to compete with other markets and with other countries around the world which

As Canada grows and as our population enlarges and as the course of technical progress increases, not decreases — for I am sure it is increasing — this problem of workers fitting into specific positions will enlarge. Our young people and our people of all ages must, if possible, have more basic technical training in order to enable them to have a flexibility in shifting from one job to another. On the job training, while useful and while most important, in many instances must be backed by a basic training in a variety of technical fields that can be applied to a variety and wide spectrum of jobs. As technical progress continues I am sure that the sort of move proposed here is important, in solving our unemployment problems in Canada and indeed in the positive sense aiding in increasing the productivity, the usefulness and the happiness throughout the whole of our land.

SEEK HEROISM AWARD FOR CALEDON GIRL

A Caledon resident has started unwinding red tape to recognize the bravery of a 13-year old village girl.

Mrs. Chester Glassford is sending a petition to the Royal Canadian Humane Association in Hamilton asking that it present an award to Mary-Anne Fischer who made several trips into her blazing home on Sunday night, December 17, to save the lives of her five younger brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Glassford said she remembered "a similar experience 10 years ago with a boy we raised, and that's what brought the idea to mind." She has asked Morton Patterson, the minister of Knox United Church in Caledon, to verify Mary-Anne's heroism, and he has relayed the following story to her.

Mary-Anne's parents were at a neighbor's getting eggs, when she noticed smoke, and then discovered the chimney was in flames. Running to the children, Mary-Anne grabbed blankets and made several trips into



"I now pronounce you mouse and wife!"

Canadians For The Congo



These Registered Nurses are part of the Canadian Red Cross Team now assisting the Republic of the Congo in establishing emergency health services. They are examining a slide with bacterial culture being shown them by a Congolese Lab. Technician in Coquilhatville.

From left to right the nurses are Mrs. Johanna Korja of Toronto; Miss Denise Beauhieu, St. Romauld, Quebec; Miss Marie Tetrault, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec; Miss Aline Gahureau, Montreal; and Miss Jacqueline Mayrand, Quebec City.

The work of the various international medical teams now in the Congo is being coordinated by the World Health Organization. Some 40 WHO specialists are also on duty throughout the new Republic. Many of them are nationals of western hemisphere countries and were recruited for service in the Congo by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, WHO's Regional Office for the Americas. Bureau headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

Sunshine School Presents Nativity Play, Concert

A four act nativity play highlighted the Christmas concert presented by the pupils of the Sunshine School, North Halton. The church was filled with parents and interested friends for the program as the children presented a delightful concert similar to those seen in public schools.

Readings, singing and dancing comprised the program, with each of the children taking part in many ways. At the conclusion, Santa Claus arrived and handed out gifts and candy for all. M.P. Stanley L. Hall was present and said a few

LEGION NOTES

Thursday night will see the inauguration of 1961 officers in Branch 120. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout for this special meeting. There is a special piece of business to come up, the only business there is.

Now would be a good time to start off a membership campaign. There are hundreds of ex-servicemen who could be approached, and surely we could induce a goodly percentage to join.

This would be good for the Branch, and the Legion as a whole.

Members are reminded that the 50-50 Fund for the Hospital is still rolling, and anyone who wishes to, may get tickets from the committee.

We understand that the Legion is going to be asked to give their support to the winter works programme, in a small way, and we hope that they will do so. It will help the community as a whole.

Did you hear about Johnny-boy up at Plastics trying to get his car going over the holidays? You know, that little 'foreign' job. After about an hour or so, some one pointed out that he might try turning on the key!

Interested to see some time ago that Fred O'Brecht was in sunny California, installing Canadian Legion Posts there. A nice wanderer. Fred, how did you manage it? Fred is second year president in the Dominion organization.

Always having been a heavy reader, with an average consumption of several books a week, lately we have been buying quite a lot of books dealing naturally enough with the war, and its memories of it. It is surprising how the thinking varies as each general puts forth his reason behind the particular strategy involved, and also what might have been if only... One of the most readable and void of all pomposity or heroics, was Sir William Slim's 'Defeat Into Victory,' a blow by blow description from the retreat into India to the final victory by the taking of Rangoon in Burma, and the subsequent Japanese surrender. We are always amazed at the underlying tone or attitude of British military leaders attitudes towards their American allies, and an almost transparent amusement toward US commanders, and a great many of whom they regarded as amateurs in the art of war. We recommend this one strongly for anyone interested. There is at present a fairly good stock of war books, particularly British ones in the book stores

of opinions on the war. And in some cases, such as that of Montgomery, you are really touched by the modesty, inasmuch as he practically admits that he was the smartest general of them all.

And we'll admit this column is a poor one, but that's an occupational hazard at this time of year, with little or no news.

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In Toronto, and most of them make good reading. As an interesting sidelight, we were amused to see that one of the most successful of war book authors, and of his own vivid war experiences, is farming in Halton County.

15 years after the war, these books are still having a terrific sale, and are always in short supply. At present in stock we have noticed a few such as 'Mission Completed' and 'Winged Victory,' by Air Marshal Basil Embry; 'Wing Leader' by Johnnie Johnson, and of course 'Dambusters' and 'Enemy Coast Ahead.' All air force stories. Then there are the naval books 'Walker, RN' 'Convoy Commander' dealing with the navy, and a number of German naval books, including one written by a sub-captain, who finished the war in Belleville. And an excellent story it was, too. With the army, there are hundreds of good ones embracing every part of the world and every phase of the war. Some of the unusual ones are: 'The Naked Island' — a story of an Aussie POW captured by the Japs at Singapore; 'The Horned Pigeon', an escape story from Germany as far as Gibraltar; 'Winged Dagger', based in Italy and there are of course innumerable sets of memoirs, most of them well worth reading, by every allied general who could write (and need a bit of pen money!) This group of books includes works by Alanbrooke, Montgomery, Brian Horrocks, Dempster, Eisenhower, Bradley, and many others. Most of them are worth reading, and give quite a bit

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