

PEACE PLANS VITAL AS WAR, GLASS WARNS

Those in Forces Expect
New Deal When They
Return, He Tells House

The men and women in the armed forces expect Canada to have a new and better deal ready for them when they come back to take their places in civil life, John J. Glass (Lib., St. Andrew) told the Legislature yesterday in speaking on the Speech from the Throne debate.

"The Canadian people have been impressed by the fact that all warring nations are able to find all the means that they require for war purposes," said Mr. Glass. "They are able to achieve this mostly by a planned economy. With these facts staring them in the face, the citizens have come to the logical conclusion that something similar will have to be adopted in our country for the postwar period if we are to weather such period successfully."

Avoid Barren Victory.

The Toronto member said he disagreed with those who believed this was no time to plan for postwar rehabilitation. He took issue with the slogan, "Nothing matters now but victory." A barren military victory without adequate planning for the future must be avoided, he declared. He warned that unless all Governments started to prepare for the days of peace, the citizens would become disillusioned and discouraged and lose faith in their elected representatives.

"In my opinion the business of providing for the immediate war effort and the work of preparing plans for the postwar period are simply two parts of the same problem," said Mr. Glass. "If the soldiers and civilian population know the kind of world they will have when this war is over, and particularly if they are aware that it will be a much better and more secure place in which to live, they are bound to exert a much greater effort to bring the present hostilities to a speedy and successful conclusion."

Speaker Clark called Mr. Glass' attention to the fact that much of the address dealt with social security and rehabilitation, a subject which stood out on the order paper as a resolution in the name of Education Minister Duncan McArthur. Mr. Glass replied that his address was prepared before the resolution was introduced, and in any event "a good thing can be told twice." He was permitted to finish his remarks.

Mr. Glass claimed that one of the most fundamental and revolutionary recommendations for social security and social policy was the provision by the State of allowances to parents having more than one child and whose income was below a certain minimum.

"It is based on the assumption that each man competing in the labor market can only do so on the basis of his own ability and qualifications to serve his employer in a certain capacity," said Mr. Glass. "There is no obligation on the employer to pay the man for his services on any other basis, and certainly not on the basis of the number of children the employee must maintained."