

War Propaganda Films Find Favor With Drew

A discussion on motion pictures which ranged from the problem of suitable films for children to the need of a more extensive pictorial record of Canadians in uniform, occupied the Legislature for a time yesterday afternoon. The matter arose during consideration of estimates for the Censor Board.

E. B. Jolliffe, C.C.F. Leader, said he had been greatly impressed by two pictures in a series produced in the United States entitled "Why We Fight," and he wondered why the films had not been distributed in Ontario. It was originally decided to exhibit the film to members of the United States armed forces, but later it was decided to have it shown publicly.

Provincial Treasurer Leslie M. Frost said the Government did not give any direction to the Censor Board as to the barring of any picture. He believed it was largely a matter of distribution. He would be glad to make inquiries regarding the matter raised by Mr. Jolliffe.

C. A. Strange (C.C.F., Brantford) thought the Censor Board would benefit by the services of a child psychologist. Pictures had been banned in England because of the possible effects on children's emotions. One of these was "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a picture widely seen in Ontario, Mr. Strange said.

Mr. Frost said it was the practice of the Censor Board to call on outside organizations for their opinion when confronted by certain types of pictures.

Premier George Drew said he felt very strongly that there was a need for pictures devoted to legitimate war propaganda. In this connection he recalled that in 1941 he had written to Defense Minister Ralston advocating such a step.

"I hold very strong views on the value of up-to-date, vivid pictures of what our men in uniform are doing and what they are facing," the Premier said. "There should be more extensive use of the camera by a Canadian organization to portray the activities of our men in uniform."

Mrs. R. M. Luckock (C.C.F.,

Bracondale) criticized the type of pictures shown at Saturday matinees for children. Many women's organizations were definitely worried about the situation, Mrs. Luckock told the House. Most of the pictures seen by children definitely should not be shown to them, she declared.

Threatening Civil Servant Told He's No Longer Employed

Notice that he has been dismissed from the Ontario Civil Service has been sent to Ernest Lawrie, Provincial Treasury employee, in line with the recommendation of the Royal Commission which investigated charges made by Lawrie against certain departmental officials.

Shortly after tabling the commission's findings, which also recommended that Mrs. Marie Thompson, a fellow employee, be given a second chance, Premier George Drew told the Legislature yesterday of the commission's report and the recommendations made to the Government.

"This man made a perfectly bald threat that unless he received a raise in pay he would blow the lid off," the Premier said. "I believe those were his words. His charges have been found to be utterly without substantiation. In fairness to the civil service as a whole, such conduct on the part of a civil servant is utterly unknown. We, as a Government, and the people of Ontario have civil servants in this Province of which we have every reason to be proud. This man Lawrie was guilty of conduct which would de-

stroy the effectiveness of the civil service if it were forgiven."

Mrs. Thompson, the commission found, was influenced by Lawrie and it recommended that she be retained in some department of Government outside the Parliament Buildings, provided she agreed to comply with the provisions of the Public Service Act. Her previous good work in the corporations tax branch was mentioned.