

# C.C.F., Labor-Progressives Fail In Effort for Town-Planning

The fourth division of the session occurred in the Legislature yesterday when the C.C.F. Opposition, aided by the two Labor-Progressive members, attempted without success to obtain House approval for a bill enabling municipalities to establish town planning and housing authorities. The vote was 46 to 33 against giving second reading.

The bill was sponsored by F. E. Warren (C.C.F., Hamilton-Wentworth), who urged that municipalities be given this authority so they could prepare their plans for the postwar era.

Premier George Drew, in voicing the Government's opposition to the bill, stressed that the Department of Planning and Development had not yet been created, and that in the interests of uniformity it was not desirable to permit such measures to be passed. The Premier

pointed out that other municipalities had sought similar legislation this session, but had been advised that this was not practical at the present time.

"We all want the same thing," said the Premier. "And that is to get things done. But we don't want to do it the wrong way. I assure the House that nothing will be delayed, but we want the department created on a sound basis."

The Premier said that municipalities already had power to formulate plans and nothing in the bill extended the power as it related to such plans. An integrated plan was necessary to the success of any undertaking, he declared.

E. B. Jolliffe, C.C.F. Leader, said the proposed measure would fit in neatly with the new Department of Planning and Development and he could see no sound reason for opposing it.

# Miss Macphail Sees Poverty Main Cause of Delinquency

The problem of juvenile delinquency would be better met if Ontario spent its money to abolish abject poverty instead of to support prisons, Miss Agnes Macphail (C.C.F., York East) told the Legislature last night during discussion of the estimates for the Provincial Secretary's Department.

Juvenile delinquency, said Miss Macphail, was due to "undesirable home conditions almost always caused by abject poverty," and suggested that the main concern should be to relieve the abject poverty causing the condition.

Provincial Secretary G. H. Dunbar told the House that Ontario's

juvenile delinquency figures were down, citing 2,880 cases in 1927 as compared with 1,618 in 1943. Mr. Dunbar placed the responsibility for juvenile delinquency squarely on the home.

Question from Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe as to what the Minister thought of the Toronto curfew proposal brought from Mr. Dunbar the remark: "I don't think the curfew would amount to that," the remark accompanied by a snap of the fingers.

Mr. Dunbar declared that where juvenile delinquents appeared, homes they were compelled to live in should be inspected to determine the reason for their difficulty.