

Board Would End Job Preference For Veterans

Nine years later the end of the Second World War, Board of Control decided yesterday that the job preference given to veterans since 1945 is no longer necessary. It will recommend to City Council that the practice be dropped.

Controller Balfour suggested the move. He said there are many young men who were too young to be in the war, but lost out on jobs because of the principle now in force. When all other conditions are equal and a non-veteran and an ex-serviceman apply for a job, the latter gets it.

"There's no reason for it this long after the war," agreed Controller Saunders. "I don't see why a veteran who has been working somewhere else for 10 years can come along and say he deserves a job here in preference to a young man whose brother might have been killed in the war, but wasn't old enough himself to be in it."

He added that in his opinion, the preference clause should be in force only for six months after the cessation of hostilities. That was enough time, for a lost out to re-establish himself, he added.

"We're not against the veterans," emphasized Con. Balfour. "If there is another war, we'll bring back the preference clause when it's over."

A Canadian Legion official responded quickly with the statement that the board was forgetting the thousands of men who gave their lives in two world wars.

"The veterans will know what to do when election time comes around," said Major Patrick Elgin. "I will have the matter be thrashed out at the next district meeting of the Legion on May 16. I hope they send along a controller to address us—he'll get his ears pinned back."

Municipal Board Grants \$700,000 For New Schools

Expenditure of more than \$700,000 for new schools and sites in Ontario municipalities has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. New school construction totals \$168,400 and school sites another \$52,750.

A Toronto Township request for approval of expenditure of \$783,000 for public school purposes still being considered by the board as is a proposed expenditure of \$90,000 by the Village of Milverton.

Largest expenditure is to be made in Etobicoke where \$220,000 would be spent on construction of Fairhaven Public School. Other requests granted include Belleville, \$215,000 for construction and equipment of Sir Winston Churchill Public School; Scarborough Township, \$120,000 for Eastview Road School; Gravenhurst, \$75,000 for construction and equipment of an addition of five classrooms to the Central Public School; Owen Sound, \$38,400 for construction and equipment of an addition to Alexandra Public School.

Trafalgar Township will spend \$30,000 for purchase of a high school site on Lakeshore Highway west of Oakville and \$22,750 for another high school site on the west side of the Seventh Line.

Smoke Pollution Funds Denied

Despite Controller Balfour's urging, Board of Control refused yesterday to consider a program of air pollution analysis for two years ago with a Federal Government grant.

The grant has now expired and it would cost the city \$20,000 a year to continue it. This would involve setting up stations in various parts of the city to collect soot and dust and to analyze it.

Mr. Balfour read a letter from Prof. E. A. Allcutt, head of the mechanical engineering department at the University of Toronto and chairman of the city's smoke abatement advisory board, in which a continuation of the program was urged.

Prof. Allcutt said 40 cities in the United Kingdom have such a program, and many cities in the United States. Any comparison of Toronto's smoke prevention program with that of other cities is useless unless a check is made constantly on Toronto's air, he said.



CP's new president, R. J. Rankin (right) of Halifax, and Past President Roy Thomson (left) welcome Prime Minister to annual CP dinner meeting.

Saunders Speaks Again Culture at City Hall Enters New Chapter

By GREY HAMILTON Another chapter in the story of Culture at Toronto City Hall, in which Controller Saunders has chosen some opinions on art, some answers to his critics, and some explanation of his views, unfolded yesterday.

The first two chapters, may be annotated as follows: Chapter I, in which Con. Saunders, opposing an increase in the grant to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, expressed the view that symphonic music might well go the way of vaudeville, and in which Mayor Lamport advocated a seven-day devotional for the intellectuals, to be known as Culture Week.

Chapter II, in which Con. Saunders felt the Canadian Ballet Festival Association to be unworthy of a grant, because he does not like ballet.

Yesterday's installment opened at a Board of Control luncheon where Con. Saunders made a few remarks, the sum and substance of which was that he did not consider ballet to be a cultural activity.

The controller classes ballet with waltzing, of which, he noted, there doesn't seem to be much any more, and other kinds of dancing. "I don't consider any of them art."

Con. Saunders said he would not rank ballet with music and theatre in the culture category, "although it may be all right for those who like it." Later he revised this statement slightly after having been supplied with a dictionary definition of culture as "moral and intellectual elevation of mankind."

"A lot of things could fit into that," he admitted. Con. Saunders said that if he were going to include ballet in culture, he would also include public speaking and department, reading and writing. "Culture doesn't pertain just to some particular avocation."

Replying to editorial criticism of his views in The Globe and Mail, the Controller said: "I'd like to know how cultured the man is who wrote that editorial. By what standards does he rate culture? Has he made any contributions to these organizations? I have supported two out of the three mentioned in the Toronto Symphony, the New Play Society, the National Ballet."

Con. Saunders' main theme, besides the separation of ballet and culture, involved the difference between making cultural grants to professional and amateur groups and the danger of opening the gates to demands for other artistic or cultural organizations.

Con. Saunders recalled that the decisions regarding cultural grants were made by the whole Board of Control. "Although I may have been more outspoken," he said that some revision of grants to ballet, which he opposes in principle, may be necessary.

By this he meant that either the \$2,000 granted the National Ballet might be transferred to the Ballet Festival Association or that it might be divided between the two. His reasoning for this was that the National Ballet is a professional troupe, while companies participating in the festival are amateur, and the city should not make grants to professional artistic organizations.

To be consistent, he felt that the grant should not be made to the Toronto Symphony on the same basis. At all events, Con. Saunders said he would not be persuaded to make grants to both the National Ballet and the Festival Association, which has asked for \$2,500.

In his own mind, the controller is now leaning heavily in favor of the Festival Association, whose sponsors, one of whom he has recently talked to, he says are a local group. He said the National Ballet was not a Toronto company.

In defense of his views, which he confessed were only worthy

Negro Excluded; Golf Match Off The annual Avro Canada Ltd. employees' golf tournament, scheduled for Saturday at the Lakeview Club, was cancelled yesterday. The action, officials said, followed the banning from club property of James Marshall, a Negro shop steward at the Avro plant. Local 717 of the International Association of Machinists (IAM-TC) wrote the club that members refused to hold their match on any course which discriminated against Negroes. The union executive voted 13 to 4 in favor of such action.

Halifax Editor New President Of News Co-op

R. J. Rankin, managing editor of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star, yesterday was elected president of the Canadian Press, Canada's co-operative news service. He succeeds Roy Thomson, president for the last two years.

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Monkeys Defended Zoo Fence Suggested To Keep Out Humans

The inhabitants and their human visitors both came under fire yesterday when the members of the special Zoo Committee discussed Riverdale Zoo's future.

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Inspector Ends Police Service

At 8 o'clock this morning a smiling man in a blue suit leaves his desk at police headquarters for the last official time. Insp. Arthur Harris, a veteran of 30 years on the force, completed his last day of duty.

One of the best-liked men at 149 College St., the inspector is planning a one-month vacation before returning to his native England.

Two other cases were highlighted in recent years by Insp. Harris, the more renowned cases in Toronto. He possessed what is known as a photographic memory.

Insp. Harris announced his retirement some time ago upon completing the required 30 years. He is returning to England to care for his mother, a promise he made her years ago.

Ask New Parley At Inglis Plant One local of the CIO-CCL United Steelworkers will attempt to reopen negotiations this afternoon on behalf of 1,200 workers at the Strachan Ave. plant of the John Inglis Co.

The new contract includes a broad new health security program at no additional expense to the employees and a change in the expiration date of the contract. Officers of the Strachan Ave. local will attempt to negotiate on these points.

Michener Reports Asia Unified by Nationalism

Roland Michener, Progressive Conservative MP for Toronto-St. Paul's, told a meeting of PC's in his riding last night that he believed the upsurge of nationalism in Asia had become a unifying force among the countries there.

Reporting on his recent trip to India and Pakistan as chairman of a Canadian delegation attending an unofficial Commonwealth conference in Lahore, Mr. Michener said he had found that these people were conditioned by a background of resistance against European domination of Asiatic peoples in their approach to Western problems.

"Even the Indo-China struggle is regarded as an Asian war of liberation from French rule, rather than a push of Communist Chinese expansionism which could well extend through Malaya and Burma to India itself," he added.

"Canada and our British associates in the Commonwealth must keep this in mind in determining our course in Indo-China."

He found it impossible to convince Indians of the dangers of their country's attitude of defenseless virtue. "I think they would fight if it came to a question of (Communist) invasion but now they do not regard it as a menace."

Pakistan, he said, was more alive to the danger. This had been illustrated by her recent conclusion of a defense treaty with Turkey and the present agreement with the United States for military aid.

Discussing relations between Pakistan and India, Mr. Michener said he found there was still a certain amount of suspicion between the two countries.

"Between them is something of a comic opera frontier," he added. "On one short trip from India to Pakistan I was asked to show my passport seven times."

Board of Control Won't Authorize 'Posture Week' National Posture Week will have to get along without the help of City Hall. Board of Control yesterday turned down a request to have the week of May 1-7 proclaimed as such.

"We can go too far on these things," said Controller Belyea. "We could have a Peach Week, Pear Week, Apple Week, and so on."

Controller Saunders added that every special week proclaimed by the city costs taxpayers \$150 for newspaper advertising.

Request for Posture Week came from D. C. Sutherland of the Ontario Chiropractic Association.

Crash Sends Car Onto Sidewalk, 2 Women Hurt Richmond Hill, April 28. — A heavy oil truck and a car collided today and the auto then went onto a sidewalk off Yonge St., where it struck two women.

Taken to Toronto General Hospital in an ambulance were Mrs. Elsie Baycove, 42, and her daughter, Mrs. Helen Bowen, 21, both of Etobicoke. Mrs. Baycove suffered a fractured hip, broken ribs and internal injuries. Her daughter escaped with a dislocated shoulder and multiple bruises.

Police said a car driven by David Edwards, 61, of Brampton, was passing the oil truck when its driver, Edward Fraser, 42, of Toronto, made a left turn off Yonge St. onto Carville St.

The car skidded across the street, where the two women were standing, then bounced upright against a telephone pole. Edwards escaped injury.

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