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Ex-POWs To Fight For Better Deal

OTTAWA (CP)—An organization embracing about 5,000 prisoners of the Second World War plans to carry to the cabinet its fight for compensation based on the number of days served in enemy prison camps.

Representatives of prisoner-of-war groups in all 10 provinces met here to form the National Council of Canadian Prisoners-of-War. The organization also includes civilians interned by enemy forces.

Sarto Marchand of Montreal, an officer captured at Dieppe who was elected chairman of the council announced that the council will present a brief to the cabinet later this month. It agreed unanimously to seek compensation on a per diem basis from the more than \$10,000,000 in reparations held by Canada from Germany and Japan.

At present, he said, most former prisoners-of-war must prove they were maltreated in prison camps. Men taken prisoner at Hong Kong were assumed to have suffered maltreatment and were paid on the basis of a dollar for each day of imprisonment.

"We feel other ex-prisoners-of-war should not have to prove in individual cases that they suffered maltreatment," Marchand said.

"This compensation isn't coming out of the public purse but from reparations money."



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Plastic Plant Nearing Completion

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A \$13,000,000 plant near Edmonton will soon be turning out a wonder plastic which has found uses in everything from unbreakable drinking glasses to insula-

Slip-on Colors New Method of Changing Scheme

NEW YORK (AP)—Furniture appliance men are going out after the dollar this year with a lot of fancy new ideas.

Refrigerators with slip-covers; plastic walls that can be moved about or dropped out of the way into slots in the floor; electric ranges with french friers; refrigerators that flip out ice cubes on demand; and stainless steel topped coffee tables, and plastic dressers that defy cosmetic stains.

These marvels are being shown at dealer meetings around the country or were on display at Grand Rapids' 75th anniversary show and Chicago's winter home furnishings market.

Manufacturers expect to furnish a million more new homes this year. Plastic walls that drop into slots are foreseen by Gordon Brown, vice-president of the Bakelite Co. He says a housewife could store several different color schemes this way and change a room's looks as often as she changes her mind.

International Harvester Co. is showing fabric covered refrigerators to its dealers. The fabrics can be changed as easily as a slip cover and never the housewife wants a new color scheme in the kitchen.

tion for submarine cables. The new product, considered one of the most versatile and useful plastics yet produced by modern science, is called polythene.

It first proved its qualities as insulation in wartime radar equipment. Sir Robert Watson-Watt, British radar wizard, credited polythene with transforming "the design, production, and installation and maintenance problems of airborne radar from the almost insoluble to the comfortably manageable."

TRANSATLANTIC CABLE

Peacetime communications operators have since become enthusiastic about its commercial value. More than 1,000 miles of polythene-insulated cable was used last summer when the cable ship Monarch revamped the old submarine link between Halifax and Port Harford, Cornwall.

Officials saw increased speed along with a sharp reduction in distortion and power loss, and are convinced polythene is in the communications field to stay. Canadian Industries Limited picked Edmonton for the site of Canada's first polythene plant

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1933 EXPERIMENTS

Polythene dates back to 1933 and an English laboratory experiment which at first looked like a flop. Two scientists wanted to make benzaldehyde react to ethylene, a simple constituent of coal and refinery gases.

They didn't get what they wanted. Instead they produced polythene. After four more unsuccessful experiments they evolved a sure-fire manufacturing process.

The product of their research was tough and flexible even at sub-zero temperatures, lighter in weight than any other known plastic, tasteless, odorless and non-poisonous. A polythene plant came into operation the day the Nazis invaded Poland and was promptly shunted over to war production. Only in 1945 did it become available to peacetime industry.

Salmon Can Smell Downstream, West Coast Biologist Reports

OTTAWA—Fishermen out to catch British Columbia's coho or spring salmon should take a tip from deer stalkers—stay downstream or, in this case, downstream.

Dr. John Hart, director of the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo, B.C., reported to the annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Board here that salmon can distinguish odors carried downstream.

The discovery was made in tests last year at the Stamp river on Vancouver Island by men from the Nanaimo station.

The fish became wary when foreign matter was introduced into the water upstream from them. Bears are their traditional enemy and bear paws dipped into the water sent the salmon swimming back downstream or stopped their progress towards the spawning grounds.

The fish acted in a similar manner when a man waded barefoot into the water upstream.

The fish scientists think this knowledge may be useful in diverting salmon from swimming to destruction at power dams.

At Hudson Bay the board announced that the Arctic research vessel Calanus will study marine resources and hydrographic conditions in Hudson Bay next summer.

The vessel, fitted with various kinds of fishing gear and equipment for studying physical oceanography, will start out from Churchill, Man.

The work of two scientists who study fish life right down on the ocean floor was outlined to the conference.

The men, Dr. J. R. Brett and K. S. Ketchen from the Nanaimo research station, used gear simi-

lar to that of the wartime "frogmen" to study marine life.

They are equipped with a cylinder of compressed air, a light rubber suit for protection from the cold and a pair of rubber fins attached to the feet.

They already have been down 45 feet in the ocean and hope to descend 100 feet this year in an effort to discover how the rock sole spawn.

SCREEN ★ ★ FLASHES

TOTEM

With two successive Broadway hits behind him, actor Paul Kelly is afraid he couldn't stretch it to three in a row. So he will spend at least two years in Hollywood in films before again looking for a stage part.

Kelly resumed his screen career, after a long absence, with a principal part in Warner Bros.' "Springfield Rifle," the Warner-Color picture starring Gary Cooper. He plays the colonel of a Union army fort in the Civil War. The drama opens Thursday at the Totem Theatre.

This film was the veteran player's first since he had gone to Broadway two years before to star in "The Country Girl" with Uta Hagen. The show had a nine months run on Broadway. Afterwards Kelly took a lengthy vacation in Europe while making up his mind where to work — Broadway or Hollywood.

From 1947 to 1949 he had starred in the highly successful "Command Decision" in New York.

"I know I was lucky to be in two hits, one after another," Kelly said, "so I decided to rest on my laurels and not tease Lady Luck by trying to find a third hit."

And, according to advance reports of Kelly's performance in "Springfield Rifle," Broadway's loss has been Hollywood's gain. Phyllis Thaxter and David Brian also star in the action film.

CAPITOL

Doris Day and Ray Bolger combine musically and romantically for "April in Paris," Warner Bros' song festival in color by Technicolor which opens today at the Capitol Theatre.

Set in gay Pary, the new film tells of the romance between two Americans enroute to an art jamboree, and a debonair Frenchman who tries to come between them.

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WALLIN NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT

In election of officers to the Trades and Labor Council recently, A. Wallin was named vice-president.

Mr. Wallin's name and post were inadvertently omitted from an earlier news story of the election.

SPECIAL COURSE
OXFORD, England (CP)— Canadians are among those will attend a special British Council course on Commonwealth studies here next June. A Coronation year event, it are Professor J. A. Gibson Carleton College, Ottawa, Dr. C. W. Lightbody of the University of Saskatchewan.

TODAY—7 - 9:05

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