

Member Of Parliament With DFC Doubles As Understudy At Uplands

Meet Wing Commander Angus MacLean, DFC, MP, who wears air force blue when he isn't attending to parliamentary duties as a member for the riding of Queen's in Prince Edward Island. Right now, he's doing both.

At RCAF station Uplands, he is the temporary understudy for the chief administrative officer during the day. At night, he is in his seat in the House of Commons or in his fifth floor office dictating letters to constituents.

His double life is only temporary though. It started last week and will continue for a total of three weeks while, as W.C. MacLean, he puts in his annual service as a member of the RCAF reserve.

—MATP for short—which trains reserve officers for jobs they would be called on to take if Canada again goes to war.

W.C. MacLean's flying career appears to be over although he does get in the odd flip just to keep his hand in. He is anchored to a desk in an administrative job, the kind he would have to fill should the balloon ever go up.

The wing commander says he "kind of misses" some of the interest and excitement of question time when the House opens daily. Eight miles away at Uplands, though, he has plenty to occupy his daylight hours.



W/C ANGUS MacLEAN, M.P.

DOWNED OVER HOLLAND

A wartime Bomber Command pilot who was shot down over Holland and escaped through the underground by way of Luxembourg and France to Gibraltar, the member for Queen's has been in the reserve for several years. Usually, he does his annual reserve stint at Summerside in Prince Edward Island. This year it wasn't convenient, though, so he arranged to do it while attending Parliament in Ottawa.

Under the House of Commons Act, it is permissible for an MP who is also a member of the reserve, to take time off from his parliamentary attendance without being debited against him. For the current three weeks, though, the honorable member for Queen's doesn't feel he is neglecting his parliamentary duties completely, since he works late into the night on correspondence, generally after he attends evening House sessions.

W.C. MacLean or Mr. MacLean—the answers to both depending on the hour of the day—was a member of the RCAF when the war started. He was training for a short service commission. He didn't get out until 1947, which wasn't the shortest commission in the world.

Russia Begins Re-education To Smash The Stalin Legend

SERVED AT BORDEN

Before he went overseas to 405 Squadron of the RCAF in Bomber Command, he served as an instructor at several service flying training schools in Canada including Camp Borden. He flew Harvard and Ansons in those days.

Overseas, his bomber was hit one June night in 1942 over Holland and he and all the members of his crew parachuted. His crew was captured and put in the bag by the Germans but MacLean managed to escape and through the underground was passed from hiding place to hiding place until he reached Gibraltar and was returned to England. In his underground travels he passed through Luxembourg and France and over the Pyrenees before he reached freedom.

Back in England, he was turned into a test pilot for an air force unit which tried out damaged Lancasters and Spitfires. He came home in 1943 and became officer Commanding Test and Development Establishment then located at Rockcliffe. He held this post for two-and-a-half years and then was sent back overseas with the Royal Air Force to command a small unit in western Europe whose melancholy task was to check on missing air force men and to identify the nameless fliers whose bodies rested in military cemeteries.

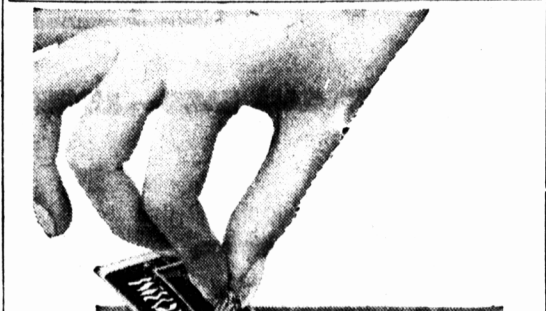
HOME TO STAY

After two years chiefly in Belgium and Holland, he came home to stay in 1947 and got his discharge. He ran twice in federal elections of 1945 and 1949 and was defeated in both, but finally made the grade as the Progressive Conservative MP for Queen's in a June, 1951, byelection.

As a part-time member of the air force, he takes training under what the RCAF calls the Mobilization Assignment Training Plan.

HISTORIC RELICS

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New Food Preservative For B.C. Fishery Industry

VANCOUVER (CP)—Use of the antibiotic aureomycin to preserve foods may revolutionize the fishing industry on the west coast, a fisheries expert said here today.

The method is the discovery of Dr. Hugh L. A. Tarr, head of the federal fisheries research board in Vancouver who suggests packing and shipping the catch in aureomycin lepacks.

This, he says, would allow British Columbia salmon and halibut to reach eastern dinner tables in fresh-cooked condition and reduce the fishing fleet's spoilage losses.

"The implications of the discovery are tremendous," said R. E. Walker, senior vice-president of B.C. Packers, one of British Columbia's fishery organizations.

PRESERVE BEEF

American scientists, extending Dr. Tarr's principles, are preserving beef by inoculation before slaughter. The antibiotic takes over when the natural defences of the body are lost in slaughter.

ELLERSLIE AND BIDEFORD

Mrs. Harold Gillis, Ellerslie, spent Wednesday visiting in Summerside, the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Simmons.

Mrs. Penrose Millar and son Roy have returned home after spending the past couple of weeks, visiting with relatives in Summerside.

Sympathy is extended to the surviving relatives of the late Mrs. Phillip Thompson, O'Leary, whose death occurred recently.

Mr. Channing Coughlin, Lot 16, spent Sunday visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coughlin.

L.A.C. George Williams, who is stationed with the R.C.A.F., Moncton, N.B., arrived home on Saturday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Williams, Bideford. He had as his guest during the past weekend, Mr. Charles Williams, formerly from Tyne Valley and now a student at Mount Allison University Sackville, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cameron, accompanied by Mrs. Muriel Ellands, and daughters, Ruth, George and Carol, all of St. Eleanors was the guest of Mrs. Elland's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gillis on Sunday, March 11th.

Messrs. H.R. Found and R. R. Lortie left on Monday morning, March 12th for Ottawa.

Mrs. Harold Gillis was a train passenger to Charlottetown on Monday, March 12th. She will

Lower Auto Tax Yielded \$8 Million More Revenue

OTTAWA (CP)—The government reduced the 15-per-cent excise tax on automobiles by one-third a year ago but, despite the cut, high sales increased tax yields from this source by \$8,000,000.

Excise tax yields also rose on tobacco products, television and radio sets, soft drinks and cosmetics, though they declined slightly on candy and chewing gum.

Revenues from the sales tax, excluding the two per cent all-included to the old age pension fund, rose to an estimated \$640,000,000 in 1955-56 from \$572,200,000 a year

previous. Finance Minister Harris reported in his white paper tabled today in the Commons.

Yields from excise taxes rose to \$260,000,000 from \$232,000,000 in the 1955-56 fiscal year. But high sales instead increased revenue by \$8,000,000 to \$81,000,000.

Some other estimated excise tax

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