

Callow Seeks Federal Assistance To Expand Humanitarian Movement

By Kingsley Brown Jr. (Canadian Press Staff Writer)
HALIFAX, (CP)—Walter Callow said today he has asked every federal government member to help make his humanitarian movement as big and beneficial as the Red Cross in Canada.

He wants the government to provide him with enough money to have 90 of his specially built invalid coaches in operation throughout Canada. In event of disaster, they can be converted into the world's biggest ambulances.

Callow, who's used to getting what he wants, is confident he'll be granted the money—about \$1,500,000.

"I think every member will vote for it, like they voted for the Dominion charter that gave me the chance to operate on a national basis," said the courageous inventor-humanitarian.

"They couldn't vote very well for the charter and not for this, could they?"

Walter, 59, has been crusading a long time to make life happier for North America's crippled veterans and invalids. And he's been flat on his back for 25 of 47 years of blindness, paralysis and almost constant pain.

MP's Promise Support

The response to his letter to parliamentarians so far has been encouraging. Members from all parties said they would bring it up on the floor of the Commons. A cabinet minister pledged the scheme would be given careful consideration.

Walter figures that if the government can finance 90 coaches, he can do the rest single-handed. The coaches will be used to transport crippled veterans, shut-ins and children suffering from cerebral palsy and polio to hockey and baseball games, church services and picnics.

If there's an emergency, he'll turn the coaches, complete with driver and hostess, over to the government. In 15 minutes one can be transformed into an ambulance capable of carrying 18 stretcher cases, six wheelchairs and 10 patients with minor injuries.

He has three \$18,000 coaches already in operation in the Maritimes. There isn't a wheelchair patient in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick who hasn't been taken on an outing at least once yearly. The chairs enter the coach on a special ramp at the rear.

The coaches carried 11,000 persons last year. Callow designed the coaches himself, although he has never seen or been in them.

Born To Grow

"This organization isn't designed to last three or four years, you know. It will last 100 years. It will grow and grow and grow. It will spread through the United States, too."

Callow has had a tragedy-ridden life. A crash while testing a Royal Flying Corps aircraft ruined his career as a mechanical expert in 1917. He was paralyzed 12 years later.

His mother and wife died soon after, leaving him to bring up his 10-year-old daughter by selling Christmas cards and real estate. Then he went blind.

Eighteen months ago doctors amputated his legs above the knees.

But he says he's happy. He doesn't smoke or drink and his only "extravagance" is eating peppermints. But there's one thing about him that stands out: "Taking no for an answer isn't one of my virtues."

Gives Figures On 1953 Fatalities

OTTAWA, (CP)—There were more people killed and more injured in motor vehicle accidents in Canada, excluding Quebec, in the first nine months of 1953 than in the corresponding period the previous year. The number of accidents rose 16 per cent in the January-September period.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday that 102,762 accidents killed 1,320 persons and injured 34,069 compared with 88,475 accidents in the January-September period of 1952 which caused 1,225 deaths and injured 31,262.

Reports for Summerside, P. E. I., and Quebec province were not available.

Accident fatalities increased in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Territories but declined in British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. There were 21 fatalities in Newfoundland in the first nine months of 1953, but 1952 figures covered only the city of St. John's where there were two deaths.

Fatalities in Nova Scotia dropped to 78 from 86. New Brunswick to 86 from 96 and Prince Edward Island to 10 from 14.

Totals of the numbers injured with figures for the corresponding period of 1952 in brackets included: Newfoundland 414 (134). In St. John's only in 1952; P.E.I. 159 (130); Nova Scotia 1,842 (1,601); New Brunswick 1,072 (864).

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It might well be said that the family that "sings together, stays together," as the large congregation entered into the community singing the old hymns such as: "We have heard the joyful sound"; "The Lord's my Shepherd"; "What a Wonderful Day." These hymns were interspersed with personal testimony as to God's power to change lives. The martial air of "Onward Christians Soldiers" as played by the Citadel Band was appreciated.

The congregation rose to its feet as Sr. Captain Les. Titcombe mentioned the passing of an Island statesman and gentleman, farmer in the late Senator Jones. Prayer was offered on behalf of Mrs. James and the family.

The singing policemen in the persons of Constables L. Archer

and R. Downe sang the duet, accompanied by constable Downe on the guitar, "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me." This was well received and made a splendid introduction to the topic of the speaker "Saved by His Precious Blood."

The second of these family rallies will be held next Sunday night in the Capitol Theatre. The cooperation of Mr. Clowse and staff of the theatre was much appreciated.

Hudson's Bay Co. Reports Good Year

WINNIPEG, (CP)—The Hudson's Bay Company announced Friday a net profit of \$3,698,000 from trading for the year ended Jan. 31, 1954, compared with \$3,119,000 at the same time in 1953.

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