



RAF MARSHAL IN CANADA—Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Viscount Trenchard, centre, and Lady Trenchard have been paying a three-week visit to Canada and the United States. They visited a number of cities in Canada before leaving for the U.S. On hand to meet them at Ottawa were Air Marshal F. R. Miller, right, vice-chief of the Air Staff, and Air Commodore A. F. Rivington, left, RAF senior liaison officer. (CP from National Defence)

To Decline Red Apple

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Officials predicted today that Britain, France and Western Germany will stand firm with the United States in rejecting Russia's "golden-apple" move to wreck the unification of Western Europe.

The four governments now are working on a reply to the latest Soviet proposal for making peace with Germany in a manner which State Secretary Dean Acheson said would prevent the integration of the German country into "the free community of Europe."

The reply is expected to make clear their determination to proceed on their present course of unification until shown what Acheson called "tangible evidence" of a change in the Soviet's basic policies toward the rest of the world.

Acheson stated the U.S. position on the Russian proposals for Germany and on recent Kremlin offers to engage in expanded trade with western countries in a speech Saturday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He described recent Soviet "peace" moves as "golden-apple" tactics.

He reminded his audience of a story in Greek mythology in which the goddess of discord threw a golden apple into the midst of a party to stir up trouble among the guests and break up the gathering.

Referring to the Russian proposals on Germany and trade and to various other Kremlin manoeuvres, Acheson said that "several apples have been tossed over the iron curtain this spring." But he said, they have not resulted in discord.

The reason, he said, was that people all over the world have come to recognize the true nature of Soviet intentions. He said they are no longer being taken in by empty gestures in the direction of east-west accord.

On the German issue Acheson said three things that are outstanding:

1. The Soviet Union has never been willing to relax its control over Eastern Germany.
2. The Soviet government is "bending every effort to infiltrate into Western Germany."
3. The Soviets have insisted that "every major exercise of power by an all-German government should be subject to a Soviet veto."

Writer Wants Game Reform

Hume Ritchie, writing in a department called The Game Bag of the Grand Forks Gazette, pays his respects to subjects such as the conservation of natural resources, game and kindred matters associated with such a vast and beautiful region as British Columbia. He has some sharp comment concerning the B.C. Game Department, the B.C. Fish and Game Council, a proposed grant and the appointment of a secretary-manager. The Game Commission offers a \$5,000 grant towards secretarial salary and expenses, but reserves the right to pass judgment on the secretary. If he does not fill the Game Commission's requirements, there is the right to dismiss him.

Writes Mr. Ritchie: "My respected friend from Prince Rupert, Jarvis H. McLeod, who is a director for the Mainland North Coast Zone, has made his feelings clear in a letter which says, in part: 'I represent the clubs in this zone and I do not intend to be a catspaw or wear anyone's collar.'"

"I'm going to have our marriage annulled."
"How come?"
"I just found out your father didn't have a licence to carry a

Tough Parliamentary Session Coming Up

Indications Are Holiday Spirit Will Not Last Long as British House Resumes

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP)—Parliament is back in session after the Easter recess and indications are the holiday spirit won't last long.

From all accounts, the Conservative government and the Labor opposition spent the Easter interlude brushing up on the intricacies of parliamentary procedure and otherwise preparing for what some observers think may be the toughest series of sittings since the war.

The two parties, keenly feeling the rivalry that results when the contestants are so evenly matched, adjourned two weeks ago in an aggressive mood and nothing has occurred to fore-shadow any easing in the pressure.

LABOR SWING

Labor has naturally been hostile ever since the Conservatives came back to power in last October's general election. Recently its appetite for battle has been whetted by the results of local elections, which pointed to a sharp swing away from the government.

The Socialists now claim the Conservatives have no mandate for contentious legislation. If an election were held tomorrow, they argue, Labor would be swept back into office with a clear-cut majority.

This feeling is so strong that the left-wing New Statesman and Nation already is slightly panicky about a possible premature return to power.

"Labor is in grave danger," it says. "It is in danger of finding itself in office, but there by an angry electorate before it has ironed out its own divisions or decided on a program for another five years of office."

One of the most intriguing things about the present state of parliamentary passions is that most of the excitement seems to be generated by rank-and-file members. For Labor, the ginger group appears to be headed by Geoffrey Bing, member for Hornchurch, leading a section known as the "Bing Wing" which has put every kind of obstacle in the way of government legislation.

So far, Winston Churchill's administration has succeeded in passing only one piece of legislation promised in last November's speech from the throne—the bill to revive the wartime Home Guard.

On the Conservative side, similarly, the back-benchers ap-

pear to be the more active. Talk of "revolts" by Conservative rank-and-file committees has been openly heard, although there is no suggestion that loyalty has been shaken.

In fact, the solidarity of the ruling party is clearly reflected in parliamentary voting figures. In the present parliament, the Conservatives have won the 32 divisions in which the opposition challenged them by an average majority of 40 votes—considerably higher than the actual Tory majority in parliament of 16.

The feeling of frustrated Tories is perhaps best described by observers who refer humorously to the malcontents as "F.F.G.'s," meaning not exactly disgruntled but far from "grunted."

Pat and Mike were obliged to halt their heavily loaded cart to make way for a funeral. Gazing at the procession, Pat suddenly remarked:

"Mike, I wish I knew where I was going to die. I'd give five hundred dollars to know the place where I'm going to die."

"Well, Pat, what good would it do if you knew?"

"Lots," said Pat. "Sure, I'd never go near the place."

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LANCE POTTERTON

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Prince Rupert city police as a special constable under the venerable chief, the late William "Billy" Vickers. When in 1926 the B.C. Police took over city policing, Potterton joined that force, serving until August 15, 1951, when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police absorbed his services in the provincial "turning-over" plan.

In all, the retiring officer has spent 12 years in Prince Rupert.

Refugee Problem Is a Menace

MONTREAL (CP)—The European refugee problem that should have been solved with the end of the second war instead has become greater than it was in the first days of Germany's defeat, says Rev. Elfan Rees.

Advisor on refugees as an official of the World Council of Churches, Mr. Rees said in an interview here that whereas Hitler managed to create about 9,000,000 displaced persons, peace and post-war agreements had resulted in displacing about 11,000,000 in Germany alone. Altogether Europe now has more dispossessed persons than the entire population of Canada.

"Just imagine the whole population of Canada forced to leave home and country, and crowded into some strange land without passports and without right to work or travel," he said. "Unless we realize the political, social and financial problems of this new situation we will find that we have nurtured a new proletariat—a new breeding ground for hatred and intolerance."

Dr. Rees said that the International Refugee Organization and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association had attacked the war refugee problem fairly successfully. The trouble came however when the Potsdam Agreement made it possible for huge masses of population to be uprooted from East Germany, Pomerania and the Danube basin.

These people, refusing to stay in Soviet-dominated areas, crowded into West Germany where war had already created a severe housing shortage.

The problem of refugees arises wherever there is trouble. Besides the potentially dangerous situation in Germany, refugee conditions are being built in the "muddled misery of the Middle East," in Korea, where 3,000,000 homeless have already registered with the United Nations, in the Pakistan-India tension, and from behind the Iron Curtain.

These people, said Dr. Rees, represent a cross-section of the communities from which they come—some are cultured and educated, some are quaint and shady characters. Altogether, they add up to represent a scale of exile unprecedented in history.

Whatever the western world does about this important problem it must be constructive, said Dr. Rees. Otherwise, the homeless, dispossessed, might develop into a canker that would seriously menace the western way of life.

nearly five years of which was as head of the city detachment, from 1946.

He is also well known throughout central B.C. and in the north. He was stationed for more than 10 years at Stewart, where his policing service is recognized from mining camp to mining camp.

THOROUGH "COP"

There is many a humorous as well as tragic story in the life of this frontier cop, who could always be counted on to do his job thoroughly.

He could not always be friendly in the face of those fleeing the law. Some of these stories may be told later, he has promised.

Meanwhile, there's still work to do and the next job is a patrol on Queen Charlotte Islands.

But it won't be long now before Lance Potterton will hang up his spurs and, with his movie and still camera, follow more closely a hobby he has learned to love.

"And where could be a better place to retire than on a sunny little farm in the Okanagan," he asks.

Public Bid To Opening of Dam

General Public Invited To "Kenney Dam" Naming Ceremony

An invitation to the general public of Prince Rupert and the neighboring communities to attend the "Kenney Dam" ceremony, which will take place at the damsite on the canyon of the Nechako River on May 10, with Hon. E. T. Kenney as guest of honor and McNeely DuBose, Vice-President of Alcan, as the company's principal participant.

Those attending will make their own transport arrangements but Alcan will be pleased to provide sandwiches and coffee at the damsite camp for those who desire this. Cars will assemble in Vanderhoof on the day of the ceremony, whence a "guide" car will pilot them down Alcan's sixty-five-mile access road to the damsite. By the day of the ceremony this road is expected to be in excellent condition.

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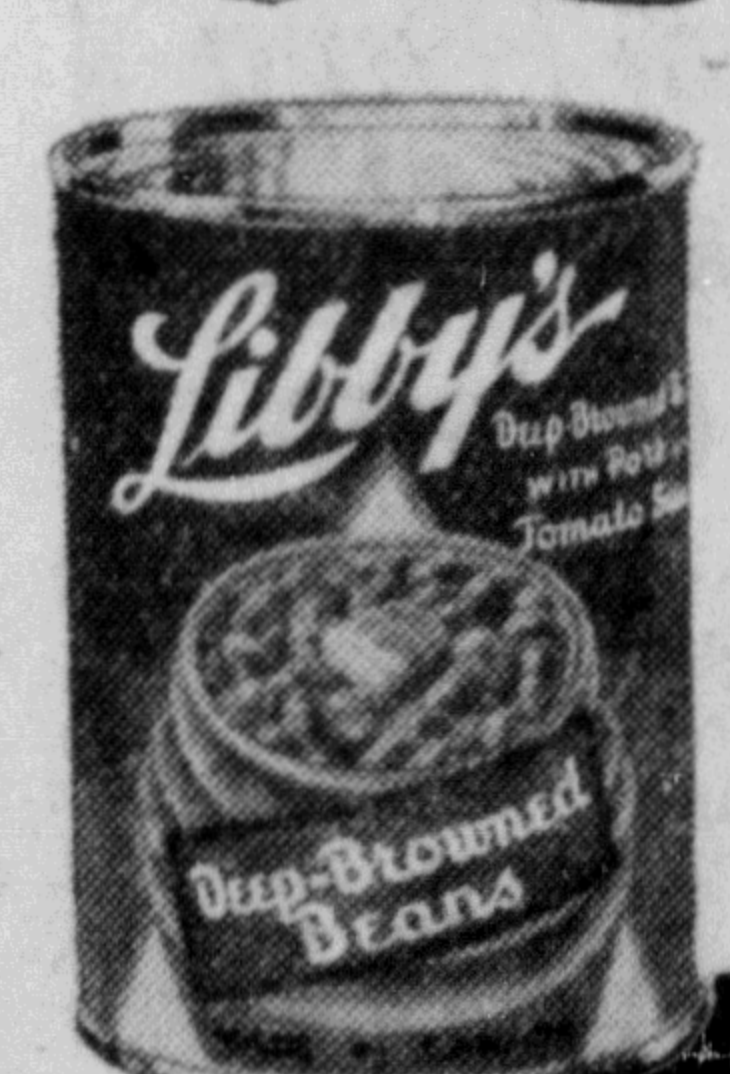
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