

### The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's post-war course and the measures necessary to carry the Dominion through the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy are expected to furnish the principal topics upon which the June 11th federal general election will be fought out.

In saying he welcomed Prime Minister Mackenzie King's announcement on the election date, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, remarked that even greater problems than that which the Liberal administration has had to face will confront whatever government is formed after the election.

After the appeal to the people, said Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative house leader, his party will be "ready and willing and prepared to form the next government of Canada." John Blackmore, Social Credit house leader, said his party too, was ready for the election, but expressed regret parliament had not had time to debate many important matters.

Mr. King's announcement of the date of the election took many political observers by surprise. Most of them expected it would be held later than June 11th, and some had speculated the date would be advanced at least until early in July. The fact the date chosen coincided with that of the Ontario general election also occasioned some surprise since it had been expected some time would elapse between the Ontario and Dominion polls.

For part of the election campaign Mr. King will be away from Canada, attending the San Francisco conference on world security and Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Graydon also will be in San Francisco for a time.

One of the principal planks in the Liberal party's platform is expected to be that, with the experience gained in administering the country's affairs during wartime, it is consequently fitted to deal with problems relating to the post-war period to better effect than an administration which has not had these responsibilities.

**San Francisco Delegation**  
Make-up of the delegation which will represent Canada at the World Security Conference is a reflection of the Dominion's growing importance in international relations. Four of her ambassadors—L. B. Pearson from Washington, J. Dana Wilgress from Moscow, Jean Desy from Rio De Janeiro and W. F. Chipman from Santiago, Chile, are on the list of advisers to the Canadian delegation. In addition, Hume Wrong, associate under-secretary of state for external affairs who has been representing Canada at the British Commonwealth conversations in London, is going to San Francisco.

Reference by Dr. G. S. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture, to the fact a ready market exists for barley either as barley or when marketed in the form of hogs, has brought forth figures from farm statisticians which show that "barley as bacon" is worth more than barley by the bushel.

Twenty bushels of barley are worth approximately \$16, but when fed to a hog they are converted to pork with a value of \$28.50 for a grade A hog dressing 150 pounds.

"This isn't all profit," the statisticians are careful to add. "But even after one has paid himself for his labor and has allowed for depreciation on the pig pen there should still be a higher margin of profit. Barley as bacon is worth more than barley as barley."

#### RADIO WAVES THROW BIRDS OFF THE BEAM

WASHINGTON (CP) Radio waves seriously hamper the "homing" performance of pigeons, the Army Signal Corps reports. During tests, pigeons sent home from a transmitting station while it was operating just circled erratically and finally covered the ten miles home in about 50 minutes. But birds released while the station was silent went right home in about 20 minutes.

#### SELF NERVE MINERS

HALIFAX (CP) Coal bootleggers will be penalized for mining without proper leases or licences under a bill in the provincial legislature. The bill also provides for closer inspection of areas where illegal mining is suspected.

### Fall of Berlin Will Mean End of Nazi Dreams

Germany May Make Their Capital in Obersalzberg, Nurnberg or Munich Noted Correspondent Says

AACHEN (CP) The loss to Hitler of the Reich's capital, Berlin, probably will be as fatal to Germany as the capitulation of Paris was to France. But it is doubtful whether the collapse of German arms will follow as rapidly as did that of the French five years ago.

France was a democracy, Nazi Germany is a dictatorship.

In January, 1933, when Hitler seized power in the Reich, many Germans including the Nazis, thought this meant an end to Berlin as the Reich's capital.

It was known Hitler disliked Berlin intensely. His mission as he conceived it, was to bring the New Order first to Germany, then to Europe, then to the world. Nazism believed strongly in tearing down before building up. Changing capitals would be, figuratively speaking, a case of tearing down Berlin and building up Munich or Nurnberg.

It was Hitler's original plan to decentralize the government geographically while of course, ideologically and politically concentrating power in a single tight-meshed regime.

An attempt of this kind was made. The Nazis started to make Gozler in the Harz mountains the centre of the Reich's agricultural effort, Hamburg, the backbone of maritime activity. Nurnberg the city of party conventions and Dresden the hub of German art.

Nevertheless, Berlin remained the capital. Nowhere else were technical arrangements for the governmental machinery comparable. Berlin boasted the best telephone exchange on the continent, a powerful radio station, many ideally appointed government buildings and space available for more. Moving would have conjured up an almost insoluble housing problem.

#### Symbol of Grandeur

Berlin was a world tourist centre, and the only German rival to London, New York, Paris and Chicago. It was the mecca of many thousands of Germans too, even for those who resented the Prussian domination of the Reich. Here they could hear excellent opera symphony and choral singing, enjoy the state theatres and the stages of Max Reinhardt and other German histrionic masters and visit some of the Reich's finest museums.

Hitler planned to make Berlin the symbol of Nazi grandeur. The loss of Berlin therefore must mean much to the German people, and even more in a sense to the Nazis, symbolizing the collapse of their dreams.

Moscow reports that the Nazi government has evacuated Berlin and moved 225 miles southwest to Nurnberg in Bavaria where a 30-mile special zone was established under heavy guard.

Another indication of the government's shift from Berlin was an announcement from the Vatican that the Papal Nuncio has transferred his residence from the capital to Eichstatt in Bavaria.

Berchtesgaden naturally comes to mind as a substitute capital. While nothing more than a summer resort, buildings on Obersalzberg, some five miles above the city, have been expanded constantly and a veritable duplicate of the government has been set up there.

Obersalzberg eventually may absorb a considerable fraction of the Berlin government machinery. Less important departments might be located in Munich.

#### DUST IN MOTOR

Dirt and dust allowed to collect around the air passages of an electric motor on the farm causes overheating. This is likely to result in serious damage if the air is kept from circulating through the coils. Electrical specialists suggest the use of a tire pump or hand bellows to blow dust out of the motor.

#### NOT TIGHT—JUST CANNY

"Mable dear," began her friend. "I was so sorry to hear that Mac broke off the engagement. Did you have a quarrel?"  
"No," replied Mabel. "He met a girl from Aberdeen whose birthday was on Christmas Day."

### Nannie Comes Into Her Own

Australian Milk Shortage Made Humble Goat Popular Livestock

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) In Sydney's milk famine the milking goat is no longer a popular object of derisive scoffing. On the contrary, the domestic demand for it has reached an all-time record.

Breeders, in fact, are booking orders for pedigreed stock long before the kids are born.

In the register of the Milk Goat Society of N.S.W. are details of more than 100 pedigreed Saanen milking goats, many of them owned by residents of Sydney's suburbs. The actual number of milking goats in the metropolis of Sydney would probably run into 200 or more, as only a small proportion of domestic goats are registered. Owners of goats say they have solved the milk problem.

One resident of suburbia, who is averaging about three quarts of goat's milk a day, attributes the perfect teeth of his five-year-old son to its rich qualities.

In another case, a city solicitor who has three milking goats has lent one out to a neighbor, whose twin babies are thriving on its milk.

The N.S.W. Department of Agriculture has established a Government goat farm at a big country centre, and it has completed plans for the importation of the best strains from overseas. The department hopes eventually to make goats available to the public on a big scale.

Even if goats will eat anything, even the washing off the line at times, they are enabling many people in Sydney to laugh the milk famine to scorn.

#### DOUBLE FEATURE

INVERMERE, B.C. (CP) Bridegroom, clergyman and wedding guests left the bride at the altar here recently and went to fight a nearby fire. The bride followed as a spectator. With the fire out two hours later, all returned to the ceremony after brushing the ashes off their clothing.

"Say Joe, can you tell me why there are fewer railroad accidents than auto accidents?"

Joe: "Well, perhaps not exactly, but I think one reason is because the engineer isn't always hugging the fireman."

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About 8000 applications, made and approved during 1944, still await service, and many have since been added. These will be connected as soon as possible. It will take all the man-power, materials and effort that Hydro can command to bring service to these applicants in 1945. Those requesting service along existing power lines may, in some cases, be connected before prior applicants who require lengthy extensions. We regret that many approved applications may not be completed before 1946.

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