

URGES PARLEY TO HELP DRAW POSTWAR PLAN

Colonel Drew Warns
'Old Comfortable World
Is Crumbling' Before Us

Colonel George A. Drew, Ontario Conservative Leader, yesterday called for an immediate conference of the Dominion and Provincial Governments as a prelude to the setting up of an Intergovernmental Planning Committee to co-ordinate Canada's war effort and deal with postwar problems. He was addressing the Empire Club at luncheon at the Royal York Hotel. The subject of his address was "Canada at the Crossroads."

"The time has come for all of us to take a firm stand against those dangerous tendencies within our own borders which may do as much harm to Canada as war itself," Col. Drew declared. "Unless the sectional doctrines which are now being preached in different parts of Canada are smothered in a vigorous demand for national unity, we may some day wake up from our troubled dream to find that what we thought was one strong nation has become a group of disunited autonomous states. It has happened elsewhere and it can happen here. Surely the signs of danger are apparent on all sides."

Part of the job of the planning committee appointed at such a conference would be to draw up a plan of attack for dealing with the problems which will arrive with the signing of a peace treaty, Colonel Drew said.

"We must be prepared before peace comes to deal with the tremendous social and economic convulsions which will follow this war," he declared. "There must be intelligent planning on such a scale as Canada has not yet dreamed of. But first there must be some rationalization of our utterly irrational jig-saw puzzle of government. Unless we find some way to break through the administrative bottleneck created by our meaningless conflict of legislative authority, we are headed for disaster no matter how complete our military victory may be. An old comfortable world is crumbling before our eyes. Only a few warning cracks may appear on the surface nearest to us. But mighty forces have been set free which are tearing it to pieces."

RELIGIOUS WAR POSSIBLE HERE, HOUSE WARNED

Prescott Liberal Says
'Men of Hate' Causing
Disunity in Dominion

ATTACKS SHIELDS

Religious warfare will flare in Canada if Roman Catholics in Quebec are "driven in exasperation to attack in kind," Aurelien Belanger, French-Canadian Liberal member for Prescott riding, forecast yesterday in the Legislature when he charged unity was being imperilled by a "third columnist" publication in Toronto.

The member referred to a debate Tuesday in the House of Commons when W. R. McDonald (Lib., Pontiac) suggested that the Gospel Witness, edited by Rev. T. T. Shields, pastor of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, should be banned as a subversive publication.

Mr. Belanger mentioned neither the Gospel Witness nor Dr. Shields by name in his speech. Later, in an interview, when asked to identify the publication, he said: "It is the Gospel Witness, and this man, the editor, has the effrontery to mail each issue to every French-Canadian member of this Legislature."

The House heard but one response as W. J. Stewart, Conservative member for Parkdale, rose as the next speaker in the Throne Speech debate.

He said he regarded with concern Mr. Belanger's speech and one made recently by Justice Minister Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe. Neither had contributed to Canadian unity, he said.

At the outset, Mr. Belanger congratulated his Leader on the Dominion-Provincial Conference stand.

"Don't believe," said the Prescott member, "that the French-Canadian can be bought. The French-Canadian character is such that places principle above interest. No grants, even double those suggested, would make Quebec abandon her rights under the present constitution.

"Unity is growing, yet, strange to say, there are men in this Province who frown upon unity. There are warped minds and hearts filled with hatred. They breathe hate. It exudes from every pore of their body."

Mr. Belanger referred to the report on the House of Commons incident carried in the Wednesday issue of The Globe and Mail. He quoted that the Gospel Witness claimed the Pope was a supporter of Hitler and Il Duce.

"I am protesting this thing. Why.

Mr. Speaker, no great power of understanding is required to understand that if the Catholics of Quebec were driven in exasperation to attack in kind, what would be the result. The result would be a religious war on this continent."