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Peace Before War's End

THE weariness and agony of the final phase of this war which has convulsed and ruined the rich continent of Europe has been incalculably relieved by the plans, now far-advanced, for establishing an organization for enduring peace, even before hostilities end.

Hopes of this were based on the Moscow, Teheran and Dumbarton Oaks conferences, but there were times when it seemed that the Great Powers were drifting into the paths of rivalry, in spite of their expressed intentions of cooperation. The expositions given last week by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt of the agreements reached at Yalta have finally laid these fears.

It was clear, in reading Mr. Churchill, that he had measured very carefully the vast and enigmatic power of Soviet Russia and decided that Britain must, even if at a certain sacrifice of traditional interests and principles, reach an accommodation with it.

For this accommodation the Poles, chiefly, must pay a grievous price. For their country to be cut up, and brutally shifted a couple of hundred miles to the west, is a tragic outcome of their incomparably gallant fight, at the cost of the lives of a fifth of their nation. Yet Mr. Churchill is an honorable man. When he assures them that this is the very best settlement which can be secured, and that opposition to Russia's demands risks the peace of the world and the loss of the remaining freedom and civilization of Europe, it seems that it would be best for them to try to work out their future under the guarantees given them at Yalta.

As to these, Mr. Churchill pointedly stressed that the Soviet leaders want to work with us, and will keep their word. It is on these two premises, more than on anything else, that the hopes for world peace rest.

One Track Party

DAY by day the impression grows that given enough war the Progressive Conservatives will talk themselves to death. Last week, at the annual meeting of the Dominion Progressive Conservative Association, Mr. Bracken made another speech. It was an occasion for pronouncement on policy and program but Mr. Bracken talked war, and, at least as reported in the daily press, only war.

There can be no denying the first importance of war, but there are quite a few people in Canada anxious to support a Conservative party who cannot possibly be attracted to the present organization until it recognizes that besides a war there is also a world going on and that the Party is capable of giving leadership in conducting our affairs in it.

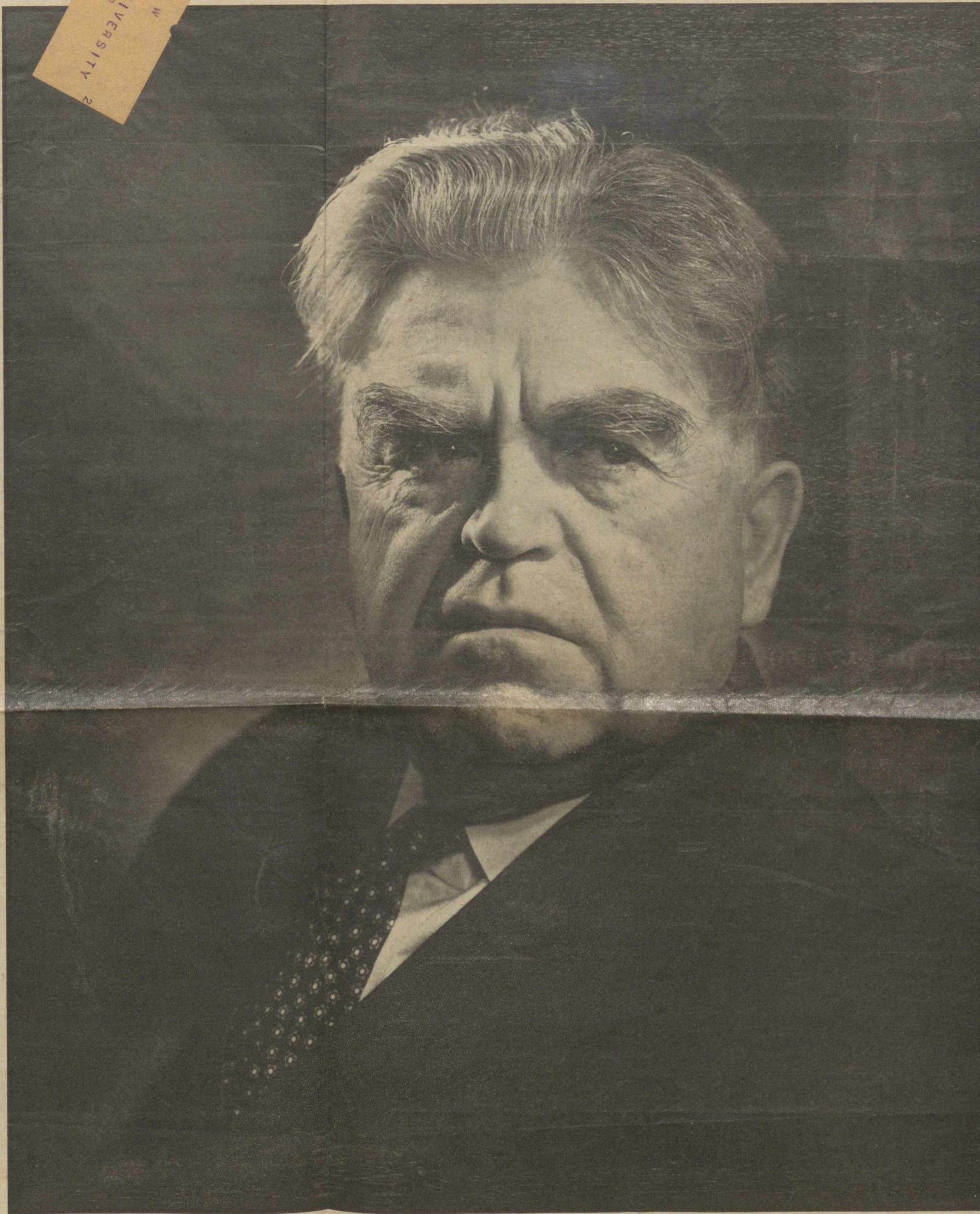
Under the circumstances we are quite sure that Mr. King is not at all unhappy about the strategy of this section of the opposition. He is not unaware that people in all sections of Canada are becoming disgruntled with political bickering and that each day the Progressive Conservative Party is identifying itself more and more as the prime exponent of that bickering.

Hot Time in Ontario

PREMIER Drew very laudably has warned against a lowering of the tone of debate in the Ontario Legislature. All in all we don't share Mr. Drew's concern about the present assembly. Until very recently debate in the Ontario Legislature was more notable for, if anything, lack of any tone. It was very dull. But any precaution that maintains the dignity of parliament is praiseworthy, particularly with memory of recent legislatures in Ontario still fresh.

And the way things are shaping up in the Province Mr. Drew's warning may be timely—

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John L. Lewis, President, U.M.W.A. There's Lots of Fight in the Old Lion Yet! See Story on Page 3.

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