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Peace Table No Place For 'The Great Appeaser'

It is to be hoped that Mr. Mackenzie King will not go down in history as the great Canadian who sat at the peace table with the other United Nations when this war is over, which is undoubtedly his ambition. There will be no room at that peace table for appeasers, either great or small, but one must admit Mr. King's record is quite consistent.

He started in 1937 to appease the anti-British element by refusing to allow Britain to spend \$100,000,000 in building airfields in Canada. It he had only consented, the picture of the war today might be very different, and hundreds of thousands of lives might have been saved, to say nothing of countless treasure.

Exports to Japan

Then he started to appease the Japs and certain Canadian interests by allowing the continued export to Japan of nickel, copper and scrap iron for some time after the United States had barred such exports and long after it was only too clear that a showdown was imminent.

He appeased the wheat pools by withdrawing from the Exchequer Court the suit against them for arrears of millions of dollars of income tax.

A Habit in Quebec

He has always appeased Quebec on the excuse he was maintaining Canadian unity, but really, as we all know, to keep the Quebec votesafe for his political party and himself in power, with the result that we have today more disunity in Canada than we ever had in history. He appears to have appeased Tim Buck, and he now seems to be get-

He appears to have appeased Tim Buck, and he now seems to be getting ready to appease the C.C.F.

Poor chap, he cannot help it; he was born that way, and is only running true to form; but when the 40 nations gather at the peace table, think what would happen if they all sent appeasers. There is only one certainty: that our present kindergarten and school children our sons and our daughters, will have to fight another world war within a generation. within a generation.

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