

I believe, has been ill-advised at times in his methods of contacting the public. He has left the impression with the public that his knowledge of the country's affairs is gained by hearsay, and that when he speaks about conditions in this or that part of the country he speaks only in generalities and from theories gained from cold statistics. Much would have been gained if, in the early stages of the war, Mr. King had circulated more among the people, and particularly among the working classes so that they might think of him in terms of a war leader rather than a political leader.

I have never heard anyone criticize Mr. King as a political leader. In fact, his most aggressive opponents praise his political astuteness in order to becloud his administration in terms of politics. It is with this kind of a background that each of the varied interests in this country interpret and misinterpret actions, and particularly restrictions, invoked by the Government. Mr King's astuteness in sidestepping critical problems has left the unfortunate impression that he lacks courage. This finesse, if you may call it such, has, over a period of time, tended to alienate even those whom he is accused of favoring. The result is that none but the staunch Liberals feel justified in arguing the cause for the Liberal administration.

It will appear that in this criticism, which I hope is constructive, all attention has been focussed on the leader rather than on the party status. Throughout the country you hear a great diversion of opinion with regard to the efficiency of the various Cabinet Ministers. There are unquestionably some in the Cabinet who do not hold the confidence of the people. There are others who have staunch followers in certain parts of the country, and equally intense enemies in other parts, but in almost every case the criticisms are reflected in terms of the ability of the leader rather than in the Ministers.

Recommendation

I have only one suggestion to make with regard to bolstering up the public's opinion of the Liberal Party. If somewhere a strong dramatic figure might be found who could interpret to the mass of the public the resolution and determination to fulfil Canada's obligation to the United Nations, both in terms of fighting services, war production and individual sacrifices, that man might represent Mr. King among the people. Churchill has brought along such a man in Anthony Eden, although Anthony Edna does not begin to measure up to his own Chief in