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KING TELLS PARTY OF CONTROLS STAND

Threat to State to Maintain Them for Too Long, Fed- eration Warned

Ottawa, February 5. — Prime Minister Mackenzie King tonight told a Liberal party gathering that the Liberal Government was opposed to the maintenance of controls over a long period because it would constitute a "threat" to the state.

Addressing the annual banquet of the convention of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. King said:

"The Liberal party sees in the maintenance of controls over a very long period a threat to the state. We are not in favor of it at all."

Discussing various points of view on the question of controls, the Prime Minister said the Progressive Conservative party called for the outright abolition of controls while the C.C.F. party wanted them continued and extended to first one industry and then another.

The Liberal party stood just between those two points of view and had in mind "what is best for the community as a whole and not just special interests." The Liberal party said controls were needed in relation to the times.

Mr. King said he thought the guiding principle in the question of controls was similar to that in a game where there was complete freedom with necessary rules and regulations to ensure fair play.

"The Government under Liberalism will see that the game is played fairly," he added.

He said the Liberal party aimed not at furthering special interests but only the general interests and sought to subordinate special interests for the good of the community.

But the Progressive Conservative party, all through the years, had been a party that was "watching the special interests instead of the general interests." It had a "great concern" for patronage, privilege and power, which meant special privileges for the few and not for the many.

The C.C.F. party also sought to represent a class rather than the people as a whole. It aimed to socializing, with a view to substituting "political masters" for business masters in the economic life of the country. It led to regimentation of

the people. That did not mean freedom for the many.

Mr. King said that what was best in the individual came to the top under a free system and warned that Canada's success in the future would depend upon what "we do in coming uppermost in competition." Under a system of regimentation, the opportunities of the individual would be limited.

Defence Minister Abbott, who addressed the gathering briefly, said that during the war the Government had had to "depart from true Liberal principles" but added that it was returning to them as quickly as it could.

Transport Minister Chevrier said the Liberal party had a leader who had led it through six victorious election campaigns "and who we hope will lead us victoriously into the seventh."

Speaking in French, he said the future of French Canada lay in the support of the Liberal party.