

**"THE MOST HIDEOUS CRIME":** "The role of the Jews in any national community must be far deeper and broader than that of merely one small minority group among half a dozen others," said His Excellency the Governor General, Mr. Massey, in an address to the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto on October 12.

"I need not remind this audience of the early conception of one God, of the jealous God who claimed the allegiance of all men; nor of the law which translated his will to his chosen people. This has given us the supreme concept of one moral law; a law binding on all men, everywhere; a law, too righteous and merciful, binding men to each other as well as to God," Mr. Massey said.

"On the idea of this one moral law emerging from the living God so vividly portrayed in the Jewish Scriptures, is based primarily our conception of a common humanity. From that comes a common obligation of every man to all men regardless of race or language, regardless even of any personal quality. This first, this fundamental Jewish contribution to western civilization lays not only all westerners but all men everywhere under a permanent debt to the Jewish people...."

After touching on the story of the Jews during the Christian era, Mr. Massey proceeded, in part:

#### MORAL RETROGRESSION

"In speaking of the Christian era, I have, in my own mind, excluded the present age. Effectively, and taking into our view the whole of the western world, it must surely be described as non-Christian, if not anti-Christian. In this age, as all here know too well, the Jews have been the victims of the greatest - the most hideous crime that human history records. I wonder if we Canadian Gentiles are fully aware of the magnitude of this crime. We know something of the quality of it. Few in our day have not read of the horrors of the concentration camp and of the death chamber. On the other hand, probably very few have any true conception of the extent of a destruction which staggers the imagination.

"Let me add immediately that I have no thought of isolating the crime in one country. It is a blot on the whole of our western civilization and the symptom of a disease which has infected all of us more or less. It is perhaps the greatest case of moral retrogression that the world has known. It was a deed

committed in the midst of western society which knew and professed the principle of humanity, and of love which its members dared to call Christian love. It was a crime against the light and, in this, it constituted the true and ultimate blasphemy. Accepting, as we do, the principle of the oneness of humanity, no human being can contemplate it without a personal sense of shame....

"Can we, in face of this crime, associate the notions of suffering and of service without what must seem like a callous attitude? Is this a kind of sterile crime, a dark blot which must be covered over and forgotten, a deep gulf over which we must cross without looking down? One might be inclined to say yes, and to pass on, leaving this iniquity in oblivion; and yet no such a course is possible. This event has, I believe, had a profound effect on Gentile thought. It has been one factor in the reawakening of our conception of the active spirit of evil in the world. It has helped, I believe, in the process which we now observe going on about us, the flight from that easy and flabby morality expressed in some such terms as 'Be good to everyone and they will be good to you'. It has led, I am sure, to a new conception of the depths and heights of the human spirit, to a new awareness of spiritual forces...."

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**NEW SPEAKER:** Mr. L. René Beaudoin, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons in the last Parliament will be the Speaker in the new Parliament which assembles on November 12, the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent announced on October 14. Mr. Beaudoin, who is Liberal Member for Vaudreuil-Soulanges, will replace Mr. Ross MacDonald, who was appointed to the Senate.

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Recently published figures reveal that in 1950 Canadians spent more than ever before on formal education, expenditures totalling \$454,139,000 or 14.6% above the 1949 record of \$396,387,000.

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Special arrangements have been made by the Canadian Geographical Society with the Canadian Army to ship thousands of copies of the Canadian Geographical Journal to Canadian troops serving overseas.