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a new leader, and to review the present position and policies of the party. The convention should consider, also, he said, "the most effective means by which Liberal principles may be applied to the solution of problems that have followed in the wake of war, and which will continue to present themselves in increasing measure as nations seek to bring into being a new world order."

#### Health and Vigor

Mr. King spoke of having entered upon his 74th year, still enjoying remarkable health and vigor, as well as the confidence of his party. Were he 20 years younger, even ten years younger, Mr. King remarked, he would have greatly prized the opportunity of continuing as leader. But he felt all circumstances considered, that it would be a mistake for him to do so.

#### Hopes To Write Memoirs

Following his retirement, Mr. King said he hoped to write his memoirs. As yet, he laughingly remarked, he had not found time "to write a single line," though he had received inquiries from more than one publishing house as to the terms on which his memoirs might be published.

Mr. King said he had never sought "either ease or idleness" and had found his happiness in work. He would never cease to have the Liberal party's interest and its future near to his heart, he said, nor would he knowingly shirk any responsibility which the needs of our time may seem to demand and which he felt he would be able to meet.

"In asking that a national convention be held this year to review the party's policies and to decide upon the party leadership," Mr. King concluded "I am planning what I believe to be best for the party's future. What may be best for all, when the convention meets we may leave with confidence to the sound judgement of the convention itself."

#### Significant Incident

A significant incident, during the dinner, took place when National Health and Welfare Minister Paul Martin mentioned External Affairs Minister Louis S. St. Laurent as being "an exceptionally able person", who has been at Mr. King's side as leader in recent years. The tribute applause given Mr. St. Laurent, seated at the head table, was prolonged.