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CBC CONVENTION POLICY: On July 2nd the Board of Governors, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, announced a policy regarding broadcasting from national political conventions. The principle was that speeches would be carried from party conventions called to choose new national leaders; but that as counter-balance time would be given to all other parties following such a convention, reads a statement issued by A.D. Duntton, Chairman of the Board, August 4.

The calling of a second national convention to choose a new leader within two months now provides conditions for a more simple method of maintaining fairness among qualifying parties this year. It is felt equity can now be attained this year without the device of balancing time for other parties after each leadership convention, and in a way that will be more in the interest of the listening public.

Therefore, the following modified arrangement has been adopted by the Corporation for this year:

Speeches will be broadcast from the Liberal and Progressive-Conservative Conventions as planned. This will provide natural fairness between the two parties holding leadership conventions. To provide some counter opportu-

ity for the other qualifying parties, limited time will be provided this year for broadcasting of some speeches from the regular CCF bi-annual convention at Winnipeg, and special time will be given to the Social Credit party during the next two months.

Apart from this special arrangement for this year, the Corporation still maintains its policy of broadcasting speeches from national political conventions called to choose new national leaders and of providing balancing time for other parties.

PROPERTY IN ITALY: The Department of External Affairs wishes to remind Canadian citizens who may have lost property, situated in Italy, as a result of the war that in order not to risk forfeiture of their rights under the Treaty of Peace with Italy, a demand for restoration of such property must be made before September 15, 1948, to the Government of Italy.

The Department of External Affairs has been advised that such demand may be made directly to Ufficio Beni Alleati e Nemici, Ministero del Tesoro, Rome, Italy.