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Bloc Populaire Party About To Disappear

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

OTTAWA, May 4 — (CP) — The Bloc Populaire Party, an outgrowth of the national mobilization political crisis in 1942, is about to disappear with the retirement of its founder and leader, Maxime Raymond of Montreal.

Ill-health is forcing the retirement of the 65-year-old lawyer who broke with the Liberal Party when it decided to mobilize men compulsorily for training in the armed forces. He formed his nationalist party on both a federal and provincial basis but it found little favor at the polls.

Mr. Raymond, who has represented the Quebec constituency of Beauharnois-Laprairie since 1925 led 40 candidates into the field in Quebec in the 1945 general election. He and J.J. Hamel of St. Maurice-Lafleche were the only two elected. Mr. Hamel plans to contest the June 27 election, but it is believed he will run as an Independent.

The largest number of supporters Mr. Raymond ever had in the Commons was four. That was in the years between the formation of the party and the 1946 general election.

When Mr. Raymond broke with the Liberals, several other Quebec members went with him and became members of his new party. They were Edouard Lacroix, who has since retired from politics, Dr. Pierre Gauthier, who returned to the Liberal fold and who sits as a member for Portneuf, Emmanuel D'Anjou, who represented Rimouski at the time, and J.A. Choquette, member for Staudard.

The party disappeared in the provincial field prior to last summer's Quebec election. It had been singularly unsuccessful, having

only its provincial leader — Andre Lauradeau — and one other elected to the Legislature. Its supporters have swung their strength behind the Union Nationale Party of Premier Duplessis.

Mr. Raymond, now embittered against the words and actions of some men in public life, said in a recent interview he has never looked back with regret on what he has done.

"Life is too short to spend even five minutes looking at the past," he said.

Retirement, he said, does not mean he will not support a candidate in his constituency in the general election.

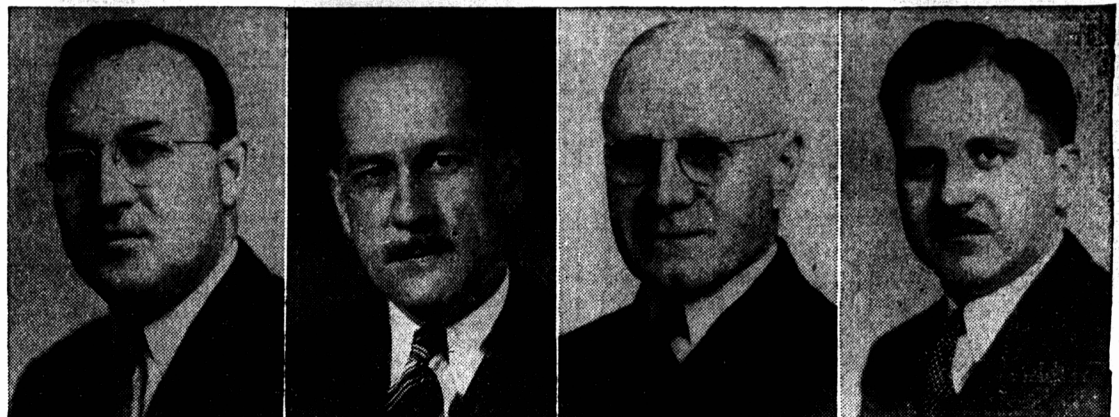
Albert Lemaire, elected to the Quebec Legislature as a Bloc Populaire member in 1944, may stand as an Independent candidate in the federal election. If he does, he will be supported by Mr. Raymond.

"I told him four years ago that I would not run again and I said that if he wanted to run in my place I would support him," said Mr. Raymond.

His last speech in the Commons was a denunciation of Canadian participation in the Atlantic Pact. He and his party colleague, Mr. Hmel, were the only two to vote against adoption of the draft of the Atlantic Pact. They were not in the chamber when the pact was unanimously given formal ratification.

Mr. Raymond said he is not an isolationist. He agrees with the aims of the Atlantic Pact but he cannot accept it as a serious document. He said that it is being depicted as a defence against Communism, but some of its signatories are supplying Russia with her satellites with war materials.

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Mr. J. Louis Levesque, who has recently acquired controlling interest in Acme Glove Works, Limited, announces certain changes in the officers of the Company. Mr. Levesque himself assumes chairmanship of the Board, with Mr. Alphonse Lepine remaining in the Presidency. Mr. Gerard Favreau, long associated with Mr. Levesque, becomes Vice-President. Mr. Lionel Lacroix becomes Executive Vice-President and Managing Director.

The newly-constituted Board will consist of these gentlemen, and of Messrs. E. Lavoie, A. E. Clark, W. Burke, and C. H. Dawson. Mr. Dawson continues as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Levesque is well-known in Quebec financial circles, as President of Credit Interprovincial, Limited, a member of the Investment Dealers Association; he is also President of Fashion-Craft Limited, Fashion-Craft Mfrs., Limited, Max Beauvais Ltd., Librairie Beauchemin Limited, Corporation de Téléphone de Joliette, Fashion-Craft Shops Ltd., Richardson-Jarman Ltd., and Stan Evans Style Shop Ltd., Vice-President of Fred A. Lallemand & Co. Ltd., Warwick Woollen Mills Ltd., Gordon Dunfield Ltd., Lechasseur Ltd., and Lechasseur Inc.

Mr. Alphonse Lepine joined Acme Glove Works Limited as Accountant in 1909, was promoted Secretary-Treasurer in 1913, and elected President in 1938. Under his capable management, the Company has seen its yearly sales grow to nearly \$2,500,000.

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Honors For Doctors Who Treated King

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All were advancements in or appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, instituted by Queen Victoria in 1896 for persons who have given important personal service to the sovereign.

Sir Maurice Cassidy, the King's personal physician; Sir Thomas Peel Cunhill, sergeant-surgeon, to the King, and Sir Morton Smart, the King's manipulative surgeon, have been raised to the rank of Knights Grand Cross of the Order.

Dr. Horace Evans, Queen Mary's personal physician who also attended the King, and James Patterson Ross, professor of surgery at London University, were named Knights Commanders.

Dr. C.J. Longland, a surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, and Dr. A.J. Slessor, medical superintendent of the Western General Hospital at Edinburgh, were appointed members, fourth class, of the Order.

PLAN ANELOPE CENSUS

REGINA — (CP) — Plans to conduct an aerial census of antelope, estimated at 30,000 animals, has been announced by Resources Minister, Brockelbank. It will be carried out in co-operation with Alberta and the state of Montana and is expected to be completed by early May.

Cold War Truce Would Lead To New U.S. Problems

By J.M. Roberts, Jr.

Associated Press News Service Reports from Washington indicate that the possibility of lifting the Berlin blockade has aroused a certain amount of "peace fear" among American officials.

That is, they are wondering whether, if Moscow is really pulling in its horns for a while, the people and congress will continue to support the "containment" program.

John M. Hightower, AP diplomatic correspondent, points out that current American foreign policy has been produced by, and received general support because of, a series of "made in Moscow" emergencies.

Without these continued provocations, would the United States be willing to continue the expenditure of large sums for European rearmament and completion of the Marshall Plan?

Since the "Truman Doctrine" of containing Communism was announced in March 1947, it has grown from a small program of military and economic aid to Greece and Turkey until it now embraces economic support for 18 countries and projected military support for 15.

Although other principles have been involved, and economic aid in some form would have been a post-war necessity even under peaceful conditions, fear of Russia has been the prime motive power behind this program.

Can Russia, then, acting to reduce this fear, substantially stall the program?

There is no categorical answer. A period of "truce" or a seeming peace in the cold war undoubtedly would make it more difficult to stir up support. This might produce a "keep awake" campaign. Indeed, it would seek that, as long as Moscow adheres to the dynamic tenets of Lenin-Stalinism, such a campaign would be essential. Otherwise the Western Powers might sleep themselves into ultimate submission.

Yet, by constantly harping on the dangers of Communist expansionism during a period of seeming peace, the present unfriendly atmosphere would be continued and the possibilities of real peace might be overlooked or delayed.

Looking at it from one standpoint, it's a wonder why Russia has not faced the West with this dilemma before now. But looking at it from the necessities of Russia's own position, any "peace fear" now seems premature and truce unlikely.

Communism, with its aspects of a religion just doesn't work that way. As with any dynamic movement, it must continue in motion or collapse.

It seems likely that, with a meeting of the foreign ministers to follow the lifting of the blockade (if it is lifted), tension between East and West may actually increase rather than decrease.

Russia's imposition of the blockade was a resort to force, based on implausible excuses. It was quickly recognized for what it was, and quickly countered. Its chief results were to foster a sense of unity between Germany and her former enemies in the West, and to boost Western determination in the cold war. It has been rocking along until it has become a not-very alarming part of the landscape.

In the Foreign Ministers Council, on the other hand, Russia will be much more plausible and therefore more dangerous. The lorelei of troop withdrawal and reunion of Germany will sing again along the Rhine. It is almost impossible to envision a workable agreement between Germany and the west and Communism.

CHESTER, England — (CP) — Because farmhouse cheese-making in the county is regarded as a dying craft, Cheshire Dairy Farmers' Association may close down. An

official said: "Unless things change, there will soon be no farmers' wives skilled in the making of the once-famous Cheshire Cheese."

LICHFIELD, England — (CP) — The Dyott family first made their home at Feredford Manor in 1549. They are still there but there was no celebration on the 400th anniversary. Major and Mrs. R.A. Dyott were too busy coping with the problems of running a 50-room house with servants, a scanty lit

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