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Mr. Howe As Dictator

In five years of government by Order-in-Council, Munitions Minister Howe has developed quite a formula for imposing his rule while, in the words of Mr. John Diefenbaker, "pretending to be the servant of Parliament."

The purpose of the amending legislation (Bill 133) is to "provide for the establishment of an Air Transport Board, to advise the Minister on matters connected with the development of civil aviation, and to perform the functions of a licensing and regulatory body in respect to commercial air services."

The board of three, "subject to the directions of the Minister," may do certain things, such as make investigations and surveys relating to the development and operation of commercial air services.

In other words, the same authority which must approve the actions of the board sits as the court of appeal against those actions.

The Minister's only answer to criticism is that there must be a choice of two evils: Me or bureaucracy. "Certainly," comments the Globe and Mail, "we have too much bureaucracy, but chiefly because we have too much government by Ministerial decree."

Wartime Tourist Traffic

It is generally expected that the tourist traffic which was such a valuable factor in Canada's international balance of accounts before the war will be restored to post-war dimensions up to and probably beyond pre-war volume.

A recent report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimated total spending by U. S. travellers in Canada last year at \$87,000,000, an increase of \$8,000,000 over the low level of 1942 though still \$20,000,000 under 1941.

With this evidence that a substantial number of Americans want to come to Canada even with the comfort and flexibility of travel by auto denied them, there is good reason to look forward to a marked rise in the tourist influx into Canada when the war's end brings relief from restrictions on gasoline, tires and the supply of new cars.

If Canada is to hold her own in that competition, and both attract and please tourists, there must be full preparation made now for close, intensive cooperation in tourist activities between Dominion, provincial and private travel agencies.

Hitler's Trojan Horse

It is estimated that there are ten million foreigners, most of them taken from hostile peoples, working in Germany on war production. It has become a question of major importance to what extent this immense recruitment will continue enabling Germany's war production to stand up to the strain of Allied bombing.

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Nazi Counter Plans

While attention has been largely concentrated on Allied invasion plans, it is worth remembering that the Germans have a counter-invasion plan. An unofficial British military commentator has worked out the pattern, based on reports from neutral countries and on German military periodicals.

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deep penetration by airborne troops. For this, all the German garrison troops, from Norway to the Bay of Biscay, have been undergoing the most intense training for many months.

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Notes By The Way

Bathing suits are to be even shorter because of the war. Nevertheless, true patriots will keep their eyes on the great task confronting us—if he can—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

One of those stories from Vienna has the Fuehrer in his casket and being lowered into the grave. They raised 12 times to acknowledge the applause.—Detroit Free Press.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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PREMIER JONES AND PROHIBITION

Mr.—With 13 dead in Saint John hospital as a result of their having drunk poisonous alcohol, Premier Jones chose a most inopportune moment to attack the clergymen of this Province for their stand on the temperance question.

If the Premier intended to ask for the support of the Women's Federation in the more adequate enforcement of the Prohibition Act and in the improvement of temperance education, the Temperance Federation would be glad to add its voice to the appeal.

It appears that increased legal sales of liquor have increased the drinking habit throughout the province. It is not surprising that the bootlegger finds a multitude of patrons in every Canadian city.

Our new Attorney-General, Mr. Frederic Larz, should not be surprised that many members of the House of Assembly have asked him to violate the provisions of the Prohibition Act.

It is to be hoped that the Premier and his advisors will do some realistic thinking and study on one of Canada's greatest social problems. The easy way of government is to leave things as they are.

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Historic Elba

Occupation of Elba, 140-square-mile island off the Italian coast, is not likely to affect the course of the war materially, but it has decided historic interest.

That action was sufficient to arouse all the Allies and to bury, for the time being at least, possible causes of discord.

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