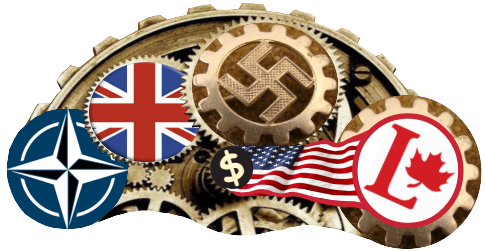


# Mackenzie King gave shocking praise for Hitler until the eve of war in 1939



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*"[Y]ou could do more than any other man living to help your own and other countries along the path of peace and progress." A letter to Hitler from King, February 1, 1939.*

**William Lyon Mackenzie King:  
Canada's most-elected PM ever  
1921-1926, 1926-1930, 1935-1948**

Even before the Russian revolution, and the first Red Scare (1917-20) Canada's Liberal and Conservative elites targeted leftwing activists and unions that might threaten corporate power. Besides being rabidly anticommunist, major Canadian institutions (political, academic, religious, economic and media) were riddled with violently racist, classist and antisemitic imperialists. This was quite normal at the time for such ideologues who were sympathetic to the rise of fas-

cism, and therefore happy to support it.

King embraced all of these ideas. Bred by a wealthy family loyal to British imperialism, King was a top civil servant by 1900 and an MP by 1908. Studying political economy at Harvard, he is Canada's only prime minister to have earned a PhD. His doctoral thesis, "Oriental Immigration to Canada," was based on a 1908 report that he had written as Deputy Minister of Labour. In it he said what was blatantly obvious to the Canadian white-power elites that he served:

That Canada should desire to restrict immigration from the Orient is regarded as natural, that Canada should remain a white man's country is believed to be not only desirable for economic and social reasons but highly necessary on political and national grounds.<sup>1</sup>

After losing his seat in 1911, King did Liberal Party lecture tours across Canada. Then, when WWI broke out, he avoided the draft by moving to the US and working for J.D. Rockefeller Jr. (1914-18). (JDR, Sr., an oil tycoon and notorious robber baron, was America's first billionaire.) As the Rockefeller company's labour consultant, King was paid the 2021 equivalent of \$420,000 per year. JDR, Jr., hired King to help them deal with the outcry in 1914 when 75 workers were murdered by their company. In the Ludlow Massacre alone, Rockefeller's thugs used machine guns to kill 21 strikers and family members. After leaving the company, King guided labour relations for other huge US firms, earning him the 2021 equivalent of \$34,000 a week.

**For decades, King used seances to communicate with his favourite dead pets, departed loved ones and deceased politicians.**

**But, more disturbingly, Canada's favourite prime minister had real meetings with living dictators, like Mussolini and Hitler, who shared his antisemitic, anticommunist views.**

## Liberal immigration policies: "None is too many" and Too many is not enough

In 1939, Canada's Navy turned away a ship carrying 900 Jewish refugees. Forced back to Europe, many died in the Holocaust. When it came to Jews, Liberal policy was that "none is too many." King refused Jewish refugees coming to Canada from Germany and Austria. As he wrote in his diary:

[N]othing is to be gained by creating an internal problem in an effort to meet an international one. We must seek to keep this part of the Continent free from unrest and from too great an intermixture of foreign strains of blood.<sup>1</sup>

In discussing increased RCMP powers, King said communists "are our real enemies and we must not allow subversive activities to gain headway at this time."<sup>2</sup> In 1940, Britain sent thousands of its POWs to Canada. Among them were Jews and communists who had fled the Nazis and their crazed fixation on the so-called Judeo-Bolshevik enemy. Aghast, the Liberals sent back as many as they could. But, when forced to keep 2,000 Jews and 300 communists, Canada interned them,

many until 1943, in army-run POW camps surrounded by guard towers and barbed wire.<sup>3</sup>

In telling contrast to this "none is too many" policy towards Jews and Reds, King's Liberal postwar government welcomed many thousands of Nazi collaborators from Eastern Europe, including 2,000 Ukrainian veterans of the Waffen SS. While far-right émigrés praised this influx, it was opposed by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the leftwing Association of United Ukrainian Canadians.<sup>4</sup>

Canada's self-image as a multicultural haven is ludicrous to First Nations and others subjected to the extremes of racial and political bigotry. For generations, official government policies were blatantly racist, antisemitic and anti-Red. In contrast, far-right ethnonationalist émigrés were very appreciative beneficiaries of Canadian multiculturalism. For example, after being the Nazi's top Ukrainian propagandist in WWII, deputy prime minister Chrystia Freeland's grandfather, Michael Chomiak, was embraced by Ca-

nada. Freeland described her grandfather's intense gratitude for this Canadian benevolence:

I remember his kids once saying something mildly critical of Canada. He pounded his fist on the table and said he'd lived in six countries and Canada was the best in the world.<sup>5</sup>

The Canadian state still funds the far-right émigré community in which Chomiak proudly raised his family. Their belief systems coincide with Canada's enduring Cold War myths, policies and US/NATO operations.

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## King's blind faith in crystal balls and Adolph Hitler

King was gullible and naive. Some might call him a political simpleton. He not only had trust in spiritualists, but also put faith in the Rockefeller, Mussolini, Hitler and other fascists.

King's confidence in ouija boards, crystal balls, palm readers and spiritualist mediums reflects his mental capacities. Between 1920 and 1950, King hosted many seances where he communed with his dead siblings, father, grandfather and mother. King also suffered from the foolhardy delusion that he was conferring with the ghosts of Leonardo da Vinci and such deceased leaders as Wilfrid Laurier, Teddy Roosevelt, Lord Earl Grey, Benjamin Disraeli and William Gladstone. That King also communicated with three of his dead dogs, speaks volumes about the sanity of Canada's longest serving prime minister.

King's well-meaning but simple-minded foolishness would have been inconsequential had it not been for the tremendous power that he wielded as Canada's prime minister for 22 years. King's leadership before WWII exhibited his fawning adulation for Mussolini<sup>2</sup> and Hitler, whom he met and greatly admired.

## King's man date with der Führer

In June 1937, King went to Berlin to meet Hitler. He also met a slew of other Nazi war criminals, like Gestapo founder Hermann Göring and SS Gruppenführer Konstantin von Neurath, who were both executed after the Nuremberg trial.<sup>3</sup> King had wonderful things to say about them all, but was most effusive about Hitler, who he lovingly respected and revered.

King was overjoyed to meet Hitler, calling it "the day for which I was born." His diary describes how he praised Hitler on "the constructive work of his regime, and said that I hoped that that work might continue. That nothing would be permitted to destroy that work." King said he also told the Führer that his wonderful effort "was bound to be followed in other countries to the great advantage of mankind." King says he also congratulated Hitler for "what he was seeking to do for the greater good of those in humble walks of life" and told him he "was strongly in accord with it, and thought it would work." Saying Hitler "would be remembered" for his good work, King told him "to let nothing destroy that work." King concluded his naive praise by saying "I wished him well in his efforts to help mankind."

King was easily seduced by the elitist trappings of power and dazzled by conspicuous displays of wealth. After being greeted by a "guard of honour" at Hindenburg Palace and "conducted upstairs, preceded formally by attendants" "attired in court dress," King was

## Why did Canada's Prime Minister King have such adoring admiration for Nazi Germany's dictator?

**1933 Feb. 27:** German parliament & media falsely blamed Reichstag fire on communists.

**Feb. 28:** The Reichstag Fire Decree allowed internment without trial. Within months, 100,000 people, mostly communists, were interned.

**Mar. 22:** Opening of what Heinrich Himmler called Germany's "first concentration camp for political prisoners," at Dachau, near Munich.

**April 1:** The Nazi Party, SS and the Hitler Youth began a boycott of Jewish businesses.

**May 10:** Students and Nazi Party members held public rallies across Germany where they burned books by Jews and political opponents.

**1934 Aug. 19:** Hitler declared himself Führer and became absolute dictator of Germany.

**Sept. 15:** Hitler "Race Laws" prohibited intermarriage and sexual relations between Jews and those of "German or related blood."

**1935 April 1:** Germany's Nazi government banned all Jehovah's Witness organizations.

**June 28:** Germany outlawed male homosexuality and began their systematic persecution.

**1936 June 6:** A national decree on "the Gypsy plague" was announced. State and local police forces rounded up Roma and others said to be behaving in "a Gypsy-like manner."

**July 12:** Opening of Sachsenhausen concentration camp, mostly for German communists.

**Aug. 28:** Germany began mass internment of Jehovah's Witnesses in concentration camps.

awed by Hitler's entourage of diplomats, and men wearing Nazi uniforms and "Court dress."

King was also impressed by Hitler's personal love of mountain landscapes, because "he needs the quiet and nature to help him to think out the problems of his country. It seems to me that in this he was eminently wise."

King took Hitler at face value and read much into his "smooth skin" and facial expressions. Saying that the Nazi leader "smiled very pleasantly," he remarked on the "appealing and affectionate look in his eyes." Hitler's "eyes impressed me most of all," cooed King. "There was a liquid quality about them which indicate keen perception and profound sympathy." Hitler, King said confidently, "is really one who truly loves his fellow men, and his country, and would make any sacrifice for their good."

## Hitler as King's personal 'guide' on the 'path of peace and progress'

King called Hitler a "very nice," "sweet," "calm, passive man" and said "one could see, how particularly humble folk would come to have a profound love for the man." King's own love for Hitler was quite clear. "As I talked to

**1937 July 15:** Opening of the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany.

**Nov. 8:** *Der Ewige Jude (The Eternal Jew)*, a Nazi propaganda exhibit, opened in Munich.

**1938 Mar. 11-13:** Nazi Germany invaded Austria. Street violence against Jews in Vienna was the start of antisemitic riots across the Third Reich that continued until the fall.

**June 13-18:** Police arrested about 9,000 so-called "asocials" and convicted criminals, including about 1,000 Jews. This was the first mass arrest of Jews in Nazi Germany.

**May 3:** Opening of the Flossenbürg concentration camp in northeastern Bavaria.

**Aug. 8:** Opening of the Mauthausen concentration camp near Linz, Austria.

**Sept. 29-30:** Germany, Italy, UK and France sign the Munich agreement to approve Nazi Germany's intent to invade part of Czechoslovakia. That occupation began on Oct. 1.

**Nov. 9-10:** The Nazis burned synagogues, looted Jewish homes and businesses. About 30,000 Jews were interned in the Dachau, Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald camps.

**Nov. 12:** The Nazi "Decree on the Elimination of the Jews from Economic Life" barred Jews from selling any goods or services.

**Dec. 3:** A Nazi decree forced Jews to sell property, businesses and stocks to non-Jews, usually at prices far below market value.

**Dec. 8:** Heinrich Himmler issued the Nazi Decree for "Combating the Gypsy Plague."

**1939 Jan. 30:** Hitler declared that if there was another world war, "International Finance Jewry" was responsible. The result, he said, would not be "the Bolshevization of the earth and with that the victory of Jewry, but rather the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe."

**May 5:** Opening of Ravensbrück, the concentration camp for women, near Berlin.

**Source:** Key Dates, *Holocaust Encyclopedia* [encyclopedia.ushmm.org/tags/en/tag/key-dates](http://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/tags/en/tag/key-dates)

him," King said, "I could not but think of Joan of Arc. He is distinctly a mystic."<sup>4</sup>

In March 1938, King told his diary: "I believe ... the world will yet come to see a very great man-mystic in Hitler" and he "will rank some day with Joan of Arc among the deliverers of his people, and if he is only careful may yet be the deliverer of Europe." Besides seeing Hitler as the potential saviour of all Europe, King also saw Hitler as his own personal "guide." Hitler, King said, was meant to guide me at this time to the purpose of my life—...to help men to know the secret of the path to peace, in industrial & international relationships.<sup>5</sup>

In 1937, King praised Hitler in a letter by saying that he “could do more than any other man living to help your own and other countries along the path of peace and progress.” In another dotting letter (Feb. 1, 1939), King told his “friend,” the Führer, that he wanted

to express anew the hope that regardless of what others may wish, or say, or do, you will, above all else, hold firm to the resolve not to let anything imperil or destroy what you have already accomplished, particularly for those whose lives are lived in humble circumstances .... I hope that you will think not only of the good you can do for those of your own country, but that you will remember, as well, the good that you can do to the entire world.<sup>6</sup>

King ended this adoring 1939 letter to Hitler by saying his message was an “expression of the faith I have in the purpose you have at heart, and of the friendship with yourself which you have been so kind as to permit me to share.”<sup>7</sup> Hitler replied in July by inviting King to send an official delegation to Germany. King immediately wanted to “head the party.” Hitler’s letter, says historian Allan Levine, “lead King to conclude ... that Hitler wanted to work through him to restore peace in the world.”<sup>8</sup> King’s diary reveals his delusion that he was at the centre of a divine plan. With the help of deceased “loved ones,” King said “God” was using him and his “mutual faith” with Hitler to build “peace on earth, good will to men.” King wrote in his diary that:

Canada was being used as a screen to let friendly relations develop in a manner that would ‘save face’ as between Germany & Britain: ... it was a sincere gesture based on mutual faith in each other on the part of Hitler & myself, – ... I felt that ‘forces unseen’ – loved ones in the beyond, – were working out these plans, that there were no accidents, or chances in this but all part of a plan in which God was using man to effect his Will in answer to prayer, the Mediums being those in the beyond who were working for peace on earth, good will to men.... [I]t is a part of the plan for which we are chosen as instruments.<sup>9</sup>

Throughout the 1930s, King had faith that Hitler did not want war with Canada or its anticommunist allies in western Europe. King was so confident in this that he supported Hitler until the very eve of war in August 1939.

After WWII, King began a flood of immigration that welcomed some 150,000 anti-Soviet East Europeans. Among the Nazi collaborators allowed in were thousands of veterans from Waffen SS divisions created, armed, funded, trained and led by Nazi Germany.

**The world’s leading anti-communist, Adolph Hitler, presented our Prime Minister King with this signed portrait at their very friendly meeting in Berlin**



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**Hitler inscribed his photo with this note:**  
*“To His Excellency the Canadian Prime Minister Dr. W.L. Mackenzie King in friendly memory of his visit June 29, 1937 Adolph Hitler”*

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**King loved Hitler’s Hate Speech (Feb. 20, 1938) against their foe: “Jewish international Bolshevism”**

Hitler was a confidence man who gained the trust of millions. Many Western elites had faith that he could fulfil the Nazi’s promise to destroy their shared JudeoBolshevik enemy, based in the Kremlin.

Prime Minister King’s diary reveals his great anticipation for Hitler’s key speech to the Reichstag on February 20, 1938. After hearing the radio broadcast, and the translation of Hitler’s diatribe, King recorded his admiration for the Führer as “the leader of Europe.” *Why?*

In his bellicose tirade, Hitler vowed to unite the world’s fascist forces to fight the demon which he labeled “Jewish international Bolshevism.” Declaring “Soviet Russia” the threat to peace, Hitler assured the world that Germany, Italy and Japan would defend civilisation from Kremlin-based communism:

With one country alone have we scorned to enter into relations.... Soviet Russia. We see in Bolshevism more now than before the incarnation of human destructive forces.... We know it is a small Jewish intellectual group which led a great nation into this position of madness. If this doctrine would confine itself territorially to Russia maybe one could put up with it. Alas, Jewish international Bolshevism attempts to hollow out the nations of the world from its Soviet center. ...

Above all is ... our cooperation with those two great powers which, like Germany, have recognized Bolshevism as a world danger .... Italy and Japan.<sup>1</sup>

In response, King divulged in his diary that he “was most favourably impressed” with Hitler’s “tone and the note of right and justice” in this speech. He then saluted Hitler for leading the way for all of Europe toward “order,” “liberty” and “disarmament,” saying:

Hitler ... stood out as *the* leader of Europe—a voice stronger than any other for order. That secure, then may come liberty,—the light on the horizon has begun to dawn—we shall see gradual disarmament & more effective & collective co-operation.<sup>2</sup> (Emphasis in the original.)

To sum up the Führer’s great promise of “order” to lead the “liberty” of all Europe, Canada’s long-standing Prime Minister revealed his naive confidence that under Hitler’s guiding leadership, Germany would protect peace by fighting their common enemy. “If other countries (Russia!) upset peace of Europe,” wrote King, “Germany will be prepared.”

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