

49/11CANADIAN PARLIAMENT OPENS

The new session of Canada's Parliament opens in Ottawa. Lord Alexander, the Governor General, is welcomed by Prime Minister St. Laurent. For the first time in history, newreel cameras are permitted inside the House. The Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Black Rod, knocks on the door of the Commons, announcing the arrival of the Governor-General (official representative of the King) and bringing his summons for members to attend at the bar of the Senate.

In the Senate, known as the Red Chamber, the Governor-General reads the speech from the throne. Lord Alexander calls for a policy to secure world peace, and praises Mr. McKenzie King, the retired premier, for his distinguished services to Canada and the world.