

BELGIANS VOTE DECIDES KING'S FATE

Belgium goes to the polls to decide the fate of her King. For the first time in her history, women vote in the General Election. At stake is the future of Belgium's monarchy, of the country's exiled King Leopold, whose capitulation to the Germans in 1940 aroused wide criticism. Banished from his country, he now wants to rule again, against the wishes of Premier Paul Spaak and the Socialist party. Although the Socialists have lost several seats, the Catholics are unable to gain the overall majority, necessary to ensure the King's return. With his second wife, Princess de Rethy, Leopold stays in exile, awaiting the call from his country.