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## Requiescat in Pace

WE PAY final tribute today to a great and good man who in his lofty position was personification of the highest ideals of public and private life, a monarch who conducted himself with the principles of serving rather than ruling.

As they bury King George the Good today, we think, however, beyond the personal aspect. In our mourning tribute we pay respect not only to the King as an individual, whom we do well to honor in the fullest degree, but to a tradition which we hold dear and a symbolism which binds us together. Perhaps no other custom than that of clinging to the democratic monarchy could more effectively maintain our unity.

While it is fitting that we should mourn with restraint and respect we need not lose ourselves in sorrow or impose our grief unduly upon others.

A good King is gone—long before the allotted span—but the world and we are the better for his reign and the example of this quiet, unassuming and dignified man of the highest royal rank.

He was the King of Canada and the tribute we paid him in Prince Rupert today was as sincere and as heartfelt as anywhere within the realm.

In due course, we shall salute with joy and enthusiasm a beautiful and fine young woman who we know shall exemplify the same attributes and practice the same principles as did her lamented father.

We mourn the loss but we should not be un-mindful of the gift which we had in His Majesty's life and the promise of his successor whom, even here in Canada, we have come to know and love so well.

He has been laid away among his ancestors. His sufferings are over. His record is untarnished. We can take consolation from all these facts and be glad that, while the man is gone, the great things for which he stood remain for us to honor and maintain.

The good man does live after him. History shall record much good in the reign and record of George VI.

May he rest in peace!

## LETTERBOX

### EDITORIALS APPROVED

Editor,  
Daily News,

I too would like to say thank you, Mr. Editor, for your splendid editorial on Scripture in the schools of February 6. I do feel that we who believe the Precious Word of God to be inspired and have proved to our own soul's happiness, peace and satisfaction that "The preaching of The Cross is, to them that believe, The Power of God unto Salvation." We have been far too slack in letting the unbelievers of this day and age know in no uncertain terms that those who reject God have nothing but a blank to look forward to in this world, and never ending torment in the next. We read in the Bible: "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." There is not the slightest doubt but that Canada or any other country which does not base all they say and do on and endeavor to live according to The Word of God, will sooner or later come under the Judgment of God and suffer unless they turn to Him in true repentance.

I also agree heartily with the

editorial in Tuesday's paper on The Home. It is good to the last word. I would appreciate it, Mr. Editor, if you have the room to print the following Summary of The Word I found years ago and put in the front of my Bible.

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A. THOMSON.



ROYAL SALUTE—A 21-gun salute was fired in Ottawa by a three-gun troop from the 36th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Reserve Force, to mark the accession of Elizabeth to the throne as Queen of Canada. The troop was under command of Capt. H. P. Vergette of Ottawa. (CP PHOTO)

## Parliament Quiet Until King Buried

Many Important Matters Coming Up Next Week

By Alan Harvey  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (C)—The events set in train by the King's death have imposed a temporary stillness on the Houses of Parliament, leaving the rival parties frozen in stances of mutual hostility.

The King's death not only, as in Prime Minister Winston Churchill's phrase, "stilled the clatter and traffic of 20th-century life," but also forced a postponement of party strife at a time when Labor seemed set to offer stern parliamentary opposition.

With the King's funeral today, normal work in the House of Commons is not expected to be resumed until next Tuesday. The unexpected loss of parliamentary time will have the effect of telescoping into a few weeks matters that would ordinarily require longer discussion. As previously announced, the budget will be brought down March 4.

In the brief interval between next Tuesday and March 4 the Commons therefore will have to take up such unfinished business as the foreign affairs debate, which adjourned with a Labor motion of censure still on the books, and a number of government bills which have been published but not yet discussed.

One of the most controversial is the National Health Service bill, which seeks to put an annual ceiling of £400,000,000 on the country's "free" health service.

The additional pressure exerted by the abbreviation of the parliamentary time table may well intensify the controversy expected to develop within the next few weeks. Since the Conservative victory in last October's general election, Britain has experienced what amounts to a political armistice. The Conservatives, back in office after six years on the sidelines, moved cautiously at first and Labor used the same period to orient itself with the unfamiliar role of an opposition party.

### LEFT TURN

Now the two contestants seem ready to renew the fray, once the proper solemnities have been observed.

A few guesses can be made about the coming conduct of the parties. The Conservative strategy seems to be to provoke as little partisan opposition as possible, at the same time not shrinking from unpopular policies. As for Labor, the trend will almost certainly be to the left.

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## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

### Where Rests the Throne

IN THE tragic thirties I heard a North American intellectual blast the traditionalism of the British, which he blamed for stalling human progress:

"If Britain were to go communist tomorrow," he said, half laughing, half angry, "it would be the blinking lords and dukes who would become commissars."

I figure he was half right. For I honestly believe that even if Britain staged the most drastic and complete social revolution the British throne would still remain, secure in the hearts of the people.

The British have a deep instinct for historical continuity. They sense that the throne is the living, vital core of that feeling. No ruddy revolutionary could be dense enough not to see that it is a priceless national, human asset.

THE YEAR Laurier came to power in Canada, the first Chamberlain was colonial secretary, and strong man, in the then British government. But like many other rich Liberals of that time, Joe Chamberlain was an outspoken republican—an advocate of abolition of the monarchy!

You won't find many republicans in the British Labor party today, and I doubt that even in the minuscule British Communist party there are many genuine anti-monarchists, notwithstanding the foreign-inspired "line" in the party press.

Part of this remarkable change was due to political evolution. The Liberals, under Asquith, Lloyd George and Churchill, won Britain's last great constitutional fight around 1910. The House of Lords had vetoed the famous Lloyd George budget, which was the thin edge of what later became the welfare state. King George V was reluctant to accept the advice of his ministers, and to appoint enough new peers to override the Tory veto. But the moment the people spoke, in an election, and the principle was conceded the throne became the servant of the people, and the people were no longer subject to the throne, save only as it could hold their affections.

THE UNIQUE PLACE of the

British throne today rests on the shared trials and ordeals of two world wars, and the continued process of paying for them.

Britain's most terrible test of all time was that which she

faced in 1939. It was above all a moral test. The weak and wobbly government of the day did not want to stand up to Hitler, but the people felt in their bones that they must. They finally forced this government to act.

By one of those miracles of history, the most inarticulate of all British Monarchs spoke right from and for the soul of all his people when he told the world:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'"

"And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the Hand of God. This shall be better than the light and safer than the known way.'"

That is exactly what Britain did do. The British world kingdom stood, alone on this earth, and because it did so stand humanity came through the darkest valley-of-the-shadow that there had ever been in all history.

The British don't talk about this, but they are still paying the price. But they don't forget those who stood with them, either. They don't forget that the now-departed King and the new Queen were there, like the humblest of their fellows.

Mrs. Edward J. Mohr of Madison, Wisconsin, is a visitor in the city for a week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Becker. For the past six months Mrs. Mohr has been at Wistaria during the long illness of her mother, the late Mrs. Edward J. Mohr, who passed away recently.

L. E. Smith, director for the provincial public works, and road superintendent, district, sailed last night for Prince George for a departmental headquarters on official duty.

# King George

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