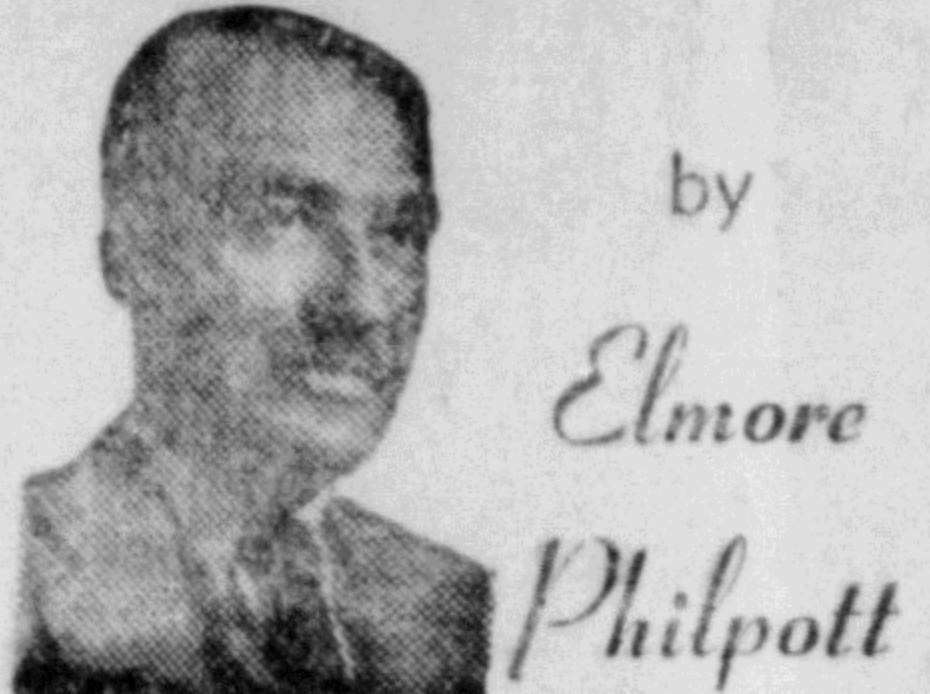


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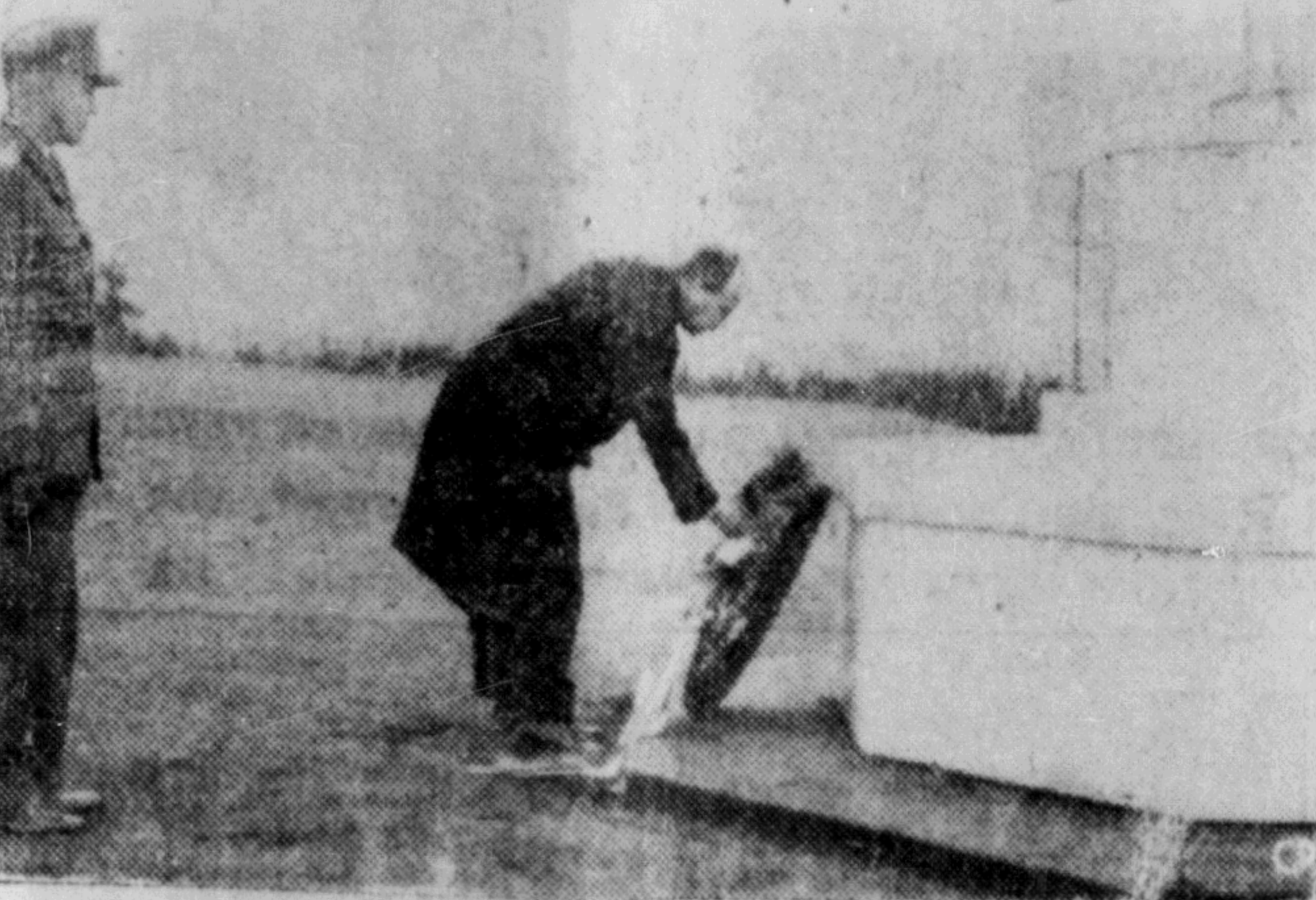
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LT.-COL. HUGUES LAPOINTE, Canadian minister of veterans affairs, places a wreath at the Canadian memorial at Groesbeek cemetery, near Nijmegen, Holland.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce Doesn't Expect Economic Recession

OTTAWA — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, describing Canada as the "land of greatest opportunity in the world," said today there is no basis for pessimism that a cut in defence expenditures will bring an economic recession or collapse.

In its annual submission to the federal cabinet, the chamber—Canada's national business organization—said an easing of international tension should give free enterprise an opportunity to show what it can achieve.

The submission covered policy declarations and resolutions adopted at the chamber's annual meeting in Edmonton Sept. 14-17 and referred to practically all phases of the Canadian economy.

On defence spending, the chamber said it believes any reduction in defence expenditures should be only a minor proportion of present totals "unless and until an effective disarmament agreement is reached and the threat of aggression is removed."

"Moreover, the chamber believes that there are many desirable national projects and alternative civilian demands in Canada . . . to absorb any economic readjustments that may be necessary."

IMMIGRATION — "The chamber believes that the objective of Canadian policy should be a population of 30,000,000 by 1975. To achieve this aim there will have to be more immigrants than have been admitted in recent years."

TAXATION — "The chamber believes that both personal and corporate income taxes are too high for a developing country. State control increases with high taxation."

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Not the least important news escaping from the government's advance plans for the coming Parliamentary session is the intention to streamline the House of Commons rules of procedure.

The aim of the proposed changes will be to shorten the time which the MP's spend in repetitious debate. The argument is that entirely too much talk is required to deal with the program which Parliament faces each year.

The system in the British Parliament presumably will be drawn upon heavily for guidance. The Westminster plan of allowing only a limited time for the routine Speech from the Throne and Budget debates will be adopted.

In Westminster sometimes as little as a day is set apart for these discussions, after which the House must vote. In the Commons here it is likely that three or four days will be allotted to each debate.

Another major change will be the more extensive use of standing committees in the handling of routine legislation. Such matters as departmental estimates, which hitherto have consumed several weeks of the time of the House as a whole, will be referred to a standing committee for preliminary combing. Much of the information hitherto given in the House will be given there.

The new rules will not become effective before the Autumn, 1954, session of Parliament. They will be adopted by the session opening next month. The assurance of their adoption is the fact that they will be presented as a government measure.

Actually, there is a very good chance that the passage of the new rules may provide the first occasion for the St. Laurent government's reliance upon the steam-roller majority which it won in the late August election. The opposition parties are almost certain to be united against changes as sweeping as these which will be proposed. The logic of this is simple: the rules of the House are designed in large part to bolster the rights of the opposition minority; any abridgment of them automatically extends the power of the government side of the House.

The most popular argument which the government will advance in favor of the new rules is their effect in shortening the length of the Parliamentary session. The inducement will be held out of a cut of a month or more off the time that the MP's will have to spend in Ottawa. It is only a short time, of course, since the pay of the MP's was increased handsomely to compensate for the longer time they are having to spend in Ottawa. But then, as is well known, Parliament never worries too much about the consistency or otherwise of its actions.

HALLOWEEN NOTE — YORKTON, Sask. — A giant-size pumpkin measuring 67 inches in circumference was grown this summer by Mrs. Bill Barrett. The monster weighed 78½ pounds.

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A. Y. JACKSON, one of the founder-members of Canada's "Group of Seven" whose work aroused international interest in the 1920's, looks at one of the more than 160 of his paintings on display at the Toronto Art Gallery.

Canada's Growth May Give Tax Relief To Some Citizens This Year

By HAROLD MORRISON — Canadian taxpayers, told to expect no major tax cuts in next year's federal budget, can hope that the country's economic growth will produce some relief.

Experts say that despite the probability of another \$2,000,000,000 defence budget in 1954, the growth of Canada's national production may permit a few tax cuts, likely in the personal income and corporation tax fields.

Finance Minister Abbott, however, made clear in a speech last week that no major cuts are likely until 1955.

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Clad in the royal purple of his prose, he yet walks the earth in full-blooded enjoyment and lion-hearted fellowship with the people from whom he once demanded blood, sweat and tears.

And now the rubicund and cherubic face is crowned with a laurel wreath. It becomes him well.

Some may wish that instead of the Nobel Prize for Literature he had received the Nobel Peace Prize—in recognition of his heroic attempts this year to turn the course of the cold war, that struggle of giants which he himself was first to forecast at Fulton, Missouri, in 1946.

But history will have to pass judgment on his hopes of moving toward peace through top-level conferences, while his achievement in letters is already writ large and bold for all to see.

Sir Winston stands as a living monument to the power of words. Perhaps no statesman in the English-speaking world since Lincoln—that lanky commoner so profoundly unlike him in most ways—has been able to clothe his thoughts in such imperishable words. Beveridge, in his memorable life of Lincoln, concluded that it was as a writer of English prose that the Great Emancipator's fame in future centuries was best assured, and perhaps the same may be said of Churchill.

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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

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On the platform and in the press, in British Columbia, the subject of "liquor by the glass" has been frequently seen and heard. Also in the Bible! From certain verses in Ecclesiastes "Wine taken with sobriety is equal life to men." "If thou drink moderately, thou shalt be sober: "Sober drinking is health to soul and body."

Why is it that females do not like being addressed as "my good woman?" "My dear" is a contemporary. For the same reason, doubtless, that men hate being called "my good man."

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Soldiers Asked To Return Home

MUNSAN (AP) — Cpl. Edward W. Dickenson, who quit the Communists to return home, appealed today to 22 American war prisoners who chose to stay with the Reds to "take my advice and come back home."

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Dickenson, of Big Stone Gap, Va., made his appeal in a letter which will be distributed among his friends now held by Indian guards in the neutral zone of Korea.

It is the first attempt to persuade the 22 Americans to change their minds and return home. The Allies have until Dec. 23 or 24 to talk with the balky POWs.

Dickenson was turned over to the United Nations command Wednesday after telling Indian guards he was through with communism.

His letter to his former comrades is now in Munsan awaiting transmission through the Indian command, which runs the POW compounds.

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Aren't you satisfied with the good wages you are getting? Have you ever before had this good, steady wage that is now coming in to you from the mill? Have you ever really sat down and thought of the benefits you receive from the Cellulose Company, a company you should be proud to work for and have faith in?

How are you going to pay your rent, or payments on that house you're building, your car pay-

ments, let alone the grocer, etc.? So, you charge it up until such time as you go back to work. Who is going to stand back of the grocer, butcher, fuel dealer, etc.? They have to pay their bills promptly, or else.

What about your wife and family? Do you think they are going to appreciate you very much when you come home with no pay cheque?

Why not try to help level prices off a bit instead of helping your cost of living go up? Stop and think before you vote . . . one month on strike and it will take you a year to get caught up; more than a month on strike, will you ever get caught up?

Is what you lose while being on strike going to be worth what you might gain in the far distant future? —One of many worried housewives.

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