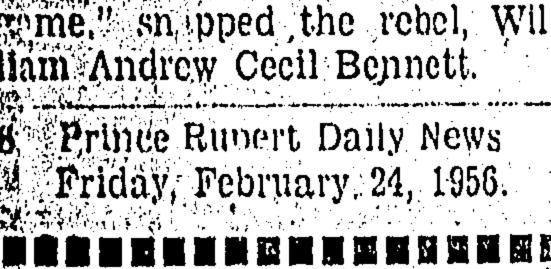
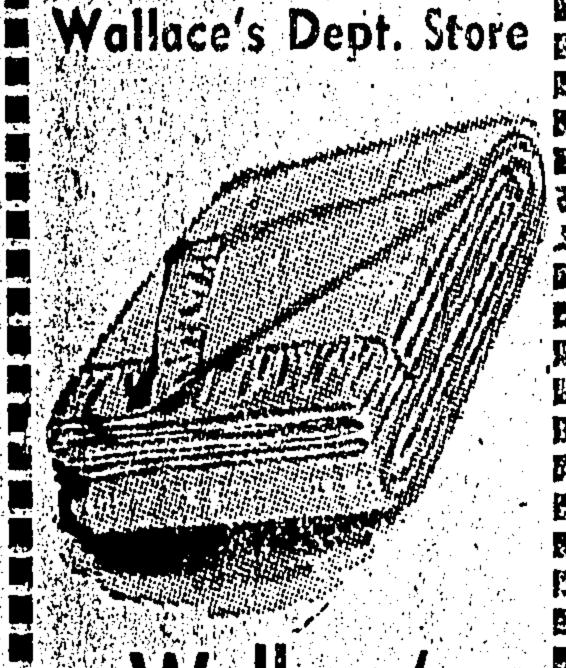
Bennett Said 'Gracious Personality, Slickest Politician' Man Who Lashed Coalition Colleagues

trenched leadership.

Likes To Use Title Prime Minister By PETER MURRAY Canadian Press Staff Writer

ernment benches of the British NOT FINAL ANSWER. Then, after losing a bid to win Columbia legislature one spring II you would believe his pub-control of the party, Bennett day in 1951 as the young rebel lic utterances, this was the climade one of his rare political member for South Okanagan max to W. A. C. Bennett's spec-miscalculations. He resigned his needled his former colleagues. "I do not view politics as a me." sn pped the rebel, William Andrew Cecil Bennett.





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A year later he was installed Tories and Liberals in a coalition as the province's 25th premier at government. Within his own VICTORIA (D)—Angry laughter the head of a new Social Credit party he fought against the enand jeers spouted from the gov- government.

> tacular political career. "My ambitions do not lie to- the federal election and was de-

> ward Ottawa," he has said. But as a man who prides him- ination in the by-election for his self on his ability to take a "sec-old seat and lost again. His enond look," this cannot be taken emies said he was through. ás a final answer:

"A robust and pink-cheeked 55, nett. With typical verve and the premier makes you think he bounce, he tried for the nominstill has new fields to conquer, ation again in a general provin-He exudes confidence and dis-cial election the next year, won plays an enthusiasm for his job it and the seat.

that is almost boyish. Most important, his remark-riding his own leaders in the able energies are channeled to o moon for meir maction. Mr. one vocation—politics. His first Bennett began to hone his de-|| dareer as successful small-town bating talents. ; businessman left behind, he is when a cabinet minister bristlobviously exhilerated by his new-led under the attack and protest-

found position and prominence, ed, Mr. Bennett would flash Almost from the moment he broad, disarming smile: made his maiden speech in the legislature in 1941, it was ap- an ax-I hope the government parent that Cece Bennett was won't be so sensitive in the bound for the top.

AGAINST COALITION Sitting as a Conservative, the And so he became "smiling" young member never hesitated to Cece Bennett. He had learned express his disapproval of the an invaluable political lessonwartime marriage of the keep your temper when the other

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herit in the country he said on his return. The rest is history. The provincial general election in June. 1952, resulted in the collapse of the oldline parties as Social



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fellow loses his. It is a skill that

has driven many of his legisla-

ture opponents to distraction.

Eventually Mr. Bennett crossed

the floor of the House to sit as

in independent after delivering

That dramatic inoment came

ber of that year he threw in his

Social Credit after

a speech assailing the govern-

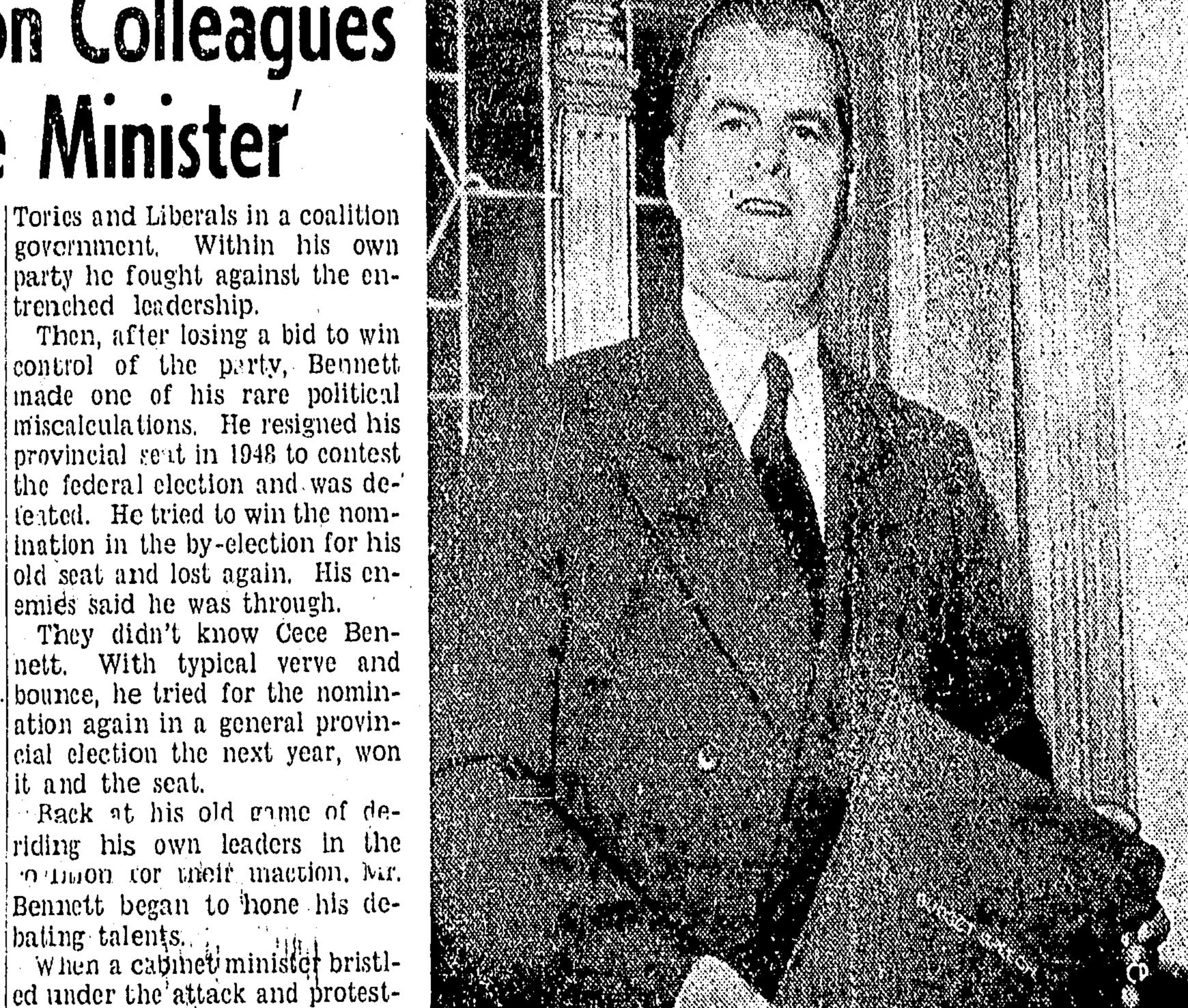
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enough to form a minority gov- For a time he carried an at-

and installed as premier.

LED PARTY TO VICTORY Since then he has led Social Credit to victory with an increas- him of being an "opportunist." ed majority in the 1953 election and claim he is still really a Conand success in four out of five servative in Social Credit dis-

Many factors are responsible spoken manner has earned him political skill and popular appeal of Premier Bennett. 🦥 💒

The premier appreciates the ernment affairs. the second "newlest Canadian"

paper editors—next to External Affairs Minister Pearson. ranked seventh in 1955—the only

provincial premier on the list." When the legislature is not in session most of his news originates at twice-weekly press conferences. Seated behind • ; long, glass-topped desk, the premier parries reporters' questions—always guarding government secrets but saying just obough to ever had."

make, at story. The his always to Last 1811, a her describing matter of the situation and only setteral-provincial conference on rarely has lost patience with a taxation as a "fiasco." he passed persistent questioner.

gain—often by flamboyant ges- "more important" business. CRITICISM STOPPED

When Reeve Joseph Casey of the premier was accused ing from new government legis- tended. lation, the premier made a public | "He's a hard worker with little offer to buy the reeve's house at time or inclination for social the assessed value. He was turn-levents," said the friend, "and in

After a Social Credit degisla-| business." priving the voters of represen-|friends, with an evening tation and took action to force bridge the usual pastime.

a by-election in the spring. eatled for a by-election within leach day. three weeks. The Liberals, eaught short, cried "foul" and | family home in Kelowin, head+ failed to find a candidate, quarters of the Bennett five-Social Credit won,

He likes to use the title "prime | ited by his two sons. A married

tache case bearing that inscrip-Mr. Bennett, as one of the two tion. When critics claimed he Social Credit members with prev-wasn't entitled to use it, the ious legislature experience—some premier displayed a letter from iad never seen the buildings be-Buckingham Palace signed by fore—was duly chosen as leader the Queen's secretary addressed 💂 🖔

"My dear prime minister : . . . ' He has been the target of much i criticism. His opponents accuse guise. The premier's brash, out-

for Social Credit's support in the some enemies although he's reprovince. Not the least is the cently shown signs of mellowing. But colleagues like the way Premier Bennett conducts gov-

Donald Robinson, new Social knack for keeping his name in Credit member for Lillooet, in his tions against being forced in her the news. In 1953 he was voted opening speech in the current trump suit by continued diamond legislature session said:

"Rome wasn't built in a day; Hethere, it would have."

J. K. Nesbitt, veteran legispert Daily News columnist; concluded a recent column on the premier: ". . . there's no doubt about it, he's turning himself into a very gracious' personality, as well as one of the slickest politicians we've

up a dinner tendered by Prime Premier Bennett has a flair for Minister St. Laurent for the proturning criticism into political vincial premiers because he had

The incident caused critical comment across the country and Saanich municipality, just out- "snubbing" the prime minister. side Victoria, protested increased! A triend says the attack was! assessments on property result-too harsh, that no shub was in-

ed down, but the criticism stop- this case simply wanted to get Istarted on other government;

sure member died last fall, the The premier lives modestly premier said he would not call with his wife, a former school a by-election for several months, teacher, in a suburban apart-Liberal leader Arthur, Laing ment overlooking the sea. They promptly charged him with de- have a small circle of close

Buckled in with a safety belt, That caused the premier to the premier drives alone in his take a "second look" and he car to the legislative buildings was cracked.

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He sensed that his partner was

weak in spades or diamonds, pos-

sibly in both, and that she held;

She had failed to bid two no

trump after Mr. Dale's spade

and diamond bids. In addition,

she had rebid héarts rather than

rebidding the club suit, sug-

gesting a heart holding of pretty;

Her jump to three hearts was

an overbid but of course Mr. Dale

ter hearing the three heart bid

off as three no trump is beat-

South dealer, East-West vul-

made against any lead.

NORTH

Mr. Dale

SOUTH

Miss Brash

▼ A K J 10 6

* K 9 8 7 5

my's ace. Now, she figured that

not afford the luxury of a trains

If it lost, she knew she would

be pumped in diamonds and then

pumped again when the enemy

got in with their sure club win-

ner. If the opposing hearts were

divided 4-2, this would reduce

her trump holding to a shambles

and the hand would blow up in

Beginning at trick two, then.

she cashed the ace and king of

hearts, then led the ace, the king

and a third club. Mr. Meek won-

the third club and fired back a

Miss Brash ruffed and led a

good club. Mr. Meek ruffed with

the nine of hearts and continued

diamonds, But Miss Brash's

Coresight had paid off. She ruff-

ed again and led her last club.

Mr. Meek ruffed with the queen

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hearts but, he was now

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Mrs. Keen

♠ Q 9 S 6 5 2

nerable.

an unbalanced hand.

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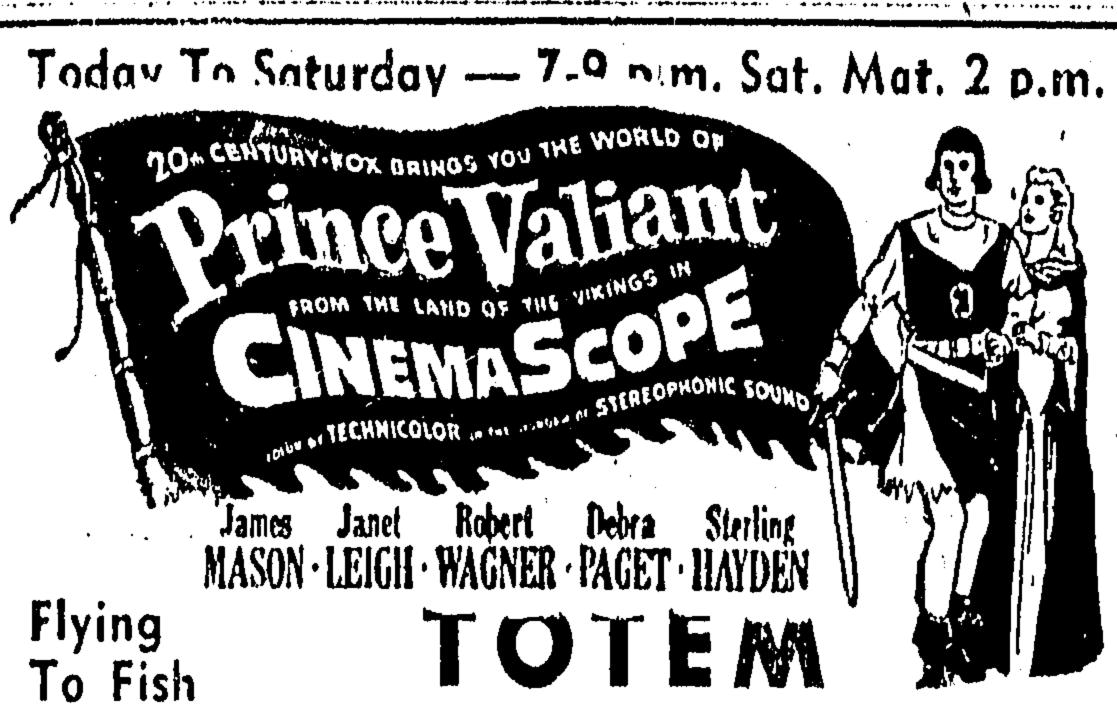
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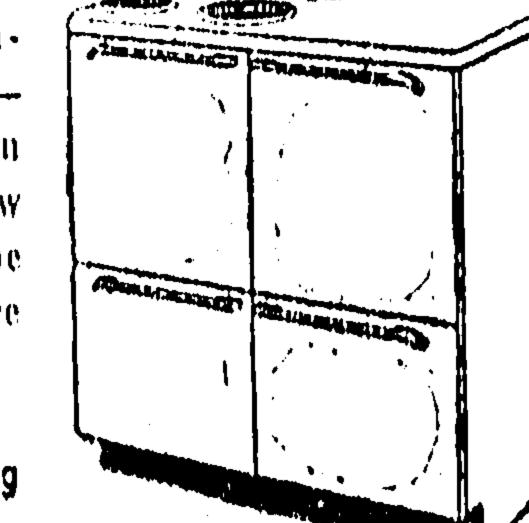
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