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## Great Loss to B.C.

TOMORROW the last mortal remains of E. E. "Ernie" Winch will be removed from human sight but his memory will linger with thousands with whom he came in contact. For in the 24 years he served the people of this province in the British Columbia legislature, he met thousands upon thousands of people, on all of whom he left a remarkable impression. Fearless and outspoken both inside and outside the legislature Ernie Winch was known as a humanitarian who worked for the poor and humble and championed causes that were sometimes unpopular with governments and voters alike. But he always weighed all sides of the question before he fought his battles.

Premier Bennett said of him "Mr. Winch was one of B.C.'s finest public servants. In all the years I have known him, he has never once taken a purely partisan attitude to any public issue."

Through his extensive study visits to prisons, asylums and other institutions throughout the province and elsewhere in Canada, Mr. Winch was respected as an authority on difficult social problems. While he was well-known for his prison and asylum reform projects he also launched a cottage-subdivision plan for senior citizens in Vancouver. He knew that elderly people, pensioners have pride in their ability to do a certain amount of work for themselves and his cottage homes gave them the independence they sought and all within them small allotments without the feeling of being in an institution.

Of such projects national CCF leader M. J. Coldwell said:

"He did more to promote the welfare of housing for Canada's old-age pensioners than any individual and government department in Canada."

Ernie Winch had his own set of standards and words of caution he once gave his family serve as a fitting tribute to the man himself. His son Harold with whom he served 23 years and four months in the legislature said the elder Winch had once told his family when the rain was coming through the roof of their upstairs flat and there was little to eat:

"When I die, I can't leave you any money."

"All I can leave you is the memory of a father who gave you the best education he could afford—and who would never sell out his principles for a job or money."

## "Frills" Teachers Fault Too

THE retiring president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation complained in his valedictory address that the modern teacher has taken on far too much responsibility for the children in his charge.

Education has become everybody's business, he claimed, and this meant that everyone told the teacher what to do and also left many things for him to teach which used to be instilled in children in the home.

We hope that the teachers, through their associations, will resist to the full any further attempts to foist unwanted tasks on them, and will also try to get some of the present frills out of the schools that have already been accepted.

But we might point out that it was the education tyros themselves who first started to talk about teaching the 'whole child.'

Parents took them at their word and now they are stuck with this theoretical concept in practical and exhausting form.

We might suggest to the teachers that they keep a strict watch on the theorists of their profession as they do on others who encroach on their time and energy.

What may be one man's thesis for a degree in pedagogy, may be several thousand other men's extra-curricular burden.

—The Kingston Whig-Standard.



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## As I See It

by  
Elmore Philpott

### New British PM

HERE is a true story or perhaps a journalistic fairy tale, which may tell a lot about the new British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan.

During the Hitler war the British and American allies were carrying on their Mediterranean campaign in French North Africa. The political problems connected with that campaign were quite as difficult as were the purely military tasks. Not only was it necessary to get the British and Americans really working together as a team. It was also necessary to keep the allegiance of the Free French under General De Gaulle and to work out the best possible arrangement with the Vichy French.

To deal directly with these intricate political problems Prime Minister Churchill appointed Mr. Harold Macmillan as a cabinet minister with a brand new title.

Early in that campaign Mr. Macmillan undertook to give personal instruction to some of the British political liaison officers sent out to that theatre of war. He called them in, and at least according to the published legend, instructed them about as follows:

"In every headquarters in the area you will find a big man, smoking a big cigar, and with his feet up on the desk. He will be your superior officer. Remember you are a Greek in this new Roman Empire."

In the above I am quoting the legend from memory, and maybe missing some of the fine points of the classical illusion.

The reference was of course to the old Roman Empire, where the Greeks took over more and more of the intellectual, cultural and even political leadership although the Roman military power remained dominant in the huge multi-lingual empire.

MR. MACMILLAN becomes prime minister of Great Britain at a time when there is a vital, even desperate need, to rebuild the British-American alliance on a firm and fair foundation.

What was at the heart of the Suez crisis? Surely it was that the British and French governments rebelled at the lack of true partnership in their relationship with the United States.

Leaving aside for the moment the question of whether the British and French governments were wise in having decided to take direct action at Suez, there can be no doubt that they were goaded into their action by the clumsy previous go-it-alone policies of the U.S.A.

In the course of the earlier few years, the American government had taken every possible

### U.S. Business Fighting Rising Prices

By WALTER BREDEE JR.  
NEW YORK (AP)—Businessmen found themselves under increasing pressure last week to hold rising prices.

President Eisenhower set the tone.

Inflation, he said in his state of the union message, is "the principal threat" to our economy. He added:

"Businessmen... should avoid unnecessary price increases, especially at a time like the present when demand in so many areas presses hard on short supplies... Increases in wages must be reasonably related to improvements in productivity."

Signs of consumer resistance to increases were reported by gas dealers in Texas. Auto dealers said some customers were balking at higher price tags on new cars.

Builders said the new year had been ushered in by a rash of price increases for cement and lumber.

Land costs were reported higher. Building trade spokesmen predicted that prices would be up by substantial margins.

Price boosts were announced for specialty grades of steel. Prices of foreign-grown raw sugar touched their highest level since 1951.

The trend toward higher newsprint prices broadened. Crude oil boosts became industry-wide. Regardless of whether consumer price resistance was to blame, there was no question but that sales of most makes of new automobiles were lower.

One of the economy's bright spots was the farm equipment business. Major manufacturers were calling back laid-off workers.

The steel industry continued to operate at non-record levels last week. Mills and demand for sheet steel from the auto makers was below expectations but no letup was foreseen in demand for structural steel and oil drilling equipment.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By JAMES R. NELSON

A tolling up of the personal points won and lost by John Diefenbaker in his new role as Conservative Opposition Leader showed a healthy credit balance at the end of his first week.

It was an unusually busy one for a man who has long been on the fringes of and is still getting used to being in the centre of important events in Parliament. In all of his appearances so far, he has carried the show off well—brilliantly in some cases.

Technically, Diefenbaker did not actually become Leader of the Opposition until his party caucus voted him confidence on Monday, the day before the new Session opened. After the caucus meeting, he was bounded by the Press Gallery. Wednesday afternoon, his first major speech in the Commons as Opposition Leader was up to every mark expected of him.

One thing is clear from all of this. Parliament and politics are going to enjoy more sharp repartee than it has been accustomed to. To the maxim that an Opposition should try "to propose nothing, oppose everything, and turn out the government," Diefenbaker added: "With the first two obligations, I am in disagreement, but I say, sir, that in this year of grace the third would seem to be one worthy of adoption."

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## Laing Assails Report

### Of Commission

VANCOUVER (UPI)—B.C. Liberal Leader Arthur Laing says the Gordon Commission report threatens to push Canada headlong on the road to greater government control...

"The commission seems to have no fear of big government," he said in an interview Saturday. "They plan to tell the farmers what to do. They plan an energy authority whose controls would reach into every man's business."

Mr. Laing also said there will be "general dissatisfaction" with the commission suggestion that Canada export surplus power.

"Canadians are sold on keeping our water power here and telling world industry to bring its plants here and, if necessary, its workers too."

Progressive Conservative Leader Deane Finlayson said the report will be of great value in plotting the proper course of Canada's future.

## LETTERBOX

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME  
The Editor,  
The Daily News:

We all know we should help our fellow men, but like myself and others who agree with "Fed Up", Charity begins at home. We have men and women in our own country who need work. I am also sure that the Social Welfare here have many needy cases on their list.

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## THE DIESEL ISSUE

The following statement was made at Ottawa, January 11, 1957, by N. R. Crump, President, Canadian Pacific Railway:

"Service on Canadian Pacific will be restored as quickly as safe operation of the lines can be assured and in some areas trains will be operating within a matter of hours; the longer delay in other areas will be caused by snow and winter conditions but it will not be long before the public has full Canadian Pacific service once again.

"From the outset of our differences with the Firemen's Union, Canadian Pacific has been motivated by its duty to provide safe, economical and what I consider to be truly efficient railway service. Finality of labor disputes is essential to railway transportation such as we provide; Canadian Pacific thought in order to bring that finality about, any inquiry must be binding. Under the terms of the settlement reached there will be a judicial inquiry into the Diesel issue, as well as two subsidiary issues. There is no agreement that makes the decision binding but the Prime Minister and his colleagues, who have had much experience, stated in the House as well as to the parties concerned in the dispute that after the investigation which is now being arranged finality will be achieved. I have accepted this assessment.

"Thousands of Canadian Pacific customers have demonstrated in the last few days great patience and understanding. I do thank them for this and particularly for the many messages of encouragement they sent me.

"To all employees of Canadian Pacific, the strike has been a difficult period. On their return to work I know they, as in the past, will meet the challenge of providing to the public transportation service worthy of the great traditions of Canadian Pacific."

—The Kingston Whig-Standard.

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