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Manning Premier,
Choice of Caucus

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PREMIER ERNEST CHARLES MANNING

... eighth premier of Alberta.

TO CARRY ON BATTLE

To Name Cabinet At Early Date, Is Belief

EDMONTON, May 31 (CP)—Hon. E. C. Manning, 34-year-old provincial secretary and minister of trade and industry in the former Aberhart government, was sworn in by Lieut.-Gov. J. C. Bowen as premier of Alberta today after being chosen by a Social Credit caucus to succeed the late premier William Aberhart.

Mr. Manning, who acted as deputy premier in Premier Aberhart's absence and was a close friend of the social credit leader who died in Vancouver on May 23, had been freely mentioned as the most likely choice to succeed Mr. Aberhart.

With his appointment to the premiership, Mr. Manning faced the temporary responsibility of filling all cabinet portfolios until he chooses his cabinet. Mr. Aberhart's death automatically cancelled the appointment of all members of his government and all ministers in the new Manning cabinet will be required to be re-sworn into office.

The new premier could re-appoint all the former ministers with the odd new members to fill the portfolios of education and the attorney-generalship left vacant by Mr. Aberhart's death, or he could juggle or appoint an entirely new cabinet.

NAME CABINET SOON

It was believed the new premier will appoint his cabinet as soon as possible.

With his appointment, Mr. Manning becomes possibly the youngest provincial premier in Canada at 34. When he entered the Alberta government in 1935 at the age of 26 to become provincial secretary, he was the youngest cabinet minister in Canada's history.

Born on a farm at Carnduff, Sask., Sept. 20, 1908, of English parentage, he was attracted by Mr. Aberhart's radio broadcasts from the Prophetic Bible Institute at Calgary. He first met the social credit leader in 1934 when Mr. Aberhart was laying the foundation of his social credit movement.

FRIEND OF PREMIER

He became a close friend of the premier, and was the first cabinet minister sworn in when the Aberhart government swept the polls in 1935. Mr. Manning himself gained election in Calgary.

In the 1940 election he was re-elected in an Edmonton constituency, heading the poll by a large majority.

During his years in the government, Mr. Manning grew in popularity among the members, and was considered one of the cabinet's most capable men.

He now makes his home in Edmonton.

TO CARRY ON BATTLE

Premier Manning said in a statement that the battle carried on by Premier Aberhart for the social and economic security of the people will be "carried on with unrelenting vigor".

"I feel very deeply the honor which has been conferred upon me through having been called by his honor, the lieutenant-governor, to form a government following the unanimous endorsement which was given me by the social credit members of the legislature," he said.

"Even more than this high honor, I feel the great responsibility which attaches to the offices to which I have been called. It will be my earnest endeavor to discharge this responsibility faithfully and efficiently ever keeping in mind the good and welfare of the citizens of Alberta.

"RELENTLESS VIGOR"

"The people may be assured that it will be my determined purpose to continue the fight for their social and economic security and freedom in accordance with the mandate which they gave in 1935 and renewed in 1940.

"The courageous battle which was waged to this end by the late Premier Aberhart will be carried on with unrelenting vigor. I know that thousands will join with me in my determination that the great work he so well began will be carried on to a victorious conclusion.

"The immediate task at hand is the organization of a new government and I hope to have an an-

nouncement in this connection within the next few days."

RADIO CONVERT

Once a Saskatchewan farm-boy, Mr. Manning landed under the dome of the Alberta legislative buildings because he once heard Mr. Aberhart talking over the radio. At 18, Mr. Manning bought the first radio in Rosetown, Sask.

One Sunday he heard Mr. Aberhart broadcasting from his Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute.

"It got me," Mr. Manning said of that incident. He packed up and went to Calgary to take a course at the institute. He was its first graduate.

He became more than a graduate, Mr. Aberhart virtually adopted him and he went to live at the Aberhart home, lectured at the institute and generally became Mr. Aberhart's first lieutenant.

Determined to Seek Monetary Reform

By Les Wedman

Eight years ago a slender, sandy-haired man of 26 first set foot in Alberta's legislative building. A freshman as far as politics and the technique of government went, he arrived, burning with ambition, and people pointed to him as Ernest C. Manning, the youngest cabinet minister in Canada.

Today at 34, that same man, still as slim as ever, with signs of grey about his temples, has both feet planted firmly behind a large mahogany desk under the legislative dome. He's Alberta's new premier, still the youngest in such a high position in Canada, and the only Social Credit premier in the world.

He still burns with ambition, and you can see determination and sincerity in his keen blue eyes as he tells you of his absolutely unshakable confidence "in Alberta's future and the soundness of her financial position."

As he talks to you, his slender hands twirl a pencil and you get the idea those same hands can just as easily plan that future for the province. When he talks his voice is low, but clear, and in it is a conviction of faith and good intentions.

There seems to be no doubt at all as he visualizes Alberta as a great industrial province after the war.

"I can't emphasize too strongly," he says, "that Alberta has a great industrial future. It has the diversification of resources, oil, gas, coal, timber, water-power and climate, all essential for industrialization. The province also is strategically and geographically placed in the world that it is bound to attract industrialists."

The new premier recognizes the greatest factor which is certain to attract hundreds of thousands of tourists to Alberta is the Alaska highway.

"The opening of the route to Alaska and the north area is focusing the attention of industrialists and manufacturers to this part of Canada. It will contribute a great deal to the actual industrial development of Alberta.

"Many persons will come to see for themselves what they hear about over the air and read about in the newspapers. Once they do, they'll stay," he states.

A westerner by birth, Mr. Mann-



Here is the first photograph of Premier Manning at his desk in the premier's office.

ing smiles. "You just can't beat the west."

He tells you he's 34, but actually he looks older, except when he chuckles and smiles. Then he looks actually boyish.

A Busy Man

"I guess I don't have time for hobbies," he laughs, and you don't ask "why not" because you know the premier is a busy man. You can't even interview him without interruptions. He answers questions in between telephone calls and conversations with other ministers over his inter-office dictagraph.

You realize he's in a hurry, and he realizes you realize it, but he doesn't try to rush you. You find out he's a lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, tries to attend parade twice a week, but "can't give it as much time as I'd like to."

He has spent the last two years' vacation period with the reserve army at Sarcee camp, but now with the premiership he doesn't think he'll be able to do that.

He can't go on active service and says "when a man can't go active, it's next best to stay in the field of work he can do." Just what Mr. Manning thinks he can do and intends to do, he outlines as follows: "It is our intention to continue fighting the fight for the monetary reform which is

absolutely necessary if the people of Canada are to enjoy economic security and freedom which is rightfully theirs.

"While we are carrying on the fight for monetary reform, we are determined to give the people of this province the best possible administration in our power—a sound, honest government—and to administer their affairs in accordance with their will as expressed in the mandate of 1935 and again in 1940."

Two-Fold Task

That, he says, is the two-fold task of his new government.

In addition, he intends to carry on where his friend and predecessor, William Aberhart, left off. Broadcasts to the people of Canada will be continued in the fall.

Besides his political life, Mr. Manning still intends to carry on his religious activity. He conducts services and has a Bible class at the Edmonton Prophetic forum.

Then, too, he still will find time to read the funny papers to his two sons, or ride them piggy-back around the house, because he is above all, a family man.

And, if you're in the vicinity of the Manning household and you see a young man, shirt sleeves rolled, weeding his garden, cutting his lawn or puttering around the yard, take a second look, because that will be the premier of Alberta.

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Social Credit Bill Seen As 'New Magna Charta'

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BY STAFF REPORTER

EDMONTON, April 17—The Alberta Bill of Rights, enacted at the recent session of the legislature, "May well become the basis of a new Magna Charta for the Canadian people in years to come," Premier Manning declared in a radio address tonight.

He said the statute, which proposes to ensure every Albertan 19 and over an annual income of \$600, is "one of the most important pieces of legislation ever enacted in a Canadian legislature.

"It's provisions have a very direct bearing on the good and welfare of each and every citizen of Alberta, and indirectly of all Canada." (The act is to be referred to the courts for a ruling on its validity before being proclaimed law.)

The premier said the act was "in no sense an arbitrary Social Credit plan, nor is it a cut and dried social security measure or a mere program of monetary reform."

It was an endeavor to reduce to simple language and embody in statutory form what most Canadians regarded as their rights of citizenship.

The underlying principle of the financial aspects of the act was that for every dollar's worth of goods produced there must be available to consumers a corresponding amount of purchasing power.

PURCHASING POWER

Purchasing power was dependent on: 1. The amount of actual money and legal tender currency. 2. The amount of "credit or cheque book money for which no corresponding amount of legal tender currency exists."

The province had no jurisdiction over the first, but the bill of rights dealt with the expansion and control of the second.

The bill of rights "does not propose that the province should issue

any form of script or credit vouchers or certificates to circulate as a provincial medium of exchange," he continued.

It simply proposes to control credit through a board of credit commissioners to ensure the people at all times "have one dollar of purchasing power for every dollar's worth of goods they produce."

This new purchasing power would be distributed by social security pensions and other benefits.

"So far as the public is concerned, there will be little or no difference in the present methods of doing business."

Manning Sees Battle Against Materialism

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By KEN KELLY

EDMONTON, Nov. 26. (CP).—Premier Manning last night said he foresaw a military conflict in a day not too far distant, unless the world's political, economic and financial ills were remedied.

He made the statement in closing the annual convention of the Alberta Social Credit League which earlier gave him a vote of confidence after ousting rebel members from its ranks.

Two diametrically opposed ideologies which are irreconcilable and impossible to isolate geographically are fighting in the political field, he said. One is Godless materialism in the form of Socialism, Communism and Collectivism, and the other is Christian Democracy.

The exponents of Godless materialism are fanatics who will do everything to spread their doctrine by infiltration. Because of this, one or the other ideology would prevail "in an inevitable conflict."

Mr. Manning said the Marshall plan for European recovery is artificially bolstering the economies of Canada and the United States because goods are being sent to Europe but the money return for their production remains on this side of the Atlantic.

He said to do this was simply extending into peacetime the effects of war-time economy with the difference being that Europe is saddled with a burden she never will be able to throw off.

Production in Canada and the United States is being "sabotaged at the expense of labor, by Communist infiltration into unions and by excessive taxation."

The motives of the saboteurs are to delay recovery in Europe and permit Communism to expand by holding up the Marshall plan and to discredit private enterprise and pave the way for Socialism.

He said every C.C.F. supporter in Canada and Socialist is playing into the hands of Communists by forwarding these motives.

One of the financial ills is that inflation prices are eating into the savings of the general public. When

these savings are gone and the "artificial bolster" of the Marshall plan is ended, "you'll be right back in that tragic economic paradox you saw before—a surplus of goods, but a lack of buying power."

He said he saw the world joining battle in the field of ideological and monetary policy to root out the political, economic and financial evils or joining in military conflict.

Manning Lashes

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ALBERTAN

Canadian newspapers are part of a "universal brainwashing scheme," Premier E. C. Manning charged Thursday night.

In an all-out attack on opposition parties and newspapers, the premier told the closing banquet of the annual convention of the Social Credit League of Alberta that, in a crucial hour in world affairs, "so-called news" was colored and slanted by those "who have no respect for the truth."

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SUBTLE PROPOGANDA was being carried on to convince people of false ideas. "Propaganda is the stock in trade of Liberal policies," the premier charged.

In last summer's provincial election, he went on, "the puppet Liberal party," under the instructions of the national party, had followed the policy that if big enough lies were told often enough they would impress some of the people some of the time.

Purpose of the "brainwashing" campaign, the premier said, was to make people "aggressive in support of that which will destroy them."

MEN AND WOMEN had become aggressive advocates of state collectivism and "some are even dumb enough to embrace the Liberal philosophy for the same reason."

He lashed out at a statement Thursday by B.C. Liberal leader Arthur Laing which described the convention's proposal for participation dividend payments from the provincial treasury as "proof of the ascendancy of the lunatic fringe in the Alberta party" and "socialism, communism and fascism all rolled into one."

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The comments, Mr. Manning said, were "stupid." Private enterprise, he noted, paid dividends to shareholders. "Why is it any different for a government to pay back to the people a share of the proceeds of our natural resources," he asked.

THOSE IN POWER, the premier charged, had used a brainwashing technique by trying to convince people there was no solution to economic difficulties.

He urged Social Crediters to spread the word that "there is a simple and scientific system of distribution which can do the job" of selling Canada's wheat surplus.

He told delegates they were the only source of the truth and urged them to "counter-act aggressiveness for evil with aggressiveness for good."

Also speaking at the banquet was Irene Reid, third vice-president of the Calgary Social Credit Constituency Association who urged young people to inform themselves of Social Credit principles.

To Represent Alberta Women At Coronation Of The Queen



Mrs. Ernest C. Manning, who will be the gracious representative of the women of Alberta at Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey on June 2, is pictured in the gown she will wear on the occasion, and to the reception for Commonwealth premiers and their wives at Buckingham Palace on June 5. The Premier and Mrs. Manning will leave on Sunday for New York to sail on Queen Mary for England.—Photo by William Kensit Studio.

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Manning Stresses Need For Young 'Core' In Party

Basic Party Principles Outlined

One of the great needs in any worthwhile movement is a strong core of young men and women who have a sound understanding of the objectives for which you are striving," Premier E. C. Manning said here Saturday.

He was speaking to delegates attending a province-wide Young Social Crediters Convention at the Jubilee Auditorium.

A grasp of the basic principles of the movement through which the objective is reached is also a necessity, he said.

Mr. Manning outlined the basic principles of the Social Credit party and said: "The individual is the most important factor in organized society. The principle for which organized society exists is not to submerge the individual and lose his identity, rather to set up conditions which enhance an individual's assets and help his progress and development."

The danger in organized society, the premier said, is that individuals band themselves together to achieve objectives which they could not attain alone. "The constant risk in organization is that the organization will become most important and the individuals pushed into the background."

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ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Speaking of the economic structure of the country, Mr. Manning said the purpose of production is consumption, and many people seemed to have lost sight of that concept. "Production is not to make people wealthy or invest power in them," he said.

Present conditions are little less than a crime against humanity and sabotage society Mr. Manning said. In some places, production is only used to preserve price levels. "Undue production is something nobody wants. Production should be encouraged in lands where there is need or human desire," he added.

"Money should be, in a properly organized society, a medium of exchange for the distribution of services."

CONTROL OF CURRENCY

Mr. Manning spoke of the production of money and credit in modern society. In his opinion, he said, the state should have an effective control over the currency of the nation.

"Individual freedom imposes individual responsibility and discipline," he told the young Socreds.

"We should keep the right relationship between money in circulation and the value of the dollar, used to measure purchasing power".

He advocated dividends and pensions sufficient to live on, with taxation accounting for the redistribution of money.

A lively question period followed his talk, and the Socreds asked questions on trading stamps, which Mr. Manning said were banned, not because they were causing competition between merchants, but because they were affecting the cost of living by adding an unnecessary cost to the price of things.

INTEREST HIKE UNWISE

Questioned on the increased interest rates, brought into effect a short time ago, Mr. Manning said he thought the increase "a very unwise decision". It had meant the borrowing of millions of dollars from the United States, and the exchange and interest rates is now "prohibitive," he said.

He admitted considerable weakness in the current teachers' salary scale, which should be more flexible, he said.

On the subject of mining local coal for export to Japan, he said as a nation that has a great surplus of things, we have a responsibility to other parts of the world. He suggested direct trade agreements with other

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countries for exchanging necessities. The opening of mines would, he said, provide work for many, and even if the payment was deferred, those in need of coal would receive it and nothing would be lost.

HOW TO WIN VOTES

Another speaker at the convention was O. A. Kennedy, president of the Alberta Social Credit League whose topic was How to Win an Election.

He advocated knowing the constituency and the people in it as one of the best ways of winning an election.

He also spoke of the dollar as just a medium of exchange and told delegates: "The hungry 30's can come back."

"One man in Canada is in control of more than 51 per cent of all the food sold in the country and 76 per cent is in the hands of three men. If people are hungry, they are going to do anything. If Communists want to come into Canada, they only have to get at three men," he said.

"There is no industry remaining on its own. The corner grocery man has a very important part to play in the community. There has had to be a de-valuation of quality to keep up with the dollar," he added.

Any centralization policy by any party means the party is Socialist in effect, he said.

Reports from the Calgary and Edmonton Socred branches, formed this summer, showed a 500 per cent increase in membership in both cities.

Voting on resolutions to be presented at the provincial convention this week, took place.