

# Welsh Scholar Cool To Churchill Career

By DAVID WRIGHT  
LONDON (AP) — A Welsh scholar has claimed that Sir Winston Churchill was "guilty of a series of gross errors that it was almost impossible to take him seriously." In one of the first reappraisals of Churchill since his death Jan. 24 at 90, Coronary Rees, former principal of Aberystwyth University College, expressed his criticism in an article titled "After the Ball Was Over, in Encounter, a magazine of opinion. Rees said the adulation for Churchill at the time of his death made it "difficult to remember that for the greater part of his career he had been an object of suspicion, mistrust or indifference, and that up to the war it had been singularly barren or any solid or permanent political achievement." Surveying Churchill's career prior to the Second World War, Rees continued: "One of the most striking features . . . is that he was never able to organize, either within or outside the Conservative party, a solid and coherent body of public opinion in support of his poli-

cies. "He was . . . wrong about intervention in Russia; he was wrong about the return to the gold standard; his antics in the general strike (of 1926) were such that, if his colleagues in the government had imitated him, it might have developed into civil war; he was wrong about India; he was wrong about Mussolini, about Spain and, initially, even about Hitler; he was absurdly wrong about the abdication. "Turning to Churchill's wartime leadership, Rees declared: "Any fair assessment of Churchill's wartime administration would have to take into account the question whether Churchill's incessant bullying of his military advisers, and his interference in spheres where his judgment was singularly fallible and erratic, did not in fact hinder rather than assist the efficient conduct of the war." But Rees adds: "It was Churchill's merit as a politician, which also gave him his claim to greatness as a statesman . . . that from youth upwards he instinctively understood that war was the determining factor in the history of the 20th century and had the courage to face and accept the consequences." Rees, 55, is a distinguished scholar who held his university post for four years. He quit in 1957 after a row over articles he wrote on Guy Burgess, the British diplomat who defected to the Soviet Union.

# House-Building Materials Reach Record High Prices

OTTAWA (CP) — House-building material prices rose last month to a record but non-residential building material prices held steady at their early summer mark, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has reported. The index of residential building materials, based on 1955-56 prices equalling 100, rose half a point to 344.5. The index of non-residential building materials, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, held steady at 148.

While the indexes show the changes in construction materials prices since their respective base periods, economists say that other factors entering into construction industry costs are exerting heavy pressures at present. And the indexes alone are not a completely accurate guide to present trends, statistical experts say. In the case of the residential building materials index in particular, new methods of construction and changes in the impact on total construction costs of one component or another have thrown the DBS index out of whack. The residential materials index now stands more than four per cent higher than it was in September last year, 336.1. The index of non-residential materials is 4½ per cent higher. While the residential index dipped a fraction last October it has risen steadily, with a marked jump at the outset of this year. The non-residential index, on the other hand, reached a peak of 148.5 in July this year and has since fallen off. In the first six months of this year building permits were issued for \$799,403,000 worth of

new housing and residential repairs, an increase of 17 per cent over the same period of last year. But there was an increase of 48 per cent in the value of industrial and commercial construction covered by building permits issued in the first half of 1965, to \$370,292,000 from \$249,453,000.

GIVES NO BREAKDOWN  
Wednesday's report did not break down the total indexes into their components. The new plan would benefit the needy aged 65 and over, widows, disabled persons and the blind as is done now under four separate programs, but payments would vary from one person to the next according to their needs. Mr. Gordon, Liberal campaign chairman, told the weekly Liberal press conference that details of the plan will be worked out at a federal-provincial conference shortly after the Nov. 8 election. The provinces would be asked to finance a share of the plan. Prime Minister Pearson said Friday that persons between \$100 and \$125 would be

# New Needy Aid Is Explained By Mr. Gordon

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proposed to the provinces for elderly persons with no other source of income. Mr. Gordon said discussions on the assistance plan have already been begun with the provinces. MAKE SURE OF SUCCESS  
Saying his confidence has increased since the campaign opened, he predicted his party will win a clear majority and reduce the strength of the "small parties." Liberal candidates had an average age of 44, three years younger than in the 1963 election. The only riding without an official Liberal candidate is Richelieu-Verchères and Justice Minister Lucien Carlin is expected to get the nod Friday night. Mr. Gordon said the New Democratic Party's campaign is not getting off the ground, the Creditistes are fading in Quebec and the Conservatives are led by a man who has no understanding of the economy. "I'd hate to think of a return to the confusion and contradictory policies of the Diefenbaker government," he said. TRAFFIC MEN SMILE  
OTTAWA (CP) — The new \$10,000,000 Macdonald-Cartier Bridge spanning the Ottawa River between this city and Hull, Que., got its first weekday tryout Monday and left traffic experts wearing broad smiles. Ottawa police said there were no snags reported.



**STUDY STARS PRIOR TO MONDAY FLIGHT**  
Astronauts Walter Schirra, left, and Thomas Stafford study astronomy device at Cape Kennedy where they are getting ready for the Gemini 6 space flight scheduled for today. This picture was released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). (AP Wirephoto)



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# Juvenile Delinquency Seen Major Problem

By BRENDA LARGE  
OTTAWA (CP) — A federal government report on juvenile delinquency in Canada, which may be released shortly, will reveal that the problem is one of major proportions, Solicitor-General Lawrence Pennell said here. Mr. Pennell, speaking at the 14th annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, said: "The scope of the problem may require that we, as lawyers and judges, may have to undergo special training in the various aspects of delinquency prevention and control." He said it is his personal opinion that juvenile delinquency control "may need much more than a simple amendment to the Juvenile Delinquency Act (of the Criminal Code)." The report the solicitor-general referred to now is in the hands of Justice Minister Lucien Carlin. It was written by a committee set up in 1962 by former justice minister Fulton across Canada.

The committee, headed by Penitentiaries Commissioner Allen J. MacLeod, is to recommend steps which the government should take to meet the problem. Mr. Pennell said he did not know when the committee's report would be ready for release, but that it now is being printed. Commissioner MacLeod told a reporter later he thought it should be ready "within a few weeks." Solicitor-General Pennell told the family court judges he had only read part of the report so far, but that it indicated juvenile delinquency in Canada is a "social problem of major importance." "Whatever the extent of the problem is, as revealed in the report, it would appear that it is going to be bigger unless preventive action is taken." About 50 judges from across the province attended the annual meeting, scheduled to end today.

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**STEAL FOR REASON**  
Earlier Friday, two judges told an interviewer that young Indian children purposely commit petty theft in order to be placed in Ontario training institutions. The two judges, who did not wish to be identified, said the among young Indians from about the age of 8 on. The children and teen-agers wanted to get into the training institutions because conditions were so much better there than in their homes.

**B.C. Hotel Chain Follows Industry To Forest Areas**  
VANCOUVER (CP) — A British Columbia hotel chain is following sophisticated industry into the forested frontier. Its young president says the key to the young operation is full servicing—designed to make these compact hotels the centre of community life. "The day when a hotel could look to its beer parlor operation as the key to success is gone," says Bill Pattison, 38, an equal shareholder with four other Vancouver businessmen who founded Delta Properties Ltd. in 1962. The hotel, particularly in the outlying areas of the province, must do more than just sell rooms and provide a place where a person can buy a meal and drink. "It must provide convention facilities, large lobbies and meeting rooms. "The hotel, basically, should be the centre for social and industrial life in the community." OPERATES 4 PROJECTS  
The company owns and operates the \$1,500,000 Vancouver Airport Inn, due for a \$600,000 expansion; the \$2,000,000 Discovery Inn at Campbell River and a \$1,000,000 commercial project at Tahsis, both on Vancouver Island. It has taken over operation of a \$3,250,000 hotel at Prince George due to open this December. Mr. Pattison said Delta Properties is pursuing industrial expansion, especially in the pulp and paper field, with cosmopolitan-type hotels. It is not trying to compete with downtown establishments in major cities, but it is aiming at the same kind of luxury. Delta began as an investment concern, "but it soon became evident that to create the kind of hotel we wanted we had to go into the operating end as well," said Mr. Pattison.

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