

Famous Last Words

One of Canada's most distinguished writers, Mr. Timothy Findley, will read from his new novel, **FAMOUS LAST WORDS**, At the Great Geroge Stree Gallery at 8:00 p.m. March 25.

Timothy Findley was born in Toronto, Ontario, on October 30, 1930. His secondary education was interrupted by illness and his teachers advised the family that education under a formalized system would be less successful than self-education. An actor for 15 years, Mr. Findley was a charter member of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival in 1953, and a contract player with H.M.Tennant of London from 1953 to 1956. He worked with such luminaries as Alec Guinness, Peter Brook, and Tyrone Guthrie, eventually touring the Soviet Union in Scofield's *Hamlet*. A tour of the United States even brought him to Hollywood. After many radio, television, and stage roles in Canada, Mr. Findley began writing professionally for radio, television film, and theatre in 1962.

Timothy Findley's reputation as a script writer blossomed after seven episodes in the CBC's *The Whiteoaks of Jalna* in 1971. Also in that year he won the Armstrong Award for the *Journey*. His career has been further distinguished by an ACTRA Award, which he shared with his friend William Whitehead, in 1975 for writing eight episodes of the *National Dream* and the Anik Award

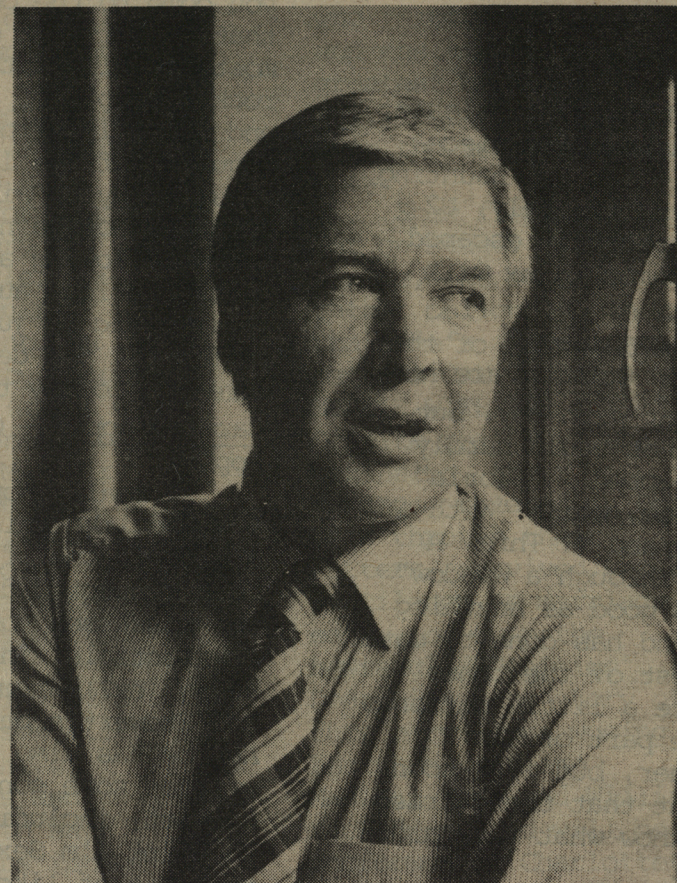
also shared with William Whitehead, in 1980 for *Dieppe 1942*. His credits also include episodes for *The Newcomers*, 1832 and 1911, and *Other People's Children*. His work in the theatre has been showcased in Ottawa with the play *Can You See Me Yet?*, which was staged at the National Arts Centre in 1976, and in London with *John A. -- Himself*, which was staged at Theatre London in 1979.

The Wars, the novel with which Mr. Findley won the Governor-General's Award for 1977, was his third novel. His two previous novels are *The Last of the Crazy People* (1967) and *The Butterfly Plague* (1969). *The Wars* has been translated into eight languages and will soon be released as a film.

The book, from which Mr. Findley will be reading, is narrated by an expatriate American writer, a Fascist campfollower and a protege of Ezra Pound -- Hugh Selwyn Mauberly. It is 1945. Facing death, Mauberly creates a testament which is one of the most

astonishing documents of our century. And he etches it with a silver pencil on the walls and ceilings of the hotel in which he is hiding. He documents the murder of decency and reason, political plots and intrigues, and tells

the dramatic story of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Timothy Findley's **FAMOUS LAST WORDS** is an ambitious and terribly powerful work, which will certainly win this author international acclaim.



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