

DAVID IVOR, 1912–1961

DAVID IVOR died suddenly in London, England, on September 22, 1961. He was forty-nine years of age. At the time of his death he was on leave of absence from the University of Western Ontario in order to pursue economic research in England. For this purpose he had received a Nuffield grant.

A native of Strathroy, Ontario, Ivor received his BA degree at the University of Western Ontario in 1933, and won the gold medal in honours economics and political science. Following graduation he joined the staff of the London Life Insurance Company where he worked in the investment department for approximately six years. In the meantime, he obtained the MA degree in Economics at the University of Western Ontario.

In 1939 Ivor was awarded a British Council Scholarship, which enabled him to study at the London School of Economics. His academic work at the LSE was interrupted by the Second World War. In 1940 he joined the Canadian Army Overseas and served at its headquarters with the rank of major. At the close of the war, Ivor resumed his studies and received the PhD in economics at the University of London in 1946.

Upon his return from overseas in 1946, Ivor joined the faculty of the University of Western Ontario as Assistant Professor of Economics and Political Science. When Middlesex College was opened at the University of Western Ontario in the Fall of 1960, he was appointed head of the Department of Economic and Political Science at Middlesex.

Ivor was a specialist in government finance and contributed articles and book reviews on this subject. His purpose in going to England this year was to study the British government's policy with reference to the transferring of the economic resources out of declining industries into expanding areas. He was engaged also in the preparation of a book on public finance designed mainly for use as a text by university students.

Whether working for the government of Canada during the summer months, engaged in one of his own projects, or serving on numerous University committees, Ivor was always meticulous in his efforts. He was satisfied with nothing short of perfection. An able teacher, he inspired students to make the most of their opportunities. His broad general knowledge, keen insight, and ready wit made him a delightful companion. David Ivor's untimely death deprived the academic community of a member who was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

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