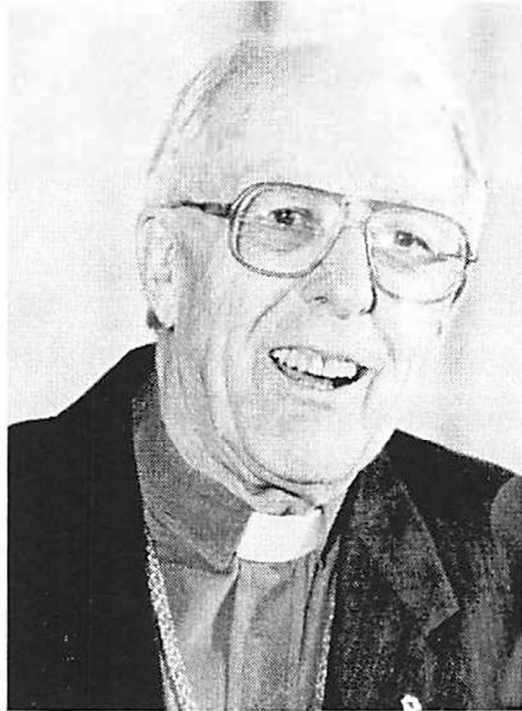


Archbishop 'Ted' Scott

1919 - 2003

Archbishop Ted Scott was devoted to a life of activism in his church, his country and the world. He saw no difference between his deeply held moral beliefs and the championing of critical social and political issues.

Born in Edmonton in 1919, to Kathleen Frances and Rev. Tom Scott, an Anglican priest, he grew up in the Depression. He sought answers to those troubled times, often debating with his father about society and politics. After his university degree in history and English he entered Anglican Theological College at the University of British Columbia and was ordained in 1942.



His first parish was in Prince Rupert, B.C., followed by two in Winnipeg. He was later director of social services and priest-director of Indian Work for the diocese of Rupert's Land. In 1966, he became the Bishop of Kootenay in central B.C.

Through all this he was seen as energetic and hardworking, and constantly engaging with people and all their problems.

In 1971 Ted Scott was elected as the youngest Primate of the

Anglican Church of Canada, a position he held for 15 years. He also served as Moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, Geneva (1975-83). In both positions he led the engagement in difficult and controversial domestic and international issues, including a focus on the evils of apartheid in South Africa. He was invited to join the Eminent Persons Group to work for an end to apartheid.

He took strong stands on the rights of native peoples in Canada and their land claims, on debt and development of Southern countries, on the nuclear arms race, on support to Southern liberation movements, on homosexual rights and the ordination of women to the priesthood. These positions generated strong criticism from the media, business circles, the

political arena and his own religious community. Some dubbed him the “Red Primate”.

After retirement he continued to advocate and act on many of these issues, associating with various organizations to do so. He was named to the Order of Canada in 1978 and awarded the Pearson Peace Medal in 1998.

Rev. Scott and his wife, Isabel Florence (Brannan), whom he married in 1942, had four children - Maureen, Douglas, Patricia and Jean.

June Callwood wrote of him, “His legacy, for me, is that he never wavered – however daunting the adversities he faced – from the path of honour.”