

Canada's unity, he certainly hasn't been able to do anything about it for 11 years. In English-

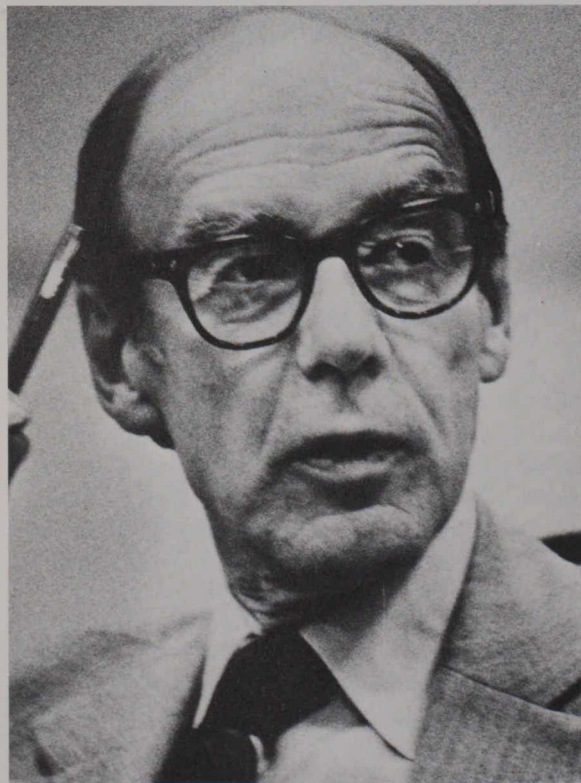
speaking Canada there is now a very widespread dislike of Trudeau. Whether he can overcome it during the campaign is something else again.

Q. If the campaign focuses on economic issues, will the NDP gain significantly?

A. As far as our constituency is concerned, I think Mr. Broadbent will be able to maintain those as the issues. The very strong, organized support that he and the party are now getting from the Canadian Labour Congress should produce important results in industrial areas.

When I was leader and the press would ask me about our chances on a broad scale, I always used to tell them that I am neither a prophet nor a descendant of a prophet. If I were a newsperson though, I would say that the NDP has a good chance of improving its position in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The Canadian Labour Congress is very, very active in Ontario, and their support may not only bring back the three seats we lost in 1974, but may open doors in industrial places like the Niagara Peninsula, Hamilton and so on. In British Columbia the NDP has a very good chance of winning quite a number more than the two they now hold. There is also, undoubtedly, a very good chance that the NDP will gain in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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Q. Where does the Conservative party have its greatest strength?

A. Our greatest strength is in western Canada, especially in the Prairies and in British Columbia. I don't think there will be very much change in the Maritime provinces. The conventional wisdom, and I think probably its right, is that the election will be determined in Ontario, particularly southern Ontario.

Q. What issues would help you?

A. From a Conservative point of view the issue is the record of the Trudeau government. I don't think there is any way Mr. Trudeau can avoid having his record as a principal issue, although of course he will, naturally, try to focus on the present and the future—and on the contrast between himself and Mr. Clark, on leadership capacities, perhaps using energy issues for this purpose. Even on the question of national unity, I don't see how Mr. Trudeau can avoid his record. The fact is that the country is less united than it was ten years ago, and the fact is that separatism has increased in strength during Trudeau's period as prime minister.