



Jeanne Sauvé

Mrs. Sauvé, who was elected for the first time to the House of Commons in 1972, was immediately appointed to the post of Minister of State for Science and Technology. Re-elected in 1974, she became Minister of Environment, then last year was named Minister of Communications.

Mrs. Sauvé was graduated from the University of Ottawa, received a diploma in economics in London and was also awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in French Civilization from the University of Paris in 1952.

Following the tradition of altering the Speaker's position between francophone and anglophone members, Mrs. Sauvé succeeds anglophone Speaker James Jerome who was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Federal Court.

For the first time also, the Speaker of the House is not a lawyer. Before entering federal politics, Mrs. Sauvé was a journalist for Radio-Canada.

Major oil find in Alberta

Canada has another crude oil discovery of major proportions: the second such success in three years, reports Thomas Kennedy in the *Globe and Mail*, February 8.

Between two billion and three billion barrels of medium gravity oil have been identified in a string of separate pools tentatively named the Riverbed Trends of southeastern Alberta.

In total volume it is four times the best estimates given on the West Pembina Field found in 1977.

Canada uses about 1.8 million to two million barrels of oil a day and has to import about 25 per cent of its needs.

Serious probing of the shallow yet hard-to-find oil prospects began in earnest about a year ago. In recent months the petroleum industry has accelerated both land acquisition and exploratory efforts in an area extending south from the Alberta towns of Countess and Duchess through Brooks, Taber and Bow Island to the Montana border.

Dome Petroleum Ltd. of Calgary is said to have struck a subterranean sandbar near Bow Island, containing about 50 million barrels of sweet crude in place. Other targets, at depths below 3,000 feet, are believed to be even more promising. Dozens of smaller but still commercial oil pools have also been pinpointed in as many as six parallel trends.

There could be as much as 500 million barrels of oil in each of the riverbed trends, experts have said. Most of the pools found so far appear to average between 10 million and 60 million barrels of oil in place.

Approximately 70,000 square miles, the central portion of the area is regarded as the prime prospect zone. It will soon be subjected to intense competitive bidding in acquisition as well as drilling.

Youth employment program

A new summer youth employment program encouraging private sector employment, has been announced by the Department of Employment and Immigration.

The \$110-million program will be designed to support projects proposed by established non-profit organizations, local governments and federal departments and agencies. The mix of assisted projects will vary from province to province to avoid duplication in federal and provincial employment activities.

The program will also increase funding for the Department of National Defence's Cadet and Reserve Training Program which will now receive \$12.6 million. The third part of the program, involving the private sector, will make available a total of up to \$500,000 for Chambers of Commerce willing to promote the hiring of youth by member companies.

In addition to the funding provided for the summer youth employment program, over \$10 million has been allocated for the operations of Canada Employment Centres for Youth and for a National Hire-A-Student advertising and promotion campaign, both of which will be aimed primarily at the private sector.

Canadian Forces Buffalos for Zimbabwe Rhodesia



Three Canadian Forces Buffalo aircraft were flown to Zimbabwe Rhodesia to provide air transport for the Commonwealth election observers. The short take-off and landing (STOL) aircraft are ideally suited to short, semi-prepared landing strips predominant in the African nation. The military support group is expected to remain in Zimbabwe Rhodesia until sometime in early March.