

The Tories Pick a Leader

The United States and Canada do not have identical forms of government.

Both are democracies but the United States is a republic, Canada a constitutional monarchy.

The United States balances power among its executive, legislative and judicial branches. Canada has a parliamentary government and power is centred in its House of Commons.

On June 11th Canada's Progressive Conservative Party elected a new leader, Brian Mulroney. If the PCs can secure a parliamentary majority after the next general election, Mr. Mulroney would become the Prime Minister of Canada.

In this special edition of *Canada Today/d'Aujourd'hui* we report on the process by which he was selected and several others were not.

Judgment Day

Joe Clark, who was Canada's first Tory Prime Minister in twenty years, briefly in 1979, took a chance last February when he called a leadership convention, but it didn't pay off. He was beaten at the June convention by Brian Mulroney, on the fourth ballot, 1584 to 1325.

The leadership race began unofficially more than three years ago when the minority Progressive Conservative government suffered de-



The winner—Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila.
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REGIONAL STANDINGS HOUSE OF COMMONS

	PC	Lib	NDP	Ind
Atlantic	12	19	0	-
Prairies	12	2	14	-
Alberta	20	0	0	1
BC	16	0	11	-
Ontario	38	51	6	-
Quebec	1	74	0	-
Territories	2	1	0	-
Total	101	147	31	1

2 vacancies-BC and NS

feat in the House of Commons after only nine months in office. The abruptness of the defeat embittered many party members and inspired a number of others who began quietly building their own campaign organizations.

The two most significant challengers were Mr. Mulroney, an active party member who had, however, never held elective office, and John Crosbie, who had been Finance Minister in Clark's government. They and several others went public last February after the party caucus meeting in Winnipeg gave Clark a faltering 66.9 per cent vote of approval and he called for a leadership convention.

The voting at the convention came on the sweltering second Saturday in June as 3009 registered delegates crowded into Ottawa's biggest ice arena. There were eight candidates, with Clark, Mulroney and Crosbie far ahead of the rest.

It took three hours to count the 2991 votes