

CANADIAN ROUNDUP

Davis Wins In Ontario

Premier William Davis led the Progressive Conservative party to a sweeping victory in the Ontario general election on October 21. Mr. Davis, 42, fighting his first election since winning the party leadership when former Premier John Robarts stepped down in February, won convincingly throughout the province. The Conservatives elected 78 members, the Liberals elected 20 members, and the New Democratic Party had elected 19 members. The Conservatives won 44 per cent of the popular vote (42 per cent in 1967), the Liberals 28 per cent (31 per cent in 1967), and the NDP 27 per cent (26 per cent in 1967). At dissolution in the 117-seat House, the Conservatives held 68 seats, the Liberals 27, the NDP 21, and there was one independent. Liberal leader Robert Nixon called the election a "strong and really substantial victory." All three party leaders were re-elected in their own ridings.

Canada's UN Contribution

Canada has been assessed \$4,891,000 for the general budget of the UN in 1971, the External Affairs Department said on October 27. The Canadian share, 3.08 per cent of the total, was up from 3.02 per cent in 1970 when Canada contributed \$4,557,388.

Canadian Contribution To UNDP

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announced on November 1 that Canada has decided to raise its contribution to the UNDP to U.S. \$18 million for 1972. This is an increase of \$2 million or 12.5 per cent over the 1971 contribution.

Liberals Behind in Nfld Election

Premier Joseph Smallwood said on October 29 he would continue "to carry on the business of Government" pending recounts and legal actions resulting from Newfoundland's history-making general election on October 28.

The 22-year-reign of Premier Smallwood's Liberal Government was abruptly halted as the Progressive Conservatives elected 21 members to the 42-seat legislature, cutting Liberal strength to 20, the lowest in provincial history. The New Labrador Party won

the other seat and may hold the balance of power in the next Legislature. The possibility of changes still exist however as several seats were close, including one which the Conservatives won by just four votes.

Conservative Leader Frank Moores said Mr. Smallwood should not try to form a government because "he does not have the confidence of the people."

Premier Smallwood announced on November 11 that he will call a leadership convention in January. He said he would step down as leader regardless of the final outcome of the election. He would not accept renomination, he said.

CFL

Both Eastern and Western Conferences of the Canadian Football League went right to the wire with week-end games deciding final playoff positions. Toronto Argonauts, runaway Eastern Champions were beaten 23-15 on October 31 by Hamilton Tiger-Cats after Ottawa Rough Riders took a 9-7 decision over Montreal Alouettes on October 30. These results left Hamilton in second place in the East with Ottawa third and the Alouettes outside the playoff picture after winning the Grey Cup last year.

In the sudden death Eastern semi-final on November 6, the Tiger-Cats defeated the Riders 23 to 4.

In the West, Calgary Stampeders blew a 31-7 decision to BC Lions on October 30 and Saskatchewan Roughriders went down 28-12 to Edmonton Eskimos on October 31. This left Calgary on top of the Conference with Saskatchewan second, ahead of Winnipeg Blue Bombers. BC and Edmonton followed in order. In the sudden death Western semi-final on November 6 Saskatchewan defeated Winnipeg 34 to 24.

Federal-Provincial Economic Conference

Finance Minister Benson told Finance Ministers and officials from the 10 provinces that all signs point to strong economic growth although unemployment remains the primary problem in Canada. He spoke at the

opening of a Federal-Provincial Economic Conference on November 1. Mr. Benson said, except for food price increases, even the cost of living was moderating. He cited consumer spending and housing as well as the government expenditures as sources of strength. The provinces brought a variety of complaints to the meeting. Ontario called for credits on personal income tax to offset part of the burden of sales and property taxes on lower-income families. Saskatchewan and Manitoba criticized Ottawa for acting too slowly and timidly in fighting unemployment. They predicted only slightly reduced unemployment next summer and the same levels next winter.

Nobel Prize For Canadian

The Nobel Prize for Chemistry is to be awarded to Dr. Gerhard Herzberg it was announced by the Swedish Academy on November 2. Dr. Herzberg, 67, a physicist with the National Research Council in Ottawa, was cited by the Academy "for his contribution to the knowledge of the electronic structure and the geometry of molecules, particularly free radicals. Under Dr. Herzberg's dynamic leadership, his laboratory has attained a unique position as the foremost centre for molecular spectroscopy in the world."

Canadian-Yugoslav Agreement

A Canadian Yugoslavia agreement signed on November 4 by External Minister Mitchell Sharp and Yugoslavian Foreign Minister Mirko Tepavac pledges the two countries to seek ways of increasing the flow of scientific and technical knowledge between them. The two also discussed the possibility of an air link between Canada and Yugoslavia. They said tourists would be allowed to visit each others countries without visas as soon as administration arrangements can be completed.

New Bank Notes

On November 8, Canadian banks issued new \$10 notes, featuring more color and an engraved portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first Prime Minister. Current \$10 notes will continue circulating until worn out.