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NEW CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Mr. John Diefenbaker has accepted the invitation of Governor General Vincent Massey to form a new Canadian Government, and as of Friday, June 21, will as Prime Minister head a Progressive Conservative administration.

Following a Cabinet meeting on Monday, June 17, Mr. L.S. St. Laurent met briefly with Mr. Diefenbaker, then proceeded to Government House, where he submitted his resignation to the Governor General. Summoned to Government House that evening, Mr. Diefenbaker, the Prince Albert, Sask., lawyer who led the Progressive Conservative Party in its successful bid for power in the June 10 general election, replied in the affirmative to the Governor General's question as to whether he could form a new administration.

Mr. Diefenbaker and members of his Cabinet, who have not yet been named, will be sworn in on Friday. Then on Monday, June 24, the new Prime Minister will leave for the United Kingdom to represent Canada at the forthcoming conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Mr. Diefenbaker will be the 13th Prime Minister since Confederation in 1867.

Pending recounts which are expected to be held in several constituencies because of the closeness of the vote, the results of the June 10 general election, with the soldier

vote tabulated, show the following party standing:

Progressive Conservative.....	109
Liberal.....	104
CCF.....	25
Social Credit.....	19
Ind.....	2
Ind. Liberal.....	2
Ind. P.C.....	1
Lib-Labour.....	1
Deferred.....	1
Vacant.....	1

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The soldier vote reversed the narrow decisions in favour of the Progressive Conservative candidate in Yukon Territory and returned the seat to the Liberal fold. Another P.C. loss was suffered through the sudden death June 16 of Dr. W.G. Blair, M.P. for Lanark, Ontario. The deferred election in Wellington South, Ont., is scheduled for July 15.

The P.C.'s now hold 21 seats in the Atlantic Provinces, 8 in Quebec, 59 in Ontario, 14 in the Prairie Provinces, and 7 in British Columbia. Liberal seats are: Atlantic Provinces 12; Quebec 62; Ontario 20; Prairie Provinces 6; British Columbia 2; Yukon 1; Northwest Territories 1.

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