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 conceded that the real victors of the debate were Canadian women.

Regionally, the breakthrough for the Tories happened in Quebec. Two weeks before election day a Gallup poll had indicated the Tories were out in front in the longtime Liberal fortress.

"It's reminiscent of 1976 and the antipathy towards (Robert) Bourassa," one Quebec Liberal organizer told *The Globe and Mail*. "The difference is that in 1976 and in 1981, people weren't facing up to reality. This time people are—and if we had a good organization, we could pull it off. Regrettably, I don't think we have the organization anymore."

As the election wound down

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ows should receive half the pension credits earned by their deceased husbands.

During the televised three-way debate, Mulroney made noticeably few specific promises, instead stressing his commitment and concern.

On the pornography issue, all three leaders said they would amend the criminal code to include gender under the hate literature section.

The three parties agreed a

Turner accused Mulroney of being a "let's pretend Liberal." What many will be speculating on is what the Tory party really has in mind once in power. This election has been characterized by a Conservative leader leaning to the left and a Liberal leader leaning to the right, but what gets forgotten in the pursuit of personality politics is that these people lead parties with historical policy positions that are not being debated. For example, although Brian Mulroney is making all the right noises about women's issues (albeit vague), we cannot forget that his party is overwhelmingly against affirmative action. The so-called "hidden agendas" are the surprise we will all be waiting for after the Sept. 4 election.

national registry should be created to track down spouses truant in paying child support and alimony.

On abortion, Broadbent strongly supports freedom of choice, meaning accessibility to abortion facilities should be increased. Turner is satisfied with the current law which leaves the decision up to hospital abortion committees. He said the law is the best compromise on a highly polarised issue. Mulroney accepts the law, but would allow a free vote on the issue in parliament.

Libertarians to hold balance of power?

Dennis Corrigan is predicting a handful of seats for his Libertarian Party in a minority government Sept. 4.

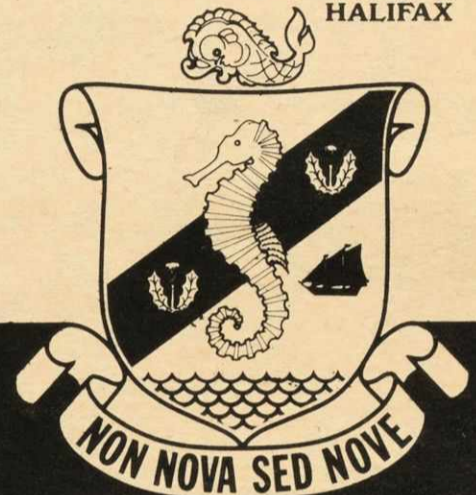
"I could see us in a coalition holding a balance of power," the national party president told *The Globe and Mail* in July.

The Libertarians have been campaigning since 1973 on a platform of less government, reduced taxes and free trade with the United States.

In 1980 Corrigan gained 58 votes more than the Rhino candidate in his own riding of Toronto Beaches.

"I'm running to win, certainly, absolutely," he says. "I'm not saying it's likely, or probable, but it could happen."

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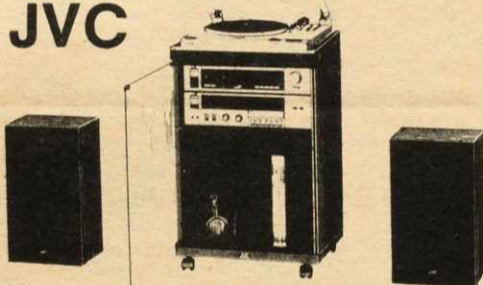
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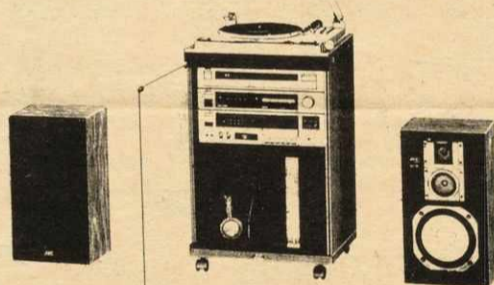
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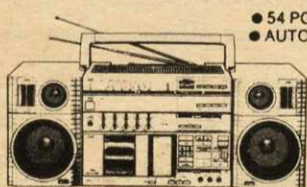
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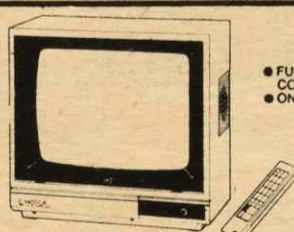
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