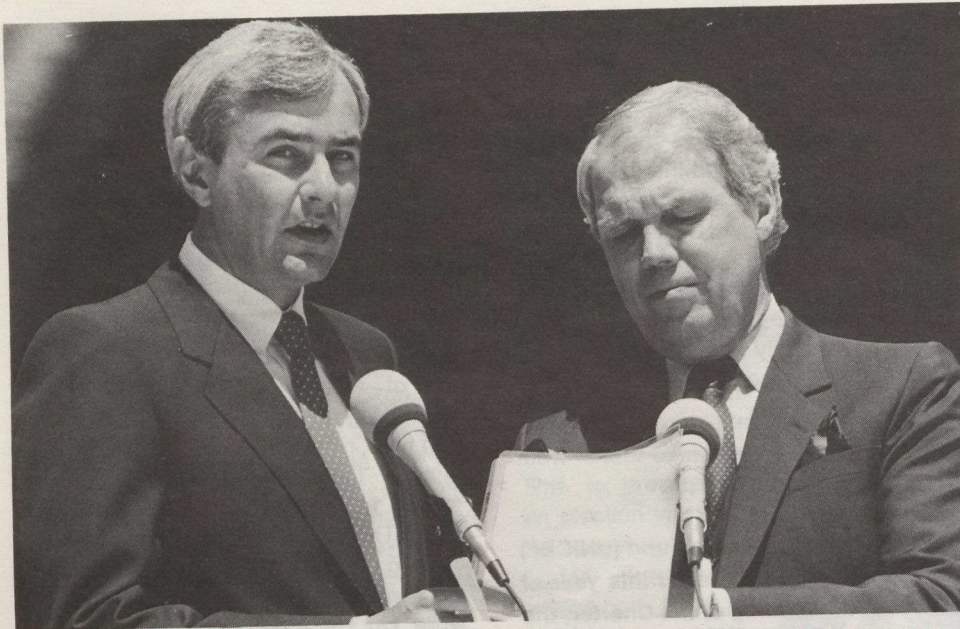


New premier for Ontario



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David Peterson (left) was sworn in as Ontario's twentieth premier on June 26 in a ceremony outside the legislative building in Toronto. Lieutenant Governor John Aird presided over the ceremony as Cabinet Secretary Edward Stewart (right) administered the oaths of office to the new premier and the 22 members of the Cabinet. Mr. Peterson is Ontario's first Liberal premier in 42 years. The Conservative Party under Frank Miller was defeated, 72-52, by the two opposition parties in a vote of non-confidence on June 18. In the May 2 provincial election, the Conservatives won 52 seats, the Liberals 48 seats and the New Democratic Party (NDP) 25. Mr. Peterson and NDP leader Bob Rae signed a pact on May 28 to topple the Conservative government. The two-year agreement includes proposals for legislation.

Gold Awards for Girl Guide achievers during anniversary



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Vicki Bowman was one of 75 Girl Guide achievers who received a Gold Award from Prince Philip in Ottawa in June, to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada. The organization began in Canada in 1910, when a small Guide company in St. Catharines, Ontario received its registration certificate from England. This year, more than 275 000 girls across the country are celebrating the anniversary at rallies, conventions, camps and twinning projects with Third World countries.

Unique government/industry aerospace agreement

The first memorandum of understanding between the federal government and a Canadian industry sector to promote industry development was signed on May 29 by Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion Sinclair Stevens and Chairman of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada Dudley Allan.

In a joint announcement, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Allan said the understanding establishes a framework for co-operative action based upon a long-term relationship between the government and the Canadian aerospace industry and a process of full consultation. The understanding is for a five-year term and it can be extended.

The understanding calls for the government to create a secure environment in which Canada's aerospace industry can plan future development with more confidence and so increase high technology job opportunities for Canadians.

Model for other sectors

"We have negotiated a unique arrangement which could serve as a model for other sectors of the economy," said Mr. Stevens. "It ensures that government and the private sector will combine efforts to address key issues and identify growth opportunities over the long term, while allowing each partner to concentrate on what it can do best," he added.

The understanding provides mechanisms for joint discussion and analysis of issues of concern to both parties. These include growth in employment, enhanced competitiveness, market promotion, regional and small business development, and adjustment to government support policies and programs.

Measure for growth

There will also be joint identification and review of opportunities for industry growth in such areas as investment, technology development and acquisition, market penetration, and intelligence gathering.

While this is the first agreement negotiated with an industry sector, the government is also discussing similar memoranda of understanding with other industry sectors such as petrochemicals, clothing and textiles and forest products.

"These industry accords are a vital element of the government's industrial strategy for the year 2000," said Mr. Stevens. "They will provide the framework for Canada's future growth and ensure that Canada plays an important role in the growing global economy," he added.