

PUBLIC SERVICE' VOTING ABROAD

Employees of the Public Service stationed at Canadian diplomatic missions, consular, trade and immigration offices in 83 countries, who total, with their dependents, about 3,200 persons, are for the first time eligible to vote in the federal general election on October 30.

Advance polling stations opened on October 16 at all Canadian posts abroad, and voting had ended by October 21. Ballots were sent either by diplomatic courier or air mail to the special returning officers appointed by Mr. J.M. Hamel, Chief Electoral Officer for Canada, to administer voting at all posts attached to their offices, as well as Canadian Forces units.

To be counted in the results for the general election by the special returning officers, all outer envelopes containing the ballot are checked on receipt against post and unit enumeration (elector) lists to establish entitlement and then will be placed in the special returning officers' appropriate holding compartment of the electoral district (there are 264), where they are to be counted.

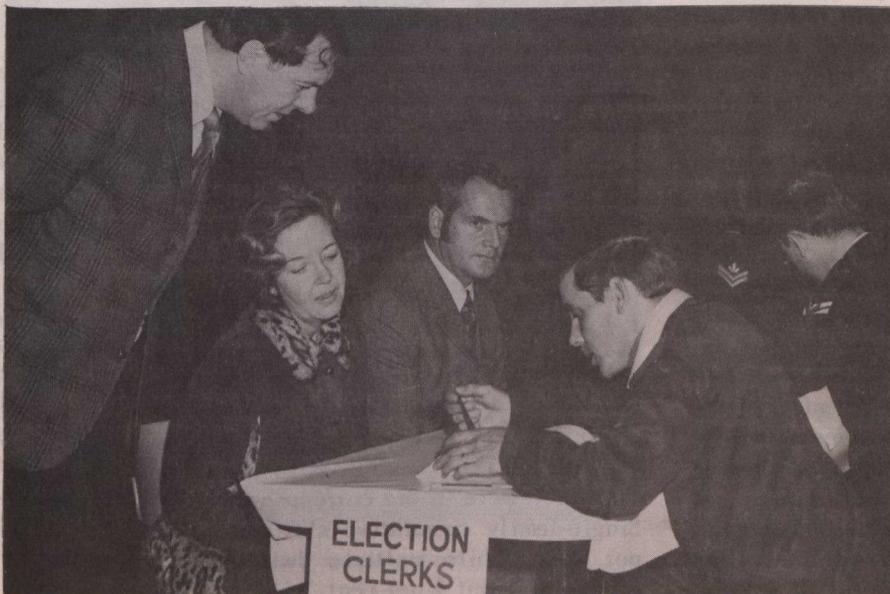
Beginning at 9 o'clock local time on Wednesday, October 25, and working under the direction of the special returning officers, teams of scrutineers nominated by the three major political parties and appointed as election officials by the Chief Electoral Officer, will begin tabulation of the results for the various candidates standing for election, according to their electoral districts. The results will be reported in secrecy to the Chief Electoral Officer



J.H. Warren, Canadian High Commissioner, London, hands his ballot to J.R. Rochon, deputy returning officer for the Public Service advance polling station at Canada House, London.

by the special returning officers as a combined Forces and Public Service vote. The results, which will be combined into a single return of the candidates standing in their respective ridings, will be announced by each returning officer after the polls close on election day, when they post their returns for the advance poll an hour after voting has ended. Elaborate precautions are taken to maintain the secrecy of the ballot and to make sure it is credited to the appropriate candidate.

The special voting rules of the Canadian Forces



Three civilian voters residing in Germany at a military polling station at Canadian Forces Base, Lahr. Left to right: John Hudson, Defence Research Board officer and his wife, Audrey, both of Ottawa; Clyde DeMone, Department of Supplies and Services officer, of Halifax; Corporals Yvon Babin and Yves Bernier, polling clerks.