

# Liberal party totally devastated in Quebec

MONTREAL (CUP) — In a stunning victory, far surpassing even the hopes of party leaders, the Parti Quebecois (PQ) smashed Robert Bourassa and the provincial liberal party Nov. 15 winning 71 of the province's 110 ridings. The Liberals won only 29 seats compared to 102 in 1973. The revamped union nationale, under Rodrigue Biron, took 10 seats and drained away enough votes to play a major role in the PQ victory. New Quebec Premier Rene Levesque said he will call a referendum on "Quebec independence" within two years. Levesque took the biggest majority, winning

his seat by nearly 20,000 votes. Former Premier Bourassa lost his seat to Gerald Godin, former editor of the influential magazine Parti Pris and a victim of the war measures act of October 1970. In Montreal, general dissatisfaction with economic conditions were equated with the liberals and not only brought about the defeat of top liberals like Bourassa, but proved victorious for PQ candidates such as Jacques Couture who ran unsuccessfully against Mayor Jean Drapeau in the 1974 municipal election. A close look at the voting breakdown shows Rodrigue Biron,

Union Nationale leader, split the traditional liberal vote giving many PQ candidates a comfortable winning margin by trying to offer a federalist alternative to the Bourassa regime. The union nationale took the liberal stronghold of Pointe Claire, a riding in Montreal's anglophone west end, defeating both the liberal candidate and the candidate for the democratic alliance, which tried unsuccessfully to tap dissatisfaction with the liberals among anglophones. Following the election, Rene Levesque sauntered into a sweating, delirious Paul Sauve

arena crowd of 6,000, his party triumphantly victorious after several frustrating years. In the 1973 election, the PQ won only 6 seats. The uncontrollable adulation for Levesque was matched only by rapturous singing and dancing in the aisles.

Throughout the campaign, Levesque had tirelessly resisted that separatism was not the issue — the quality of government was. A McGill Daily poll of 15 PQ organizers and deputies late in the evening showed 12 party members attributing the victory to the desire for better government while only three thought it was due to support for separatism.

province, they must believe we are open, we are democratic, we are not racists."

But, Paul Unterberg, PQ candidate in St. Laurent, cited protest of liberal policies and an acceptance of separatism as motivation for voter support.

"The vocabulary is wrong, Quebec will not separate, we will have independence," Unterberg said. "Canada and Quebec will be like the common market."

Marcel Leger, a PQ deputy since 1970 predicted independence in two or three years.

"We will give Quebec a quality administration," he said.

Journalists from NBC, Time Magazine and National Geographic, asked about the American reaction, gave a consensus opinion that Americans know very little about what is happening in Quebec, and for the most part do not really care.

Robert Hurst, News Director for CFTO-TV in Toronto, expressed "surprise, worry, wonderment, excitement. They (English Canadians) will interpret these results as a separatist vote."

"People voted for good government, this was the basic issue. Independence will be discussed later," David Payne, a PQ liaison said.)

Tears streaming down her face, Line Bourgeois, candidate for St. Louis riding in downtown Montreal, said, "It was a triumph for all Quebecois over the ineptitude of the Bourassa liberals. Whatever he person's language in this

## New residence boasts vacancies

By TWEED

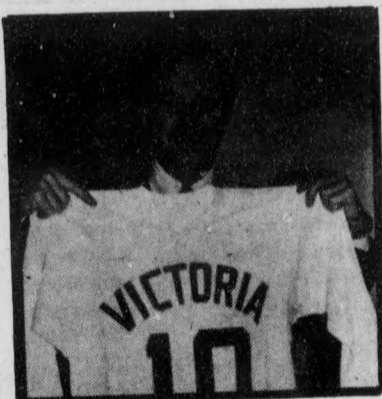
UNB President John M. Anderson was guest of honour at an informal get-together held by Victoria House at the Faculty Club Monday evening. Host Taj Akhtar, Proctor, introduced the men of Victoria to the president.

Doctor Anderson was presented with an official Victoria sports jersey by House President Roy Baillieul. In accepting, the president commented that Victoria House had made its presence felt at UNB in a very short time. He

congratulated the men of Victoria for their spirit and their significant contribution to the social life at Maggie Jean Chestnut and Murray House residences."

The president was optimistic about the future of Victoria. There are still thirteen vacancies in single and double rooms at the house.

It is anticipated that the house will be filled during second term. Interested persons may contact Dean Chernoff at the Men's Residence Office.



John Anderson

## Tories host speaker

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The Honourable Paul Dick, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton, Ontario was guest speaker at a Wednesday noon hour meeting at the SUB. Mr. Dick, on tour with the PC Federal Caucus was introduced by UNB PC Club President Keith Williamson.

About fifty students were present for the informal and informative talk on "Youth and Politics". Mr. Dick, Caucus Youth Chairman, spoke on a wide range of topics, including student loans, government grants, unemployment, and the economy.

When asked his impressions of

### Philmont Irving Meadowfield wants to eat bats ... he does

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Khan, Marco Polo and Crank are tree-dwelling boa constrictors, native to South America. In their natural habitat they live in trees and prey on small mammals.

Philmont Irving Meadowfield is a Columbia Rainbow Boa who would prefer to live in caves and dine exclusively on bats.

A fifth snake, Venus, thus named because she has no arms is missing. She was "borrowed" by Professor Leo Ferrari and has wandered away. Venus is presently residing somewhere in Harrison House. Anyone who encounters a speckled king snake may contact Professor Torfason, who says, "She must be getting hungry by now."

"Snakes make great pets. They are clean, quiet, virtually odourless and require no great amount of attention. They are docile, affectionate animals and respond to gentle treatment. They are marginally trainable, but regress after shedding their skin." Snakes shed their skin every six

weeks. The process of discarding the epidermal layer may take from ten minutes to two days. When the colouring becomes uniform from head to tail, the snake has reached puberty, six or seven years old.

Torfason feeds his pets once every three weeks. Their diet consists of rats, gerbils, hamsters and baby chicks. The boa quickly grabs its prey by the head, "tucks it up in his armpit", and crushes and stretches the corpse until it can be ingested through four sets of hinged teeth. A period of lethargy follows as the meal is digested. Ghengis Khan can snap back about ten chicks at a sitting.

Marco, Crank and Ghengis are three to four years old and average four feet in length. The life span of a boa is forty years and they reach a length of twelve to fifteen feet.

"Where does a fifteen-foot boa constrictor sleep?"

"Any place it bloody well wants to!"

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