

Prime Minister Trudeau shakes hands with John Turner after Mr. Turner won the leadership of the Liberal party.

Sorbonne in Paris.

Mr. Turner is a member of the Bar, Gray's Inn, London, and a member of the Quebec Bar. He joined the Montreal firm of Stikeman, Elliott in 1954. Following his departure from the federal government in 1975, he joined the Toronto firm of McMillan, Binch as a partner. He became director of Bechtel Canada, Canadian Pacific, Canadian Investment Fund, Credit Foncier, Holt Renfrew, Mac-Millan Bloedel, Marathon Realty, Massey-Ferguson, Sandoz and Seagrams.

The new Liberal leader is married to Geills McCrae Kilgour of Winnipeg. They have four children — Elizabeth, 20; Michael, 18; David, 16; and Andrew, 12.

Federal election

Although no date has yet been announced for a general federal election, it is believed that one will be called for the summer. Mr. Turner, answering questions at a press conference following the convention, indicated that Jean Chrétien would be offered a senior Cabinet post.

Job creation and international affairs are at the top of Mr. Turner's priorities but, he said, not much could be done about unemployment immediately because Parliament closes for the summer at the end of June.

During the campaign, Mr. Turner's stand on some of the issues has been:

Foreign affairs and defence

National Defence: Canada should fulfil its defence commitments within its alliances. The degree to which this is being done would be reviewed.

Disarmament: Testing of Cruise missiles in Canada is obligatory as a fulfillment of Canada's international obligations to European and American treaty partners. Membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Commonwealth, as well as Canada's friendship with the United States offer opportunities to put forth our views. Being a good ally gives Canada credibility and the right to speak out.

Economic development

Trade: New markets for exports would be found by the government which would "get out and sell Canada". Freer trade would be pursued provided it is fair. Sectoral free trade is good in principle. There must be new in-



Defeated candidate, Jean Chrétien (left) offers his congratulations to new leader, John Turner.

ternational financial arrangements and a review of Canada's treaties with its trading partners.

Jobs: Training and retraining programs would be expanded for a better match between education and skills to attack youth unemployment. Other governments, business, and labour would be called on to create a



John Turner with his wife, Geills.

national apprenticeship program for on-thejob training, particularly for new workers who need experience to get future jobs.

Investment: A new climate of confidence would make businesses feel secure about investing again. Risk-takers, who are essential for economic growth, must be encouraged and those starting new businesses must have the incentives to get their enterprises off the ground.

Social policy

Income maintenance: Economic policies would not be pursued at the expense of the unemployed, poor, sick, aged or disabled. Flaws and gaps in the pension system must be corrected. Elderly women need special pension attention while portability and vesting provisions for working men and women must be improved. Canada needs new facilities and styles of care for its chronically ill. Ways to provide a shelter allowance for the elderly should be explored. Women: The concept of equal pay for work of equal value would be fully implemented in the federal public service and Crown corporations. Affirmative action will be instituted and training and retraining programs for women will be pursued, as will counselling services for young women to encourage them to enter non-traditional fields. The federal government must work for adequate day-care facilities and play a tougher role in enforcing maintenance orders.