

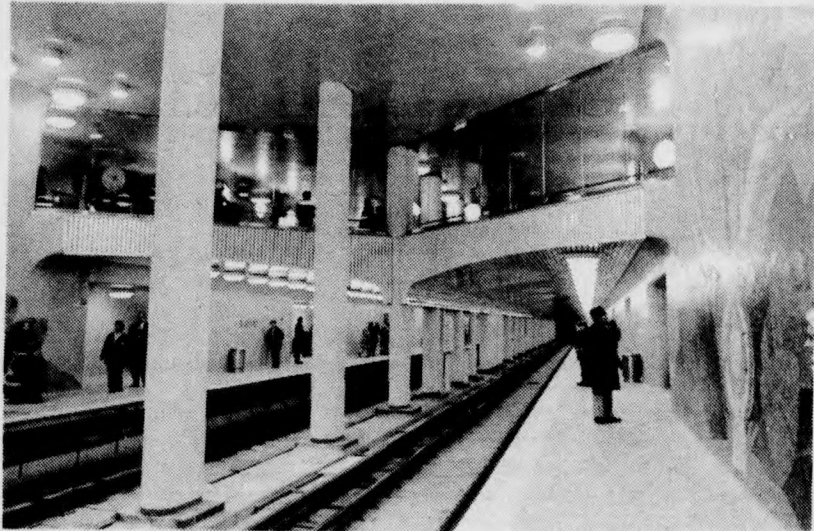
# Nothing could be finer than to travel on Spadina at the opening, unless you're Mel Lastman



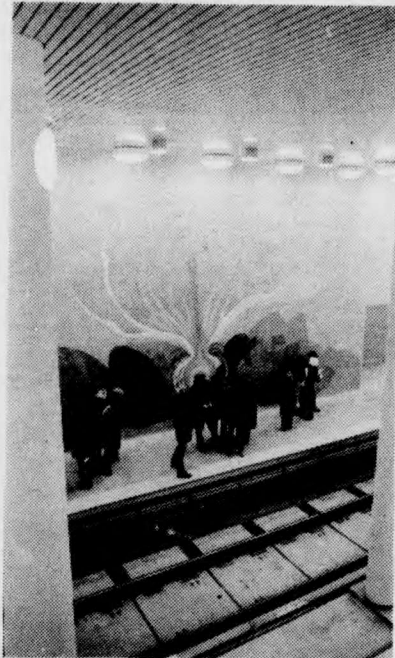
Was North York mayor Mel Lastman suffering from limo withdrawal last Friday as he took a ride on the Spadina?



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Premier Bill Davis was in good humour during opening ceremonies at St. Clair W. station

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## A good time was had by all

By Scott Clayton

The sweet sounds of the TTC bagpipe band greeted the dignitaries and guests invited to the opening of the new Spadina Subway line last Friday. It was a bit chilly in the St. Clair West station where the ceremony was held, but the mood was one of accomplishment and humour.

The dignitaries included civil, religious, transit and labour officials. Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey thanked the provincial government for their financial help and initiative, and Premier Bill Davis made equally congratulatory statements about Metro's part in the project.

One of the religious officials, whom Bill Davis termed 'spiritual advisors', pronounced a benediction that would have done justice to the Sistine Chapel. Union officials had a plaque prepared to commemorate their not unsubstantial role in the undertaking.

TTC officials also had their say in the proceedings and revealed that the \$215 million dollar line was actually \$5 million under budget. Refreshments were provided and a good time was had by all.

The first few days of operation have been marred by switching problems that have seen trains waiting for long periods of time at stations before proceeding onward, but once these are cleared up the new route should be very efficient.



The TTC bagpipe band was in attendance.



Yorkdale station, end of the line.