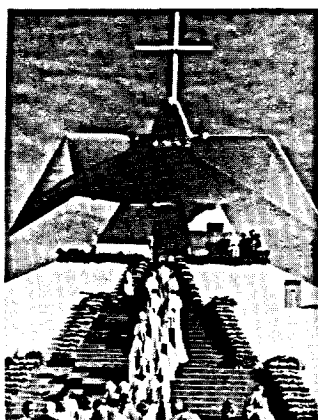


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NEWS

It's Fall 1984 — the 18th Canadian Prime Minister, **Brian Mulroney**, has been sworn in, the 40 members of the **Cabinet** are tackling their challenges, the well-publicized, successful tours of the **Pope** and the **Queen** have ended and the countryside is spectacular. Now that the hectic pace of the last few months has passed, local newspapers may even have to start looking for headlines again.



The Pope in Namao, Alberta.

TECHNOLOGY

New products are continually coming onto the market, despite statistics that show that 80% are destined to fail. Among those few that are expected to succeed are:

Talking appliances. Inglis has had a talking washing machine on the market for a few years and Whirlpool, its U.S. parent, has now developed a talking refrigerator. (Don't leave its door open, or you will quickly hear from it ... or her ... or him.) General Electric plans to introduce a computer system that will enable people to operate all their electrical appliances by remote control. All you need is the **Home Minder** which can be attached to any type of TV and whether you are at the office or abroad, your lights, coffee pot or whatever will do what you want them to do. Microwave



Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

ovens continue to be big sellers and it is estimated that by 1990, 50% of all Canadian homes will have them. The newest twist, is the **microconvection oven** which combines the speed of a microwave with the browning capacity of a regular oven. For those who haven't bought one yet because they don't like the look of white cookies, now there are no excuses, except, of course, that they retail for about \$1,000. An electrical **Food Gun** also was introduced onto the market this fall so now cooks can decorate cakes, cookies, canapes and hors d'oeuvres with an effortless squirt.

Outside the kitchen, **greeting cards** now sing their messages thanks to high tech. This Christmas you may well receive a rousing rendition of "We wish you a Merry Christmas", upon opening your card. And speaking of singing, the latest attraction in lounges (at least in Japanese ones) is the **Singing Machine**. Rather than having entertainment come in, the audience is its own entertainment. The machine consists of a speaker, tapeplayer, recorder and microphone which allows you to sing along with songs chosen from a library of 10,000 records. The voice equalizer enriches the voice but doesn't correct the off-key notes, so your evenings entertainment could be terrific or terrible, depending on who happens to be there that night.

HEALTH

Women in medicine. More than 65% of students enrolled in some medical schools are female, and country-wide more than 40% of graduating doctors are female. The Canadian Medical Association expects the tide of female doctors to continue to grow and to have a huge impact on Canada's \$30 billion a year health care system. "We see ourselves humanizing the profession," says Dr. May Cohen, a family medicine professor at McMaster. "Women will work fewer hours because they have their own families at home, plus they will be focusing more on the problems such as the emotional sources of diseases." Whatever the impact...all agree that there will be one.

Heroin. The Canadian Medical Association recently called on the federal government to legalize heroin for treatment of pain in cancer patients. A federally appointed committee has rejected legalizing it saying: "If heroin were available in Canada, the fundamental causes of inadequate pain control would not change. What must change is how we use the available agents." (Heroin was used for medicinal purposes in Canada until it was banned in 1955 in compliance with a request from the World Health Organization.)

Diets. The F-Plan has been rated as the best of the top ten diets in North America. A study done by physician Paul LaChance and dietician Michele Fisher at Rutgers University found that not one of the diets met the RDA (recommended daily allowance) for all 13 vitamins and minerals but the F plan met the requirements for most. In addition, it is high in fibre which can also help prevent intestinal disorders. So, should you be about to go on a diet, maybe this is the one to try this time.

PEOPLE

Mul-ROO-ney or Mul-ROH-ney? Which is it? He seems to answer to both. It turns out that the English pronunciation is the former, whereas the French pronunciation is the latter. Which does he prefer? He's far too wise to toy with a question like that.



Brian and Mila Mulroney after election win.

The Conservative Cabinet is 40 strong. That includes 23 first timers, six women, 22 from Ontario and Quebec, 13 from the West, and five from the Atlantic. Of particular note to us, is that **Joe Clark** is now the Secretary of State for External Affairs, **James Kelleher**, is the Minister for International Trade and **Monique Vézina** the Minister for External Relations.

Others in the news include **Bill Davis**, who has just resigned after 13 years as Premier of Ontario and **Marc Garneau**, Canada's first astronaut, who is now back on earth after an "exhilarating" voyage.

Our Olympic medalists are receiving publicity but not necessarily any financial rewards. The exception is swimmer **Alex Baumann** who is considering several endorsement offers worth over \$100,000 a piece.



Alex Baumann