

Canadians Get Some Laughs Out of Election Campaign

OTTAWA (AP) — Canadian campaigners have used a sense of humor and sharp tongues to bolster their efforts to win next Monday's national election.

Lester B. Pearson, the Liberal Party leader, noted at an election rally that the Conservative government wants another term to finish the job. He said this reminded him of the pilot of a burning passenger plane calling to the passengers as he parachuted: "Don't worry, I'm going down for help."

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, leader of the ruling Conservative Party, compared the Liberal Party to Ogopogo, the legendary sea monster in Lake Okanagan, B. C., a beast with the head of a horse and the tail of a shark.

"Mr. Pearson," said the prime minister, "is the head but I don't know where (Walter) Gordon and (J. W.) Pickersgill (front line Liberal Party strategists) come in. I have my own idea but I'll not mention that."

T. C. Douglas, leader of the New Democratic Party, declared that choosing between the Liberals and Conservatives was like "being offered the choice between being boiled and fried—you still get cooked."

The incident of the five Doukhobor women who stripped at a British Columbia rally being addressed by Diefenbaker stirred a lot of aftermath. The Liberals, seemingly somewhat envious, commented facetiously before a Pearson meeting in Winnipeg that they planned to have six women enter the hall naked and then dress—in reverse protest. They didn't.

Later in Victoria, B.C., Diefenbaker was greeted by demonstrators carrying a placard showing a nude woman and entitled: "Dief and his playmates." The prime minister grinned that off by calling the stripping incident "the greatest show ever put on in Canada—one of those things never to be forgotten."

Douglas, who has a reputation for sharp repartee, squelched one heckler who accused him of hedging by saying: "Because you get an intelligent answer to an un-intelligent question—don't say I'm hedging."

Campaigning at Whitehorse, Yukon territory, Pearson was given the mounted head of a Rocky Mountain sheep and became so entangled with its long horns, nearly hitting himself in the eye at one point, that he commented:

"It looks as though I am being presented to the sheep instead of the sheep being presented to me."

Then he was given a beaver blanket and commented: "I know what I'll do with this: I'll lie down on it and look at the sheep."

Some Like it, Some Don't

Ottawa's Shopping Mall Open for Business Again

OTTAWA (AP)—The Sparks Street Mall, three traffic-free blocks in the heart of a major shopping area in Canada's capital city, is open for business for the third summer.

One group of merchants says wiping traffic off the three blocks hurts business. Others point to economic surveys which says the Mall has helped. Sparks Street stores fight the competition of outlying shopping centers and discount houses. Ottawa's fire chief also was opposed but lanes have been left this year so fire apparatus can operate.

There are 76 stores along the Mall.

The experiment was tried first in 1960, a year after a group of Ottawa business men, planners and political leaders surveyed a similar experiment in Toledo, Ohio.

This year, the Sparks Street Mall, just a block south of Parliament Hill, is lined with 71 trees—ash, linden, maple and poplar—set in large concrete pots. It is bedecked with flowers. Four outdoor restaurants are spotted along the three blocks and the pavement itself is painted in large black and white rectangles. Benches are spotted at frequent intervals. Abstract sculptures have been placed.

The Canadian Air Force has erected a large exhibit.

Ottawa papers dubbed it a "Pedestrian's Paradise" but Mayor Charlotte Whitton, cutting the ribbon at this year's opening ceremony, said she hoped it might become known as "the Grand Canyon of the Capital of Canada." Russell Boyce, president of the Sparks Street Development Assn., urged a start on making the Mall permanent, the year around. Closing date this year is Oct. 9. He said the time is ripe for the city council to take a hand in such a project; the mayor said she wasn't so sure.

She was more positive in her opinions about the abstract sculpture along the Mall. One, "Mediterranean Figure" by Mario Bartolini, she decided had been made from the last street car tracks taken up from Sparks Street. Bartolini, who pinned a \$900 price tag on the work, retorted that the mayor "is insensitive to form."

But the mayor complimented the merchants on the bright appearance of their spruced-up stores and grinned when Boyce said the Mall had become a tourist attraction running just ahead of the mayor herself in popularity.

Very Close Vote Predicted on Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said Tuesday a single vote may be the margin of passage or rejection in the House for the Senate-passed administration farm bill.

Freeman urged members of the National Assn. of Wheat Growers to buttonhole House members during the next few days in favor of the farm measure, which the House may take up next week.

The bill would set tight new controls on production of wheat and feed grains, now in heavy oversupply.

Freeman addressed a 20-member delegation of wheat growers, who said they came here to register support for the measure.

"We no longer are on the rifle range shooting at targets," Freeman said. "We are locked in combat, shooting for results. This is a glut issue."

Senate Adds Money For Access Roads

SEATTLE (AP) — The Senate passed Tuesday an amendment adding \$4 million to the \$2 million already voted by the House for timber access roads, the Seattle Times Washington, D.C., correspondent reported.

The vote was 47-41, with all Pacific Northwest senators favoring it.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., sponsor of the amendment to the Interior Department appropriations bill, said the increased allotment for roads should bring more stable financing and bring substantial increases in the marketing of Forest Service timber.

'Saucer Sighting Day'

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — The Cosmic Brotherhood Assn. of Yokohama has declared June 24 "flying saucer sighting day" and urges boys and girls out on dates the evening of that day to watch for spaceships and send out "a friendly telephatic invitation."

Portland Firms To Repair Jetty

PORTLAND (AP) — Army Engineers Tuesday announced award of a joint contract of \$1,944,000 to three Portland firms for repairs to the south jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Colonel Sterling K. Elsimin-

ger, Portland District Engineer, said the work will include about 1.2 miles of the south jetty. The firms awarded the contract are S. D. Spencer & Sons, J. N. Conley and G. N. Dennis & Sons. The work must be completed by Oct. 15, 1963.



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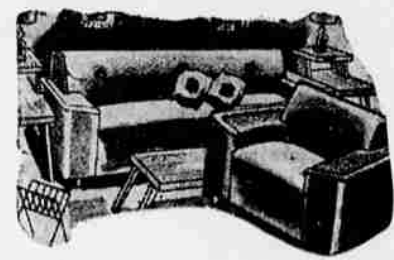
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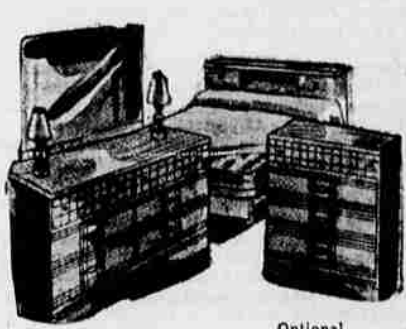
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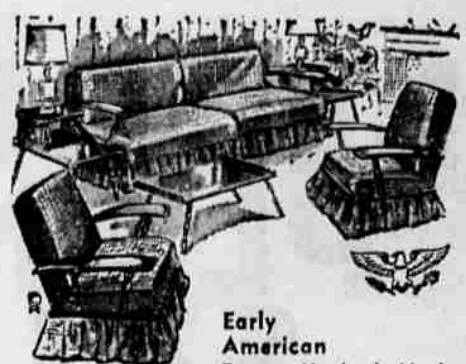
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