



Smiling Mike

Liberal leader Pearson's grin reflects
Opposition parties' triumph
—Citizen-UPJ staff photos

Three opposition parties combine to defeat Tories

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By Charles Lynch
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The Diefenbaker government has gone down to the cheers of its own supporters in the House of Commons.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, smiling broadly in Tuesday night's defeat, said he would notify Governor-General George Vanier today.

Apparent dissolution of the short-lived, ill-starred 25th Parliament will mean an April election, probably on the 8th, but perhaps on the 22nd.

Extra time for strategy sought

Easter Sunday is on April 14, and April 8 marks the opening of Holy Week. Normally, politicians do not like to have their campaigns carry over the Easter season, but in view of the circumstances Mr. Diefenbaker may have no misgivings.

His organizers are believed to be asking for the extra time in order to plan the campaign, and that would mean that Monday, April 22, might be the chosen date.

Tuesday night's votes in the House of Commons, although they marked the first time since 1926 that a government has been defeated on a motion of no-confidence in the House, were somewhat anti-climactic after the events of the day had made clear the government's goose was cooked.

A dramatic appeal for a stay of execution was made to the packed House in the afternoon by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who addressed himself to the Social Credit and New Democratic benches.

But Social and NDP spokesmen were unrelenting, although they directed virtually all of their fire at the Liberals, in their anxiety to demonstrate that in voting down the government they were not voting confidence in the official Opposition, just in case the Governor-General might get any ideas about sending for Opposition Leader Pearson.

Harkness stays away from vote

Hon. Douglas Harkness, whose resignation as minister of national defence spurred the crisis that sealed the government's doom, was not in the House for the vote. Neither was his colleague, Arthur Smith, who represents the riding of Calgary South while Mr. Harkness sits for Calgary North.

Edmund Morris, Tory MP for Halifax, abstained in the voting but refused to explain his position. Mr. Morris had been bitter after the election last June when he was not reappointed a parliamentary secretary.

The vote on the Social Credit motion was 142 to 111.

The motion read:

"This government has failed up to this time to give a clear statement of policy respecting Canada's national defence, and has failed to organize the business of the House so that the 1963-64 estimates and budget could be introduced, and has failed to outline a positive program of follow-up action respecting many things for which this parliament and previous parliaments have already given authority, and does not have the confidence of the Canadian people."

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Weather

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ELECTION IN APRIL

PM pays Vanier call to ask for dissolution

Meets Cabinet prior to visit

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By Greg Connolly
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Governor-General Vanier dissolved the 25th Parliament this afternoon.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker went to Government House at 12.45 p.m., to tell His Excellency officially of his government's defeat and to recommend dissolution.

The dissolution document was signed by the governor-general and impressed with the Great Seal of Canada.

The election will be on April 8.

Came into session September 27

Dissolution brought to an end a Parliament which had come into session only last Sept. 27 last year.

The Conservative Government despite its minority position had managed to hold on until last evening, when the combined Liberal, Social Credit and NDP Parties toppled the regime on a 142-111 vote.

Standing of the parties at dissolution was: Conservatives, 115, including Speaker Lambert; Liberals, 99, Social Credit, 30, and New Democrats, 19. There were two vacancies.

Mr. Diefenbaker had been expected to go to Government House immediately after a Conservative caucus that concluded at 11.30 a.m. However, a cabinet meeting was called and then the prime minister went home to 24 Sussex before driving on to Rideau Hall.

Second dissolution by Vanier

The snow lay deep at Government House as Mr. Diefenbaker drove to the main entrance of the residence. He was accompanied by Privy Council Secretary Robert Bryce and officials from the Secretary of State Department.

When told by a reporter at the entrance he was looking well, Mr. Diefenbaker laughed and said, "This is only the beginning."

Mr. Diefenbaker smiled at reporters and onlookers, then went on into Rideau Hall where he was greeted by His Excellency.

This was the second dissolution granted by Mr. Vanier. The last had been in April of last year when the ceremony had taken place at the Citadel in Quebec City.

The issues of the coming campaign as will be pursued by the prime minister will be based on the charge that the Liberals frustrated the passage of legislation in the House.

Esks will sell Parker

EDMONTON (CP)—Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Football Conference announced today that outstanding player Jackie Parker will be traded or sold to another Canadian club at his own request.

Hastings (Red) McMahon, president of the club, said Parker told the Eskimos he is not prepared to sign a new contract and if necessary will play out his option with the club. McMahon said a month of negotiation has proved fruitless. Money, he said, was not the paramount issue.

False alarm on the Hill

City firemen converged en masse on Parliament Hill's West Block early today but after an hour's search found no fire.

It was a false alarm. Three pumps and two ladder trucks were dispatched to the building after an alarm box on the second floor was tripped.

Maori dances welcome Queen on anniversary

WAITANGI, N.Z. (Reuters)—Leaping Maori warriors today greeted Queen Elizabeth, on the 11th anniversary of her coronation, with a spectacular Haka war dance and chants of welcome when she arrived to begin a 12-day visit to New Zealand.

The Maori chieftains, some dressed in full tribal robes of rare feathers, also sang a lovesong, "Hoko Hoki Mai," which means "return to us, our hearts are pinned to you". The smiling Queen and Prince Philip came ashore from the royal yacht Britannia after a three-day voyage from Fiji.



'Prime minister is still prime minister'

Newsman mob Diefenbaker and Hees as Tory caucus closes

Cheering Tories stand united

By Greg Connolly
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"The Prime Minister is still the prime minister and will be after the election."

These ringing, defiant words of Senator Wallace McCutcheon, minister without portfolio, today set the seal of approval on the continuing leadership of Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Thus at a two and a half

hour tense Tory caucus this morning were finally knocked down persistent reports that rebel cabinet ministers were determined to ditch Mr. Diefenbaker in favor of Finance Minister Nowlan or Trade Minister Hees.

United

Mr. Hees, caucus chairman, emerged flushed and glowing from the meeting, and declared:

"We are a united party, it was the best caucus we have ever had and we are going to lick the hell out of the Liberals."

Mr. Diefenbaker looked pleased and immediately informed newsmen that he was on his way to Government House to seek dissolution from the governor-general.

Despite all the assurances of solidarity in the Conservative Party there were indications that there had been some real differences but these had been settled at the caucus.

Rift healed

Transport Minister Balcer and Associate Defence Minister Sevigny conceded that there had been "differences." But this had all been solved.

Earlier in the day there had again been news stories that Prime Minister Diefenbaker was on the way out and that 11 cabinet ministers were engineering a coup to replace him. This alleged "plot" was linked to a meeting of min-

isters in Mr. Hees' office yesterday.

Mr. Hees assured that this gathering in his office had only been to discuss party strategy.

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Firm pays \$1,500,000 for Towers

In a major realty transaction Towers of Ottawa discount store and food mart on the Cyrville Road has been sold to Rex Realities of Toronto for a sum "in excess of \$1,500,000."

Sy Zuckerman, assistant to Ben Rosenberg, president of Towers Marts and Properties Ltd. and Hallmark V Ltd., said this morning that the deal was being completed today.

Mr. Zuckerman said that the sale involved the physical properties on the Cyrville Road, consisting of the buildings and extensive land.

He said that the Towers firm will continue to operate the business at its present location.

Mr. Zuckerman said the sale involves "well in excess of \$1,500,000."

In the meantime three separate civil actions were filed in the Ontario Supreme Court here today against Towers Marts and Properties Ltd., and Hallmark V Ltd., by the three Ottawa daily newspapers. The actions are for the recovery of moneys allegedly owing for advertising.

The Citizen is seeking to recover \$25,909; the Journal is asking for \$11,164; and Le Droit is seeking \$8,326. The total claimed by the papers is \$45,999.

Crash kills 8

BEIRA, Mozambique (AP)—A Portuguese air force plane with eight persons aboard crashed near here yesterday, killing six and injuring two, authorities announced.

ROBERTS SAYS:

No early vote in Ontario

By Norman Campbell
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TORONTO—Ontario's Tory government has been stunned into almost complete silence by the developments at Ottawa and their sequel: the savage attack on Prime Minister Diefenbaker by the party's chief Ontario advocate—The Globe and Mail.

"It's murder—just plain murder," said one highly-placed person in Queen's Park. But immediately discounted—by government spokesmen, by Liberal leader John Wintermeyer and by NDP leader Donald MacDonald—is the possibility of an Ontario general election concurrent with the federal, though ending earlier.

Early budget

A minimum of 44 days is required for a winter election campaign in Ontario, 37 after April 1.

It had generally been expected that Ontario would have a campaign this spring. The earliest provincial budget in 28 years is to be presented Thursday.

However, Premier Roberts categorically denied that he had made any plans to call

a provincial election prior to the federal one.

"I'm getting tired of being asked this question," he said. "I keep telling people that I have no plans for an immediate election but nobody believes me."

He reiterated his intention to carry out his full legislative program before an election. Coming before the legislature are the medicare proposals and the portable pension plan.

But if the federal party goes to disaster—as the Globe and Mail says it will if Mr. Diefenbaker doesn't quit—then Mr. Roberts is almost certain to postpone an Ontario general election until October at the earliest.

NDP leader MacDonald says he is sure any election schedule Mr. Roberts might have had ready is on ice until after the federal vote.

"Not available"

Mr. Roberts said he had no comment on the demand Mr. Diefenbaker quit the party leadership.

"Are you available for it?"

"No," he answered. "I am not. I am quite happy here. We don't even know yet whether there is going to be a federal election."