

## Election Strengthens Grip Of Dief As Party's Leader

By KEN CLARK  
OTTAWA (CP)—John Diefenbaker looks no more like a man ready to retire. The Nov. 8 election, if anything, strengthened his grip on the Conservative party leadership.

He had the party's top job since 1956 despite efforts by influential groups within the party in the last 2½ years to dislodge him.

As if to confound his critics, the tall, silver-haired Prairie lawyer gave a public demonstration in the last campaign that he still has most of the old fire.

He turned 70 during the campaign, but ran hard all the way. He delivered more than 80 major speeches and travelled 35,000 miles, mostly whistle-stopping by train.

Switching to planes in the closing days, his climactic campaign day came Nov. 5, three days before the election.

He began with an early-morning walk on the streets of Edmonton, shaking a few hands in the process. Then he held a press conference and flew to Vancouver where he addressed an afternoon rally.

He visited Chinatown before flying to Regina for another speech at a night rally.

### HIT HARD IN SPEECHES

His speeches, lasting well over an hour, were his chief campaign weapon. Each was something of a tour de force, delivered—usually without text—with a strength-sapping drive and concentration.

He's sensitive about his health. He accuses the Liberals of spreading false rumors that he's sick and the justices report occasionally about the state of his health compared to theirs.

A trifle hard of hearing, Mr. Diefenbaker occasionally turns to an aide to get the precise wording of a press conference question. On the other hand he can pick up the unsettling cry of the heckler at a campaign meeting without trouble.

His rejoinder is invariably devastating.

In terms of parliamentary seats, Mr. Diefenbaker suffered an electoral defeat in the Nov. 8 vote, failing to regain power. But his party increased its Commons seats and denied the Liberals the majority they sought. In those terms, it was a victory.

At least Mr. Diefenbaker treated it in that fashion.

IN A ONE-MAN SHOW He is invariably the principal actor in a one-man show Mr. Diefenbaker speaks for Mr. Diefenbaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker often is asked how long he expects to remain as leader. His answer is that people have been predicting his political demise ever since 1955 when Mackenzie King, the Liberal prime minister, did so.

Mr. Diefenbaker says he felt better at the end of his rigorous seven-week campaign than at the start. He gained a little weight "and some political stature." At the end his blood pressure was that of a "man of 38."

Although he bristles mildly at the talk of possible retirement, Mr. Diefenbaker speaks freely of the qualities he expects his successor.

**MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE**  
The man to follow him must be an experienced parliamentarian. It's "quite impossible for a leader to come up under our system" without a solid grounding in the working of Parliament.

Mr. Diefenbaker tells of an offer he received in 1941 to join one of Canada's "great law firms." He says it would have made him a wealthy man but he turned it down. He had been elected to Parliament for the first time the year before and that was his life. However, he still "loves the law."

Can he become prime minister again?

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," he says.

The Nov. 8 reaction of the people leads him to believe "that hope is not unfounded."

Those anxious to unseat Mr. Diefenbaker also must combat a mystical inner drive the wavy-haired Baptist leader refers to as a "tremendous faith that carries me through."

## Computer Has Data On Poisons

VANCOUVER (CP)—An \$18,000,000 hospital planned for the University of British Columbia will be equipped with a computer able to supply information on all types of poisons.

The information, when needed quickly in emergency situations, will be fed to all B.C. hospitals within minutes.

The UBC pharmacy faculty, headed by Prof. J. Glen Moir, is busy updating and simplifying all known information about poisons.

Prof. Moir said: "Within the next year we hope to develop a new card index system for all B.C. hospitals which would provide for rapid information retrieval and quicker treatment."

Cards will be coded and fed into the computer at the new hospital, which will then serve as a 24-hour poison information centre. Once in operation, hospitals or doctors can telephone or telex the UBC hospital for poison treatment information which the computer can calculate and print in minutes.

Poison control information is currently updated only periodically by the federal food and drug department.

A consultant at the poison control centre at Vancouver General Hospital, Dr. John Dean, says his staff can supply about 95 per cent of the necessary information for effective poison control.

He says there are about 250,000 chemical compounds that are poisons, or that people fear are poisons. It would be comforting to have a centre with precise information on all of them.

Dr. Dean added that few people die from accidental poisoning, "and we want to keep it that way."

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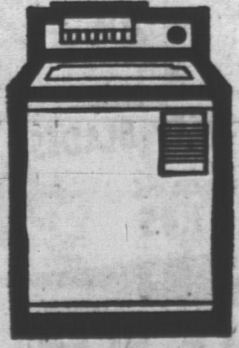
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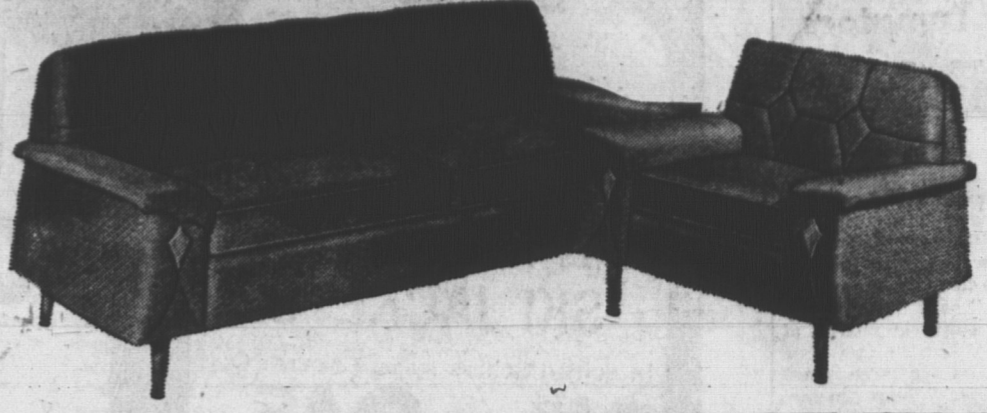
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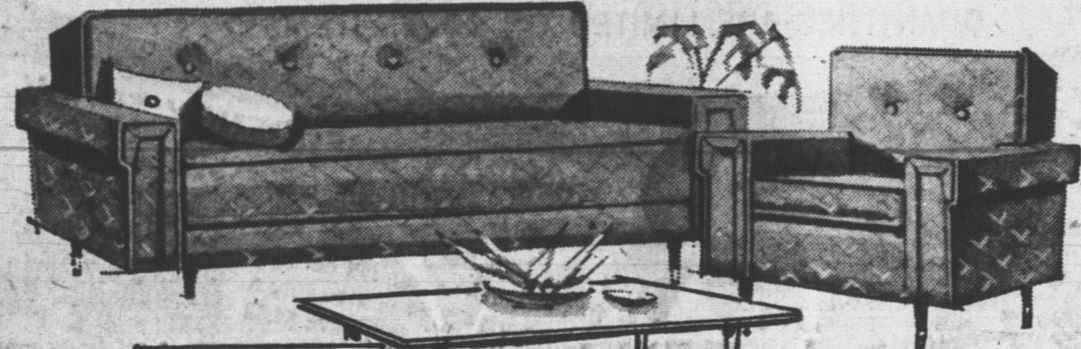
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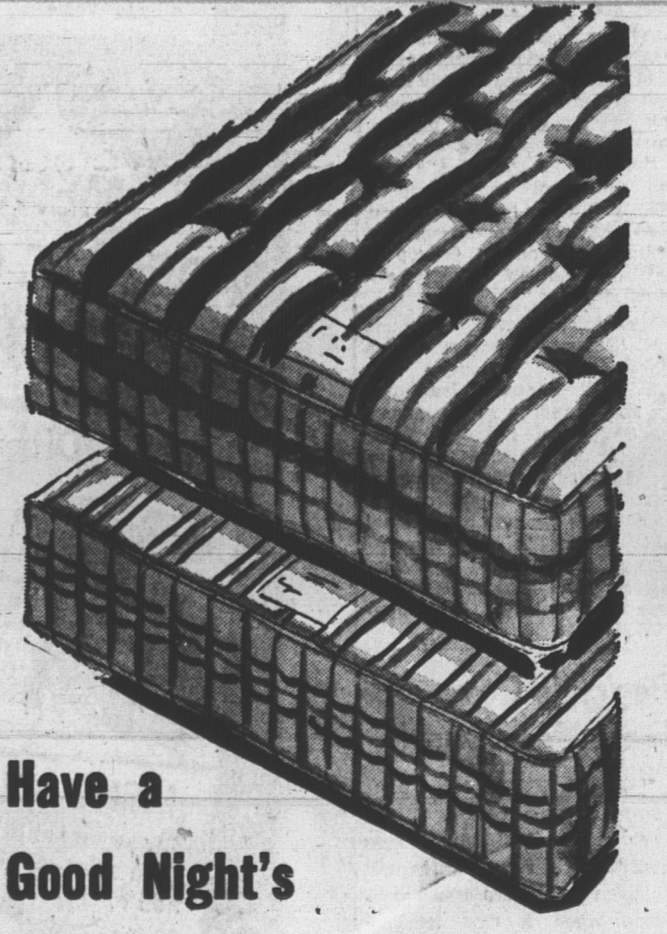
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