

## Talk of Snap Election Fails To Spark Action

OTTAWA (CP)—The maxim that the early bird gets the worm is one that applies to practical political campaigning as much as to many other things.

It is a rule of thumb that a political party attempting to wrestle a seat from its opponents in the House of Commons likes to get its challenger nominated well in advance of an election, so he can go to work converting voters.

There has been talk recently of a snap general election to clear the political air. This kind of speculation is always current when a government has only minority strength in the Commons.

So it would seem likely that the national headquarters of the major parties would currently be abuzz with nominating conventions and behind-the-scenes negotiation for new candidates. But while talk of an election is current, spokesmen for the Liberal and Conservative party headquarters indicate it hasn't sparked any feverish preparation.

An official at national Liberal headquarters, for instance, said he had no ready tally of the number of candidates so far nominated.

It's assumed that all but a very small number of the 127 Liberal MPs now in the Commons will seek reelection if a contest is launched suddenly.

But the Liberal spokesman said there are perhaps only a half a dozen new candidates

nominated and there are few nomination meetings scheduled at present.

At Progressive Conservative party headquarters it was learned that by the end of this month, about 20 new candidates will have been chosen by local party organizations. It is also assumed there that nearly all of the 96 sitting Conservative MPs will stand for reelection.

### LACK CANDIDATES

There are 265 seats in the Commons at stake in any general election. The two old parties at this point, therefore, have only half or fewer than half the candidates they need to run a full slate.

The situation is more complicated in the three other political parties in the Commons. The New Democratic and Social Credit parties always have found it difficult to nominate a full slate of candidates. The Creditaires are a new factor but are not likely to spread out much beyond their present area of interest.

Another criteria of serious election preparation is the level of demand by local government party organizations for federal cabinet ministers to speak at party meetings.

A Liberal headquarters source said engagements at nominating meetings so far are scattered. Most ministers are busy with speaking engagements outside Parliament, but these are concerned mainly with departmental affairs and are non-political.

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## Queen Celebrates Official Birthday

LONDON (Reuters) — Pomp and ceremony swept London for a few hours Saturday as Queen Elizabeth marked her official birthday by taking the salute at the traditional trooping—the color parade.

The colorful ceremony, performed under sprays of fitful sunshine, was watched by thousands.

Wearing a black tricornered hat and scarlet tunic, the Queen rode side-saddle from Buckingham Palace on a chestnut police horse named Imperial, past cheering crowds.

An accomplished horsewoman, the Queen kept complete control of her mount during the ceremony. More than 1,300 members of the Brigade of Guards, in their tall bearskin caps and scarlet tunics, and the Household Cavalry, in scarlet and blue uniforms with gleaming breastplates and plumed helmets, were on parade for the Queen.

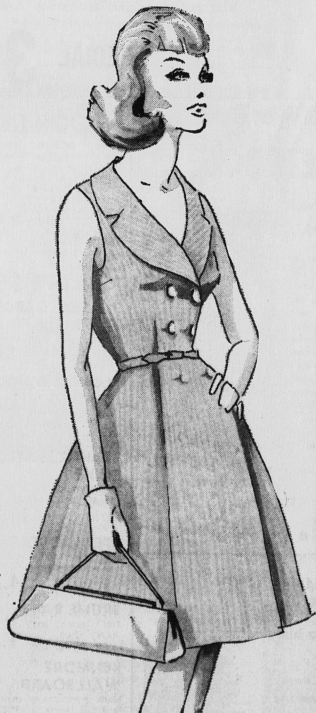
She was accompanied by Prince Philip, wearing the uniform of colonel of the Welsh Guards, and her uncle, the Duke of Gloucester in the uniform of the Scots Guards.

The Queen's birthday is actually April 21, but it is not celebrated until June 15 when it is known as her official birthday.

The tradition was started by the pomp-loving King Edward VII at the turn of the century. His own birthday was in gloomy December, so he switched it to June to enable celebrations to be held in the summer.

Earlier Saturday the Queen honored thousands of Commonwealth citizens with awards ranging from peerages to minor titles in her annual birthday honors list.

The honors are normally conferred twice a year—on the Queen's birthday and on New Year's Day.



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## Ontario Will Investigate Timmins Area Stock Deals

By JOHN BELANGER  
TORONTO (CP) — Ontario will investigate the stock dealings in companies with claims near the site of a rich basement find at Timmins.

Announcing the investigation Attorney General A.A. Wishart of Ontario said a three-man team will try to find out how much money the companies raised, the cost of raising it and the methods used in selling the stocks.

About 80 or 90 companies were involved in the Timmins area following the strike, announced in April by Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. of New York.

Reaction to the investigation—described by Ontario Securities Commission Chairman J. R. Kimber as the first of its type in the province—was mixed.

The Toronto Stock Exchange, asked by Mr. Wishart to cooperate said it would, but criticized the attorney-general for his timing.

The Exchange said in a special statement the investigation could make it difficult for small mining companies to raise funds for development, and such a consequence would be "most regrettable."

WELCOMES PROBE  
Patrick Sheridan, a Toronto geologist and head of four firms active in the Timmins area, said he personally welcomes the inquiry adding that "it's time somebody separated the wheat from the chaff."

Other mining company officials either refused to comment, or could not be reached for comment.

The inquiry will cover trading in stocks from Nov. 1, 1963, to the present and findings will be reported directly to the attorney-general.

The three men appointed are R. C. McGuire, an OSC investigator, and auditors J. E. Marshall and S. S. Gorecki. Mr. Kimber could give no estimate as to when findings may be completed.

Shares of penny mining companies on both the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges skyrocketed after the announcement of the Texas Gulf find April 16. Volume on the Toronto Exchange was more than 25,000,000 shares for two days after the announcement with some stocks doubling and even tripling in price on reports they

held land or claims near the Texas Gulf strike.

In Quebec the attorney-general's department said it is not considering a similar investigation while the Montreal Stock Exchange declined to comment.

## Divorce Trend Across Canada Shows Increase

OTTAWA (CP)—The number of divorces granted in Canada last year was the third highest on record, the bureau of statistics has reported.

The 1963 total of 7,681 compared with the record of 8,213 in 1947 and 7,757 in 1946.

Divorces granted last year showed an increase of 913 over 6,768 approved in 1962 when Quebec or Newfoundland divorce bills were passed by Parliament. Petitions from the only two provinces without divorce courts were stalled until the Commons approved a system to take divorce out of the Commons by the appointment of a divorce commissioner.

Even excluding the 499 granted by Parliament during 1963 on behalf of Quebec and Newfoundland petitioners, last year's total still is 414 higher than the 6,768 granted in 1962.

Number of divorces in 1963, excluding Quebec and Newfoundland, was higher in all areas than in 1962 except in New Brunswick, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The largest gains were in Nova Scotia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Divorces in 1963 by provinces with 1962 figures (excluding Newfoundland and Quebec) in brackets:

Newfoundland 8 (nil); Prince Edward Island 8 (5); Nova Scotia 271 (229); New Brunswick 172 (181); Quebec 491 (nil); Ontario 2,232 (3,140); Manitoba 369 (330); Saskatchewan 331 (281); Alberta 1,268 (1,064); British Columbia 1,516 (1,490); Yukon 13 (14); and Northwest Territories 2 (5).

LAUNCHES SPACE SHOT  
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—The U.S. Air Force Saturday launched a space vehicle employing a Thor-gem booster combination. The air force, announcing the launching, gave no details.

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