

The problem "In the opinion of most Ottawa observers, the government must carry the big share of the blame for parliamentary near-paralysis. It was the Prime Minister's decision not to call Parliament into session until Sept. 27, thus passing up three months of available sitting time. It was his decision to send the members home for an unearned month's vacation at Christmas."—The Financial Post

Decisiveness "The Liberal Leader's firm stand... appears to mark an important trend in Canadian politics—towards decisiveness, a virtue which many feel has been almost completely lacking among Canadian political leaders for too many years."—Winnipeg Free Press

A hard honesty "Mr. Pearson has started campaigning with a hard honesty that has been missing from Canadian politics for too long. He is morally right, and we have a strange hunch that he is also politically right—that the voters are fed up with pie-in-the-sky and want to hear the cold truths."—Montreal Star

Pearson is ahead "In attacking Mr. Pearson for making a decision and inviting the electorate to judge him on it, the other three parties play the politics they affect to abhor. Unconsciously they also do something more. Their unanimity of attack suggests that they fear Mr. Pearson is running ahead, that he is the man to beat."—Toronto Globe & Mail

Someone capable "The Liberal Party, it is now perfectly clear, is the only one to have a defence policy worthy of Canada. Canadians who value this nation's security and integrity therefore have no other alternative but to accord the Liberals a strong mandate in the April 8 election... That there are other big issues in Canada today goes without saying. It is time we had someone capable of measuring up to the job's stern responsibilities."—The Calgary Herald

The only possible government "The Liberals... are the only possible government. The course of wisdom, therefore, is to make it clear both at home and abroad that Mr. Pearson will be Prime Minister... and that Canadians will give him all the support necessary to put our mismanaged affairs in order."—Financial Times.

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