

The Week at Ottawa

# Conservatives Plan Big Bid

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OTTAWA (CP)—Fortified with a new leader and new policy, the Progressive Conservative party is getting ready to make its big bid against the 21 year old Liberal regime in next year's election.

John Diefenbaker, a rangy, 61 year old Commons member and lawyer from Prince Albert, Sask., was the winner on the first ballot as the party convention elected a new leader to succeed Hon. George Drew, who retired from the post because of poor health.

Besides electing its new chief, the party did a major re-writing of its eight year old platform to bring in many new specific points while holding basically to the party's fundamental tenets.

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On his third try at the leadership, he won with 131 votes to spare. He had needed 643 to win on the first ballot in which 1,284 votes were cast.

He set about immediately to mend his Quebec fences in an acceptance speech to the delegates—partly in laborious French—calling for coast-to-coast unity.

Before he had started, a large proportion of the 142-member Quebec delegation had walked out of the convention hall, though Mr. Diefenbaker's supporters later claimed he had received a more-than-expected share of the Quebec vote.

Mr. Diefenbaker himself told a press conference later he got a "fair" part of the Quebec delegation's vote, despite a Thursday night Quebec caucus in which more than 300 were reported to have taken an anti-Diefenbaker stand.

The balloting was secret, but former national president George Hees estimated that Mr. Diefenbaker had picked up 102 Quebec votes. Mr. Hees said Quebec sentiment had been shifted by a combination of factors, including Mr. Diefenbaker's nomination acceptance speech in which he displayed a broad viewpoint.

At all events, Mr. Diefenbaker lost no time in trying to heal whatever rift might have developed between French and English-speaking elements over his prospective leadership. He quickly appealed to all French-speaking delegates and voters to get behind him as they may have done for Mr. Fleming and Mr. Fulton during the leadership campaign.

His two opponents in the balloting had made the move even before that, moving and seconding that the election be made unanimous and rushing across the convention speakers' platform to shake the westerner's hand.

National Progressive Conservative president Leon Balcer, a major figure in the Quebec delegation and a supporter of Mr. Fleming, told a reporter: "I congratulate Mr. Diefenbaker. There is no doubt the best man won."

After a warm debate, the delegates defeated by about 25 to one a proposal to shorten the party name by deleting the "Progressive."

**Revised Platform**  
The Progressive Conservative party's new platform is topped by the declaration that the party stands for freedom of opportunity in a competitive economy.

The statement of basic principles, more of a change in words than in substance, is a declaration for "freedom of worship, speech and assembly, loyalty to the Queen of Canada and the rule of law," and says vigilance over parliamentary institutions is the best guarantee of such freedoms.

"We believe the state should be the servant of the people and that our national progress depends on a competitive economy which, accepting its social responsibilities, allows to every individual freedom of opportunity and initiative and the peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of his labors."

Mr. Diefenbaker, in his post-election statement, pledged himself to uphold the rights of language.

religion and of minorities as guaranteed by the constitution. "The Conservative party will be the national party," he said. "It is the party which founded Confederation and the party that will save Confederation."

"It is my intention to unite all Canadians, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, under the banner of patriotism. My ideal is justice and equality for all, with favor for none. I want Canada to be a single country. I want Canada to be a single nation, my country. My sole wish is for your happiness, my sole strength your confidence."

**Troops to Middle East**  
Trade Minister Howe, acting prime minister while Mr. St. Laurent holidayed in the southern U.S., announced Canadian compliance with a United Nations request for additional Canadian troops to be sent to the Middle East.

The announcement said 420 "housekeeping" troops would be sent to augment the almost wholly Canadian headquarters staff of

Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Ottawa, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force seeking to enforce peace in Egypt.

The army said later, however, that between 500 and 600 troops would sail aboard the aircraft carrier Magnificent for Middle East duty. An air force official said an additional number of R.C.A.F. personnel likely would be aboard the carrier when she leaves Halifax, about December 22.

But the 950-man 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles, which had eagerly awaited a U.N. assignment, was to be returned from Halifax to its base in Calgary. Mr. Howe said the U.N. found it could not fit the Canadian combat troops into the Emergency Force.

The new dispatch of troops would bring to about 1,200 the number of Canadian army and air force personnel serving the U.N. E.F. The aircraft, originally restricted to ferrying men and equipment from Naples to Egypt, will provide communications and observers over the Egyptian-Israeli lines.

## Christmas Task Now Near; Take Tips on Carving Fowl

With the housewife spending so much valuable time in the preparation of the Christmas dinner, especially the turkey, it would be too bad to see it ruined in the carving.

Fowl must be carved in the correct manner to get an assortment of white and dark meat and for economical reasons, it prevents waste in the small shavings that are liable to come off in careless handling of the bird.

After the bird is done, allow it stand in the roasting pan for 15 to 30 minutes so that the juices may be absorbed, remove all trussing equipment, such as skewers and cord. Place the bird on a warm large platter, use a simple garnish but don't overdo it. Carve at the breast and quarter the turkey. Carve with a very sharp, thin bladed knife and fork with a guard. Carve enough meat at one time to serve all the guests.

There are two styles of carving technique, the standard style and the side style which is used for half and quarter turkeys. These methods are also for chickens.

Remove leg (thigh or second joint and drumstick). Hold the drumstick firmly with fingers, pulling gently away from turkey body. At the same time cut through skin between leg and body. Continue as follows:

Press leg away from body with flat side of knife. Then cut through the joint joining leg to backbone and skin on the back. If the "oyster," a choice oyster-shaped piece of the backbone was not removed with the thigh, remove it at this point. Hold leg on service plate with drumstick at a convenient angle to plate. Separate drumstick and thigh by cutting down through the joint to the plate.

Slice drumstick, meat. Hold

drumstick upright at a convenient angle to plate and cut down, turning drumstick to get uniform slices. Chicken drumsticks and thighs are usually served without slicing.

Hold thigh firmly with fork. Cut slices parallel to the bone. Cut in to white meat parallel to wing.

Beginning at front, starting half way up breast, cut thin slices of white meat down to cut made parallel to wing. Remove individual servings of stuffing for cut in side of turkey where leg was removed.

Remove wing tip and first joint. Remove drumstick. Grasp end and lift it away from the body. Hold drumstick upright at convenient angle and cut down toward the plate, parallel with the bone, turning the drumstick to make uniform slices.

Anchoring the fork where it is most convenient to steady the bird, cut slices of thigh meat parallel to the body until the bone is reached. Begin at the front end of the turkey and slice until the wing socket is exposed. Remove the second joint of the wing. Continue slicing white meat until enough slices have been provided.

## Tree is Symbol Origin Legend

As the cradle is to Italy; the Yule log to England—the Christmas tree is a symbol of the Holy Day in Canada, Norway, Sweden and Germany. In Canada, and in the United States as well, Christmas isn't Christmas without a tree—preferably an evergreen with straight trunk and fragrant branches, thick with needles.

There are several legends on how a tree first came to be a symbol of Christmas. Maybe the Egyptians started it by taking palm branches into their homes at Yuletide. A beautiful story relating to the first use of evergreens in the annual celebration, dates back to the ninth century. A certain St. Winifred went to preach Christianity to the Scandinavian countries: Denmark and North Germany.

"One Christmas eve, he found the people gathered around a giant oak, to which was bound a human being for sacrifice—an old Druid custom."

St. Winifred released the victim and hewed down the great tree. When it fell, all the trees in its path, except one, were crushed. Standing among the branches of the fallen oak was a slender fir tree.

"This you shall use hereafter in your Christmas ceremonies," St. Winifred went to preach Christianity to the sky. You shall call it a tree of the Christ Child, or 'Christmas tree'. And so it has been known down through the centuries. By 1800, the tree had come into general use.

Another legend told how, on Christmas eve, the apple tree produced fruit. Only a few generations ago, apples were fastened to the Christmas tree. Today we carry on the custom by hanging ornaments of the tree—some of them resembling fruit.

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## Say Most Christian Village in World

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Ninety-five per cent. of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenthum has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lock-up were transients given a night's lodging.

## Holiday Dessert

The Yule Log—for a holiday dessert as easy to make and serve as falling off the proverbial log! Start with a lemon, chocolate cream or jelly cake roll fresh from your baker or food market. Wrap roll in a moist towel for a few seconds. Cover with powdered sugar as thick as the snow on the window pane. Drizzle melted chocolate over the sugar until it resembles a birch log. When sliced, garnish each serving with whipped cream or ice cream and chocolate chips. Serves 6 to 8.

## WINTER TREAT

Winter wonderland toasts—a treat for Santa's little darlings. Spread confectioner's icing on slices of hot toast. Cut into bite-size strips and sprinkle with coconut. Brown lightly under broiler and serve immediately.

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The seed was then scattered as the helicopter flew up and down the valley, spaced at a rate of seven pounds a minute.



## ROOF RAFT

A helicopter may hover like a bird, but when it comes down to roost on a roof it weighs plenty, and sets up quite a strain. So engineers have devised a gimmick. The whirly-bird lands on an aluminum raft floating in a shallow pool of water. The machine's weight is spread over the area of the raft instead of just that covered by the landing gear.

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