

Flora boosts PC scheme

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HERALD SPECIAL
External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald says it would be the "height of irresponsibility" for any government to increase Canada's reliance on foreign energy sources.

"Canada must be self-sufficient," she told a Brampton audience Friday. "That's what this election is all about."

To continue to believe oil is cheap and plentiful "is really to live in a fool's paradise," she said.

Barnstorming through the riding in support of Conservative candidate John McDermid, Mrs. MacDonald spelled out the Tory energy and foreign policy at Sheridan College.

Half of a proposed \$4-a-barrel oil increase this year would be used to build pipelines, develop tar sands and encourage conservation, as well as giving "serious attention" to research and development of renewable energy sources, she said.

Canada spent more than \$3 billion last year to import 159 million barrels of oil, one-fifth of the nation's consumption, she said.

Unless that course is altered, Canada will import 300 million barrels by 1985, she said.

While world prices are certain to climb, the security of foreign supplies is doubtful, she indicated.

In 1980, demands of industrial countries will exceed production by OPEC nations by 1.5 million barrels a day, she said.

A "really frightening" aspect is that Warsaw Pact nations may enter the world market since the Soviet Union

has told them not to count on Soviet supplies, she said.

Mrs. MacDonald said another prospect is the Soviets moving into the world market, or trying to control it.

Mrs. MacDonald said "the name of the game is oil," and the western economy could be crippled if the Soviets push further into the Persian Gulf.

That's why it's "vitaly important" Canada becomes self-sufficient, and "firm strong measures" are needed so the country doesn't become hostages to the "ayatollahs of the world," she said.

"It's not going to be cheap," she said. "It's not going to be easy. We're going to have to pay the price today."

Mrs. MacDonald said Canada's role is to help "defuse" regional conflicts from escalating into global conflicts.

As well, Canada must warn countries who try to exploit regional instability, she said.

"We have believed from the outset that you must call a spade a spade," she said.

Mrs. MacDonald said she urged at the United Nations "clearer, stronger, more even-handed action in the human rights field," and the Tories had launched "a careful and thorough" review of foreign aid.

"We want to be sure we are indeed helping those countries to become independent, economically self-sufficient themselves," she said.

Earlier Friday, Mrs. MacDonald visited Peel Manor home for the aged, where she gave a 10-minute address and chatted with residents.



Susan Crane's sons, Bradley and Michael, don't seem too impressed by their mother's generosity in giving blood. In fact, they probably would rather have spent their time in the nursery at the blood donor clinic Monday. The clinic collected 406 units of blood and the Kinsmen Club's "Bucket of Blood" award was won by the Optimists Club.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Clinic collects 406 pints

The Georgetown Red Cross collected 406 pints of blood Monday at the blood donor clinic at Holy Cross auditorium.

Attendance at the clinic was 435 donors, with 57 people giving blood for the

first time. The clinic was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Georgetown, and the club went on to win the Kinsmen Club's "Bucket of Blood" award, which goes to the service club with the largest percentage of its members giving blood.

Metro Toronto has a requirement of 900 units of blood daily for surgery, and the Georgetown clinic collected over one-third of the amount necessary.

The next scheduled clinic for Georgetown is May 12.

Varian tube contract

From the Ottawa Bureau
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A federal contract worth \$17,005 has been awarded to Varian Canada Inc. of Georgetown to provide the defence department with electron tubes, the department of supply and services announced Thursday.

It was one of 256 unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadian companies during the week ended Jan. 18. Total value of the contracts amounted to \$41,387,831.

There are 16 Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service centres across Canada where blood is broken into its component parts. It's an operation requiring the most sophisticated medical equipment and techniques. The results are worth it. It means that blood components such as platelets can be given to those who need them.

Leukemia patients depend on platelets for their treatment.

Jelinek receives Vanier award

A select group of prominent Canadians has selected Halton MP Otto Jelinek as one of five outstanding Canadians.

Nominated by the Oakville chapter of the Jaycees, Mr. Jelinek will receive the coveted Vanier Award.

Each year, members of the Jaycees nominate Canadians who they feel inspire others to continue in their challenge in life. Mr. Jelinek was selected because of his devotion to the disabled and handicapped children through the Variety Club of Toronto and the Red Foster Special Olympics for the mentally retarded. Mr. Jelinek was also nominated because of his outstanding achievement in sports.

In 1962, he and sister Maria won the world figure skating pairs championships. They are now members of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Jelinek joins in the company of notable Canadians such as Ottawa football great Russ Jackson, author Margaret Atwood, Governor General Edward Schreyer and ballerina Karen Kain, all Vanier Award recipients.

Welder's spark starts fire

A welder's spark ignited a tank of paint dip at Ferro Steel on Armstrong Avenue last Wednesday.

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