Campbell resignation leaves Liberals on shaky ground

premier in the country and at 44 he was the longest-serving.

But in an unexpected move Monday, Alexander Bradshaw Campbell resigned as the 25th premier of Prince Edward Island and left his Liberal government's future on ground as precarious as that on which it stood in 1966 when it was

The Liberals defeated the Progressive Conservatives, led by Walter Shaw, in the May 30, 1966, general election and, after a July 11 by election, established a 17-to-15 majority—the same as it had following the general election April 24 of this

The election earlier this year, however, was the first time islanders had given the same premier four consecutive man-

"I don't think the odds are all that good," Campbell said

Monday night of his chances of staying on as premier beyond another election.

During his 12 years as leader of the Liberal party, it was

not uncommon to see farmers or fishermen in his office. It was just as common to see him stop along the highway to chat with someone fishing in a roadside creek

"Why did you bother?" he was asked after one such stop. "He probably has a lot of relatives and they'll know tonight that I stopped and asked how the fishin' was," he replied. 'That's how it's done; showing you care.'

One of his main goals was to see islanders with a sense of self-reliance and self-confidence in a province that had for too long relied on federal handouts.

But after 12 years of battles in a province where political allegiance is often set at birth, Campbell said Monday he

financial affairs. When he was first elected in 1966, Campbell was forced

"I feel like just getting away with my wife and just being John Q. Public to get some of the perspective you don't get as a premier," he said.

During his career as premier. Campbell held the portfolios of development, agriculture and forestry, justice, attorneyand advocate-general, and minister responsible for cultural

He was also president of the Executive Council. "It's more difficult to resign than it is to enlist," Campbell

said. "I loved what I was doing." In resigning, Campbell said one of the three things he takes greatest pride in is the fact that he has established a rationale in the province's policy development and an integrity in its

to get a consortium of Canadian banks to underwrite the daily

had rejected the idea of bind-

ing arbitration, a suggestion

Davis made Monday during

separate meetings with com-mission officials and union

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The other things were his work in guiding the province toward a position approaching self-reliance and his efforts to get more islanders involved in government.

But, for those Liberals left in office, the key question is how long they can last without Campbell, both because he was the leader and because he gave them a majority, albeit

"The jeopardy I've left the party in weighed very heavily on me in making this decision," he said. "But I think I have to make the point that there will always be several reasons why you shouldn't leave public life.

"If you yield to those considerations you sooner or later develop a case of Smallwooditis so that it is never time to leave," he said, apparently referring to former Newfoundland Liberal premier Joey Smallwood."

The nation

BRIEFLY

Separation support limited

TORONTO (CP) - The Star says a survey of 613 Quebec residents shows 80 per cent expressed some commitment to keeping Quebec in Confede-

The survey, conducted for the newspaper by Goldfarb Consultants of Toronto, also shows about 70 per cent believe Canada would be worse off without Quebec and that about 60 per cent believe Quebec would be worse off without

In the June survey, 613 residents of 14 communities with a population of more than 10,000 were interviewed for about two hours on a wide range of issues. It is the third such survey for The Star.

In the February, 1977, survey, 75 per cent wanted to remain within Confederation and in July, 1977, it was 88 per

Editor quits

TORONTO (CP) - John Gault, executive editor of Maclean's magazine, said Monday he has resigned over a decision by the magazine's publisher to change the cover of Maclean's inaugural weekly issue.

Kevin Doyle, managing editor of the magazine, had said earlier Monday that he had received no resignations, despite published reports that several senior editors and writers had threatened to resign.

Gault said in an interview that the magazine was slated to go on the stands with a cover cartoon of Prime Minister Trudeau.

However, publisher Lloyd Hodgkinson ordered it replaced after he found it grotesque and unflattering, Gault said.

Report delayed

OTTAWA (CP) - The Task Force on Canadian Unity has once again decided to delay releasing its preliminary report, a spokesman for the study group said today.

The official said in an inter-view the preliminary report, which he described as a glossary of national unity terms, likely will not be released until late October or early November.

When the group was estab-lished by the federal government in July, 1977, it promised to publish the first of two reports in the spring of this year. That target was later changed to July, then early fall and now late fall.

The final report still is expected to be published by the end of December, he said.

Reporter blasts CBC

TORONTO (CP) - The Global Television Network says local CBC reporter Jock Ferguson has sent a written intervention to the Canadian Radiotelevision and Telecommunications Commission in the CBC's licence renewal application.

Global quotes Ferguson as saying superiors took him off a story on an alleged pay-off department at Toronto city hall, a move he described as showing a lack of journalistic Integrity.

The network quotes Ferguson as saying in the brief that investigative journalism is impossible in CBC's Toronto newsroom because of time and

financial constraints.

Last week, CBC journalist
Peter Kent, newsreader for The National news, was replaced for two nights after the disclosure that he had filed a personal intervention in the CBC licence application.



Francis Fox and his bride Vivian Case pose for photo.

AFFAIR IN PAST

Francis Fox takes bride

election problems," and that

Andras "has fought and lost

too many battles" over gov-

Business sources have sug-

gested that the newsletters,

said to cost hundreds of dollars

a month, are being used to

build up a war chest for Tur-

ner's reentry into politics.

ernment spending restraint.

MONTREAL (CP) - Former Solicitor-General Francis Fox married 29-year-old Vivian Case in a civil ceremony in Ottawa

His bride, a Toronto native, works as an Air Canada flight attendant and as a model in Montreal.

It was her first marriage and the second

for her new husband.

Prime Minister Trudeau was among the guests who dropped into a a reception after the ceremony, said one of the 30 friends and relatives who attended.

Fox, a Roman Catholic, lawyer and former lecturer in law at the University of Montreal, was married in 1965 to Joan Pennefather. Their 10-year-old son, John, has lived with Fox since the couple

Fox, 38, who represents the Montrealarea riding of Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes, resigned from the cabinet Jan. 30 after admitting that he had an affair with a married woman and signed her husband's name on a document in order for her to have an abortion.

The Citizen

National

in transit strike Both TTC and union officials

William Davis has ordered the legislature reconvened Wednesday to deal with a Toronto transit strike, saving the dispute is a unique one calling for

Announcing the legislature's recall six weeks before its summer break was to end, Davis said today that his government took no satisfaction in

However, with no foresee-

With the NDP expected to

three weeks.

current strike, which began Monday, would have a negative impact on the economy of the city and the province if it was allowed to continue. The premier, scheduled to

begin a two-week trip to Israel, Iran, Belgium and England next Tuesday, wants the dispute settled before he leaves.

Defensive Driving is No Accident

Ont. to intervene

TORONTO (CP) - Premier government intervention.

interfering in a labor dispute.

able end to the strike and because of the thousands affected by the lack of public transit service, he could see no point in allowing the dispute to

oppose the legislation ordering the 7,000 Toronto Transit Commission workers back to work. Davis's minority government will need the Liberals' support for the bill. Davis said he expects the legislation to pass within a few days.
The last TTC strike, in 1974,

ended when Davis introduced back-to-work legislation. But in that case, the legislature did not deal with the dispute until it had been under way almost Davis said today that the

A DEFENSIVE DRIVING TIP

BRITISH COLUMBIA SAFETY COUNCIL

Turner apologizes OTTAWA (CP) - Former away from the job on his re-

finance minister John Turner has written to members of the Trudeau cabinet apologizing for criticism he has made of them in confidential newsletters sent to members of the country's corporate elite.

Spokesmen for two of the ministers confirmed today that Turner has written 11/2page letters explaining comments in the newsletters.

Both spokesmen declined to disclose contents of the letters but one said the letter could be regarded as both "an apology and an explanation."

Ministers criticized by Turner, who is occasionally mentioned as a possible successor to Trudeau as Liberal leader, include Trade Minister Jack Horner, Industry Minister Alastair Gillespie, Finance Minister Jean Chretien and Robert Andras, treasury board president.

The newsletters, sent on request to clients of Turner's law firm, McMillan Binch of Toronto, and bearing the names but not the signatures of Turner and his partner William MacDonald, provide a detailed, at times gossipy, analysis of the country's political situation.

Asked about the documents in an interview recently, Turner replied: "We're not in the newsletter game."

Copies of two of the newsletters obtained by The Canadian Press say Chretien has lost leverage as finance minister, that Gillespie "is generally preceived to lack the confidence of the prime minister,' that Horner "is effectively spending 95 per cent of his time



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'would rather settle' OTTAWA (CP) - Leaders of Results of the national strike the Letter Carriers Union of Canada said Monday they

Letter carriers union

would "rather settle than strike" and planned to con-tinue negotiations aimed at ending a contract dispute over

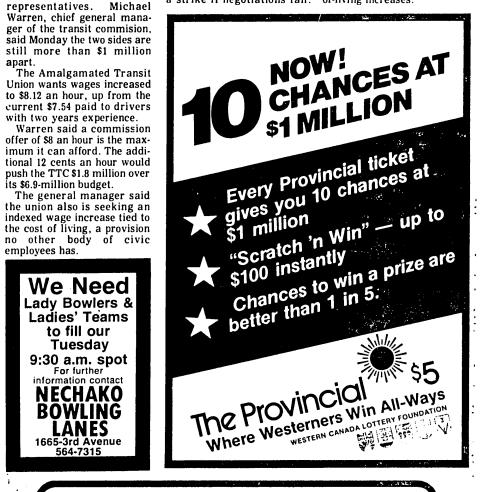
Contract talks which resumed Monday will continue today or Wednesday, union spokesmen said.

The 18,000 letter carriers are in a legal strike position, but union vice-president William Findlay said negotiators will attempt to reach a new con-Union leaders asked members for authority to call a strike if negotiations fail. of-living increases.

vote will be announced Wed-

Although the letter carriers have not gone on strike since 1972, union president Robert McGarry says he is confident members will give heavy support to the request for a strike mandate.

The union is no longer covered by mandatory wage controls, but negotiators for the letter carriers say they will accept a six-per-cent wage increase in basic salary during an 18-month contract as long as there also is full protection from past and future cost-



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