

Rivalry in politics doesn't affect family ties

by IRWIN BLOCK
QUEBEC (CP) — The Johnson brothers have been political rivals since the 1980 Quebec referendum on sovereignty-association, yet they've never let partisan sniping get in the way of family ties.
Pierre Marc, 39, and Daniel Jr., 40, have shunned interviews on the brother-against-brother theme, but in recent weeks the subject has become inescapable.
After only two months as premier and Parti Quebecois leader, Pierre Marc lost the Dec. 2 provincial election, then Daniel Jr. took over as minister of industry and commerce in the new Liberal government.

Can the two sons of the late Union Nationale premier Daniel Johnson avoid sparring in the national assembly now that the pressure is on them to prove their mettle?
Daniel thinks they can continue a close relationship and still do their jobs. They've faced off in the house since 1981 and a personal clash "never really happened."
Daniel said in an interview he and his brother have managed to keep partisan arguments out of their private lives.
"We don't talk politics in family gatherings, only public affairs," said Daniel, surrounded by crates

and files as he moved into his new office.
Their mother, Reine Johnson, has seen both sons sworn in to high office — Pierre Marc as premier on Oct. 3 and Daniel as a senior economic minister on Dec. 12.
A Liberal party member since 1978, Daniel attended Pierre Marc's swearing-in as Rene Levesque's successor.
"I was extremely proud of my kid brother, although my political ambition was to make sure his term was as short as possible," he says with a smile.
Pierre Marc didn't attend his brother's swearing-in. "Presumably

he's happy to see his elder brother in there," Daniel says.
Daniel, who lost a bitter campaign for the Liberal leadership against Robert Bourassa in 1983, won't rule out another stab at the top job eventually.
"It's not on the agenda just now," he said.
Johnson doesn't feel it's unusual that he and his brother have gone separate ways since their father died in 1968 after serving as premier for two years.
"It's just a manifestation of a phenomenon that Quebec has undergone over the last 20 years: Voting like your great-grandfather did — les bleus, les rouges — that's been shaken up a lot."
Daniel sees himself as part of a

"new class" of intellectuals — a francophone managerial class that's emerged in the business world in the last decade.
With a doctorate in law and a master's degree from the Harvard business school, Daniel was first elected in 1981 after working as a vice-president of Paul Desmarais' Power Corp. conglomerate.
His leadership run only two years later was an embarrassing flop. Johnson placed third behind a little-known country lawyer, Pierre Paradis, and his campaign was seen as ineffectual.
Pierre Marc, on the other hand, is more of a political animal — the invisible hand that pushed the PQ to drop Quebec independence last January and then Levesque him-

self, who quit as party leader last June after coming under strong caucus pressure.
Pierre Marc now bravely predicts he'll be back in power within four years.
If some people had their way, the Johnson brothers could have been part of a Dream Ticket.
A number of small town mayors and dissatisfied Union Nationale officials felt the Johnsons would have been an unbeatable combination that would have attracted voters who disliked Bourassa and nationalists fed up with the PQ.
The plan never got off the ground, undercut by the resignation of Levesque and seven hard-line separatist ministers late in 1984.

Israel bashing becoming standard fare at the UN

by AL COLLETTI
UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Only the dates have changed in the annual exercise of Israeli-bashing at the United Nations.
Resolutions condemning Israel fill the UN General Assembly's plate every fall.
Nothing really has changed at the 40th anniversary this year. Same old Middle East resolutions, same positions.
Peace is as fleeting as ever.
"It can only be described as very distressing," says a Canadian UN official.
Canada either voted against or abstained on most anti-Israel resolutions with an occasional yes vote on some human rights issues.
The main Middle East resolutions approved by wide Assembly margins this week sought to isolate Israel and its free-trade partner, the United States, even more so from the UN mainstream.
The Assembly called on member states to cease all dealings with Israel and termed Israeli practices in the occupied former Arab territories "war crimes."
The vote was 98 to 19 with 31 abstentions. Canada opposed the resolution.
The text was identical to an omnibus resolution passed last year except for an addition referring to the recent U.S.-Israeli free trade accord.

The U.S. was accused of encouraging "aggressive and expansionist policies" by Israel through military and trade agreements with the Jewish state.
The resolution renewed the Assembly's call for an international peace conference on the Middle East under UN auspices.
The U.S. and Israel opposed the proposal because it would include the Palestine Liberation Organization as well as the Soviet Union.
In explanation of its negative vote, Canada expressed disappointment that hopes for such a conference, generated earlier this year, now have been dashed.
The resolution contained extraneous and unacceptable language, said Canadian delegate David Lee.
"The events of this past year . . . had led us to believe that an opportunity was close at hand for achieving progress toward agreement on an international format within which a comprehensive peace settlement could be directly negotiated," Lee told the plenary session on Dec. 12.
"In that context, a renewed appeal in constructive terms for an

international peace conference . . . could have held promise of positive impact."
But he said Canada had no alternative but to vote against the resolution because the draft contained unsubstantiated, controversial accusations and intemperate language that will only cloud the atmosphere for peace talks.
The Assembly overwhelmingly approved a series of resolutions critical of Israeli human rights practices in occupied former Arab territories, accusing Israel of violating the 1949 Geneva Convention regarding the "protection of civil persons in time of war."
Canada voted in favor of the Geneva Convention resolution while the United States abstained.
The resolution would have the Assembly once again condemn the failure of Israel, the occupying power, to acknowledge the applicability of the Geneva Convention to the territories it had occupied since the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, including Jerusalem.
It demands that Israel acknowledge and comply with the convention's provisions.

Radio station hires politicians as disc jockeys

by Associated Press
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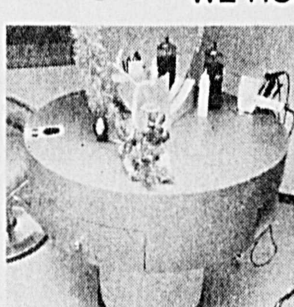
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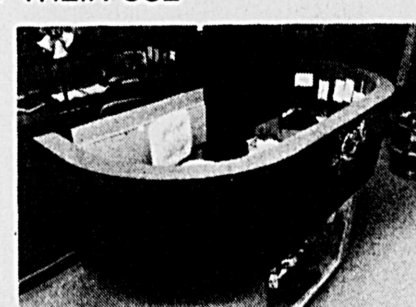
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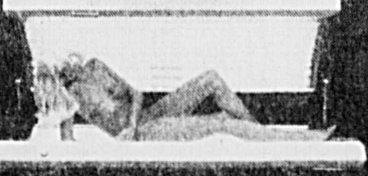
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