



By Al Sokol Toronto Star

Forrest Gregg, the National Football League Hall of Fame lineman, has signed a multi-year contract as Toronto Argonauts' new head coach.

Gregg came into town from Cleveland yesterday and stayed at a Toronto hotel under an assumed name. Argos announced his signing at a press conference today.

The former head coach of the Cleveland Browns is expected to receive one of the highest salaries ever commanded by a head coach in the Canadian Football League, a reported \$100,000 per season.

Ironically, Gregg was the first choice of former Argos majority owner Bill Hodgson, who made overtures to the Texas native before the end of last season.

Gregg, 45, was an all-pro offensive tackle with Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers during the glory years of the 1960s and finished his playing career with Dallas Cowboys in '71.

His NFL coaching career began with a two-year stint as an assistant with San Diego Chargers. In '74, Gregg became offensive line coach of the Cleveland Browns.

The 6-foot-4, 260-pound Gregg was named Cleveland's head coach in '75 as the Browns finished last in the Central Division of the NFL with a 3-11 record.

After a fine rebuilding job, Cleveland surged to a 9-5 mark in '76 and Gregg was named the American Football Conference's coach of the year.

The following season, the Browns got off to a 5-2 start and then slumped badly. Gregg was fired by Cleveland owner Arthur Modell before the final game in '77 as Browns finished 6-8.

Last season, Gregg left his assistant's job with San Diego after one month, unable to make the adjustment after being

a head coach in Cleveland. He was out of football, but still being paid by the Browns, who no longer have any contractual obligations.

Gregg personally scouted Argos in their final game last season, a loss to the Tiger-Cats in Hamilton, which put Toronto (4-12) in last place.

At that time, Argos were guided by interim head coach Bud Riley, who took over Sept. 10 after owner Hodgson had fired Leo Cahill whose Argos were 3-6.

Cahill, fired twice as Argos coach, was paid \$40,000 a year when rehired in 1977 to succeed Russ Jackson. He still has a year of pay remaining on his three-year

contract. He first joined Argos in 1967 as coach and was fired in 1972.

Jackson was hired in 1975 to replace John Rauch at \$75,000 a year on a five-year contract. He'll draw one more year's pay.

Riley left Argos last December. There were no contractual obligations for him or Rauch.

The hiring of Gregg as head coach today was the No. 1 priority set by Argos bossman Lew Hayman.

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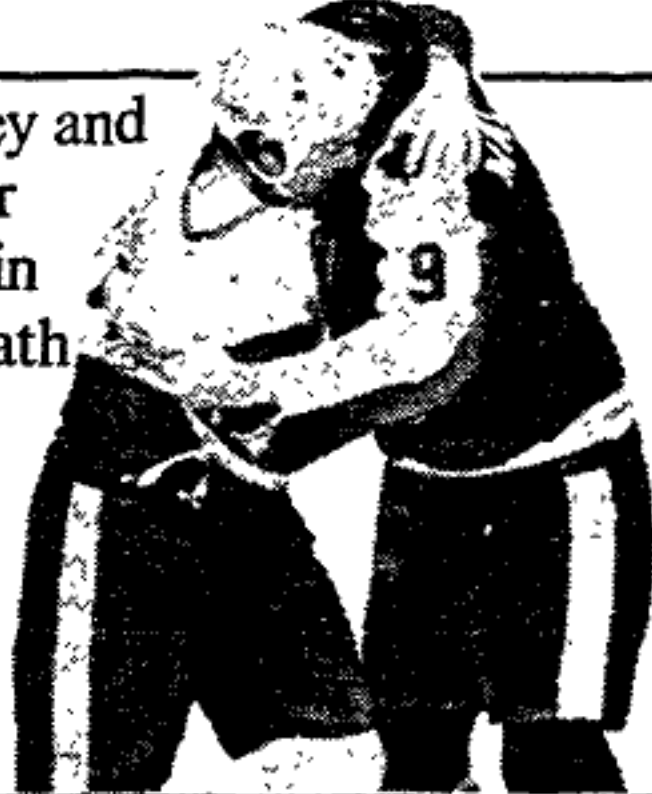
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Leafs' Maloney and Wings' Harper grapple in main bout of bloodbath won by Leafs 6-2/B1



Ouellet hints at tax break on homes

By Pat McNenly Toronto Star

The Trudeau government is considering giving both tenants and homeowners "shelter tax credits" to counter Conservative Leader Joe Clark's promise to make home mortgage interest payments and taxes deductible from income tax.

In unveiling the tax credit scheme to 1,500 house builders yesterday, Urban Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet said the plan could be introduced "as soon as our economy permits."

He said it would apply at first to those whose rent or housing costs exceed 30 per cent of their income but would probably be extended later to those whose costs exceed 20 per cent of income.

The federal housing minister told the Housing and Urban Development Association of Canada (HUDAC) annual conference at the Sheraton Centre that a person not earning enough to pay income tax might get a cheque from Ottawa to help with high rents or house payments.

Ouellet said the tax assistance could cover such housing costs as mortgage interest payments, property taxes, heat and insurance.

He said later the scheme probably would be introduced when "we have a more solid dollar and when the economy generates more revenue to the government."

Ouellet declined to put dollar figures on his proposal. "I'm talking about a concept and I'm not going to get bogged down in detail," he said. But later he said it would cost only half as much as Clark's scheme, which he estimated at more than \$2.1 billion a year.

In Ottawa, Treasury Board President Judd Buchanan seemed perplexed when told of Ouellet's announcement.

"There's no room, obviously, for any large new expenditure program," Buchanan said. "Certainly not from my perspective. . . . We have made no provision for that."

He suggested that perhaps Ouellet was thinking of spending cuts within his own department that would open up some additional manoeuvring room.

Ouellet told The Star last night that Buchanan was correct in saying the government's spending plan for the new fiscal year beginning April 1 will take every

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Marxists scoff at ailing Khomeini

By Peter Hardy Toronto Star special

TEHRAN — Ayatollah Khomeini appealed from his sickbed for Communists to unite under his Islamic flag but the February guerrillas greeted his plea with derision and vowed to fight for a Marxist Iran.

The 78-year-old spiritual leader and architect of Iran's revolution warned in a nationwide radio broadcast he "will not tolerate anyone who is anti-Islamic — we will crush them."

Meanwhile, four more generals have been executed by firing squad, bringing to nine the number of former top officials sentenced to death by Khomeini's secret Islamic courts.

Scores of others are widely reported to be facing trial — and death.

In his plea for unity, Khomeini said: "Leftists in Iran are not as strong as the Shah was, and if they have any differences (with us) they should work under the flag of Islam and not create disorder."

But a leading member of the Communists' paramilitary force said today, "We see MARXISTS/page A14

Soviets get U.S. warning over Iran

ATLANTA (Reuter) — President Jimmy Carter today ruled out U.S. military intervention in two of the world's crisis areas — Iran and Southeast Asia.

He also warned that Soviet interference in Iran would lead to serious consequences. But at the same time he said he would not permit unacceptable Soviet behavior to interfere with the SALT negotiations for a new treaty limiting strategic arms.

Reporting the negotiations had reached agreement on most major issues, Carter said in prepared remarks at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"I will seek both to conclude a SALT II agreement and to respond to any Soviet behavior which adversely affects our interests."

Carter stressed his continued refusal to link SALT with overall Soviet policies — U.S. page A1

Now meet little Herbie's mom and dad



Bright-eyed Herbie Quinones charms his parents, Herb and Leticia, in Brooklyn Hospital

Fight-for-life baby set for Metro's tender care

By Richard Friedman Toronto Star special

NEW YORK — For all but a few days of his seven months, little Herbie Quinones Jr. has lived in the neonatal intensive care unit of Brooklyn Hospital while an artery next to his windpipe threatens to snuff out his life.

"I just wish I had him home — there's nothing I'd like more," his mother, Leticia Quinones, told The Star. "Every time we go home, we look at an empty crib. There's nothing there."

But that could start to change as early as tomorrow. Hospital officials were expected to announce today that Herbie will be sent to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children "without delay."

And it's all possible because hundreds of Metro residents responded yesterday to "Toronto's Help Herbie Fund," opened in a downtown bank by Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey to receive public contributions to cover the costs.

Only an operation pioneered and perfected by Dr. Robert Filler, surgeon-in-chief at Sick Children's, can stop the "death spells" that literally squeeze the air from Herbie's lungs. Filler has volunteered to do the operation without charge, but public contributions are needed to cover the \$5,000 in associated costs.

Godfrey said his office received more than 200 calls yesterday offering donations and several people offered to open their homes to Herbie's parents while they're here.

The soft-spoken Quinones seem overwhelmed by the sudden flurry of publicity — and offers of aid.

"Things happened quickly, and we really appreciate it," said father Herb Quinones. "If one thank-you would express how we feel, we never thought we'd be going so far."

He works as a delivery man for a grocery store in Manhattan's East Side where he makes about \$115 a week. "We make ends meet," he told The Star. "It's not easy, let me tell you."

Donations can be made in person or mailed to the City Hall branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 372 Bay St. at Richmond St., or cheques may be dropped off or mailed to Godfrey's Metro office in Toronto City Hall.

□ Bullock-Blatchford report/A2

From our Ottawa bureau

OTTAWA — Another year older and deeper in debt. That's where we all are, courtesy of the federal government.

Figures presented yesterday to Parliament show that each of us — every man, woman and child in the country — is now about \$2,250 in debt.

By this time next year, the figure will be up to about \$2,800. That's the measure of the government's combined debts.

Multiplying by the 23 million Canadians in whose name the debt has been amassed over the years, it comes to \$51.7 billion for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

The figure is up \$12 billion from the \$39.6 billion it stood at a year ago and it will go up another \$13 billion to \$64.7 billion by the time the next government financial year ends.

The figures were released by Treasury Board President Judd Buchanan when he outlined the annual estimates of government spending proposals to the House of Commons.

The \$12 billion increase in the overall debt this year arises because the government spent more than \$48 billion while taking in about \$36 billion in taxes and other sources of income.

The way Buchanan told it in the House of Commons yesterday the spending pattern represents a "story of determination,

Plans by the federal government to spend \$52.6 billion next year — up \$4.3 billion or 8.9 per cent from a year earlier — were revealed yesterday. Details, Page A6.

of achievement and of restraint." "We have a long way to go before the size of this nation's debt becomes an albatross to economic development and growth," he declared.

Some opposition members were not impressed. They heckled and booed.

He continued doggedly. First, you must consider the size of the economy, he said. It's grown so huge that the debt remains small by comparison.

In 1952, when Canadians were in hock something like \$600 each instead of \$2,800, the country had a net debt of \$11.2 billion, he noted.

This worked out to 32 per cent of the value of all of the goods and services the economy could produce at that time. Yet even with a debt of \$64.7 billion, the proportion to the total economy has gone down to just 25 per cent, he noted.

Hence, economic magic. We're six times deeper in debt and twice as well off. It sounds good but don't try it on your banker

INSIDE TUESDAY'S STAR



Refugee gets reprieve

Chilean refugee Ignacio Munoz has been given an indefinite stay of deportation while he finds a country willing to take him in, but he still doesn't believe he faces torture in his homeland. A12

How to get tax break

The taxman could pay you if you're 65 or over and have no taxable income. The Star's series on income tax shows you how to take advantage of the Ontario tax credit system. A7

Fire fatal for chief

Toronto's strict fire chief Herbert Hill died today after suffering a heart attack at a fire last night. A2

cusation of social climbing elitism is a witty cliché, as out of date as spats and top hats," she says. C1

Brink's Job dull

The Brink's Job as a movie is neither funny or exciting, says Star movie critic Clyde Gilmour, but he has nothing but praise for production designer Dean Tavoularis for his superb reconstruction of back-alley Boston of 30 years ago. D3

Snob schools 'a cliché'

Don't tell columnist Michele Landsberg that the nearly 62,000 Ontario students in private schools are enrolled there for snob appeal. "I know that in most cases the ac-

Oil policy urged

NDP Leader Ed Broadbent wants Parliament to pass an oil rationing bill that would make PetroCanada the sole importer of foreign oil. This would stop multinational oil companies from dictating Canadian oil policy, he said. A6

1978 spending spree

Toronto area retail sales were up by 11.3 per cent last year over 1977 as consumers took advantage of tax cuts to embark on a spending spree on cars, furniture, televisions and radios. B6

5,000 won't pay

About 5,000 of Ontario's 9,000 chronic care patients won't have to pay a proposed \$9.80 daily user fee in hospitals after all, the health ministry says. C4

China pulling back

China said today it has begun withdrawing troops after its lightning invasion "taught Viet Nam a lesson." Hanoi claimed it gave Peking "a bloody nose." A14

Storm of looters

National guardsmen have been called in to help police as a storm that dumped up to two feet of snow on U.S. east coast states drew out hundreds of looters. A2

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